



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION

RISE & SHINE

The Rev. Charles R. Colwell, Interim

Serving God, Helping others, Living hope

Dear Friends,

Christianity is not a religion/it is the announcement of the end of religion. Religion consists of all the things...the human race has ever thought it had to do to get right with G...[The Church] is not here to bring the world the bad news that God will think kindly about us only after we have gone through certain creedal, liturgical, and ethical wickets; it is here to bring the world the Good News that "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for the ungodly."

Robert Farrar Capon *The Parables of Grace*



And this is the focus of Lent—a time set aside to help us get right with God through a discovery of the Grace of God for the first time, or a new awareness that Christianity is about Grace and not law. Self-denial is useless unless it assists us in deepening our dependence upon and love for God. May Grace be our focus this year during Lent. Be assured that all else flows from it. God bless you.

In Christ,
Fr. Charlie

Wardens' Words

Dear Resurrection people,
HOPE! Nothing is written in stone! Any and all options are being explored! We need to pray—to have faith that God is not going to abandon us!

Please continue to honor your pledge commitment—we are alive and well in Williston Park, and must pay our bills. Talk with our Treasurer or Parish Administrator if you have doubts. If one of our options comes to fruition, we will need money to support the outcome.

So, at the risk of sounding trite, I am pleading with you and praying you will keep your salt shakers filled with fresh salt and your lanterns lit—perhaps even turn up the flame a bit!

God's Peace,



Jane

MARCH



- 1 Lent 1
"Forgiveness" Lenten Series with Fr. Charlie
11:30-12:30 during Coffee Hour
- 8 Lent 2
VESTRY MEETING with Mo. Lindsay Lunnum
Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 15 Lent 3
"Forgiveness" Lenten Series with Fr. Charlie
11:30-12:30 during Coffee Hour
First Day of Spring
- 22 Lent 4 *Rose Sunday*
"Forgiveness" Lenten Series with Fr. Charlie
11:30-12:30 during Coffee Hour
- 29 Lent 5
"Forgiveness" Lenten Series with Fr. Charlie
11:30-12:30 during Coffee Hour

APRIL



- 5 PALM SUNDAY
- 8 Stations with Mary & HE 10 am
- 9 Maundy Thursday tba
- 10 Good Friday Liturgy 10 am
- 11 Prayers 10 am *set up for Easter Sunday*
- 12 RESURRECTION SUNDAY
- 19 Easter 2
- 25 **GARAGE SALE** 10-3
- 26 Easter 3



MAY

- 3 Easter 4
- 8 **PENNY SOCIAL** 6:30-9:00 pm
- 10 Easter 5
Mother's Day
- 17 Easter 6
- 24 SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION
- 25 *Memorial Day observed*
- 31 DAY OF PENTECOST



YES/AND

We were reading about the Greek pantheon, especially Helios, the sun god who raced a chariot across the sky. That led to the discussion of heliotropism - how flowers move and follow the sun. And that led to planting sunflowers so Katherine, my granddaughter, could eventually see that in real life.

The next morning, Irish-peasant-at-heart Nana was out preparing the hard-baked Texas soil by the garden fence. Out went the compacted clay, in went the peat and compost. Stakes were positioned, awaiting the planting of seeds.

Prayer comes more naturally to me when I am kneeling and digging in the dirt. I marvel at the richness of life: soil, water, seed combining to create beauty. It is easy to remember biblical metaphors: vine and branches, weeds and flowers, mustard seeds and cedars of Lebanon.

Digging in the dirt is a faithful and hope-filled exercise. We believe if we create the right conditions of soil and water and light, plants will flourish. Patience - waiting - is mandatory. We hope for life, for beauty!

And, growth usually begins in darkness. God's caring for us appeared first with the incarnation of the cosmos - God's love overflowed and became tangible in the creation of the world of sun, darkness and water. Our physical world allowed us to evolve, to participate in the blessing of overflowing love. God's love for us reached fulfillment in Jesus - the Son of Man/Son of God - allowing us to see that being fully human means recognizing and participating in the eternal flow of divine love.

God "digs" for each one of us!

YES, the preparation, the digging, the darkness of waiting are hard. We never know for sure if the seed will flourish. Our world - whether in the garden or here at Resurrection - is the physical place, the soil, the digging ground. In the darkness of not knowing, we wait patiently for the signs of future life. We are God's seeds, the future sunflowers, the growth engines of love.

AND, we will grow and bloom, no matter where we are planted! Sunflowers always move toward the Sun! Amen!

Mary Pat



VESTRY VIBES

December 15, 2019 Minutes

- Diocesan Pledge 2020: same as 2019.
- Parish Pledge 2020: 20 units/total \$36,344.
- Wonderful parish Christmas dinner at Piccola Bussola; SW thanks parish for loving kindness & generosity.
- Choices for discernment presented & discussed: retired priest; part time priest; Deacon's Mass; yoke with another parish; close.
- Parishes close by Trinity, Roslyn; St. Mary's, Carle Place; Christ, Garden City.
- Bottom line: cannot afford a full time priest.
- Irene retiring from B+B ministry on Thursdays.
- Annual Parish Meeting to be catered; Mo. Lindsay to arrive soon after noon, will facilitate discussion for entire parish.

January 12, 2020 Minutes

- Checkbook balance: \$52,800+
- Vestry elections: Jane & Fritz to run for re-election; Paul & Liz to run for election; will need Clerk— non-vestry member.
- SW to send out letter to all parishioners re importance of our Annual Parish Meeting.
- Rectory: locate the deed.
- Need to continue food collection for the needy!
- Penny Social: Fri, May 8th.

February 9, 2020 Minutes

- Fr. Charlie will push for end of December departure.
- **MOTION:** to increase PA salary to \$25/hour retroactive to 1/1 2020. *passed unanimously.*
- JMC, Scouts, Mayor to be notified of possible closure.
- Convention: Jane, Delegate; Mary Pat, Alternate.
- Fat Sunday: Paul will arrange and gather cooks.



Alive & Well

HEALING PRAYER & HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 am Wednesdays



SCRIPTURE STUDY

10:30-11:30am Wednesdays

THE HUNGRY NEED OUR HELP!

Please bring in non-perishables for St. George's Food Pantry

BARGAINS+BLESSINGS THRIFT SHOP

10-4 Thursdays & Saturdays

CANDLE, SANCTUARY LIGHT & FLOWER DONORS WELCOMED

— Call Patty

COFFEE HOUR

1st Sun/month: **Carol Bozek**

2nd Sun/month: **Joan & Paul Servinkas**

3rd Sun/month: **Pat Calvert, Jane Colgrove**

4th Sun/month: **Linda & John Bernhardt**

5th Sunday: ?

Parish Administrator: Patricia Hayes

Organist: Ellen Schutt

Rise & Shine Editor: Jane Colgrove

Vestry: Jane Colgrove, Warden;

Don Josling, Warden;

Mary Pat Gannon, Treasurer;

Sharron Friedlander, John Lasek,

Marjory Mahoney, Fritz Weinrich, Liz Weinrich.



Birthdays

March

6 Irene Genovese

13 Meri Halem

April

4 Paul Servinkas

May

2 James Robinson

5 John Lasek

7 Joan Servinkas

11 John Gutkes



Anniversaries

April

24 Audrey & John Gutkes

May

1 Joan & Paul Servinkas



Heavenly Saints

March

2008 Violet Bohn

2013 Elsie Shattuck

April

2009 Dorothy Greene

May

2011 Lillian Bleimeyer

Ruth Herda

2012 Virginia MacMurray

2014 Doris Wozniak

2015 Bette Bernhardt



Adopt A Family gifts being packaged for delivery to All Saints', Baldwin, collection point. **December**



Parish Christmas Dinner at Piccola Bussola. **December** A wonderful evening!!



Donald's car trunk filled with frozen turkeys to be delivered to St. George's Food Pantry for Thanksgiving. **November**



Celebrating 96 years with Marge at Jonathon's. **February**



Pat, Patty, Julie, June

Bargains+Blessings thrift shop volunteers "Appreciation Luncheon" at Copperhill. **January**



CSI Jubilee Memorial Church Choir Christmas Program with Bp. Franklin, Assisting Bishop for EDLI **December**



Bambi, John, Linda



Diane, Jane



Fat Sunday—thank you Don, Paul, Joan, and Linda! ***February***



Herb Amrhein
 June 4, 1925 - December 31, 2019
 Remembering you with fondness, Herb.
 Pray you are resting in peace
 with God and your heavenly loved ones.



Annual Parish Meeting—with Mo. Lindsay. ***February***



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