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THE EXSULTET THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,
and let your trumpets shout Salvation
for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,
bright with a glorious splendor,
for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,
resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,
pray with me to God the Almighty
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

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THE PROCLAMATION CONTINUES....

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning--He who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Holy Week Schedule ~ April 1-8

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday April 1	8:00 a.m. <i>Said Holy Eucharist Rite I</i> 9:45 a.m. <i>Palm Procession on Great Lawn</i> 10:00 a.m. <i>Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II</i>
Monday in Holy Week April 2	7:00 a.m. <i>Morning Prayer</i>
Tuesday in Holy Week April 3	7:00 a.m. <i>Morning Prayer</i>
Wednesday in Holy Week April 4	9:30 a.m. <i>Holy Eucharist Rite II with Healing</i> 7:30 p.m. <i>Evening Prayer</i>
Maundy Thursday April 5	7:00 a.m. <i>Morning Prayer</i> 7:30 p.m. <i>Holy Eucharist Rite II with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar</i> <i>All night vigil beginning with music of Taizé</i>
Good Friday April 6	7:00 a.m. <i>Morning Prayer</i> 11:45 a.m. <i>All night vigil concludes</i> 12-3:00 p.m. <i>The Seven Last Words with Meditations</i>
Easter Saturday The Great Vigil	8:00 p.m. <i>Lighting of the Paschal Candle; The Exsultet; The Story of Our Salvation; Baptism; the First Eucharist of Easter; Reception</i>
Easter Sunday April 8	9:00 a.m. <i>Festal Holy Eucharist Rite II with Instruments</i> 11:15 a.m. <i>Festal Holy Eucharist Rite II with Instruments</i> *No 7:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. Service

Experience the Mystery

If you have never attended the Easter Vigil service and heard the chanting of the Exsultet or the “Easter Proclamation” – do yourself a favor and come to St. Mark’s on Saturday, April 7, at 8 p.m., where the experience of liturgy rises to heights to which it is hard to find a parallel. This year, tenor Nicholas Cotellessa chants the haunting poem.

We are drawn into the warmth of the deepest mysticism, through the interplay of light breaking into the darkness, in one of the most ancient rites in the church, in St. Augustine’s words, “the mother of all vigils.”

The Exsultet is the proclamation of paschal joy in the form of a lengthy, poetic thanksgiving; the great events of salvation history are presented, beginning with Old Testament Exodus from Egypt, and continuing through the marvelous salvific acts of Jesus, the new Paschal Lamb. In an expanded litany, the text proceeds to several statements beginning “This is the night...” (*Hæc nox est* in Latin). These phrases answer the question, “Why is this night special?,” with obvious parallel to the Jewish Seder meal practice.

Easter Eve is the time *par excellence* for baptism – and we will be baptizing the newest members of the flock in the darkened church – and they will pass over, with us, into the glorious light of the resurrected Christ. Come and experience for yourself the richest liturgy the church has to offer.

May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, bring His light to your life this Easter.

Mother Davis+

The Great Mandatum

by Rita Powell

(reprinted from Easter 2006)

On Maundy Thursday in Holy week, we begin to live into the three most sacred days of the church year, the Paschal Triduum. We begin to imagine ourselves right inside the Passion of Christ. We spend these three days, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday into Easter, as though we were disciples of Jesus, right there in Jerusalem with him. On Good Friday, we watch as he is crucified and buried. On Holy Saturday, we mourn his death. And on Easter, we experience the astonishing miracle of the empty tomb, and the wonder of the Resurrection. For us as Episcopalians, Maundy Thursday is especially important. On Maundy Thursday, we relive the Last Supper, the anguish of the Garden of Gethsemane, and the difficulty of keeping vigil with Jesus.

The Last Supper is the foundation for our worship life. It is here where we gather, every Sunday, as disciples of Christ, to partake in the sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord.



There is another symbolic act that happens at the Last Supper – it is the footwashing. After supper, Jesus gets a basin of fragrant water and some towels, and gets down on the floor and begins to wash the feet of his disciples. Whether it was a common practice of the time or not, washing someone's feet is an act of humility and intimacy. It is not the kind of act you would perform for those lower in station than yourself. Peter, for one, is horrified! He says no! Jesus you are Lord, you must not wash my feet! And Jesus responds, Unless you have your feet washed by me, you have no place in the Kingdom of God. No place in the kingdom? That is strong

language. Jesus is saying that the experience of reevaluating what makes you worthy, the experience of reversing the natural order of master and servant is fundamental to his entire proclamation.

This year at St. Mark's, on Maundy Thursday, we will perform the ritual footwashing. The clergy and ministers will wash the feet of the congregation. It is a way to challenge the leaders in the church to remember that we are servants before all else. It is also a challenge for the congregation to have to accept the humble and intimate service of the clergy.

Many congregations choose not to enact this ritual. It is intimate. We don't touch each other much, and to touch another's feet feels very risky! But it is perhaps a feeling of risk that we ought to associate with the Gospel. The gospel pushes us, calls us to leave our security, our comfort, to pursue a radically different way of relating to each other. Unless we do this, says Jesus, we have no share in the Kingdom of Heaven. Take the chance.

Dear St. Mark's,

I am writing to announce that I will be leaving St. Mark's after the end of this program year. This fall, I will be moving to the Taizé community in France to explore life and ministry in that context.

St. Mark's has been an essential part of my formation. The love and support this community has shown me has opened me up to a variety of possibilities for imagining youth ministry and church in new ways. I will continue on the path to ordination to the Episcopal priesthood, adding this experiment to my vocation.

The ministry at Taizé as I understand it is about creating space of silence for those who visit in which we can actually hear God deep inside of us. This space is made possible through the life of the community at Taizé of people who are making a project of their lives to maximally show forth the values of the Gospel.

When I asked a brother how he had chosen to become a monk, he answered me that finally, at some point, he had worked up the courage to dare it. St. Mark's has encouraged me to be brave and to dare to try and embody what I believe with my very life. I am deeply grateful to this community for so strengthening me.

I hope that all of you will feel free to discuss this development with me in the coming weeks.

*Yours in Christ,
Rita Powell*

Note: Father Rider has begun a recruitment process for Rita's successor and will invite youth, their parents and vestry members to interview finalist candidates.

Update on Our Connections With the Larger Church

In the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church:

The Primates of the Anglican Communion, including our new presiding bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, met in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Feb. 15-19, "to seek the will of God for the future life of the Communion." Among other business, they were evaluating the response of the Episcopal Church to the Windsor Report of 2004. Details of that meeting and its outcome can be found at http://www.episcopalchurch.org/3577_82571_ENG_HTM.htm.

Subsequently, the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church held their spring retreat meeting in Texas to discuss the Dar es Salaam meeting, and released their own "Mind of the Bishops Resolution" dated March 20, 2007, addressed to the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, affirming their desire to remain in the Anglican Communion, but urging Executive Council NOT to participate in the pastoral oversight scheme proposed in Dar es Salaam, because it goes against our polity and canons. David Rider's Sunday morning class at 9:00, on April 29 and May 6 will focus on these issues. (see adult ed table on next page.) Visit the following websites for detailed information:

Mind of the Bishops Resolution:

http://www.episcopalchurch.org/3577_84148_ENG_HTM.htm

The House of Bishops' Message to the Church at large:

http://www.episcopalchurch.org/3577_84198_ENG_HTM.htm

Presiding Bishop's closing homily on March 21, 2007

http://www.episcopalchurch.org/3577_84199_ENG_HTM.htm

In the Diocese of Connecticut:

To read the statement of our own Bishops (Andrew Smith and James Curry) regarding the above matters, go to <http://www.ctdiocese.org/newsletters/responseHOBstatementsMarch07.pdf>.

In addition, our diocese, on March 10th, elected the Rev. Laura Aherns to be our newest suffragan bishop – the first female bishop in the state, as well as the 14th female bishop in the Episcopal Church. Once confirmed by a majority of diocesan bishops and standing committees, she will be consecrated at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford on June 30th, with Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori as chief consecrator. To see the actual ballot counts, for all five ballots, as well as Laura's biography and essays, go to <http://www.ctdiocese.org/news/news.shtml>.

Rector Housing Update

The Vestry voted unanimously at its March 27th meeting to designate the parish-owned home at 1 Hampton Lane as housing for the next rector.

In addition, the Vestry requested the Property Committee bring a construction plan, timetable and cost estimate for upgrades it deems advisable to the Vestry for the April or May meeting. The Vestry continues to actively review other options regarding campus development.

Pledge Campaign Update

We are pleased to report that the Green and Black "I think I can, I think I can" Parish Lenten Project is well underway! To date, 266 households have pledged \$996,970 towards our stewardship goal of \$1.2 million. Since our Annual Meeting, 38 households have pledged or revised their pledges by \$51,361. Please join us now and get on board the victory train! To pledge or revise your pledge, call Nadia Cwiach at the church office at 966-4515 or email her at ncwiach@stmarksnewcanaan.org.



St. Mark's Church, New Canaan CT
Easteride 2007: Adult Education Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Date	David Rider	Rita Powell
April 15	Christian Outreach, God's Mission and the Millennium Development Goals—Why We Should Care: Part One	Bible study: Resurrection—Scripture's Witness to Raising the Dead
April 22 [Earth Day]	Christian Outreach, God's Mission and the Millennium Development Goals—Why We Should Care: Part Two for Earth Day	Bible study: Resurrection—Scripture's Witness to Raising the Dead
April 29	The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion: What's Happening and What's Next?	Bible study: Resurrection—Scripture's Witness to Raising the Dead
May 6	The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion: What's Happening and What's Next?	Search Committee Update and Conversation
May 13	[No class: May Fair weekend]	[No class: May Fair weekend]
May 20	Life at St. Mark's: Topic to be Announced	Topic to be Announced
May 27 Memorial Day Pentecost	[No class: Memorial Day weekend]	[No class: Memorial Day weekend]

David Rider's April 15 and 22 class will discuss the presentation made recently by theologian and missiologist Ian Douglas to the Episcopal Church's House of Bishops. See Episcopal News Service: http://www.episcopalchurch.org/3577_83850_ENG_HTM.htm
 Episcopal News Service: http://www.episcopalchurch.org/3577_83850_ENG_HTM.htm



Iconist Ivan Mitsyk displays tryptych during Icon and Prayer class on Sunday morning.



Shelby Cromwell designing a Ukrainian Easter egg at Pysanky Egg Workshop.

The EYC makes Pilgrimage to Taize Monastery

On the week of March 11, when many people were heading off to ski or sun vacations, 13 youth from St. Mark's and the New Canaan community embarked on a pilgrimage to the Taize monastery in Southeastern France. They would spend the next week in rustic cabins, praying three times a day with the brothers of the monastery, attending bible study with teenagers from around the world, and washing hundreds of dishes.



the summer months.

The pilgrimage to Taize has become an annual commitment for the youth group at St. Mark's. Brother Roger's vision of prayer as an active part of reconciliation is important to the group. Simply by bringing teenagers from diverse backgrounds together in prayer, threads of trust are established.

For the youth of New Canaan, who are besieged with overscheduled lives filled with school and service and sports, the week is a rare opportunity to pause and reflect. Each prayer service centers around 15-20 minutes of silence,

surrounded by meditative chant singing.

"The silence gives you a place to sort out who you really are," said NCHS senior Robby Bitting.



St. Mark's tries to capture this spirit weekly with a 6:00 PM service every Sunday that offers music and silence inspired by Taize. It is a little place in our busy community to find that internal peace and quiet that encourages us to build links of trust with our neighbors. Everyone is encouraged to come and experience this powerful and important practice. Sunday nights at 6:00 in the chapel at St. Mark's.



High School EYC trip to Montreal

This April, the weekend of the 27th through the 29th, the youth group will host area youth in an ecumenical pilgrimage to Montreal for the Taizé community's World Youth Meeting. These meetings are held annually, but rarely in North America.

The kids will spend the weekend in a kind of Taizé-in-miniature experience. Especially appropriate for kids whose schedule did not permit their attendance on the March trip, this trip will go by bus to Montreal on Friday and return on Sunday evening, hopefully concluding with our participation in our own 6pm Taizé Eucharist. Please contact Rita Powell for details!

High School EYC Overnight

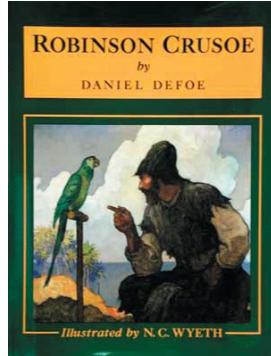
Maundy Thursday was the night when Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and asked his disciples to watch and pray with him. The EYC will spend the night of Maundy Thursday together in fellowship and vigil and conversation. ALL EYC members are encouraged to come, even if for only a small part of the evening.

It begins with the service of footwashing at 7:30pm, followed by Taizé music in the chapel. We will say Compline at midnight, and morning prayer at 7am on Good Friday. This will be a powerful time together, and a chance for the whole youth group to reconnect.

Book Group: Robinson Crusoe

Wednesday, April 18: 12:30 – 2 p.m.

On Wednesday, April 18, 12:30 – 2 p.m., in the Education Center, Book Group will be discussing *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe. Defoe's most famous novel was published in 1719 with the full title, *The Life and strange and surprising Adventures of Robinson Crusoe*. It is based, in fact, upon the experiences of Alexander Selkirk who had run away to sea in 1704 and requested to be left on an uninhabited island to be rescued five years later.



Defoe himself was in his late fifties when he wrote the book, which is often considered to be the first English novel. Crusoe ends up on a desert island after a dramatic shipwreck. With only a few supplies he retrieves from the ship he builds a house, a boat and a new life. Join us for a great adventure of our own, in what promises to be a lively conversation about this remarkable book, written in detailed, distinctive, timeless and uncomplicated language that actually raises profound theological questions of life and death.

Join us on Wednesday, April 18 from 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!

Our next and last reading selection and date for the the program year is:

The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion
May 16, 2007 at 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the Education Center



Fr. Rider visiting the Pastor's Picks section of the Lion's Den.

Pastors' Picks at the Lion's Den

The Lion's Den Book and Gift Store has added a new book section called "Pastor's Picks." Ever wonder what the clergy is reading? Or what book has had a profound influence on his/her life? Titles have been collected from New Canaan's clergy and include all religious institutions in New Canaan.

A sampling of selections include: *Honoring The Body* by Stephanie Paulsell, submitted by The Rev. Jamie Martinez of First Presbyterian, *Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, submitted by Pastor Elizabeth Krentz-Wee of St. Michael's Lutheran Church and *Faith and Politics* by Senator John Danforth submitted by The Rev. David Rider of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Lots of new items perfect for baptism, communion, confirmation, graduation and even wedding gifts. Charming christening gowns made of linen and lace, delicately painted Easter Eggs and unique jewelry are just some of our spring line. Gift certificates are the perfect choice, when you're not sure what to get.

Wednesday morning Coffee House offers complimentary gourmet coffees and scrumptious pastries and a lovely setting in which to enjoy them. Stop by, you're always welcome.

Store hours are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday from 9 – 1 and Saturdays, 10-12.

The Lion's Den will not be open on Easter, so do your shopping early! For more information call 203.966.3838 or inquiries may be sent to:

Bookstore@stmarksnewcanaan.org



Bookstore volunteer Margot Thorsheim and helpers on a Sunday morning.



All children in 2nd grade and younger are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard after 10 a.m. worship on April 15 as we continue to celebrate the Great Fifty Days of Easter. Older children are asked to help the little ones on their hunt and to help hide the eggs that morning.

Families, please bring in some cookies or sweets that morning to share during the festivities.

I could use a few hands to help fill the eggs on Wednesday, April 18 at 9:15 in the CE Office, call/email Rhonda Morrill 966.4515 x117 or rmorrill@stmarksnewcanaan.org.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

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.



Bee Season at Camp Hand-in-Hand

Camp Hand-in-Hand of New Canaan and Greenwich Education and Prep are co-sponsoring their first annual New Canaan Spellathon, open to all students in grades K-5 who attend a school located in Connecticut and were not yet age 12 by March 1, 2007. Entrants are grouped by grade: K-1; 2-3; and 4-5. The finals for grades K-1 and 2-3, to be held on May 16, will also be in writing. The championship oral final competition for the finalists in grades 4-5, will be held on May 18. Prizes will be awarded to finalists at all grade levels.

Spellers are encouraged to sign up sponsors, just as in a walkathon, to pledge a certain amount for each word spelled correctly. In addition, Greenwich Education and Prep, which has sponsored very successful spelling bees in Greenwich for several years, has pledged to contribute \$2 for each child who registers for the event.

All profits go to support the programs at Camp Hand-in-Hand, a non-denominational summer camp based at St. Mark's Church, now in its fourth year, whose mission is to bring together children from diverse cultural, ethnic and economic backgrounds in order to provide them with exciting and enriching summer experiences.

For information needed to enter the Spelling Bee and to sign up sponsors is available on the Bee's website: www.Spell2007.com or by e-mail to spell2007@gmail.com. Interested entrants may also call Patti Davis at the office of Camp Hand-in-Hand: 203.966.6920 or visit their new website: <http://www.camp-hand-in-hand.org>.

*Camp Hand-in-Hand 5k/1.5 Walk
Saturday, May 5 at 8:30 a.m.*

Join the fun, help a child, get some exercise. Register by April 30, call the camp office: 203.966.6920

CALLING ALL EARTHLINGS!

Celebrate Earth Day at St. Mark's
Sunday, April 22, 2007

Carpool, Walk, or Bike Ride to Church

Dress Casual

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb Sale by 5th Graders
---dimmables, floods, 3-ways, 60 & 90 Watt for \$2.00 each!

Drink Fair Trade Coffee

Enjoy Organic Coffee Hour Refreshments!

Lots More!



Ecumenical Women's Bereavement Group

Mondays, 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.; the first meeting date was 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.

Phone Directory

The long awaited pictorial phone directory should be back from the printer and available for distribution some time in late April. Several proofs have had to go back for correction which has delayed the process. Watch for details.

Upcoming Baptism Dates:

†	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.

New Canaan Red Cross Announces



Health & Safety Classes (held at the NC Red Cross):

- **Wednesday, March 21, 6 - 10 pm**, Infant and Child CPR Class
- **Tuesday, April 10, 6 - 10 pm**, Adult CPR Class
- **Thursday, April 12, 6 - 9 pm**, First Aid Class
- **Saturday, April 14, 9 am - 4 pm**, Babysitter's Training Class
- **Wednesday, April 18, 6-10 pm**, Infant and Child CPR Class

Events

- **Saturday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m.** – **Paint the Town Red Gala** Fundraising gala, held at the Sheraton Stamford Hotel, will feature fine dining, dancing and live and silent auctions with Sotheby's auctioneer, Peter Rathbone.

To attend classes or events or for more information, please call 966-1663.

Career Transition Support (CaTS)

Thursday April 5 - First Presbyterian Church, 7-9 pm

Understanding How You Make A Difference

Presented by Mercer Field, President, Core Value Coaching and CaTS Team Member.

“Many job searchers sell themselves in today's marketplace using their technical/functional expertise, thus significantly increasing their competition. This workshop will focus on another approach which is to determine and communicate how you have and can make a difference in given business processes in terms of ideas, leadership, motivation, taking the monkey off the boss' back etc.

Thursday April 19 - First Presbyterian Church, 7-9 pm

Building Support To Get What You Are Looking For

Presented by Mercer Field, President, Core Value Coaching and CaTS Team Member. At this meeting Mercer will define and explain how to create, organize and implement your Self-Marketing (Job Search) Plan with emphasis on getting maximum results from your networking efforts.

Flowers and Sounds of the Season

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.

ST. MARK'S NURSERY SCHOOL

Jack Muller, former entrepreneur and current New Canaan resident and octogenarian recently visited with our St. Mark's Nursery School students for a day of fun, reading and show and tell! Mr. Muller is a Director of Waveny and spends much of his free time caregiving and volunteering for a society that has given so much to him. One of Jack's greatest delights is spending time with children and playing with them at their level. He loves helping children develop self-confidence and discover the joys of learning.



Save the Dates

Young Families
Get-Together

---Date Change---

Saturday, June 2

7-9 pm



St. Mark's Chorale
Presents

Handel's Messiah
Part II Selections

&

J. S. Bach's Motet,
Jesus, Meine Freude
(Jesus, Priceless
Treasure)

Sunday, June 3

5 pm

58th Annual St. Mark's May Fair



Saturday, May 12
9am to 5:30pm

There's Lots To Do and We Need You!

The Week Before May Fair: May 6-11 . . .

*Storage for White Elephant Furniture Needed
(Can you spare a garage bay for a few weeks?)*

Unload White Elephant Furniture—Sunday May 6, 1-5pm

Set-up White Elephant Sale—Monday-Friday 9-4,

Set-up Grounds/Booths/Move Books—Friday May 11 on-going;

Come any time; teens welcome after school

Bakers, Telephone Callers Needed

During May Fair . . .

Sell Food; Sell Goods; Provide Services

After May Fair . . .

******Clean up Crews: White Elephant 3pm******

Great Lawn 5:30-7:00 pm

SAVE YOUR WHITE ELEPHANTS!

Bring them in Sunday May 6- May 9, 9-4pm

Questions?

Call Francie Thompson (203)972.1668 or Amy Carroll (203)972.1722

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April 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Holy Week April 1-8						
1 Palm Sunday 8:00a HE I 9-1p Book Store 9:00a Adult Ed. (2) 9:45a Palm Procession 10:00a HE II, Reading of the Passion/ Children's Ed 11:15 Coffee Hour/ No 6pm Taize Eucharist	2 7:00a Morning Prayer 12:00p ACOA/Alanon 1:00a Staff Meeting	3 7:00a Morning Prayer 9:00a Food Bank 12p Alanon 4:00-4:30p Cherub & Joyful Noyze Choir 7:30p Adult Choir	4 9-1p Book Store 9:30a Eucharist & Healing 10a Adult Ed Class 4-5:00p Choristers 6-7:00p Youth Choir 7:30 Evening Prayer/ <i>Lectio divina</i> 7:30p Confirmation	5 Maundy Thursday 7:00a Morning Prayer 9-1p Book Store 7:30p HE w/ stripping of Altar/ Foot Washing All Night Vigil	6 Good Friday 7:00a Morning Prayer 9-1p Book Store 11:45 All night vigil concludes 12-3:00p The Seven Last Words with Meditations	7 Holy Saturday 10-12p Book Store 10:00a Choir Rehearsal 1:00p Baptism Rehearsal 8:00p The Great Easter Vigil, Baptisms w/reception
8 Easter Sunday 9:00a Festal HE II 11:15a Festal HE II No 7:30am HE No 6pm Taizé HE 	9 Easter Monday 12:00p ACOA/Alanon 1:00a Staff Meeting	10 12p Alanon 8:00p Outreach Mtg.	11 9-1p Book Store 9:30a Eucharist & Healing 10a Adult Ed Class 7:30p Confirmation	12 9-1p Book Store	13 9-1p Book Store 10a Senior Men's Club	14 10-12p Book Store
15 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:00a HE I 9-1p Book Store 9:00a Adult Ed. (2) 10:00a HE II/ Children's Ed/Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour/ Egg Hunt 6:00p HE w/Taize 7:00p EYC 	16 12:00p ACOA/Alanon 1:00a Staff Meeting	17 9:00a Food Bank 12p Alanon 4:00-4:30p Cherub & Joyful Noyze Choir	18 9-1p Book Store 9:30a Eucharist & Healing 10a Adult Ed Class 11:15 Waveny HE 4-5:00p Choristers 6-7:00p Youth Choir 7:30p Confirmation	19 9-1p Book Store 6:00p Food Bank 7:30p Adult Choir	20 9-1p Book Store 10a Senior Men's Club	21 10-12p Book Store 4:00-5:15p Adult Choir
22 Earth Sunday 8:00a HE I 9-1p Book Store 9:00a Adult Ed. (2) 10:00a HE II/ Children's Ed/Worship 11:15 Earth Coffee Hour 6:00p HE w/Taize 7:00p EYC	23 12:00p ACOA/Alanon 1:00a Staff Meeting	24 12p Alanon 4:00-4:30p Cherub & Joyful Noyze Choir 7:30p Vestry Mtg.	25 St. Mark's Day 9-1p Book Store 9:30a Eucharist & Healing 10a Adult Ed Class 11:45-2p Women's Luncheon 4-5:00p Choristers 6-7:00p Youth	26 9-1p Book Store 7:30p Adult Choir	27 9-1p Book Store 10a Senior Men's Club	28 10-12p Book Store 4:00-5:15p Adult Choir rp
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*All the Women of St. Mark's
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*Join us as we honor the
St. Audrey's Guild*



*Wednesday, April 25, 2007
On the Feast Day of St. Mark
11:45 – 2:00 pm in Morrill Hall*

*Please RSVP by April 18 to the Church Office ~ 203.966.4515, or tmcgee@stmarksnewcanaan.org
Childcare provided upon request*

Weekly Service Times

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Rite I Holy Eucharist
	10:00 a.m.	Rite II Choral Holy Eucharist
	10:00 a.m.	Children's Eucharist
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II with Taize Music
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II with Healing

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