



GRACE NOTES

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

May 2011

FROM THE RECTOR...

SERMON/ANNUAL REPORT

Lent 5

April 10, 2011

William Bradbury

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

When I first read the lessons of the day I thought there had been a mistake: the story of the Valley of Dry Bones and the Raising of Lazarus are both Easter stories, focusing on the power of God to raise even bleached bones and stinking corpses. But then I realized these are also Lenten readings because each begins where we are, that is, with the fear of Death, and Death's acolytes, like sin, sickness, failure, and rejection.

From childhood the fear grows of being left out or falling short so we begin building structures, internal and external, to protect us from them. We put locks on our doors and we put locks on our hearts lest someone break in and hurt us.

When we see churches dying and closing our fear rises. That fear makes us raise the bridge, lower the gate, and flood the moat. In this closed down condition none of our ideas to fix our problems will work, because fearful ideas only create more fear. Think about it: there is nothing so unattractive as a group of scared people who are trying to entice new members to help them with their debt. Who would want to be part of such a group? Whatever we do out of fear only brings more fear!

Our job is not to save the church, but to be the church.

Graham Standish in his excellent book, Becoming a Blessed Church writes, "Most declining and dying churches are declining and dying precisely because they have focused too much on what their members want rather than on what God wants. What do most members want? They want stability. They want the church to respond to their need and desires." So what does God want, or to put it in other language what does Love want us to be and to do?

Jesus as always is our guide and it is clear as we look at his ministry with the disciples that it is his desire to create a community that practices openness to God and neighbor.

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From the Rector *(continued)*

As we prepare to enter our Annual Meeting let's look at what this means for us to be a community that opens its heart to God and neighbor.

Looking through the Annual Report I see many things that point to the good work we are doing of being open to our neighbor: Grace Justice Ministry, Small Groups, Children and Youth Ministries, Bittersweet Bazaar, Library, Scholarship Committee, Memorial Fund, Team Property, Thrift Shop, ECW, Trustees of Parish Funds, After-School and Summer Program, Eucharistic Visitors, Food Pantry, Community Breakfasts, ESOL, Interchurch Council, Sunset Socials, Vestry, Top of the Hill, to name some but not all the ways we seek to love our neighbor.

Wednesday night the vestry struggled for almost 3 hours with funding a budget that will allow us to maintain our current staffing so we can maintain our current ministries. We have created a Curate/Children's Minister position so ordained leadership can direct our children's program while also working with adults in other ministries. To fund this new position requires us to ask the Trustees of the Endowment to give 5% instead of just 4% total return. No one wants to spend down the endowment but no one also wants to protect the endowment at the expense of our ministry. We recognize Jesus was much more interested in loving kids than in amassing wealth. In any event taking 5% each year will still allow the endowment to grow and prosper.

We are also practicing openness to God: Worship, Choirs, Altar Guild, Ushers, Greeters, Lay Ministers, and Stewardship invite us to open our frightened hearts to God who is. Many of you stretched yourselves by increasing your giving as a sign of your growing openness to God who is.

We are doing many good things at Grace and now **I believe we are being called to risk going more deeply into being a community in Christ.**

What might this require of us? Several things:

1. A willingness to recognize that we have more work to do in being community. Let's not believe our own press.
2. A willingness to become more open and vulnerable to each other. Practically this means we become willing to share our joys and sorrows, our blessings and brokenness with others in the parish. No one can be intimate with 100 people but if we are not intimate with a few we are not in community but in a collection of individuals. But if we only share ourselves with the same few week after week, ignoring those

around who want to join in, we are not in community but in a clique. Think about joining a small group or risking coming out from behind your wall at coffee hour.

3. A willingness to forgive those we are angry with. Notice I didn't say forgive those who have made us angry. No one can make you angry, rather you make yourself angry when someone doesn't behave like you want them to. If you are angry with someone week after week Jesus calls you to forgive, 70 times 7. Not only for that person's sake, and not only for your own sake, but for the community's sake and for Christ's sake. When we stay angry and refuse to forgive, we are quenching the Spirit, which means the bones will continue to lie there in the sun getting whiter.
4. A willingness to step out of our comfort zone in worshipping God. If we only worship in ways that are comfortable and never disturbing or challenging then we are not worshipping the living God but a dead one that we carry around in our heads. Think about joining us at the Great Vigil of Easter as we engage that ancient liturgy in an exciting new way this year. Think about singing louder if you already sing softly or don't sing at all. (The late Bishop of East Carolina, Sid Sanders, had throat cancer and after all the treatments sounded like a gravel mixer when he talked. The doctors told him not to sing so as not to further damage his vocal cords. He'd get angry when he'd visit a parish and see healthy people not singing.) Explore praying out loud and consider entering more deeply into the silence of worship. The Spirit calls us out of our comfort zone because that's where our defenses come down.

The readings from Ezekiel and from John begin with death and end with New Life. This is God's way. It is Jesus' Way of the Cross. We are stuck in sin and death but we have been grasped by the God who forgives sin and overcomes death. God is.... This is what we focus on in our life together: The Power of God transforming us. As we give ourselves to this Power our hearts open to love, to service, to one another.

Jesus stands outside our tomb which we thought was a fortress and says: **"Grace Church come out."** In 1987 God called us out by fire. This year and next God is calling us out by a damaged tower. As we stumble out in faith Jesus says, "Unbind them and let them go."

So that even in Lent we are Resurrection People because the power of Christ is upon us.

From the Curate...

On April 9, sixteen people from Grace were confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. What a glorious day it was! The sun was shining. The flowers were starting to come up. Many people from Grace came to St. Gabriel's to support these youth and adults as they took this important step on their faith journey.

In his sermon, Bishop Tom Shaw told a story about a young woman who went with him on a young adult trip to the Holy Land. She reminded him that when she was a teenager, she didn't feel ready for confirmation. But something happened over the course of her days in Israel. She realized that she wanted to work for justice and make the world a better place. She also realized that she couldn't do this work alone, and that she needed the help and support of the church. She still wasn't sure she believed everything in the creeds, but that was all right. She wanted to be confirmed. She wanted to be empowered to make a difference.

At confirmation, we believe that the Lord strengthens us with the Holy Spirit to empower us for ministry. This is the same Holy Spirit who appeared on Pentecost as tongues of fire upon the heads of the disciples. Ignatius of Loyola once said, "Go forth and set the world on fire." Our confirmands have not graduated. They have been charged with a great and important mission: to go forth in the power of the Spirit to set the world ablaze with justice, compassion, and love.

The problems in our world are too big and complicated to solve alone. Through the church, we are part of a Spirit-led worldwide community that can help us tackle those problems. Through the church, we take part in the Eucharist and receive holy food to strengthen us for the week ahead. Through the church, we hear the Holy Spirit speaking to us through the people of our community.

The longer I am in the church, the more I realize how much I need the church. This has been especially apparent as Grace has gotten more involved with United Interfaith Action. Working as individuals, it would be hard to change institutions. But when members of our faith communities come together, we can make a difference.

Grace has been collaborating with five New Bedford congregations to improve public education in New Bedford. In June, we will hold a major action, which could be the largest action UIA has ever done. We are hoping to get a policy passed that would allow the creation of new small autonomous public schools in New Bedford. Such schools have made a major difference in urban communities like Boston and Oakland, CA. We want our children to have the same opportunities to become all God created them to be.

Please join us at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Monday June 20 at 7:00 p.m. We would like to see at least 200 Grace members and their friends. For the sake of the kids of New Bedford, please join us... and bring some family and friends with you!

In Christ,

Malia

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 for 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 rôles 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 is tentatively set for Sunday, May 22nd at 5:30pm at Lyre Cottage, 163 Cottage 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.



From the Senior Warden

"...You are the world's light; it is impossible to hide a town built on top of a hill. Men do not light a lamp and put it under a bucket. They put it on a lampstand, and it gives light for everybody in the house."

Matthew 5:14-15

As I write this just prior to Palm Sunday and Holy Week and having participated in a four-week Bible study experience within a small group, here are some thoughts:

LENT: the quiet, contemplative, prayerful, and introspective interlude within our Christian calendar; so why is there so much going on this time of year, both at Grace and in all the other areas of our life experiences? I seem busier than ever and long to slow down, to appreciate and respect this most solemn time leading into Holy Week. How do we prioritize, make that precious time for *everything*, and then be the best we can be in order to stay devoted to a forty days and forty nights frame of mind? How can this solemn time of tomb-darkness be as glorious as the much anticipated radiant Resurrection? Bible study has been for me that respite and beacon of quiet brightness in the midst of this Lenten season.

Under the guidance of Barbara Bachand and Linda Austin, our Bible study group has prayed, discussed, pondered and questioned the Gospel of Matthew over the past four weeks—in a lively and dedicated fashion. We brought the “blessings and burdens” of our lives along with our study guides and offered them up for the prayer and peace that is found in a loving and caring community. We were such a gift to each other!

I have learned that the Gospel of Matthew is an excellent introduction to the basic and fundamental teachings of Christianity and is especially useful for understanding how the life of Christ was the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies. The Gospel was written for a Jewish-Christian audience, and still continues to encourage and call all of us to **act** on our faith.

Matthew would have been carrying signs, making speeches, and rallying us in protests during my 60's rebellion years. Perhaps he was the angel on my shoulder! In Matthew we find the Sermon on the Mount: The Beatitudes, the Lords Prayer, the Great Commission--- Jesus was the man with the plan for a church unlike any other that had gone before. And so we continue today in the 'Jesus community'. We love and forgive each other over and over in the community that is 'ekklesia': the church. As our curate, Malia has reminded us many times, small group ministry provides an environment where strong personal relationships with Christ and with each other are planted, fed, and flourish! We grow spiritually as a Christian family and we grow Grace by reaching out to others as Christ reaches out to us. The journey is rigorous, but so joyful and positive; I have been happy to 'walk' along the way with my fellow travelers. As we approach and welcome the long awaited Easter in our lives let's embrace rather than fear the darkness in our lives. God is there with us in all of our moonlit evenings and sun-bathed mornings---now that is Good News!

The poet, Jane Kenyon sums up my Lenten experience in this most beautiful piece:

LET EVENING COME
By JANE KENYON 1947–1995

Let the light of late afternoon
shine through chinks in the barn, moving
up the bales as the sun moves down.

Let the cricket take up chafing
as a woman takes up her needles
and her yarn. Let evening come.

Let dew collect on the hoe abandoned
in long grass. Let the stars appear
and the moon disclose her silver horn.

Let the fox go back to its sandy den.
Let the wind die down. Let the shed
go black inside. Let evening come.

To the bottle in the ditch, to the scoop
in the oats, to air in the lung
let evening come.

Let it come, as it will, and don't
be afraid. God does not leave us
comfortless, so let evening come.

Peace and Blessings,
Paula

VESTRY HAPPENINGS

March 2rd, 2011 Vestry Meeting

The Vestry VOTED to approve funds to cover the expense in the amount of \$3,000.00 (approximately) for compressor work done on the Church heating system by RDS Equipment.

The Vestry VOTED to place the following report from Brother Andrew updating the vestry on his ministry, on file:

February 6, 2011

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

This note comes as an update on what has been happening in my internship at the church of Saint Mark's in Foxborough, Massachusetts. It has been a very active three months. There is a lot going on at the church, and with my arrival they are starting an outreach program to newcomers. I am also the Deacon on the altar every Sunday. It doesn't seem possible that two years have gone by, but I'm on my second year of school. It promises to be a busy one. School is going well, the classes are excellent, and I'm learning a lot of new things.

I miss all of you at Grace Church, but I keep all of you in my prayers, and I hope that you are praying for me.

Peace,
Virgilio Fortuna BSG, Deacon Intern

The Vestry recessed for and reconvened after a presentation regarding the structural issues of the steeple and related buildings of Grace per a presentation of engineer - John M. Wathne of Structures North Consulting Engineers Inc. & Anna Surma, architect

The Vestry VOTED to proceed with the design of the pinning of the northeast corner of the tower shaft with the costs of the design and bid documents (\$4,500) being funded from maintenance and repair.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

After School Program: *In memory of* Jane Broughton.

Discretionary Fund: *In honor of* M/M Clyde R. Davenport.

Food Pantry: *In memory of:* Walter Harwood, Marie Shuttleworth, Dorcas White, Eli & Gwendolyn Beck, Lloyd & Gertrude Doane, Hilda & Walter Mendoza, Walter P. Mendoza, Mary Frias Correia, Peggy Pitcairn, Robert A. Corbett, Janice McKeachern, Metcalf "Buzz" Kingman, and Ray Roderiques. *In thanksgiving by:* M/M William Reed, Pauline Roderiques, Macy's, M/M Donald Driesen, Episcopal Church Women, M/M Eric Jaikes, Grace Thrift Shop, The Rev. & Mrs. John Douhan, Frank Perrine, MM David Barnum, Richard Anderson, The Rev. & Mrs. G. Kenneth Garrett, M/M Hilmar Gundersen, Edith Lauderdale, and Mildred Beck. *In honor of:* Roberta & Gil Santos.

Flower Fund at Easter: *In memory of* Louise & William Dalzell, James T. Solomon, Philip & Irving Solomon, Eleanor Smith, Melver Felton, and Ada Bowens.

Memorial Fund: *In memory of:* Metcalf "Buzz" Kingman and Harvey "Hap" Greenhalgh, Ellen Cushman, and Verne Tyler.

Community Breakfast: *In memory of* Alex Mingola. *In honor of* Donald & Ellen White. *In thanksgiving* by Norma Bossé, M/M Edward Begley, and James Bisagni.

Grace Three Month Financial Report

	Actual 1/1 to 3/31	Budget 1/1 to 3/31	Budget 2011
Pledge and Other Revenue			
Offering Income	\$ 70,093	\$ 73,875	\$295,500
Endowment and Restricted Income	69,625	73,037	292,150
Miscellaneous Receipts	3,935	6,500	17,000
Earle and Alice Riley Fund	4,994	5,500	22,000
Outreach Income	<u>10,417</u>	<u>16,925</u>	<u>67,700</u>
Total Revenue	\$159,064	\$175,837	\$694,350
Expenses			
Clergy Salaries and Benefits	\$48,354	\$46,975	\$187,900
Youth/Church School	5,838	7,500	30,000
Music Ministries Exspenses	11,202	11,918	47,673
Maintenance and Utilities	30,057	29,455	89,020
Administrative Expenses	55,086	56,201	200,903
Outreach Expenses	9,250	15,213	60,850
Diocesan Assessment	<u>19,484</u>	<u>19,500</u>	<u>78,000</u>
Total Expenses	\$179,271	\$186,762	\$694,346
Balance	(\$20,207)	(\$10,925)	(\$4)

Please direct any questions concerning our finances to me by leaving a phone message or e-mailing the Church. The detailed line item financials are posted on the Parish House bulletin board.

Fred Smialek, Treasurer

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship Application Forms are available in the Church Office. Completed forms must be returned to the Church Office no later than Friday, July 1, 2011. High school seniors and all church members who are considering furthering their education in any post high school program, including college or university, community college, culinary arts school, and technical school, are invited to apply for a Grace Church Scholarship for the 2008-2009 school year at this time.

Applicants must be members in good standing of Grace Church. The canonical understanding of this means having received communion at least three times in the past year and being known to the treasurer as having supported the mission and ministry of the Church.

LITURGY & LITURGICAL MINISTRY*Jerré Croteau, Verger***SEASON OF EASTER**

Easter is not just the single day, but a whole season: a seven-week long celebration of Jesus' Resurrection and our Salvation. The month of May this year is entirely in the **Season of Easter**. May first is the Second Sunday of Easter, May 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, and 28-29 are the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth of Easter respectively. The color for the entire season is white. White or white and gold are the liturgical colors for joy and seasons of celebration.

On the Wednesdays of May we will be celebrating **St. Mark** the Evangelist May 4th; **Gregory of Nazianzus**, Bishop of Constantinople on May 11th; **Dunstan**, Archbishop of Canterbury on May 18th; **Venerable Bede**, Priest & Monk on May 25th.

NEXT LAY MINISTER-ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

When this article appears we will be looking at the Minister and Acolyte schedule for the summer months: Trinity Sunday (June 19) through Labor Day (September 4). Many have already told us when they are not available for the summer. If you haven't already, please contact Jerré Croteau (508 993-3048 or GTCroteau@aol.com) about any summer restrictions so that they can be built into the original schedule.

ASPIRING ACOLYTES & LAY MINISTERS

If you are interested in serving at the altar as an **Acolyte**, please contact Jerré Croteau. Anyone who will be turning **9 years old within the next year** is eligible to train as an Acolyte. There are three Acolyte classes in September-October. Many acolytes, if they wish and have good reading skills, may also become lectors. Youth or adults, once confirmed, may be asked to be **Eucharistic Minister**.

If serving behind the scenes is more your thing, and you are fascinated by the objects, colors and details of the liturgy, several persons, both men and women, are needed on the **Altar Guild** as well.

FOOD PANTRY*-Martha Reed, Coordinator*

The Feinsein Challenge is doing well and will conclude on April 30th. Donations are coming from a variety of groups including Grace Parishioners, Macy's employees, Episcopal Church Women of Grace Church, The Saturday Club, Stop & Shop (Dartmouth St.), Mattapoisett Town Hall, Old Rochester Drama Club, and Grace Church Bazaar. We will have the total next month.

The Directors of the James Arnold Fund have voted to give the Food Pantry a grant of \$1,500. This grant which will help feed many of our clients. We are very grateful.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

CHURCH SCHOOL

-Cynthia Barnum

2011 Vacation Bible School – Mark Your Calendars!!! - It's time to be thinking of VBS! We are in the beginning stages of planning Grace Church's annual Vacation Bible School. Based on rave reviews and positive feedback, "PandaMania", has been selected.



A wild celebration of God's unconditional love! At PandaMania VBS, kids will discover that God has a purpose and a plan for everyone and that he crafted each of us with his own loving hands.

Because all the little things add up to really big things.

From music to snacks and everything in between, each part of PandaMania VBS is intentionally designed to focus on the things that matter—connecting kids to God—and eliminating the things that don't. It's about preparing each child's heart to receive the gospel message in an unforgettable way. It's about enabling kids to share God's love with others. It's about why you do VBS.

PandaMania VBS is intentionally designed to connect kids to God, create change in their hearts, and give them opportunities to share God's love with others.

Making Jesus real to kids.

Vacation Bible School will take place at Grace Episcopal Church on August 1–5, 2011 from 9:00am–12noon, Monday through Friday. Children from preschool through those completing Grade 5 are invited for a week of fun and fellowship, and those completing Grade 6 and members of our J2A and YAC programs are welcome to join us as Crew leaders and Station Assistants. This is a FREE Program.

No matter what station they're exploring, kids will hear the daily Bible Point – and experience it in a new way! At PandaMania, the daily Bible Point is carefully

integrated into each station's activities to reinforce Bible learning. Each activity is an important part of kids' overall learning experience—kind of like the pieces of a puzzle.

Children will be involved in a number of activities throughout the day, all centered around a daily theme and Bible story. We'll experience great music, fun crafts, exciting games, awesome Bible adventures and MORE!

Mark your calendars and bring your friends – you won't be sorry!

This is a FREE Community Service Outreach Program sponsored by Grace Episcopal Church.

For more information or to get involved, please speak to Caroline Blais at church.

Offering Envelopes - Church School children have been given individual offering envelopes and are invited to bring these in weekly to help the mission and ministry of Grace Church. These will be 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 yet been given their envelopes, please let their teacher know.

GRACE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Grace After School Program

We currently have 22 students enrolled in the After School Program. Homework is always first priority! Our focus this month is "Our Outdoor Garden." Plants have been transferred to the outside garden area, both flower and vegetables! Through agriculture, students are extending their knowledge from reading and writing on this subject. Graphing plant growth is a fun way to incorporate math skills! **Take a look at our seedlings growing in our indoor garden!**

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).

Summer is arriving quickly! Need childcare? Now accepting enrollment for the Summer Program.

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

The Occasion Singers

Fundraiser at Grace Church!

Come see the Occasion Singers at Grace Church on Friday May 27th at 7pm. This is a fundraising concert for the J2A pilgrimage and mission trip. Tickets are \$10 and there will be a reception in the library following the program. Come support local talent and our youth program. You may purchase tickets ahead of time via the church office or at the door the night of the concert.

The Occasion Singers are an elegant vocal quartet specializing in wedding, funeral, and special event engagements. Denise Bastos, Melanie Hannack, Caroline Sargent Blais, Chris Saulnier, and Rui Moniz are all former choral students of Cassandra Morgan. They have come together again under Ms. Morgan's direction to bring old favorites and new works to life in a tight-knit harmonic blend that will enrich any occasion. The group has a varied repertoire and will perform both sacred and secular selections including On Eagles Wings, In the Garden, Our Love is Here to Stay, In My Life, Route 66 and many more. Look them up online at:

<http://www.occasionsingers.wordpress.com>



TOP OF THE HILL FELLOWSHIP

***Hear Ye, Hear Ye....
to all damsels in distress
and knights in shining armor!***

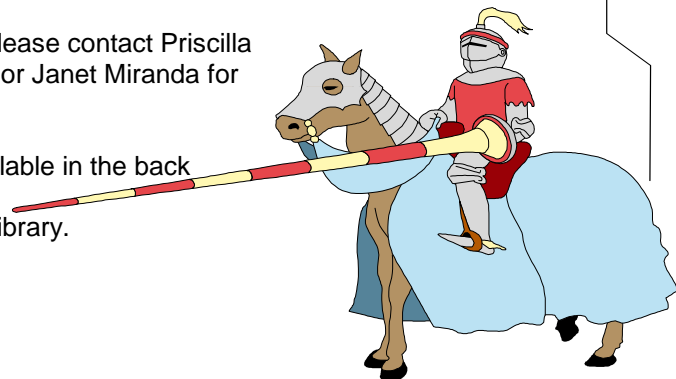
The Top of the Hill Fellowship will celebrate the "Lusty month of May" with a medieval feast on Saturday May 21, 2011 at 6pm.

Come capture the magic of the middle ages with white knights, fair maidens and a feast fit for King Arthur. Cheer on your favorite knight as they battle for top honors.

The fee for this fun festival is 29 shillings (or \$7) and includes all food, beverage and entertainment. Feel free to dress for the evening.

If you have an questions please contact Priscilla Guillemette, Sandi Jaikes or Janet Miranda for details.

Sign up sheets will be available in the back of the church and on the bulletin board outside the library.



USING GOD'S GIFTS

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

We have been blessed with special skills and talents that are used in our life and vocation. Many of our Parish friends possess these gifts. We will have the opportunity to hear "their story" in a series of Sunday forums in Rodman Hall following the 10 a.m. service.

The May schedule is as follows:

May 15 – Panel - Janet Miranda, Anne Gundersen and Eric Jaikes attorneys practicing in our communities

May 22 – Peggy Fellouris, author, family therapist, educator

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit that they may have courage and hope in their troubles.

Deb Cloutier (Friend of Christine Stewart), Rae Elaine Souza (Mother of Shawn Souza), Margaret Gracia (Friend of Dottie Nelson), Eric Dale Kingsley (Cousin of Dottie Nelson), Pearl Corbett (Member), George Stowell (Friend of Dottie Nelson), Robert Koohy (Friend of Nancy Mularczyk), Hilmar "Gundy" Gundersen, Helen Lopes (Member), Eloise Pina (Member), Gladys Lomas (Member), Collin Payant (Grandson of Betsy Fuller), Mia (Friend of Pamela McNamara), Larry Moyer (Friend of Malia Crawford), Lisa Dunaway (Member), Brian Braley (Friend of Melinda Ventura), Rosalyn Alexander (Daughter of Priscilla Taylor), Julie DeTerra & Ted Conder (Friends of Jean Brown), 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 and Alzira (Friends of Gerry Lopes), Jack Beatty (Nephew of Paula Cabral), Richard Chase (Bill Bradbury's Father-in-law), Catherine Wilbur (Sister of Harriet Shaw), Paige Gauthier (Friend of Sondra Reid), Irene Tunstall (Member), Liz Kelley (Friend of Nancy Mularczyk), Joy Nichols (Member), Dolores Desroches (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), Kara Haney (daughter of Jack Haney).

Pray for those welcomed into Christ's family through the waters of Baptism: Shirley Siu-Ting Ng, Christopher Cheuk-Hin Ng, and Katilyn Hei-Tung Ng.

Pray for those Confirmed and Received on April 9th: Danielle Karin Barnum, David Milton Barnum, Seaver Thomas Boyce, William Christian Boyce, Hannah Victoria Canasta, Nicholas Ian Chaves, Kimberly Charlotte Doe, Johnathan William Eaton, Jeremy Michael Giroux, Hayden Joseph King, Phoebe Elizabeth King, Catherine Elizabeth Lannan, Damien James Montague, Jameson Ernest Pye, Meaghan Elizabeth Rego, Sarah Elizabeth Southerland, Ashley Rae Landry St. Julien, and Douglas James Sylvia.

Pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in God's eternal Kingdom. Lucrecia Vieira (Mother of Mary Sweet), Alice Cote (Friend of Terri Nowell), Doris Ramsbotham (Aunt of Dottie Nelson).

Armed Forces: Steven Alves (Friend of Chuck Cotter), Robert and John Gardner (Sons of Robert and Marie Gardner), Charlie Mulcahy (Brother-in-law of Karen Maciulewicz), Alex (Friend of Gerry Lopes), Jared Chongarlides (Member), Aaron Patnaude (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 & Judy St. John), Craig McGregor (Grandson of Carl McGregor), Jorge Lee Vega, Dana Gilmour (Grandson of Peggy Fellouris), Sasha Knezevic (Nephew of Diana Ukleja).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1 style="color: blue;">May 2011</h1>						
<p>1 2 Easter</p> <p>7:45am Community Breakfast 8:00am Holy Eucharist 8:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:15am Church School, J2A, Coffee Hour</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30am Food Pantry</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30pm ESOL Property Committee 6:30-10pm NB Choral Society Rehearsal 7:00pm Deanery Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Library Comm.</p> <p>6:30pm Youth Choir 7:30pm Handbell Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>4:00pm Sunset Social 6:00pm Aerobics 6:30pm ESOL</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30am Food Pantry</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:00pm Holy Eucharist</p>
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<p>15 4 Easter</p> <p>7:45am Community Breakfast 8:00am Holy Eucharist 8:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Children's Liturgy 11:15am Church School, J2A, Coffee Hour 20s/30s Grp. 7:00pm NB Choral Soc. Concert</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30am Food Pantry</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30pm Worship Commission 6:30pm ESOL</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist 12:00pm ECW Annual Meeting 6:00pm Encountering God 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:30pm Handbell Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>4:00pm Sunset Social 6:00pm Aerobics 6:30pm ESOL</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30am Food Pantry</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:00pm Holy Eucharist 6:00pm Top of the Hill</p>
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<p>29 6 Easter</p> <p>7:45am Community Breakfast 8:00am Holy Eucharist 8:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:15am Church School, J2A, Coffee Hour</p>	<p>30 Memorial Day Office Closed</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:30pm ESOL</p>				