

# RISE & SHINE!



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New Life in God's Love  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE  
**RESURRECTION**  
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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



Dear Resurrection People,

Now that the holidays are over, let's not pack away their true meaning along with the decorations. Let us continue to hold with awe the mystery and the hope of God coming among us to show us the secret of true power: vulnerability and self-giving love. Recent injustices and acts of violence remind us that the world sees power as the exact opposite. Too many people want justice their way, oblivious to God's way. Even righteous anger fuels more anger and violence. There is a better way, the one Jesus taught: non-violence. First we need to pray that we find our part in helping God restore justice and peace, for we all have a part. We need to listen deeply and compassionately to people's pain and frustration, especially people who are not the privileged few. We need to speak truth to power with respect, not inflammatory rhetoric. To be effective, we need to be centered in Christ, not pride or entitlement or indifference. There is a way. In this Season of Epiphany let

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## Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, February 1st

(After Worship, for about an hour)

ELECTIONS FOR:

Warden/Vestry Members

Convention Delegate & Alternate

**WARDEN:** 2 year term; must be confirmed communicant in good standing; be known to the treasurer for not less than 12 months. (1 warden up for election)\*

**VESTRY:** 3 year term; must be baptized communicant in good standing; be known to the treasurer for not less than 12 months. (1 must; 6 may be elected)\*

**Wardens/Vestry** must be able to attend a meeting one Sunday a month from 11:30-1:00, as well as make every effort to attend additional meetings as needed.

**Convention Delegate & Alternate:** must want and be able to attend the Diocesan Convention held November 14th, be a baptized communicant in good standing and be known to the treasurer for not less than 12 months.

- Need 2 Wardens; 3 to 9 Vestry Members.
- Anyone feeling called into this most important ministry, please see Joan Servinskas or Mtr. Christina.

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## A Word from our Warden



Dear Friends,

You will receive this newsletter on the eleventh day of Christmas. On Tuesday we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and enter a new church season. We will take down the decorations. Christmas services, family gatherings, presents and other festivities of the season will be memories, but the love and hope that entered the world on that first Christmas will be with us forever. We can easily get lost in purchasing gifts, planning parties, decorating, etc. It is a busy time that to those suffering loss, poverty, illness, or any number of challenges, is a most difficult time. The world has commercialized this holy day and the message of love and hope it brings us is often lost.

The Christmas Eve and Christmas morning Services celebrated by Mother Christina and those who assisted her conveyed this hope and love to all who attended. May this message sustain us as we go forward into 2015 and a new church season.

January promises to be a busy month for Resurrection people. Among other things we will be preparing for our annual meeting on February 1. You will find information on this event elsewhere in the paper. Please make every effort to be with us on this important day in the life of the parish. We look forward to the Bishop's visit on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, and will be planning for that special day. Check elsewhere in this newsletter for other dates to remember and be sure to mark them on your calendar.

I know we are all hoping for a kinder, gentler winter this year. We all remember the ice and snow we dealt with last year.

Peace,

*Joan*



## Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, February 1st

### ELECTIONS

#### *Continuing members include*

Joan Servinkas, Senior Warden, 2016  
Paul Servinkas, 2016  
Jane Colgrove, 2017

#### *Exiting members include*

John Lasek  
Ruth Hanshe

#### *Running for re-election members include*

Donald Josling, Junior Warden (2017)  
Dottie Lotten, (2018)

#### *Running for first time include*

Mary Pat Gannon  
Regina Huneke

#### *Running for Convention Delegate*

Dorothy Lotten

#### *Running for Convention Alternate*

Jane Colgrove

### THIS IS NOT A CLOSED BALLOT.

PLEASE, IF YOU FEEL CALLED TO SERVE, SPEAK  
TO ANY MEMBER OF THE VESTRY, OR  
MOTHER CHRISTINA.



Picture submitted by John Bernhardt

*Rector's Reflections from page 1*

us keep our eyes on the star – the symbol of hope that leads us to bring our best gifts to God. Let it lead us into the fullness of being a vital parish, giving birth to new life in God's love.

Blessings and Peace,

*Christina +*



Dear Christina,  
Thank you for your thank you, but the real thanks goes to God. For over 2 years I have been battling insurance companies over medical claims [from injuries sustained] during the hurricane Sandy. I knew I was entitled to reimbursement and have a file over 2 inches thick with claim forms and letters. Most bills were paid but not the ones for broken teeth and jaw. Everyone - Medicare, Met Life Insurance, NYS Employee insurance - all passed the buck. I often thought of the gospel story of the judge who gave in to the woman who kept pestering him, so I kept at it and got more and more frustrated.

About a month ago, I promised God that if I got the money I was entitled to, I would "tithe" \$600 to Resurrection as I did listen to those sermons. Well lo and behold the week before Christmas (after telling me I would get some notification by Feb) I received the check. So it was God who sent Resurrection the money, not me. I only paid by check so I could take the income tax deduction. Your sermon and Jane's preaching reminded me of what needed to be done and God took care of the rest.

You are a blessed presence in my life, and I welcome your thoughts and input.  
May you have a blessed and joyful New Year!

## **New Year, New Creation!**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2015**

**7:00 pm, Library**

Join us for an evening of exploring our spiritual survival plan: soul food not junk food, and how to tell the difference.

## **Bible Study on Mark's Gospel**

Thursday afternoons beginning January 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm our *Tea & Scripture* hour of sipping, studying and sharing resumes. We will begin a study of the Gospel According to Mark, which is the first, the shortest, and arguably the most provocative of the four canonical gospels.

## **Come and Participate**

Adult Baptism on January 11, the First Sunday after the Epiphany which is the celebration of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Scout Sunday January 25**

We will honor all our parishioners (and friends who come) who are, or have ever been, a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Brownie Scout or Girl Scout. Prizes for those who can find and bring some trace of uniform or badges!!!

## **Help defray 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.





**All Parish  
Christmas Dinner  
December 17th**

**Mim's Restaurant  
Roslyn Heights**

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Epiphany remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child,  
who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. *Dennis Bratcher*

**CONGRATULATIONS  
JANUARY BIRTHDAY**

19 Doreen Banks

**CONGRATULATIONS  
JANUARY ANNIVERSARY**

13 Linda & John Bernhardt

**Coffee Hour**

Please sign up in the foyer.  
Thank you!

**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.

**Flowers, Candles, Sanctuary Light**

**Need now thru February 15!**

A wonderful way to honor  
the memory of loved ones.

Call Office: 746-5527

**Adopt A Family  
Resurrection Ingathering**

Thank you all for supporting this Diocesan Ministry!



*Picture submitted by Destinee Lee.*

**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**

**Thank you all for your ministry!**



Ruth and Ray after receiving prayer and blessing from Mo Christina, as they exit our beloved Resurrection



*Pictures  
submitted by  
Jane  
Colgrove*



# Resurrection Living





# January 2015

HOLY EUCHARIST Sunday & Wednesday 10 am

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

ADULT STUDY - Spiritual Survival Plan 7-8:30 pm

TEA & SCRIPTURE - Bible Study on Mark's Gospel 4-5 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 2nd Sunday after Christmas Day  <b>HE</b> Coffee Hour	5	6	7  <b>HPHE</b>	8 Thrift Shop  <b>Tea &amp; Scripture</b>	9  	10  Thrift Shop
11 1st Sunday after the Epiphany  The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ Adult Baptism  <b>HE</b> Coffee Hour	12	13	14  <b>HPHE</b>	15 Thrift Shop  <b>Tea &amp; Scripture</b>	16	17  Thrift Shop
18 Epiphany 2  <b>HE</b> Coffee Hour  VESTRY	19	20	21  <b>HPHE</b> <i>Altar Guild</i> Adult Study	22 Thrift Shop  <b>Tea &amp; Scripture</b>	23  <i>Pack 311</i> <i>7:30</i>	24  Thrift Shop  Scout Pinewood Derby 9 am
25 Epiphany 3  <b>HE</b> Coffee Hour  Discretionary Fund Collection	26  	27	28  <b>HPHE</b>	29 Thrift Shop  <b>Tea &amp; Scripture</b>	30	31  Thrift Shop