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THE LION'S ROAR

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Lent, Metanoia, and our Renewed Life in Christ

This year, the entire month of March takes place amid the holy season of Lent, a time when (as comedian Robin Williams once quipped) Episcopalians try to be religious.

Our goal is not spiritual masochism but, rather, a turning of ourselves toward the very grace that God so freely bestows upon us. The season beckons us to reduce the clutter and distraction that prevent God's breaking into our lives. So give up something if you choose, but my advice is to meditate upon Scripture (the Psalms are particularly good) and become still enough to allow God's quiet presence to waft into your soul.

A wonderful Greek word, *metanoia*, captures the spirit of our season. Yes, it's the opposite of paranoia: *metanoia* implies a healing change of mind and heart whereby we reorient ourselves toward God and away from the crushing demands of ego. *Metanoia* allows us to surrender our "stuff" and more closely imitate the values and holiness of Jesus as he journeys toward Jerusalem on our behalf.

Individuals engage in *metanoia*—a turning toward health—and so do faith communities. In the past three weeks alone, we at St. Mark's have enjoyed a wildly successful Annual Meeting and our new vestry has enjoyed a very productive Saturday retreat and monthly meeting. We are listening carefully to one another, expressing heartfelt appreciation for volunteer leadership and making each others' good ideas better by respectful engagement. On February 27, for example, a joint meeting of our vestry and search committee deliberated a draft Parish Profile that captures our parish story and will faithfully represent our journey to potential rectors. You would have been proud of the dialogue. Insights from that discussion will strengthen the Profile, and our search committee hopes to share the revised document with you later this month. Yes, we are turning toward health.

Individually and in our common life together, Lent calls us to jettison the distractions, turn toward health and follow Jesus toward Jerusalem. Throughout this *Lion's Roar*, check out the many opportunities for study, centering and spiritual intimacy. Pray in solitude, turn toward health and join us for spiritual renewal as we become the Body of Christ at St. Mark's.

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Election of New Suffragan Bishop for The Diocese of Connecticut March 10, 2007

As you know, our own beloved Bishop Wilfrido Ramos-Orench accepted a call to serve as Bishop in Quito, Ecuador last spring. Our diocesan bishop, Andrew Smith, has called for the election of a new suffragan (assistant) bishop, which takes place on Saturday, March 10, at the Cathedral in Hartford. At the annual meeting, the parish

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Suffragan Bishop Election

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elected Jeremy Reifsnnyder and Sara Smith as your alternate delegates to diocesan convention – and they will be attending the election as your representatives on March 10. Mother Davis attends as the clergy representative.

This is a major event in our common life – and as recent years have illustrated, the leadership of the Episcopal Church is of critical importance in helping us find our way to be faithful Christians in a troubled and complex world. This Saturday, Mother Davis, Jeremy and Sara will attend a “walk-about” session in Newtown, Connecticut, where all the candidates standing for election will be available for introduction and to answer questions. A nominating committee put five names into nomination:

The Rev. Dr. Laura J. Ahrens

The Rev. Sarah W. Buxton-Smith

The Rev. Canon Thomas J. Furrer

The Rev. Dr. Robert “Odie” Odierna

The Rev. Dr. Michael Louis Vono

Two additional candidates were added to the slate by petition:

The Rev. Dr. Barbara T. Cheney

The Rev. José A. Díaz-Martínez

Please check the bios and information available on the diocesan website <http://www.ctbishopsearch.org/ctbishopsearch/Candidates.htm>.

Feel free to contact any of our three representatives with questions, concerns and your impressions. This is a rare and holy opportunity to participate in the councils of the church. And most important of all, keep all of the candidates and the election in your prayers.

243RD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

February 11, 2007

ELECTION OUTCOME

OFFICERS (For one year terms):

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| Senior Warden: | Katie Roach |
| Junior Warden: | Stephen Wyckoff |
| Treasurer: | Chris Gruseke |
| Clerk: | Ditte Reifsnnyder |

VESTRY:

Jill Ernst
Brian Hollstein
John Layng
*David Shea
Diana Smith

NOMINATING COMMITTEE :

Jennifer Donovan
Alison Gruseke
**Bill Landis
Jim Lisher

* Filling 2 year partial vestry term

** Filling 1 year partial nominating term

SUBSTITUTE DELEGATES TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION AND MID-FAIRFIELD DEANERY (For one year term):

Jeremy Reifsnnyder

Sara Smith

For a complete listing of vestry members and contact information, visit our website at this address: <http://www.stmarksnewcanaan.org/vestry.asp>



Elected vestry members and officers are pictured above: (top row, left) David Shea, Brian Hollstein, Steve Wyckoff, junior warden, Chris Gruseke, treasurer, John Layng (bottom) Ditte Reifsnnyder, clerk, Jill Ernst, Katie Roach, senior warden, and Diana Smith.

Parish Receives Generous Estate Bequest

Recently, our vestry learned that St. Mark's has been remembered in the estate of Margaret W. Schafer, a parishioner who was the final living member of her family.

Mrs. Schafer identified our altar guild as one focus of her legacy gift to St. Mark's. As a result, Mother Davis is working with our altar and flower guilds to identify ways to strengthen this ministry and honor Mrs. Schafer's intent. (See Altar Guild/Flower Committee Project article.) Final proposals will come to our vestry for action later this Spring.

This legacy gift reminds us of our opportunity to remember St. Mark's in our estate planning as a final expression of our stewardship. After several parishioners return from winter vacations, a new Planned Giving Committee will explore ways to strengthen this ministry at St. Mark's. Among other things, we hope to sponsor an annual dinner to thank parishioners who inform us that they have remembered St. Mark's in their estate plans. If you have questions about planned giving, please contact David Rider or Dick DePatie.

Altar Guild/Flower Committee Project

A committee of representatives of the altar guild and the flower committee has begun work together to look at the joint use of space, as well as to inventory materials used by each, in anticipation of proposing updates both for space and inventory in grateful response to Margaret Schaefer's generous gift to the church, with specific intention for the use of the altar guild.

We will be consulting with the architects who have done the previous projects at the church, who well know our physical plant. It is hoped that any updates of the physical space will take place over the summer.

We give thanks to God for Margaret's thoughtful and generous remembrance of and provision for all that goes into creating a beautiful and reverent worship space week after week. Stay tuned!

Mother Davis+

Rector Search Committee Update

The Rector Search Committee, led by co-chairs Cynn timer Thunem and Brandon Sweitzer, has been focusing intently on preparing a firm foundation for the most challenging part of the search process still to come: the actual review of resumes, interviews, and parish visits.

The committee has had seventeen formal meetings so far. (Short minutes of each meeting are on the St. Mark's website, under "Rector Search.") The discussions have been lively, provocative, and challenging. There are no shrinking violets on this committee!

Outside of the meetings, delegates from the committee have been in contact with clergy who have previously served St. Mark's for their insights on the needs of the parish, as well as their advice on interviewing best-practices. Though many committee members have experience interviewing and hiring people in their workplaces, the committee has come to appreciate the vast differences between "executive search" and "calling a rector." Committee members have also consulted parishioners who have previous experience on rector searches. These include St. Mark's parishioners and people who belong to other Episcopal churches in the area.

The primary accomplishment so far is the draft of the Parish Profile. Bob Grieves and Jill Sautkulis were the primary authors of this impressive document, though every committee member added suggestions and created text. This document, reviewed only a few days ago by the Vestry, will shortly be available to interested parishioners for input before it is completed. Given that we publish in a digital world now, the document can be continually updated and improved as the situation warrants. The committee tried to portray St. Mark's Church as authentically as possible and believe it will provide real insight into the potential of the parish. It should also impress parishioners who might not be aware of the extraordinary scope of our church's activity.

At present, the committee is at work on the Position Profile. While the Parish Profile describes the place, and the work of the parish, the Position Profile describes the skills and experience desired in a new rector. The Diocese provides a template for this complicated, detailed, and time-consuming task. The Diocese has also provided a consultant to guide the committee through the process.

Parishioners have provided the names of sixteen candidates by contacting committee members and communicating via email (rectorsearch@stmarksnewcanaan.org) These names will all be considered along with rector candidates who nominate themselves.

If you have a name of a candidate to propose, please send it in by email, or phone Cynn timer Thunem. Meanwhile, look for a copy of the draft parish profile in your email or mailbox. There will be an opportunity for parishioners to comment before the final version is distributed.

The "Now - Now" Stewardship Minute

Presented by Stewardship Co-Chair, Diana Smith on Sunday, February 25

Now, I am going to be using the word "**now**" a lot today, and by the end of this talk, I hope you will appreciate just what "**now**" means, what St. Mark's needs, and when St. Mark's needs it.

Now, I realize many of us were at the annual meeting, but for those who were NOT, please note the stewardship notice in the bulletin that says, "the Green and Black I think can, I think I can Parish Lenten project is **now** underway."

You see, it occurred to me that maybe many of you do not have a clue what the "Green and Black, I think I can, I think I can" expression refers to.... Well, I am not going to tell you.... At least not **now**.

The part I WILL explain is the Lenten Parish Project. As of the Annual Meeting, we had \$253,000 left to raise before April 24 when your vestry meets to set the 2007 budget. The big question was how to raise this money. Then, our fellow parishioner, Don Hudson, came up with the wonderful idea that we make raising this last amount an all-parish Lenten project. Since then we have received \$44,340 in revised and new pledges from 28 families. That is a great start! So, a huge thank you to those who have led the charge, but we still have a ways to go....

Now, as you all know, we are in the midst of both a financial crisis AND a rector search. So, we are really hoping that EACH AND EVERY PARISHIONER WHO IS ABLE, will consider making an additional financial sacrifice this Lenten season so that St. Mark's can finally start operating in the black.

Now, please look at the stewardship charts, which we have conveniently placed in the pews in front of you (see above). As you can see, we are encouraging incremental giving based on what you are able to afford. If everyone who can, participates, then raising this last \$225,000 is quite doable. Of course, if you can give MORE than what we are asking, please do not hold back!

Now, I am going to direct the rest of this appeal to those 50+ families who actively participate in our myriad activities offered here at St. Mark's, have done so for years, and yet, for some reason, will not pledge or are pledging minimal amounts as protest votes against this or that.

Since I know just about every reason why people are not giving, I would like to **now** give you 5 reasons TO give - and to give an appropriate amount according to your means:

1. A pledge is an offering of thanksgiving back to God, for all that you are and all that you have. It is the Christian thing to do.
2. If you consider St. Mark's to be YOUR church, then pledging is also the right thing to do.
3. If you have been hurt or angered by this or previous leadership, then pledging is a sign that you are taking the high road as well as taking positive and concrete steps towards healing wounds and transforming St. Mark's into the church you would like it to be.

St. Mark's Church Stewardship Lenten Project

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| Amount still needed to raise: | | | | \$253,000.00 | |
| Current Annual Pledge | Number of families | Increase Per week | Increase Per year | Total Raised per Group | |
| \$50-499 | 16 | \$2.50 | \$130.00 | \$2,080.00 | |
| \$500-999 | 43 | \$5.00 | \$260.00 | \$11,180.00 | |
| \$1,000-3,999 | 122 | \$10.00 | \$520.00 | \$63,440.00 | |
| \$4,000-9,999 | 57 | \$17.00 | \$884.00 | \$50,388.00 | |
| \$10,000-40,000 | 22 | \$35.00 | \$1,820.00 | \$40,040.00 | |
| TOTAL | 260 | | | \$167,128.00 | |
| Remaining to be raised by non-pledgers | | | | \$85,872.00 | |

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Stewardship Minute

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4. Fourth, it is the fair thing to do. As you know, your fellow parishioners have already raised \$986,043. Since maintaining our church should be A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY BY ALL, it is simply not fair to expect others to pay for you if you can afford pay for yourselves.
5. A pledge is an expression of hope and an investment in our future.

Now, I realize that I have told everyone that we have two months to raise this money, but I did not really mean that. What I really meant is that we need you to send in your pledges and increased pledges **now**. **Now**, I just heard last night from a fellow parishioner who informed me that he was waiting to increase his pledge until Lent as this was, as he reminded me, a Lenten project. And I thought, oh okay... that makes sense... I hadn't thought of that. Well, it is **now** Lent, so you can give **now**! And just so you don't misunderstand what "**now**" means... let me tell you a short anecdote about how my husband sometimes communicates with me. When I ask him if he will do something for me, he often responds with, "Do you want me to do that **now** – **now**? Or **now** - **later**?" Well, what do you THINK I mean?

Okay, so bearing that in mind, PLEASE do not wait until the last possible minute in April to send in your pledges or revised pledges and make us all crazy with worry that we will never raise this money. How about we keep this momentum going and send in our pledges.... say... **NOW**! Carpe Diem! (That's Latin for "I THINK I CAN, I THINK I CAN, I THINK I CAN!")

Okay, I am done.... for **now**....
Diana Smith

Discover St. Mark's

March 25 and April 1, 9-9:45 a.m.

Families new to the area, new to the church, new to the Episcopal tradition are encouraged to come to these two sessions led by Interim Rector, David Rider. He will lead a brief introduction about this community of faith. We know there are many unfamiliar concepts as you are starting to introduce your children to church, we can help explain them, answer your questions, and hear your concerns. We can guide you when your children start to ask the "hard" questions. Let us know you're coming, contact Rhonda Morrill, 966.4515x117 or rmorrill@stmarksnewcanaan.org. There will be child care for all ages.



Calling all May Fair Chairs!

Saturday, March 24, 9-10:30 a.m.

Our kickoff meeting for 2007 is set. The 58th annual celebration of May Fair is just around the corner: Saturday, May 12. Chairs of May Fair committees are requested to come to an organizational meeting on March 24 at 9 a.m. in the Education Center. We still need to fill a few slots to head up committees – give it a shot, we have great records from previous years from which to work. Call the church office, 966.4515 to let us know you're coming or if you're thinking of heading up a group.

Spring Cleaning

It's time to set aside those "treasures" you've been pushing around your house all year and mark them for May Fair's White Elephant Sale. Furniture in good condition is currently being picked up, stacks of books are amassing, sporting goods are finding new homes – May Fair can use it all! Call the church office for more info.

Pysanky Egg Making Workshop

Sunday, March 25, 11:45-2:45

Nadia Cwiah, resident artist in the ancient and traditional Ukrainian art of *Pysanky*, leads a fascinating hands on class, Sunday, March 25 in the undercroft from 11:45-2:45. Under her tutelage you will create a magnificent Easter Egg using aromatic beeswax, brilliant natural dyes and a *kistka* - a writing tool. All this will be supplied for you, however space is limited to 15, so please reserve a spot. Call the church office. A donation of \$15 is requested to cover the cost of supplies and as a donation to the Chernobyl Fund through the Ukrainian National Women's League America.



| <p style="text-align: center;">Lent 2007 At A Glance St. Mark's Episcopal Church February 22 – Palm Sunday, April 1</p> | | |
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| Sundays | 9:00-9:45 a.m. 9:00-9:45 a.m. 2:30-3:15 p.m. | Icons and Prayer Class – Library Human Free Will Class – Education Center (through March 4) Newcomer Class (March 25 and April 1) Yoga Class – Library (Remaining Sunday classes: 3/4 & 3/25) |
| Mondays | 7:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer – Chapel |
| Tuesdays | 7:00 a.m. 10:15-11:15 a.m. | Morning Prayer – Chapel Yoga Class – Library |
| Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 7:30-8:30 p.m. | Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist – Chapel Jesus in the Church's Tradition and Witness Class – Library Evening Prayer and <i>Lectio Divina</i> Bible Study (no class March 14) |
| Thursdays | 7:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer – Chapel |
| Fridays | 7:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer - Chapel |
| Saturdays | 7:30-8:30 a.m. | Men's Bible Study and Fellowship |

Special One-Time Events During Lent

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| † | Saturday, March 3 | 10:00-11:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer Workshop |
| † | Sunday, March 4 | 6:00 p.m. | Choral Evensong |
| † | Sunday, March 25 | 11:45 a.m. | Pysanky Egg Decorating Workshop |

An Unusual Lenten Message

One of our former parishioners, a visitor in London on Ash Wednesday, reports that the papers there were full of the Church's counsel to "Live Life, Live Lent" by paying more than necessary at a charity shop, talking to someone of another generation, hugging someone on the street, etc. Is it possible to emulate any of this here?

Nancy Wiecking

(Found in a newsletter from St. John's Episcopal Church, Norwood Parish, in Chevy Chase, MD)

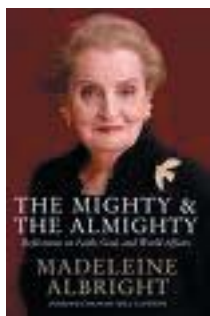
Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

We invite you to partake in this 6-week Bible Study during Lent. Come when you can...we meet from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Saturday mornings around the warmth of the library fireplace; we engage the Sunday scriptures and apply insights to our busy lives. No prior bible study is presumed. Men of all ages and family situations are welcomed. Join us for coffee, donuts and spirited conversation. Contact Tom Berardino, Jono Bitting, Jim Hilboldt, Rick Pivrotto or Eric Thunem for details. Join us for coffee and spirited conversation.

Book Group: The Mighty and the Almighty

Wednesday, March 21: 12:30 – 2 p.m.

For our Lenten reading, the book group is tackling *The Mighty and the Almighty: Reflections on America, God and World Affairs*, by former U.N. ambassador and secretary of state, Madeleine Albright. She looks at the forces of good and evil in the construct of a religious lens, but with the pragmatic skills and focus of a problem solver on the international scene. She has come to believe that “rather than keeping religion and religious leaders out of things, we need their help. In looking at what was going on in the world, it was evident that religion and the force of religion and people’s interpretation of how they saw God really is very much a part of international relations.” She acknowledges the delicate balancing act mandated by our constitutional prohibition of the establishment of religion, the necessity of the separation of church and state, and yet as a matter of fact, “you cannot separate people from their faith.” Those who are charged with diplomacy must be educated in matters of faith. She is an experienced and thoughtful diplomat, writer and teacher and the discussion promises to be engaging.



Join us on Wednesday, March 21, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Education Center. Bring a bag lunch. Each month’s reading selection is available in the Lion’s Den Bookstore. Any questions, call Mother Davis, 966-4515 x102. Please join us!

Reading selections for the balance of the program year:

April 18, 2007 *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe

May 16, 2007 *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion



The ever-popular Church Mice are back, donning their Easter finest! Get yours quickly before they scurry away.

Where Good Conversation Is Brewing

Lion’s Den Coffee House

Browse a book, enjoy a cup of coffee, chat with a friend from 9 to noon on Wednesdays through June at the Lion’s Den.

Easter cards and gifts have arrived at the bookstore. Stop by for a little something for someone or just for yourself. Candles, prayer books, meditation books, incense are all perfectly suited to this special time of Lent. Looking later in the season, the bookstore has baptism gowns and gifts, communion and confirmation mementos and inspirational gifts for upcoming grads.

- * All 2007 calendars and day planners are on sale for \$4.00 - \$10.00.
- * Chanticleer tickets for the March 26th performance and cds are available for purchase.

Lion’s Den manager, Melanie Mandler welcomes new members of the 2007 Bookstore Advisory Committee: Jill Ernst, Ken Jayne, Lori Wyckoff, Margot Thorsheim and Sara Smith.

The Lion’s Den winter hours are:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday: 9:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 – Noon

Store is open during special events, watch for details.



Wendy Hilboldt and Helen Palmesi visiting the Lion’s Den Coffee House on a Wednesday morning.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

April 1 - April 8

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| Palm Sunday, April 1 | 8:00 a.m. | Said Holy Eucharist Rite I |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Icon and Prayer Class Newcomer Class |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Palm Procession on Great Lawn |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II |
| | | No 6 p.m. service |
| Monday in Holy Week, April 2 | 7:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| Tuesday in Holy Week, April 3 | 7:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| Wednesday in Holy Week, April 4 | 9:30 a.m. | Morning Prayer with Holy Eucharist Rite II and Healing |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Jesus in the New Testament Class |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Confirmation Class Evening Prayer in Chapel followed by <i>Lectio divina</i> class |
| Maundy Thursday, April 5 | 7:30 p.m. | Holy Eucharist Rite II with foot washing and Stripping of the Altar. All night vigil with the Blessed Sacrament follows, beginning with music of Taizé |
| Good Friday, April 6 | 11:45 a.m. | All night vigil concludes |
| | 12-3:00 p.m. | The Seven Last Words with Meditations and Music |
| Easter Saturday, April 7 The Great Vigil | 8:00 p.m. | Lighting of the Paschal Candle; The Exsultet; The Story of Our Salvation; Baptism; the First Eucharist of Easter followed by a reception in the library. |
| Easter Sunday, April 8 | 9:00 a.m. | Festal Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass and Tympani |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Festal Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass and Tympani No 7:30 a.m. service |



Flowers and Sounds of the Season

Please support this season's glorious music and stunning altar flowers and plants with a donation in memorial or in honor of loved ones. Call the church office (203.966.4515) or email Thea McGee (tmcgee@stmarksnewcanaan.org) to place your request and your dedication. Dedications must be placed by April 3 to be included in the Easter bulletins.



Ecumenical Women's Bereavement Group

March 19, 7-8:30 p.m.

The First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan is hosting a women's bereavement group open to the community. The group gathers in the Parlor for seven Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., beginning March 19.

The program uses *The New Day Journal* as a guide for women in our community who have lost a loved one.

Call the First Presbyterian office at 966-0002 for information and to register.

Career Transitional Support (CaTS)

March 15 at FPNC

"Evaluating Your Job Search: How to Assess and Enhance Campaign Performance" will be the topic presented and discussed by Laura Powers, President of LKP Career Transition Consulting, in Darien, CT and the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan, from 7-9:00 p.m. (www.newcanaancats.org)

PARISH REGISTER FEBRUARY 2007

WEDDINGS

Cassia Besson Farkas to Gary Davenport Brabander Ward
(January 6, 2007)

Upcoming Baptism Dates:

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| † | Easter Vigil | Saturday, April 7, 2007 | 8:00 p.m. |
| † | Pentecost | Sunday, May 27, 2007 | 10:00 a.m. |
| † | All Saints' Sunday | November 4, 2007 | 10:00 a.m. |

At St. Mark's, we celebrate Baptism on the feast days listed above. For information, please call the church office and if you want to schedule a baptism be sure to call several weeks before the desired date.

Camp Hand-in-Hand

Distinguished by its commitment to diversity, the camp provides a unique opportunity for children from different backgrounds and life experiences to come together and create life-long memories of summer camp. This year the camp offers 3 two-week sessions for children 5-8 years old:

Session 1: June 25 - July 6

Session 2: July 9 - July 20

Session 3: July 23 - August 3



Camp Hand-in-Hand is a Connecticut state licensed day camp operated by Hand-in-Hand Foundation, Inc., and independent Connecticut not-for-profit corporation, sponsored by St. Mark's Parish and Interfaith of New Canaan. While the traditions and values of all sponsors are reflected in the camp culture, the activities do not include specific religious instruction.

Want to learn more? Contact the camp office at 203.966.6920 or visit the St. Mark's website under the Outreach tab. Camp applications are available in the church office and in the narthex.

Spring Ahead Next Weekend March 11

Beginning in 2007, most of the United States begins Daylight Saving Time at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday in March, (3/11) and reverts to standard time on the first Sunday in November (11/4).





Coffee Hour Hosts Needed for the Month of April

Margot Thorsheim, our hospitality chair, is looking for some helpers to furnish refreshments during Coffee Hour, our fellowship time following worship.

There are some special needs for refreshment volunteers as we celebrate Easter:

- Following the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 7, is a simple reception in the library
- Easter morning between services a breakfast is prepared for the choir, clergy and those who serve.

Coffee Hour provides a unique opportunity to make new friends and visit with old while breaking bread. One time is all you need to volunteer and the job will get done. Call Margot at 914-329-3693 to offer a hand.



Chanticleer to Perform at St. Mark's

Monday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m.

This Grammy award-winning vocal ensemble returns to St. Mark's on Monday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets (\$40) and music CDs now are available at the Lion's Den Bookstore.

Bring a friend to enjoy this unique acapella singing group. For more information, visit chanticleer.org or contact parishioner Dudley Roski.

Save the Dates

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*Young Families  
Party*

*Saturday, April 21*

*From 7-9pm*



*Ladies Spring*

*Luncheon*

*Wednesday, April 25*

*St. Marks Day*

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|  <p><b>Morning Prayer 7AM</b><br/>                     Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  <p><b>Saturday Men's Bible Study</b><br/>                     7:30-8:30 a.m.</p>                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>1</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer<br/>                     9-1p Book Store<br/>                     7:00p NC CaTS (St. M)<br/>                     7:30p Adult Choir</p>                                            | <p>2</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer<br/>                     9-1p Book Store<br/>                     10a Senior Men's Club</p>                                                                   | <p>3</p> <p>7:30-8:30a Men's Bible Study<br/>                     10-11a Morning Prayer Workshop<br/>                     10-12p Book Store<br/>                     4:00-5:15p Parish Choir<br/>                     6:30p Usher supper</p>                       |
| <p>4 <i>Lent 2</i></p> <p>8:00a HE I<br/>                     9-1p Book Store<br/>                     9:00a Adult Ed: Icon Guest Artist<br/>                     10:00a HE II/Children's Ed/Worship<br/>                     11:15 Coffee Hour<br/>                     2:30 Yoga<br/>                     6:00p Choral Evensong<br/>                     No EYC</p>                                                                            | <p>5</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer<br/>                     12:00p ACOA/Alanon<br/>                     1:00p Staff Meeting</p>                                                                                                                                                  | <p>6</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer<br/>                     9:00a Food Bank<br/>                     10a AA<br/>                     10:15-11:15a Yoga<br/>                     12p Alanon<br/>                     4:00-4:30p Cherub &amp; Joyful Noyze Choir</p>       | <p>7</p> <p>9-2p Book Store<br/>                     9:30a Morning Prayer<br/>                     Eucharist &amp; Healing<br/>                     10a Adult Ed Class<br/>                     4-5:00p Choristers<br/>                     6-7:00p Youth Choir<br/>                     7:30p Evening Prayer and Lectio Divina Study<br/>                     7:30p Confirmation</p>                                                                                          | <p>8</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer<br/>                     10-2p Book Store<br/>                     6:15 Food Bank<br/>                     7:30p Adult Choir</p> <p>EYC leaves for Taizé, France (3/8 - 3/18)</p> | <p>9</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer<br/>                     10-2p Book Store<br/>                     10a Senior Men's Club</p>                                                                  | <p>10</p> <p>7:30-8:30a Men's Bible Study<br/>                     10-12p Book Store<br/>                     No Choir<br/>                     Suffragan Bishop Election</p>  |
| <p>11 <i>Lent 3</i></p> <p>8:00a HE I<br/>                     9-2p Book Store<br/>                     9:00a Adult Ed<br/>                     10:00a HE II/<br/>                     No Children's Ed/Worship<br/>                     No Yoga<br/>                     11:15 Coffee Hour<br/>                     No 6pm Service</p>                                                                                                          | <p>12</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer<br/>                     12:00p ACOA/Alanon</p>                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>13</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer<br/>                     10a AA<br/>                     10:15-11:15a Yoga<br/>                     12p Alanon<br/>                     8p Outreach Commission</p>                                                                   | <p>14</p> <p>9-2p Book Store<br/>                     9:30a Morning Prayer<br/>                     Eucharist &amp; Healing<br/>                     10a Adult Ed Class<br/>                     No Evening Prayer/Class</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>15</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer<br/>                     10-2p Book Store<br/>                     7:00p NC CaTS (FPNC)</p>                                                                                      | <p>16</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer<br/>                     10-2p Book Store<br/>                     10a Senior Men's Club</p>                                                                 | <p>17</p> <p>7:30-8:30a Men's Bible Study<br/>                     10-12p Book Store<br/>                     No Choir</p>                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>No Children's Programs or Choirs...New Canaan Schools Closed</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>18 <i>Lent 4</i></p> <p>8:00a HE I<br/>                     9-2p Book Store<br/>                     9:00a Adult Ed.<br/>                     10:00a HE II/<br/>                     Children's Ed/<br/>                     11:15 Coffee Hour<br/>                     No Yoga<br/>                     6:00p HE w/Taizé</p> <p>EYC Returns</p>                                                                                              | <p>19</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer<br/>                     12:00p ACOA/Alanon<br/>                     1:00p Staff Meeting</p>  <p>Yoga<br/>                     Sundays &amp; Tuesdays</p> | <p>20</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer<br/>                     9:00a Food Bank<br/>                     10a AA<br/>                     10:15-11:15a Yoga<br/>                     12p Alanon<br/>                     4:00-4:30p Cherub &amp; Joyful Noyze Choir</p>      | <p>21</p> <p>9-2p Book Store<br/>                     9:30a Morning Prayer<br/>                     Eucharist &amp; Healing<br/>                     10a Adult Ed Class<br/>                     11:15 Waveny Service<br/>                     12:30 Book Group<br/>                     4-5:00p Choristers<br/>                     6-7:00p Youth Choir<br/>                     7:30p Evening Prayer and Lectio Divina Study<br/>                     7:30p Confirmation</p> | <p>22</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer<br/>                     10-2p Book Store<br/>                     6:15 Food Bank<br/>                     7:30p Adult Choir</p>                                                 | <p>23</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer<br/>                     10-2p Book Store<br/>                     10a Senior Men's Club</p>                                                                 | <p>24</p> <p>7:30-8:30a Men's Bible Study<br/>                     9:00-10:30 May Fair Meeting<br/>                     10-12p Book Store<br/>                     4:00-5:15p Parish Choir</p>                                                                     |
| <p>25 <i>Lent 5</i></p> <p>8:00a HE I<br/>                     9-2p Book Store<br/>                     9:00a Adult Ed.<br/>                     10:00a HE II/Children's Ed/Worship<br/>                     11:15 Coffee Hour/<br/>                     Search Presentation<br/>                     11:45-2:30 Egg Decorating<br/>                     2:30 Yoga<br/>                     6:00p HE w/Taizé<br/>                     No EYC</p> | <p>26</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer<br/>                     12:00p ACOA/Alanon<br/>                     1:00p Staff Meeting<br/>                     8:00p Chanticleer</p>                   | <p>27</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer<br/>                     10a AA<br/>                     10:15-11:15a Yoga<br/>                     12p Alanon<br/>                     4:00-4:30p Cherub &amp; Joyful Noyze Choir<br/>                     7:30p Vestry Meeting</p> | <p>28</p> <p>9-2p Book Store<br/>                     9:30a Morning Prayer<br/>                     Eucharist &amp; Healing<br/>                     10a Adult Ed Class<br/>                     4-5:00p Choristers<br/>                     6-7:00p Youth Choir<br/>                     7:30p Evening Prayer and Lectio Divina Study<br/>                     7:30p Confirmation</p>                                                                                         | <p>29</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer<br/>                     10-2p Book Store<br/>                     7:30p Adult Choir</p>                                                                                         | <p>30</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer<br/>                     10-2p Book Store<br/>                     10a Senior Men's Club</p> <p>Women's Retreat<br/>                     4pm Fri-4pm Sat</p> | <p>31</p> <p>7:30-8:30a Men's Bible Study<br/>                     10-12p Book Store<br/>                     4:00-5:15p Parish Choir</p> <p><b>April 1</b></p>               |

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