

Letter from the Rector

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Dear Friends,

We are now in the midst of Lent. By tradition, Lent is the time when Christians ask the important questions about their lives and their faith. Yet it is not a time for getting out our *hair-shirts*. Our reflection on faith is not intended to invoke shame or guilt. Lent is a time for making decisions about God's plan for our lives and our commitment to find ways to better realize the fullness of life in the Gospel. If fasting helps you in that process of personal discernment, that is great; you should keep to your Lenten fast. However, if fasting is undertaken as an end rather than a means to a greater spiritual exploration, it is of little or no value.

Life keeps getting busier. Much of the time it is filled with useful activities; but even useful activities can divert us from important activities. I am trying to use Lent as a time

to look at all the things I do and ask whether I should be doing all of them. There are times when I am trying to do so many things (most of which are good) that I believe I am doing nothing terribly well—and that means I am not doing the best I can do. I hope that by the end of Lent I will have sorted out some of these issues and I will be ready to celebrate new life in Christ.

I do have a few suggestions to make for Lent. First, take some quiet time. Think about your life: consider your relationships; ask whether you are using your time in a way you believe to be productive. Second, take some time for prayer. Praying does not need to be formal—it should be more from the heart than from the mind. Pray about what is most important to you. And third, find something you can do for someone else—someone who really needs your help.

I hope that some of these musings will help you have a genuinely blessed Lent—and be prepared for a truly joyful Easter.

With blessings,

David +

Parish Notes:

Episcopal Charities Appeal

Episcopal Charities provides funding for many valuable outreach programs through out Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties. Through our financial support rather than through our time and energy, we can make a great difference in the lives of people. The Annual Appeal has started. We hope to complete the appeal before Holy Week. Flyers about Episcopal Charities will be available in the church please do pick one up and read about the work that is supported by Episcopal Charities Appeal. The goal for Christ Church is \$8,000. The Rector and his wife are contributing \$1000 toward that goal that leaves only \$7,000 more for Christ Church. Your continued generosity is appreciated.

Shared Lenten Program – 2012 Wednesday Evenings 7:00 PM

During Lent, the congregations of Christ Church, Manhasset, St. Stephen's Port Washington and Trinity Church, Roslyn will [study the relationship between the Church \(our Christian Faith and Life\)](#)

and the broader society in which we live and work. In the midst of our current political debates which speak often and in a conflicted way about faith in a society which is increasingly secular, this topic is timely and important. This program will continue throughout Lent with alternating sessions at Christ Church and at St. Stephens, Port Washington.

All sessions will begin with soup and salad dinner at 7:00pm and the discussions will begin promptly at 7:45pm. The programs will end with Compline at 8:45pm. Please feel free to invite your friends in the community to join with us for this program.

**St. Stephen's, Port Washington – March 7 and March 21.
Christ Church, Manhasset – March 14 and March 28.**

Confirmation Class Schedule (Spring 2012)

The dates when Confirmation Class will meet are listed below. These dates take into account the school breaks and holidays listed on the Manhasset Public School website. Due to holidays and breaks, some meeting dates do not follow the 'every other week' rule of thumb; note these dates especially in March. Classes meet from 11:30am-12:30pm on these dates. Please, feel free to contact me if you ever have questions or concerns. **March 11, March 18, May 20, June 3.**

Men's Dinner—Monday, March 12

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day (a little early), the men will have a dinner at 7:30pm at the Rectory. The fare will be "Irish", the beer will be Guinness, the bread will be Irish soda, the cost will be **\$10** and the sign-up sheet will be in the church.

"Singers needed for Easter!"

Would you like to join the Chapel Choir for the Easter season? All children in grades 2 through 8 are welcome. We rehearse on Thursdays from 5 to 6, and we will be singing at the 9:00 service on Easter Sunday, April 8. Please come this Thursday to have a look or email the director for more information Pavlovich.Laura@gmail.com."

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Happy Birthday!!

We are pleased to congratulate these friends and parishioners this month on their birthdays...

Kayla Deosaran, Ida Miletich, Mary Lowry, Katelyn Bennett, Carter Paterson, Indu Subaiya, Jack Cyprus, Ruth Mishrick, Dana Sevely, Marjorie Kippins.

Happy Anniversary!!!

Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversaries for this month... Fred and Annemarie Schreiber, James and Karyn Sherwood.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

THERE ARE NO ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS OR THANK OFFERINGS DURING LENT

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 4, 2012

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:22-30; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 11, 2012

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 18, 2012

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 2:41-52

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 25, 2012*

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-13; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

**Enclosed for your convenience is a form for donations for Easter music and/or flowers and Easter Offering envelopes. They may also be picked up in the rear of the Church on Sundays or at the Parish Office.*

**FLOWERS & PLANTS
EASTER MEMORIALS OR THANK OFFERINGS**

Requests for Easter plants and flowers as memorials or thank offerings may be sent to the Parish Office with your check to Christ Church to the attention of Mrs. Diana Tadler, Directress of the Altar Guild, indicating Easter flowers in the memo section.

Memorial.....
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Thank offering.....
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Given by.....
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All offerings for Easter Flowers or Music as memorials or thank offerings must be in no later than **Wednesday, March 28, 2010**

**MUSIC
EASTER MEMORIALS OR THANK OFFERINGS**

Memorials and thank offerings may be made toward the **Easter music**. Contributions may be sent to the Parish Office with your check to Christ Church to the attention of Mr. Andrew Yeargin, Organist/Director of Music, indicating Easter music in the memo section.

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Calendar for the Month of March, 2012

Thursday, March 1	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Friday, March 2	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Saturday, March 3			
Sunday, March 4/2 Lent	8:00 AM 9:50 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Children's Service Choral Eucharist Holy Eucharist	Church Parish House Church Chapel
Monday, March 5	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Tuesday, March 6	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Wednesday March 7 <i>Lenten Program</i> St. Stephen's, Port Washington	8:45 AM 9:20 AM 10:00 AM 5:45 PM 7:00 PM	Morning Prayer Bible Study Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer Soup & Salad	Chapel Parish House Church Chapel St. Stephen's
Thursday, March 8	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Friday, March 9	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Saturday, March 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins	<i>Set clocks ahead 1 hour tonight (Spring Ahead)</i>		
Sunday, March 11/3 Lent	8:00 AM 9:50 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Children's Service Choral Eucharist Confirmation Class Holy Eucharist	Church Parish House Church Parish House Chapel
Monday, March 12 Men's Dinner early celebration for St. Patrick's Day	8:45 AM 5:45 PM 7:30 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Men's Dinner	Chapel Chapel Rectory
Tuesday, March 13	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Wednesday, March 14 Lenten Program Christ Church	8:45 AM 9:20 AM 10:00 AM	Morning Prayer Bible Study Holy Eucharist	Chapel Parish House Church

	5:45 PM 7:00 PM	Evening Prayer Soup & Salad	Chapel Parish House
Thursday, March 15	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Friday, March 16	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Saturday, March 17			
Sunday, March 18/4 Lent	8:00 AM 9:50 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Children's Service Choral Eucharist Confirmation Class Holy Eucharist	Church Parish House Church Parish House Chapel
Monday, March 19	8:45 AM 5:45 PM 7:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Vestry Meeting	Chapel Chapel Parish House
Tuesday, March 20	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Wednesday, March 21 <i>Lenten Program</i> St. Stephen's, Port Washington	8:45 AM 9:20 AM 10:00 AM 5:45 PM 7:00 PM	Morning Prayer Bible Study Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer Soup & Salad	Chapel Parish House Church Chapel St. Stephen's
Thursday, March 22	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Friday, March 23	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Saturday, March 24			
Sunday, March 25/5 Lent	8:00 AM 9:50 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Children's Service Choral Eucharist Holy Eucharist	Church Parish House Church Chapel
Monday, March 26	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Tuesday, March 27	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Wednesday, March 28 Lenten Program Christ Church	8:45 AM 9:20 AM 10:00 AM 5:45 PM 7:00 PM	Morning Prayer Bible Study Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer Soup & Salad	Chapel Parish House Church Chapel Parish House

Thursday, March 29

8:45 AM
5:45 PM

Morning Prayer
Evening Prayer

Chapel
Chapel

Friday, March 30

8:45 AM
5:45 PM

Morning Prayer
Evening Prayer

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Chapel

Saturday, March 31

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