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March Epistle

From the Rector

I have struggled with this “From the Rector” and a whole lot more lately. That the Epistle is late you can attribute to me. Explanations and excuses are not the issue for us though. Instead, the real issue is joy. Joy? Joy is not something we think of in Lent, is it? Lent is supposed to be about giving up pleasurable things or taking on difficult ones. Joy would seem to be the furthest things from where we are supposed to be. And, given the chaos of the times right now, joy seems to be the furthest thing from anyone’s experience. We’ve been trained to look at Lent as a time of sacrifice, self-denial, or some form of “sack cloth and ashes.” You know, “What are you giving up?” or “What good works are you doing?”

But, the *Proper Preface* for Lent, coming at the beginning of The Great Thanksgiving, calls for joy -*You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.*

I don’t know if you have heard the words on a Sunday morning. It may be that with other words being heard and with the press of circumstances and distractions, joy might be missed. The invitation itself, “prepare with joy for the

Paschal feast”, is kind of buried among more familiar Lenten ideas, such as cleanse the heart, be fervent prayer, or busy with works of mercy. Joy can be an elusive thing, like the phrase above itself buried among other things. So how can one prepare with joy? Where is it found?

I recently became aware of Walter Burghardt, S.J., a Roman Catholic priest, teacher, and theologian. He died last year. He was one of what I like to call Vatican II priests, those who (and some are still with us yet) stood out with a remarkable appreciation for life as we experience it. Burghardt is said to have written an invitation to us: “I ask you to see yourself as you really are: A creature wonderfully and fearfully made, a bundle of paradoxes and contradictions. You believe and doubt, hope and despair, love and hate. You are exciting and boring, enchanted and disillusioned, manic and depressive. You are trusting and suspicious, selfless and selfish, wide-open and locked in. You know so much and so little. You are honest and still play games.”

There is so much honesty in his words, the honesty of life as we live it, full of contradictions, full of extremes, and, as he marvelously reminds us, at the beginning, “wonderfully and fearfully made”.

Too often joy is taken as something to be acquired, something that exists apart from who we are and where we happen to be. Clearly, there are times when joy seems far from us. But, in the end, in the midst of struggles, in the face of deadlines met and missed, in the paradoxes and contradictions of who we are, perhaps that is precisely where joy is, a delight in the messiness of life.

- Jerry Fisher

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Senior Warden's Corner



As we enter the Lenten Season, I've been trying to figure out what I will "sacrifice or give up" this year. I have figured it out: It's my free "down time" that I will sacrifice. Like many of you, my days are full. I work (my work requires extensive travel), I share time taking care of an aging parent, and I take what time I have left to enjoy my family and this church.

I started my Lenten sacrifice last Tuesday 2-24-09 at 2 pm. That's "Shrove" Tuesday to Episcopalians, and since I cover New Orleans in my territory "Fat Tuesday" to others. My wife, Darden and I have questioned for several years what happened to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper that we and our kids participated in while they were growing up in St. Johns. The kids had such fun waiting tables and the adults enjoyed it just as much by cooking, eating, and simply enjoying the great fellowship. Over time it simply stopped, and we missed it. So Darden decided to jump right in and my "down time" went right down the drain. I was cleaning an old sign she found behind the church; building supports to hold the sign; and placing the sign in just the right place in the front yard of the Church. She was organizing volunteers, sourcing the food and supplies, and rebuilding the Shrove Tuesday Celebration at St. Johns.

I got to the Church at 3 pm and there were already about ten

volunteers there. Durwood Matheny had the tables looking great with decorations provided by his wife, Shirley. Al Hinton, Harold Davis, Bob Nelligar, Bob Stoklas, and Frank Smith were furiously on the bacon, sausage, and pancakes crew. Patti Davis, Abby Presson, and Carolyn Stoklas were handling the beverages, and Edna Toney and Carol Smith were manning the entry table collecting donations. I started baking cookies and greeting people all the time thinking to myself "In the office at 6 am...and at the church until at least 9 pm...Waaaaaaah!!!! Poor poor me."

Things started slow at 5 pm, but boy did we receive a great surprise as the evening wore on. We ran out of food and had to ask Darden, and later Frank Toney, to run out and pick up extra provisions. Abby Presson made an announcement to calm the masses that sausage and bacon were on the way! Everyone was having a great time enjoying the fellowship, so I don't think anyone was upset by our miscalculation of provisions.

When 7:30 pm arrived, our young servers - led by Jane and Daniel Cheek including Jonathan Farrell, Trevor Daw, Michelle McIlwain,



Trevor Telenko, Allison Sontag, and Gentleman Jack Presson - had served close to 200 people and collected over \$700 from donations that will go to the St. Johns EYC. What an amazing turnout of support for our youth! We were all so thrilled! Thanks to Carol and Frank Smith and Mollie Apolloney for staying late to help clean up. I hope I left no one out of my thank you's.

Now ...to my point of all this rambling ... If you read my first Senior Warden's corner last month you will remember that I asked you to get involved in a ministry in 2009. The return on your time and talent investment would be tenfold. Now I ask you to notice the number of parishioners that participated in this one single event to make it so successful. This is exactly how easy it is to get involved in this community of Christ and in something that will grow even bigger with time. The fellowship that we all enjoyed during this one event is priceless. After complaining in my mind about having to work a long day and sacrifice my "free time", I indeed have received back. St. Johns is not one person - it takes all of us working together in the Body of Christ to help our neighbors and in turn, we truly do help ourselves

What will you give up for Lent possibly to help others? Consider getting involved in a ministry at St Johns. Our spiritual journeys continue....

*Yours in Christ,
Tom Baker*

Relay for Life



Relay for Life May 15 - 16, 2009 Wakefield High School

This year is Relay for Life's 25th Anniversary, and the North Raleigh/Wake Forest Relay has a very special opportunity to become intimately involved with cancer research by joining the Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3). The American Cancer Society's Department of Epidemiology and Surveillance Research is inviting men and women between the ages of 30 and 65 years who have no

personal history of cancer to join a historic research study.

The purpose this grassroots effort is to better understand the lifestyle, behavioral, environmental, and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer and to ultimately eliminate cancer as a major health problem for this and future generations. Study enrollment can only take place at Relay for Life events, and this is one of three events chosen in our state.

To join our team, register by visiting www.wakeforestorelay.com or www.northraleighrelay.com. Click

on the "2009 Teams" in the column on the left, which will then take you to the team name page. You should see "**St. Johns Joyful Soles**" in the list and can click on the "Join Team" link. It's that easy!

We'll also have sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall after church most Sundays, or you can email me at mearcher@nc.rr.com and I can help you with the set-up process.

I hope everyone will help to make this year's Relay for Life a success!
- Mary Ellen Archer



Christian Education

In church school we are talking about this serious season of Lent and looking forward to the joyful release of Easter. A basket will be in the parish hall for contributions of plastic eggs and individually wrapped no-nut candies. Please help by

bringing something in to share so the children can enjoy the annual egg hunt after church on Easter Sunday.

A big "thank you" to the teachers who presented some special lessons for the children while many of our teachers were away renewing themselves at Lake Logan. I've heard the lesson on temptation had an especially tasty ending!

Looking further ahead to spring, please mark your calendar now for Sunday, May 24 when we will have a potluck picnic lunch after the ten o'clock service to celebrate the end of our church school year.

I was delighted to recently hear from one of the intermediate students that there is a strong interest in providing a church school class for middle schoolers next year. Please let me know if you are interested in helping to teach this class next fall. I'm exciting about the challenge of finding a curriculum to serve the needs to this great group!

- Ann Holmes

Preschool News

The Preschool hosted a Family Forum with guest speaker, Tempe Smith, M.Ed., MSW, LCSW from the Morning Glory Center. Lots of



parents took advantage of the child care we offered that evening and joined the discussion about setting limits and behavior management techniques. Many families also attended the Pancake Supper that the EYC & JYC put on right before the Forum and enjoyed it very much. Thanks to all who made the night such a success!

The Preschool is accepting Summer Camp applications for rising 3 and 4-year-old children until March 31st. Applications can be either found in the Parish Hall or on our website:

www.stjohnswf.com under "Preschool" and then "Summer Camp".

The Preschool has openings in the 1-year-old class for the 2009/2010 school year. Children need to be 15 months on or before August 31st to enroll. If you are interested in the 1's program or in putting your child on the waiting list for the 2, 3, or 4 year old classes, please call Kristen Baron at 562-8619.

-Kristen Baron

St. John's Yard Sale - Saturday, April 4

St. John's ECW is partnering up with the Chorale Singers for a huge **Yard Sale on Saturday, April 4, from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. The ECW needs donations from the parish to sell. Profits will go toward the Joy of Christmas and Church Net.

The ECW will let you know when and where you can bring your items. We are tentatively looking at the following dates and times:

- Sat. March 21, from 9AM-12 PM
- March 22 after church services
- Sat. March 28 from 9AM-12 PM
- March 29 after church services.



St. John's Care Group

If you know of anyone who has a "need" within our Church family, please contact Sloan Walkup at (919) 556-1657 or skesler35@yahoo.com.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Sunday Suppers @ St. John's

Sunday Suppers is a collaborative effort to get together as parishioners and as a collective family. It's a low-key, friendly way to end the weekend or prepare for the upcoming week.

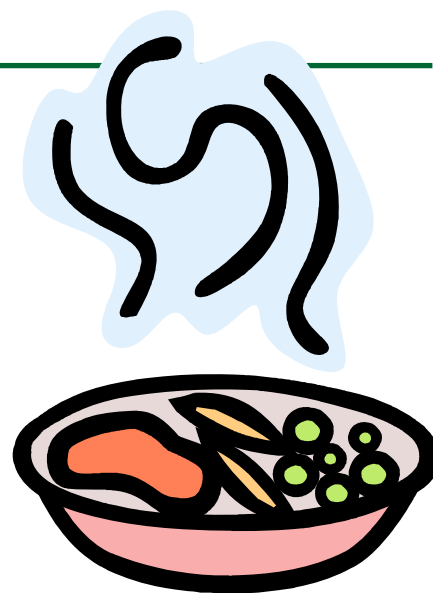
The next Sunday Supper will be March 22 from 5-7 PM. The theme will be Italian! Look for a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall on the bulletin board.

We'll have the basketball goal set up and cordoned off from cars for some hoops action. If someone

would bring a couple of soccer balls, maybe some folks could kick a ball around.

Another Sunday Supper is planned for May, date to be announced. The theme will be a cookout. Sunday Suppers will take a break for the summer and kickoff again in September.

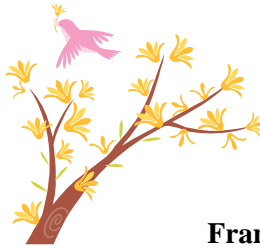
If you have questions, please email Catherine Massey at ctmassey@earthlink.net or give her a call at (919)453-0269.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



In Our Prayers



Our Parishioners and Their Families:

Alfie Adams
Tom, Tom Baker's father
Tiffany Bell
Mimi, Tori Bennett's mother
Nancy Blackman, Jean McCamy's cousin
Nancy, Karen Bell's mother
Bob, Kathy Binns' husband
Kay Brewer, Jenny Brewer's daughter-in-law
Christie Bull, niece of Jack & Dagmar Derrick
Mary Alyce Calhoun, Maggie Goldston's sister
R.V. Cate, Jackie & Amy Bailey's brother-in-law
Jay Chapman, Carol Smith's father
Wayne and Nancy Clausen
Patrick Cubberly, Patty & Rob Reichmeider's nephew
Virginia Currie
Ruth Dancy, Mollie River's daughter
Al Dubber, Carol's husband
Frankie Epps / Sarah Fort
Magen Ferland, Emily Duplessis' friend
Nick, Sheryl Friedrichs' husband
Brenda Gainey, Milly Nelligar's sister
Alton Hare / Dot Hinton
Tom Holt, Lee's father
Arlene Homan, Joyce McPherson's mother
Drew Hoover's mother
The Rev. Burton Linscott, John's father
Jay Martin, Adam & Kathryn Martin-Meurer,
Mary Martin's son, daughter, and son-in-law
Anna Melvin, Roger's sister,
Barbara and Gene Montague
Kristen and Andrew Monteith, Dick & Janet's
son and daughter-in-law
Regina Morris, friend of The Hall Family
Ginger Morrison
Susan Neely
Liz Newberry, Sallie Newberry's daughter-in-law
Hudson Nowell, Shawn and Craig's nephew
Robert Hart Raynor, Milly Nelligar's cousin
Lisa M. Robertson, Gene and Barbara's daughter
Janie Rodgers, Cindy Hall's cousin
Sigrid Rosenfeld, Dagmar Derrick's sister
Fran Taliaferro, Catherine Massey's mother

Frank Toney
Silvia Travaglione, Laura Santos's sister-in-law
Nellie Trawick, Cindy Hall's grandmother
Linda Wolfgang, Dave McPherson's cousin

Our Friends:

Caeden
Lille Boyte
Steve Brooks
Claudia Brugaletta
John Burek
Tommy Byrne, Jr.
Eden Carroll
Pat Cawley
Nancy Coats
Diane Davis
Jackie Diaz-Cid
Jim Duke
Laura Faulkner
Lynn Furtell & family
Dee Gillespie
Eric Hansen
Tommy Heldreth

Jim Johnson

Don Jones
Barbara Kearns
Anna Lee Long
Andra McRae
Phyllis & Pete Mickschutz
Eva Martinez Paharik
Gary Pike
Marisa Rosa
Tom Schwab
Clark Shelton
Deborah Snow
Lynn Springer
Felecia Stephens
Vann Taylor
Faye Tessiner
Stephon Williams
Louise Young

Our Men and Women in the Armed Services:

Thomas, son of Tom and Darden Baker
John, son of Pinky & David Cooke
Eric Fancher, brother of Jessica Graber
Steven, son of Carolyn Filo
Matt Jeanerett, nephew of Greg & Sonia Ingram
Frank Kelly, grandson of Frank & Carol Smith
Michael Klump, brother of Kathy Binns
Megan Leone
Sean Lynch, friend of Pinky & David Cooke
Kevin and Chad Marshall, friends of Virginia Olsen
Zachary McBee
Ryan McDavitt
Thomas McDonald, friend of Kristen Davis
Ben Miller and Drew Holt, nephews of Lee and Perri Holt
Josh Norton, friend of Mike Berger
Kyle Weinel

Ministry Assignments

Calendar	Acolytes	Readers	Chalice	Greeters	Ushers	Flower Guild	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Lessons
15-Mar Lent 3	8:00 Bob Bidwell 10:00 Patrick Barham Trevor Daw Trevor Telenko	Elwood Munz Laura Santos Carol Smith	Bob Bidwell Harold Davis	Louis Mullinger Laura Santos	Al Reynolds Al Hinton Jack Derrick	Lenten Greens	Alfie Adams and Jenny Brewer		Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22
22-Mar Lent 4	8:00 Conner Williams 10:00 Jacob Holt Chalton Holt Patrick Ingram	Jan Williams Harold Davis Emily Baker	Bob Bidwell Kristen Davis	John Rich and Melanie Murphy	Greg Williams Bill Goldston Linwood Harp	Lenten Greens	Kenille Baumgardner and Karen Demanovich	Kelly Hicks	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21
29-Mar Lent 5	8:00 Bob Bidwell 10:00 Kristen Kramer Hunter Kramer Haley Walkup	Bob Bidwell Kenille Baumgardner Jim Davenport	Bob Bidwell Jim Davenport	Ed and Sid Reynolds	Tom Baker Al Hinton Tim Matchunis	Lenten Greens	Ruth Crawford and Sharon Davenport		Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-13 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33
05-Apr Sunday of the Passion	8:00 Patrick Barham 10:00 Vann McDuffie John McDuffie Jack Presson	Elwood Munz Harold Davis Sally Fisher	Bob Bidwell Lee Holt		Larry Demanovich Durward Matheny Michael McDuffie	Flower Guild	Vivian Jones and Melanie Murphy		Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47
09-Apr Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM	Elena Harp	Eleas Ottley		Dave McPherson	No flowers or greens	Elizabeth McDuffie and Patti Reichmeider		Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 116:1, 10-17 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35
10-Apr Good Friday	Noon					No flowers or greens			Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1-19:42
12-Apr Easter Day	8:00 Conner Williams 10:00 Patrick Barham Jacob Holt Kristen Kramer	Jan Williams Ellen Holst Megan Holst	Bob Bidwell Durward Matheny	Elwood and Helen Munz	Greg Williams Roger Melvin Louis Mullinger	Flower Guild	Arline McCullough and Denise Munz		Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18
19-Apr Easter 2	8:00 Bob Bidwell 10:00 Sean Leech Philip Page Sidney Osborne	Al Reynolds Lisa Hunt Craig Johnson	Bob Bidwell Kenille Baumgardner	Alfie Adams and Jenny Brewer	Al Reynolds Bob Nelligar Al Reynolds	Sharon Davenport	Alfie Adams and Jenny Brewer		Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31
26-Apr Easter 3	8:00 Bob Bidwell 10:00 Patrick Barham Trevor Daw Trevor Telenko	Emily Baker Vivian Jones Donna King	Bob Bidwell Jenny Brewer	Harold Davis Louis Mullinger	Tom Baker John Rich David Roberts	Pinky Cooke	Kenille Baumgardner and Karen Demanovich		Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4:13-25 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48
03-May Easter 4	8:00 Conner Williams 10:00 Jacob Holt Chalton Holt Patrick Ingram	Jan Williams Tom Marshall Rachel Pottern	Bob Bidwell Jim Davenport	Jim and Sharon Davenport	Larry Demanovich Frank Smith Frank Toney, Jr.	Shirley McHose	Ruth Crawford and Sharon Davenport		Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

March Birthdays



03 Cady Bailey Erin Harp Matthew Presson	09 Jayne Bennett Judy Gould Daniel Warriner	14 Jan Raper	25 Suzanna Neeley- Bridges
04 Michael McDuffie Abigail Telenko	10 Harold Davis Jr. Sharon Davenport	15 Trey Johnson	26 Nick Matchunis
05 Connor Bell	11 Charles Hale	16 Eleanor Earley	27 Ben Munz
06 Brady Wilson	12 Patrick Ingram	17 James Schaeffer	28 Tim Matchunis
07 Ken Christie	13 Susan Neeley	18 Kate McDavitt Vann McDuffie	Chris Mertz
08 Meredith Massey Michael Morse Alexandra Husinko	14 David Vohwinkel David Williams Jr.	20 Bill Houtz Mr.	29 Roger Melvin
	15 Dagmar Derrick	21 Sharon Spangler	30 Amy Bailey
		22 Cameron Hicks John Melvin Will Williams III	Virginia Currie Steve Gould Krystal Kramer



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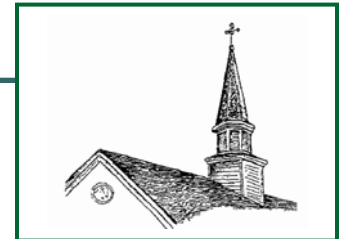
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From the Parish Register



Born - *that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good*

March 13th - **Henry Christopher Roberts**, to Heather and Dave, and sister and brother Taylor and Nicholas

Baptized - *Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.*

March 1st - **Josie Regan Dickhart**, daughter of Brooke and Jeff, and sister of Ryan and Andrew

March 15th - **Daniel Charles Jarest and Charlotte Katherine Jarest**, children of Kate and Charles

