

# The Eagle

The Newsletter of  
St. John's of Lattingtown

Easter Issue

March 2005

## Archeological Digs and Holy Week from Rev Simon Foster, Interim Rector

I find archaeology fascinating. I long to do an archeological dig one day in Egypt or somewhere like that. I love the idea of digging to discover, taking a closer look at what lies buried, hidden or forgotten.

This is an appropriate theme in the run up to Holy Week and Easter. For many people, Holy Week is seen to be about Palm Sunday and then Easter Day. However Christians in our parish as well as in other churches are rediscovering that there is far more to Holy Week than those two days. To go from Palm Sunday to Easter without remembering what went on in between is forgetting The Cross and what led up to it.

I personally invite you to keep Holy Week and share in as much of the liturgy provided as you can. Our attendance improved last year, and it can be even better I'm sure. In my role as a priest, it has always been so important to provide as many opportunities as possible for as many people as possible to share in Holy Week.

Can I ask you to think about sharing in the sacred three days, the sacred Triduum? The music is always wonderful and inspiring. On Maundy Thursday we will be joined by our friends from the Reformed Church of Locust Valley. On this day the Church remembers the Last Supper and the high priestly prayer of Jesus that his friends would love one another and be one. Will you come and support this service and support us in our work trying to build unity between the other churches?

On Holy Saturday, we have a beautiful service which begins our Easter celebrations. It involves the lighting of the Easter Candle in the Cloister and its being brought into the darkened Church as we celebrate the power of God bringing Christ to life at the First Easter. There will also be a baptism at this service, a most fitting event indeed.

My friends, this year will you be like the archeologists, open to discovering and rediscovering the beauty of Holy Week through attendance at public worship as well as through private prayer and devotion?

I do believe that Easter means so very much when the themes of Holy Week have been remembered and rediscovered as part of preparation for Easter Day.

May Holy Week be a rich blessing to you and yours.

Happy Easter when it comes!

Simon

## Special Announcements

### Confirmation

If you would like to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please ask the office for an application form which once returned will be followed up with a telephone call. If you or your children have already done a pre-Confirmation class please contact the office for dates for the next Diocesan Confirmation Service.

## Inside this issue:

*Letter from Rev. Foster* 2

*The Fair, 2004* 3

*On the Reformation* 3

*Vestry Notes* 4

*Committee Reports* 5

*Parishioners' Page* 6

*Calendar  
Special Events* 7

*Births, Weddings,  
Burials* 8



## ECW Outreach Grants 2004

*Featured here is the complete listing of the ECW Outreach Grant Awards for 2004 as reported by acting secretary Harold Burnham. Our parish community is rightly proud of the good work that the money raised annually at the St. John's Fair supports.—Editor*

**Glen Cove Boys and Girls Club** - \$3.5K is given to this charity which is providing recreational services to children in Glen Cove. Our gift will be used to fund an after school teen program.

**Grenville Baker Boys and Girls Club** - \$3.5K is awarded to this charity which has a long reputation of providing both recreational and educational services to children in the Locust Valley area. The money was requested to help fund LOGAR (to achieve a literacy program that targets the growing Hispanic population). Local school districts identify ESL (English as a Secondary Language) students who would benefit from this service.

**Camp De Wolfe** - \$3K is given to this Episcopal Church Diocesan summer camp in Wading River, Long Island. Funding will be used in the scholarship program which enables less fortunate children to have a camping experience.

**Direct Relief International** - \$1K is awarded, with a notation that the donation be used to purchase medications for this charity operating in Tanzania, Africa.

**Dream Project** - \$4K is given to this charity operating in the Dominican Republic. Dream Project is committed to improving the educational opportunities for the disadvantaged children of the Dominican Republic. The organization works to provide qualified teachers, proper school buildings, and school supplies so that the world will be a better place for the children and families of the North Coast and North Slope in the Dominican Republic. Ms. Sheila Harmon, a parishioner, is identified with this charity, which also needs such items as pens, pencils, paper, books and other essential educational materials.

**Episcopal Relief and Development** - \$5K is given to this charity arm of the Episcopal Church. Our funds are designated specifically to assist the people of Haiti, who suffered devastating hurricane damage, and to support the Bishop Tharp Business and Technology Institute in Haiti.

**Grace Day School** - \$4.5K is awarded to this school associated with Grace Church Episcopal in Massapequa. It provides Episcopal schooling for about 400 students from nursery to 8th grade. Funds will be used to provide scholarship assistance to 3 families, who need help in providing a proper educational placement for their academically capable children.

**Habitat for Humanity** - \$6K is given to this charity which needs funding to help build housing in Mastic, Long Island for families unable to afford purchasing housing. It is an interfaith coalition, using help from churches, a mosque, and a temple. Students from Friends Academy, Portledge School, and the Oyster Bay Presbyterian Church are directly involved in this work. Helen Hatch, a parishioner, and senior at Friends Academy, brought this opportunity to our attention.

**Alberta Hersey Foundation** - \$1K is given to this local charity, with a letter of mission support. This organization provides clothing, and food for local families in need.

**Hospice Care Network** - \$5K is awarded to this charity which needs funding for providing bereavement counseling. There are about 4,000 patients in the network. The charity goes to homes, hospitals, and other places, wherever these services are needed.

**Interfaith Nutrition Network** - \$4K is given to this charity for financial support of its crisis housing program. Other religions beside ours do provide assistance. Meals, counseling, and temporary housing are provided.

*(cont'd on page 5)*



## 2005 Fall Fair

Brrrrr....it's chilly out, but visions of bustling shoppers, busy children and sunny skies dance in my head. It would be nice to settle in for a long winter's nap, but who could rest when the search for a co-chairman was still on? Well, rest might soon be on its way! Steven White has so graciously accepted the offer as our new Co-Chairman for the 2005 Fair. Thank you very much, Steven. We look forward to the event and for better weather.

The Fair has been traditionally set on the third Saturday of September. This year we will be moving the date up one weekend to Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to give our volunteers more time to plan and prepare after the Summer holiday and with any luck, skip some of those nasty storm systems that have been so pesky in the past.

With the word volunteer in mind, we would like to encourage more parishioners to become apart of our community event. A few hours of your help can make all the difference for our ultimate goal; raising money!

Please keep us in your thoughts this Winter and Spring. We except donations year round. Any ideas, comments or suggestions should be directed to Laura Reaper or Steven White.

—*Laura Reaper*

## SJL Caroling 2004

On December 19th, Simon Foster and six St. John's parishioners gathered at the Sunrise Assisted Living Facility to join with the residents for caroling-singing. As far as we knew, this gathering had been billed as carol-singing only. However, Simon surprised everyone by conducting a lovely service, complete with the lessons for that day, prayers and a homily. The carols, which were sung a cappella, were sung tentatively in the beginning, but as the service went on the singing became much more robust.

Just before the end, Simon, in his usual engaging way, asked each member of the St. John's contingent to introduce ourselves and say how long we had been involved with our church. He then asked individual residents about their various religious affiliations. From the diversity of the answers, we all discovered we made up a very ecumenical group!

All in all, everyone seemed to enjoy the interchange immensely. One resident summed up, in a most heartfelt tone, the gratitude she and the others felt by saying simply, "Reverend Foster, thank you SO much for coming!" However, I felt her unspoken sentiment was --- "and thank you for caring."

— *Nancy Polk*

## The Kingdom of God

*by Victoria R. Crosby*

The Kingdom of God is within you,  
these are the words Jesus said.

The answers to all of life's questions  
are there for you in your head.

In your heart, in your soul, in your  
spirit.

These are the places you'll find  
the path to the joy you are seeking,  
and the knowledge that brings peace  
of mind.

For we all have God within us  
no matter your faith or belief.

We were all made in God's image,  
and we're all the same underneath.

Live by the rule that is golden,  
treat others as if they were you.

Then soon you will find  
they're responding in kind,  
by living the way that you do.

Accept there's a power far stronger  
than any other you know.

Then you won't be alone any longer,  
It's with you wherever you go.

Copyright (c) 1994 Victoria R. Crosby

All rights reserved



## Vestry Update

As we do each year, The Vestry held a retreat on Saturday, January 29th. The focus of this year's gathering was the Parish Profile that was developed last year. Many of you contributed to the Profile and we felt that it was important to thoroughly review the findings and feelings contained in that report.

Our discussions ended focusing on three main issues. They were: 1) Community involvement, including new member outreach, 2) Christian Education, including both adult and Sunday School programs, and 3) Stewardship,

A great deal of work went into the profile and it is our feeling that we should take advantage of this good work and make sure that we are in tune with our parishioners. Sub-committees consisting of both vestry and parishioner members will be exploring these three areas and the full vestry will be reviewing their findings in detail. We will keep you advised.

Frank Polk

Chad Brisbane

## Preliminary Financial Results

The year 2004 ended on a mixed note. Operating revenue amounted to just over \$611,000, reflecting a surge of generosity at year end. This compares with \$638,000 recorded in the prior year.

Income from operations amounted to \$8,186, slightly over the budget of \$6,438. This, of course, is a vast improvement over the loss of some \$68,000 in the prior year, but nonetheless reflects some non-recurring income items and fortuitous savings in expense which will be difficult to repeat.

We will report in more detail when our audited results are available. In the meantime keep those pledges and contributions coming.

— Brewster Righter, Treasurer

## Design Committee Appeal

The Design Committee has come up with a Wish List of future improvements to the church facilities. Should you wish to donate to a specific project, please contact the church office.

- New Furniture for Guild Room: new, more flexible table and easy chairs;
- Second stone bench outside front door;
- New lighting for church to highlight the wood carving as well as provide better lighting;
- New lighting in the hall;
- Framing of fabric for Sacristy;
- New underlay for altar carpet;
- Umbrella stand, parish office;
- Re-cover kneelers in side chapel.

— Anthony Price



## ECW Outreach Grants, 2004 (cont'd)

**Reach Out and Read** - \$1K is awarded to this charity which was started in 1989 in Boston City Hospitals, and now is working in virtually all major teaching hospitals in the United States. The local branch is located in the Family Practice Teaching Program, North Shore University Hospital at Glen Cove. Books are provided at various levels from nursery up to age 10 for children to not only read, but to keep, and to take home. Volunteers, and resident physicians are readers in the waiting-room area. The vast majority of these children have never been read to, either by their parents, or by their caregivers. Andrea Dory, M.D., a new member of the hospital's active attending medical staff, in the Department of Family Practice, is the leader.

**Rotacare** - \$3K is given to this charity, which is supported by our parishioner, Len Marshall. It cares for about 1,400 patients, and provides medical care to adults who can not afford regular medical care, and have very limited resources.

**St. Mary's Foundation for Children** - \$4K is awarded to this charity, a part of the Episcopal Church ever since 1870, when it was started by the Protestant Episcopal Women. It functions as the St. Mary's Hospital for Children in Bayside, Queens with an innovative system for the care and treatment of terminally ill children. It is the oldest such institution for children in the USA. There are about 2,900 patients in the system, directed by a leading pediatric specialist in this field of medicine, Burton Grebin, M.D. A recent walkathon sponsored by St. Mary's Hospital resulted in \$5K for needed programs.

**The Steve Biko Family Life Center** - \$2.5K is given to the charity named after a martyred Episcopal Black deacon, age 33, who was murdered in his prison cell in Praetoria, The Republic of South Africa in 1977. The Society of St. Francis and St. Elizabeth's Friary, of the Episcopal Church, run this charity in the Bushwick area of Brooklyn. This area has enduring social problems, high crime rates, and substandard schooling. The center is closing its computer program and refocusing on the Three R's, reading, writing, and arithmetic, for these functionally illiterate but searching to be educated children. The Steve Biko Center has proposed having a member of St. John's parish become a member of its Board of Directors.

**Tuesday's Children** - \$7K is awarded to this unique charity, with offices in Manhasset. Chris Burke, the director was the speaker at the ECW November luncheon meeting, on November 3rd, at St. John's. He discussed the work of this charity in great detail. The charity concerns itself with the children of people who were killed in the World Trade Center disaster on September 11, 2001. Families from our parish, such as the Lenoir family, are directly involved. There are 14 fulltime workers, and 25 volunteers to help provide guidance and career path counseling to children up through age 18.

**Malawi** - \$3K is given to the Reverend M.M.D. Sibande in Mzuzu, Malawi, Central Africa. This country is devastated by AIDS. All of the Reverend Sibande's children died from AIDS. Funding will assist those suffering from this illness.

**Vouchers** - \$1.5K is awarded to this internal program, which functions at St. John's Church, through the Rector's Discretionary Fund. As various situations present themselves to the Reverend Foster, he decides what funding can be given in limited amounts to needy individuals. Money is used to purchase gift certificates to Stop'n Shop, ensuring that those who seek funds will use the gift only for food.

**North Shore Sheltering** - \$2K is given for emergency overnight housing for homeless men.

*The next regular meeting of the Outreach Committee will be in May 2005*, at which time letters will be sent to about 30 charities (local, national, and international) that might qualify for awarding funds obtained principally from the annual fair at St. John's of Lattintown each September.

— Harold Burnham (acting secretary)



## Reflections

I chose to join St Johns last year after my husband, Todd, passed away. St Johns has been a warm and enveloping blanket for me and really quite different from the Cathedral. I have met such friendly faces and have been made to feel very comfortable with so many options of things to join, not the least of which are Simon's many discussion groups. Simon is a great Team leader in every sense. He brings scholarship and boundless enthusiasm to every discussion. He has a sly but subtle way of encouraging participation and eliciting healthy debate from everyone.

This has created lively group discussion on many levels and a forum for varied viewpoints. Anne Morrow Lindbergh's book, *Gift From The Sea*, turned out to be perfect for discussion during Advent. We are surrounded here in Lattingtown by the L.I. Sound and the beach. This book is full of allusions about the sea and shore with thoughts on balancing ones physical, intellectual and spiritual life looked at through Island Eyes or Seashells. Each chapter is hallmarked with a specific seashell and all of its particular qualities and frailties are explored. The spiritual quality is readily

apparent and the symbolism becomes clear as her vacation unfolds. There are valuable lessons on the place in our lives in the Moon Shell. Then the pure and unencumbered beauty of finding your own true identity at the beginning of every relationship in the Double Sunrise. Next, two halves are bound together with one single hinge in The Oyster Bed, showing a strong flowering of faith. Different shells may denote different stages of marriage or any relationship. For me, the most meaningful chapter was the Argonaut, where Lindbergh compares a good relationship to Mozart's music:

Partners moving in spiritual union to the same rhythm with all the joys of living in the moment. Communication becomes communion, full of time to be and time to enjoy. It is amazing to realize this book was written in 1955. With this roadmap, Anne Morrow Lindbergh's *Gift From The Sea* takes us on a wise and replenishing journey along the beach and by the sea, bringing us closer to God and toward a tranquil place we as Christians can easily identify with today.

— Lynn Fischer

## St. John's Parish Care Committee

The Parish Care Committee of St. John's is ready and willing to help anyone who needs any kind of assistance with daily demands such as transportation, shopping, mail pickup, animal feeding and so on. We also act even a shoulder to lean on.

Our committee meets monthly with the Rector to identify those in our community most need of assistance. New members are always welcome. Please call our Rector, Simon Foster at 671-3226 or any one of our active committee members listed below.

Sidney Bales	676-7823
Harold Burnham	671-4074
Ruth Colgrove	676-4720
Bea Cook	759-4971
Jean Eakins	676-0765
Hope Glenn	922-3170
Herman Hertweck	626-1747
Pat Leslie	671-8976
Liz or Len Marshall	922-1177
Jeff Molchan	671-2423
Amanda Schuster	676-1748
Skippy Ward	671-4127
Janet Willis	671-3921



## Eastertide Schedule March 2005

### March 20 Palm Sunday (distribution of Palm Crosses at both services)

- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist I  
 10:30 A.M. The Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist II  
 4:00 P.M. Evening Prayer and Meditation  
 5:00–6:00 P.M. Reconciliation of a Penitent (confession) before Easter \*

### March 21, 22, 23 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

- 8:30 A.M. Morning Prayer  
 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist II (no service on Tuesday)  
 6:30 P.M. Evening Prayer  
 7:00 P.M. Eucharist and Sermon

### *The Sacred Triduum*

### March 24 Maundy Thursday

- 8:30 A.M. Morning Prayer  
 10 A.M.–5 P.M. Day of Prayer  
 7:30 P.M. Evening Prayer  
 8:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist II (stripping of the Altar)  
 9 P.M.–midnight Watch till Midnight

### March 25 Good Friday

- 9:30 A.M. Morning Prayer  
 10:00 A.M. Children's Way of the Cross  
 11:00 A.M. Adults Way of the Cross  
 12 noon Eucharist, Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion  
 8:00 P.M. Liturgy of Good Friday

### March 26 Holy Saturday

- 8:30 A.M. Morning Prayer  
 7:00 P.M. The Lighting of the Easter Fire & 1st Communion of Easter & Holy Baptism

### March 27 Easter Day

- 6:15 A.M. Informal Dawn Eucharist & Breakfast  
 7:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist \*\* Rite II  
 11:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II

\* Please call Simon if this time is not convenient.

\*\* There will be a nursery available for infants and toddlers at this service.

A special envelope is enclosed for your Easter offering. Please call the church office if you plan to donate Easter lilies as memorials for loved ones.



The Newsletter of  
St. John's of Lattingtown

Lattingtown Road and Overlook Road  
Locust Valley, New York

Phone: 516-671-3226

Fax: 516-671-6097

E-Mail: Stjchurch@aol.com

Web Site: www.stjohnsoflattingtown.org

Non-Profit Organization  
US Postage  
PAID  
Permit No. 4  
Locust Valley NY 11560



## Baptisms

Nicholas Caillaud Danforth

William George Stuart White

Alexandra Marie Nesi

Phillip John Strauss

Nicholas Mariani May

Nicholas Christopher Smithers

## Weddings

Armen K. Jermakian and Virginia Gollin

## Burials

John P. Morgan II

Frances Cooper Lawrance

Patricia Wheelan Crimi

George Henry Howard, Jr.

Augustin Jay Powers, Jr.

## Confirmands:

*Recently confirmed at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City were:*

Scott William Dolce

Lisa Bristow Kennedy

Elizabeth Christensen Picoli

Jennifer Marie Wagner

Kaitlin Marie Wagner

Nicole Stiegelbauer Engels

Jeffrey Steven Molchan

*We congratulate them all.*