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New Life in God's Love
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION
The Rev. Christina van Liew
Rector

RISE & SHINE!

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We are a safe church where the healing love of Christ radiates comfort in caring, joy in sharing, strength in hope.

Rector's Reflections

*A Condensed version of the State of the Parish
 Address given at the Annual Meeting
 Sunday, February 1, 2015, Mark 1:21-28*

Dear Resurrection People,


The authority Jesus modeled in the Gospel reading the day of our meeting (*Mark 1:21-28*) was astonishing because it was not like anything the people had experienced, much like today. People then and now expect authority to come from rank and status, yet Jesus had neither. What he had was of God, from a deeply rooted relationship with God. What he did with it was not to build himself up or to lord it over others, but to serve them, to reflect how God sees them and invite them to see and be their true selves, a people living God's vision of reality. We have that same authority by our baptism. How are we exercising our God-given authority?

The church is the people and the clergy combined, with Christ as the head. We are empowered by our baptism in the authority of Jesus Christ to help God love the world into wholeness. My call is to help you discover, claim, and exercise your God-given authority to do this.

We have built a faithful community out of the

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Ash
Wednesday
Wed, February 18th
10:00 am and 7:00 pm



simple
contemplative
prayer + ashes + eucharist

The Very Reverend
Lawrence C. Provenzano,
Bishop of the Diocese of Long Island,
 will celebrate and preach
 here at Resurrection on
 the First Sunday in Lent



Sunday, February 22nd, 10 am.

Please be present
 as we joyfully welcome our Bishop,
 experience his celebration of the Eucharist,
 learn from his preaching,
 and greet him in fellowship
 at luncheon following the service.

A Word from our Warden



Dear Friends,

February has been quite a challenging month. The winter weather has brought us ice, snow and frigid temperatures. It did give us a break and allow us to hold our Annual Parish Meeting on February 1st, as scheduled. We are praying that it does not interfere with the Bishop's visit on February 22nd.

On the first day of the month twenty-one parishioners gathered after worship for the Annual Parish Meeting. Goodies provided by Carol Bozek, our coffee hour host of the day, greeted them as they entered the undercroft. Elections were conducted first. Dorothy Lotten and Don Josling were re-elected as Vestry member and Junior Warden respectively. Mary Pat Gannon and Regina Huneke were elected as first time members of the Vestry. Dorothy Lotten was elected our Convention delegate and Jane Colgrove our Alternate. We congratulate all those elected and warmly welcome our new members to the Vestry. I encourage those not present to pick up a copy of the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting booklet and read our Rector's State of the Parish report (delivered during worship) and the other reports submitted.

Our next big event is the visit of Bishop Provenzano on February 22nd. Please plan on being in church on this very special day in the life of the parish. There will be a luncheon served in the undercroft immediately following worship. Mark the date on your calendar along with other important dates listed in this newsletter.

Hopefully, we will not have to deal with inclement weather on the 22nd. While the weather is beyond our control, there is one thing of which I am certain. We will continue to share the comfort, joy and strength we find at Resurrection outside our doors.

Blessings,

Joan

now is a very acceptable salvation
behold, now is the day of salvation

Vestry Vibes

January 18, 2015

- Bishop will visit 2/22; will have Dominick's cater luncheon; vestry will meet with Bishop.
- Snow removal: Erik Servinskis will continue.
- Possibility of hosting movie night raised and Discussed; what equipment is needed.

February 8, 2015

- Vestry covenant looked at—will be revisited.
- Vestry Retreat, Mercer, 2/14, 9: am-12noon. Jane & Gina to bring snacks.
- Present office computers outdated; will look into purchasing two new computers instead of maintaining outdated cones.
- Ministry Goals & Actions for 2015 distributed; members signed up for liaison & coordinator commitments.

For complete minutes of Vestry Meeting, see file in Office.

Lenten Adult Study

Wednesdays - 7 pm—8:30 pm - Library

Feb 25, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25

Living the Baptismal Covenant

Using the book: Being Christian

Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer

By Rowan Williams,

104th Archbishop of Canterbury, 2002 to 2012.

"Williams ushers us more deeply into our best discernment of the Christian life."

- Walter Brueggemann

"It takes a theologian of depth to write a simple book about complex concerns." - Lillian Daniel

Come early on Wednesdays for

Evening Prayer - 6:30 pm

around the Marian Altar

In sanctuary

bring your prayer beads

Rector's Reflections from page 1

ashes of loss, and our neighbors are blessed by our witness to resurrection life in the Thrift Shop, the Courtyard Garden, the Penny Social, adult education, and even our rainy-day Pet Blessing. We have attracted and kept new participants, most of whom have already committed to the wellbeing of Resurrection ministries. Our Vestry has been a faithful steward of our properties and finances, worthy of your trust. Ninety two percent of our regularly attending members pledge, a very high percentage. We may be small, but we are a worship-centered people learning and living our Baptismal Covenant of mutual respect, responsibility, affection, justice and service. When people come they feel the love of Christ.

Our strengths are growing. I see we are becoming a more vital parish, more effective in service to Christ because we are being transformed by the Love of Christ. We are learning how to be more realistic and accountable, to ask for and receive forgiveness, because we get that we are all in it together, with Christ. Our practice of praying, discussing, and problem-solving together allows us to be not afraid of change. This is living our resurrection faith: with God there is always life after death. Where in the world can you find this combination? Where else can you be bathed in the grace of God, joined in Communion with all God's beloved, and equipped to make a difference for God's Kingdom?

We have asked you to pray over our 2015 Ministry Goals and Actions, let God show you where you are being called to serve this year without pressure, guilt or fear. Many of you have responded already, the rest of you are just as important to our ministries. If your heart, mind and soul agree, and you are excited about it, that means God is calling you to it. What God commissions, God equips. Doing this is how we exercise our baptismal authority. Our shared journey into the mystery and the hope of the resurrection is our greatest strength, one we

cannot find outside of gathering regularly to worship and serve.

We are becoming a vital parish and an example for others. If we are this effective with a small core group, imagine how effective we will be when more become part of the core, and more come to follow!

Faithfully submitted in the Name of Christ,

Christina +

The Reverend Christina van Liew, Rector



The Baptism of
**Sharron
Friedlander**
January 11, 2015



Pictures courtesy of
Mary Pat Gannon and
John Bernhardt



"... sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen."

BCP, p 308

**CONGRATULATIONS
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 7 Rhonda Kaletsky
18 Gary Smithing
19 Marjorie Mahoney

**CONGRATULATIONS
MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 6 Irene Genovese
11 William Buckley
13 Meri Halem

**CONGRATULATIONS
FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY**

- 2 Helen & Hans Niemann

Flowers, Candles, Sanctuary Light

Need Candle & Sanctuary Light donors for March
Need Flower Donors for Rose Sunday, March 15

A wonderful way to honor
the memory of loved ones.

Call Office: 746-5527

Coffee Hour

**SIGN-UP SHEET HAS BEEN MOVED TO
UNDERCROFT for convenience!**

All who attend
please pick a day and sign-up!

Caring Connections

Rhonda Kaletsky, Ministry Chair

516 742-6928

Carol Bozek	Gina Huneke	Jane Colgrove
516 333-9681	516 707-7160	516 581-2868

Please let us know if there is something
we can do to support you in life's journey.

Help with mailing costs - - -

Do you receive Rise & Shine by mail? Would you please
consider helping

defray the mailing expenses? For
10 issues/year we currently pay \$4.90.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Church of
the Resurrection.

THRIFT SHOP

Ruth H and Irene G

Linda B, John B,
Patty M, Pat M, Jan F, Mary C

Thursdays 9:30-1:00 pm

Saturdays 10:00-2:00 pm



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Thank you notes received from St. John's thanking us
for participating in the 2014 Adopt-A-Family Pro-
gram; taking part and contributing towards the Toy
Drive for the 2014 Children's Holiday Party.

HELLO!
NOT HAPPY TO HEAR ABOUT THE
BAD WEATHER YOU ARE HAVING
BUT WE ARE HAPPY TO BE IN
SUNNY (70°) CALIFORNIA. WILL
SAY NO MORE.

IT IS TAKING TIME TO GET THINGS
IN ORDER AND MEET NEW FRIENDS
LINING UP NEW DOCTORS
AND CALLING COMPANIES THAT
TAKE THEIR TIME TO CHANGE OUR
ADDRESS.

RUTH AND I THINK OF OUR
FRIENDS AT RESURRECTION
OFTEN AND MISS YOU.
STAY WELL.

Love,
Ruth and Ray

We wanted to thank you
for the beautiful service for
Kitty. Everyone was wonderful
and it was extremely comforting.
Thank you again for everything.

Sincerely,

Jayne & Jason Kuske

Resurrection Ministry in Action 2015

The Core Team. The Vestry, the Parish Missional Vitality Team and the Priest work together to discern God's will in ministry matters and best practices.

Liaison. Each ministry area has a liaison who is the contact person for the ministry team, the coordinator, and the Vestry.

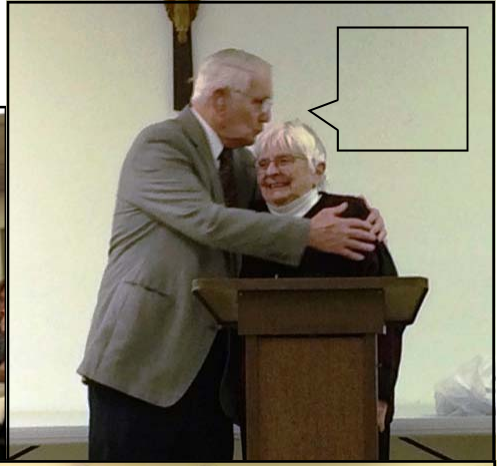
Coordinator. Each ministry area has a coordinator from the Vestry to oversee and guide the ministry team.

The People of the Parish. Parishioners are encouraged but not pressured to participate on any ministry team where their passions and ministry needs meet.

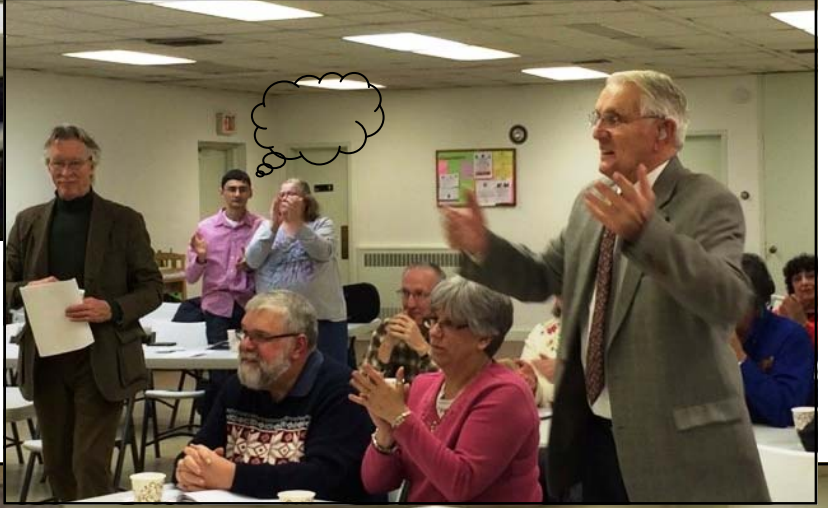
The Neighborhood. Each ministry area maintains a relationship with our neighbors. The Core team encourages and helps promote a flow of communication and involvement with our neighbors in the Village, the Diocese, and the world.

Ministry Area	Goals	Liaison	Coordinator
Belonging	Provide warm, inclusive yet non-invasive welcoming and caring actions.	Joan Servinskaskas	Gina Huneke
Communication	Assure flow of information about ministries, and needs among and beyond the parish.	Dorothy Lotten	Jane Colgrove
Education	Offer varied opportunities for study, reflection and sharing faith journeys in the Anglican Tradition of "yes/and."	Gina Huneke	Mary Pat Gannon
Garden	Maintain and improve our courtyard garden as a sanctuary for quiet reflection and prayer.	Donald Josling	Joan Servinskaskas
Money	Assure faithful and transparent management of pledges, investments, donations, fundraisers and expenditures.	Mary Pat Gannon	Dorothy Lotten
Property	Maintain, repair and improve church and rectory buildings and grounds.	Jane Colgrove	Paul Servinskaskas
Thrift Shop	Provide charity with dignity, connections with and for neighbors, and a source of income for our operating budget.	Paul Servinskaskas	Donald Josling
Worship	Provide accessible, seamless and seasonal worship liturgies that encourage us to grow in love for God and others.	Regina Huneke	Mother Christina

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING February 1, 2015



Pictures courtesy of Meri Harmon Halem



Fill in the callouts yourself !

Resurrection Living



February 2015

HOLY EUCHARIST - Sunday & Wednesday 10 am



THRIFT SHOP - Thursdays 9:30-1:00 pm; Saturdays 10:00-2:00 pm

ADULT STUDY - Living the Baptismal Covenant 7:00-8:30 pm

TEA & SCRIPTURE - Lectionary Study 4-5 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 Last Epiphany HE Fat Sunday Pancake Breakfast	16 	17	18 Ash Wednesday 10 am & 7 pm	19 Thrift Shop Tea & Scripture <i>Order of the Arrow</i> 7:00 pm	20	21 Thrift Shop
22 Lent I HE The Right Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano, Celebrant & Preacher Reception of Tim Frazer-Talan Into Episcopal Church Catered luncheon Vestry meeting with Bishop	23  L E N T	24	25 HPHE Adult Study	26 Thrift Shop Tea & Scripture <i>Pack 311</i> 7:30	27	28 Thrift Shop

March 2015

1 Lent II HE Coffee Hour	2	3	4 HPHE Adult Study	5 Thrift Shop Tea & Scripture	6	7 Thrift Shop 
8 Lent III HE Coffee Hour Discretionary Fund Collection	9	10	11 HPHE Adult Study	12 Thrift Shop Tea & Scripture	13 <i>Pack 311</i> 7:30	14 Thrift Shop 



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"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word."

The Book of Common Prayer, Ash Wednesday, p.265