



GRACE NOTES

Grace Episcopal Church ♦ 133 School Street ♦ New Bedford, MA 02740

March 2011

From the Senior Warden....

It was the Holy Spirit that said, *“Speak to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (Ephesians 5:19).*

Paul said, *“I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also” (1 Corinthians 14:15b)*



When I was 8 years old and attending St. James Episcopal Church in Winsted, Connecticut, my sister, Donna, who was 10, and I sang in the children's choir for which we were paid 10 cents a week. That was enough to buy cherry-cokes at the local soda fountain as we walked home from Saturday morning rehearsals. I am still singing in the choir and though the soda fountains and cherry cokes are no longer a part of that experience, the joy and comfort of lifting a song in church still remains with me today.

As I think back on those faraway days I am reminded of my family sitting in our living room, gathered around the TV watching the Evangelist, Billy Graham. We grew up with those televised 'Crusades' ...my Dad loved them and all their exotic locations---and he wanted the whole family to sit along side and enjoy them as well. But it was about the music for me...and the wonderful gospel baritone voice of the great George Beverly Shea! (Google him if you don't know who this amazing singer is). His voice, his song was so powerful and prayerful, it filled my heart and soul as if it were the voice of God. Words delivered through song have always been more readily remembered by me,(and perhaps many of you) rather than any spoken word. So when my sister and I where chosen to sing a children's duet one Sunday morning in church, it seemed no coincidence we were singing Graham's iconic "Just As I am, Without One Plea" theme song. Well, my Dad was over the moon! It was also my debut as an alto and my destiny was sealed from that moment: All alto, all the time...altos rule!

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From the Curate....

In seminary, I met a woman who gave me great spiritual advice. She said we need to “get real with God.” Get authentic with God. Get honest with God. Get real with God.

That's harder than it sounds. Some of us were taught to pray using formal prayers with big words. Some of us were told we had to be extra polite with God, as if God were an important dinner guest we mustn't shock or offend. Many of us got the message that it was more important to be “nice” to God, than to be honest with God.

If we want to have a deep relationship with someone, we need to be authentic. We need to share what's on our hearts. We need to talk about when there is a conflict in the relationship. We need to be able to laugh and cry. We need to be able to rejoice and get angry. We need to say we're sorry when we hurt another, and speak up when another person has hurt us. We need to be honest with each other and talk directly with each other. It's true of our relationships with each other, and it's true of our relationship with God.

Lent is just around the corner. It's a time to work on our relationship with God. Are there things that could help you deepen your relationship with God? Are there things getting in the way of an authentic relationship with God? What would help you “get real with God?”

Many of us take on a spiritual practice during Lent, or choose to give something up. If you always give up chocolate or TV, why not try something different this year? Think about a practice that would help you “get real with God.”

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which falls on March 9 this year. Join us at Grace for Holy Eucharist with the imposition of Ashes. Services are at 10am, noon and 7pm, with a simultaneous children's service in the chapel at 7pm.

“I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent...” (BCP 265)

In Christ,
Malia

From the Senior Warden*(Continued from page 1)*

I recall years ago, on October 13, 1993 when the Billy Graham 'Festival' visited New Bedford. His son Franklin, who disliked the word 'crusade', and an entourage of folks held services at the Zeiterion Theatre. My husband and I participated in the all-city choir on stage as the preaching unfolded before a full-house audience. It is hard to forget the drama and emotion arising with the singing of "Just As I Am" which was the invitation for people to come forward and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior with the laying on of hands.

Singing in assembly- in community- is a healing, teaching, praising and worshiping experience with our Lord and with each other. The question and the challenge becomes, how is the song brought outside, into our broken world and how can it bring others to Christ and Christ to them? Perhaps it is the universal imagery, the human connection, and the sheer melodic beauty that fills the heart and somehow allows God to enter into our lives in a very real and tangible way. Or perhaps is being bathed in the experience of something so much more than our mortality - a brief lapse into something so divine and heavenly. If the song remains in the heart, it indeed can be passed on...like the 'light than shines in us' imagery we have been speaking about during this Epiphany season. God put us here **together**, for a reason!

During the upcoming season of Lent, as we seek solace and sense in our lives through fasting and focusing, reading and praying...find time to sing. St. Augustine once said that singing was like praying twice, not a bad reference. **Now that is Good News!**

Peace and blessings,
Paula

**VESTRY HAPPENINGS****December 2010****VOTED:**

- To accept the November 2010 financial report as presented by Vestry Treasurer Fred Smialek.
- To place the final accounting from the Freda Heptonstall legacy of \$520.00 in the restricted endowment scholarship fund, adding to her \$15,000.00 legacy.
- To authorize \$6,000.00 in education funds for the Rector's sabbatical and budget \$3,000.00 for supply clergy in 2011 from the Money Market Account.
- To keep the budget as presented by Treasurer Fred Smialek, for the next three months of the new year (2011).
- To approve request from Sandi Jaikes to be able to offer one glass of complimentary wine at a Valentine's family dinner and dance fundraiser.

John Collins presented a proposal for a Saturday night, January 8, 2011 NB Rocks youth concert in Rodman Hall. Questions and concerns regarding the details of the concerts such as advertising, adult and police supervisions, behavioral norms, building capacities and safety, and cleanup were entertained by and discussed with Vestry.

January Vestry Meeting (actually held on Feb 3 due to weather)

Rich Bowie, Stewardship Chair reported that 2010 pledged receipts were above what was pledged by \$5,000.00 and that 2011 pledges were currently totalling \$264,429.00. Thirteen expected pledges were not in as of yet and the expected amount should be \$10,500.00. The Vestry congratulated Mr. Bowie for his good work regarding the increased total amount for the year 2011.

VOTED:

- To accept the December 2010 financial report as presented by Fred Smialek, Treasurer.
- To accept the Trustees of Parish Funds report as presented by the Treasurer. **Mr. Smialek noted that review of this report is required by paragraph 7 of the "Regulations for the Government of Trustees of Various Funds of Wardens, Vestry and Proprietors of Grace Church, New Bedford" and that all attachments were in the minute book.**
- To accept the report of the change of information for the Rectory project appearing in the minutes - using \$90,000 from Endowment Principal. **final cost of the rectory project was \$92,858.00—a previous vestry vote was for \$90,000 to be taken from Endowment principal—\$80,000 had been already taken from endowment principal, and now another \$10,000 will be used for the project**

Jean Pitcairn, as chair of the Children & Youth Commission, addressed the Vestry on their behalf regarding the need to hire a person for the children's ministry position. The amount of time suggested was 10/12 hours per week to sustain a

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Vestry Happenings

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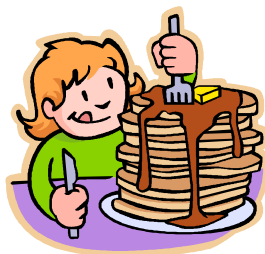
program that would place a person in a visible leadership position for the church school and also tend to the spiritual needs of our children. The commission recognized that even the core group of faithful volunteers would not have the time to administer and sustain the program well.

Janet Doe spoke to the Vestry regarding the concern that the Grace After School Program would need funds to meet its payroll. The program currently has 18 children. The staff has been cut back. After some discussion, it was realized that GASSP was okay until the end of March with funding. The Thrift Shop has given the program a \$2,000.00 donation. It was suggested that the GASSP Board meet with the Financial Committee.

Ben Baker, Junior Warden reported that both he and the Senior Warden have met with the architect concerning the tower inspection which was completed in December 2010 by the structural engineer and the masonry contractor. Space (called the 'shaft' second floor office room) has some very serious issues. The stone is coming away from the exterior wall. The recommendation is that this repair work be done as soon as possible. A time will be set up for the engineer, masonry contractors and architects to meet with the Vestry, wardens and Team Property. Other building issues include work on the parish house exterior, which was out to bid, but not deemed as eminent as the tower. The roof work was done this past fall over the hallway into the Robing Room/Sacristy area. Mr. Baker reported that work needed on the buildings will get back on a regular schedule this year under a maintenance program—heat, light alarm systems are also a part of the maintenance systems.

The Senior Warden reported the NBRocks youth concert, held of January 8th was a success. Discussions to hold future such concerts have been tabled at this time.

LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH.....



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Our annual pancake supper will be offered Tuesday, March 8th from 5:30-7:00pm in the library of the parish house. Join us as we celebrate this annual tradition with a brief history about "Fat Tuesday" and plenty of good food! So mark your calendars and bring your families, friends and your appetites as we gather together, say our last 'alleluias' for awhile, and usher in Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent.

*** Free will offering is appreciated. ***

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES March 9th

The Holy Eucharist with the imposition of ashes will be offered at 10am and 12noon in the Chapel and at 7pm in the Church. During the 7pm service children are invited into the Chapel for our annual Children's Ash Wednesday service.

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The **LENTEN STUDY GROUP** led by the Rev. Jack H. Haney and held on Wednesdays, will not take place this year. Regretfully, Jack has some other commitments which need his time. However, he hopes to resume them in 2012.

FRIENDS OF WILL & GRACE

*The **Will** to follow where the Holy Spirit leads
and to accept the Gift of His **Grace***

The Friends of Will & Grace is a small group geared toward gay and lesbian members of our Church Family and their friends and families. We have been meeting every two months or so for the last two years. In addition to fellowship and the fun of sharing a meal, at our meetings we have reviewed passages of the Bible, had lively discussions about our roles in society and within our families, and explored ways to help with social and charitable endeavors within our church and in greater society.

The next meeting of the Friends of Will & Grace will be on Sunday March 13 at 5:30 p.m at the home of Leo Schick, 42 Grove Street, New Bedford. Dinner will be provided. All are welcome. A notice will be sent to those on our mailing list with the topic for the next meeting. If you are interested or have any question, please contact Mark Jeffrey MJEFF22@aol.com or GTCroteau@aol.com and we will be happy to include you on our mailing list.

LITURGY & LITURGICAL MINISTRY

-Jerré Croteau, Verger

The Origins and Outward Signs of Lent

The words “**Lent**” and “length” come from the same Germanic root. It describes the season of spring when the days grow “longer.” The Greek and Latin words for Lent refer to the concept of “forty days”: Latin *quadragesima* (from which come the French: *Carême*, Spanish: *Cuaresma*, Portuguese: *Quaresma*). As early as the third century, a time of fasting is recommended before the feast of the Resurrection. There may have been practical reasons for this, as stored food supplies would be running low at the end of the winter. Throughout the ages and in different cultures, the time period varied and sometimes included Holy Week and sometimes not. But the idea of “forty days” became a standard. The forty days are said to commemorate the forty hours of Christ’s death and entombment; Moses’ forty days of fasting and prayer at Mt. Sinai, Elias at Horeb, and Jesus’ forty days in the wilderness.

The fasting of Lent usually meant that meat was not eaten or severely limited. The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is called **Mardi Gras** (“fat Tuesday in French) or Shrove Tuesday. It was the last day that meat could be consumed. It became a time of “**Carnival**” which literally means “time of meat”. The “shrove” part of the English version is from the root of the verb to “shrive” which means to forgive or grant absolution, which one would presumably need after the excesses of Carnival.

The emphasis today is not so much on fasting as it is on inner reflection, repentance, prayer, and works of love and self-discipline. Crosses and images are **veiled** to represent the idea of repentance and inner reflection to attain the self-discipline and concentrate on works of love and charity rather than the external distractions and temptations around us. We await the day when Christ’s glory and our salvation are unveiled and made clear through His Resurrection. The tradition is that veiling, to one degree or another, is either done for the whole season of Lent or at least for the last two weeks. Purple is used during this season for two reasons: it is the color of kingship referring to the Kingdom of Christ, and because it also represents at the same time repentance. The use of purple for the hangings is not universal, and some churches and traditions use unbleached linen.

March 2011

With the first Sunday in March, this year’s long season of Epiphany comes to an end; March 5-6 is the **Last Sunday after Epiphany**. Beginning with **Ash Wednesday**, this year March 9th, we commence the season of **Lent**. March 12-13 is the **First Sunday in Lent**; on this weekend all Eucharist services will begin with the **Great Litany**. March 19-20 will be the **Second Sunday in Lent**; there will be **Children’s Liturgy** at the 10:00 o’clock service on Sunday. March 26-27 will be the **Third Sunday in Lent**. During Lent we will be using the **Penitential Order**, which means essentially that the Eucharist Service begins with the confession and absolution. We will be using **Prayers of the People Form I** at all services, and the Rite 2 Services on Wednesday, Saturday and 10:00 a.m. Sunday will use a **Eucharistic Prayer from Enriching Our Worship form 2**, for which cards will be available in the Prayer Books in the pews.

At the Wednesday Eucharist and Healing services in March; we begin with March 2nd celebrating **John & Charles Wesley**. March 9th is **Ash Wednesday** on which day there will be **Eucharist with the Distribution of Ashes** at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 7:00 p.m. Wednesday March 16th is the Feast of **St. Joseph**. On March 23rd we celebrate the **Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary**. And on March 30th we will celebrate **John Donne**, Priest and Poet.

In years past we have offered Daily Office in the form of either Evening or Morning Prayer services on weekdays in All Saints’ Chapel. This year it has been decided to suspend this practice at least for this year. One of the reasons is that attendance has dropped off severely in the last few years, and we have only a few Worship Leaders left in the parish who can officiate, and one clergy person, since our rector is on sabbatical. We will reevaluate next year.

USING GOD’S GIFTS

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us . . . Romans 12

Please join our Adult Forum series on listening to our Parish friends tell their story regarding how they were blessed in their pursuit leading to their present vocation. The March sessions will be held in Rodman Hall following the 10 a.m. service.

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| March 6 | Tom Davis, Executive Director, Greater New Bedford Industrial Foundation |
| March 27 | Jean Pitcairn DVM, Chace Farm Veterinary Hospital |

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

CHURCH SCHOOL

-Cynthia Barnum

The **Children's Sunday School** program will continue to focus on the New Testament for the winter Program.

Our lessons will focus on: God keeps promises, God brings joy, God loves all people, God does amazing things, God hears our Prayers, God's word is like a seed. These lessons will be taken from the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke.

Thank you to all the Church School children and families who are participating with the weekly **Offering Envelopes**. The Church School Children were given individual offering envelopes at Church School and are invited to bring these donation envelopes weekly to help the mission and ministry of Grace Church. The envelopes are collected in Children's Chapel and presented at the Offertory by representatives of Church School classes, or may be placed in the offering plate during Children's Liturgy Sundays. If your child has not received their Offering Envelopes, please speak to your classroom teachers.

Children's Ash Wednesday Service - The Children of Grace are invited to our annual Children's Ash Wednesday Service, at 7pm **Wednesday, March 9th in the Chapel**. This service runs concurrently with the Ash Wednesday service in the main church, and offers children a way to begin Lent that is geared to their understanding and experience. We will be learning about Ash Wednesday and Lent itself, as well as writing Lenten "caterpillar prayers" to remind us of the new life we receive in Jesus. Parents and friends are welcome to join us

JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

-Charles Morse, Youth Minister

The Valentines Dinner was a great success. We raised well over a thousand dollars and want to thank especially our chefs Sandi Jaikes and Ron Guillemette along with a gang from Top of the Hill who made it happen. I also want to recommend, if there is no Patron Saint of Organization, Sandi should have the position

Mark your calendars and save the dates:

- March 4th, 7pm - J2A Lock-in
- March 18th - Confirmation Retreat
- April 9th - Confirmation at St. Gabriel's in Marion

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GRACE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

-Donna Pires, Program Director

The Program currently has 20 students enrolled. Although homework is first priority, we also offer computer time along with scheduled activities both fun and educational.

To promote literacy, we have a "free" children's book **Trading Post**, where children may trade, donate or take a book for free. We are accepting donations of children's book all the time! (they do not have to be new).

If you are interested in enrolling your child in The After-School Program, please feel free to call Donna L. Pires at 508-961-1622.

CARING FRIENDS

-Linda Pope

We have many volunteers who have signed up and are ready to lend a hand to those who ask: some would drive you places or do errands for you; some want to visit and help with reading and writing; some are willing to cook or sew; some can help around the house and yard or do dump runs. Whatever your needs, please remember your *caring friends* at church. Call the office and we'll see if we can match you up with a volunteer.

For those who wish to volunteer, in the back of the church there are forms to fill out and a box in which to put them.

Thank you for caring.

WALK FOR HUNGER

-Nina Catelli-Vincent

The Boston Walk for Hunger is Sunday, May 1. A small team has already formed! To join the team as a walker or to make a donation/pledge to the team, go to <http://www.projectbread.org>. The Team name is Grace Church and Nina Catelli Vincent is listed as the leader.

A modest goal for the team has been set at \$500. Grace Church should have no problem surpassing that goal! The Walk For Hunger supports the Boston Food Bank which assists our own food pantry.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF GRACE UNITED THANK OFFERING

Lucy Gundersen and Joan Ann Niles
ECW UTO Co-Ordinators

The Episcopal Church UTO received 120 grant applications, totaling \$5,741,594.75 for the 2010 application cycle. Of these, sixty-nine grants either fully or partially were approved for a total of \$2,163,740.93. These include 43 Domestic, 11 Companion Diocese and 15 International grants.

Grace Church ECW are grateful to those of you who share your blessings with thanksgiving by contributing through UTO's "little blue box." Your contributions make these grants possible.

Many of you have asked who are the recipients of the UTO grants. The following are just a few of the 2010 projects you have made possible with your support.

\$5,500. Diocese of Northern California

St. Nicholas Episcopal Church to purchase a walk-in refrigerator freezer to expand the capacity of the Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry.

\$29,319. Diocese of Connecticut

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, New Haven for kitchen and multipurpose space renovations for a year-round culinary arts training and leadership development program in nonviolence

\$25,000. Diocese of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Trinity Episcopal Church's Lunch Program in Easton for equipment for newly renovated kitchen

For a complete listing of the \$2,163,740.93 grants awarded visit www.episcopalchurch.org/uto

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Accomplishing God's mission together*

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CORNER BEEF & CABBAGE LUNCHEON

The Episcopal Church Women of Grace Church will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, March 16th

at 12 noon. They will be serving a corned beef and cabbage luncheon. All women are welcome! Please call Gwen Skinner at 508-994-9288 if you would like to attend ECW on March 16th!

TOP OF THE HILL FELLOWSHIP

Please join the Top of the Hill Fellowship on Saturday, March 19th at 6pm for an Italian Feast as we celebrate St. Joseph's Day. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex and outside the library on the bulletin board.

We are cooking up some entertainment and some fabulous desserts, so bring your appetitos and mangia!

DIOCESAN SPRING LEARNING EVENT

The Diocesan Spring Learning Event on Saturday, March 5, 2011 will focus on reaching new communities, and reaching people with the Gospel in new ways. It will be held at the Cathedral at 138 Tremont St. in Boston from 8:30am-4:30pm. The cost is \$35. Please see Malia if you'd like a scholarship. To register, go to:

<http://www.diomass.org/content/diocesan-spring-learning-event>

GRACE CHURCH THRIFT SHOP

-Gladys Lomas, Manager

Grace and peace to everyone. Our heartfelt thanks to all those who have donated their time, talents, and treasures to the Grace Church Thrift Shop.

As you prepare to say goodbye to Old Man Winter and hello to a warming spring, please keep us in mind. We always need donations of pots & pans, sneakers for the entire family, warm adult socks, jewelry, sets of dishes, silverware, kitchenware, nightwear for the family, and bedding. Thanking you in advance.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

-Barbara Bachand and Linda Austin, Co-Leaders

The Thursday Bible Study group will resume on March 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the South Room to begin a 4-week study on the Gospel of Matthew. This is the year of Matthew in the church's cycle of readings. All study materials for the four week session will be provided to participants at the first meeting. New members are always welcome. To register please call Barbara at 508 994 9392 or e-mail at barbararichard@comcast.net by March 1st.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting of Grace Episcopal Church of New Bedford, Massachusetts

will be held at 11:30am on Sunday, April 10, 2011
at the Parish House, School Street, New Bedford
for the purpose of

1. Election of four Vestrypersons to serve three years;
2. Election of a Senior Warden and a Junior Warden, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and a Clerk;
3. Considering and voting upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

By order of the Vestry,
Charlene N. Ryder, Clerk

ANNUAL REPORTS

Heads of Commissions, Committees, Organizations and Guilds are asked to submit their Annual Reports to the Church Office by Friday, March 11th. Reports may be emailed to gracechurchnewbedford@yahoo.com, faxed to 508-996-9772, or dropped off at the Church Office. If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary Morgan at 508-993-0547.

2010 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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| Senior Warden | Paula Cabral | |
| Junior Warden | Ben Baker | |
| Treasurer | Fred Smialek | |
| Assistant Treasurer | Marcia Anselmo | |
| Clerk | Charlene Ryder | |
| Vestry 3 year term | Cindy Shea Melissa Botelho | Kristen Kalbrener David Miranda |
| Convention Delegates | Rick Bowie | Travis Bowie |
| Convention Alternates | Patricia Nieman | Anne Gundersen |
| Deanery Representatives | Charlene Ryder Robert DaSilva Judy Knox | Roberta Berry William Wilbour |
| Interchurch Council | Janet Miranda | Robin Cabral |
| Episcopal City Mission | Priscilla Guillemette Tom Cabral | David Miranda |

Submitted by Terri Nowell, Chairperson, 2011 Nominating Committee.
Committee Members: Brian McLaughlin, Priscilla Guillemette

FOOD PANTRY

-Martha Reed, Coordinator

January seemed to be an “up and down” time period due to the numerous ice and snow storms and dangerous walking conditions. We only had between 6 and 16 households served each week - an all time low. The only busy day was a long wait for 44 clients.

We are now just completing several grant applications, an all consuming challenge! Thanks to Norma Dyer and Barbara Jansen who assisted me with many hours of research. We have submitted grants to the James Arnold Foundation, the Case Trust/Bristol County Fund (through the Diocese), and Project Bread in Boston.

This month, we wish to thank the following organizations for their kind donations: The Saturday Club (\$100), the Grace Church Thrift Shop (\$100), and Macy's Foundation (\$590).

The Congdon School also organized a food drive, spearheaded by 4th grade teacher, Lisa Duval, for the benefit of our Food Pantry. The school collected a total of 1,100 cans! Kelly DaSilva (Joan Swain's daughter) and her 5th grade class collected the most canned goods! Thanks to all who participated in this endeavor.

For the 14th year, the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation will divide \$1 million proportionately among hunger fighting agencies across the United States. Once again this year, our Food Pantry will participate in this event. Beginning on March 1st and continuing through April 30th, all monetary and food donations we receive will be counted and reported to the Feinstein Foundation. The more donations we receive, the bigger proportion of the \$1 million we will be awarded..

We have recently learned that Macy's employees will be sponsoring another food drive to benefit the Food Pantry. The continued support of our parishioners and community organizations is appreciated and makes it possible for us to continue this worthwhile mission of feeding the needy in our community. Thank you for your help.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit that they may have courage and hope in their troubles. Brian Braley (Friend of Melinda Ventura), Ann McInerney (Friend of Roberta Berry), Leah Dackson (Cousin of Robbie Watkins), Fiona Sheehan (Granddaughter of Robbie Watkins), Rosalyn Alexander (Daughter of Priscilla Taylor), Mildred St. Onge (Member), Debbie Gautesen (Daughter of Irene Brayton), Mildred St. Onge (Member), Nick Seavey (Nephew of Diane Doe), Iris Begley (Daughter-in-law of Ed & Eleanor Begley), Claire Morel (Member), Angela Hackett (Friend of Terri Nowell), Maria dos Santos (Friend of Tom Davis), Brenda Swain (Sister-in-law of Joan Swain), Dick Bordas & Alzira (Friends of Gerry Lopes), Jack Beatty (Nephew of Paula Cabral), Richard Chase (Father-in-law of Bill Bradbury), Catherine Wilbur (Sister of Harriet Shaw), Paige Gauthier (Friend of Sondra Reid), Glenn Martin (Member), Irene Tunstall (Member), Liz Kelley (Friend of Nancy Mularczyk), Dolores Desrochers (Friend of Paula Cabral), Yvette Gracie (Cousin of Terri Nowell), Marilyn Bradbury (Sister-in-law of Bill Bradbury), Michelle Lopes (Member), Scott Seavey (Brother of Diane Doe), Norman Lopes (Member), and Kara Haney (Daughter of Jack Haney).

Pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in God's eternal Kingdom. Ruth Hapke (Friend of Dorothy Nelson), Ellen Cushman (Member).

Pray for our servicemen and women....those who may be mobilized to the region around Iraq as well as those who are standing in at other international or domestic military installations. Jared Chongarlides (Member), Aaron Patnaud (Grandson of June St. Pierre), Thomas Clark (Friend of Richard Fabio), Nathan Haws (Stepson of Dennis Beck, II), Shawn Souza (Member), David Monteiro (Member), Thomas Storer (Grandson of Ronald and Judy St. John), Jorge Lee Vega, Sasha Knezevic (Nephew of Diana Ukleja), Dana Gilmour (Grandson of Peggy Fellouris), and Craig McGregor (Grandson of Carl McGregor).

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Community Breakfast: *In thanksgiving* by James Bisagni and Norma Bosse. *In honor* of Eric Jaikes.

Discretionary Fund: *In honor* of L/Cpl John Mackler.

Scholarship Fund: *In memory* of Judith Sylvia.

Food Pantry: *In thanksgiving* by M/M Robert Huckabee, M/M Donald Driesen, and Grace Church Thrift Shop. *In memory* of Edna M. Marsden, Robert A. Corbett, Janice McKeachern, and Jose Silva. *In honor* of Barbara & Leroy Schoonmaker.

Memorial Fund: *In memory* of Ellen Cushman.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <h1>March 2011</h1> | | | | | | |
| | | 1 6:30pm ESOL | 2 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Library Committee 6:30pm Youth Choir Worship Commission 7:30pm Handbells | 3 6:00pm Aerobics 6:30pm ESOL | 4 9:30am Food Pantry J2A Lock-In | 5 5:00pm Holy Eucharist |
| 6 Last Epiphany 7:45am Community Breakfast 8:00am Holy Eucharist 8:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:15am Church School, J2A | 7 9:30am Food Pantry | 8 Shrove Tuesday 1:30pm Reflection Committee 5:30-7pm Pancake Supper 6:30pm Property Committee 6:30pm ESOL | 9 Ash Wednesday 10:00am Holy Eucharist & Ashes 12:00pm Holy Eucharist & Ashes 7:00pm Holy Eucharist & Ashes | 10 6:00pm Aerobics 6:30pm ESOL | 11 9:30am Food Pantry | 12 5:00pm Holy Eucharist |
| 13 Lent 1 7:45am Community Breakfast 8:00am Great Litany Holy Eucharist 8:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Great Litanay Holy Eucharist 11:15am Church School, J2A, Coffee Hour | 14 April Newsletter Deadline 9:30am Food Pantry | 15 6:30pm Worship Commission 6:30pm ESOL | 16 10:00am Holy Eucharist 12:00pm ECW Meeting 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:30pm Handbells | 17 1:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Aerobics 6:30pm ESOL | 18 Confirmation Retreat 9:30am Food Pantry | 19 5:00pm Holy Eucharist 6:00pm Top of the Hill |
| 20 Lent 2 7:45am Community Breakfast 8:00am Holy Eucharist 8:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:15am Church School, J2A, Coffee Hour 20s/30s 3:00pm So. Coast Concert | 21 9:30am Food Pantry 6:00pm ECW/Council of Women Meeting | 22 6:30pm ESOL 7:00pm Deanery Meeting at Grace | 23 10:00am Holy Eucharist 5:30pm Eucharistic Visitors 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:30pm Handbell Choir | 24 1:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Aerobics 6:30pm ESOL | 25 9:30am Food Pantry | 26 5:00pm Holy Eucharist 7:00pm J2A Dance |
| 27 Lent 3 7:45am Community Breakfast 8:00am Holy Eucharist 8:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:15am Church School, J2A, Coffee Hour | 28 9:30am Food Pantry | 29 6:30pm ESOL | 30 10:00am Holy Eucharist 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Vestry Meeting 7:30pm Handbells | 31 1:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Aerobics 6:30pm ESOL | | |