

April
2016



TOGETHER

A word from our Assisting Priest

Dear Friends,

A Zen monk once said, “We think there’s something to Christianity but we don’t think the Christians know what it is.” The monk may have a point — especially when it comes to the resurrection power of Easter.

We are now in Eastertide, those great fifty days which fall between Easter Day and the Feast of Pentecost. During this time, we continue to celebrate Christ’s resurrection with everything from Easter hymns to the opening Eucharistic acclamation: “Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.”

But Easter is more than a season — and if we don’t understand that then, as the Zen monk said, we don’t really understand what there is to Christianity.

Easter isn’t only about an event which occurred at Christ’s death and will ultimately affect what happens to us at our death. It is also a yearly reminder of a promise which continually affects our lives, here and now, day in and day out. By the continual resurrection and power of God, we are forever being called out of our own tombs — tombs of hurt, despair, addiction, loneliness, loss or anger — into new life.

C.S. Lewis’ book, *The Last Battle*, is a part of his Narnia series in which some children discover the magical land of Narnia. In this particular book, the children are led into a barn by Aslan the Lion, the Christ figure. When they enter the stable, they discover that it isn’t just a stable, for once they enter, they see the sky above them and fields stretching on forever filled with beautiful flowers and trees. But in one corner of the stable, some Dwarfs are sitting together in a little circle. They complain about how dark and smelly the stable is. When the children ask if they can’t see the sky, trees and flowers, they answer, “How can we see in this pitch black darkness?”

To the Dwarfs, the flowers smell like stable litter; a wonderful meal set before them tastes like hay, the wine like dirty water. The children don’t understand what’s happening but Aslan tells them, “They refuse to see. Their prison is in their minds, yet they are in that prison and so afraid of being taken in that they cannot be taken out.” They see only the surrounding darkness, a darkness that keeps them in prison, that keeps them entombed.

Contrary to the statement of the Zen monk, we know there’s something to Christianity and we know what it is: a resurrection power which raised Jesus Christ from the dead 2,000 years ago; a resurrection power that will raise us from the dead when our time comes to give up time, and a resurrection power that raises us to new life every day. Rather than being totally blinded by the darkness in our lives and in our world, the resurrection power of God allows us to see also the sky, the fields and flowers; it gives us the courage and vision and grace to move out of our dark tombs into a new life in Christ. In that way, we are able to say not only on Easter Day and throughout Easter Season, but on each day and in every season of our lives: “Alleluia. Christ is risen — and so are we.”

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Events in April

YOUTH BRUNCH, SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd



Please attend the Youth Brunch in the Parish Hall just after the Sunday 10:00 am service. Every first Sunday of the month the Youth Group hosts a brunch. Come April 3rd and join the fun!

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON, THURSDAY, APRIL 7th

The women of the parish will gather for their monthly luncheon at noon in Parish Hall on Thursday the 7th. Volunteers for the day are: Barbara Barrett, Anne Crocker, Marge Farrell and Georgia Schneider. All women are welcome to come and enjoy the camaraderie, conversation and good food. Bring your own sandwich to share; beverages and dessert are provided. Please bring canned goods for the Food Pantry. If you need a ride, call Peter Blank.

THURSDAY APRIL 7th, JAMES HOWE IS BACK FOR A RETURN ENGAGEMENT!

Don't miss this opportunity to hear this nationally renowned children's author. Jim's book "The Misfits" is the inspiration for No Name-Calling week, an anti-bullying initiative, that has been held at schools throughout the country. Jim will be ending his day of presentations at area middle schools by joining parishioners and their guests at a SPAGHETTI SUPPER here at CHS sponsored by Sharing the Blessing.

It will be held on **Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 5:30 pm** in the parish hall. The event is FREE, but we do need to know if you are coming. Please call Wilma Morris at 508 432 6733 for more details.



THE LABYRINTH AT CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, FRIDAY APRIL 8th



Our scheduled walk on the second Friday of each month will be held in the Parish Hall at 10:00 a. m. on April 8, 2016. The theme, "True Self-Love" will focus on the quiet time and space in the labyrinth as a way to experience unity with God. Veriditas-certified labyrinth facilitator, Dr. Margaret Rappaport, will guide the walk. Darlene T. Hagon, Director of Music, will share instrumental and vocal music of English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. The Rev. Anne Koehler will provide a brief theological reflection on bringing yourself closer to God: what does it mean to stand on holy ground.

Everyone is welcome.

MEN'S LUNCH, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20th

MEN'S LUNCH will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon pm in the Fireplace Room. Bring your own bag lunch. Coffee and snacks are provided by our donations. All men in the parish are welcome. If you think of a friend who could come if a ride were provided, please invite them to come with you.

Questions? Brian Skea 774-279-3454

CHURCH SCHOOL CALENDAR - ALLELUIA!

- **April 3** - Singing with Father Charles begins at 9:45; after classes children join their families in church. Youth Group Brunch in the Parish Hall following the 10:00 service.
- **April 9** - Saturday - Communion Preparation Class - 10:00 in the church.
- **April 10** - Storytelling by Bernie Hutchens begins at 9:45; children remain in Church School during church service.
- **April 16** - Saturday - Communion Preparation Class - 10:00 in the church.
- **April 17** - Youth Sunday - Presentation of Communion Preparation Class; reception following the 10:00 service for candidates and their families. Church School sings in church!
- **April 24** - Children's service in the Gathering Room; children remain in Church School



GARDEN PARTY, FRIDAY APRIL 22nd

Every year a bunch of parishioners get together once a month to help with the maintenance of our Church gardens. We plant, weed, prune, mulch and generally keep the gardens looking good while having fun together. The group changes from month to month depending on who's on vacation or who has grand kids visiting. Everyone is welcome and no experience is necessary.

Please join us for the April Garden Party Friday, April 22nd from 9 to noon! Come for the whole time or only a few minutes. Bring your tools or use ours. Coffee, Hole in One donut holes and cold drinks are provided. Meet us in the north parking lot behind the offices.

Questions call Gilbert Merritt, 508-360-1125



FLEMING RUTLEDGE, WEDNESDAY APRIL 27th



We are most fortunate to have another occasion to listen to the wit and wisdom of the Rev. Fleming Rutledge. Come to the Parish Hall on **Wednesday Evening, April 27, 5:30-6:30**. She will be interviewed by Father Adam about ideas presented in her recently published magnum opus, The Crucifixion, Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ. Don't miss this opportunity to hear a brilliant mind in an intimate setting discussing ideas at the very heart of what we believe. There will be light refreshments.

CHS ARTISTS FOR APRIL ---

The shows go on: for the month of April CHS members will present their varied CRAFTS in the reception Room Gallery. All are invited to come to see... So far we have: jewelry, furniture, paintings, knitting, quilts and a doll collection!

Thank you — Jan Roberts



General Articles

THE FREE SHOP

THANK YOU - still giving after ALL THESE YEARS! Do you know who the loyal & faithful volunteers are on Mondays- Noon to 3? Leslie Jones, Justine Kirkwood, Sharyn Laughton, Pat McLeod, Jan Roberts, Marilyn Sneden. Do you know who the loyal & faithful volunteers are on Wednesdays - 10 to 1? Fay Cole, Sally Drew, Suzy Gray, Joan Karter, Ginny Lucil, Nancy Ranscht, Georgia Schneider, Peg Skelly. Substitutes are Nancy Aucoin, Judy Bliss, Jean Gatzkiewicz, Michele Puzo..... **loyal & faithful!** COME - JOIN THIS CHS MINISTRY - once a month! These volunteers will gladly accept your help and your SPRING donations. There is a container outside the Free Shop door for your donations if the shop is closed. A special thank you to Richard O'Hara and his white pick up truck for transporting "out of season" clothing from the Free Shop to Goodwill.....for numerous years!

Sharyn Laughton - artoff@comcast.net - 508-255-7277

THE DATABASE (Alternate Addresses)

As we continue in our efforts to update the church database, we have begun looking at our Alternate Address List. If you are one of our parishioners that uses an Alternate Address at any time during the year we would like you to contact us. We are looking for the following information: Name, Address, Phone Number, Email and the dates when the Alternate Address is in effect. Information can be sent directly to the Database Manager at: holyspiritorleansdatabase@verizon.net or you can mail it to the church, attention Database Manager.



MESSAGE TO ALL PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS: DO YOU NEED NEW MEMBERS FOR YOUR COMMITTEE/TEAM?

At the request of several parish ministries who need new members, the Welcoming Paths team is reserving the Parish Ministries bulletin board display space in Parish Hall for the month of May for any of you to describe your recruitment needs—just let us know and we'll create a space for you. We need to have your information/promo materials by April 20 at the latest. Any questions contact Marty Williams or Sandy Marshall.

THE GREEN TEAM

During Lent several parishioners signed up to receive the daily Lenten Carbon Fast emails or suggestions from MACUCC (Mass. Conference of the United Church of Christ).



If you are interested, maybe we can get one of them to share their experience with you, or maybe they have already done so as they brought their own mug to Sunday Coffee Hour to help reduce the church's paper/plastic wastage; or maybe you have seen the plastic recycling container (often hidden in the parish hall kitchen) placed noticeably next to the trash can at Coffee Hour to encourage you to help us recycle.

The daily offerings provided suggestions of ways for individuals, or parishioners, to "reduce their carbon imprint". Such actions as trying to reduce your "daily" shower to five minutes, (thereby reducing the energy required to heat it); or considering divestiture of energy stocks from one's own, ones retirement fund, or one's parish's Diocesan investments (thereby keeping oil and coal in the ground, and encouraging use of alternate sources of renewable energy).

SAVE THE DATE, SUNDAY, MAY 22 at 2PM. WHY? Angelica Series — Rabbi Michael Lerner will be visiting Orleans.

Rabbi Lerner is prolific author and leading voice for progressive action for “the repair of the world” as editor of the journal, *Tikkun*, one of the most respected intellectual/cultural journals in the Jewish world, and leader of the Network of Spiritual Progressives. Seeking to be both pro-Israel and pro-Palestine, Lerner is no stranger to taking controversial stands. Among his many books are *The Socialism of Fools: Anti-Semitism on the Left* (1992), *The Left Hand of God: Taking our Country Back from the Religious Right* (2006), and *Embracing Israel/Palestine: A Strategy to Heal and Transform the Middle East* (2011). Seeking healing for the divisions amongst us, Rabbi Lerner has led a life as a voice and personal witness in non-violent confrontation with injustice. Come to our parish hall to hear what he has to say to us. The event is jointly sponsored by Am HaYam Cape Cod Havurah, The Church of the Holy Spirit, The Federated Church of Orleans, Saint Peter's Lutheran Church, Harwich, and First Parish Brewster Unitarian Universalist.

FOOD 4 KIDS

Year 4 of Food4Kids in the 8 towns of the Lower/Outer Cape will begin on Monday, June 27th and conclude on Friday, August 26th. Meals will be served on all weekdays except for July 4th. A large signup sheet for volunteers and drivers will be posted as part of the Food4Kids display in the Reception Room and also in the Parish Hall during the month of MAY.

An important Training Session for all employees of Food4Kids will take place on Friday, June 10th, 2016 in the Parish Hall from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Here is the schedule: 9:30 AM--Site Supervisors; 10:45 AM--all Volunteers, including Drivers; 11:45 AM—Thank you kick off luncheon for all! Volunteers are welcome to attend all or part of the training session, especially those who are volunteering for the first time.



We have job openings in Food4Kids for a new Director in Training and two Site Supervisors. Please speak or write to Brian Ridgeway, brian.ridgeway@yahoo.com, 774-801-2059 or Ruth Campbell, rwcampbell@verizon.net, 413-537-9200, for all questions about employment.



PLANNED GIVING—Building a Bridge to the Future

The Planned Giving Committee is concerned with the long term financial health of our church as opposed to the Stewardship Campaign's request for a financial commitment required to support our current Operating Budget.

The Planned Giving Committee meets monthly, January through May, formulating plans to provide guidelines and information to assist our parishioners with information required to consider our church in their financial decisions. New members are always welcomed.

Planned Giving information related to a “Family Legacy Plan” is available on the church web site and pamphlets are located in various transepts throughout the church. In addition, members of the Planned Giving Committee are available to answer questions at any time.

The Church of the Holy Spirit is similar to other non-profit organizations that rely on the generous financial support of parishioners that have included our church in their Estate Plans. At this time, over 70 members of our church have indicated intent to invest in the financial future of our church.

Questions for the Planned Giving Committee may be emailed to Debbie Manning: holyspiritorleansoffice@verizon.net ATTN: Planned Giving.

UPCOMING INTERFAITH EVENTS

- The annual **COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER** hosted by Am HaYam Cape Cod Havurah will take place in the Parish Hall at Holy Spirit on Saturday, April 23rd at 6 PM. All are welcome! Please register by **April 15th** with Deborah Jacobs at 508-896-9456. Potluck contributions should not include any form of pork, flour or flour products (unless marked Kosher for Passover) Sponsored by Nauset Interfaith Association.
- The Forum: **TOWARD A MORE JUST SOCIETY** on inequality and the quality of life on Cape Cod. Members of the community will share their personal stories, moderated by the League of Women Voters. The five candidates to succeed Senator Dan Wolf will be invited to respond. Friday, **April 29th** from 9 am to Noon, Parish Hall, Church of the Holy Spirit. Please register with Fr. Ken Campbell: ksbcampbell@verizon.net. Sponsored by "The Network" of faith communities and human service organizations on the lower/outer Cape.
- The annual Holocaust Memorial event, **Yom Hashoah**, will take place on Wednesday, **May 4th** at 7 pm at the Nauset Middle School in Orleans with special speaker Kristine Keese. Youth musicians will participate. This is sponsored by the Nauset Interfaith Association, and students from Nauset Regional High School, the Nauset Middle School and Monomoy Regional High School. No registration required.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER — AMBASSADOR



An Ambassador is a person who acts as a representative or promoter of a specified activity. In his 2nd letter to the Corinthians, Paul states, "We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us."
2 Corinthians 5: 20

Recently, we have been asked by our Wardens to make an additional financial pledge to CHS so we can continue to be a strong and vital parish. Another way to increase our parish income is through membership growth. Since 2014, we have welcomed 34 new families to our parish family who have made a financial pledge! That's pretty amazing given we currently have 193 active pledging families.

During this Easter Season, let's all become Ambassadors for Christ! Invite some friends to join you at the Lord's table and experience all we have to offer. Then encourage them to become members. One person, one friend, one invitation at a time.... Imagine the results!

Be a friend, make a friend, bring a friend to Christ.

If you want to make a financial pledge to CHS, please contact the parish office. We will send you a pledge card.

DRIVERS NEEDED



Volunteers to drive parishioners to church services, activities and medical appointments are sorely needed. If you can help please call Pattie LaBranche at 508-255-3532 or Peter Blank at 508-760-1516.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF CAPE COD

If you are interested in volunteering, check their website (habitatcapecod.org), scroll down to "Volunteer Up", and/or ask Jody Mines, Gilbert Merritt, or Nat Goddard about the variety of opportunities.



THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Orleans, Massachusetts
Highlights of the March 17, 2016 Vestry Meeting

- Fr. Adam reported that author James Howe to be here on April 7 (sponsored by Sharing the Blessings, with Angelica Center support). We will also have Fleming Rutledge here on Wednesday evening, April 27th, 5:30 PM. The main spring Angelica Center speaker's event will be Rabbi Michael Lerner on Sunday, May 22nd, at 2 PM.
- The Outreach Committee is working with Gosnold to set up family support meetings at our church so that they can be more accessible to families in the lower/outer Cape area.
- The Rector and Wardens reported that the "Pledge Plus" campaign is progressing and that we have reached 50% of our goal.
- Building and Grounds informed us of the need for the steps at the front entrance to be re-grouted. The Memorial Garden redesign plan has been approved and the Rectory renovation project is currently awaiting the formal signed contract but still seems to be on track.
- The Church School is gearing up for Holy Week beginning with egg dyeing and palm crosses on Palm Sunday and finishing with the traditional Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.
- Food For Kids is actively preparing for another busy summer season. Help is needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria C. Hutchens, Clerk

OFFICE CORNER

EVENTS IN THE PARISH HALL: Please be kind to the floors. When you move tables or chairs in the Parish Hall please LIFT them to move them as opposed to DRAGGING them across the floor. This way we can prevent streaks on the wood. Thank you!



TOGETHER DEADLINE: The Deadline for May issue of *Together* is the Third Monday in April, which is April 18, 2016. New writers welcome!

EVENTS IN PARISH HALL—AUDIO/VISUAL: We can do many things with our audio/visual cart that connects with the sound system and a Liquid Crystal Display projector. However, please be aware that our sextons are not Information Technology (IT) specialists and can trouble shoot only so many problems. As a result we need you to bring your laptops, flashdisks, Power Point presentations, DVDs etc . . . at least **24 hours in advance** to make sure the items are compatible with our system and you are getting what you want. Many Thanks!

RECEPTIONISTS NEEDED: Our receptionists contribute greatly to the Parish by answering the phone and greeting visitors so staff is free to attend to other responsibilities. CHS has two, 3 hour afternoon shifts available. If you can't commit to a weekly schedule, we could also use occasional "fill ins" and/or substitutes. All help is very much appreciated! Please call the CHS office at 508-255-0433 .

RACCOON TRAP NEEDED: We seem to have a raccoon on campus that has been getting into trouble. We would like to catch him live and take him to a new home. If you have a raccoon trap or trap for a similar animal that we could borrow, we would be very thankful. Just asking. Please contact Amanda. Thank you!

Together April 2016

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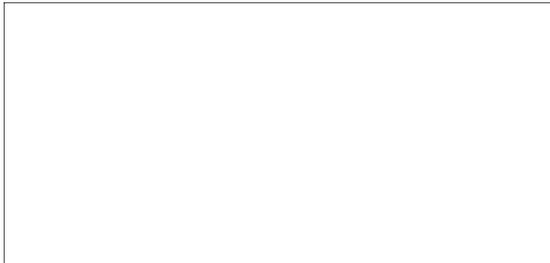
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***Our mission as The Church of the Holy Spirit is
to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
welcome all people and serve one another with love.***

<i>Dates to remember in April</i>	
April 3, Sunday	Youth Brunch
April 7, Thursday	Women's Luncheon
April 7, Thursday	James Howe
April 8, Friday	Labyrinth
April 17, Sunday	Presentation of Communion Class
April 20, Wednesday	Men's Lunch
April 22, Friday	Garden Party