



Open Doors

The Newsletter of St. James Episcopal Church

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F R O M T H E



We are almost halfway through Lent, and Easter is almost upon us. As we look towards that great celebration, I thought it might be helpful to explain

our traditions in Holy Week. I invite you to set aside time to join us this Holy week - mark your calendars now!

HOLY WEEK

In the course of our busy week, we most likely have times set apart for certain things that are important to us—a workout, a few social phone calls, or maybe even a short catnap—so that we can renew ourselves, our energy, and our perspective. Holy Week is a time that is set apart in our Church's liturgical year for our spiritual renewal. In fact, the word holy refers to anything that is set apart for God's purposes. Holy Week is holy precisely because it is time that is set apart for us to focus on how we are spiritually renewed through the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

In her book *The Holy Way*, Paula Huston explains that "a cluttered and overburdened mental space can be one of the biggest obstacles to simple living." This Holy Week

allow yourself time apart, holy time, to spend with Jesus. May it be a time set apart to unclutter your mind, lay down your burdens, and renew your faith in Jesus.

PALM SUNDAY

8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

The waving of palms on Passion (Palm) Sunday reminds us that we are called to be followers of Jesus, not just fans who cheer from a distance. We then move to the Passion narrative, which anticipates the whole story of the week.

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

11:00 a.m. Chrism mass at Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City (we will car pool, leaving St James at 9:30 a.m.)

The Chrism Mass gathers the faithful at the mother church of the diocese to prepare for celebrations of Christ's Resurrection in congregations. It is one of the most solemn liturgies of the Church. Chrism is a Greek word meaning "anointing".

In the early church bishops baptized catechumens at the Easter Vigil with blessed oils. Over time this blessing moved to Holy Thursday so oils could be transported to congregations for use by clergy at the local level. Recently this blessing has moved to

earlier in Holy Week so more people could attend the liturgy.

This tradition of the church will continue with blessing the oil of catechumens (for adult catechumens preparing for baptism), oil of the sick (for anointing) and chrism (for baptism, confirmation, ordination of clergy, and consecration of altars). The oils are prepared with olive oil, balsam and other ingredients.

The Chrism Mass highlights ordained ministry. A bishop's apostolic ministry is extended symbolically by the chrism clergy use in baptism and other rites. During the service all clergy renew their commitment to ordained ministry, receiving the prayers and support of the laity.

Way of the Cross 7:00pm

We will conclude our Lenten series on prayer, as we began, praying the Way of the Cross. We will follow in the footsteps of our Savior, using art and photographs to focus our attention as we had again the story of the Passion.

HOLY THURSDAY

Supper and service 6:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday (from mandatum, 'commandment', because of the use of John 13.34 in the Antiphon) contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

We join together in a simple meal, during which we hear again the story of Christ's meal with his disciples on the night before he died. We then move to the church to celebrate the Institution of the Eucharist, to remember Christ's vigil of prayer in the

Garden of Gethsemane, and to strip the church of all decoration.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Liturgy 12 noon - 3 p.m.

The veneration of the cross on Good Friday reminds us that, as Christians, we believe that Jesus can overcome anything, even death. We spend an extended time in prayer and reflection as we remember the hours Jesus hung on the cross. It is a widespread custom for there not to be a celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday, but for the consecrated bread and wine remaining from the Maundy Thursday Eucharist to be given in communion.

Good Friday Office 7:00 p.m. (tentative)

A simple service of remembrance of the death of our Savior. Once again the consecrated bread and wine remaining from the Maundy Thursday Eucharist are given in communion.

HOLY SATURDAY

Holy Saturday office 9:00 a.m.

We pause to pray on Holy Saturday amidst the silence and desolation of Christ's death.

EASTER VIGIL 7:00 p.m.

The Easter Vigil marks the end of the emptiness of Holy Saturday, and leads into the celebration of Christ's resurrection. The lighting of the Easter fire and the celebration of baptisms on the Eve of Easter speak to us of the new life that is ours because of Jesus' triumph over the darkness of sin and death through his resurrection.

From earliest times Christians have gathered through the night of Easter to recall the story of God's saving work, from creation through

to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. However, the Easter Liturgy is not merely a presentation of God's work. It is meant to be a real experience of new life for the worshiper, a passing from darkness to light which offers hope to all the faithful.

EASTER DAY

Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

The Easter Gospel is proclaimed with all the joy and splendor that the church can find. All the resources of the church – music, flowers, bells, colors – are used to celebrate Christ's resurrection. The 'Alleluia', which has been silent throughout Lent, returns.

"Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor, with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render."

(John of Damascus)

THE WARDEN'S COLUMN

I am delighted to announce that Matthew Trump has agreed to serve as warden for our parish, filling the position vacated by Debbie LaMano. Matt has been serving on the Vestry and is a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM). His wife, Wylie Hunt, is the prayer chain administrator, a LEM, and one of the Godly Play teachers for our Sunday School. Matt and Wylie have been members of our church for the past six years.

We are nearly two weeks into the Lenten season. Raewynne has created an imaginative and inspired series of meetings, held on Tuesday evenings in Mills Hall, which are designed to lead us deeper into prayer, discernment and faith as we walk the path toward Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. Last week's gathering focused on the Stations of the Cross. It was an

extraordinary experience which left us deeply moved and humbled, and with far more insight into His transfiguring journey. Please join us as we share, and learn and pray.

Peace & Light,
Alexandra

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday - March 29

Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist II with Palm Procession
9:30 a.m.

Tuesday - March 31

Chrism Mass 11 a.m. - Cathedral of the
Incarnation

Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday - April 2

Supper and Eucharist 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday - April 3

Good Friday Liturgy 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Good Friday Office 7:00 p.m. (tentative)*

Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Easter Eve Vigil 7:00 p.m.

Easter Day

Celebration Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m.

Celebration Holy Eucharist with Baptism
9:30 a.m.

ADDITIONAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

We would like to offer a Good Friday evening service if people would commit to attend. If you are interested, sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

LENTEN QUIET DAYS

The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Long Island are sponsoring a Lenten Quiet Day on Saturday, March 21 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Mercer School.

The day begins with a continental breakfast, morning and afternoon sessions, lunch, and concludes with the Eucharist at 2:00 p.m. Facilitators are The Rev. Pierre G. Damus, St. Bartholomew's Church, Brooklyn, and The Rev. Marie A. Tatro, St. Gabriel's Church, Brooklyn.

Registration must be made by March 13; the cost is \$20.00 per person. Checks, payable to E.C.W., The Diocese of Long Island (note Lenten Quiet Day on the memo line) can be mailed to The George Mercer, Jr. Memorial School of Theology, 65 Fourth Street, Garden City, N.Y. 11530. For additional information contact Rosalyn Brown at (516) 599-0078 or (917) 951-6208.

Day of Prayer for Lectors/LEMs/EVs

Camp DeWolfe is holding a day of Prayer for Lectors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Eucharistic Visitors on Saturday, March 21 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The purpose of this event is to "Receive support for creating space and time to reflect on your 'extraordinary' ministry to others through the Eucharist.

The camp is located at 408 North Side Road, Wading River. For more information, go to their website www.campdewolfe.org, email them at office@campdewolfe.org, or call them at 929-4325.

The Mercer School is offering a **12-Step Quiet Day for Lent** on Saturday, March 28 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

In the midst of Lent, allow the life-changing

wisdom of the 12 Steps to be renewed in you. This day will invite you deeply into the spirit both of the season of Lent and of the lifelong season of living healthily and well in the sight of God.

Registration is required for this program. For more information, email the school at mercerooffice@dioceseli.org, or call 516-248-4800 Ext. 140. The school is located at 65 Fourth Avenue in Garden City.

LENTEN SERIES ON PRAYER

March 10 : Prayer and Healing,

led by Penny L. Gadzini, D. Min.
NY Licensed Mental Health Counselor,
Certificate in Spiritual Guidance and Retreat
Leadership, United Methodist Minister

"As a young person I worked as a flight instructor, teaching people to fly. Years later, as I was training to become a pastoral counselor and reflecting on my understanding of psychotherapy, what came to me was this: 'We are all born to fly on the wings of our own unique calling. Life happens, we are hurt. Psychotherapy is mending broken wings, in the hope that we might journey back into full, joyful, vitality, a sense of meaning and purpose and satisfying connections with self, others, and the Transcendent; that we might again fly on the wings of our own unique calling.'"

March 17: Quiet prayer

Led by Elaine Learnard and other members of the Conscience Bay Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) which meets in Head of the Harbor. They will give some history of Quakerism, some quotes relating to prayer and worship, probably some personal experience as examples, and some time of silent worship --

with opportunities for questions and discussion throughout.

March 24 : Singing our prayers

In this session we will explore a way of praying developed by the Taizé community, an ecumenical monastic order with a strong devotion to peace and justice through prayer and meditation. The 100-strong community of Roman Catholic and Protestant monks is drawn from 30 countries across the world, and includes Frere Jean-Marie, who often worships with us here at St James when he visits his family (the Goodmans).

Prayer in the Taizé tradition includes extended periods of singing. Short songs, repeated again and again, give it a meditative character. Using just a few words they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God, without having to fix the length of time too exactly. This long repetition of the same song is linked to a very ancient way of praying, including, for example, the Ave Maria in the West and the Jesus Prayer in the Eastern Churches.

March 31: Stations of the Cross

We will conclude our Lenten series on prayer, as we began, praying the Way of the Cross. We will follow in the footsteps of our Savior, using art and photographs to focus our attention as we had again the story of the Passion.

MAUNDY THURSDAY CELEBRATION OF THE INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Maundy Thursday service will begin in Mills Hall at 6:30 p.m. with readings, prayer, and supper, and continue with Holy Eucharist in the church. Watch the Sunday bulletin for more information as we get closer to Holy Week.

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

Christian churches throughout the Middle East provide a critical bridge of understanding between Muslims and Jews. Being largely Arab, Christians understand their Muslim neighbors. For Arab Christians living in Israel, the common bond of the Hebrew Scriptures provides an appreciation of Jewish spiritual traditions and culture. Schools sponsored by the Christian churches, including the dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, play key roles in fostering the mutual understanding and respect essential for the future leadership of the region.

Funds collected at the Good Friday offering, with checks payable to "The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society" and a reference to "Good Friday offering" will be sent to DFMS.

GOOD FRIDAY BLOOD DRIVE

St. James will be holding our annual Blood Drive on Good Friday, April 3, from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Mills Hall. Watch the Sunday bulletin for more information as we get closer to Holy Week.

ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOW-UPS

At our Annual Meeting, we invited parishioners to share their dreams for our parish and the projects they would be interested in working on. The vestry is reviewing these ideas, and will begin to put together teams to work on some of them. We are very excited about the ways in which we as a community are responding to God's calling!

We were also delighted to hear that in 2014 we had a budget surplus, thanks to God's goodness, generous giving, and long-term trimming and deferring of spending. The vestry has decided that as tempting as it is to hold on to that money "in case of a rainy day," we will respond to God's goodness by using that money in four ways:

1. Outreach: We will tithe our surplus, with the money going towards outreach (working towards beginning to offset the cuts we made 7 years ago). \$1500
2. Dream money: seed money for new ministry and for development of existing ministry \$2500
3. Maintenance, for deferred projects: \$6000
4. Emergency fund for unanticipated needs : \$5000

- Alex Rich

SHE/CAP WORKSHOP

The Diocese of Long Island requires that all Vestry members, Eucharistic Visitors, those who work with children, staff, and building key holders undergo the Safe Church program on Sexual Harassment and Child Abuse Prevention training. St. Thomas of Canterbury Church in Smithtown is offering a workshop on Saturday, April 18. If you are in any of the above mentioned groups, please plan on signing up for this program,

which is at a much closer location than going in to Garden City. More information will be available as we approach the program date. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church. Additional workshops will be held at the Mercer School on April 25 and May 20.

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

We know there are people in our parish that have good voices. We invite you to try singing with the choir for Palm Sunday and Easter this year. Holiday services are that much more special when we have good music! We rehearse on Sunday mornings at 11:15 for about 45 minutes in the Webster room of the Christian Ed. building. Join us for a few Sundays, no commitment beyond that is necessary; you might enjoy singing with a group.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Would you like to help send care packages to our deployed troops? We will be running a collection drive to support a deployed troop from Norfolk, Virginia. We will be accepting donations of hygiene items, food, as well as financial donations to help with the costs of postage. Donations may include, but are not limited to:

Powder drink mixes (Gatorade, Propel, etc.)
Hard Candy
Gum
Chex Mix
Trail Mix
Granola
Peanut Butter
Protein Bars (Clif Bars, Power Bars, Supreme Bars, etc.)
Beef Jerky

Nuts
Baby Wipes
Travel size lotion, hand sanitizer, etc.
Puzzle Books
Small Nerf balls
Ziploc bags
Clear mailing tape

Donations may be given to Leah Tarantino of, if needed, can be picked up. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Leah at leah.tarantino@yahoo.com or 631-456-2902. Thank you.

- Leah Tarantino

GARDEN OF EVE FARM SHARE

Imagine... a weekly selection of the freshest, just-picked organic vegetables, straight from our farm to your table! What are the benefits?

Cook healthier, more delicious dishes; The share includes more than 40 varieties of vegetables which will challenge you to eat more fresh foods.

Help the environment; We do not use any toxic pesticides, herbicides, or chemical fertilizers.

Support your local farmers and the local economy; Enjoy farm visits and tours, CSA member potlucks, and a relationship with your farm.

There is a convenient pick up site right at St. James Church. You will be able to meet other community members when you make your pickup. For more information and to sign up, check out Garden of Eve's website at www.gardenofevfarm.com/csa.htm.

LUNCH BUNCH

The March meeting of the Lunch Bunch will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 12:30 p.m. at Ancient Ginger Restaurant, Route 25A, St. James, in the shopping center across from Hitherbrook Nursery. All parishioners and friends are invited to join in the fun and fellowship. Contact Fjeril Deal at 724-3720 to make your reservation.

WHAT'S MY FAITH?

Sunday, March 15, 5:00 to 6:30 PM
First Presbyterian Church of Smithtown
175 Main Street at Route 111

The Long Island Multi-Faith Forum presents its game show "What's My Faith?" followed by a panel discussion of religious beliefs, practices and customs of various faith communities. Can you tell a Muslim from a Jew by asking what they eat? Can you tell who is a Hindu by asking how often they attend worship services? Trying to do so is always informative, stereotype-shattering, and hilarious. All are invited to his program. A light supper will be served, so please RSVP to the church at 631-265-5151 if you plan to attend.

The Long Island Council of Churches and Auburn Theological Seminary launched the Long Island Multi-Faith Forum in 1993 to help people in our area understand their neighbors. The LIMFF unites hundreds of Islanders from eleven different faith communities and many races, nationalities, and cultures. Our volunteers represent the Bahai Faith, the Brahma Kumaris, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduisms, Islam, Jainism, Judaism, Native American Spirituality, Sikhism, and Unitarian Universalism. The Forum has presented more than 270 educational programs in schools, workplaces, and houses of worship, for audiences ranging from ten to 1100.

While most of our programs are done in English, we have also been able to accommodate requests for Spanish language and bi-lingual presentations and could try other languages as well. The Forum offers Multi-Faith Festivals in schools, and “Building Bridges” and “What’s My Faith” for houses of worship, workplaces, and community groups. To request a presentation, please contact Narinder Kapoor at paljikapoor@yahoo.com.

**THE RIGHT REVEREND
ORRIS G. WALKER, JR.**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Your prayers and presence are invited for the Diocese of Long Island Memorial Service for The Right Reverend Orris G. Walker, Jr., who died on February 28.

The service will be on Saturday, March 21, at 11 am at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City. Clergy are asked to arrive by 10:30 am to vest and process; white stoles.

A reception at Cathedral House will follow the service.

A Requiem Mass for Bishop Walker will be celebrated in Detroit this coming Saturday, March 7, 1:30 pm, at Christ Church, 960 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, MI.

Please continue to pray for God's consoling presence with all who mourn.

Bishop Walker became the Bishop Diocesan of Long Island in 1991 after serving as Bishop Coadjutor from the time of his consecration and ordination in 1989. He was bishop for 21 years, retiring in 2009.

His episcopate championed the cause of full inclusion of women in the ordained ministry

of the diocese. He was the first to ordain women in the diocese and was responsible for facilitating the full inclusion and participation of women in all aspects of diocesan life.

He was also responsible for widening the participation and full representation of laity in the ministry of the diocese -- especially their serving on diocesan boards and commissions.

Bishop Walker's episcopacy covered a difficult and sometimes controversial period in the history of the diocese, nevertheless, his dedication to the people of the Diocese of Long Island will forever stand as a testament to his love for Jesus Christ and his dedication to the ministry of the Church.

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

POSITIONS OPEN

Part Time Parish Administrator/Office Manager in Sayville

<http://www.dioceselongisland.org/announcementsDetail.php?Position-Open-Part-Time-Parish-Administrator-Office-Manager-in-Sayville-67>

Mentoring Coordinator, Episcopal Ministries of L.I. (Mastic Beach)

<http://www.dioceselongisland.org/cmsAdmin/uploads/emlimentoringcoordinator.pdf>

Program Director, Episcopal Ministries of L.I. (Garden City)

<http://www.dioceselongisland.org/cmsAdmin/uploads/programdirector.pdf>

MARCH CALENDAR

- 1 Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m. with
Children's Formation classes
- 2 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Lenten series on Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Knitters' group 11:30 a.m.
- 5 N.A. meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Yoga class 3:00 p.m.
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m. with
Children's Formation classes
- 9 North Suffolk Garden Club 8 a.m.
- 1 p.m. Mills Hall
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Family Bible study 5:30 p.m.
Lenten series on Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Knitters' group 11:30 a.m.
- 13 Nursery school basket dinner
5:00 p.m. - Mills Hall
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
Children's Formation classes
- 16 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Smithtown Book Club 7:00 p.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Knitters' group 11:30 a.m.
- 19 N.A. meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Yoga class 3:00 p.m.
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
Children's Formation classes
- 23 Vestry meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Family Bible study 5:30 p.m.
Lenten series 7:00 p.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Knitters group 11:30 a.m.

- Special Connections group
6:30 p.m. - Mills Hall
- 27 Yoga class 3:00 p.m.
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
 - 28 Piano recital 3:30 p.m.
 - 29 Palm Sunday
Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m. with
Palm Procession
 - 30 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
 - 31 Chrism Mass at Cathedral
(Rector)
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Anna Marie deLeyer
Tony DeVito
Ken Wille
Violette Baez
Gabi Reisenauer
Justine Guinaw
Wylie Hunt
Ruth Rutigliano
Derek Lally
Mary Jane DeVito
Michael LaMano
Matthew Trump
Ryan White

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff & Karen Smith
Ralph & Pat Martinsen
Doug & Robin Dahlgard
Jim & Nancy Petschauer

EASTER FLOWERS

Each year, the Altar Guild decorates the church for the Easter services. They invite you to give thanks for any blessings, or to honor the memory of a loved one by contributing money towards the purchase of flowers. This can be done by using the envelopes that will be available in the back of the church in the weeks before Easter, or by completing the form below, and mailing it with your check (payable to St. James Church) to the church by Monday, March 30.

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Easter Flower Offering

In thanksgiving for: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____
Amount: _____