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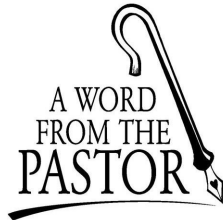
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Dear Friends,
Ever notice how complicated the special services of Holy Week are, especially when compared to the Easter season liturgies? In Lent there is so much focus on discipline, strenuous prayer and sacrifice; and then the calendar turns to Easter – and everything is “normal,” the liturgical form we use all year round. What can we surmise from this?
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The climatic shout of Easter Victory IS THE CHRISTIAN’S NEW NORMAL!!!!

Yes, we are the Resurrection People; God’s deposit: the leaven in God’s Creation to represent the Holy Spirit with Love, and the embrace of Jesus on the cross in our careful concern for the community around us; and to give Honor and Glory to the Creator who shares eternity with the finitude of humanity.

Hope excels unbounded, death is vanquished, and

we are reigning with the God of “snow and wind, frost and hail; tempestuous wind doing His will.” Consider, in like fashion, our own internal impulses can synch with the purposes of the Holy and Risen One, and so participate in the Resurrection now. “He is Risen indeed!!!” And alike all humanity hidden with God in Christ, in His glorious broken body. Keep shouting!!! Alleluia!!!

May all peace and joy in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit strengthen you in faith and love.

I remain, your friend and Rector, (The Reverend) Richard S. Signore

Don't Forget!

- * Food pantry items: Pancake mix, maple syrup, jelly, cereal (“fun” types).
- * Bring in your soda cans and bottles and donate them to the Mission box in the Parish Hall!
- * If you have a change in address, email, or phone number, please fill out a Welcome Card (in the pew) and put it in the offering box for the secretary. Thanks!

Altar Flowers & Vigil Light

Lent is over and flowers are now back on the altar! Thank you to all who have signed up to dedicate flowers. The sign-up sheet is located on the table at the back of the church. There are 2 choices—cut flowers (\$28) or flower arrangement (\$38).

Please submit payment with your dedication and note “flowers” in the memo line.

The Vigil Light is always lit. You may dedicate the Vigil Light also. The sign up is also on the back table. Please donate what you are able.

June Birthdays

- 4 – Teddy DeMings
- 14 – Joe Pieczynski
- 22 – Trisha O-Brien Briere
- 23 – Joe DiSalvatore
- 28 – Chris Bolte



Creation Care Corner

We are called to do what is right, even if it requires more effort.

So.... Have YOU thought about NOT using Single Use Plastic Grocery Bags? Are YOU using paper or your own Re-Useable bags yet? FYI plastic grocery bags have been found at the bottom of the deepest part of the ocean – 7 miles down! Remember they do NOT decay - they will stay intact (unless burned – giving off toxic fumes) for 1000's of years. Replacing Single Use Plastic Grocery Bags with Paper or Re-Useable bags is very easy to

do...JUST DO IT!
Do you know that School Children across MA are serious about Creation Care – because of school children in West Tisbury (Martha's Vineyard), the town is moving forward with a ban to limit the sale and distribution of ALL Soft Drinks (water, soda, sweetened & unsweetened juice, tea, water, etc.) sold in plastic bottles 34 oz. or less? Ware Elementary School Children are petitioning for their school to stop using

plastic knives, forks and spoons! YOU can join these children in their efforts – choose to use REFILLABLE water bottles, purchase ONLY redeemable/ recyclable bottles and follow through each and every time! Instead of plastic knives, forks & spoons – USE the real thing or use biodegradable – they do exist! We can be better than be the throwaway society!



Office Hour Change

The week of June 10, the office will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday only. The office will be closed June 13. The week of June 17, the office will be closed.



Donations Needed for St. Luke's Guesthouse

The Daughters Of The King will be collecting articles for St. Luke's Guesthouse & guests. We are looking for the following items: laundry detergent, toilet paper, large kitchen trash bags, & dish detergent. These donations can be placed in the plastic St. Luke's bin at the back

of the church.

Thank you for your support!



Mission and Outreach

"The earth is the Lord's".

During June, donations will continue to be made to Creation Care. I will contact the diocese to find out how to make our donation. I urge everyone to read the emails from the diocese on Creation Care.

Rev. Margaret Bullit-Jonas has great sermons and suggestions for us to consider. I hope to attend a "conversation" with her on May 29 in Springfield. Anyone interested? Many thanks for your generosity.

-Suzy Sharp



****Thank you to all who donated in March to Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday! A check for \$150.80 was sent to help with the agency's Global Needs fund, which enables the agency to reach people who are most in need worldwide.**



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The Rt. Reverend Douglas Fisher

Sunday Services

9:30 a.m. Rite II Choral Holy Eucharist

**Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Richard Signore**

Save These Dates

Sunday, June 2—9:30 a.m.—First Communion

Wednesday, June 12—7:00 p.m.—Vestry

Saturday, June 15—11:30 am.—Picnic at Westville Dam

Sunday, June 16—9:30 a.m.—150th Anniversary Service with
Bishop Doug Fisher

Sunday, June 16—11:30 a.m.—Light luncheon in the Parish Hall

Thursday, June 19—1:00 p.m.—Daughter's of the King



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