

The Chart

January 2008

Letter from the Rector

January 1, 2008

Dear Friends:

This letter (written on Friday, the 28th of December) is my first opportunity to write the year 2008. It is always a funny feeling to move from one year to another. I would like to wish you a healthy and happy 2008.

We hope that 2008 will be a good and productive year for Christ Church. In the first week of January we will go to closing on the house at 66 George Street. The sale price is \$750,000, most of which will go into endowment—after paying some of the outstanding bills for legal services. The application for the redevelopment of the land on which the Parish House is located has been filed with the Town of North Hempstead. The application calls for senior housing with individual apartments of various sizes and configurations. Although there may be changes in the plans as the process with the Town of North Hempstead moves forward, at present it looks like our new Parish House will be located near Northern Boulevard with parking for the church in closer proximity than we currently have. The Parish House will be two stories with full handicapped access and the capability of having a third story if and when we need additional space. The proposed buildings will blend with the church and provide a unified campus feeling.

The process of physically getting from where we are to where we need to be will be daunting. At some point the Parish House will be demolished and it is hard to predict where we will be in the construction of the new Parish House when the old Parish House comes down. It is possible that we will rent space in the area or rent the temporary buildings that are seen at schools and hospitals. In any case, we will work diligently to keep our parish programs in tact.

In the shorter time-frame, please note that since Easter is early this year (March 23rd), Ash Wednesday (February 6th) and Lent are early as well. Our Lenten program, which we will again share with St. Stephen's Church in Port Washington, will be announced in the coming weeks.

Finally, please note that the Feast of the Epiphany falls on a Sunday this year, hence we will have a full celebration of the arrival of the Wise Men at all services of January 6th.

This comes with my best wishes.

Sincerely,

The Rev'd David B. Lowry, Rector

Parish Notes:

Sunshine Ministry

The Sunshine Ministry is looking for volunteers to join in their ministry of sending small notes and cards to those who are celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, need a get well message or just a "sunny" note. They meet on Thursday morning immediately following the 10am Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Please come to the office on Thursday mornings or call the parish office at 627-2184 if you have any questions and would like to participate.

St. Stephen's/Christ Church Epiphany Dance

You have probably received a formal invitation to the **Epiphany Ball** sponsored by St. Stephen's Church in Port Washington. The date is Saturday, January 19 starting at 7:00 PM at the Village Club of Sands Point. This is the 53rd anniversary of the dance. The cost is \$100 per person—the experience, however, is priceless. If you have not received the formal invitation in the mail, please contact the Christ Church office.

Education Programs at Christ Church—Winter and Spring, 2008

In addition to the joint Christ Church-St. Stephen's Church Lenten Program, the following adult education programs will be offered at Christ Church in the coming months.

1. Paul and the Development of Early Christian Theology: Paul was the first and the most influential Christian theologian. His letters are a testament to his fertile theological mind. It was Paul that set in juxtaposition law and grace and Paul was the great ethicist of the early Christian movement. We will be reading Paul's most influential letters (Galatians, I Corinthians, Ephesians and his *magnum opus*, the letter to the Romans) as well as a recent study of Paul's life and his theology. Classes will be held on Monday evenings, January 28, February 11, February 25, March 10, April 7 and April 28.
2. The Body Politic and the Body of Christ: Although Jesus set out a significant separation between the Roman Empire (the body politic) and the Body of Christ—that is, the Church—the two bodies have, for many centuries, been aligned and at many times been indivisible. In colonial America, a division between the church and the state was set out in the Constitution. However, that separation has never been complete and the lines between church and state in the United States have been eroding. In this education offering we will look at the history of church and state from the founding of the church until the present, with special interest in the relationship of church and state in the history of the United States and how well the division between established religion and state governance has worked in the United States. This program will start after Easter. The class will meet on Wednesdays, April 2, 16 and 30 and May 14.

Lent 2008

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 6. There will be services of the Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 AM, 12:00 noon and 7:30 PM. The 7:30 Eucharist will be a choral celebration.

On Wednesday evenings in Lent (February 13, 20, 27 and March 5 and 12, Christ Church and St. Stephen's Church will have joint Lenten programs covering the topic of *religious toleration and religious violence in a globalized world*. Religious toleration is a hallmark of the Western World since the Enlightenment and is a crucial part of American religious and civic life. Even though we have failed to be a tolerant as we say we want to be, our sense of who we are is typified by words such as 'accepting' and 'understanding.'

However, the religious history of the three monotheistic religions is far from tolerant and accepting. Over a five-week period we will look at tolerance and intolerance within our religious histories and try to find a way in which we can be a fully believing community that is also accepting of the 'other.'

The programs, which will alternate sites (the February 13, 27 and March 12 programs will be at Christ Church; February 20 and March 5 programs will be at St. Stephen's), will begin with soup and salad at 7:00 PM; the programs will begin at 7:45 and the program will conclude by 9:00 PM.

Vestry Nominations and Annual Parish Meeting:

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of Christ Church, Manhasset will take Sunday, February 3 following the 10:00 AM celebration of the Holy Eucharist. All contributing members of Christ Church are welcome to vote at that meeting for members of the Vestry and all other business that may come before the meeting. All people who attend Christ Church are welcome to attend. At the Annual Meeting a number of important reports will be made to the parish family and discussion will be held on topics of importance to the members of Christ Church.

The Nominating Committee (made up of Peter Andel, Penny Tadler, Carole Beinecke, Holly Melichar, Audrey Eisser, Susan Bunyon and Heather Bennett) has nominated the following persons for to serve on the Vestry: Scott Ivers (Warden, 2 years), Jeannine Daly (Vestry, 3years), Kathleen McGill (Vestry, 3years), Cathy Trezza (Vestry, 1 year for the unexpired term of Scott Ivers).

We are in need of one further member of the Vestry to serve a full 3 year term. In accordance with the by-laws of Christ Church all contributing members of the parish who are 18 years of age or older, and who wish to serve on the Vestry, are encouraged to place their names in nomination for election to the Vestry, nomination forms are available in the parish office. If you wish to be nominated for a position on the Vestry including that of Warden, please submit a nomination form, with a second by a contributing member of the parish to the parish office including the written consent of the nominee by Friday, January 18, 2008. If there are sufficient nominations we will have a contested election. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Peter Andel 944-9482 or the Rector at 627-2184.

♪ Music notes from Kyle Babin, Organist & Director of Music

As we move into the Epiphany season, we hope to increase membership in both of our choirs at Christ Church. We are especially in need of volunteer basses (as well as any other vocal parts), so if you have any desire to join our music program, please talk to me after a service, e-mail me at kbabin80@yahoo.com, or simply give me a call at 917-509-1762. We welcome all people who love music!

We also wish to re-think the structure of the Junior Choir and its rehearsal schedule. **Accordingly, we will have an organizational meeting after the service on Sunday, January 13 in my office in the Parish House.** Parents of *any* children who are interested in participating in music at Christ Church are encouraged to attend. Singing in choirs is a wonderful and life-changing experience for all children, and I urge you to consider this opportunity for your own children.

Music is an important part of liturgical life at Christ Church and always has been. It is also a rich element of the Episcopal Church's heritage. Thus, our desire at Christ Church is to continue this tradition and to constantly expand and enhance it.

All best wishes for a wonderful Epiphany season!

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Happy Birthday!!

We are pleased to congratulate these friends and parishioners who have birthdays this month...

Erica Ryan, Ward Wright, Susan Bunyon, Caroline Carr, Holly Melichar, Decker Paterson, Corrine Riggan, Nicole Sevely, Nicole Winters, Joseph Sevely, Christopher Hegyesi, William Riggan, James Carr, Carol Allen, William Siener, Lisa Ciaccio, Debbie Czeglédy, Audrey Eisser, Christine Bunyon and Brian Wedeking.

Happy Anniversary!!!

Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversaries for this month... Mark and Susan Bunyon, James and Carole McCarvill, Joseph and Ida Miletich.

SUNDAY READINGS & ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS FOR THE SUNDAYS IN JANUARY

THE EPIPHANY – JANUARY 6, 2007

Isaiah 50:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Gregory Hills, Emily Green & Family
& Gil Green by the Carr Family,

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD, 1 EPIPHANY – JANUARY 13, 2007

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Catherine & Warren Hill Lucille & Ferdinand Koch
by the Koch Family

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – JANUARY 20, 2007

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-12; 1 Corinthians 1:1-19; John 1:29-42

Altar flowers are given in loving memory John G. Johnston
by Beverly Johnston

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – JANUARY 27, 2007

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1,5-13; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Harold Roberts
by Dorisene Roberts & Family

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