



# Open Doors

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F R O M T H E



## “Keeping a Holy Week”

The title of this website article caught my attention.

I had always thought of the “holy” in “Holy Week” as part

of the noun, a particular time of year. I’d never really thought of it as an adjective, or not, at least, an adjective that applied to how I might live this week.

Keeping a holy week is not something I usually think about at this time of year. All around us Spring is in evidence. I’ve had crocuses in my back lawn for the last couple of weeks, and the daffodils are just waiting to burst into splendor. I saw a gorgeous bright cardinal drinking from my firepit (currently full of water rather than fire) yesterday, and the squirrels are becoming increasingly active. Add in school vacation, and it’s tempting to jump straight into the celebration of Easter, skipping over the dark events of Jesus’ last week on earth.

But to get to Easter, we have to pass through Good Friday. Easter is a celebration of Jesus’ resurrection, a resurrection that would not have happened had Jesus not died, that would not have mattered had he not died for our sakes. Good Friday is a time when we reflect on the incredible grace of God, and place ourselves in all our imperfection in

God’s hands, trusting that somehow, through the death of Jesus, God will forgive us.

Before Good Friday comes Maundy Thursday, a night when we remember Jesus’ last supper with his friends, when he instituted what we now call the Eucharist. We also remember his hours of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, struggling with his impending death.

And it all begins with Palm Sunday, when we remember Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey not as a king but as the prince of peace.

So how do we keep a Holy Week? Here are three suggestions:

1. Pay attention to each of these way stations, praying that God will give you understanding.
2. Participate in each of the liturgical celebrations of the week.
3. Take time to be quiet and reflect on the goodness and grace of God.

Blessings this Holy Week and Easter,

- Raewynne

## **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES**

### **March 28 - Palm Sunday**

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist I

9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist II

*beginning in Mills Hall with palm  
procession into church*

### **Maundy Thursday**

6:30 p.m. - Soup & Middle Eastern  
supper with Holy Eucharist

### **Good Friday**

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

Reflections

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Blood Drive

7:30 p.m. - Good Friday office

### **Holy Saturday**

7:00 p.m. - Easter vigil service

### **Easter Day**

8:00 a.m. - Celebration Holy  
Eucharist I

9:30 a.m. - Celebration Holy  
Eucharist II

parish, and to grow in commitment to our  
Lord and Savior.

***“Whatever gift each of you may have  
received, use it in service to one another.”***

*Peter 4:10*

***“And He called the twelve to Himself, and  
began to send them out two by two.”***

*Mark 6:7*

***“For where two or three are gathered  
together in My name, I am there in the  
midst of them.”***

*Matthew 18:20*

Each member of the Vestry will take on a leadership role in the various committees that have been established to help with the organization and mission of the parish. In addition, other parish members will lead or serve on these committees. It is our intention to organize the work so there is opportunity for all to serve, and for all to use their individual and special talents and gifts. Taking a lesson from Jesus in Mark 6:7, it is our desire that none of us go at it alone. That, as a team and with God’s help, anything is possible. This is how we believe our ministry will grow and how the parish as a whole will be strengthened.

## **WORDS FROM THE WARDENS**

Each year when new members are elected to the Vestry, we as a group take time to reflect on the St. James mission statement. In order to effectively facilitate this reflection we attend a Vestry Retreat. This year we will be traveling to Trinity Conference Center in Connecticut the weekend of April 16. Please pray for us as we gather to study what it means to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, learn to support each other, and discern our mission here at St. James. In doing this we hope to better serve you, our

As we write this spring has arrived (we hope it is not just a tease) and we are enjoying the annual renewal of life. The temperatures are rising, the sun is shining, and the plants are beginning their growth.

We encourage you to attend all events and services during Holy Week. We begin by carrying palms into our church to commemorate our Lord’s entry into Jerusalem. There is triumphant joy, but the mood changes as we look towards Christ’s betrayal, suffering and death with the reading of the Passion. On Maundy

Thursday we gather to celebrate the Last Supper, and remember Jesus' example of service to one another, when he washed his disciples' feet. On Good Friday we come together to reflect on the death of Jesus. On Saturday night the Easter Vigil begins in darkness, but is soon alight with hope and the sound of "Alleluia" as we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord and God, and the promise of the Gospel it brings. On Easter Sunday, and throughout the Easter season we continue to celebrate the good news of the Gospel: that "the Lord has risen indeed!"

We wish you, your family, and friends a Blessed Easter filled with love and joy, and that you may rejoice in God's creation.

*- Pat & Chris*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD  
& SOUP SUPPER**

On Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2010, we will be having our Middle Eastern Pot Luck & Soup Supper, beginning at 6:30 in Mills Hall. Please bring some Middle Eastern food (i.e., hummus, dates, figs, grain dishes), pita bread, juice, or red wine to share. Soup will be provided. Following the supper, we will proceed to the church for a Eucharist, and the stripping of the altar. Please sign up for the supper on Sunday, or call the office to let us know you are coming so we may set up enough tables. All are welcome.

*- Kathy Mauro*

**GOOD FRIDAY BLOOD DRIVE**

Our Blood Drive this year will be held in Mills Hall on Friday, April 2, from 3 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Blood donors must be 16 through 76 years of age, and present identification with signature or photo. We would love to have members of our youth group each bring a friend to donate. Each time you donate blood you'll earn Red Cell Advantage points, redeemable for gifts and gift cards. For any questions about medical eligibility, please call 1-800-688-0900.

*- Edna Rousseau*

**JAM SESSIONS TO BEGIN**

In preparation for the upcoming Strawberry Festival, we will be starting our jam making sessions on Thursday, April 8 at 4:30 p.m., and continuing on Thursdays through June 10. We invite anyone who is interested to come out and help make delicious jams and salsas to sell at the Festival.

If you can't attend, but would like to contribute to help defray expenses for the sugar, pectin, fruit, jars and lids, monetary donations are gratefully accepted. Contact Nancy Rasmussen (724-2083) for further information.

## JESUS AND THE CHILDREN ICON

We have received an anonymous gift of an icon for the Sunday School wing. The icon depicts the verse from Matthew 19:13-15 The Little Children and Jesus: *“Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’ When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.” (NIV)*

We will dedicate the icon on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 a.m. service. As part of that dedication, we invite any parishioners with icons or Christian works of art to share and explain these items to our parish youth. If you are interested in presenting, or would like to loan an item to the CFE committee for presentation, please contact Kathy Sides, Chris Mauro, or the office, by April 5<sup>th</sup>.

- *Chris Mauro*

## ST. JAMES ARCHIVIST SOCIETY

The first meeting of the St. James Archivist Society will be held on Monday, April 12, at 10 a.m. In addition to organizing church records, we will identify, collect, inventory, preserve, store, and display objects that have a religious and/or historical connection to our church. If you cannot attend this first meeting, let Pat Westlake know that you are interested in assisting with these vital tasks. Times and dates of future meetings will be scheduled to coordinate with the committee members' schedules.

- *Pat Westlake*

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

All who are interested in Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church, or are just interested in an inquiry of our Episcopal faith, are hereby called to attend an “Inquirer’s Class” to be held on Sundays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Webster room. This will be a 7 week series that will explore an outline of our faith, commonly referred to as “The Catechism.” Episcopal theology as it is revealed in the “Nicene Creed” and “The Lord’s Prayer” will also be studied. In addition, “The Episcopal Handbook” will be used to familiarize ourselves with the practice of our faith traditions. Classes will be held on April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 16, 23, and June 6. Attendance is mandatory for Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church at the Diocesan Confirmation service on June 19. All who are planning to attend should notify the church office or contact Chris Mauro.

- *Chris Mauro*

## FESTIVAL OF FILMS & FAITH

The Festival of Films and Faith will be held again this year at Theatre Three in Port Jefferson. The Festival is sponsored by the Greater Port Jefferson-Northern Brookhaven Arts Council, various churches in the area, and Protestant Campus Ministry at Stony Brook University.

The dates are:

Thursday, April 8 - “Longford”

Thursday, April 29 - “Gran Torino”

All films begin at 7 p.m. Each evening will conclude with refreshments donated by the participating churches.

“Longford” is a thought-provoking story inspired by real events in the life of British Lord Frank Parkenham, the 7<sup>th</sup> Earl of Longford, and his controversial headline-making friendship with Moors murderer Myra Hindley, one of England’s most notorious criminals. Longford, a devout Catholic, often visited prisoners because of his passionate belief in forgiveness and society’s need for prisoner rehabilitation.

“Gran Torino,” directed by Clint Eastwood, is the story of Walt Kowalski, an embittered Korean War veteran who has just lost his wife and who can’t get along with his kids or his neighbors. When his neighbor, Thao, a young Hmong teenager, tries to steal Walt’s prize possession, a 1972 Gran Torino, Walt sets out to reform the youth. Drawn against his will into the life of Thao’s family, Walt is soon taking steps to protect them from the gangs that infest their neighborhood.

The second and third films will be followed by a panel discussion led by interfaith clergy and laypersons who will explore how the film intersects with our faith practices.

Free tickets will be available in our narthex.

- Sue Krall

## PEOPLE IN THE PEWS

*This month’s column features Ann & Ron Tebbutt.*

### **Ann:**

I am one of those “cradle Episcopalians” you hear about. I grew up in Westchester County, NY, and attended a small Episcopal church with my family. I went to an Episcopal Diocesan High School in

Connecticut. Ron and I got married right after we graduated from college and, because Ron was a Communications Officer in the Air Force, we attended Episcopal churches in Biloxi, Mississippi, Mary Esther, Florida (Gulf Coast), Okinawa, Shelter Island (post Air Force) and finally, St. James. Our two boys, Kevin and Brian were born on Okinawa – at a cost of \$6.00 each. I wonder if anyone can beat that price??? Kelly was born in Smithtown General Hospital for a lot more than that!

We have been members of St. James for 37 years and were initially drawn here, as so many others have been, because of the warmth and friendliness of the parishioners. I have been in Altar Guilds of all the churches we have attended, as well as a member of the choirs. When we moved to Shelter Island, 42 years ago, I became a Lay Eucharistic Minister, and the congregation was surprised to have the first female serving on the altar; some were NOT so happy. Because of the distance from Garden City, all my initial training was ‘on the job training’ by the priest. We moved to Stony Brook 37 years ago, and I was surprised that here also there were no women or girls serving on the altar of St. James. There were some male parishioners who were reluctant to take communion from me, as a female, when I was on the schedule (so much for women’s lib)!

At St. James I have been on the Vestry, some Search Committees, choir member, Sunday School teacher, head of the Women’s Guild, Head of the Acolytes, Altar Guild, Prayer Chain, and Helping Hands. St. James is our ‘other’ family, and our ministry here has been fulfilling spiritually. I think of a church as not just a Sunday ‘thing.’ The people here reach out to those in our parish,

as well as the surrounding community, with warmth and love. We are a caring parish.

When I was 46 I decided to become a science teacher after having done Biochemistry cancer research at Brookhaven National Laboratories. SUNY Stony Brook gave me my Masters degree. I loved working with children and trying to inspire them in science for twenty years: I just retired last June, and continue to play tennis even more now!! We are anxious to move to Fredericksburgh, VA, closer to our daughter, but near airports so we can fly to Kevin and family in Arkansas, and Brian and family in Texas, and see more of our five grandchildren.

*The Lord is my strength and my shield;  
my heart trusts in him and I am helped.  
My heart leaps for joy and I will give  
thanks to him in song. Psalm 28:7*

#### **Ron:**

In contrast to Ann, I grew up as a Presbyterian under the watchful eye of a stern Presbyterian minister (my grandfather). When other kids played ball on Sundays, I did not. However, I did grow up with church being an important part of my life and a sound basis for my spiritual life today.

Ann and I met on a blind date when we were juniors in college. We were married two years later, and we began our five and a half years in the U.S. Air Force. During that time I became an Episcopalian, as we felt it was important for us to worship together, and I preferred the liturgy of the Episcopal church. An interesting tidbit: the day I was received into the church, we had dinner with Mormon friends and two Mormon missionaries appeared on their doorstep to convert us!

After our life in the Air Force, we returned to the U.S. and we lived for two years on Shelter Island, where I ventured into an entrepreneurial career with Ann's brothers, trying to build a chain of marinas, which was an interesting endeavor, but a financial disaster. Subsequent to that I worked for twenty-eight years managing an auto recycling firm until I retired in 2005.

My life at St. James Church began in 1973, but until 1978 I was unable to participate actively because I worked seven days a week in the "family venture." In 1980, Father Webster asked me to be on the Auxiliary Vestry, and that began service on the Vestry, church Warden on three separate occasions, serving as a Eucharistic Minister, fundraising chair for our capital campaign in 1992, Bread for the World representative, Pineapple Corps chair, choir member, and Sunday School Teacher.

In answering some items of the 'script' we were given for this article, I enjoy playing "at" golf, reading novels, the current one being The Last Man Standing by David Baldacci. If I were to start another career? It surely wouldn't be the marina business.

As you can see, St. James has been a great focus of our lives for the last 37 years, and we consider it our community of faith and its people our second family. It will be very hard for us to leave this "family," but one reason we chose Virginia was that it will be possible to come back and see our friends, and we intend to do just that!

## OUTREACH

**Global gift cards** of \$25.00 given to outgoing Vestry members, were donated to the following programs:

- \* Restoring hope to trafficked girls in Cambodia
- \* Educating Afghan girls
- \* Promoting economic independence for women in Central America

**The daffodil sale** to benefit the American Cancer Society brought in \$360. Thank you to all who purchased daffodils or donated their daffodils to a cancer patient. Special thanks go to Pat Martinsen and Brooke and Joe Moos for helping with this outreach program.

**Our Friday Fast for Lent continues.** We will donate the money everyone saves from lunch to Episcopal Relief and Development for their work on behalf of earthquake victims. If you are writing a check, please make an appropriate notation on the memo line.

**Seaman's Church Institute** will be given scarves and hats that our parishioners are knitting and crocheting during Lent.

**The Shawl Ministry** is creating beautiful shawls to keep ill parishioners warm. Raewynne blessed several on March 21 before they were to be given as gifts. Thank you to all who have taken on this ministry of love. For more information, contact Wylie Hunt at 751-5618.

**Our annual Blood Drive** will take place on Good Friday, April 2, from 3-7:30 p.m. in Mills Hall. For information, contact Edna Rousseau at 584-7853.

**A concert to benefit Haiti** is being planned at St. James for June 6. Please put this date on your calendar.

**The Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry** and the hungry in our midst are always with us. Ask Pat Westlake which foods and supplies the pantry could use the most.

- Sue Krall

## IMPORTANT DATES TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

**June** 6 - Concert for Haiti  
12 - Strawberry Festival  
19 - Confirmation

**July** 25 - Feast of St. James  
Church picnic

**August** - our month at the Food Pantry

**September**  
18 - Pig Roast

**October**  
3 - Blessing of the Animals  
16 - Harvest Festival

**November**  
1 - All Saints' Day Party & Pot Luck Supper

## BOOK SIGNING & BAGEL BRUNCH

On Sunday, April 11 at 12 noon, Temple Beth Sholom of Smithtown is hosting a Book Signing and Bagel Brunch featuring Elizabeth Bettina, author of It Happened in Italy. Untold stories of how the people of Italy defied the horrors of the holocaust. Joining Elizabeth will be Vincent Mamorale,

an educator and historian who was instrumental in providing historical information on this period in history. Additionally, Elizabeth will bring at least one, possibly more, of those survivors, who will share their personal stories.

Tickets are \$5.00 per person. Reservations may be made by calling the temple office at 724-0424. Books will be available for purchase at a discounted price at the event.

### NEWS OF THE PARISH FAMILY

A little leprechaun told us that our very own Sophie Moos was a St. Patrick's Day parade Princess! We'll bet she was a standout and hope you got to see her at the parade on March 21.

### ITEMS FOR SALE

Casio keyboard           \$45.00  
Louis Vuitton red handbag with  
dustcover bag & original box  
  \$550.00  
Sailboat engine - call for details  
                                  - *Alexis & Peter Cahill*  
                                  265-0719

### ADOPT A CAT!

Buddha, a pretty black and white adult spayed female cat needs a home! Her owners must find a new home for her due to health issues. She is feisty, in good health, and all immunizations are current. She is an

indoor/outdoor cat. If you have the room in your home (and your heart) contact Eileen and Bill Robinson at 360-3515 or [erobins522@optonline.net](mailto:erobins522@optonline.net).

### APRIL CALENDAR

- 1 **Maundy Thursday**  
Soup & Middle Eastern food  
Supper & Holy Eucharist 6:30
- 2 **Good Friday**  
Good Friday Meditations  
12 - 3 p.m.  
Blood Drive 3 - 7:30 p.m.  
Good Friday office 7:30 p.m.  
Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 3 **Holy Saturday**  
Altar Guild prep 9 a.m.  
Easter Vigil 7 p.m.
- 4 **Easter Day**  
Celebration Holy Eucharist 8 am  
Celebration Holy Eucharist 9:30  
a.m.
- 5 Easter Monday - office closed  
Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Bible study 10 a.m.  
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Knitting group 10:30 a.m.
- 8 Yoga class 4:30 p.m.  
Jam making 4:30 p.m.  
Buildings & Grounds 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Holy Eucharist I 8 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist II with Sunday



- school 9:30 a.m.  
 Parish Life Committee 11:15 a.m.  
 Inquirers' class 11:15 a.m.
- 12 Archivist Group meeting 10 a.m.  
 C.F.E. Committee 7:30 p.m.  
 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Bible study 10 a.m.  
 Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Knitting group 10:30 a.m.
- 15 Yoga class 4:30 p.m.  
 Jam making 4:30 p.m.  
 N.A. meeting 7:30 p.m.  
 Choir rehearsal 8 p.m.
- 16 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 16 - 18 Vestry retreat
- 17 Mills Hall rental - piano recital
- 18 Holy Eucharist I 8 a.m.  
 Holy Eucharist II & Sunday  
 school 9:30 a.m.  
 Inquirers' class 11:15 a.m.
- 19 Finance Committee 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Bible study 10 a.m.  
 Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Knitting group 10:30 a.m.
- 22 Yoga class 4:30 p.m.  
 Jam making 4:30 p.m.  
 Choir rehearsal 8 p.m.
- 23 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Holy Eucharist I 8 a.m.  
 Holy Eucharist II & Sunday  
 school 9:30 a.m.  
 Inquirers' class 11:15 a.m.
- 26 Vestry meeting 7:30 p.m.  
 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Bible study 10 a.m.

- Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Knitting group 10:30 a.m.
- 29 Yoga class 4:30 p.m.  
 Jam making 4:30 p.m.  
 Choir rehearsal 8 p.m.
- 30 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- Hank Hull  
 Amanda Mercep  
 Karen Douglass  
 David Douglass  
 Kenneth Grigoletto  
 Fjeril Deal  
 Heidi Glogg  
 Andrew Pfitzer  
 Bryan Petschauer  
 Lindsey Noack  
 Christopher Noack  
 Thomas LaMano III  
 Richard Tracy  
 Arlyne Gureck  
 Joseph LaMano  
 Mike Neyssen

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

- Hank & Eileen Hull

