

The Chart

April 2008

April 1, 2008

Dear Friends,

It seems perverse to be at the beginning of April and have Easter behind rather than before us. In spite of the cold and unpredictable weather from Palm Sunday through Holy Week and Easter, we had a marvelous spiritual and liturgical journey during that holy time at Christ Church. The flowers were beautiful; the Easter Family Eucharist was a special treat for all (and wonderful for all the young children who were there), and the Festival Eucharist was special for the music—choral and brass. Special thanks go to Kathy Hoffmann for all her work preparing the programs for all of Holy Week and Easter, to Kyle Babin, the choir and the brass players for the music, to Diana Tadler and the Altar Guild for the decorating of the church, to the Eucharistic ministers, the readers and the acolytes for all their efforts to make the liturgies go so well. Our Easter attendance exceeded 300, which is very good.

The Easter season extends for fifty days—that is through the Feast of Pentecost. This year Pentecost falls on May 11, which is also Mother's Day and the visit of the Bishop of Long Island to Christ Church. We will 'do that day up royally' for all three events. Prior to that day of solemnity and celebration, our choir will be singing at Evensong and Benediction at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin in New York City (46th Street between Broadway and Sixth Avenue) on Sunday afternoon, April 27 (and I will be preaching as well at that service) and the choir will reprise much of the program the following Sunday, May 4 at Christ Church. We plan to follow our Evensong with an informal parish party. Please do mark the date now—more details will be forthcoming.

Finally, the developer which has entered into an agreement with Christ Church to purchase part of the campus has begun the process of getting zoning changes and permits to build a senior housing facility. There will be much debate about there plan. This is a normal process for real estate developments such as this. Christ Church is NOT a co-developer of this project. However, Christ Church is most interested in the successful development of the project. I suspect you will hear much about the proposals (pro-and-con) in the *Manhasset Press* and elsewhere. I will try to keep you informed about how we see the process unfolding.

This comes with my best wishes for a blessed Easter season and a seasonable spring.

Sincerely,

Rev. David B. Lowry, Rector

Parish Notes:

Adult Education—Easter Season

There will be two adult education offerings this Easter season: the continuation of the study of the **Epistles of Paul** and a new offering titled **The Body Politic and the Body of Christ**. In the former we will finish the reading of the Paul's First Letter to the Church at Corinth and will then look at the Epistle to the Romans in its entirety. In the closing sessions we will look at short, but important sections of the other authentic and Pseudo-Pauline Letters (especially Colossians, Ephesians and Philippians).

The remaining sessions are as follows:

Monday, April 7 (1 Corinthians)

Monday, April 21 (Romans)

Monday, May 5 (other Epistles)

The course of **the Body Politic and the Body of Christ** will focus on the unique interconnection of religion (especially Christianity) and politics in the United States. Although much is made of the imprint of religion and Enlightenment political thought in the United States as exemplified in the lives and thoughts of our founding fathers, reality is that the uniqueness of American religious faith and political practice must be traced much further back in our history—that is to the way in which North America was 'peopled' in the 17th century and how the various geographic regions established their ways of living and relating (if necessary) to other groups inside and outside their colonies. Although there is an extensive bibliography for this course, there will be no book for participants to read. The sessions will be held as follows:

Wednesday, April 23

Wednesday, April 30

Wednesday, May 14

Wednesday, May 28

Christ Church Pictorial Guide

There is still time to sign-up to be part of the new (and much improved) Christ Church Pictorial Guide. The photo sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, April 16 and Thursday, April 17 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Parish House.

We will provide soup, salad and cookies to make it as easy (and pleasant) as possible for you. Sign-up sheets will be in the church and you may call the church (627-2184) to make an appointment.

Music notes:

Although it is difficult to believe, Holy Week and Easter have passed. I am grateful to the choir's unbelievably hard work, including extra rehearsals, which made the events of that important week so successful. I also thank those who contributed to the Easter music fund, for the grandeur of the music could not have been achieved without such assistance.

Despite the passing of Easter, the choir has several more exciting events before the choral season ends on Sunday, May 18. The first such event is on Sunday, April 27, at the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in New York City. Located in Times Square (145 West Forty-sixth Street, between Sixth and Seventh Avenues), Saint Mary's has historically been known as "Smoky Mary's" because of the proliferation of incense used at its very "high" services. The Christ Church Adult Choir, joined by the Junior Choir for one piece, will sing for Choral Evensong on April 27 at 5 p.m. I hope many of you can attend this beautiful service in a landmark New York City building with a glorious acoustic.

The following Sunday, May 4, the two choirs will sing Choral Evensong here at Christ Church at 5 p.m. This will be similar to the St. Mary's service, but not identical. So, please come to both!

Finally, mark your calendars, for on Pentecost Sunday, May 11, which is also Mother's Day and the visit of the bishop, the choir will be singing some special music. It will include a spiritual and Gospel music and is sure to be a spirit-filled occasion. I hope to see you at all of these services.

Sincerely,
Kyle

Happy Birthday!!

We are pleased to congratulate these friends and parishioners who have birthdays during this month... Betsy Hill Ciaccio, Nicholas Cyprus, Michael Ryan, Bob Carpenter, Lucy Chaly, Emma McMahon, Christine Allen, William Allen, Analiese Deosaran, Jane Lightcap, Peter Andel, Allison Melichar, Alex John Storozum, Kate Phillips.

Happy Anniversary!!!

Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversaries for this month... Ted and Carole Beinecke, Lou and Marge Trapp, Bob and Betts Carpenter, Ward & Peggy Wright, William and Terry Rigin.

Calendar for the Month of April

Tuesday, April 1	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, April 2	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Thursday, April 3	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer`	Chapel
	9:15 AM	Bible Study	Office
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry	Parish House
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir	Parish House
Friday, April 4	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Saturday, April 5	5:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal	Church
Sunday, April 6 - Easter 3	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	9:30 AM	Children's Service	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Sunday School	Parish House
10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist	Church	
	11:15 AM	Junior Choir	Church
	4:00 PM	Wedding	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, April 7	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	7:30 PM	Pauline Letters	Guild Room
Tuesday, April 8	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, April 9	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Thursday, April 10	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	9:15 AM	Bible Study	Office
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry	Parish House
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir	Parish House
Friday, April 11	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Saturday, April 12	12:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal	
Sunday, April 13 Easter 4	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	9:30 AM	Children's Service	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Sunday School	Parish House
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church	
	11:15 AM	Junior Choir	Church
	2:30 PM	Wedding	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, April 14	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel

Tuesday, April 15	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, April 16	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	3 to 9:30PM	<u>Parish Photographs</u>	Parish House
Thursday, April 17	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry	Parish House
	3 to 9:30PM	<u>Parish Photographs</u>	Parish House
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir	Parish House
Friday, April 18	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Saturday, April 19			
Sunday, April 20 - Easter 5	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	9:30 AM	Children's Service	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Sunday School	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist	Church
	11:15 AM	Junior Choir	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, April 21	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	7:30 PM	Pauline Letters	Guild Room
Tuesday, April 22	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, April 23	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	7:30 PM	Body Politic, Body of Christ	Guild Room
Thursday, April 24	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	9:15 AM	Bible Study	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry	Parish House
Friday, April 25	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Saturday, April 26			
Sunday, April 27 – Easter 6	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	9:30 AM	Children's Service	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Sunday School	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist	Church
	5:00 PM	Choir Sings At St. Mary the Virgin, NYC	
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Monday, April 28	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	7:45 PM	Vestry Meeting	Guild Room
Tuesday, April 29	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, April 30	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	7:30 PM	Body Politic, Body of Christ	Guild Room