

March



TOGETHER

2017

A word from our Rector

Dear Friends,

Thanks to all who participated in our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, February 12, and all who worked to make it the success that it was. We owe very special gratitude, in particular, to Celia Calhoun, who offered many hours of volunteer service helping us get ready. There's so much that goes into it: the report packet, attending to logistics details, and other details. (Including, I might add, helping the Rector with his own preparation!)

We're moving into a new phase of how we carry out our administrative responsibilities, including staff members (like Debbi Manning, our Office Assistant, and Wayne Curry, our Head Sexton) taking on a bit more. Many thanks to them both for stepping forward in this time of new beginnings.

We're also doing much more with volunteers. Arline Consiglio is offering generous, dedicated service as manager of our Parish Space Usage — and also keeping our online calendar up-to-date. This is a major job given how active our campus is in so many ways. She's in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Sue Sasso took on the job of *TOGETHER* editor a few months ago — another highly significant effort, much to be appreciated. We are grateful, too, to Beth Dunn for taking up, once again, the hands-on maintenance of our website. And as our administrative re-configurations are still a work in progress, warm thanks are due to Sandy Marshall who has brought her organizational and process skills to the endeavor.

Many thanks and blessings to all. These folks, and others, have worked faithfully with Cynthia and Rick, our Wardens, and with me in carrying out the responsibilities of this key area of our congregational life.

I was profoundly struck—as were many others—with the extraordinarily positive spirit of our Annual Meeting. We combined substantial engagement with a constructive, hopeful view of our future at the Church of the Holy Spirit. This was all the more notable given the series of difficult financial decisions we carried out at the beginning of the year. My sense is that we are a parish truly ready to move forward in our life and mission.

In support of this, we introduced the theme of “Re-Imagination,” on which we'll be working for much of the year (and beyond). This will be a parish-wide process with opportunities for input and participation from all. The Vestry is beginning by taking first steps in planning and design.

A key area of renewed focus is and will be worship, with primary efforts devoted to our three main weekend services (Saturday 5 PM, Sunday 8 and 10 AM). We've already begun, in particular, with the ten o'clock service with new approaches in music—and also tightening up and re-energizing that service in general.

Meanwhile, I encourage and appeal to all: Come to church. Common worship is the first and last business of the church. We do other very important things, but worship is neither a distraction nor an indulgence. It's essential—if we as God's People really wish to be “filled with all the fullness of God.”

“I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family* in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” (Ephesians 3:14-19)

What an astounding claim and opportunity! But it's not an “I'll fit it in when it's always convenient” sort of project. That's for sure!

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A word from our Rector—continued

So: Offer the gift and blessing of your presence. I know we're all busy. I know there is lots of competition for the time. I know that we can get out of the habit of coming to church. Come anyway! Build it into your lives. Start afresh, if need be. "Now" is the only point at which we meet eternity (at least in this present life). Right now, "by, with, and in" Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Yours, in Him,
Adam +

Wardens' Corner

The 2017 Church of the Holy Spirit Annual Meeting was attended by 109 parishioners, more than enough to meet the quorum requirements.

Nominating Committee Chair Gilbert Merritt read the committee's nominations for 2017, and, all were elected unanimously.

Fr. Adam thanked outgoing Vestry Member Susan Owens for her service and welcomed new Vestry Member Kate Paradise.

Fr. Adam then gave his report, commenting on his reenergizing sabbatical of last year, on the difficult budgetary decisions that had to be made in order to achieve a balanced budget for 2017 and concluded his remarks talking about his plans to work with the Wardens, the Vestry, all CHS lay leadership, committees and parishioners in a soon to be initiated process of re-imagining our parish life. Given the challenges ahead, Fr. Adam emphasized that the old mantra of "we've always done it this way" was no longer an option at CHS.

Warden Rick Paris gave a brief report highlighting the fact that Fr. Adam has joined the Diocesan Budget Council, a sure sign that the Diocese has heard and is beginning to respond to the grave concerns expressed and acted upon by several parishes.

Treasurer Steve Koehler gave another clear, concise and comprehensive report on the parish's finances. He announced that we concluded 2016 with a small budgetary surplus, which was only possible thanks to the generous response to the Pledge Plus campaign of last Spring. He reiterated that the current year budget is only in balance as a result of the many difficult decisions that were implemented at the start of this year.

Warden Cynthia Murray reported on this year's Stewardship campaign and reminded those pledging parishioners who have not yet submitted their pledge cards to please do so as soon as possible! She even had blank pledge cards on hand for those parishioners who were moved to fill out and submit theirs on the spot.

In a bittersweet moment, Liza Spangler+ was acknowledged and thanked sincerely for her time with us. At the end of the meeting, Adam+ announced that The Reverend Gail Smith would be assuming the role of Assisting Priest beginning April 1st.

Those attending the meeting were notably affirming and positive about the leadership and direction we are taking. Everyone left feeling optimistic and energized about "re-imagining" life at CHS.

Rick Paris and Cynthia Murray

KEEP A FAITHFUL LENT

This year we are putting a heightened focus on **Ash Wednesday, March 1st.**

-We offer three services: 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (The choir sings at the evening service.)

- **We're hoping that every member of the parish will make an effort to attend one of these three services.**



We want to make a point of beginning Lent together, as a parish family. Because of this focus we won't be offering a service that week on Friday, March 3rd.

Our Friday evening **Lenten series begins on Friday March 10th**, 5:30 p.m., with a special Labyrinth offering in the Parish Hall, followed by a soup and bread supper.

On the following **Fridays, March 17, 24, 31, and April 7**, we will offer Stations of the Cross at 5:30 in the church. This will be followed by soup and bread suppers with a four-part presentation and discussion, led by Father Adam, titled, "Reading Scripture with the Mind in the Heart."

Also please refer to the "CHS Gallery" article this month about Lenten books that will be available for you to borrow.

LADIES LUNCHEON Thursday, March 2nd—Noon

Come join us! Usually, our purpose is only to visit and enjoy conversations with each other... but in February we collected gifts for the Baby Center in Hyannis. The huge baby basket, usually in the foyer of the reception hall, was filled to overflowing with diapers and other baby items. Thank you to all who donated to this worthy cause. It was both a blessing to us to give and a blessing to those who received.



Put March 2nd on your calendar and join us with sandwich in hand to share at 12:00 in the parish hall. It's a fact that if you come a little early, you can enjoy even more camaraderie.

March Committee: Barbara Mahoney-chips, Ginny Lucil-1/2 & 1/2 and lemon, Sue Stevens-paper goods, Lori Linton and Nancy Ludwig-centerpieces, Diana Crighton-dessert



YOUTH BRUNCH—Sunday, March 5th Come and join the fun!



LABYRINTH WALK Friday, March 10th at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall and 5:30 p.m. with Eucharist

Our guided labyrinth walks on the second Friday of every month at 10:00 a.m. continue in March with the focus on "Healing". Dr. Margaret Rappaport, Veriditas-certified labyrinth facilitator, will present an introduction to the walk following an opening theological reflection by Rev. Anne Koehler. Darlene T. Hagon, Director of Music, will offer music selected to foster meditation on the theme. Volunteers from among the walk participants will "keep the space" during the walk and others may share personal responses before a closing prayer.

Join us again at 5:30 p.m. on March 10, 2017 for celebration of the Eucharist. The labyrinth walk is meaningfully incorporated into an inspiring worship service by Rev. Anne Koehler. All are welcome, even if you simply sit, listen to the music and quietly meditate in the inviting candlelit space of the Parish Hall.

"Walking the labyrinth reminds us to seek healing. Spiritual growth, as well as physical and emotional health requires healing moments that we develop by mindfully meditating. Walking the labyrinth takes us away from ordinary moments of living to promote meditation. There we are able to practice basic skills of deep physiological relaxation that allow us to 'let go into healing moments'. We learn about our innate 'wholeness' and 'holiness' and to connect with our own being, not to make anything go away but to make the moments of living fuller and better.

We walk as a group so our healing energies can be directed to and among each other. We effectively proclaim the value of those moments of stillness that heal all of us. The process of generating strong feelings of empathy, compassion, and love toward others has a purifying effect on our bodies and minds."

MEN'S LUNCHEON - Wednesday, March 16th at Noon

Our Men's Lunch will meet as usual on the 3rd Wednesday, in the Fireplace Room. Questions? Call Bruce Lederhouse, 508-240-2853. Rides can be arranged. Bring your own sandwich and cold drink; coffee and snacks are provided by our donations.

SHEPHERD GROUPS Sunday March 19th

The Brewster/Dennis and Eastham/Wellfleet— look for locations in Sunday Bulletins.

Orleans/Chatham — Ragnhild Bjerke has offered her home at 24 Trout Pond Lane , Chatham at 5:30 Her phone 775-224 1810.



SPRING AHEAD

STARTING SATURDAY MARCH 4TH

Saturday Eucharist Service Will Be at 5:00 p.m.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS SUNDAY, March 12th.

Don't' forget to change your clocks when you retire on Saturday.

Don't want you to miss Sunday services.



FREE SHOP

We are open every Monday Noon to 3 p.m. and every Wednesday 10:00-1:00. If the shop is closed, drop off your **WINTER donations** in the container outside the door. Customers are informed that our items are **NOT** for resale! **AND WE'VE GONE GREEN**— Just drop your paper bags or put in the donation container outside the Free Shop door.

Come and volunteer, see how our Free Shop makes a difference in people's lives and then get their stories first hand.

A young man came into the Free Shop - he gave me a hug - I had seen him in the shop once or twice before - with family or friends. He told me he was teaching his daughter that if she took two of anything from the shop, she must give one away to someone who needed it more than she did. His daughter was being taught to "make things - art" to give away and make people happy. The father said, "It is not good to have so much stuff." Before he left, he said thank you, gave me another hug and said "Everyone is so kind here".

All volunteers - please submit your Free Shop story to Sue Sasso – each month **Together** will include one of our stories.

THE WELCOMING PATHS COMMITTEE

Save the Dates for two fun events, both held at Coffee Hour after the 10:00 service.

April 23rd: We are planning a "HOLY SCAVENGER HUNT". We will pass out a list of locations to find in the Church Campus. As each parishioner finds the location, they will pick up a colored square of paper. The first person who comes back with all the squares will get a prize. This is a great way to find locations that are not so well known.

May 21st: Come to an Ice Cream Social in the Memorial Garden (weather permitting) to "show-off" the wonderful garden and new hardscape including a new bench and fantastic fountain. We will have ice cream, cookies and coffee.



THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers during my recent recovery. The healing process and physical therapy have gone exceptionally well. I know that is due to the power of your prayers through the Holy Spirit. For that I am blessed and grateful. With deep appreciation, Darlene Hagon

NEW FLOWER GUILD BEING FORMED

Starting the Sunday after Easter (April 23rd), a new Flower Guild will begin to arrange the main and side altar flower arrangements for weekend services. There will be funds to purchase flowers. We need all who have an interest in doing "easy" arrangements to join us. We will create two member teams and we hope to have enough volunteers to share the responsibilities. We will also train those who are interested.

This is definitely God's Work and a joy to do as well. If you want to join the fun, please contact Marty Williams 508-255-8730. She will be holding a meeting on Monday, March 20th at 11:00 at her home at 152 Monument Road.



NAUSET INTERFAITH SAVE THE DATES

April 1st from 9-12 at CHS Parish Hall – "NETWORK Forum" with our new State Senator Julian Cyr

Our new state senator representing the lower and outer Cape, Julian Cyr, is a go-getter who has already started a new group, "Cape & Islands: Stronger Together." If you would like to hear him respond to tough questions about health issues, substance abuse, affordable housing, transportation and early childhood education on the lower/outer Cape, then **register** soon for the NETWORK FORUM in our Parish Hall on Saturday April 1st from 9 am to Noon. Register with Fr. Ken at ksbcampbell@verizon.net or 413-478-5719.

April 14th at Noon—Nauset Interfaith Ecumenical Good Friday service is at the Wellfleet Congregational Church.

BE A WEEKEND HOST FOR A REFUGEE FAMILY THIS SUMMER!

Plans are underway by Nauset Interfaith to provide mini-vacations for some of our refugee families living in the Worcester area. Hopefully this will provide cross-cultural learning, establishing new friendships and expressing support for new Americans. The planned 'mini-holidays' on Cape Cod will be July 14-16 and August 11-13. We hope to have a group gathering of guests and hosts at the beginning and ending of each holiday weekend. If you are interested in being a host or to participate in other ways please email Fr. Ken Campbell at ksbcampbell@verizon.net.

THE CAPE COD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES Bob and Janet Winter



The Cape Cod Council of Churches sponsors chaplains at the Cape Cod Hospital and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. They spend most of their time with patients having no church affiliation. If you enter the hospital, you may get a visit from the Council's chaplain asking if your church knows you are in the hospital and offering to call them.

If you know you are going into the hospital, it is important that you let the church office know in advance. If you go in on an emergency basis, ask your spouse, family member, partner or friend to be responsible for calling the church office so we can visit you. Be sure to give your family the Church's phone number and e-mail, 508-255-0433 office@chsorleans.org.

HEALTH MINISTRIES COMMITTEE Ann Pike-Paris

The four red boxes are gone, survey results are in and we thank all of you who participated! Tabulation of your responses and plans are underway. We are especially grateful to have 5 new committee members as well as 15 volunteers willing to help for special events or one time needs!

CPR training is moving forward, but it will now be conducted at the Orleans Fire Station. We await confirmation for several dates and will announce these as soon as possible.

Thanks to Meg Nemitz, over the past month parish First Aid Kits and two Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) have been located and out of date supplies are now restocked with current materials. Expired supplies were disposed of in environmentally safe and legal ways...including a mercury blood pressure cuff!

So here's a geography quiz: where are all the First Aid kits and the 2 AEDs? See if you can find at least one or two. Answers will be published next month. HINT: try to find these 3 locations: think food; think a certain 'passage' with part of the name 'alley'; think young children!

CHS GALLERY BOOKS FOR LENTEN STUDY



Lent is the season for prayer, introspection and discovery. It is also the time to study what it means to be a Christian and to walk the walk with Jesus during his final 40 days.

So, stop in the Gallery in our Reception Room and select one of the books we have on display from our own parish library. Take it home to read. **Just make sure you "sign it out" using the tracking card in the back cover of each book and place that card in the box in the bay window.**

And... Don't forget to return your selection once you have completed reading it.



*Forty days and forty nights;
Thou wast fasting in the wild.
Forty days and forty nights;
Tempted and yet undefiled.
Hymn 150*



*Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.*

**Ash Wednesday Services
March 1st**

7:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 7 p.m.

Start a Holy Lent—Join us!



ABOUT US

Please enjoy this month's "About Us" article below, submitted by Cheryl Kyle.

Tanzania Journal, January 2017

The scenery is changing as Efraem, a safari driver/translator and friend, and I leave the main dirt road and start the long climb to the top of the hill on the rutted path. Our vehicle is filled with Maasai elders from Endupoto Primary School. We are in the land of huge baobab trees and Maasai bomas. The sky is blue; it's hot, dry and dusty with no hint of the long rains we are praying will come soon. Behind us is an ancient Land Rover filled with 20 students followed by a tractor hauling all their possessions including their mattresses and food for their first year at Oljoro Ward 5 Secondary School.

My expectations are high; we are taking our first graduates from Endupoto Primary School who passed the National Exam to a school the government has selected for them. All I know about Oljoro Ward 5 Secondary School is that it was built three years ago.

Expectations are a crazy thing in Tanzania and I should know better since I've been working here since 1993. We pull up to the school in a cloud of dust to find five smartly dressed male teachers waiting for us. I'm impressed! This doesn't last long; soon after paying for the watchman, cooker and various other fees for each student for the year we ask to see the textbooks, inquire about the source of water, and then are led on a tour of the campus. Soon we discover there are only four classrooms, two unfinished laboratories for chemistry, physics and biology, no water, no electricity, no dorms or beds for the students and a very small selection of textbooks.

Thank goodness for WhatsApp on my iPhone. I can reach Karen Royce in Greenwich, CT to give her the news. "Hello, Karen this is Cheryl, you would not believe what is in store for us now!" With wise counsel and understanding from Karen, a plan is hatched. Our success at Endupoto from the very beginning has been the cooperation of the Maasai elders planting the trees, providing labor and moving rocks for the foundation of the classrooms. Maybe we can mobilize this new village of Maasai.

On our second trip to Oljoro our vehicle is filled with more Maasai elders and this time a Tanzanian contractor. I've asked the Headmaster of Oljoro to invite the Maasai elders from this new village to the school for a meeting. I'm happily surprised to find about fifty elders waiting for us in a classroom. The Maasai elders from Endupoto explain how they have worked with us since 2008 to make Endupoto one of the best primary schools in Tanzania. The words I hear are cooperation, no lying, and don't ever think of asking Mama Cheryl for money. They agree if we move ahead to build the dorms and a 20,000 liter rainwater harvesting tank they will bring in the rocks and provide the labor for digging the foundation.

Four days pass, the contractor has drawn the plans, the stakes have been set in the ground for the dorms, and a member of our October safari, when we attended the first graduation at Endupoto, has reached out to Karen with an offer to fund the two dorms. Thank you to the Schaus family! During this time Efraem and I have purchased new textbooks for nine subjects, solar lights, some school supplies and have a local Tanzanian worker design and build a mock up for us to approve of a triple bunk bed.

The time has arrived for our third and last trip to Oljoro before I depart and return home. Efraem and I both agree we have no expectations. We are just hopeful there will be a small pile of rocks for the foundation. As our vehicle comes to a halt before the school we hear singing coming from one of the classrooms. These shy, new students from Endupoto have integrated with the other two classes in a welcoming song. They are all moving and singing to the sound of the drumming from upside down plastic buckets. However, our attention is really on the 500 plus Maasai hauling rocks to both dorms located some distance apart.

To my surprise a long line of women singing and carrying rocks on their heads and in their arms join the men. Efraem can't believe it and neither can I! I can hardly wait to call Karen and give her the news. **WE ARE GOING TO WORK TOGETHER WITH THE MAASAI AND THE TEACHERS TO MAKE OLJORO ONE OF THE BEST SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN TANZANIA!!**

OUTREACH COMMITTEE— NEWS FROM LATHAM SCHOOL

In Winter and early Spring, Latham School students are offered a variety of clubs to join. The Vocational Club is held in the "Latham Works" Workshop. Students in this club learn pre-vocational skills and participate in work-readiness programs. The "Just Dance" club is hosted by the Physical Education Instructor. Students in this club have fun and stay fit when they cannot be playing sports outdoors. Other indoor clubs include the Knitting and Crocheting Club, a place to learn new skills and improve dexterity, and the Create-a-Book Club is where students write and illustrate their own books. The Seasonal Crafts and Photography Clubs introduce a variety of art, craft and photography techniques and encourage creativity. The Brain Games Club offers games and activities that challenge students' thinking and reasoning skills. Before long, students will be choosing among the fun and exciting trips and activities offered by the "Summertime" program!

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ORLEANS
March 16, 2017 Vestry Meeting Highlights

- ◆ We welcomed Kate Paradise as the newest member of the Vestry.
- ◆ Fr. Adam confirmed that The Rev. Gail Smith will take over as our Assisting Priest in April of 2017.
- ◆ Fr. Adam discussed some of his ideas regarding the “re-imagining” of our worship and our parish life. It is his hope that this will be a creative and energizing time for the parish and that many parishioners will share their ideas.
- ◆ The Youth Group is planning a spaghetti supper combined with a paper airplane contest and discussion about a trip to the Barbara Harris Camp. This will include both Church School families and Youth Group families. All are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Hutchens, Clerk

PARISH OFFICE CORNER

- ◆ **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday thru Thursday 10:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. The office is closed Fridays. ★ ★
- ◆ **PARISH SPACE USAGE:** We are happy to announce that **Arline Consiglio** has volunteered to be our “go to person” for all Parish Space Usage and keeping our online calendar up to date! If you have any questions with Space Usage or the parish calendar, please call the office (508-255-0433) and we will put you in touch with Arline. This is a huge task for the office and we are much indebted to Arline!
- ◆ **OTHER PARISH OFFICE NEEDS**—please call Debbi Manning (508-255-0433) and she will help you find answers or direct you to someone who will help you.
- ◆ **PARISH OFFICE EMAILS: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:** We will NO LONGER be using the admin@chsorleans.org email. **All emails to the CHS office should be sent to office@chsorleans.org**
- ◆ **APRIL TOGETHER DEADLINE: Monday March 20th.** All questions and article contributions should be directed to Sue Sasso 860-614-1341 or susansasso@hotmail.com.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

- ◆ Check out our Church School Bulletin Board with news of our **Fall Church School Family Overnight Trip** to the Barbara C. Harris Camp planned for October 7- 8, 2017. Sign up if you haven’t already – the camp costs are being covered by a generous parishioner donation for this event. Thanks be to God!
- ◆ **Youth Group Pancake Supper February 28th at 5:30** - Parish Hall— for everyone! Pancakes, sausages, oranges and decorating and hiding the Alleluias until Easter Sunday April 16. You may also take a prayer request home with you for Lent. Prayer requests from parishioners will be in the prayer box near the main door. Sign up to bring a dessert on the Church School bulletin board.
- ◆ Sunday February 12th, during the prayer circle in the Gathering Room at 9:45, the children and teachers read all the thank you cards from families who received gifts from our Angel Tree. Next year there will be many more angels on the tree for adults and children to take. The Outreach Committee will coordinate the tree and gifts next year. Thank you!



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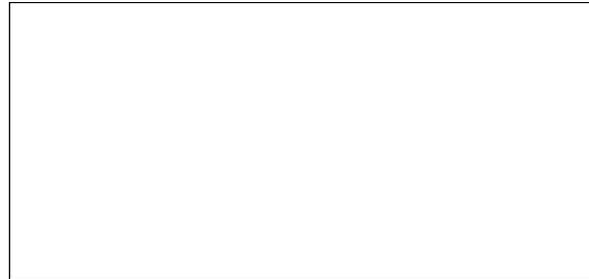
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Our mission as The Church of the Holy Spirit is to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, welcome all people and serve one another with love.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

February 28th—Pancake Supper at **5:30 (correct time)**

March 1st—Ash Wednesday Services

March 2nd—Ladies’ Luncheon

March 4th—Saturday Eucharist changed to 5:00 p.m.

March 5th—Youth Breakfast

March 10th—Labyrinth Walk

March 12th—Daylight Savings Begins

March 16th—Men’s Luncheon

March 17th—Stations of the Cross & Supper

March 19th—Shepherd Groups

March 20th—April **Together** Deadline

March 24th—Stations of the Cross & Supper

March 31st—Stations of the Cross & Supper

SAVE THE DATE

April 1st—Network Forum with Julian Cyr

April 7th—Stations of the Cross & Supper

April 9th—Palm Sunday

April 16th—Easter Sunday