



March 2015

## Rector's Rambling

As we enter Lent this year, Lancaster is in the grips of winter. It snowed again today, and the temperature has been chilly even by my standards over the last few weeks. But the tomato plants are up in the propagator, and I expect the peppers and cabbages to follow within the next couple of days. While I won't order any chicks until May, the cages for the quail are in place and the barn is just about ready for spring. I suppose all of this is to say that Winter, like Lent, is a mixed bag of experiences. It certainly has (at least when properly observed) those chilling days when we recognize our own sin and are compelled to make difficult changes in our lives. But it is also filled from beginning to end with the hope of new life and the anticipation of Easter joy.



My prayer for all of us this Lent is that the Holy Ghost would convict us all and give us at least one or two sleepless nights and rather miserable days- days when we will not have to fast, because our sorrow over the things we need to change in our lives will render us unable to eat with any sense of satisfaction or enjoyment. Most of us, indeed all of us from time to time continue doing what we have always done and never really thought about. That doing hurts people around us and forms a callous on our souls that prevents us from seeing who God would have us to be. I sincerely pray that our Lord would help us to see through our own inattention and self satisfaction in these next few days and so enable us to purge from our lives something that really needs to go.



*detail from L'Estasi di Santa Teresa*  
*Santa Maria della Vittoria, Rome*  
Gian Lorenzo Bernini

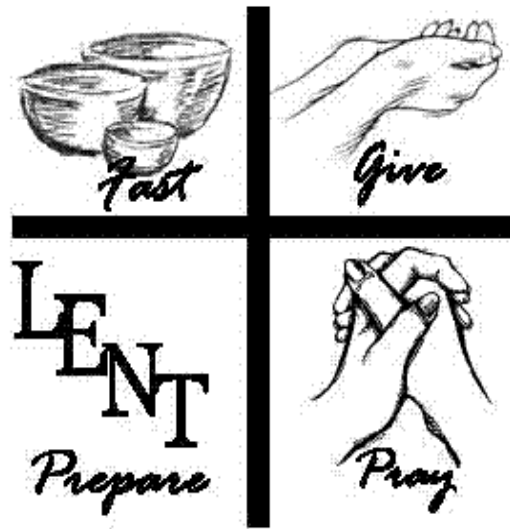
But I also pray for each of us that He would give us an experience of his love which will ravish us and steal our breath away as we rest in the arms of God and know the forgiveness of sin and the joys of having been accepted as a dear child of God. Jesus offers this experience to all of us. He will enable us to see the small sprouts of life and joy and peace and hope which are already all around us, and just waiting to be noticed. As the Lord accomplishes our healing, the scales fall from our eyes and we see these promises of the full joys that shall be when Jesus comes to receive us as his own. Like my new tomato plants which I can already see producing bushels of tomatoes, God has placed these little promises all around us. But often we get so busy, perhaps even with good things, that we fail to see them, and thereby miss the daily joys of knowing the promises of God.

In these days leading up to Easter, might we all be open to God's correction, and to His blessing- and as we enter Eastertide, might we all find ourselves transformed through the keeping of an holy Lent. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, forever one God. Amen.

Bill+

### Vestry Highlights

- 1) John 1:45 - "Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Philip invited Nathanael to come and meet Jesus, and Nathanael became a disciple. Let us all invite others to meet Jesus this year.
- 2) New Vestry members Chris Hurdley and Doug Carr were welcomed to the Vestry.
- 3) Nick England's Ordination will be held at Christ Church Cathedral in Cincinnati on June 6. We are planning on taking a Fun Bus to help as many people attend the ordination service as want to go; details on this trip will be made available closer to the time.
- 4) Everyone has a skill or talent; we are looking for people to help in the garden, with the ArtWalk, with the Fellowship Committee, and many other areas of service at the church.



<p>LENTEN SERIES 2015                  "Renewing and Refreshing the Family of St. John's"</p>	
<p>Sunday, March 1: 4:00-6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Family Game Night                  A Family Friendly Buffet provided by the Evangelism and Renewal Committee                  Join your church family for fun, games, and fellowship.                  Bring a friend!!</p>
<p>Sunday, March 8: 5:00p.m.  5:45 p.m.</p>	<p>All Parish Potluck Supper                  Please bring a main dish and, if possible, a side dish (vegetables or salad or dessert)                  The Reverend Phil Webster, Rector                  St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Columbia, South Carolina</p>
<p>Sunday, March 15: 5:00 p.m.  5:45p.m.</p>	<p>Simple Supper                  Soup, Salad, Dessert provided by volunteers                  Renewing your Missionary Spirit: Learn about St. John's many and varied missionary activities                  Guest Speaker: Jennifer Saelens, Coordinator                  Fairfield County Family and Juvenile Drug Court</p>
<p>Sunday, March 22: 5:00p.m.  5:45p.m.</p>	<p>All Parish Potluck Dinner: Bring a dish to share and hear what wonderful things are occurring in our community and with our Youth through YLL                  Erin Gerber, Director                  Young Life Lancaster (YLL)</p>
<p>FAITH WORKS WONDERS</p>	

**Birthdays**

- 2 Chris Perrine
- 3 Amy Eyman  
Charlene Rowley  
Thurlow Weed
- 4 John Eyman
- 5 Cathy Forbes
- 12 Libby Garbrandt
- 13 Ann Rickson  
Katie Shook  
Phillip Waddell
- 20 Bobbie Beebe
- 23 William Eyman
- 26 Diana Turpin
- 28 Mike Whiley
- 29 Anna Adkins  
Terry Scott  
Charlotte Tipton
- 31 Karen Warnock

**Wedding Anniversaries**

- 20 Doug and Nanci Allen (81)

**Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 1 Jessie Smith (38)
- 5 Carl Roshong (50)
- 6 Bob Rademaker (55)
- 15 Cheryl Berner (58)
- 23 Jim Hall (41)
- 25 Denise Denton (56)
- 31 Frankie Mathias (59)  
Ann Rickson (85)  
Milt Taylor (63)



**Congratulations, Katie!!**

Congratulations to Katie Shook and her medley relay swim team who recently broke the Lancaster High School 200 medley relay school record by swimming 1:57.38. (The previous record was 1:58.22.) Katie swims the free style leg of the relay. Great job, girls!!

**Parish Health Ministries Luncheon**

Parish Health Ministries luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 18th after the noon Eucharist.

**Fellowship Breakfast**

Please join your parish family for breakfast on Sunday, March 1st at 9 a.m. in the undercroft. If you would like to volunteer to help with these breakfasts (cooking, serving, or cleaning up), please see Chris Hurdley.

**Evangelism and Renewal Comm. Needs YOU**

The Evangelism and Renewal Committee is a small but dedicated committee at St. John's that is best known for its work on the Lenten series and the Tote Project for the Fairfield Family Court. The committee is looking for some new volunteers. If you would like to join us or just would like some more information about the committee, please contact Frankie Mathias at 653-5559.

**Fairfield County Court Tote Project**

The Evangelism and Renewal Committee is soliciting donations for the Tote project. As you may recall, St. John's has been collecting a variety of items for young parents, usually single mothers who have regained custody of their children or are in recovery and making successful progress toward living on their own. We will be asking for cleaning, laundry, and personal hygiene items. Thank you for your past support.

**Reminder to Altar Guild Members**

The Altar Guild will set up for Palm Sunday on Saturday, March 28th at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to help.

March 2015 Serving Schedule

March 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Jim Hall & Doug Carr	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Acolytes		Joanna Carr & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm: 22:22-30
Lectors	Carl Roshong	Ivan Smith & Kathy Heim	Romans 4:13-25
Ushers	Steve Woods & Tim Hall	John Eyman & William Eyman	Mark 8:31-38
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe	Sarah Perlow & Mid Hall	Set-up: Deanna Roshong
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom Hammer	Ivan Smith & Ann Rickson	Exodus 20:1-17
Acolytes		Morgan Spires & Libby Garbrandt	Psalm: 19
Lectors		Mark Conrad & Jean Conrad	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Ushers	Alex Shook & Katie Shook	Nicole Sutter & Hannah Hurdley	John 2:13-22
Altar Guild	Carol Uhl & Jean Hammer	Jessie Smith, Mid Hall & Judie Miller	Set-up: Mid Hall & Judie Miller
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Robin Rhodes	Mark Conrad & Jim Hall	Numbers 21:4-9
Acolytes		Asher Carr & Joanna Carr	Psalm: 107:1-3, 17-22
Lectors		Paul Heim & Charlie Voss	Ephesians 2:1-10
Ushers	Carol Uhl & Tim Hall	Nickie Lecrone & Diane Downard	John 3:14-21
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Barb Parker & Deanna Roshong	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Mark Conrad	Frankie Mathias & Doug Carr	Jeremiah 31:31-34
Acolytes		Nicole Sutter & William Eyman	Psalm: 51:1-13
Lectors		Frankie Mathias & Ann Rickson	Hebrews 5:5-10
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley	Karen Howard & Tom Howard	John 12:20-33
Altar Guild	Gitta Sadoni	Chris Hurdley & Reda Kittle	Set-up: Mid Hall & Judie Miller
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Ivan Smith & Mark Conrad	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Acolytes		Hannah Hurdley & Asher Carr	Psalm: 118: 1,2,19-29
Lectors		Sara Perlow & Holly Perry	Philippians 2:5-11
Ushers	Chad Shook & Mary Shook	Chris Hurdley & Steve Messerly	Mark 11:1-11
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe	Sara Perlow, Chris Hurdley & Frankie Mathias	<b>Set-up: 10 AM March 28<sup>th</sup> All Altar Guild Members</b>



*They must first be tested,  
and then if there is nothing against them,  
let them serve as deacons.  
1 Timothy 3:10*

In anticipation of  
Our Lord willing  
And the bishop consenting,  
Nick England  
Will be ordained deacon  
On Saturday June 6.

To honor his ordination and his first service as deacon at St Johns,  
we will celebrate with a hog roast following the service on  
Sunday, June 7.


Watch for details to follow.

The committee would welcome donations to cover the expenses  
of the celebration hog roast and all left-over money will go toward  
a gift certificate to assist Nick in his supplies as deacon.

Please mark your check or envelope "NICK'S ORDINATION"

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00 HC 9:10—Adult For. 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC 4-6 p.m. Family games & buffet	<b>2</b> 7:45 Warming Station 4:45 Youth pizza & catechism 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>3</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>4</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00 HC 9:10 Adult For. 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC 5-7 p.m. Potluck and speaker	<b>9</b> 7:45 Warming Station 4:45 Youth pizza & catechism 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>10</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>11</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:00 HC 9:15 Adult For. 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC 5-7 p.m. Simple Supper & speak.	<b>16</b> 7:45 Warming Station 4:45 Youth pizza & catechism 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>17</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>18</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 and	<b>19</b> 1 PM Eagle and Lamb Deadline 7:00P Vestry Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:00 HC 9:10 Adult For. 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC 5-7 p.m. Potluck & speaker	<b>23</b> 7:45 Warming Station 4:45 Youth pizza & catechism 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>24</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>25</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:00 a.m. Altar Guild set up for Palm Sunday
<b>29</b> 8:00 HC 9:10 Adult For. 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>30</b> 7:45 Warming Station 4:45 Youth pizza & catechism 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>31</b> 8:00P AA Meeting				
						

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