

# The Chronicle

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Lincoln, RI

Lent 2008

## Lent means spring—a time for growth

For many Christians, Lent is a time of self-denial. “What are you giving up for Lent?” Lent can be a season of misery. It wasn’t always this way.

Long before it took on a penitential flavor, Lent was a season of preparation for Easter, especially for those to be baptized. I think there is much good in recovering this ancient, abundant understanding of Lent.

The word Lent is from a Middle English word that means “spring.” It’s hard to believe, with a ridiculously early Easter this year, but we are celebrating a season of renewal, of growth. In this season, we focus on the most important things – our love of God and our love of one another.

Maybe you will try to experience a new kind of Lent this year. If you give something up, trying adding something to focus on the most important things. Give up television shows, and spend more time with family. Give up your favorite restaurant, and donate money to the hungry. Give up gossip, and spend more time in prayer.

How will you use this season to prepare for Easter? Some ideas:

1. Give up one thing, but add another.
2. Be more generous. Try extravagant generosity (Godly generosity).
3. Pray every day.
4. Study the Bible or read an inspiring novel
5. Spend a whole day in silence, listening for God

We can help you have a great Lent. Come to church in Lent. Again, and again. You’ll almost be sorry to see Lent end. *Scott ✕*



Several of our confirmands were away January 18-20 on a retreat. Among other places, we visited the Carpenter’s Boat Shop, a place where people in transition learn traditional boat-making skills, and Christian living.



There was time for outdoor fun too, while we were in Maine. We spent some time climbing on rocks near the ocean, and enjoyed the majestic beauty of Maine forests. You can find more photos in our online photo album!

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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

- 11:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop

## Ministry Leaders

- Cindy Flaxington, *Acolytes*
- Jane Gauvin, *Altar Guild*
- Brian Allard, *Bowling League*
- Doug Allen, *Capital Campaign*
- Scott Gunn, *Eucharistic Ministers & Visitors*
- Jane Worton/Nancy Newton, *Episcopal Charities*
- Beth Richmond, *Junior Choir*
- Joseph Trepanier, *Senior Choir/Organist*
- Jen Banos/Bob Lamoureux, *Church School*
- Kimberly Allard, *Handbell Choir*
- Nancy Newton, *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*
- Nancy Newton/Kathy McBride, *Outreach*
- 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

Judy Foltz, *Senior Warden*  
Donna MacPherson, *Junior Warden*  
Jeffrey Hopkins, *Treasurer*  
Albert Mongeau, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Jennifer Banos, Margaret Walsh, Anne Whitaker (2008)  
Susan LaFreniere, Anthony Tavolaro, Jane Worton (2009)  
Joel Gardner, Robert Kay, Michael Packer (2010)

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For urgent pastoral care, please call Scott at (508) 314-0781.

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

## **Church School news – Lent is for kids too**

We prepare for the arrival of the Lenten season with the traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner on Tuesday, February 5th. Dinner runs from 5pm-7pm, and be sure to be on site around 6pm for those students and young guests who wish to participate in our Mardi Gras parade! Acting on a suggestion made last year, we will have both a King and Queen to reign over our parade....in fact, the idea was so great, we doubled up!! Watch for our parish “royalty” to lead the way to our celebration. At about 7 p.m. come outside and watch as we burn palm branches from last year’s Palm Sunday. The ashes from these branches will be used for the Imposition of Ashes the next day, Ash Wednesday.

The students are working to complete their memory work, and parents/guardians will be receiving a letter soon to reiterate the goals

set for each grade level. Please review the material with your child at home. Lent is a perfect time to enrich your family time and incorporate more “church chat”. Care rides, waiting in store lines, even over a quick breakfast together can sometimes make for quality conversation when longer mealtimes are not possible as a family unit.

Another support to the students is to maintain weekly attendance in class. Often concepts build on each other, and frequent absence will interfere with future lessons. Please let us know if we can be of additional support to your child’s Christian education at this time.

\*\*Please note that our annual Easter egg hunt will take place on Easter Sunday, following the 10:30 service. Additional information will be forthcoming.

## **“Palm Saturday” – a day for all ages**

What do you call the Saturday before Palm Sunday? Palm Saturday, of course!

We invite our parishioners of all ages to join us for an important ministry Saturday, March 15th from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Parish House. We will take on the traditional ministry of making palm crosses for our parish, along with preparing communion bread to be used the following day. We will have a table set up where Easter cards will be made for our shut-ins and learn about how Easter eggs actually tie into our Holy

celebration. Those attending will be able to color eggs. A simple lunch of pizza and salad will take place when our work is complete. Hope you can make it!

This time is for all ages. Come and make some palm crosses! No kids required, and no previous folding experience needed. For kids, this is a great way to prepare for Holy Week.

There is a sign-up on the bulletin board in the Great Hall so we can plan to have enough food and materials.

# Women of strength

*Submitted by Elaine DaRosa*

A strong woman works out every day to keep her body strong...

But a woman of strength kneels in prayer to keep her

Soul in shape

A strong woman isn't afraid of anything...

But a woman of strength shows courage in the midst of her fear

A strong woman won't let anyone get the best of her...

But a woman of strength gives the best of her to everyone

A strong woman makes mistakes and avoids the same in the future...

But a woman of strength realizes life's mistakes can also be

God's blessings and capitalizes on them

A strong woman walks sure footedly...

But a woman of strength knows that God will catch her when she falls

A strong woman wears the look of confidence on her face...

But a woman of strength wears grace

A strong woman has faith that she is strong enough for the journey...

But a woman of strength has faith that it is in the journey that

She will become strong...

Even though there has been a decline in formal Episcopal Church Women's groups in our parishes in recent years, we are still women of strength. We are women who grow into the life of the Church through women's ministries. Those ministries take on many forms, from Altar Guild, to Thrift Shops, to Church Choirs, to suppers, to Sunday school teachers, to priests, to committee member, to greeter and the lists can go on and on. It doesn't matter what you do or how you do it, we are all Episcopal Church Women, formal groups or not.

## **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

The Potter and The Clay

Come join us for an inspiring day of fellowship and spiritual awakening. See the process the potter uses in making the vessel on the potter's wheel. See the clay's response and responsibility. See the attributes of the finished vessel. And much more.....

Saturday, February 2, 2008. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lafayette Masonic Hall, 680 Nate Whipple Highway, Cumberland, RI The cost for the Retreat and the Lunch is \$10.00. To sign-up, or if the cost or childcare is a problem please call Elaine DaRosa 1-401-295-5758, or Judy Foltz 401-333-2007, or the Parish Office 401-725-1920.

If you get this Chronicle before Feb. 2nd there is still time to sign-up!

Storm Date: February 16.

## New member ministry

*Linda Mendonca*

There are many ways to say WELCOME!! Your welcoming SMILE is one of the best advertisements for God...it makes people wonder what we have here at Christ Church?!!



The growth of Christ Church is vital and new members are crucial!!

Please do your part whether you are old or young, lifetime member or a more recent member. Help to make visitors and new members feel welcome at Christ Church.

The New Member Ministry welcomes new committee members to help with this important ministry. Please contact Linda Mendonca 401- 726-8968 if you have any questions or you would like to help.

Let *all* guests  
who come be  
welcomed as  
Christ.

St. Benedict  
6th century

## I took your place

*Submitted by Walter Scott*

One day a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car, and got out. Another car pulled up, the person inside said, I always park there. You took my place. The visitor went inside the Sunday school, found an empty seat, and sat down. A young woman from the church approached him and stated, that's my seat. You took my place. The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome but said nothing. After Sunday school, the visitor went into the church and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said that's my pew. You took my place. The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment but still said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up and suddenly his appearance began to change. Scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed it and called out, "what happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns and a tear fell from his eye. I TOOK YOUR PLACE.

We will be transformed only as we learn humility, compassion, and servant ministry. To be all Jesus was and is a light in the darkness unafraid to brighten the corner no matter what. We must continue to be there for our brothers and sisters. There are so many ways that this is possible. We too must look to all the good that can come out of compassion and warmth. Let us always look for Jesus Christ and be ready to serve him.

## From the Senior Warden

*Judy Foltz*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the vestry members, both former and present, whom I have worked with as Senior Warden. You have been very supportive of me and of the parish during the past several years while we were searching for a priest. Once again I would like to thank the Search Committee who spent an incredible amount of time trying to find the right priest for our parish. And last, but certainly not least, thanks to all the Christ Church families and parishioners. You have continued to carry on with your ministries and have continued to support our church and each other in times of need.

God bless, Judy

### Are you in the know?

*You are if you read eNews!*

Receive our weekly email newsletter every week and keep up with the latest goings on. If you have email, subscribe by visiting our website and signing up or by giving your email address to our Parish Office. If you don't have email, you can pick up a printed copy each week in our narthex.

## Three services, three styles

Christ Church is now offering three services each Sunday. Even if one of our services isn't your cup of tea, if you check them all out, you'll be able to recommend them to a friend who might be looking for a new church.

**8:00 a.m.** – Traditional Anglican liturgy, with Holy Eucharist and a sermon every week. Plenty of silence – a gentle way to begin your Sunday morning. (It's Rite II.) This service usually lasts 45-50 minutes. Stay for coffee after the service, and then you'll have the best seats when our 9:15 education offerings begin.

**10:30 a.m.** – Traditional Anglican liturgy, with a big dose of festive joy. Each week includes lively music, Holy Eucharist, and a sermon. Sometimes we have traditional organ and choir music. Other weeks feature our beloved guitar ensemble, Hymns & Hers. Want more music? Show up on the right Sunday, and you'll be able to enjoy our Junior Choir or Handbell Choir. (It's Rite II.) This service usually lasts about an hour and fifteen minutes. There's coffee after the service.

**6:00 p.m.** – Our newest service is called Emmaus. Come meet Jesus with us, on the road of our daily lives. Ancient prayers meet modern thinking. Joy-filled music. Candles. Incense. Images. No need to dress up. We call this one "Church for people who don't like church." Sometimes the "sermon" is a discussion. It's always relaxed. We meet in the Gym. Bring a friend or two, and check it out. We offer Communion most weeks.

# Ministry news round-up

## YOUTH GROUP

In an effort to bring the young people of Christ Church a spiritual experience that is a bit different than Sunday mornings, we have begun an alternative Sunday night service. We are inviting kids from 1 to 92 (I know that was a bit cliché) to Emmaus. It is at 6 p.m. in the Gym. AND for teens that are all set with church after Sunday mornings, the usual crazy, off the wall games and general nuttiness will be happening for youth at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENT: We will be hosting a family event on Feb 10 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. It will be a Cereal potluck and Game tournament. All families are invited to bring their favorite box of cereal. We will supply the milk and join us for some historical laughter and family fun! There will be no meeting at 7 p.m. on 2/10.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Capital Campaign committee is ready to start its dreams for the future of Christ Church and is looking for some committee help. If you have experience in advertising, fundraising or are just a creative individual who sees Christ Church for what it can be with a successful Capital Campaign, then we want you. Contact Doug Allen at (401) 727-2919 or Scott at the Church and get involved with this important ministry and help make Christ Church the beacon of the Blackstone Valley.

## EMMAUS: NOT JUST FOR KIDS!

Exciting things are happening here at Christ Church!!! As we all know, Christ is the head of our church and we are the body....well, the body of Christ Church is proud to have grown another limb! We are now offering an alternative Sunday night service called Emmaus.

Do you know someone who is not a fan of traditional church? Are you not always in the mood to get up on Sunday morning? Well, we have got the answer for you!

A blend of Ancient and New, Communion and Community, the spirit of God among us, active, artistic and rejuvenating. As a church we are blessed to be able to offer this to the community! If you have not yet attended Emmaus, come and check it out, see what all the talk is about ...discover for yourself this new addition to the worship offerings at Christ Church.

So, tell your friends, tell your neighbors, tell the people in your life that may not be so revved up about traditional church, heck, go ahead and tell yourself.....YOU ARE WELCOME AT EMMAUS....who knows who you might meet on the road?

Sundays 6pm – See you there!

Beth and Mike Silvia 401-765-7882

## NEW OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will now be closed on Mondays. We will open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Emergency pastoral care is always available. Scott's mobile phone number is on the church answering machine.

## **OUTREACH THANKS**

This year the outreach committee decided to help our own community. Previously, we supported the Adopt-A-Family program based in Woonsocket but found a great local need that could use our support in the school systems in Cumberland and Lincoln as well as our own parish family. As a result, we had a name change to Adopt-A-Child. The outpouring of generosity allowed us to help 42 children. Thank you for all of your support.

God Bless You,  
Debbie Cutler

Dear Reverend Scott,

I would like to start with thanking you for sending my sister and I those wonderful gifts. We really appreciate them, I have already worn my outfit. The ball you sent me was “sweet”, it’s comfortable with easy grip, and easy to shoot. My team and I have already played a game with it. Happy Holidays to you and your family, may God be with you. I would also like to give a great thanks to Hazel and Don who made this happen.

Sincerely, Charlotte

Dear Reverend Scott and Christ Church,

I would like to thank you for your generosity, its been well appreciated. I would also like to say that Hazel and Don has had a good part to play in this happening and I believe credit is due to them as well. Once again, thank you, your generosity will not be forgotten. Happy Holidays.

Sincerely, Amanda

*[Editor’s note: Hazel and Don Scott are members who usually attend our 10:30 service.]*

Dear Friends of Christ Church,

We wish to express our gratitude for your generous donation of \$1,353.50 to our Center. Thank you for thinking of us when you had your CROP Hunger walk. Our Lord is very good to us through people like you, and may He bless all of you. Thank you again, and Happy New Year.

Conie Brochu, Director  
Blackstone Valley Emergency Food Center

## **OFFICE VOLUNTEERS**

Thank you to all who volunteer in the Parish Office. June Marrapese, Muriel Long, Beryl Nichols, Jane Gauvin, Pat Cooper, Al Mongeau, Elaine DaRosa, Lloyd Richmond, Marilyn Fletcher, Olga Howells, and Lorry Boss.

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

Mark your calendars. Our next Blood Drive will be held here at Christ Church on Thursday, April 10, 2008 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Walk in donors are accepted. Thank You.

**Check us out on the web!**

**Learn about current events, our parish ministries, and more. Sign up for eNews or make a pledge. It’s all at [www.christchurchlincoln.org](http://www.christchurchlincoln.org)**

# Lenten Bible Study

## Take a look at the Gospel of Mark

with the Rev'd M. P. Schneider

Sundays at 9:15 in the Parlor.

February 10 through March 16

NO experience necessary – just a desire to learn and grow.



## the sunday forum

February 10 - "Blessed be God..."

February 17 - "The Word of the Lord"

February 24 - "We believe..."

March 2 - "...always and everywhere..."

March 9 - "Go in peace"

March 16 - The liturgies of Holy Week

## Sundays in Lent

A close look at the words we say  
and the things we do every Sunday.  
Why? What? Come and learn more  
about our prayers, our history, and the  
connection to our daily lives.

with the Rev'd Scott Gunn  
Join us in the Gym  
at 9:15 a.m.

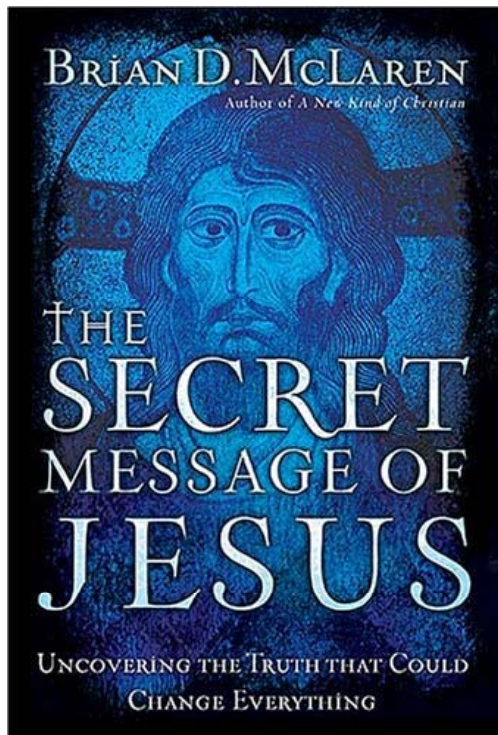
## Lenten Book Study

Join us for lively conversation about this amazing book. It's a fresh reading of the Gospels. What does the Bible really say about Jesus? Read this book, and it could change your life, your church, and your world.

We'll meet with friends from Emmanuel, Cumberland every Sunday in Lent at 7 p.m., February 10 through March 16. Led by the Rev'd Scott Gunn and the Rev'd Peter Mayer (Rector of Emmanuel).

Sign up by contacting the Church Office or in the church entrance. The book is available at many bookstores and from Amazon.com. We're also happy to get one for you.

*Come early, and try Emmaus at 6 p.m.!*



## Noontime Eucharist

every Wednesday in Lent

in the Parish House

Bring a bag lunch and stick around  
for conversation

February 13 - March 12

## Holy Week is coming!

Mark your calendar, and make  
time for the most important liturgies  
of the year.

Maundy Thursday – 7 p.m.

Good Friday – 7 p.m.

Great Vigil of Easter – 7:30 p.m.

March 20-22, 2008

## **In Memoriam**

*Jane Gauvin*

Candles were given to the Glory of God in memory of Frank L. Miller Sr., Ethel Miller, Frank L. Miller Jr., and Robert A. Butler .

Altar Flowers were given in loving Memory for the Life of:

*February 3* – George Stansfield, Althea McAllister, and Robert C. Long

*February 10* – Todd C. Moore Sr., Marion Rhodes, and Raymond Simskie

*February 17* – Samuel Holgate, Annie and Robert McKenna, Leonard R. Jenson, and Peter Harbeck

*February 24* – Manuel J. and Bernice S. Duarte, John and Ethel Goften, and Joseph and Louise North

### **ALTAR GUILD**

The first meeting of 2008 of the Altar Guild will be held in the parish house on Tuesday, February 26th. In charge of refreshments are Judy Foltz and Dot Bannon. New members are always welcome.

Call Jane Gauvin (401-726-0211) if you would like to know more about the Altar Guild and their ministry.

Candles are given to the Glory of God in memory of Harry and Mary Elizabeth Lancaster. Herbert Lancaster and Harold Atcheson and Judy Atcheson Branigan.

Altar Flowers are given in loving Memory for the Life of:

*March 2* – Henry Beck, William Rhodes Sr., Irene Gill, and William L. Parkinson

*March 9* – Elizabeth McCausland, Ethel MacPherson, Harold White and Harry S. Lewis

*March 16* – Palms are given in memory of deceased members of the Altar Guild: Amy Gibson, Elizabeth Gibson, Isabel Knowles, Mary Midgley, Sarah Morrison, Sadie Nightingale, Elizabeth Pangburn, Lillian Pollitt, Lillian Strickland, Emmy Lou Pollock, Gertrude Reid, Margaret Tonge, Sally Workman, Florence Brown Pickles, Marillyn Ferguson, Marion E. Schaffer, Muriel Tonge, Mary Beck, Jean D. Bardsley, Ruth Simskie, Lily Brown, Betsy Pollitt, Mildred Boyce, Bessie Gardner, Mary Renaud, Margaret Brown and Barbara Brehio, Harriet Batty and Catherine Breault.

*March 23* – Easter Candles and Easter Flowers and Plant Memorials will be a separate listing in the service leaflet.

*March 30* – Ethel MacPherson, Jean D. Bardsley and James A. Patterson, Peter and Edna Harbeck, Raymond Harbeck, Jean D. Bardsley.

*In memory of Aileen Wilkie*

Given by Jane Gauvin, Pixie and Richard Thomas, Carolyn and Richard Schoeberle, Mary Jane and William Smith, Virginia and Gerald Wheeler, Beryl Nichols, Sonja and Thomas Murray, Lowel and Martha Youman.

*In memory of Beverly Morrison*

Given by Katzon Brothers, Inc., Marie Pino, Dorothy Boutelle, Deborah Myers Merlun, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Purvis, Mark and Christine Schwarmann, Jill and David Bernstein, Elizabeth Farlekas, Katherine and Martin Warten, Ruby Michael Hicbering, Lois Toegemann, Jeffrey Danker, Lawton Johnson, Nancy Newton, Virginia Holt, N. Shirley Kaye, Irene Wiedgus, Arthur and Maria Cimiluca, Doris Colburn, Barbara Papineau, Donald Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paolucci

*In memory of Raymond and Ruth Simskie,  
Alvah Gill and Irene Gill*

Given by Charles and Mary Bishop

*In memory of Isabella Rayner*

Given by Beryl Nichols

*In memory of William Pickles*

Given by Joan Rhodes, and William Rhodes Jr.

*In memory of Charles Gauvin*

Given by Jane Gauvin

*In memory of John Horan*

Given by Cynthia Horan

*In Memory of Alice Kettlety, James L Kettlety Jr., and  
Virginia Dolan*

Given by, Carole Glasser, Georgia Sullivan and James L. Kettlety III

*In memory of Barbara Kallstrom*

Given by Helen and Bernard Dupont, Virginia Holt

## News in pictures



It seems like a year ago, but our celebration of Christ's birth was just a few weeks ago. Advent began with a wreath-making workshop. And then Christmas dawned, complete with a glorious pageant. More photos are online – just visit our website at [www.christchurchlincoln.org](http://www.christchurchlincoln.org).



# The Parish Register

## Deaths

*John Svitil*

*Ruth Brown*

*Florence Bertenshaw*

*Beverly Morrison*

*Isabella Rayner*

*Barbara Kallstrom*

*Mildred Varden*



The **next baptisms** are scheduled for March 22, 2008. If you would like to speak about Holy Baptism for yourself or your child, please contact Scott.

If you are an adult interested in **confirmation, reception into the Episcopal Church, or reaffirmation of your Christian faith**, please contact Scott as soon as possible, who can work with you to prepare for a service to be held on April 5 at St. Paul's, Pawtucket.

Speak with Scott about other sacraments as well (marriage, confession, ordination, or healing).

# Prayer Requests

## Prayers of the People

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

## Prayer Network

Prayer intentions may be placed in the Prayer Box located in the back of the church. The box will be brought to the Altar along with our offerings. These intentions will not be read aloud, but following the service a Prayer Support Group will gather to arrange to pray over them during the week.

## 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 at (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.

We encourage you to take a copy of the Sunday announcements home with you, and pray for those who have requested our prayers.

## Coffee hour

*Jen Banos*

An epiphany, of sorts, has come upon the scene as we plan for fellowship.

While we await the calling of an individual or small group of friends who want to share the responsibilities of coordinating this important ministry, we look to the entire parish for support. Whether you attend the 8:00 or 10:30 service, there is a slot just right for your family to contribute! Talk it up with a friend or two and partner up.

The setting up of coffee lies on 8:00 hands, as the clean up will be taken on by the 10:30'ers. There will be updated instructions available to guide newcomers through, along with the secret coffee recipe that has settled most taste buds.

To our seniors who have served the community for years past, we thank you and will enjoy the privilege to provide for you now. For those who wish to help, but are limited by physical demands, select a friend to buy for you. Our parish family is a strong community ~ we look forward to a joyous New Year!

A review for how you can contribute for upcoming Fellowship:

\* Sign up to serve, even just once

(Early risers make the coffee, second shift cleans up)

\* Feel free to drop off a non-perishable snack or your favorite coffee to keep up our supply any week!

God's Blessings to all!

## Easter Plants

If you would like to have an Easter Plant given in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for something special in your life, use the form below and return it before March 5 to:

Jane Gauvin  
57 Amherst Street  
Cumberland, RI 02864

Enclosed is my contribution for \_\_\_\_ Plants @ \$12.00 per plant. Please make checks payable to Christ Church Altar Guild.

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

or in Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

The names submitted will be remembered in prayers at the Easter Services. Plants will be taken out to the sick and shut-ins by the Altar Guild members following the Easter services.

**The firm ordering deadline is March 5.**

Names will not be printed in the Chronicle, but those who wish additional copies of the Easter Leaflet to send to family or friends, please call Jane at 401-726-0211, or pick them up in the back of the church.

Thank you for responding promptly.

*Jane Gauvin*  
*Altar Guild Directress*

# 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Building fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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:**

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# Parish Calendar

FEBRUARY 3 - We welcome Pam and the Rev'd John Van Siclen today as they share their recent trip to the Holy Land with us. Many of you will remember John, who was here as Interim Rector. John will preach at 8:00 & 10:30, and both Pam and John will speak at the Sunday Forum at 9:15 in the Gym.

FEBRUARY 5 - Stuff yourself silly with pancakes and sausages at our annual **Shrove Tuesday Dinner**, from 5-7 p.m. You can buy a ticket (for cheap!) before the dinner, or at the door. Enjoy our Mardi Gras parade at 6p.m. At 7 p.m., we'll burn palms from last year's Palm Sunday to get ready for tomorrow's Ash Wednesday.

FEBRUARY 6 - **Ash Wednesday** is the first day of Lent. We'll hold services with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist at noon and 7 p.m. The evening service will include music.

FEBRUARY 10 - The First Sunday in Lent is today, and there's a lot happening. At our 10:30 service, we'll begin by singing the **Great Litany in procession**. Before that, at 9:15, two new adult education offerings for Lent will launch.

Want to learn more about the gospels? Dig into the Gospel of Mark with the Rev'd M. P. Schneider during a six-week **Bible study**, to be offered in the Parlor.

How about our liturgy? The Rev'd Scott Gunn will take us through a six-week close look at the words and actions that we do together each Sunday as we celebrate Holy Eucharist.

That's the **Sunday Forum**, in the Gym.

In the evening, come for our **Lenten book group**. Offered with Emmanuel, Cumberland, this offering is led by our priest and the Rev'd Peter Mayer, rector of Emmanuel. We'll have lively conversations about a provocative book, *The Secret Message of Jesus: The Truth that could Change Everything* by Brian McLaren. Sign up with the Church Office.

FEBRUARY 13 - Starting today, we'll celebrate a **simple noontime Eucharist service** in the Parish House each Wednesday in Lent. Bring a bag lunch, and stay around for some conversation.

FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 1 - You are invited to attend **Diocesan Convocation** this weekend. This is an opportunity to spend time with others from around our diocese and learn more about our faith.

MARCH 7 and MARCH 9 - Come enjoy a great play, "**Fish Eyes**." It tells the story of the day-to-day struggles of Peter and Andrew, as they tried to follow Jesus. The play will make you think, make you laugh, and perhaps make you cry. Don't miss Doug Allen and Dennis LaFreniere in their theatrical debut. In the Great Hall. Friday evening and Sunday afternoon.

MARCH 9 - Today is **Welcome Sunday!** We'll welcome new members during our morning liturgies. If you are new to Christ Church,

call the office, and ready to join, let us know – we'll get you signed up.

MARCH 15 - It's the day before Palm Sunday, so this must be **Palm Saturday!** Come to the Parish House from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for activities for all ages. We'll make palm crosses, color Easter eggs, make Easter cards for our shut-ins, bake bread, tell stories, and see how it all fits together with Holy Week and Easter.

MARCH 16 - Come to church and get a palm. It's **Palm Sunday**, the day we mark the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We'll bless palms at all three Sunday services (8:00, 10:30, and 6:00). Weather permitting, we'll have an outdoor procession at 10:30.

MARCH 17, 18, 19 - We'll offer a **noontime Eucharist** on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week. Join us for a simple celebration in the church. (Come on Wednesday and find out why this day used to be called Spy Wednesday.)

MARCH 20 - On **Maundy Thursday**, we'll have our traditional service at 7 p.m. in the church. This service begins the Triduum Sacrum (the Three Holy Days), the most sacred days of the Christian year. We'll celebrate the first Eucharist that Jesus celebrated with his disciples. We'll remember our role as servant ministers in the washing of feet (optional, but strongly encouraged!). At the end of the service, we prepare for the solemnity of Good Friday as we strip the altar.

We will also remove the consecrated bread

and wine, in preparation for the distribution of Holy Communion on Good Friday. Those who wish to do so may remain with the Sacrament as we keep a prayer watch overnight.

The service will be preceded by a Maundy Thursday **simple dinner** in the Parish House at 6 p.m.

MARCH 21 - On **Good Friday**, we will walk the **Stations of the Cross** at noon in the church. At 7 p.m., we will gather for the **Solemn Liturgy of the Day**, including the reading of the Passion, solemn prayers, and the flowering of a Burial Icon. The service also includes the distribution of Holy Communion.

MARCH 22 - In the morning, the **Liturgy of the Day** will be held at 9 a.m. This is a very brief (15 minutes) service of prayers for Holy Saturday.

In the evening, all Christians are urged to gather for the **Great Vigil of Easter**, the most extravagant liturgy of our year. It includes the blessing of new fire, readings and stories of God's saving work, Holy Baptism, and the First Eucharist of Easter. This service will include something for every sense – including some incense.

MARCH 23 - Today is **Easter Sunday**. Our Sunday services will be at the usual times: **8:00, 10:30, and 6:00**. All services will include joyous Easter music. Come in the morning for Easter with all the traditional trimmings, or in the evening for a celebration of Easter with an edge.

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## **Coming Up!**

**February 5** - Don't miss yummy pancakes and sausages on **Shrove Tuesday**. Our dinner is from 5-7 p.m. in the Great Hall, with a Mardi Gras parade at 6 p.m. The food may not exactly be healthy, but it's good for the spirit! Join us for fun and fellowship.

**February 6** - Get your Lent off to a great start. Come to our services today, on **Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent**. We'll have Imposition of Ashes with Holy Eucharist at noon and 7 p.m., in the Church.

**February 10** - This is the **First Sunday in Lent**. We have more Lent offerings than you can shake a stick at. Join us for some or all of these terrific programs. Details inside on page 10.