Christ Church Monthly Bulletin April 2013

I don't know how long Christ Church has had a *Chart*. It was well ensconced when I came to Christ Church as a seminarian in September 1968. It was published weekly at that time. By the time I returned in 2004, the *Chart* was published monthly. We are now going to give the *Chart* a rest—at least for a while. Each month we will send out a *Monthly Bulletin*, which will be mostly short bullet points. We hope it will be more readable and more helpful. We will send out weekly updates, which will be even shorter and more to the point and e-mails that will target sub-groups in the church.

- Saturday Evening Eucharist starts April 13 at 5:00 PM. Although having all of us together for 'corporate worship' remains a tradition and a goal, our busy schedules suggest that we add a service to make weekly worship more accessible. We will keep all our Sunday services as well. For the present Church School will remain at 9:45 AM on Sundays. The Saturday service and the Sunday evening service will have 'child accessible' homilies.
- Louis Trapp died on Easter night. A Eucharist in thanksgiving for Lou's life will be celebrated on Saturday, April 6 at 1:00 PM. Please keep Lou, Marge, Amy, Louis and Abigail in your prayers and thoughts. Note that parking will be tight and leave a little extra time to get to the service. There will be parking on George and Andrew Streets and some parking on Onderdonk. The Manhasset Library will not be available for parking.
- Many thanks for all who made our Holy Week and Easter services so memorable and those who reached out to those in need in the holy season. Diana Tadler and the Altar Guild adorned the church with beautiful flowers; Andrew Yeargin and the choirs filled the church with glorious music; the Church school staff and parents filled us with chocolate and other goodies for the Easter egg hunt; and Heather Bennett and Lesley Mazzotta led the Easter Basket Outreach Project in which 56 baskets of 'goodies,' collected by the Church School students and their parents, were distributed to children in need at Easter.
- The Episcopal Charities Appeal begins at Christ Church this month. Episcopal Charities funds social outreach and justice programs throughout Long Island. Last year Christ Church raised more than \$8,000. We would like to exceed that total this year. Checks should be made out to Episcopal Charities of Long Island and may be mailed to Christ Church (please use the 54 George Street address), placed in the offering at church or sent to Episcopal Charities of Long Island, 36 Cathedral Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530. If you are sending in your contribution directly to the Diocese, please note 'Christ Church, Manhasset' on your check.
- Adult Retreat Day: *The Gifts of Eastertide* will be the topic for a day-long time for reflection upon God's overflowing gifts in our lives. Conversation, meditation, prayer music and creative writing will mark the day's activities. Coffee, snacks and lunch will be available. The cost is \$40. Please RSVP to Lesley Mazzotta at lesleymazzotta@gmail.com by April 15.
- Youth Open Gym Night on Saturday, April 20: please mark the date—details will be forthcoming.