



**LOVING GOD      LIVING HOPE**  
**New Life in God's Love**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE**  
**RESURRECTION**

The Rev. Christina van Liew  
 Rector



**Rector's  
 Reflections**

Dear People of Resurrection,

It's mid way through Epiphany and I am already preparing for the Lenten Season. Our liturgy on Ash Wednesday reminds us there are certain spiritual disciplines that we are called to practice during Lent. One of them is fasting. This Sunday (Epiphany 5) Isaiah reminds us why. He is harsh with so-called religious people for using fasting for selfish purposes while ignoring injustice, abuse and suffering of others. He calls them to fast from religious sin.

Holy fasting is choosing to abstain from something that, by being without, will cause discomfort. Discomfort is God's entry into our lives, if we let it be. By turning to Christ instead of our usual behaviors, we open ourselves to God's transforming love, and we receive the mind of Christ to see God, self and others as God does.

Many of us avoid fasting, or use it as a means of cleansing the body but not necessarily the soul. All of the great spirituality's of the world advocate regular abstinence from worldly comforts for spiritual purposes. The Twelve Step Program calls this surrendering our powerlessness to a higher power. In his book, Breathing Underwater, Richard Rohr says, "Alcoholics just have their powerlessness visible for all to see. The rest of us disguise it in different ways

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**2014 EPISCOPAL CHARITIES  
 ANNUAL APPEAL**

**February 9 - Announcement Sunday**

- Annual Appeal brochures distributed
- Particulars announced
- Episcopal Charities prayer

**February 16 - Commitment Sunday**

- Appeal envelopes/pencils distributed
- In-Pew process conducted
- Completed envelopes collected
- Episcopal Charities prayer

**February 23 - Follow-Up Sunday**

- Appeal envelopes/pencils distributed
- In-Pew process repeated
- Completed envelopes collected
- Episcopal Charities prayer

Our goal for this year is **\$1700**—(3% of fiscal 2012 pledge-and-plate).

We will receive a "return" check reflecting 25% of \$1700 if we reach our goal.

We will receive a "return" check reflecting 50% of funds exceeding our goal.

Our **2013** "return" check in amount of \$802.50 reflects 25% of goal and 50% beyond goal.

Our **2012** "return" check in amount of \$560.00 reflects 25% of goal and 50% beyond goal.

Our **2011** "return" check in amount of \$1192.50 reflects 25% of goal and 50% beyond goal. ~

## A Word from our Warden



Dear Friends,

Monday's snowstorm of seven to eight inches transformed the area into a winter wonderland. Today, Wednesday, we received two to four inches more and an icy rain. More snow is predicted for Sunday into Monday. We are certainly experiencing an "old fashioned winter." Be safe and know that Spring is just around the corner. I am heartened by the fact that it is light a little bit later each day.

Sunday, the day of our Annual Parish Meeting, was milder than usual and clear. Mother Christina gave her "State of the Parish" address as the homily, and welcomed questions on it when the meeting continued in the undercroft after the Service. The message we heard from our Rector, and other people who reported, was a positive one. We are no longer in survival mode but are beginning to thrive. The numbers back up this message. I encourage those of you who were unable to be with us on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to read Mother Christina's report and other reports that were presented.

All who entered the undercroft were treated to a wide array of goodies prepared by our coffee hour hosts for the day, Carol and Gina. Elections were held as scheduled. **Rhonda Kaletsky** was elected a first time Vestry member. John Lasek and Jane Colgrove were reelected to the positions they held. Congratulations to all and a warm welcome to Rhonda. I was reelected to my third and final term as Warden.

As reports at the Annual Parish Meeting indicated, our church is alive and well! We are active in serving God and this community. We must continue to move forward. Check out all that is being offered and decide in what capacity you can help. Share whatever new ideas you have. With God's help, and working together, we can serve God's mission in this community.

Blessings,

*Joan*



## Vestry Vibes 1-19-14

- Safe Church: vestry members, key holders, all who work with children must take online training; more to follow.
- Calendar draft to be filled in: penny social, etc.
- Narrative Budget presented; Mission Statement agreed upon.
- Fundraising policy presented—will add Stewardship statement to all parish activities; agreed upon; can work around not having 50/50 (no more giving money to win or lose more money).
- Vestry Retreat: Sat, Feb 22nd, 9-1, Albertson Fire Company.
- Discretionary Fund: will have envelopes available every Sunday for contributions, with last Sunday designated for offering collection. Need is greater than ever.
- National Grid: went to new supplier, spent \$7100, saved \$700—will stay with new supplier.
- Undercroft tables and chairs to be cleaned: will ask AFC youth for a Saturday project.
- Window well covers: no response from vendor.
- Begin process for Five Year Plan for Capitol Improvement.
- Maintenance: replaced 3 smoke alarms (10 year guarantee): 2 in Undercroft, 1 in Thrift Shop (donated by North Bellmore Fire Department).
- Crisis management plan: place to have church in case of emergency.
- Check/inspect: smoke detectors, stove, and boiler.

## King Kullen Receipts

Participation in this Fundraiser (thank you, **Ruth Hanshe**, for your leadership in this ministry; and thank you all who bring in your receipts),

has returned a total of

**\$8,034.67**

since we began in 1995.

Let's keep on keeping on!



## Receive your Rise & Shine in the Mail?

We would appreciate your help with postage. First class postage is \$.49 an issue. A donation of \$5 would cover a year (10 issues) of Rise & Shine.

Thank you!



*(Rector's Reflections from page 1)*

and overcompensate for our more hidden and subtle addictions and attachments, especially our addiction to our way of *thinking*." (P. xvii). Rohr opens up for me an understanding of the ultimate Godly fast: denying habits that cannot do what God can do if I choose to let God fill my needs in healthy ways. So I am taking the Light of Christ to this in my life, and prayerfully preparing to let holy fasting become a conscious part of my lifestyle. I hope you do, too. Then we can have a conversation about fasting for wellbeing as we enter Lent, and journey together to the Cross, and beyond.

Peace and Every Good,

*Mother Christina*



## Excerpts from the Rector's State of the Parish Address

February 2, 2014

Annual Parish Meeting

### 2013 Missional Living:

- Wednesday Healing Prayer and & HE participation increased; offered time for sharing reflections;
- Adult Discussion Group participation increased;
- Three families with very young children met monthly for Supper with Jesus, offering kid-friendly music, prayer, scripture, HE experience;
- Thrift Shop thriving; proceeds exceeded last year;
- Liturgy provided for congregation participation;
- Preaching more to the point and inspirational;
- Combination of old and new music;
- New voices leading songs;
- Silences during worship offered time for reflection;
- Courtyard Garden donations from community far exceeded expectations;
- Endowment and other investments have grown; Pledge amount for 2014 highest ever for ECR.

### 2014 Missional Living Plan:

- Become a place **"Where the healing love of Christ radiates comfort in caring, joy in sharing, strength in hope."** (*Mission Statement*);

- Become partners in prayer with other merging churches;
- Offer Safe Church training to those required to take it (free of charge);
- Provide regular updates on ministries;
- Develop 5 year plan for reducing draws from investments;
- Begin process of developing Capital Campaign for Property Maintenance;
- Coordinate year-round fundraising opportunities;
- Host spring Garden Party;
- Discuss expansion of Thrift Shop hospitality to include a small tea room;
- Simplify Pet A Palooza from fundraiser to fun and blessings;
- Continue community connection: neighbors, Chamber, Rotary, Street Fair, and Ecumenical Thanksgiving service;
- Cultivate Caring Connections;
- Continue Prayer Shawl ministry;
- Expand Monday Morning Maintenance Men;
- Develop media team: website, Facebook, photos;
- Offer more year round Adult Discussion Groups;
- Cultivate team of "shepherds" for Sunday tots;
- Prepare kits and play space for kids who remain in worship.

*Please note: Excerpts prepared by the Editor of R&S are subject to misinterpretation. To read the full Address, please refer to your APM booklet. Jfc*



## 2014 Wardens and Vestry

Joan Servinskas	Senior Warden	2016 *
Donald Josling	Junior Warden	2015
Dorothy Lotten	Vestry	2015
Doreen Banks	Vestry	2016
Rhonda Kaletsky	Vestry	2016 **
Paul Servinskas	Vestry	2016
Jane Colgrove	Vestry	2017 *
John Lasek	Vestry	2017 *
Vestry Meeting:	February 16th	11:30-1
Vestry Retreat:	February 22nd	9-1

\* Re-elected

\*\* Elected

## Mission Statement for The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection:

*Where the healing love of Christ radiates comfort in caring, joy in sharing, strength in hope.*

Resurrection is an oasis of people welcoming those strong in religion/faith and those searching to define/find faith. We are united in the joy, the hope and the love of Christ. We wish to share Christ's healing presence with all who seek a deeper relationship with God in Christ. As a community, a family of believers, we share the transforming presence of God in our fellowship, service, and worship.

**Fellowship** and **Service** remind us that as a community, a family, we share each other's burdens and rejoice in each other's successes:

- Our Christmas and pot luck dinners create welcoming social occasions for all;
- Our after-worship gatherings around food and conversation strengthen community;
- Our Thrift Shop honors the dignity of all people and offers the joy of companionship;
- Our Prayer Shawl and Caring Connections ministries embrace hearts with love and hope;
- Our Men's Group lovingly tends our property;
- Our Pet-a-Palooza witnesses our blessings for all God's creatures and their people;
- Our seasonal Adult Discussion Groups deepen our Christian/religious knowledge and mutual respect;
- Our Community Garden extends our peace-filled presence to the neighborhood.

**Worship** forges our deepest bonds:

- Our Wednesday Healing Eucharist strengthens our awareness of God's healing love in our lives;
- Our monthly "Tots with Jesus" allows young children and their parents time to learn about and rejoice in God's family;
- Our Sunday Eucharist recharges us through music, prayer, scripture and inspirational preaching.

**Resurrection people believe:**

1. that celebration and service continue outside the doors of church.

2. that through shared worship and fellowship we meet God, and that together we help God love the world into wholeness.
3. that Resurrection God gives us all we need for resurrection living. ~

**Ruth Hanshe** wishes to thank her friends and parish family for their cards, flowers, calls, and prayers during this most difficult time of not being able to do much, let alone get out to work in the Thrift Shop, one of her many beloved ministries.

Seriously, Ruth, we all miss you very much. Our prayers continue for your speedy recovery and complete rehabilitation on those wonderful wrists connected to your caring and giving hands that offer "comfort in caring, joy in sharing, strength in hope" here at Resurrection.

## BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Rhonda Kaletsky  
18 Gary Smithing  
19 Doris Wozniak  
19 Marjorie Mahoney  
22 Lisa DeStefano



## ANNIVERSARIES

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Helen & Hans Niemann

## Donors for Palms

**Gladys Norian**, faithful sister in Christ now with the heavenly saints, always donated the altar palm fronds for Palm Sunday (April 13th). Marie is asking for palm donors in memory of Gladys—if you would like to be part of this living memorial to Gladys, please call Marie during office hours at 746-5527.



## Want to Talk about Lenten Disciplines?

How might “self-examination and repentance, prayer, fasting and self-denial, reading and meditating on God’s holy Word” (from **Liturgy for Ash Wednesday**) bring you closer to your true being and knowing of God?

Come with your curiosity, and any favorite inspirations (Christian mystics of history and today, scripture passages, etc.) fasting. Let’s listen, talk, pray, share and make covenant to support each other in the journey.

**Wednesday, February 26, 7 pm**

*(1 session only)*



## ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5TH

### Imposition of Ashes and HE

10am Traditional with music  
7pm Nontraditional

## John Robert Strafer



Dorothy Strafer offers sincere thanks to her Resurrection family for the cards, caring and love extended to her and the family at the time of John’s death. She especially wishes to thank Mother Christina for being with her until his last breath—a source of great comfort for her.

She tells of having mixed emotions during the last several days of John’s life—awaiting the death of John; awaiting the birth of great grandson Declan Matthew Brown (born one week before John’s death).

At the luncheon following the service and burial, the children shared their memories of him—with much joy, laughter, tears. John’s granddaughter Kristen shared that he “made me what I am today”; more like a dad than granddad, because they lived with grandparents growing up. John took one of his grandsons up in a hot air balloon—told him it was “like going up to heaven.”

Everyone loved John—family, friends, neighbors—he helped everyone. John was the honorary sexton here for many years, keeping everything in good working order. He received many honors from the NYFD, the Navy, Bishop’s Cross, etc.

Near the end, when Dorothy told John it was okay for him to go, he asked, “do you want to come with me?”

*[editor’s note: Dorothy might have said “I’m not ready yet.” One thing is certain—John will be waiting for her - - -.]*



Parish Dinner



Pancakes anyone?



Parish Potluck

## Resurrection Ministries 2014

*[prepared from signups at Annual Parish Meeting February 2, 2014]*

**Caring Connections**—year round ministry; lay contacts by phone, cards, visits.

Rhonda Kaletsky, Lead Minister  
Gina Huneke  
Carol Bozek  
Jane Colgrove  
Irene Genovese

**Tots With Jesus**—September-May ministry, one evening per month.

Gina Huneke, Lead Minister  
Carol Bozek

**Kids Kits**—September-May Sunday ministry; prepare seasonal activity kits for kids to use during church.

Gina Huneke  
Dottie Lotten

**Prayer Shawls**—year round ministry; knit/crochet prayer shawls.

Marge Mahoney  
Dottie Lotten

**Garden Party**—Spring event, pick a date; plan, publicize, host.

Doreen Banks, Lead Minister  
Mary Pat Gannon  
Dottie Lotten  
Jane Colgrove

**Pet A Palooza**—party and blessings; October 4th; plan, publicize, host.

Robert & Diane Petraglia, Lead Ministers

**Tea Room**—September-May hospitality during Thrift Shop hours; begin planning for in 2014.

Gina Huneke  
Irene Genovese

**Penny Social**—May Fundraiser; plan, publicize, host.

Dottie Lotten, Lead Minister  
Don Josling  
Jane Colgrove  
Irene Genovese

**Stewardship Ministry Team**—plan 2-3 additional fundraisers (*not including Annual Appeal or Penny Social*) per year.

Jane Colgrove, Lead Minister  
Mary Pat Gannon  
Meri Harmon Halem

**Monday Morning Maintenance Men**—year round ministry usually on Mondays.

Don Josling, Lead Minister  
Paul Servinskas  
Stewie Lotten  
Robert Petraglia

**Altar Guild**—September-May meetings 3rd Wed of month after worship; prepare sanctuary for worship.

Linda Bernhardt, Lead Minister  
Marge Mahoney

**Web**—monthly/seasonal updates with news, pictures, etc.

Mtr. Christina, Lead  
Robert Petraglia

**Facebook**—weekly brief updates; expand friends.

Mtr. Christina, Lead

### PLEASE NOTE:

**IF YOU WERE ABSENT FROM THE MEETING, OR HAVE CHANGED YOUR MIND AND WOULD LIKE TO BECOME PART OF A MINISTRY TEAM, PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE TEAM OR SEE JOAN OR JANE.**

# Resurrection Living



# February 2014

Worship Sunday & Wednesday 10 am  
 Coffee Hour Sundays 11:15 am  
 Thrift Shop Thursdays 9:30-1 pm; Saturdays 10-2 pm  
 Tots with Jesus 5:00-6:30pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple  HE  ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Coffee Hour	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  	<b>5</b>  HP&HE	<b>6</b> Thrift Shop   <i>Cub Scouts 4:30pm, 6:30pm</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Thrift Shop
<b>9</b> Epiphany 5  HE Coffee Hour  Episcopal Charities Announcement	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  HP&HE ILM John Strafer	<b>13</b> Thrift Shop   <i>Cub Scouts 4:30pm</i>	<b>14</b>  	<b>15</b> Thrift Shop
<b>16</b> Epiphany 6  HE Coffee Hour  Episcopal Charities Commitment  Vestry Meeting	<b>17</b>  President's Day  Office Closed  	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  HP&HE ILM Gladys Norian Altar Guild  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">MARIE</div>	<b>20</b> Thrift Shop   <i>Cub Scouts 4:30pm, 6:30pm</i>	<b>21</b>  <i>Cub Pack 7:30pm</i>	<b>22</b> Thrift Shop  VESTRY RETREAT 9-1  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">FLORIDA</div>
<b>23</b> Epiphany 7  HE Coffee Hour Discretionary Fund Offering Episcopal Charities Follow-Up	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Tots with Jesus	<b>26</b>  HP&HE  Lenten Disciplines Discussion 7pm (1 session)	<b>27</b> Thrift Shop   <i>Cub Scouts 4:30pm</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>March 1</b> Thrift Shop



## The Words to Say I Love You

I was there, yet you did not see Me  
 The times you did cry  
 I wrapped you in My loving arms  
 And wiped the tears from your eyes  
 Every prayer - I heard, and answered  
 Every cry for help - I came  
 I cast down all your enemies  
 And brought them all to shame  
 You are My beloved [child]  
 Whom I have set free  
 I removed your chains of darkness  
 Because you believed in Me  
 I Am in you, and you in Me

This is an original Christian poem submitted by an About.com member.  
 It expresses, through the eyes of God, how much he loves us.



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**“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”**

*from Thy Word lyrics*