



The Church of The Holy Name Monument Waves

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From the Rector's Disk

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As we approach Easter and winter gives way to spring in New England so do our spiritual lives transition. We await with anticipation the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ having come through the darkest days of winter; metaphorically speaking and in tangible ways that reflect our experiences. Let us not sugar coat the depth and commitment of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. This is difficult stuff. Taking up a cross and following Jesus is a lovely sentiment, but quite frightening when one considers exactly where following Jesus might actually lead. It gives us pause to consider if it is really worth the cost. Jesus knew this and stated in parables for his followers to count the cost carefully. Easter came at a great price for our Lord. Let us not gloss over Good Friday. The Feast of Victory for our God is found in Easter but it is at the crucifixion the fullest extent of His love for each of us is made manifest. He didn't talk about laying down his life for his friends, he actually did it. The cross each of us bears in his name is one where we go to die with him. It is literally a spiritual reality where our sin, pain, anguish and failure goes to be crucified with him. Easter is joyless and hollow without the trail of sorrows leading to Calvary. It is there we face the whole of our lives and where we have the opportunity to submit our will to Christ so that we may know what it means to experience the resurrection. *Welcome Happy Morning* is meant to instill within us indescribable joy, not merely a sweet sentimental segue to Easter dinner. Christ has risen! And so have we... with Him!

Have a blessed Holy Week & Easter.
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Kitchen Dedication

As many people know, on Friday, January 8th we dedicated the new and long awaited parish kitchen. It was an evening of fellowship, joy, great food and worship. Many thanks to Marilyn Clausen who did a fantastic job overseeing the dedication dinner. Thanks also to those who helped in the kitchen as well as those who brought food to share. In 2007 and 2008 we lost two beloved women in our church family. Betty Smith and Florence Bessom leave us with endless examples of humility, joy and love for God and others. The dedication, beautifully framed by Christine Menzies, reads as follows:

*The parish kitchen is lovingly dedicated to
Elizabeth "Betty" Smith
1936 - 2007
&
Florence "Flossie" Bessom
1923 - 2008
two beautiful women of faith with love of God,
church, cooking and fellowship who inspired all who knew them.*

Book Sale for Earthquake Victims in Haiti

The Sunday School under the leadership of Gray Sawyer held a children's book sale on Saturday, February 13th and Sunday, February 14th after church. Done by kids for kids this was a wonderful expression of outreach! The sale raised \$378.00 for the ongoing relief effort in Haiti. The much needed funds have been sent to *Episcopal Relief and Development*. Thanks to all who participated and gave of their time and treasure.

Lenten Series Study

This year for our Lenten Series we will be looking at *The Sermon on the Mount*. Join us for soup, bread and fellowship on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 6:30 p.m. in Remick Hall. On the third week only we will meet on Thursday evening, March 11th at 6:30 p.m. to accommodate our March Vestry meeting.

Please Bring Food Items for the St. Stephen's Food Pantry in Lynn

In addition to the great work Kathie Kieser and Shirley Sweeney do with contributions to the Swampscott Food Pantry, we have another way of helping those in need. Bring a non-perishable good to place in the basket at the crossing in the nave for a monthly donation to the St. Stephens' food pantry. As many of you know, our old Vulcan stove was sold to Hollywood and appears in the new movie *Shutter Island*, which was filmed locally. Our old refrigerator has a new home put to much better use...the food pantry at St. Stephens!

"God cannot bless us unless he has us. When we try to keep within us an area that is our own, we try to keep an area of death. Therefore, in love, He claims all. There's no bargaining with Him." *C.S. Lewis*

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Annual Parish Meeting held on Sunday, January 31st

On Sunday, January 31st we had our Annual Parish Meeting. Reports were given by the Rector, Wardens, and Treasurer. We celebrated the new kitchen and a slideshow presentation was given to remember all the activities and accomplishments of the past year. Newly elected Vestry members are: Veeder Nellis, Eileen Laband, Cheryl Raustad, and Michael Ronan. The parish thanks Esther Tibbetts, Christine Menzies, Matt Barrett and Marj Snow for years of dedicated and honorable service to the Church of the Holy Name.

Members of the Vestry

Senior Warden: Robert Torrey, Junior Warden: Jay Poppe, Treasurer: Emily Havlicek, Clerk: Pam Poppe, Hugh Evans, David Pulaski, Huntley Smith, Gray Sawyer, Rick Sweeney, Marilyn Clausen, Cheryl Raustad, Michael Ronan, Veeder Nellis, and Eileen Laband.

Mark your calendars and join us for our annual Palm Sunday breakfast on March 28th at 8:45 a.m.

The Marie Joy Guild meets the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. New members are invited to participate.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28th

8:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:45 a.m.- Palm Sunday Breakfast

10:00 a.m.- The Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist Rite II

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 p.m. Foot washing, the Holy Eucharist Rite II and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday Liturgy

Friday, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, April 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

The Sunday of the Resurrection

Sunday, April 4th

8:00 a.m. Festal Holy Eucharist Rite I with Hymns

10:00 a.m. Festal Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir

An Easter egg hunt will follow the 10:00 a.m. service.