

The Chart



Christ Church

1355 Northern Boulevard

Manhasset, NY 11030



Wardens' Letter

March 1, 2014

Hello Fellow Parishioners:

As we enter the month of March, we find ourselves still surrounded by snow, with forecasts for more to come. But do not fear, for Spring is near, and the season of Lent is upon us, with Wednesday, March 5th marking Ash Wednesday.

EMPTYING TO BE FILLED – *Lent is the springtime of the Church year, a period of preparation for Easter. God's gift to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the sending of the Spirit is life in all its fullness, but we know that there remains an undertow in daily life which carries us away into negativity and forgetfulness. Our lives become old again. We need an annual review.*

-Richard Chartres, Bishop of London, February 14, 1999

We hope that you will be prayerful throughout this 2014 Lenten season, not simply thinking of some type of self-denial, as people so often do, but of the much more laudable goal of how you and we as a parish can do for others. There are so many ways that we as Christians can have a positive impact on the lives of others. A simple act of kindness to another can be life-changing. Hopefully, you will think of ways to engage in this practice of giving. For starters, we direct you to news about the Women's Ministry Lenten Service Project, the Easter Basket Outreach Project, and, of course, our Food Pantry effort, all of which help those less fortunate.

The renovations of the Parish House and Rectory are continuing, and although our completion date for the Parish House is projected for the end of May, much progress has been made. Rooms now exist, with walls closed and cabling run. Junior Warden Bill Siener is actively involved in working with Father David Lowry, our Project Manager, and JOBCO, our contractor. We are looking forward to the day when we can open the doors to our new home for fellowship and Christian education, for you all to see. Truly, the new Parish House will be the Easter Blessing for our parish.

We are working to close out our annual Stewardship campaign. We offer thanks to those of you who have submitted your pledge cards. If you have not yet submitted your pledge for 2014, we encourage you to do so as we are working to fine tune our budget for this year, which, as we have reported in the past, anticipates increased expenses associated with the improvements to our Parish House, the Rectory and our calling of a new full-time rector.

The Vestry has planned a retreat to take place on March 15th. As in the past, the Vestry will use this day to explore how we as a parish function best and what more we can do to enhance our experience at Christ Church, with individual Vestry members assigned to specific areas of Church life. The next Vestry meeting is scheduled two days later, on March 17th.

Wishing you Peace and Blessings,

Ariana Tadler Paterson

Senior Warden

William Siener

Junior Warden



Parish Notes:

A Message from our Director of Spiritual Formation

The Challenge to Forgive

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.

- C. S. Lewis

Sometimes, it's not easy to forgive. I know this first hand, as I suspect most of you do too. For me, it's not so hard to forgive a small, one-time offense. If someone cuts me off in traffic, no problem. If a person is rude to me on the elevator, I have better things to worry about. These are the moments that usually roll off my back.

My challenge is trying to forgive those transgressions from people I know and want to love: the deceitful colleague, the ridiculing parent, the abusive neighbor, who always seem to choose actions that are hurtful and unkind. Despite the fact that we should, in an ideal world, just get along, there are, instead, ongoing instances of taunts, spite, ignorance, disrespect and hostility, which continually shock and sadden me.

I struggle with the best way to respond. Do I speak up and risk an argument (usually with no productive end)? Should I be the "bigger" person and walk away, despite the anger I feel, which I know will stay with me for the day? Can I avoid the person doing the trespassing (which is impossible when it's someone you see on a daily basis or at a weekly family gathering)? As someone who longs for joy, peace and celebration in my life, these situations seem impossible. This is when I wonder: if the inexcusable never ends and no one ever asks for forgiveness, how do we truly forgive?

I honestly don't have a good answer, but I believe that it has to do with all we know about being Christian: remembering the Gospel, creating healthy boundaries and choosing to let go. This, however, offers very little comfort when every time, my mind spins, my heart sinks, and I am clearly not living as God calls me to do.

Spiritual Director Barbara Crafton says that "forgiveness is not about anything, but rather learning to let go of the 'tumor of anger that develops its own blood supply.'" She believes that this is not beyond our reach if we understand that God accompanies and empowers our struggle. I hope that she is right, because I have yet to get there, and the tumor is growing!

Thank goodness Lent is here, and we have a chance to slow down and really look at this important challenge. I plan to spend every Wednesday evening, starting March 12, with Father Colwell and our Christ Church community as he leads us through **The Power of Forgiveness**. I also want to explore this topic in preparation for our Retreat Day: **Lent: A Time to Surrender**, on March 29, to share with all of you what I have learned.

I hope that during this Lenten season, I feel God's presence, guidance and grace in the midst of my struggle to forgive. I pray the same for you, wherever you are on this journey and no matter how far away or improbable forgiveness seems.

Blessings,

Lesley Mazzotta, Director of Spiritual Formation

Leadership Lab Update

On Saturday, February 8th, 25 community youth, including **Devon Donahue**, **Decker Paterson** and **Lucy Pavlovich** from Christ Episcopal Church, participated in the 2nd Annual Youth Leadership Lab, hosted jointly by Christ Church, Community Reformed Church and The Congregational Church, Manhasset. This event is geared to all youth, grades 6-12, and is an all-day interactive experience on leadership. This year's Leadership Lab was entitled **The Reality of Hunger**, exploring the important and very real issue of hunger in America and how we, as Christians, can make a positive and significant impact, regardless of age. The program ran from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at The Congregational Church and included interactive workshops, creative activities, and a documentary film about food insecurity in the U.S. called [A Place at the Table](#). In addition, there was a service project creating over 500 lunches for The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network). Over 25 young people representing Christ Episcopal Church, Church of Our Savior Lutheran, The Community Reformed Church, The Congregational Church, and St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church attended.



Upcoming Events and News



If you're wondering when you need to change your clocks to observe the **2014 Daylight Saving Time**, you will be moving your clocks **ahead** on **Sunday March 9th**.

Regularly Scheduled Services

Sundays at 8 am & 10 am
Wednesday Eucharist at 10 am

Church Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Sunday School

The Sunday School will change its schedule beginning the Sunday **after** Easter. On April 27th, the children will have class as usual, beginning at 9:50. However, instead of having Children's Chapel after class, they will join their parents in church.

March Sunday Hospitality

Now until Sunday, March 30

The following people are scheduled to host Sunday Hospitality.

DATE	COORDINATORS	OTHER TEAM MEMBERS
Mar. 9	L. & R. Pavlovich	627-3503 M. & K. Deosaran 365-1075
Mar. 16	Yoshi Mapes	365-8121 L. & W. Martin 365-7718
Mar. 23	A. & D. Paterson	869-3163 D. & G. Polis 365-4679
Mar. 30	O. & N. Cyprus	524-5603 K. & M. Courts 365-6978



If for some reason you are unable to host, please email **Holly Melichar** hbm10078@gmail.com or call her at **516-404-6688**. Coffee and juice will be provided by the church.

Episcopal Charities Appeal

Episcopal Charities funds social outreach and justice programs throughout Long Island. The Diocesan's goal this year for Christ Church is \$7,500. 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.

Stewardship Campaign

The kick off for the Stewardship Campaign began in December. Your annual financial pledge to Christ Church will be used for the care of our church and its facilities and to ensure that we are able to provide services, programs, fellowship and mission outreach, as we are called to do as Christians. The Church needs such funds to operate. Expenses relating to the Church and its grounds have continued to rise, and income from our prior resources has dissipated. We are asking that you prayerfully reflect on what Christ Church means to your family and the community at large, and to consider how you can support our ministry financially in 2014.

To date, we have received 58 Pledges/Trust gifts from the 85 pledging families, or 68% of the total. However, we continue to receive pledges. As we close out the Stewardship Campaign, based on pledges received, we should achieve the Stewardship budget estimate. A personal follow up effort to families who had not yet pledged, will continue.

Lenten Soup and Supper Series - The Power of Forgiveness

Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

Please join members of Christ Church, CRC and other local churches for a Lenten program. Dinner will be offered at 6:15 pm in the Community Reformed Church Fellowship Hall, followed by a program led by Father Colwell at 7:00pm that includes an inspirational message, group conversation, personal reflection and prayer. Friends and family are welcome! To RSVP, please sign up at the back of Christ Church or contact the parish office at [516-627-2184](tel:516-627-2184) or by email at admin@christchurchmanhasset.org.

Lenten Soup and Supper Volunteers

Christ Church will be responsible to provide supper to the March 19th and April 2nd Lenten Soup and Supper Series. We are looking for **volunteers** to provide two soups (one meatless), fresh crusty-type bread, salad, cookies/brownies for dessert and beverages (water, iced tea and lemonade). Approximately 25 people are to attend. Please contact Holly Melichar at hbm10078@gmail.com or 516-404-6688 if you are willing to volunteer. Thank you in advance.



Women's Ministry Lenten Service Project

Through Sunday, April 13, our Ecumenical joint women's ministry will be collecting donations to make toiletry bags for the women's homeless shelter at Church on the Hill, Flushing, Queens (RCA). You can contribute in three ways: 1) donate **travel size** shampoo and conditioner; 2) make a financial donation to purchase these items; or 3) purchase \$5 gift cards to Dunkin' Donuts for the women to buy breakfast. We hope to create **150 bags** that will be given out each week to the women at the shelter. It is a lovely way to offer some comfort and joy to women who have very little in their lives, so please be generous!

Daily Lenten Email Series for Youth and Adults

Sign up for **Love Life: The Gospel of Love**, a daily mobile accessible video series focusing on the Gospel of John. Starting March 5, you'll receive a short, daily video and thought-provoking question that helps you to delve deeply into scripture to live more abundantly into the life of love to which we are called. This series is designed for everyone in the community, is simple yet powerful to do and is completely free! To sign up using your email account, go to: <http://ssje.org/ssje/lovelife/>.

Fellowship

Fellowship is an important part of the Christ Church community. With our newly renovated Parish House opening this year, it will be a great space to have many more functions like the men's and the women's dinners, family parties and cocktail parties. If you have ANY suggestions or IDEAS please send them to Holly at hbm10078@gmail.com or call her at 516 404-6688.

Altar Guild

The Guild is in need of new members. Please consider joining a dedicated group of women in preparing the altar for Sunday services and decorating our lovely church. Only a little training is involved. If you would like more information contact Diana Tadler at 627-0128 or dtadler@mac.com.

Helping Hands

There are times when some of our Christ Church family need assistance, whether it is to have a meal provided for them or to be driven to an event, a doctor's appointment or to Church. If you would like to join this group of volunteers or if you have a need for a "helping hand", please let us know or talk to the Rector. Thank you in advance.

Contacts: Holly Melichar at hbm10078@gmail.com and Carol Allen at GoCarol26@aol.com.

Food for the Hungry

Once again, Christ Church delivered **25 bags of groceries** to the LI Council of Churches Food Pantry. Thank you to those parishioners for their generous donations.

The Long Island Council of Churches Food Pantry (450 N. Main Street, Freeport, 516-868-4989) is in need of food donations. Please bring your donations any Sunday and they may be left in the back of the church. Please donate unopened food and please check expiration dates before making your donations. There is such a profound need. Please help us, help them. Thank you.

Children and Youth Activities

Lenten Youth Supper and Service Evening

Friday, March 28, 6pm – 8pm

Join other Christian youth for a Lenten supper celebration at Rev. Lori Burgess' home, 90 Country Club Drive, Port Washington. We will enjoy a delicious meal, share in conversation, fellowship and fun and participate in a local service project TBD.



Save the Date

Easter Basket Outreach Project

Our Sunday School is organizing our second annual Easter Basket Outreach program for needy children through Episcopal Community Services. Pick up an Easter basket during Sunday service on March 30 and April 6 and fill it with fun Easter treats, then return it by April 13 for blessings and delivery by Easter. Our goal: to fill five-dozen baskets between our two churches. You can help make a huge difference this Easter!



Lent: A Time to Surrender

Retreat Day on Saturday, March 29 Glen Cove Mansion

Join us for a retreat day, 9 am - 2:30 pm, to explore what it means to fully surrender to God and deepen our union with Christ. How do we welcome both the challenges and gifts of Lent? What things do we embrace and what must we release? How does this mysterious season help us re-commit to a baptismal spirituality so we can have new life? Cost: \$55.00 per person. For more information, contact Lesley Mazzotta at lesleymazzotta@gmail.com or [917-623-4554](tel:917-623-4554).



Youth Karaoke Night, Saturday, April 12: Spend a night in NYC singing the blues or country or rock and roll! It's your choice at Karaoke Duet, an "under 21" club with thousands of songs to make your own! We've booked a private room to enjoy dinner, fellowship and a couple of hours of music before getting dessert and heading back home. Meet at the Manhasset train station at 4:30pm to travel into the city together. Cost: \$20, plus the price of a train ticket, paid by each youth.

All Church Easter Egg Hunt: Sunday, April 20 - Fun for the entire family!

Retreat Day, Saturday, May 10, 9am - 1pm: Our second annual retreat day for women and teenage girls will focus on courage, dreams and faith, as inspired by **Girl Rising**, a global campaign and award-winning film showcasing the unforgettable stories of nine girls living in the developing world, who overcome insurmountable odds to achieve their dreams. Join us as we engage in inter-generational conversation, workshops and activities to ignite our passion and commitment to trust, imagine and transform ourselves, families, communities, and eventually, the world.

Youth Fundraising Car Wash: Saturday, May 17

Women's Brunch and Service Day, Sunday, June 7, 9am - 12pm: We'll gather together for delicious food and fellowship to end the church year, then participate in a service project for a local charity, TBD.

Children's Day: Sunday, June 8- We need all of our children and youth to help lead service this day!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Lenten Quiet Day

Saturday, March 22

The Diocese of Long Island Episcopal Church Women present Lenten Quiet Day at The George Mercer Jr. Memorial School of Theology. Registration and Details are located in the back of the church.

Camp DeWolfe Summer Camp 2014

Camp Registration 2014 is now open online at www.campdewolfe.org or by returning the brochure located in the back of the church. There are Episcopal Charities Scholarships for up to 50% fees before June 1, 2014, applications are on the Camp DeWolfe website.

Save the Date! Open House at Camp DeWolfe Summer Camp on Sunday, May 18 at 1:00 pm. This includes camp activities, tours and a meal. RSVP to the Camp Office at 631-929-4325 or email office@campdewolfe.org by May 11, 2014.



Calendar for the Month of March 2014

Sunday Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. in the Church.

Feasting on the Word at 11:30 a.m. (CRC)

Sunday School at 9:50 a.m.

Wednesday Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.

Thursday **Choir Rehearsal**, Chancel Choir (Adult) 7:30 to 9:00 pm

Confirmation Classes, Sunday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Rectory

Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Holy Eucharist, March 5 at 7:30 pm

Lenten Soup & Supper Series, Wednesdays, March 12,19,26 at 6:15 pm

Vestry Retreat, Saturday, March 15 at 8:30 am to 12:30 pm CRC Lounge

Vestry Meeting, Monday, March 17, Compline at 7:30 pm and meeting at 7:45 pm in the CRC Lounge

Lenten Quiet Day, Saturday, March 22 at The George Mercer Jr. Memorial School of Theology

Lenten Youth Supper, Friday, March 28, 6-8 pm, see upcoming events for location

Lent: A Time to Surrender, Saturday, March 29 Retreat Day at the Glen Cove Mansion

Easter Basket Outreach Project begins Sunday, March 30



Sunday Readings and Altar Flower Memorials and Thanksgiving for March

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, MARCH 2, 2014

Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2: 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Robert J. Tadler from the Tadler Family

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 5, 2014

Joel 2:1-2,12-17, Psalm 103, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Mathew 6:1-6,16-21

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 9, 2014

Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans5:12-19; Matthew4:1-11

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 16, 2014

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 23, 2014

Exodus17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 30, 2014

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesian 5:8-14; John 9:1-41



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



Kayla Deosaran(1), Katelyn Bennett (6), Carter Paterson (8), Indu Subaiya (11),
Jack Cyprus (14), Ruth Mishrick (25), Dana Sevely (25), Marjorie Kippins (27), Laurie Gibbons (30).

Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversary...

Fred and Annemarie Schreiber (12), James and Karyn Sherwood (18)

