

# The Chronicle

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## Time to grow

Someone said not long ago, "I've been coming to this church my whole life, but I feel alive here now for the first time." A few months ago, another said, "This is the church I've always wanted to attend." One of our new families said to me, "I'm so glad we are able to worship God here at Christ Church, to spend this important time together as a family."

There are lots of reasons to be grateful. We should all be grateful for the many wonderful people who make up this community. We should be grateful for many generations of faithful people who built the beautiful buildings we enjoy, and who nurtured a vibrant place. We should be grateful for the joy and life that is palpable on Sunday morning. Mostly, we should be grateful for God's presence among us.

It's been almost a year since I was called to join you in ministry here. And what a year it has been! We've had a Dumpster party, we've baptized people, we've started new programs, we've experienced growth, and we dodged the rain at our Mass on the Grass (which included a ceremonial fly-over by some geese; ask someone who was there).

The next year, I think, will blow the socks off this year. We are poised for even more growth and transformation. As our Renaissance Campaign launches, you will be asked for financial support to renew our buildings and expand our staff. God willing, we will welcome a second priest who will lead us in offering more opportunities for spiritual growth.

Like growth in plants, church growth requires many things. We need to be tended, we need nutrients, and we need time. I hope you will find your way to church all summer long, during the "green and growing season." I hope you will make time in your life to pray, and to look for God's presence in your life. By the grace of God, we'll keep growing as people and as a church.

*Scott ✕*



One of the many new ministries at Christ Church is Fisherman's Follies. Their first production, "Fish Eyes" led to sold-out performances here and, more recently, they've been on the road. Expect more shows here, and elsewhere!

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## Weekly Calendar

### Sundays

- 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (no music)
- 9:15 a.m. - Christian Formation for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (with music)
- 6:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (with music)

### Mondays

- 7:00 p.m. - Senior Choir

### Wednesdays

- 7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon & Alateen
- 7:00 p.m. - Vestry (second Wednesday)

### Thursdays

- 11:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop
- 6:30 p.m. - Handbell Choir

### Saturdays

- 9:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop

## Ministry Leaders

Cindy Flaxington, *Acolytes*  
Jane Gauvin, *Altar Guild*  
Brian Allard, *Bowling League*  
Doug Allen & Denyce Johnson,  
*The Renaissance Campaign*  
Scott Gunn, *Eucharistic Ministers & Visitors*  
Jane Worton, *Episcopal Charities*  
Beth Richmond, *Junior Choir*  
Joseph Trepanier, *Senior Choir/Organist*  
Jen Banos/Bob Lamoureux, *Church School*  
Kimberly Allard, *Handbell Choir*  
Kimberly Allard, *Counters (offerings)*  
Elaine DaRosa, *Episcopal Church Women*  
Jen Banos, *Fellowship Hour*  
Matt Bowen, *Hymns & Hers*  
Robert Lincourt, *Information Systems*  
Mary-Jane Jenson, *Lectors*  
Elaine DaRosa, *Memorial Garden*  
Linda Mendonca, *New Member Ministry*  
Linda Gorman, *Office Volunteers*  
Judy Foltz, *Prayer Support Group*  
Virginia Holt, *Share and Care*  
Judy Foltz, *Thrift Shop*  
Carolyn Rancourt, *Web Minister*  
Michael and Beth Silvia, *Youth Group*



## STAFF

The Rev'd Scott A. Gunn, *Priest-in-Charge*  
The Rev'd M. P. "Empy" Schneider, *Deacon*  
Linda Gorman, *Parish Office Administrator*  
Dianne Papineau, *Assistant Administrator*  
Joseph Trepanier, *Organist & Interim Senior Choir Director*  
Beth Richmond, *Junior Choir Director*  
Kimberly Allard, *Handbell Choir Director*  
Mike & Beth Silvia, *Youth Ministers*  
Gary Rounds, *Sexton*

## VESTRY

Joel Gardner, *Senior Warden*  
Robert Kay, *Junior Warden*  
Jeffrey Hopkins, *Treasurer*  
Albert Mongeau, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Jennifer Banos, *Clerk*  
Susan LaFreniere, Jane Worton, Mary-Jane Jenson (2009)  
Cindy Flaxington, Carlene Hervieux, Lloyd Richmond (2010)  
Brian Allard, Anne Kilkenny, Grace Lang (2011)

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To contact any of our staff or lay leaders,  
use your parish directory or contact the office for current contact information.

# From our Senior Warden

## Greetings and peace...

As I begin writing, I first want to express my gratitude and excitement for the opportunity given to me to serve as your senior warden. This is an exciting time for Christ Church, and while there are without doubt challenges to be met, there are far more opportunities.

I also want to thank the good people that have agreed to serve on our vestry for the coming year. I am very pleased with the make up of the vestry, and am impressed by the talents and abilities that each member brings with them. We also are blessed with three of the finest people you could find to serve as our officers. Jen Banos, who does so much for our parish, has assumed the office of Clerk. Jeff Hopkins, our treasurer, who along with Al Mongeau, his assistant, continue to do an outstanding job keeping our finances in order, and our records in impeccable shape. Bob Kay, is serving as our Junior Warden, a position that will be demanding this year. His wisdom and years of experience as a

parish leader will be invaluable to us.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank Father Scott. His energy and enthusiasm seem boundless, and he cares so much. Please give him a thank you and a pat on the back, we are truly blessed to have him as our pastor.

Many of you have probably all heard the saying that any journey begins with one step. The journey of our parish began with that first step many years ago, and I know that many of you have been part of those steps over the years. In the course of any journey, changes in direction must be made to avoid obstacles such as a large hill or lake, or a small rock or hole in the road.

Like that person on a journey, our parish journey must change direction from time to time. It is important that we adapt our programs and ministries to best meet the needs of our church family now and in the future. Those changes may seem insignificant to some people, but enormous and disturbing to others. In either case, it is normal that a certain amount of



**Wardens, Clerk, and Treasurer**



FAR LEFT: Joel Gardner, Senior Warden, stands talking with Bob Kay, Junior Warden. LEFT: Jen Banos, Clerk, takes notes while Jeff Hopkins, Treasurer, listens. Al Mongeau also serves as Assistant Treasurer.

## **Renaissance Campaign is under way**

stress occurs until a new tradition is accepted. It is important that we keep that stress in perspective and consider the long-term benefits of the change rather than the short-term stress or inconvenience that it may cause.

Over the coming months, your vestry will be making some changes that will be the foundation for sustaining programs that will serve present and future generations. Our Renaissance Campaign will be an important part of this work, please remember to give to Doug Allen, Denyce Johnson, and the committee your support and thanks. Some of these programs are already in place. For example, the dynamic yet still evolving Christian Education Program, and events such as “Fish Eyes” will help spread the Good News. Our focus will be on creating opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal, and for “making time for God”.

While we realize that the short term financial issues must be dealt with, we will not allow these issues to prevent the planning and work that must take place to prepare Christ Church to continue to do God’s work for many years to come. For this to happen, we depend on your continued generous sharing of your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. This generosity is truly a blessing.

Please keep this leadership team, and our parish in your prayers, and above all, make time to praise God.

Faithfully yours,  
Joel Gardner  
Senior Warden

Please plan to feast at our grand brunch on Sunday, June 1, at noon. We’ll enjoy a presentation of the plans for our Renaissance Campaign.

What is the Renaissance Campaign? It is what might otherwise be called a capital campaign. The name “renaissance” means rebirth. This plan will be part of the flourishing and revitalization of Christ Church.

Plans include necessary repairs on our historic church building, some improvements and enhancements to our Parish House, and an increase of our staff to lead us in additional programs and ministries.

Our campaign committee is led by Doug Allen and Denyce Johnson. They will be happy to speak with you about our hopes and plans. Doug and Denyce are joined by Ken Conley, Bob McBride, and Jill Gaines. They would welcome additional members, if you would like to be at the center of this exciting chapter in our history and life.

We will be asking for financial contributions over the three-year campaign. You will be asked to make a commitment, and you will be able to spread your gift over three years. Your contribution can be made in regular envelopes, by electronic giving (see page 16), or a gift of stocks or other assets.

Please plan to attend the brunch on June 1 so you can hear our plans, ask questions, and celebrate this new direction. We hope you will also be ready to make a generous commitment to the future of your church.

# Children and families at Christ Church

Scott Gunn

One of the greatest joys at Christ Church is the presence of so many children. They are not “the future of the church” as some people say. They are a vital part of the church now. All baptized Christians are full members of the church, from the youngest infant to the most senior member of our parish.

About a year ago, when I came to Christ Church, we changed the Sunday worship and formation schedule. We did this for a number of reasons, though we understood that not everyone would agree with this choice. During the recent interim period, adult formation was identified as one of the leading goals of the parish. And, indeed, other than some Lenten programs, little adult formation had been offered in recent years. The chance to offer adult formation every week was one of the principal reasons for this change. Now there are classes for all ages at 9:15, children and adults alike.

There was another, even more important reason. Worship. It is the most important thing that we do together as Christians. For those of us at Christ Church, our time in worship is far and away the most important time we spend each week. It is our chance to worship God, to give thanks for the blessings of our lives, to remember who we are, and to recommit to our earthly pilgrimage.

Simply put, families belong together during this most important time. Children learn from their parents and families, and learning how to

worship – and the importance of worship – is something you can’t get without actually doing it. When children grow up in church, they take it as a natural “thing to do.” Loved ones can help them grow into faith by pointing out interesting things as they are happening. We can explain why we stand for the Gospel, why we receive the sacraments each week, or why we give money to the church. If children do not practice this, they will miss out on the joy and mystery of God’s presence in this part of their lives.

Pre-school and elementary school kids absorb more from church than most of us might realize, even when they are coloring or playing. I have had to learn not to ask rhetorical questions when I preach, because the kids near the front of the church were answering them – without missing a beat, even though it might not have been obvious they were listening. The average four year-old can talk about Holy Communion more readily than the average grown-up. Kids really benefit from being in church.

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Parents sometimes have said that it is “too long.” My experience has been that almost all kids can, with a little encouragement, grow to love going to class and then church. Many families

at Christ Church will vouch for this. Instead of communicating to children that church is “too long” – which teaches them about priorities, in a bad way – why not say, “it’s not always easy, but this time is important. We *need* to be with God on Sunday.” It’s also worth noting that our Sun-

day time commitment is far less than a school day, many movies, or most sporting events. If families can go to softball games together, surely they can be in church together. Teaching children that our faith is at the center of our loves, but that it's not always "easy" is a message that will help them lead deeply faith-filled, joyful lives.

Others have been concerned about the "distraction" of kids in church. "Do kids *really* belong in church?" I would ask anyone who wonders this to look at the carving behind the Altar. It portrays Matthew 19, when Jesus says, "let the little children come to me." Children are certainly invited to come to Jesus as we offer Holy Eucharist week by week.

It is true that children are sometimes distracting. But then, so are adults! Those of us without children should be patient with children and their families, as little ones occasionally have a rough time. Those of us who bring children to church should be sensitive to those around us. Sometimes a little walk outside can use some energy and help refocus a child. Most people just don't mind if there's a little noise. We give thanks that we are part of a vibrant community of all ages.

"What about the kids in the front of the church?" I have encouraged parents to sit with their children near the front of the church. While it's an understandable impulse to sit near the back, in case the little ones make noise, most kids will behave much better near the front, because they can see most of what's happening. My hope would be that parents or loved ones will sit with their children, wherever that is. Kids need supervision and teaching during church. Unsupervised

children can indeed be distracting, and they miss out on the teaching they need ("Now it's time to stand" or "This is a time for us to be absolutely quiet" or "Let's look in this book for the song"). Moreover, the family unit is strengthened, I believe, by worshiping God together.

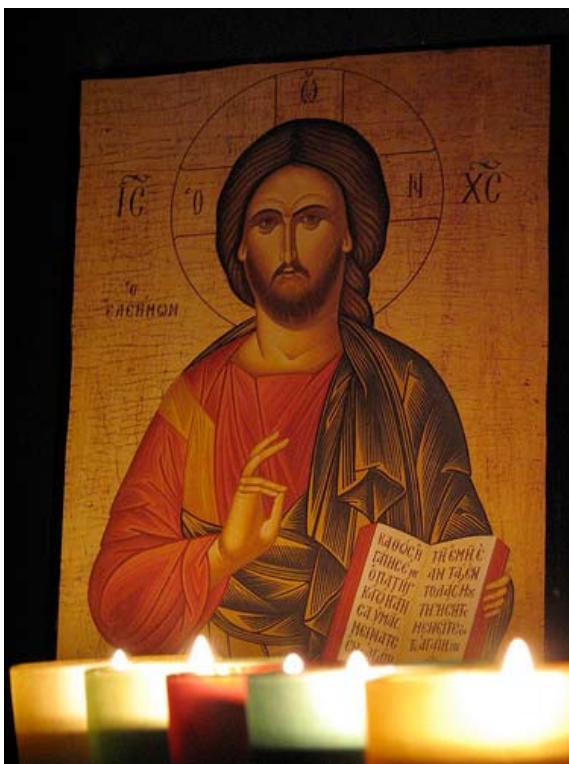
Of course, there will be exceptions. Some children simply will not be able to sit through a full worship service. If your child requires accommodation, please speak with Jen Banos or myself. We can make arrangements, as needed.

The schedule that we have moved toward is the norm for healthy churches. To try to cram everything into one hour is to say, "this God stuff isn't all that important." When we take the time it takes to learn, to be together, and to worship, we are saying to the world, "Being followers of Jesus Christ is the most important value we hold."

While our new schedule has been an impossible adjustment for a few families, we have also attracted new families into our community, precisely because of their desire to spend this most important time together as a family.

I am always happy to speak with anyone, and to hear concerns about Christ Church. Please do not hesitate to email or call if you'd like to chat!





TOP LEFT: Elmo came to church in a new Easter dress. Photo: Melissa Schlenker. ABOVE: Sam Allen celebrated Sweet 16 with the PawSox and was interviewed on channel 10. LEFT: A icon for prayer and candles are ready for you to use every Sunday. Why not stop and spend a few moments in quiet prayer? Photo: Dee Tavoraro.

## **BAZAAR NEWS**

### **Save these Dates**

Friday, November 4, 2008

Saturday, November 5, 2008

will be the dates for our next Bazaar.  
More information coming soon.....

## Summer camp could be in your future?

It's not too late to register for summer programs at the Episcopal Conference Center (ECC). For almost 60 years, ECC has offered summer camps to children, giving vital opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth, and fun.

You can find full details of the summer programs on the diocesan website: [http://www.episcopalri.org/conf\\_summerprog.cfm](http://www.episcopalri.org/conf_summerprog.cfm)

Pricing is affordable, and your children will

have a great time as they get to know other kids and as they grow in faith.

If you would like to send children, but finances are an issue, please speak with Scott. He can arrange for a partial scholarship to help cover the costs.

You are also invited to speak with Cindy Flaxington or Alyson Johnson, both from Christ Church, who will be at ECC as volunteer staff for much of the summer.

## “Traces of the Trade” to be shown at the Cathedral

The film, “Traces of the Trade”, will be shown at the Cathedral on Wednesday, June 11, at 7:30 pm. In this film, producer/director Katrina Browne tells the story of her forefathers, the largest slave-trading family in US history. Given the myth that the South is solely responsible for slavery, viewers will be surprised to learn that Browne's ancestors were Northerners. This film follows Browne and nine fellow family members on a remarkable journey, made in 2001, that brought them face-to-face with the history and legacy of this hidden enterprise.

Of interest to Rhode Islanders is the fact that from 1769 to 1820, DeWolf fathers, sons, and grandsons trafficked in human beings. They sailed their ships from Bristol, Rhode Island, to West Africa with rum to trade for African men, women, and children. Captives were taken to plantations that the DeWolf's owned in Cuba or were sold at such ports as Havana

or Charleston. Sugar and molasses were then brought from Cuba to the family-owned rum distilleries in Bristol. Over the generations, the family owned 47 ships that transported thousands of Africans across the Middle Passage into slavery. They amassed an enormous fortune. By his death in 1827, James DeWolf had been a US senator and was reportedly the second richest man in America. Another family member, James DeWolf Perry III, served as the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church from 1930-1937.

There will be much to learn and discuss with the showing of this film. This special presentation will be hosted by Dain Perry, one of the family members who made the trip back through history to confront the family slave-trading legacy. It is being sponsored by The Cathedral and the Social Justice Committee of the Diocese.

# the sunday forum

Join us every Sunday at 9:15  
in the Parish House

*for lively conversation  
on matters of faith and spirituality*

We'll continue all summer long, every Sunday.  
Watch the Sunday leaflet and eNews for details of topics.

## **JOIN US FOR A VARIETY SHOW !!**

Do you have hidden talent? Always wanted to be on stage?  
Or maybe just help out with music, costumes, scenery, lights, snack bar...etc.

**Here's your opportunity!**

Christ Church will be combining talent with St. Paul's, Pawtucket and presenting a Broadway Variety Show in October of 2008. This undertaking will take a bit of rehearsal (we'll be starting in the summer). Auditions will be open to anyone from 10 – 110 !!

Director: Carol Varden

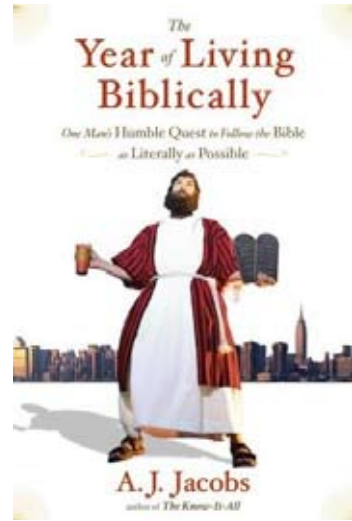
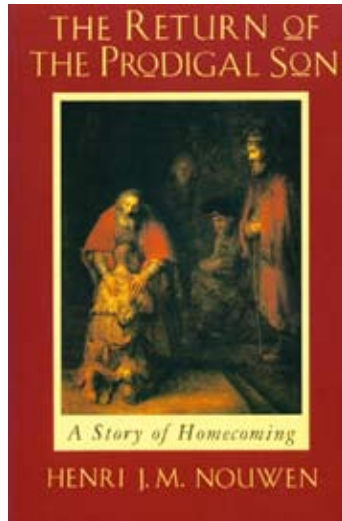
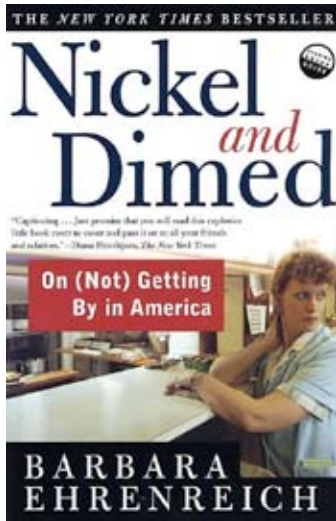
Assistant Directors: Deacon Betsy Lesieur and Dee Tavolaro

Contact Carol at (401) 728-3308 with questions.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ALL!**

# Summer Reading Group

Join us as we read three great books.  
*Explore your faith. Form new friendships.*



*Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich  
Wednesday, June 25 at Christ Church

*The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen  
Wednesday, July 30 at Emmanuel Church, Cumberland

*The Year of Living Biblically* by A. J. Jacobs  
Wednesday, August 27 at Christ Church

Each evening we'll meet from 7:00 to 8:30, ending with prayers for the end of day  
Led by the Rev'd Scott Gunn and the Rev'd Peter Mayer  
Speak with Scott to learn more

## **Finding time for God...**

Our Church School roster shows growth in numbers, in fact, we enjoy having one of the largest Christian Education programs in the Diocese. Comparing Sunday School attendance from 06~07 with 07~08, I was surprised to see our numbers are actually a bit higher THIS YEAR! Our hurdle is to get our students/families to attend more regularly. It would be amazing to see our classes in full attendance on a weekly basis. So many valuable lessons take place each week and to attend on a hit-or miss basis often leaves gaps as concepts develop from prior lessons. Please keep God a priority and see how enriched your Sunday can become when you fit both Christian Education and family worship in ! When adults model the importance of both, our children are likely to follow suit.

## **Volunteers Wanted:**

We are seeking adults (15 years and older) who are interested in growing along with our students in church school for the 2008~09 school year.

We expect that we will be adding to our teaching volunteers in the fall and feel this is a great time for interested candidates to visit our classrooms and get a sense of what it's like in the life of a church school teacher.

By building our volunteer base, we can rotate turns in ALL our classrooms and allow them to join in on adult formation now and then as well. Contact Jen Banos at (401) 729-0437 or email [Jbanos99920@hotmail.com](mailto:Jbanos99920@hotmail.com).

## **Memorial Garden**

Spring has sprung and our memorial garden needs much attention. Replacement of some of our ornamental shrubs is required this year. If you would like to donate a shrub in memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office or call Elaine DaRosa for the details of exactly what is needed.

Also we are taking orders for commemorative engraved bricks. Send your order in to the parish office so that bricks will be installed during the warm weather season.

Submitted by Elaine DaRosa  
401-295-5758  
[BigE824@hotmail.com](mailto:BigE824@hotmail.com)

## **Special Honor given to Linda Mendonca**

Linda Mendonca has been named the Rhode Island School Nurse-Teacher of the Year! She is the nurse at Jencks Jr. High in Pawtucket and serves on the Board of Directors of the RI Certified School Nurse-Teacher organization.

A special banquet was held in May at which time Linda was recognized and congratulated for her achievements and for this honorable award. Congratulations Linda!

## **Thank you**

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Christ Church family for the concern and prayers during my recent illness. I will be forever grateful for the strength that I derived from your many kindnesses.

Your sister in Christ, Beryl Nichols

## **Thrift Shop help wanted**

The Thrift Shop is looking for volunteers for either Thursdays or Saturdays. On Thursdays we have “mother’s hours” for we open at 11:00 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m. Saturday hours are 9:00 a.m. -12 noon. The TS closes in the middle of June for the summer and re-opens the second week in September. We also are closed several weeks over the Christmas holiday and several weeks in February. If you are unable to commit to the whole month, we would like at least a two- week commitment per month. Teen volunteers are welcome on Saturday for those teens that need to do community service. Why not give it a try for the months of May and June? (You will meet some great volunteers and have a few laughs.) If interested, speak with Judy Foltz, Margie Boyce or call the office.

## **Welcome to all**

As you may know, there are several “greeters” at the entrance doors of the church on Sunday mornings, both at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. We are always happy to have “new” greeters join us! If anyone is interested in becoming a greeter, or becoming an “observer” of what we do, as we welcome members, and “new guests” to our church community, please call, or speak to me. I would be happy to answer any questions, and look forward to “adding” you to this ministry. It is a real joy to say “Good Morning and Welcome” to those who enter on Sunday mornings!

Thank you,

Bette Bruckner – 401-724-2642

## **Episcopal Church Women**

The annual Thank Offering appeal was held at Christ Church on April 27 and on Sunday, May 6. The Ingathering of thank offerings was presented to Bishop Wolf at the Cathedral of St. John on Saturday May 10. Thank you to all for your generous contributions to a worthy cause.

## **Graduation News**

Congratulations to Matt Federico who has earned a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from URI.

*Please share your graduation news with us, call or e-mail the Parish Office.*

## **In the hospital? Shut in?**

Please call the Parish Office (or have a family member call) if you are in the hospital, or if you are not able to come to church. The hospitals do not call your parish.

Call the Parish Office 401-725-1920 if you would like a visit from Scott, or if you would like to have a Eucharistic Visitor bring you Communion on a regular basis, or if you want to be put on our prayer list.

For urgent pastoral care, you may contact Scott by calling his mobile phone at (508) 314-0781.

## **Altar Guild banquet**

The Christ Church Altar Guild will hold its annual banquet at Bella Vista in North Attleboro on May 27.

## Parish Calendar

*Sunday, June 1* – Join us at noon in the Great Hall for a **festive brunch** as we kick off our **Renaissance Campaign**. Enjoy great food as we hear about this exciting new chapter in our church. Child care will be provided, and there will be kid-friendly food.

*Sunday, June 8* – Today is the annual **Celebration Sunday** for our Church School. At our 10:30 service, take part in this beloved Christ Church tradition as we recognize our children and their teachers.

*Sunday, June 15* – Our **summer education program** begins today. Bring the whole family at 9:15. Some Sundays we'll be together for intergenerational activities. Other Sundays we'll have activities for children as the grown-ups learn together. Watch the Sunday leaflet and eNews for news of weekly topics.

Our morning worship schedule remains the same, with services at 8:00 and 10:30.

Emmaus, our 6:00 Sunday evening service, will take a vacation. It resumes in the fall, on September 7.

*Sunday, June 22* – We welcome new members today at our 10:30 liturgy. There's a festive Coffee Hour after the service. Please come and meet our newest members as we celebrate **Welcome Sunday!**

*Sunday, August 10* – We celebrate the **Feast of the Transfiguration** of Our Lord Jesus Christ today. This is our **Feast of Title**, the day we celebrate our church name,

Christ Church. We'll have baptisms at our 10:30 service, and we'll pull out all the stops as we revel in this great day.

*Sunday, August 10* – After our 10:30 service, you are invited to join us for a trip to root for the **PawSox**. We've got a block of seats for Christ Church, and we hope you will be part of the cheering crowd as we cheer on our team. Tickets will be \$8.25, and you should buy them in advance from the Parish Office.

*Sunday, August 17* – Today is the **Christ Church golf event**. If you are a golfer, bring your friends and neighbors for a grand outing at Lincoln Country Club. Play nine holes, have a great time, and help raise some money for the Renaissance Campaign. Tee off time is 5:00, with dinner to follow. Join us for dinner if you're not a golfer. Contact Denyce Johnson or the Parish Office for more information.

*Sunday, September 14* – **Mass on the Grass** is this Sunday at 10:30. We'll be at MacColl Field to worship amidst God's beautiful creation. After the service, we'll have our parish picnic. The 8:00 service will take place in the church, as usual. There are no classes at 9:15 today.

*Sunday, September 21* – Our full program of **Church School classes resumes today**. There are classes for all ages at 9:15.

## Congratulations to our confirmands

We congratulate our Confirmation students as they reached this long-awaited milestone, and were Confirmed on April 5th. We see this not as an end, but as a beginning of life as young adults in our Christian community. There is a place for each to share their time and talents in our Church School program. We urge our youth to continue to grow and learn through scripture along with us in the classroom, in small discussion groups or in adult formation with Father Scott. Emmaus remains a popular alternative to the traditional church service. Any way you look at it, there is an important place for our youth at Christ Church! Congratulations to Samantha Allen, Richard Barr II, Rebecca Bessette, Allison Gnys, Timothy Hervieux, Alyson Johnson, Ashley Kuhar, Amanda Lavoie, Sarah McLear, Elena Mulvey, Alex Ogilvie, Andrew Rancourt, Kristen Savary, Emily Silva, Robert Synosch II, and Courtney Thayer.



LEFT: Scott presents our confirmands to the bishop. TOP: Confirmands kneel as they prepare to be confirmed. ABOVE: Bishop Wolf presides at the service, held at St. Paul's, Pawtucket. Photos: Carlene Hervieux.

# Electronic Giving Sign-up Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please withdraw funds from (check one)

- \_\_\_\_ Checking account (attach voided check)  
\_\_\_\_ Savings account (contact bank for routing number)

Routing # \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_

## Frequency of Contribution

- \_\_\_\_ One-time  
\_\_\_\_ Weekly on Mondays  
\_\_\_\_ Semi-monthly (1st and 15th)  
\_\_\_\_ Monthly (on the 1st)

## Church allocation

- Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Renaissance  
Campaign \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize Christ Church and Vanco Services, LLC, to debit my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature on bank account

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Electronic Giving

Open your heart,  
without opening your checkbook.

Electronic giving is an easier, more secure way to make your regular contributions to Christ Church through automated giving.

## **Reasons to sign up for electronic giving:**

- No need to write checks or bring cash to church
- Peace of mind, knowing that the church is receiving your contribution, even when you cannot attend
- More secure than checks
- All contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement
- It costs you nothing

## **SIGN UP TODAY**

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## THE PARISH REGISTER

**Baptized on Sunday, March 30**

*Trevor Paul McKee*  
*Son of Richard and Holly McKee*

**Baptized on Sunday, May 11**

*Naomi Hyeon Williams*  
*Daughter of Danielle & Mike Williams*

The next Baptisms are scheduled for August 10. If you would like to speak about Holy Baptism for yourself or you child, please contact Scott.

### **Burials**

*Florence Bertenshaw*  
*John Svitil*  
*Eleanor Atwood*  
*Janet Boyd*  
*Violet Vietch*  
*Norman and Mildred Varden*  
*Irving Evans*

### **Prayer Requests**

Prayers of the People If you have someone you would like prayed for during the Prayers of the People, please call the Parish Office by Wednesday at noon. All requests for prayers will be kept for one month. If prayers are still needed we ask that you call again.

## IN MEMORIAM

*Jane Gauvin*

Candles for April were given to the glory of God in memory of John and Catherine Gill, Louis and Wilfred Gill, Alvah and Irene Gill, Ruth Simskie and Edith Petersen.

Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God and in loving memory for the life of

*April 6* – Arthur Farrington and Thomas Toppin

*April 13* – Samuel and Frances Newton, and Gary Grunder

*April 20* – Robert B. Butler, Robert K. Butler, Beatrice Butler and Todd C. Moore Sr.

*April 27* – James L. Kettlety, John Letondress, Malcom Ward, and Kenneth G. Howells

Candles for May were given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Sarah Mathieson and Cecile Kay

Flowers were given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of

*May 4* – Agenor Gauvin, John A. Lee, and Harold F. Schwenk Jr.

*May 11* – David Hastings, Jack Bannon, Richard and Elizabeth Oram, Jean D. Bardsley, Sarah Parkinson Pfeifer, Thomas and Harriet Toppin and Helen Hartley

*May 18* – William Moore, Cheryl L. Joubert, Joseph North Jr., Arthur Hudson and Eva Hudson Blanchette

*May 25* – Florence B. Grayson, Arthur W. and Cecile Kay, James and Sarah Mathieson

Candles for June are given to the Glory of God in memory of Robert S. Boyce

Flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of:

*June 1* – David Hastings, Robert and Sarah Louise Moore, Eleanor Snape, Gladys D'Ambra

*June 8* – Hubert and Annie Smithies, William and Annie Stevens, Robert Beaven Sr., Robert Beaven Jr., Eli and Dorothy Calvert

*June 15* – Bernard and Violet MacManus, Susie C. Lewis, Harold White, Jack DaRosa, Ernest Spooner

*June 22* – Doris and Andrew Miller Sr., Raymar W. Breault, Joel E. Childers Jr., Frederick and Gladys Hauser

*June 29* – Ray R. Nixon

*In memory of Ruth Brown*

Given by Christ Church Altar Guild

*In memory of Aileen Wilkie*

Given by Constance and Richard Oedekoven

*In memory of Barbara Kallstrom*

Given by Ray and Ruth Clement

*In memory of Jason Abraham, Beatrice E. Lovering and Chester Nichols Jr.*

Given by Beryl E. Nichols

*In memory of Janet Boyd*

Given by Barbara Fugere

Leroy and Elizabeth Bertenshaw

Memorials dedicated on April 6

A red silk chausable and stole given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Barbara McMinn Brehio (1929-2005), given by her family.

Six linen communion purificators given in loving memory of Elsie & Alfred DiPetrillo, given by Cathy Puget.

The linen cover for the gift memorial table given in memory of Cheryl L. Joubert, made by Joan Rhodes.

Six linen credence table covers, made by Joan Rhodes.

Photo on left: Dee Tavolaro



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Is there such a thing as a free lunch? Maybe not, but there's a free brunch in your future. Join us June 1 at noon for a **festive brunch in the Great Hall** to eat terrific food and hear plans for the Renaissance Campaign.

Looking for some summer reading? Join our **summer book group**. Details inside.