



LOVING GOD LIVING HOPE
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
 RESURRECTION**

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RECTOR'S REPORT ON 2011

Dear Resurrection People,

What a year! The ceremonial highlight was the Celebration of New Ministry as Resurrection, and the Installation of Resurrection's first rector. This was the moment when it all came together: seven years of planning, praying and participating were blessed by the Bishop, the Archdeacon, the clergy and the people of the Diocese of Long Island.

Traditionally in that service the new rector is given the keys of the church. We decided that would be a bit odd since I've had the keys for six years now. However, our senior warden, in her wisdom, knew better, and found a fun way to present me with keys at the party. That was brilliant. Think about it: giving someone the keys to your property is a profound act of trust. Although I am honored to have earned that trust, I am more awed by the fact that by giving me the keys you are showing your trust in God. In essence, you are giving the keys to God, saying, "God, this is your church."

God loves it when we do this. In today's Old Testament reading Isaiah (*Isaiah 40:29*) tells us God "... gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless." We are living proof! At a recent meeting with other Episcopal Churches in Central Nassau, we all shared how we are ministering to our communities. When it was my turn I spoke of our Thrift Shop, Penny Social, Pet-a-Palooza, Creative Caring Community Conversation, collections for local pantries and Episcopal Community Services, and our courtyard garden for the neighborhood. They were stunned. Someone asked, "How big is your congregation?"

Our numbers are still relatively small, but not for long. This year we welcomed Bob and Diane, and Espy and George. Nicole, Eric, Eric Jr. and Christian reactivated their membership. Danielle found us and al-

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FEBRUARY DAYS

- Sun, 5 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
7th anniversary of Mtr Christina's ordination to priesthood
- Mon, 6 Caring & Healing Circle 1:30-3pm
- Sun, 12 PENNY SOCIAL meeting during Coffee Hour
- Sun, 19 FAT SUNDAY Pancake Breakfast *after worship*
Intro to Lenten Study
- Mon, 20 Office Closed - President's Day
Lenten Study 7:30pm, Library
- Tue, 21 All Faith Food Fest, Community Church EW
- Wed, 22 ASH WEDNESDAY 10am & 7pm
- Sun, 26 EPISCOPAL CHARITIES of LI *Kick-off*
VESTRY MEETING 11:30-1pm
- Mon, 27 Lenten Study
- Wed, 29 ALTAR GUILD 11am



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sun, Feb 5th

Please plan to attend
 this Important Meeting.

Plenty to eat
 Plenty of coffee or tea
 Be in the know
 For an hour or so

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STRENGTH IN HOPE

† **Resurrection February Rota** †

Date	Time	Server	Reader 1	Reader 2
Epiphany 5	2/5	10am	FloEllen	John L Trish
Epiphany 6	2/12	10am	Joan	Danielle Robert
Last Epiphany	2/19	10am	Karen	Doreen Ray R
Ash Wednesday	2/22	10am & 7:00pm	Jane	tba tba
Lent 1	2/26	10am	Dottie	Ellen John L

Church School

Sundays, 10:00 am, Upper Rooms

BIBLE STORY time children age 2 - 6
Jane Colgrove

GODLY PLAY time children age 7 -12
John Bernhardt



**A Word from
our Warden**

Dear Resurrection People,

The poinsettias are gone, the crèche has been carefully put away and the aisle candles returned to their stand in the library. We are in the midst of the Epiphany Season. February is right around the corner and plans for our annual parish meeting on February 5th, are moving forward.

This meeting is an important event in the life of Resurrection. Every parishioner who is able to attend should try to be there. It is an opportunity to hear what we have accomplished in the past year and be a part of our vision for 2012.

We will elect a delegate and an alternate to convention and a warden and vestry members. Your input is important! You are Resurrection and the church needs all of us working together to move forward.

Blessings,

Joan

Bishop's Haiti Campaign

Bless you all who responded to the Bishop's call for the rebuilding of the Cathedral in Haiti.

We collected \$210--for 21 bricks!

A check in that amount will be sent to the Diocese for the February 19th ingathering.

Lenten Study

On Sunday, February 19th, there will be an introduction to our Lenten Study.

Books have been ordered and will be available as soon as they arrive.

The Book for the study will be

A Practical Christianity:

Meditations for the Season of Lent

by Jane Shaw (\$10)

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A second book will be available for those interested in personal study

Journey into Light Lent 2012

by Joan Chittister (\$5)

Lenten Study

Sundays: 3/4, 11, 25 11:30am-1pm

Mondays: 2/20, 27, 3/5, 12, 19, 26 7-8:30pm

Rector's Report on 2011 (continued from page 1)

most immediately was baptized and confirmed. Lisa made her confirmation at the same time. Koshy was received into the Episcopal Church and sponsored by us for his discernment towards ordination. Carmella and Joan became regular participants at our Wednesday Healing Service. We are thankful to those who joined us for a while or come on occasion, for all guests are blessings to us, and we to them, no matter how long. We honored the passing of three souls this year: Lillian, William (Herb Amrhein's brother), Mike, and Betty--may they rest in peace.

Our logo says "Loving God; Living Hope". This is our understanding of being a people empowered by our baptism to partake in resurrection hope. This leads us to discover and share new life in God's love. There is a joke that goes, "*If you were accused of being a Christian would there be enough evidence to convict you?*" My brothers and sisters, the answer is yes. We are living examples of self-giving love. One of the best-kept secrets of Christianity is that self-giving love blesses the giver as much as the recipient. Just ask the Monday Morning Men's group how much fun they have fixing, repairing, restoring and lovingly tending to our properties, inside and out. Ask the people who bring goodies to our Sunday Food & Fellowship, our potlucks, and those who plan and prepare our special dinners. Ask the folks who make phone calls and visits and run errands for others if they mind "going out of their way". Ask the faithful who give money in loving memory or celebration for our altar flowers, candles and sanctuary light. Ask the participants at our fundraisers. You know, because they are you, too!

We have been praying for God to bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can do what others say cannot be done, and God has answered. Your generosity and commitment of pledges and participation is making it happen, and it is creating a stir. The Holy Spirit is stirring us up to bring a bit more of the kingdom of God into our present reality.

We have just barely begun to make a difference for Christ. Already this year we are finding opportunities to minister in new ways:

- With St. Aidan's blessings, our food donations will go to St. George's Hempstead's pantry, where people are waiting in line for hours and too-often finding there is not enough.
- We will be promoting Project Independence, a Town of North Hempstead program to help seniors 60+ to "Age in Place."

- We will be hosting bi-monthly meetings of "Caring for Caregivers".
- Our website is being completely re-vamped and will make us more attractive and accessible by the Lenten Season.
- Our fall Pet-a-Palooza will benefit "Pups Behind Bars" a guide-dog training program that rehabilitates incarcerated people as they train dogs to help returning veterans of current wars.
- We are collaborating with St. Aidan's to support each other's ministries in bold new ways, from pantries and thrift shops to expanded Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship. We will explore with Episcopal Community Services the possibility of helping St. Aidan's become a site for training and implementation of help for immigration paperwork.
- Our eyes are on recruiting enough volunteers to expand Thrift Shop hours and inventory to meet the needs of school-age families.
- We will continue to support Episcopal Community Services programs like Adopt-a-Family at Christmas, Hop-to-It Easter Baskets, and Back-to-School supplies for children.)
- We will host an early exploration of a brand new initiative modeled on Project Independence, which we are calling Project LOL – Living on Long Island – for people younger than 60.

The Vestry has agreed to approach our future with a three-year ministry and budget plan. This plan will simplify our approach into three areas: Christian Formation (worship, study, fellowship), Stewardship of Property (repairs & improvements, inside and out) and Ministry to Others (see above).

The impossible is becoming possible. To paraphrase our Baptismal Covenant, *Yes we can, with God's help, for "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles: they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."* (Isaiah 40:31).

I thank you for your prayers and your participation in resurrection living. I thank you for your love and support for me, and for each other. I thank God for each of you, and for the new life in God's love that blesses us, and those we love, richly.

Amen.

Mother Christina



COMFORT IN CARING

BIRTHDAY WISHES!
FEBRUARY

7 Rhonda Kaletsky
 14 Michael Baraniak
 19 Doris Wozniak
 22 Lisa DeStefano
 25 Gladys Norian



ANNIVERSARY WISHES!
FEBRUARY

2/2/63 Helen & Hans Niemann



CANDLES & FLOWERS

Suggested offerings

Candles - \$18.00/month
Sanctuary Light - \$20.00/month
Altar Flowers - \$15.00/week

Donors for **Feb 5, 12, & 19** needed
NO FLOWERS IN LENT

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Know anyone who could use a "hug from a prayer shawl"?

Contact
 FloEllen Zadik, Ministry Director
 906-0831
 Dottie Lotten, 221-0894



COFFEE HOUR

Hosts needed for each Sunday following Worship.
 Please sign up in the Narthex.



THRIFT SHOP
 RESURRECTION & ST. AIDAN

Thursdays 9:30-1:00
Saturdays 10:00-2:00

Irene Genovese 741-3228,
 Ruth Hanshe 747-5361,
 Ruth Rusche, Ministry Director

Community Volunteers:
 Vera Chaplin
 Carmela Montalbano



ALTAR GUILD

Linda Bernhardt, Directress
 Jane Colgrove
 Ruth Hanshe
 Gladys Norian
 John Bernhardt
 Donald Josling
 Martha Voges, friend

The Altar Guild is seeking more servants for its ministry.
 If you are interested in doing God's work in the Sanctuary, or you have questions, please speak with Linda Bernhardt.



THANK YOU FOR OUR
 2012 ALTAR GUILD ANGEL ASSOCIATES
 WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED GENEROUSLY
 TO THE ALTAR GUILD MINISTRY:

Jane Colgrove
 Mary Damon
 Irene Genovese
 Kitty Kuske
 Doris McAree
 Joan S. Miller
 Cora Pruskowski
 Joan Servinkas

WE PRAY FOR

Mae Clarke, Louise Brandt,
 Virginia MacMurray, Elie Tooker,
 Elsie Shattuck,
 Antoinette & Michael Baraniak.
 Carmela, Frances.

Irene Kaletsky & her family, especially Colin & Rhonda.

Doris Wozniak
 Sunrise Assisted Living
 1 Sunrise Drive
 East Setauket NY 11733; & her daughter Patricia & son in law Ed.

FloEllen Zadik and family
 Ruth & Ray Rusche
 Dorothy & John Strafer

Deacon Lorraine, Deacon Margaret, Louise



**2011 VESTRY
 WARDENS & MEMBERS**

Sr Wdn	<u>Joan Servinkas</u>	2012*
Jr Wdn	Donald Josling	2013
Vestry	<u>Dorothy Lotten</u>	2012*
		<i>(2011 MJZadik)</i>
	<u>FloEllen Zadik</u>	2012*
	<u>(Paul O'Donnell)</u>	2013*
		<i>(1 year term)</i>
	Paul Servinkas	2013
	Jane Colgrove	2014
	John Lasek	2014

Bold - in position for 2012
 * - up for election

Sr Wdn - Joan S will run (2 yr term)
 Vty - Dottie L will run (3 yr term)
 FloEllen Z will not run (3 yr term)
 (1 year term-2013 *Paul O*)

PLEASE NOTE: Elections will take place at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, February 5th. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

REFLECTIONS ON ASH WEDNESDAY

“**Ash Wednesday** is the first day of Lent. It is a somber day of reflection on what needs to change in our lives if we are to be fully Christians.

“Ashes are signs that we are all in this sin business together, and that the difference between the good in us and the bad in us is sometimes frightfully thin. We so often fall short of the Faith we claim. We have treated people as things and we have treated things as if they were valuable people. And so we look into our hearts and make the ancient prayer of one notorious sinner our own: “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me” (Psalm 51:10; see Psalm 51 and the language of Transformation).

“Lent is a season that reminds us to repent and get our lives centered, our priorities straight, and our hearts clean. This holy season offers us a new chance to say, “yes” to the Lover of our Souls who created us, who made us in his own image. Lent is the time for a restoration project that will reveal the beauty of God’s design for us, showing once again the scale, proportion, and priorities intended by our Maker.

“Further, Lent is a season of hope and with ashes on our foreheads and hope in our hearts, we go forth to love and serve. For by God’s grace in Christ, we do not have to stay the way we are.”

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THE SEASON OF LENT

“Originating in the fourth century of the church, the season of **Lent** spans 40 weekdays beginning on Ash Wednesday and climaxing during Holy Week with Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), Good Friday, and concluding Saturday before Easter. Originally, Lent was the time of preparation for those who were to be baptized, a time of concentrated study and prayer before their baptism at the Easter Vigil, the celebration of the

Resurrection of the Lord early on Easter Sunday. Also, this was the time when those who had been separated from the Church would prepare to rejoin the community.

“Today, Lent is marked by a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter. Since Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. The six Sundays that occur during Lent are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent, and are referred to as the Sundays **in** Lent. The number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry by facing the temptations that could lead him to abandon his mission and calling. Christians today use this period of time for introspection, self examination, and repentance. This season of the year is equal only to the Season of Advent in importance in the Christian year, and is part of the second major grouping of Christian festivals and sacred time that includes Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost.

“Lent has traditionally been marked by penitential prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Some churches today still observe a rigid schedule of fasting on certain days during Lent, especially the giving up of meat, alcohol, sweets, and other types of food. Other traditions focus on charitable deeds, especially helping those in physical need with food and clothing, or simply the giving of money to charities. Most Christian churches that observe Lent at all focus on it as a time of prayer, especially penance, repenting for failures and sin as a way to focus on the need for God’s grace. It is really a preparation to celebrate God’s marvelous redemption at Easter, and the resurrected life that we live, and hope for, as Christians.”

Dennis Bratcher, Copyright © CRI/Voice, Institute



“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me” (Psalm 51:10)

Dear Mother Christina!

Thank you so much for a wonderful memorial service. The warm reception by the congregation will be remembered as will the service.

Sorry we missed you at the coffee hour but Marie cannot do stairs.

God bless you all.

Harry Driscoll
& Family.

Dear Resurrection People,

Thank you for a year filled with blessings and gifts of all kinds. My heart sings with joy at your love, faith, and confidence in God's work here. Your participation in resurrection living is priceless. My ornament gifts from you are reminders of your love and hope, and I will always treasure them, as I do you.

Love and blessings,
Mother Christina

Dear Vestry Members,

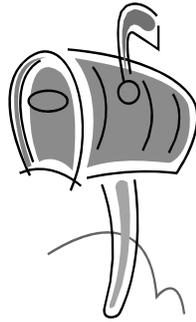
Thank you most sincerely for treating me to the Parish Dinner. It was a lovely evening, and I am most appreciative.

Love you all,

Marie
and for the Christmas gift -
Thanks!

Dear Friends,
Thank you very much for the \$100.00 check. Thank you also for being so friendly and generous to my brass players.

Fondly,
Ellen Schutt



VESTRY VIBES

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
That anyone could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.
By the family of
Michael J. Zadik

- St. Aidan food pantry well-stocked at moment. Resurrection will collect food for St. George's, Hempstead food pantry, which is in great need. We will support St. Aidan as needed.
- We are letting go of supporting Loving Touch Animal Rescue. Instead we will support Puppies Behind Bars that are being trained by prisoners for returning veterans with disabilities.
- PENNY SOCIAL: 2nd Friday in May--May 11th, 7:30pm. Organizational meeting will be held Sun, Feb 12th, Coffee Hour.
- Web Site in process. Verbal input sent, pictures in process of being sent.
- Will be hosting a Caring & Healing Circle Support Group twice a month in support of St. Bede's Caring for the Caregiver program.
- Anyone interested in becoming an Assistant to the Treasurer please see Paul Servinkas.

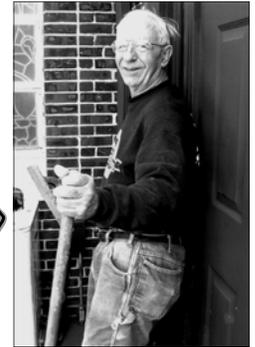




monday morning men



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
MINISTRY AROUND
THE CHURCH & RECTORY--
ALWAYS DOING GOD'S WORK!



WITH A SMILE!



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