

Parish Newsletter of St. Michael's Church in Bristol, RI 02809-0414

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion is to look out on this earth, yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good, and yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.*

*Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582*



*The Rev. David J. Lucey*

## Walking Through the Cross

*Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.*

*The Book of Common Prayer 1979, page 101*

Every Friday morning for the past three years I have read this collect from the *Prayer Book*. It was one of my ministries to lead the Daily Office at 8:30 A.M. on that day. Sometimes I had company, especially in the seasons of Advent and Lent. But to be frank, most of the time I read the office alone.

Many of you are familiar with the offices of *Morning and Evening Prayer* from the time when it was the principal worship service most Sundays; that was from the time of the much loved *1928 Prayer Book*. An increasing number of our community are not familiar with it. That is because we have officially used our current *Prayer Book*, which places greater emphasis on Baptism and Eucharist than the '28 *Prayer Book*, for almost thirty years and because many of our current parishioners come from non-Episcopal traditions. These offices formed Episcopal prayer, worship, hymnody, chant, spirituality and identity for nearly 500 years. I used them daily in seminary for all three years and continue, especially when I am ungrounded or in need of spiritual direction, to use them today.

That moment in our east chapel at The Church of the Holy Spirit set my day, one that usually involved hospital visits and pastoral calls, often among long term shut-ins. That prayer awed me every time I prayed it and still does. It reminded me that I was on a journey of faith, walking with Jesus, whose own journey involved some very hard realities. I think of it now as we prepare

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*John Reskusich*

## Senior Warden's Corner

This morning on the radio while commuting to work, I heard a story about a blue sweater. A young woman was telling the story about her blue sweater. She was given the sweater by her aunt maybe 20 years ago. It didn't sound like a fashionable sweater (at least, not to my adult male tastes!)...blue with animals and mountains on it. Something a grade school girl might like. Well, she loved it and loved it so much she wore it all the time. But when she entered high school she discovered it wasn't quite right any longer. She gave it away to Goodwill. Time went on and this young girl grew into a woman drawn to help the needy in Africa. While in Rwanda on a trip, she is jogging down a road and notices a small boy with a blue sweater. It catches her eye because it looks like the sweater she loved and gave away to Goodwill 10 years before. She stops the boy and looks at its label. That label had her name on it!

Why do I retell this story? Ten years and 5,000 miles the sweater had traveled to be noticed by its original owner! Coincidence? Freak accident? One-in-a-million odds, like 3 billiard balls striking simultaneously? This young woman discovered there is some interconnectivity in this world of ours; no matter how small or slight. She felt, that despite the poverty and hunger many people live in and with around the world, her blue sweater found a need, a purpose to clothe a young boy 10 years and 5,000 miles away. [A fascinating aspect is how she ended up at that same point in time and space where the boy would be so they would meet...Almost sounds like the "Twilight Zone".]

This was a minor inadvertent act of cleaning out a closet, quickly forgotten in our current busy lives. But that act resulted in clothing a boy many miles away. It helped someone in need. What would happen if we all made concerted efforts at cleaning our closets of our blue

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for Holy Week, a moment in the church year that focuses our attention on the cross.

Now a word of warning; the cross is not the final word of our journey or Jesus'. It is not intended to be the final word. But it is part of the deal. Life here is good but not fulfilled and certainly not perfected. All too often trials, suffering and pain are part of our daily lives. But even as they are part of our reality God does not wish us to be confined or defined by these experiences alone. There is fullness, a glory, which God wishes us to enjoy and to which Jesus has already led the way.

That is the purpose of Holy Week; to focus our attention on the reality in front of us, but to keep us moving forward, always forward in the ways of the Kingdom of God. That movement will take us through the trials, suffering, and pain, not easily, but always forward. How rich a reality that the God of all creation, who was present and active in Jesus, shares that same journey with us, all of it—the hard part and the glorious part too.

During this coming year I would like to recommend that we at St. Michael's hold this prayer in our hearts as we discern our common life together. It is prayer that will remind us of the journey, of the journey's struggles, and of the journey's goal—glory in the Kingdom and presence of God, led on by Jesus. We have much to do, much to learn, much to experience. But to hold this prayer in our spirits and hearts will help to direct us in God's purpose and remain grounded in the daily life of giving ourselves over to God's will.

In peace,  
David

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sweaters? What would happen if we gave clothes, food, money, household goods or some of our time with a specific target in mind where a definite need was present? Imagine many, many children all with blue sweaters...your blue sweaters.

This young woman continues her work helping the African poor to improve their lives. This might be one single story, but it demonstrates we are all interconnected. There was nothing about Christian charity or motivation in her story. It did show that with the slightest act of discarding something, we can love our neighbors as ourselves by giving of ourselves; just as Christ would have us do. Giving is something we all need to do to strengthen the bonds of this interconnected world; no matter how disjointed it may appear.

John Reskusich

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE FOR 2009**

Pledging units: 95

Amount pledged to date: \$112,440

**“Thank you”** to those who have submitted their pledge for 2009. If you need a pledge card please pick one up at the back of the church or call the church office.

**“Vestry Meetings Open to Parish”**

Did you know Vestry Meetings are open to the Parish? They are and you should come. See how and what we discuss and do. If you have something you would like to bring to our attention or suggest to the Vestry, you are more than welcome to attend. If you are interested in possibly participating sometime in the future in the governance of St. Michael's, please come and join us.

The Vestry meets once a month usually the 3rd Tuesdays. Here are the scheduled meeting dates for the next three months. All meetings are at 7pm in the Tildesley Bldg.

Tuesday, April 21

Tuesday, May 19

Tuesday, June 16

Additionally, the Finance Committee usually meets the Monday evening before the Vestry at 6:30pm in the Ivy Room. You are welcome to join us then as well.

John Reskusich, Senior Warden



## Christian Seder April 2 - 7pm

Lent prepares us for the mystery that is Easter. One of the major events in the days before Easter is the celebration of Passover by Jesus and his disciples. Passover is a Jewish tradition that celebrates G-d leading his people out of bondage and into the Promised Land. This traditional feast of the Jewish faith is also part of the Christian heritage. In the early days of Christianity, the Eucharist was virtually indistinguishable from a Passover Seder. What does a Seder teach us today about our faith? St. Michael's will hold a Christian Seder on Thursday, April 2 at 7pm in the parish house. Please plan to participate in our Seder. There are important parts for everyone from the youngest to the oldest and even for the visitor. More details will be provided as the time approaches. In the meantime, if you have questions, please call Louisa Jones at 396-5067.



### Palm Sunday-April 5

8am, 10am and 6pm - Blessing of the Palms and Passion Narrative

### Wednesday in Holy Week - April 8

7:00am - Holy Eucharist  
6:30pm - Stations of the Cross

### Maundy-Thursday-April 9

6:30-8:00pm- Dinner and footwashing followed by Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

### Good Friday-April 10

Noon and 7:00pm- Good Friday Liturgy and Passion Narrative

### Great Vigil of Easter-April 11

7:30pm- Baptism and the Great Vigil  
(Please bring a small bell from home with you)

### Easter-April 12

8am and 6pm-Holy Eucharist  
10am-Festive Holy Eucharist



**Episcopal Basis:** Beginning **Sunday, April 19** and running through **Sunday, May 24** the Rector will host a series of one hour sessions from **11:30 A.M. until 12:30 P.M.** on Episcopal Basics, a series based on the Catechism in *The Book of Common Prayer* (yes we have a catechism) beginning on page

844. Bring a lunch and bring your questions for a chance to learn more about our faith and more about the rector.



## Easter Flower Memorials



If you would like to be baptized or have a child to be baptized please contact the church office. Our next service of Holy Baptism will be held at 7:30pm on Saturday, April 11th at the Easter Vigil.

If you would like to put flowers in the church for Easter services in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an event please use the envelope enclosed in this newsletter. All memorials will be noted in the service bulletins. Suggested donation is \$ 25.00 made payable to "St. Michael's Altar Guild". Deadline for memorials is Wednesday, April 8th. You may place the envelope in the offertory plate on Sunday or return it to the church office.



## Summer Camp

## ECC Summer Camp Schedule

Brochures for camp are available at the back of the church or by logging on to [www.episcopalri.org](http://www.episcopalri.org).

### Music and Creative Arts Camp:

**June 28th to July 4th** Fee: \$345 for young people entering grades 8-12 or age 13-17

**Teen Camp: July 5th to 10th** Fee: \$335, or \$345 with a two night camp-out for young people entering grades 7-9 or age 12-14

**Older Boys' Camp: July 12th to 17th** Fee: \$340 for boys entering grades 5-6 or ages 10-11

**Older Girls' Camp: July 19th to 24th** Fee: \$340 (fee includes allowance for camp store) for girls entering grades 5-6 or ages 10-11

**Musical Theater Week: July 26th to August 1st** Fee: \$345 for young people entering grades 8 - 12 or ages 13-17

**Younger Children's Camp: August 3rd to 7th** Fee: \$340 for Boys and Girls entering grades 2-4 , or ages 7-9

## Safe Church Training Schedule

The Diocese strongly encourages Safe Church Training for all paid church staff members and lay ministers in position of church leadership, whether paid or volunteer and is required of all clergy, licensed Lay Eucharistic Visitors and those who regularly volunteer in programs for children and youth such as church school teachers and others involved in Christian formation; anyone who visits people in their homes on behalf of the church, *e.g.* church visitors, vestry members and anyone who works with children and youth. If you fall into any of these categories and have not participated in this training, please make plans to attend one of the training sessions below and notify the church office so we can register you.

**Wednesdays ,April 22 and 29th**, 6-9:30pm at St. Matthew's in Jamestown (must attend both Wednesdays).

**Tuesdays, May 12 and 19th**, 6-9:30pm at Trinity Church in North Scituate (must attend both Tuesdays).

**Saturday, May 16th**, 9am-4pm at St. Columba's in Middletown.

**Wednesdays, August 12 and 19th**, 6-9:30pm at the Diocesan Resource Center (must attend both Wednesdays).

## Diocesan Scholarships



The 2009-2010 Diocesan Scholarship Fund applications are now available. Awards are granted to individual applicants who will be enrolling or have already enrolled in a four-year undergraduate institution for the 2009-2010 academic year. These awards usually range from \$400.00 to \$500.00, and are for one year only. Past recipients of scholarships may re-apply each year.

**REMEMBER:** *The deadline for all scholarship applications is June 15, 2009 and the committee will NOT accept applications after that date.*

To apply go to <http://www.episcopalri.org> and fill out the Forms below

[2009 Scholarship Application Form](#)

[2009 Scholarship Application Instructions](#)

Along with the application, candidates must submit a transcript of their high school or college grades. The committee will not accept grades printed from a web site without a student name or college name. Each new application must have a letter of recommendation from the applicant's rector or vicar, which must be requested and attained by the applicant.

For questions, or for more information please contact Joan DeCelles at the Diocesan House (401)274-4500 x229 [joan@episcopalri.org](mailto:joan@episcopalri.org)

## BRISTOL GOOD NEIGHBORS YARD SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009  
8:30AM-12:30PM

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH HOUSE  
378 HOPE ST.

RAIN OR SHINE

For more information call:  
254-0726

# Rhode Island Diocesan Convocation 2009 “Church: Back to the Basics”

by Elaine Cohen

On March 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the annual Convocation of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island assembled in Providence, RI, with the theme of “Church: Back to Basics”. Attending on Saturday from St. Michael’s parish were Rev. David Lucey, Rev. Cecilia Perry, Candace Stanley and Elaine Cohen. In addition to fellowship, we were able to take part in the information and formation workshops offered via Convocation programs.

2009’s keynote speaker was the Rev. Carol Anderson of All Saints Church, Beverly Hill, CA. Over the span of her 20 years as rector, Carol and her staff learned to pay attention to the work that is essential to the church: that worship be intentional and inspirational; that both members and newcomers of all ages be engaged in deepening their relationship with God through on-going learning, that opportunities for ministry and service be supported, and that living in Christ be reflected in all that they do.

In addition to Carol’s Friday evening and Saturday morning presentations, four workshop tracts were offered: Treasurers’ Workshop, Communications, Christian Formation and Leadership Development. The two workshops that I attended are:

**-The 21<sup>st</sup> Century; Communications as In-Reach** presented by Ms. Ruth Meteer, Diocesan Communications Officer. This workshop gave an introduction to the variety of communication tools available in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. An overview of the growth of technology and the ability to reach larger groups in shorter times was illustrated through a Power Point presentation. A discussion followed about how to use these tools to benefit the faith community within our church, such as St. Michael’s website and the internet form of “Wings”.

**-Christian Formation: One Size Does Not Fit All** presented by The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf. This workshop focused on creating an atmosphere where people of all ages and stages of religious experience can worship, learn and form Christian community in the context of Sunday morning. The Bishop through this workshop, asked us to consider and to be mindful of:

-welcoming and including our young children in our services thru song and readings

-being present and mindful in our participation as baptized members and as ministers of the faith com-

munity, as we participate in various ministries of the choir, acolytes, torch bearers, lay readers, ushers and coffee hour hosts. Our rehearsing and preparation in each of our ministries and our “on time” attendance sets the tone of our worship service while we participate with our celebrant and the worshippers attending our Sunday services.

-the intentional and inspirational components of our worship services that bring an air of transcendence; such as lighting of the candles, the hand bell choir, and the music that accompanies our service, and the readers who read from the lectionary.

The above was just a thumbnail sketch of how the Bishop outlined Christian Formation, but as you can see Christian Formation is done in relationship and within a faith community, such as at St. Michael’s Church.



## St. Michael's Women's Group

We gather the 3rd Monday of every month, at 11:30 am, in the Ivy Room of the Tildesley Building, and everyone brings their own lunch and drink. We would love to have you join us as we come together to support our faith and each other in Christ.



## Senior Adult Luncheon

Mark your calendar.....Saturday, May 2, 2009  
1:00pm-St. Michael's Parish House  
Menu: Soup and sandwich

If you are willing to help please contact: Candace  
Stanley  
email: candacestanley@cox.net  
Telephone: 255-3106

# A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL AT THE ST. PATRICK'S CORNED BEEF DINNER



*Joann Teixeira, Sandy and EJ Sevigny, Bill Turner and Ed Sevigny in deep conversation.*



*Diners Mariel Manchester and family...*



*Cinny and Anthony Cambrola and Candy Stanley doing some prep work.*



*David Lucey and David Cassick enjoy conversation while "Gee" relaxes with Dad.*



*Part of the work crew taking a quick break.*



*Edith Turner, Joann and Cinny baste the corned beef.*



*Diners Jim and Trudy Palazio...*



*John Reskusich and Bill Turner overseeing the cooking of the corned beef.*



*The youngest diner to celebrate the day was Charlotte's great-granddaughter, Sophia.*



*Charlotte and Candy prepare to greet the diners.*



*More diners....*

## Evening Study Group: Redemption Road: The Quest for Peace and Justice in Liberia



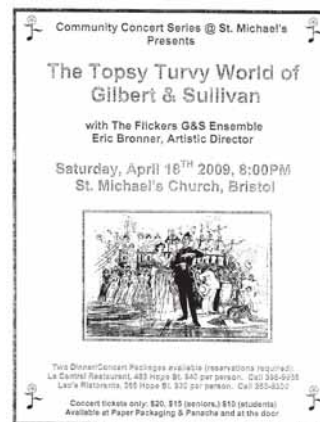
*In the tradition of Liberian literary greats Bai T. Moore and Wilton Sankawulo, Elma Shaw carves out a period in Liberia's history and transplants it onto paper for the world to swallow and digest without judgment. Redemption Road reminds us of our tragic past but it also shows us that peace, justice, reconciliation, progress, and development are attained if we only try a little harder. —From the Foreword by ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF, President, Republic of Liberia*

The Evening Study Group takes on a slightly different type of book for the Spring. Redemption Road is a novel set in Monrovia during the administration of Liberia's former president, Charles Taylor. This riveting debut is a story of recovery, atonement, and the continuing quest for peace and justice in a nation plagued by conflict and inequalities since its founding by free blacks and former American slaves. Life in war-torn Liberia is not easy, and it is especially challenging for Bendu Lewis, a young woman who counsels traumatized survivors of Liberia's civil war while struggling silently with memories of her own war-time experiences. When the warlord who once held her in captivity suddenly appears in town, she decides that for her own healing, and for the voiceless victims of the war, she must bring him to justice for his past atrocities. In her pursuit of Commander Cobra, Bendu finds much more than she bargained for, including the courage to finally confront and make amends for her own painful war-time secret. Written with compassion, honesty and clarity, Elma Shaw's Redemption Road helps us to finally begin to make sense of what has often been termed a 'senseless' war. Hers is a new but mature voice that shows remarkable insight into both the causes of Liberia's civil war, and the cure for healing the wounds and averting further conflict. We hope to learn more about the culture surrounding Bromley Mission in Monrovia and perhaps deepen our relationship with them. The meetings for this book will begin April 30 at 7:30 pm in the Ivy Room. Books will be available through A Novel Idea on Hope Street in Bristol. Please call Louisa Jones at 401-396-5067 if you have questions.

## Hot Topic for April: Christian Missions of Compassion



*Christian Missions of Compassion* is a new not-for-profit group working with the homeless in Providence. Greg Whritenour has been instrumental in getting this humanitarian group off the ground and operational in a short amount of time. Their mission is to work with homeless people in Providence and focus on efforts to assist street people, orphans/foster children and the chronically ill. In these times of deepening economic stress in Rhode Island, this vulnerable population needs our loving care. Greg will give us an update on this fledgling organization Friday, April 17 at 7:00pm in the parish house. Please call Louisa Jones at 401-396-5067 if you have any questions.



## Gilbert and Sullivan Gala Coming to St. Michael's!

The Community Concert Series @ St. Michael's will host a truly delightful evening on Saturday, April 18, 8:00pm. "The Topsy Turvy World of Gilbert

and Sullivan" - presented by The Flickers G & S Ensemble - should leave us all humming the tunes with a smile on our faces! Eric Bronner, voice instructor at Salve Regina and Roger Williams, is the director of this vocal tour de force of the G & S repertory. Tickets (\$20-\$15-\$10) are available at Papers, Packaging, and Panache. Also, a Dinner/Concert Package is offered by Leo's Ristorante (\$30) and Le Central (\$40). Be sure to call ahead for reservations.

# From Generation to Generation

by The Rev. Cecilia Perry

We are to teach our children the Word of the Lord, that they also may know and believe.

We don't always know if our children hear the teaching we hope they hear. We don't always know if they have a faith that will carry them through their lives after we are gone. We don't know if they have come to believe in a Living God, a God who guides and directs them...

But now and then there are signs that tell us that we are connected in remarkable ways to those who came before us and to those who follow....that God connects our generations in ways we could never plan or understand.

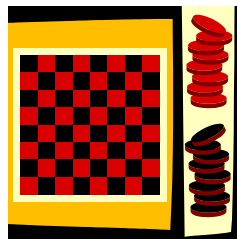
I have an old and beautiful, well-made wooden communion kit to be used for taking communion to the sick at their home or hospital bedside. It was given to me as an ordination gift in 1997 from a friend, a colleague at the Slater School in Pawtucket, where we both taught remedial reading. Her sister in law wanted me to have this communion kit which had belonged to her father, a priest in the Episcopal Church who had died a number of years before. His name was the Rev. Hotchkiss; he had served in the Foster mission area.

And when I was to be ordained priest, my colleague brought this gift to me, this well-crafted wooden communion kit. It contained a small chalice, paten, small bread box, and silver topped wine cruet. She told me the kit had been stored in a closet for many years. Would I use it please and pass it on when I no longer needed it. Inside the kit was the brass name plate that had never been attached to the outside of the kit..... The Rev. Walter Hotchkiss

Today I received an old copy of the obituary of my father's death that was printed in THE RHODE ISLAND CHURCHMAN of March 31, 1968. (My sister is cleaning out papers and articles as she downsizes her home.) The article spoke of my father, Calbraith Bourne Perry, as "an untiring worker in this section of the Lord's vineyard."

The article recounted how in 1951 "he started working in Shannock, Alton, and Canonchet with Archdeacon Gilson, then on to Foster with Father Hotchkiss."

It is always rather remarkable when we realize how we connect with those we love and owe so much to in so many unbelievable ways. So we pass on the gifts we have, never really knowing how perfectly they connect all of us together as the children of God.



# Spring Cleaning Time?

While doing this chore, please note that many of the vistingation volunteers and the residents at St. Elizabeth's Manor in Bristol could use the following "good condition" used items: jigsaw, Sudoku and crossword puzzles, rosary beads, playing cards and board games such as checkers, etc. If you have any of these items and would like to donate them please contact Elaine Cohen by calling: (401) 644-9414. As always, the generosity of the parishioners of St. Michael's church is greatly appreciated!

## Step #7 of Effective

### 7. Splash it on!

A hospice nurse told the story of bringing an elderly woman home for the final days of her life. Noticing a large bottle of perfume on the woman's dresser, the nurse asked, "Would you like me to dab a bit of that behind your ears?" "Honey," said the woman to the nurse, "Why don't you just splash it on!" God loves cheerful givers. So spend money wisely, well and freely in God's cause.



God is still speaking.

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## Step #7 of Ineffective

### 7. Spend as little money as possible.

Even though you may enjoy spending money on personal things like a car or a cruise, you can demonstrate your commitment to modesty and a simple life-style at church. The very best programs cost nothing. And why would your church building need any renovations? If it was good enough for your grandparents then it'll be good enough for your grandchildren.



\* Taken from *The 7 Habits of Highly Ineffective and Effective Churches* by Anthony B. Robinson

# The Maiden Ladies of Bristol, RI

By Marcia Torrey

When Dick and I left Bristol in the mid-fifties, the town was awash in maiden ladies. They were ghostly apparitions strolling the streets and lanes of my hometown. On days when the fog drifted up Walley Street, they appeared to float in mid-air. They had wrinkled faces like dusty spider webs, ankles so frail that I wondered how they held them up.

They were shrouded in mystery but rumor had it that they had either been left at the altar by an unscrupulous cad or had a lover who was lost at sea. More than likely they were duty bound to care for elderly parents.

They were as ancient as the green shuttered houses that lined the streets and lanes of my hometown. They were unfamiliar with the complexities of the automobile and like the homing pigeons that were kept by some Bristol folks they were safe within the boundaries of our town.

During my early childhood years, I was the recipient of one such maiden lady. She was one of five sisters, all maiden ladies. They lived on the corner of Constitution and Hope in a house that once sported a front porch. Like so many of Bristol's houses, it was removed. I am so grateful that my porch was saved. Dick and I spent many happy hours rocking away on our porch. In the evening you can hear the night sounds, the crickets, a tanker going up the bay and the bells from the churches tolling away the hour or playing an ancient hymn.

Because of my mother's nervous maladies, I became the recipient of Aunt Jen's kindness. We traveled by bus and trolley car to Roger Williams Park. She introduced me to the wonderful cafeterias in downtown Providence and we rode every elevator in every Providence Department store in the city. We rode the Prudence boat to the island where we disembarked at a tiny cottage, owned by another Bristol maiden lady who lived to be over 100. We traipsed for hours across Prudence and I was never bitten by a tick. They were afraid of Auntie Jen!

During the summer months, my mother and I stayed with my grandmother Dexter in a big old Vineyard house overlooking the harbor. One summer Aunt Jen appeared unannounced carrying a large satchel which I am certain carried a flannel nightgown. Once in residence it was customary for Aunt Jen to take over, her first priority being to close every skylight in the upstairs rooms. Her fear of the dreadful draft was so extreme

that the household was drenched in beads of perspiration during her visit.

During my teens I labored behind the soda fountain of the Hope Drugstore (today's Bagel Shop) where I served Miss Sally H. her afternoon tea. She was as regal as the Queen, herself, as she waved her gloved hand at me as I dished out the flavor of the month to the afternoon crowd.

Today, Miss H. would never make it across Hope Street. She was nearly blind and crossed the road by forging ahead, both hands in front of her like dried apples upon gnarled limbs. Cars came to a screeching halt as Miss Sally crossed in her size four shoes, skinny ankles and faded blue eyes.

Today, I am much wiser and, I hope, kinder. I now realize that many of these maiden ladies suffered from loneliness. They needed a kind word from someone to acknowledge that they existed.

When Dick and I returned to Bristol eight years ago, I realized that the maiden ladies had gone out with the tide. Today they are referred to as Singles, have fabulous careers, travel to far off places and no more resemble the maiden ladies than I wear a size four shoe. I steer clear of drafts. If it was good enough for Aunt Jen, it's good enough for me.



If your name is not listed and you would like it to be, please contact the church office and give us the appropriate date, either wedding anniversary or birthday.

## Birthdays

John Silvia	04/02	William McCaw	04/17
Trevor Ensign	04/02	Marie Knapman	04/17
Katie Lewis	04/02	Dakota Ayers	04/18
Donald Knapman	04/03	Augusta MacLaughlin	04/19
Deborah Rude	04/03	David Cassick	04/19
Brenda Munro	04/03	Tim Rodriguez	04/19
Carolyn Lucey	04/04	Dylan Furtado	04/19
JenniferDeWolf	04/05	Mark DeWolf	04/21
Aaron Myers	04/06	Sean Cummins	04/21
John Silvia	04/07	James Kristopik	04/22
Jaclyn Vargas	04/11	Esther Accardi	04/23
Michael Mann	04/11	Frank Ferrara	04/23
Michael Santolupo	04/12	Albert Eagan	04/25
Skip Tabor	04/14	Patricia Lewis	04/25
Gregory Hollands	04/15	David Lucey	04/25
Marie Mello	04/16	Ann Hamm	04/27
Alan Berry	04/16	Edward Sevigny	04/30
Elaine Cohen	04/16		

## Wedding Anniversaries

John and NancyReskusich	04/03
Harold and MarieMello	04/04
Laura and MichaelButler	04/15
Martha and DeWolfFulton	04/27



Anne McCarthy

# Authenticity and Sponsorship in a Parish Nurse Program

In a recent review of Congregational Standards for A Parish Nursing Program, I read about the standard of AUTHENTICITY:

“The P.N. program is integral to the stated mission of the congregation,” the rationale offered stated: “The congregation is authentic when its role in health and healing is made explicit in its statement of mission and is expressed in its service to members [inreach] and the broader community [outreach] .The P.N. program is one expression of this service.”

- Further, the criteria suggests “the congregation:
- Provide the environment through which the Parish nurse program can function within the parish
  - Provide for the Parish nurse to enter into the life of the congregation.
  - Provide for the coordination of HEALTH and WELLNESS education in relation to other educational programs within the church parish
  - Assist in building relations in all aspects of the church parish
  - Develop the options for new approaches so that healing ministry can take place.”

The standard of sponsorship is one where the congregation assures the ongoing sponsorship of the P.N. program. The rationale of sponsorship assures that the benefits provided through the P.N. program will be felt and experienced by the congregation. This process encompasses approving, favoring, advocating and maintaining the healing ministry that takes place in the parish.

- Finally the sponsorship criteria conclude that the congregation:
- Provide financial support for the P.N. program-THIS IS NOT THE CASE WHEN THE P.N. IS A VOLUNTEER.
  - Provide for a committee structure [Health and Wellness] to assess the health and wellness needs of the parishioners.
  - to plan for the program
  - to maintain the program
  - to give support to the Parish Nurse
  - to evaluate the program

*Adapted from: Reaching Out: Parish Nursing Service. National Parish Nurse Resource Center, Lutheran General Health Care System*

## HOSPITAL VISITATION

Please let the church office know (401-253-7717) if you or someone in your family is in the hospital so that we may extend Pastoral Care. With government regulations, Health Information Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA), if a hospitalized person does not choose to be listed in the hospital directory, one would not know about his/her being in the hospital. *Anne McCarthy, FCN*



- April 5, Sunday 2:00 pm  
St. Elizabeth’s Manor, Bristol  
Celebrant: The Rev. Mark DeWolf
- April 7, Tuesday 11:00am  
Silver Creek Nursing Home, Bristol
- April 14, Tuesday 10:00am  
St. Elizabeth’s Manor, Bristol
- April 21, Tuesday 3:00pm  
Grace Barker, Warren
- April 28, Tuesday 10:30am  
Warren Nursing, Warren  
Celebrant: The Rev. Cecilia Perry



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been in existence for at least three years and over that time I have received a number of thank you notes from recipients. These shawls are not just any shawl. The knitted or crocheted shawls are not made for profit; they are created to bring healing prayer by way of the shawl.

The shawls bring a measure of comfort and peace for those who are going through difficult times. I share one note with you .

“Thank you for the beautiful shawl mantle. Kathy Jones did a wonderful job and the colors she used to knit the shawl are perfect for me.








When I’m sitting in my family room, the shawl is always within my reach. I often cover my legs for warmth and comfort or I wear the shawl over my shoulders. Your prayers and thoughtfulness have helped me a great deal. When I am struggling, I read your card that reminds me I am being embraced with the Peace, Hope and Strength of God’s loving care. Your kindness has helped me during this difficult time. I am glad to have had the comfort provided me during this growing and healing process.

*K.D.W*

There are a number of shawls available for someone you know who might feel comforted by such a gift. Please let me know or fill out a request form located at the back of the church. *Anne*

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CALENDAR

*Please place on your refrigerator.*

APRIL 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8am, 10am and 6pm -Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Child Care 9:45 AM Sunday School	30	31	1 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	2  7:00 PM Seder Supper	3 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal	4
6  8am, 10am and 6pm -Blessing of Palms and Passion Narrative 9:00 AM Child Care	7 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist- Silver Creek NH 3:30 PM Bereavement Group	8  7:00 AM Holy Eucharist 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross	9  6:30 PM Dinner, Footwashing, Holy Eucharist and Stripping of Altar 9:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	10  12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy and Passion Narrative 7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy and Passion Narrative	11  7:30 PM Baptism and Great Vigil	
12  8am and 6pm -Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Child Care 10:00 AM Festive Holy Eucharist	13	14 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist- St. Elizabeths Manor	15 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	16	17 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Hot Topic Night-Christian Missions of Compassion	18 7:30 PM Gilbert & Sullivan Concert
19 8am, 10am and 6pm -Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Child Care 9:45 AM Sunday School	20 11:30 AM Women's Group	21 3:00 PM Holy Eucharist- Grace Barker NH 6:30 PM Finance Committee 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	22 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	23	24 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal	25 8:30 AM BGN Tag Sale
26 8am, 10am and 6pm -Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Child Care 9:45 AM Sunday School	27	28 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist- Haven Health NH	29 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	30 7:30 PM Evening Study Group; Redemption Road: The Quest for Peace and Justice in Liberia	1 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal	2

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Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Holy Eucharist -Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.