



# EPISTLE

**SAINT ANNE'S CHURCH**

**March 2010**



## Enjoy the Mystery

In a letter to his brothers dated December 27, 1817, the English poet John Keats uses a curious phrase. He writes, "I mean *Negative Capability* that is when man is capable of being in uncertainties, Mysteries, doubts, without an irritable reaching after fact and reason."

Keats used this phrase to discuss a specific theory of poetry yet it also has direct application to the life of Christians. We believe in God. We trust in him as our Loving and Heavenly Father. We are disciples of Jesus. We desire to be practitioners of his way and commandments, his love and truth. We want to be like Jesus. And of course, we rejoice in the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit animates our worship, guides our decisions, revives our weary souls, and imparts to us that peace which passes all understanding. So, yes we are believers, some days fervent, some days distracted or even downcast but still we trust in the Lord and his providential care over our lives.

Yet, life is like Swiss cheese! There are many unplanned holes and gaps! Life is like the movie "Ground Hog Day." We seem to repeat the same silly *snafu's* or petty attitudes again and again until "we get it." Life can be as foul as it can be fair and as fair as it can be frightful. Recall how many times a family or friend has waited anxiously for days for the results of a medical test, the outcome of a job interview or the decision if the house has sold. The point is this, living the faith in Jesus and *negative capability* are keenly related. They are at least cousins, if not sisters.

God gives us the grace to be "in uncertainties, Mysteries, doubts, without an irritable reaching after fact and reason." Not only that, God gives us joy, profound joy, within this capacity to contend with life and trust the outcome is God's business not ours.

I suppose Jesus himself experienced a bit of this on Palm Sunday and the following days. He knew the stakes were high. He knew God was working out something big, very big, through his words and deeds in Jerusalem. He knew his disciples were decent and well-intending men and very fallible. He knew the destiny of the world was beginning to rest with a primal weight upon his shoulders. Yet, how would it all end? "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" was one of the prayers Jesus cried from the cross. Three days later the prayer would be answered thus catapulting the cosmos into a completely new realm of grace. Do not miss it!

Father Hastings

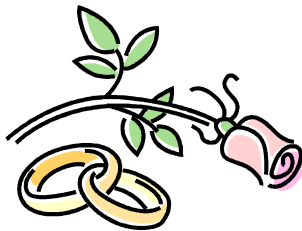
## Parish Register for MARCH 2010

*If your March birthday or wedding anniversary is not listed, please contact the office.*



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Thomas Fritz
- 02 Edward Nowak, Barbara Schada
- 03 Janet Kirkwood, Gregory Stout, Vincent Uliano
- 08 Stephen Moraux, Sharnelle Grimes,  
Kaitlin Schada, Judy Keene
- 10 Raymond Stahl
- 11 Caroline Kinckner, Lauren Stahl, Christine Diem
- 12 Clelland Green, Gemir Jackson
- 16 Michael Brennan
- 17 Bruce Madden
- 19 Olivia Capps, Richard Stout
- 20 Julianna Keane
- 21 Joan Mosler
- 22 Carolyn Laumer
- 23 David Bangs
- 24 Jennifer Brennan
- 25 Marquis Sibley, Lucas Plano
- 27 Jen Markgraf, Gabriel Colon,  
Richard Oleykowski, Jr.
- 29 Kathy Vera, Anne Marie Capps
- 30 Steven Worthington



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 07 Lucy Lenhardt & Maurice Rdesinski
- 10 Ed & Donna McCauley
- 14 Orwell & Nikisha Jacobs
- 29 Richard & June Balasa



Joseph Bragg, USMC  
 Matthew Capps, USN  
 Robert Egbert, USCG  
 Amy Rose Fuson, USN  
 Sylvester Gomes, USMC  
 Eric Lee Hicks, Jr., USMC  
 Colm Kelly, US Army Ranger  
 Paul McVaugh, USN  
 Matthew T. O'Malley, USN  
 Kwasi VanScoy, US Army  
 Bill VanScoy, US Army

*If you would like to add a family member  
 to our Military List to be prayed for,  
 please contact the office.*



### *Keeping a Holy Lent*

### Stations of the Cross with

### Holy Eucharist

### Thursdays

March 4, 11, 18 & 25

6:00-6:45 PM – Stations & Eucharist

6:45-7:30 PM – Supper (Sign up at church)

7:30-8:15 PM – Lenten Teaching

The Four Loves by C. S. Lewis

*(Copies of The Four Loves are available in  
 the narthex. A \$5 donation is suggested.)*

*This teaching will also be offered on  
 Wednesdays during Lent after the 9:30 am  
 Holy Eucharist, from 10:15 to 11:15 am.*

## YEA GOD! CHURCH SCHOOL



BY KATHY VERA

Thanks to all who helped at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper last month. It's a great tradition we have and a lot of people came and enjoyed themselves. The kids did a great job serving. Thanks especially to Jeff Littlepage who worked in the kitchen cooking and preparing.

I am really glad we got a small group of teenagers interested in doing things together. We will be planning an overnight trip to New York City at St. John Divine for Night Watch and a service project helping to serve at a soup kitchen in May and hopefully one in March as well.

After we all dug out of the crazy snow last month I was lucky enough to go on a family vacation, so I'd like to thank all of the teachers who kept things going in my absence: Betty, Sandy, Naomi, Mary, and Pam. Thanks to Carol Capps who helped in the kindergarten room while Jenny Capps was home with her new baby boy. Congratulations to all of them!

For Youth Sundays...

On the large bulletin board in the Parish Hall where we have Children's Chapel on Sunday mornings, there is a sign-up sheet for children who would like to read the first and second lessons. I also put up a pocket folder with the sheet music and lyrics of the hymn the children will be singing on the next Youth Sunday. Always trying to get more organized.

Also, please don't forget that we love to see the children serve as acolytes! (The older acolytes especially love to see them!) Please

contact Marion Chayes if your child would like to serve on a Youth Sunday.

Youth Group Trip  
Night Watch at St. John Divine in NYC  
Friday, March 26

Nightwatch [www.stjohndivine.org](http://www.stjohndivine.org)

Since 1975, this overnight program for High School and Junior High School youth groups has hosted thousands of people of all ages for one or two exciting nights of fun, discovery and worship at an overnight stay inside the Cathedral. Every weekend from October through May, groups of up to 100 youth and adults attend this weekend experience in one of the world's most magnificent cathedrals.

The standard Nightwatch program includes:

- \* A chance for youth from different churches and denominations to meet one another in an atmosphere of games, music and learning.
- \* An opportunity to experience the Cathedral through one of its many ministries.
- \* A demonstration of the great organ while Nightwatchers have the Cathedral to themselves.
- \* A candlelight meditation utilizing the vast Cathedral space, and a quality worship experience, celebrating the Eucharist at the high altar.
- \* A daytime tour of the Cathedral, highlighting the story of the Cathedral as well as Christian tradition as it is embodied in the building.



*Easter Flower Memorials  
are due in the office by  
Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.*

## Musical Notes



Greetings once again from the Choir Loft!

A big welcome and thanks to Heidi Butt and Roberta Salisbury, the two newest members to the Choir. There's plenty of room for you, as well, especially as we put together our plans for the Lenten and Easter Services. Even if you can't make all the rehearsals or Sunday performances, we welcome you to join us.

Also, look for an announcement with more information for our Spring Musicale and Dinner scheduled for May 22. It's going to be lots of fun and a good meal for a good cause. More to follow.....

~ Steve Woytowicz

### **Basics of the Christian Faith in the Anglican Tradition.** **Confirmation Classes**

Father Hastings is offering a class for the congregation. It is geared towards two groups of people:

- 1) Members of Saint Anne's Church who want to deepen their faith;
- 2) Any person in the congregation who desires to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church; or received if they were already confirmed in another tradition (Catholic, Orthodox, Lutheran).

According to the Book of Common Prayer (page 412) "those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop. Ordinarily, Confirmation occurs at age 15 or older. Those baptized as adults, unless

baptized with laying on of hands by a bishop, are also expected to make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of the Baptism in the presence of a bishop and to receive the laying on of hands."

Bishop Rodney Michael will visit Saint Anne's for confirmation on Wednesday evening, June 2. Please call the church office if you or your children are interested. Once we know the number and ages of people interested, the class times will be scheduled.

## Holy Week and Easter

### Palm Sunday - March 28

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Festival Procession and Holy Eucharist

### Wednesday in Holy Week - March 31

- 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Prayers of healing
- 10:15 am Bible Study

### Maundy Thursday - April 1

- 9:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 7:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar, The Watch begins and continues through the night.....

### Good Friday- April 2

- The Watch continues.....
- 12:00 noon-1:00 Ecumenical Service at St. David Church in Willow Grove
- 2:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy
- 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

### Holy Saturday- April 3

- 7:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter
- 8:30 pm Easter Party - Agape Feast

### Easter Day - April 4

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist with Hymns
- 10:00 am Festival Holy Eucharist
- 11:15 am Easter Egg Hunt

**Private confession or consultation**  
by appointment.

Please call the church office 215-659-1674

**ALTAR GUILD**

05 S. Powell, N. Stahl, E. Browne, J. Fritz  
 12 D. Furlong, C. Russo, E. Robinson,  
 R. Dubois  
 19 J. Kirkwood, E. Worthington, D. Donohue  
 26 S. Ingram, A. Myers

**USHERS, 8:00 AM**

07 D. Kuchinos  
 14 P. Englemann  
 21 TBA  
 28 G. Aldinger

**ACOLYTES**

07 M. Chayes, E. Nowak, A. Vera, M. Greene,  
 M. Harrar, C. Metzel  
 14 N. Claflin, E. Nowak, M. Harrar, M. Chayes  
 21 M. Harrar, D. Mair, M. Chayes, E. Nowak  
 28 M. Harrar, M. Chayes, N. Claflin, D. Mair,  
 E. Nowak, J. Avallone, JT Capps, J. Smith,  
 M. Greene, K. Smith, A. Vera, J. Wiskowski

**USHERS, 10:00 AM**

07 K. Dick, J. Butt, O. Wharwood  
 14 S. Powell, T. Howard, W. Sudler  
 21 C. Lentz, TBA  
 28 A. Byerley, C. Jones, III, C. Jones, M. Jones

**CHALICE BEARER'S/LECTOR'S SCHEDULE**

DATE	DAY LESSON	8:00 AM CHALICE/ PRAYERS	8:00 AM OT/EPISTLE	10:00 AM CHALICE/ PRAYERS	10:00 AM OT/EPISTLE
3/07/10	<b>Lent 3</b> Exodus 3:1-15 1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Jack Newhouse	Elizabeth Pope Edna Cristinzio	Lawrence Bart Julie Sudler	TBA TBA
3/14/10	<b>Lent 4</b> Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Julie Sudler	Donna Haney Marion Sands	Jennifer Sealy Jerry Mayall	Jay Harrar Angela Carty
3/21/10	<b>Lent 5</b> Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:4b-14	Judy Keene	Harding Lindhult Terri Johnson	Gus Merkle Lawrence Bart	Winnie Sudler Julia Mayall
3/28/10	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11	Lisa Young	Jack Newhouse Elizabeth Pope	Gus Merkle Jerry Mayall	Julia Mayall Diane Mair



**DON'T FORGET!**  
 Set your clocks ahead one hour  
 on Sunday, March 14.

## Mission Trip to New Orleans #6

Mission trip 6 arrived in New Orleans just in time to watch the Super Bowl with members of the Church of the Annunciation and other volunteers, and to go to Bourbon St. for the celebration immediately after the win. The win was a fantastic boost for their spirits.

The team worked on two projects at the Mission – the men turned a closet into a shower room, and the women painted the men's bathroom.

There was time for a good bit of visiting with the mission staff and for us to get a sense of how things are progressing. We visited Frankie Simms, whose house we worked on last year. She was thrilled to see members of the team.

The Broadmoor community – where the church is – is now about 80% restored, and this is better than many areas of the city. There are still abundant signs of houses boarded up, and others in the process of repair – including one immediately behind the church which only shows small signs of change from last year.

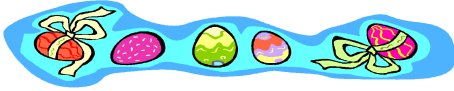
I was particularly interested in the human toll, given that it is 4 ½ years since hurricane Katrina. Fr. Kramer left last fall due to illness. There are obvious signs of change, including a part time priest in charge. There was grumbling among volunteers and some staff about change especially new decisions about the usage of their buildings. Property adjacent to the church was purchased after the storm, and they can no longer afford to pay the loans. The vision that had the ministry expanding to absorb a whole city block has changed, and the parish is pulling back, rethinking, and has put some of those properties on the market. This is not all bad.

About half of the staff of the Mission that I met in '08 and '09 are ill. The rector, the sexton on disability, one female staff member recovering from major surgery. One full time volunteer is dealing with a seriously infected foot. One younger parishioner (diabetic) has gained more weight. The stress level has been so significant that at least once they brought in a psychologist to help them.

On a positive note, I heard them talking about refocusing on their life as a congregation. One thing I have admired on previous visits was their continuing the life of the congregation in the midst of the continual presence of visiting volunteers. They are making plans to take better care of themselves – including suggesting that mission teams leave on Saturday, so the congregation will have the building to themselves on Sunday morning.

And there is optimism in the city. Even now, people are still returning. James is going to Texas in March to bring his mother back to the city. She has been away almost 5 years. They elected a new mayor just before we arrived, and there is optimism about that. The Super Bowl win in the middle of Mardi Gras was a tremendous boost to their spirits. New Orleans will push it's way back.

~ Rev. Carol Chamberlain



If you would like to fill Easter eggs for our hunt please pick them up in the Narthex and return them no later than March 28th (Palm Sunday). We would like to have the eggs ahead of time for hiding. If there are no more eggs left in the Narthex, please feel free to purchase your own. The more we have, the more there are to enjoy! Remember you may wish to fill the eggs with special surprises like Christian stickers, small crosses or Bible verses.

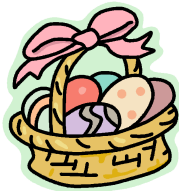


### Agape Feast

On Saturday, April 3

After the Easter Vigil

There will be a party after the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 3 in the Parish Hall. Please sign up, and come celebrate the resurrection with family and friends.



Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, April 4

Following the 10 AM Liturgy

## St. Anne's Ice Angel February 2010



**ST. ANNE'S CHURCH  
ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday, May 16, 2010**

"To live content with small means;  
to seek elegance rather than luxury,  
and refinement rather than fashion;  
to be worthy, not respectable;  
and wealthy, not rich; to study hard,  
think quietly, talk gently, act frankly...  
to listen to stars and buds, to babes  
and sages, with open heart;  
await occasions, hurry never...  
this is my symphony."

~ William Henry Channing

# The Great Exchange

**God invites us to a "fair trade."**

We hand over our doubts and fears, our wounds and sins.

The Lord gives us faith and love,  
healing and mercy!



**Come hear this teaching on the power and mystery  
of redemption and the Holy Eucharist offered by  
The Reverend Alan Hansen, Acts 29 Ministries**

**[www.a29.com](http://www.a29.com)**

Wednesday, March 24

6 pm Supper

7 pm Teaching

9 pm Conclusion

*Suggested donation \$15*

Please call to register

Saint Anne's Church, 2119 Old Welsh Road,

Abington, PA

215-659-1674

**[www.StAnnesAbington.org](http://www.StAnnesAbington.org)**

February 2010						
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# March 2010

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	<b>1</b> 8:00 PM - AA	<b>2</b> 11:30 AM - Food Pantry	<b>3</b> 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist  10:15 AM - Bible Study - Lenten Teaching	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM - Stations of the Cross, Supper, Teaching  7:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Men's Breakfast 8:30-10:00AM
<b>7</b> Youth Sunday  Holy Eucharist - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM	<b>8</b> 8:00 PM - AA	<b>9</b> 11:30 AM - Food Pantry	<b>10</b> 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist  10:15 AM - Bible Study - Lenten Teaching	<b>11</b> 6:00 PM - Stations of the Cross, Supper, Teaching  7:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 11:00 AM - Southampton Estates Holy Communion	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Holy Eucharist - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM	<b>15</b> 8:00 PM - AA	<b>16</b> 11:30 AM - Food Pantry  Pastor's Luncheon	<b>17</b> 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist  10:15 AM - Bible Study - Lenten Teaching  7:00 PM - Vestry Meeting	<b>18</b> 6:00 PM - Stations of the Cross, Supper, Teaching  7:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>

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