

St. John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 7, 2010



*nurture and
challenge your
SPIRIT*

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WELCOME

We're pleased to welcome you to St. John's Church today.

Vision: Welcoming and affirming, St. John's is a dynamic evolving spiritual community open to God's grace and human faith.

Mission: Our mission is Christ is to nurture and equip members for spiritual growth and active participation in ministries of compassion justice and peace in the church and beyond.

Whether you're a regular, or this is your first time,
we hope you'll feel the warmth of our fellowship.

Please sign our visitor's welcome book near the font.

Hymns are found in the Hymnal in the pew racks,
or in *Wonder, Love and Praise* at the ends of each pew.

Children who become restless may be taken to the Thompson Room
where the liturgy can be heard through the sound system.

*As we celebrate the Eucharist,
please know that everyone is welcome to receive communion.*

We have a variety of programs for members and the community
and invite you to come and participate.

See the announcement section of this bulletin of this folder for more program details.

The Common Cup and the Risk of Infection

Minimizing the spread of infection is critical to everyone's well being. **Intinction** — dipping the consecrated bread in the wine — increases the risk of infection, while drinking from the properly wiped chalice does not. If you are ill or concerned about the spread of infection, receive communion only with the consecrated bread. To indicate you do not wish to drink from the chalice, cross your arms over your chest. It is important to remember that the fullness of the Sacrament is received in either species.

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8:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist

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At the Entrance Rite

The Penitential Order

People Blessed be the one, holy and living God
Glory to God for ever and ever.

Priest Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People may stand or kneel. After a period of silence is said

All **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Priest God of infinite compassion, grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of God's Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

After the Absolution, all stand and say the

Hymn of Praise

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**
**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**
**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**
**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

At the Liturgy of the Word

Priest The Lord is with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Priest Let us pray.

A period of silent prayer precedes the

Collect of the Day The People respond: **Amen.**

All sit for

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

After the Reading:

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

A period of reflective silence follows the reading

Gradual — Metrical setting of Psalm 138

Darwall's 148th

O Lord, my heart will sing, I give Thee thanks and praise, And
God answered when I called, Re - spond - ing to my need; The
Though dan - gers gath - er round, O, Lord, pre - serve my life; And
in Thy ho - ly tem - ple bow Through - out my days. Thy stead - fast
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by Thy strong and force - ful arm I con - quer strife. God will give
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fall, their boasts are vain, The meek of earth shall o'er them reign.
heed, my hopes ful - fill, And keep the vow to love me still.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

After the Reading:

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Then all stand for the

Holy Gospel

Please turn to face the Book of the Gospels

Luke 5:1-11

Acclamation before the Gospel: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Acclamation after the Gospel: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Homily

Dick Simeone

A period of reflective silence follows the homily

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Response in the prayers

Leader: . . . we pray,

People: **to you, O God of Light.**

Conclusion of the prayers

Priest: . . . in whose light we see your light, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Exchange of God's Peace Response: **And with thy Spirit.**

Parish Notices

At the Liturgy of Holy Communion

At the Offertory — Hymn 462
The Great Thanksgiving

Nicaea

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty . . . we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest**

The People may stand or kneel

Priest All glory be to thee, O Lord our God . . . By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People **AMEN**

The Lord's Prayer

At the Breaking of the Bread — Wisdom anthem [based on Wisdom 9]

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*Response after receiving the bread and then the wine is **Amen**.*

After all have received, a period of silence and reflection precedes the postcommunion rite

At the Postcommunion and Going Forth for Ministry

Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Response: **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Participating in the Liturgy

The People of God gathered in St. John's Church

Presiding

Dick Simeone

Lector

Gwen Kopka

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor

Rick Britton

Acolyte

Jean Dyett

Usher

Norm Barr

Preparing for the Liturgy

Altar Guild

Janie Brown, Neila LeBeau

Flower Guild

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Bread bakers

Kim Prentice, Janet Williams

FOOD BANK ITEM FOR NEXT SUNDAY: *Soup*

10:30 a.m. — Sung Eucharist

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Voluntary

Rhosymedre “Lovely”

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

At the Entrance Rite

*The voluntary concluded, all stand
After the intentions are given, there follows*

People Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever.

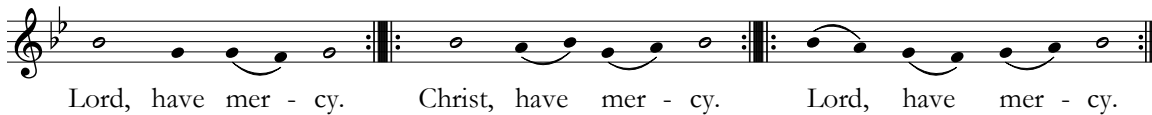
Priest Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:
The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor
as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”
Let us confess our sin against God, self, and neighbor.

You may stand or kneel

Kyrie S 95

from the Litany of Saints

Each section is sung first by a cantor, then repeated by all



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All **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Priest God of infinite compassion, forgive you all your sins
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Thaxted



O God be - yond all prais - ing we wor - ship you to - day
 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,
 and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
 its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
 that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our king;
 for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
 but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown—
 and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be fill'd with good or ill,
 at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
 though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
 we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:
 we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word,
 for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
 to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,
 we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 and we through him are giv - en the fin - al vic - to - ry.
 and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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At the Liturgy of the Word

Priest God is with you.
 People **And also with you.**
 Priest Let us pray.

Collect of the Day The People respond: **Amen.**

All sit for the

First Reading

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 The rul - ers of the earth shall name Thee Lord in - deed! The proud will fall,
 And by Thy strong and force - ful arm I con - quer strife. God will give heed,

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Sequence Hymn

St. Flavian

A prayer can ride a breath, ex-haled, like ash-es ride a breeze
 There comes a time to clear a soul's ac-cum-u-lat-ing mess,
 When Pet-er was a fish-er-man he found, for all his skill,
 God, give us breath that car-ries off the re-fuse of the day
 and take a-way by scrap and whit a fraz-zled heart's un-ease.
 to trade a trove of bo-ther for the gift of emp-ti-ness.
 it's oft-en not the brim-ming boat Christ pur-pos-es to fill.
 and finds our light-ened, an-cho-red souls un-clut-tered as we pray.

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

Acclamation before the Gospel: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Acclamation after the Gospel: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Gospel troparian *Arise, Shine*

Ruth Cunningham

Sung thrice, organ side sing top part, lectern side sing bottom part.

A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the glo-ry of the Lord has dawned up-on you. A-
 A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the glo-ry of the Lord has dawned up-on you. A-

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Homily

Dick Simeone

A period of reflective silence follows the homily

All stand for

Nicene Creed 105

Calvin Hampton

Intro We be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, the Al - might - y,
ma-ker of hea-ven and earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen. We be-lieve in one Lord, Je-sus
Christ, the on-ly Son of God, e - ter-nal-ly be-got-ten of the Fa-ther, God from God, Light from
Light, true God from true God, be - got-ten, not made, of one Be-ing with the Fa-ther;
through him all things were made. For us and for our sal - va-tion he came down from heav-en,
by the pow-er of the Ho-ly Spi-rit he be-came in-car-nate from the Vir-gin Ma-ry, and was
made man. For our sake he was cru-ci-fied un-der Pon-tius Pi-late; he suf-fered death
and was bur - ied. On the third day he rose a-gain in ac - cord-ance with the Scrip-tures;
he a-scend-ed in-to hea-ven and is seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther. He will come a -
gain in glo-ry to judge the liv-ing and the dead, and his king-dom will have no end. We be-lieve in the
Ho-ly Spi-rit, the Lord, the giv - er of life, who pro-ceeds from the Fa-ther and the Son, with the
Fa-ther and the Son he is wor-shipped and glo-ri-fied. He has spo-ken through the pro - phets.
We be-lieve in one ho-ly cath-o-lic and a-po - sto-lic Church. We ac-know-ledge one bap-tism
for the for-give-ness of sins. We look for the re-sur-rec-tion of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. A - men. A - men.

Prayers of the People

Response in the prayers

Leader: . . . we pray,
People: **to you, O God of Light.**

Conclusion of the prayers

Priest: . . . in whose light we see your light, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

The Exchange of God's Peace Response: **And also with you.**

Parish Notices

At the Liturgy of Holy Communion

At the Offertory

Marsh Chapel

"Put down your nets and fol - low me," our Lord and Mas - ter said;
 We too are called from our con - cerns to fol - low our Lord's way.
 Do not be temp - ted by the cares of long de - lud - ed dreams;
 The phan - tom rich - es we pur - sue are nev - er ours to gain.
 "Put down your nets and fol - low me," our Lord and Mas - ter pleads;
 and so they fol - lowed, will - ing - ly, not know - ing where he led.
 By trust - ing him, the heart soon learns to cast off yes - ter - day.
 temp - ta - tion's path is wrought with snares and ne - ver as it seems.
 They fade be - fore our eyes like dew af - ter a morn - ing rain.
 O may we fol - low faith - ful - ly, well know - ing where he leads.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Priest The Lord be with you.
 People **And also with you.**
 Priest Lift up your hearts.
 People **We lift them to the Lord.**
 Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here the Proper Preface is sung

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus — S 127

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Organ Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Organ
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

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At the acclamation in the eucharistic prayer

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Priest and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ is with us now.

Christ will come again.

At the conclusion of the eucharistic prayer

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor,
 glory, and praise for ever and ever.



People: A-men.

The Lord's Prayer S135

Ambrosian Plainsong

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your King-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
 hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins, as we for-give those who
 sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
 For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours. Now and for ev - er. A - men

Organ My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.
 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.
 My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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*Response after receiving the bread and then the wine is **Amen**.*

Hymn 321 Please bring your leaflet up with you to communion and SING! Rockingham

My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with love doth o - ver - flow;
 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished well with joy - ful guests;
 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in count - less num - bers let them come
 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the world thy truth has run,
 be all thy chil - dren thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 and may each soul sal - va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es taste.
 and gath - er from their Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 till with this Bread shall all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

After all have received, a period of silence and reflection precedes the

At the Postcommunion and Going Forth for Ministry

All stand for the

Postcommunion Prayer

**O God of light and truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.**

The Blessing
Hymn — 362

Response: **Amen.**

Nicaea

The Dismissal
Voluntary

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Fugue in g minor

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

If you leave during the Voluntary, please do so quietly to not disturb those who remain to listen.

Participating in the liturgy

The People of God gathered in St. John's Church

Presiding

Dick Simeone

Lectors

Lynn Runnells, Glo Richardson

Eucharistic Ministers

Sarah Wetzel, Cecily Merrell

Intercessor

Mary Cole

Acolyte

Sue Lupo

Ushers

Tom Sawyer, Don Cole

Greeters

Marjorie Fergusson, Carole Secrest

Coffee Hour

Sue Lupo, Naomi Astyk

Preparing for the Liturgy

Altar Guild

Janie Brown, Neila LeBeau

Flower Guild

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Bread bakers

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FOOD BANK ITEM FOR NEXT SUNDAY: *Soup*

Readings for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8: Coming into the temple, Isaiah has a deeply spiritual experience of God's call. Twin reactions follow: a sense of unworthiness; a sense of acceptance.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 The beginning of a section in which Paul elaborates a theology of the resurrection.

Luke 5:1-11: Luke's narrative of the call of the first disciples uses the imagery of a great catch of fish to symbolize the disciples vocation.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the week of February 7th (by the diocese and bishop)

Sunday 07-Feb-2010 Epiphany 5

PRAY for The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Monday 08-Feb-2010

Asaba - (Province of Bendel, Nigeria) The Most Rt. Rev'd Nicholas Dikeriehi Okoh

Tuesday 09-Feb-2010

Athabasca - (Rupert's Land, Canada) The Most Rev'd John R. Clarke

Wednesday 10-Feb-2010

Atlanta - (Province IV, USA) The Rt. Rev'd John Neil Alexander

Thursday 11-Feb-2010

Auckland - (New Zealand) The Rt. Rev'd John Campbell Paterson

Friday 12-Feb-2010

Awgu/Aninri - (Province of Niger, Nigeria) The Rt. Rev'd Emmanuel Ugwu

Saturday 13-Feb-2010

Awka - (Province of the Niger, Nigeria) The Most Rev'd Maxwell Samuel Chike Anikwenwa

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge; St. John's Chapel, Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge; Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard, Cambridge; Chaplaincy at Mass. Institute of Technology, Cambridge; Ministry with the Deaf.

St. John's Intercession List:

Short term: Robert W. Smith, Dane Van Sand, Janet Williams, Lillian Rogers, Amy LeClair, Doug Lane, Angus Macaulay, Cheryl Ann Parker, Ken and Darcy Bacon, Max Ball, Cecily Merrell, Susan McShane, Joel MacDonald and Frank Spain.

Long term: Henry, Peter Chick, Peggy Chick, Edie Niemi, Elizabeth White, Joan Guarrasi, Millie Oliver, Liz Gordon, Lillian, Michelle Goodwin, Mickey Sawyer, Jane Segar, Rebecca Doyle, Amy Dangler, Dennis Breh, Roger Corbin, John Brakeman, Burgie, Helen L., Lana Bergmann, Earle Greenwood, Margot Williams, John Mullen, Jean Bryant, Monique Doyle Spencer, Charlie Bishop, Sr., Rebecca Richardson Gibbs, Bill Baxter, Frances Everett, Marilyn Prentiss, Anne Brantley Betts.

KEEPING THE CYCLE OF THE CHURCH YEAR

This week in the calendar of the church year we observe:

Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818. He was born a house slave in Delaware in 1746. He taught himself to read out of the Christian Testament and other books. In 1762 he was sold to a store owner in Philadelphia. There he attended a Quaker night school for Blacks. At twenty, he married another slave, and purchased her freedom with his earnings. He purchased his own freedom in 1784. At St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church he served as lay minister for the Black membership. The growth in numbers of the Black membership alarmed St. George's leadership who attempted to restrict them to an upstairs gallery. The Black members walked out. In 1787, the Free African Society, the first Afro-American society, was formed, and Absalom Jones and Richard Allen were elected overseers. In 1792 the society began building a church which was dedicated on July 17, 1794. The Black Church applied for membership in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania on the condition that they have control over their local affairs. They also asked that Jones be licensed as a layreader, and, if qualified, be ordained. In October 1794, the congregation was admitted as St. Thomas African Episcopal Church. Bishop White ordained Absalom Jones as Deacon in 1795 and as Priest on September 21, 1802. A faithful priest and pastor, he strongly denounced slavery and advocated for social justice.

On this day pray that the Church is ever faithful to name the sin of racism in its midst and seek to eradicate it.

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

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2010 SANCTUARY LAMP AND FLOWER SIGN-UP sheets on the wall near the Sacristy.

OFFERINGS FOR ALTAR FLOWERS OR THE SANCTUARY LAMP provide a way to remember and give thanks for those who have died. They may also serve as acts of thanksgiving to mark special personal or family events. Please see the sign-up charts displayed in the parish office hallway near the Sacristy.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP burns this week for twin great-grandsons Landon Douglas and Regan Lorne Poulsen, born 5 ½ weeks early and need lots of prayers given by (Doug) and Ethel Poulsen.

ADULT FORUM

TODAY: Music Director Mark Nelson leads a musical session of the Adult Forum. "*Stump the organist*". . . "*Some of yours and some of mine!*"

FEBRUARY 14th: "The Gift and Invitation of the Ninety-Six Days: making the journey from Ashes to New Fire to Living Flame." We'll talk together about the meaning of the journey in liturgy and prayer from Ash Wednesday to the Day of Pentecost.

LENT: February 21st to March 28th. The adult forum study program for Lent will be based on J. Philip Newell's book, *Christ of the Celts: The Healing of Creation*. **Meaningful participation will require that those attending have read the book prior to the beginning of the series.** *A flyer with information about the book is available on the information table in the parish hall.*

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LENTEN MEDITATIONS

Please take a copy of the 2010 Lenten Meditations, "healing ourselves and a hurting world" available to everyone in the parish hall today. Also with the booklet are prayer cards and Hope Chests. This resource comes to us from Episcopal Relief and Development; www.er-d.org. ERD provides help to people living in poverty around the world. There are details within the booklets if you would like to make a donation directly to this effort.

This Valentine's Day: Have a Heart: Join us in the fight against the Global Food Crisis by participating in a **Hunger Banquet**, Sunday February 14 at 11:45 am

A Hunger Banquet is an event that raises awareness of the magnitude of global hunger. People gather in a room and select a number that corresponds to one of three groups: people who have resources to have more than enough to eat, people who are barely able to obtain food, and people who lack resources to obtain food on a daily basis. Depending on the group that you are in you receive a meal that corresponds to the meal a group member would have on an average day. The event lasts about 45 minutes.

February 17th, 2010—ASH WEDNESDAY—The First Day of Lent
12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with the Ash Wednesday Rite
4:30 p.m. Children's Ash Wednesday Liturgy
7:30 p.m. Sung Eucharist with the Ash Wednesday Rite

ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION RESULTS: Wardens, Rick Britton and Carol McKenzie; Treasurer, Rosemary Sullivan; Clerk, Janet Williams; Vestry members for three years: Bill Braunlich, Charles Curti, Dave Prentice; Vestry member for two years, Laurie Brown; Vestry member for one year, Bob Stains. Delegates to diocesan convention, Rick Britton and Carol McKenzie.

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ART SHOW February 16-22, 2010 "Winter Palette" At the Bodin Gallery, 82 Main Street, Gloucester, Artists: Susie Field • Catherine McGearry • Adele Q. Ervin • Carole M. Secrest • Mary R. McCarl • Margaret E. Thorndike • Alby M. Waugh • Patricia Rhinelandier • Lisa Dunne • Susan Richardson • Judy Fraser • Kris Munroe • Kathleen Miller • Anne Peltz
Please join us for an opening reception on Saturday, February 20 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 7th to FEBRUARY 14th

Sunday — The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany — SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
7:30 p.m. Sunday and Sober AA — *Parish Hall*

Monday

9:00 a.m. Ms. Fixit's
1:00 p.m. Art Class — *Parish Hall*
6:00 p.m. Women's Cursillo Reunion Group — *Thompson Room*

Tuesday

11:00 a.m. Staff — *Rector's Office*
5:00 p.m. Harvest Meal Program — *Parish Hall* (until 7:00 p.m.)
7:00 p.m. Vestry — *Parish Hall*
7:00 p.m. Sorellanza practice — *Church*

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Reflection — *Rector's Office*
9:00 p.m. Health Dept. — *Parish Hall*
10:00 a.m. League of Women Voters of Cape Ann — *Thompson Room*
6:30 p.m. Santa's Workshop @ 17 Kondelin Rd.
7:00 p.m. Fish City AA — *Parish Hall*

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Education For Ministry — *Thompson Room*
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir — *Church*
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir — *Church*

Saturday — Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818

9:00 a.m. Flower/Altar Guilds
9:00 a.m. Outside group — *Parish Hall until 6p.m.*
8:00 p.m. Saturday Big Book AA — *Parish Hall*

Sunday — The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
11:45 a.m. Fast For Hunger/Have a Heart — *Parish Hall*
7:30 p.m. Sunday and Sober AA — *Parish Hall*

—music—

4 pm Sunday, February 28

Robert Squires, guitar—*from Bach to the Beatles*

Enriching our common life is the work of us all at St. John's. Please remember to share with the Rector, Wardens, or members of the Vestry your suggestions for and your ways of assisting in enriching our ministry and witness.

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