



FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

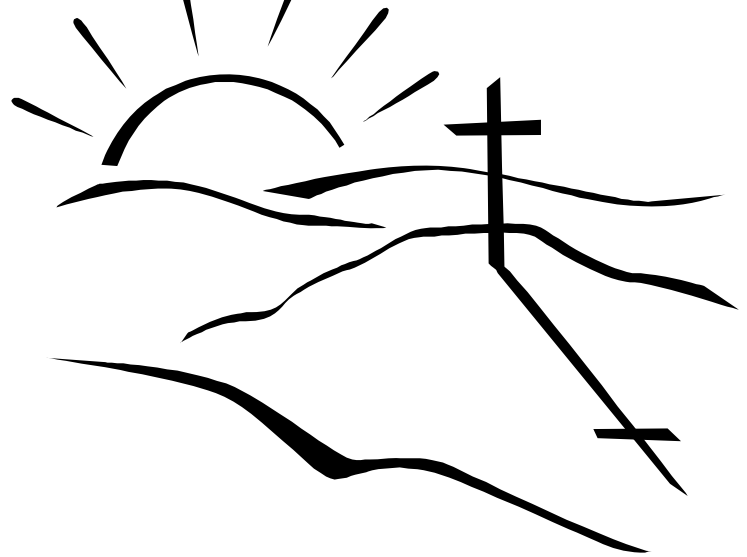
At the time of this writing, it is the Saturday before Palm Sunday. This year Lent has been a different experience for many of us because of the Lenten Guide supplied to us by the Adult Education Committee.

The last of four Lenten Quiet Days has just ended. I wish that those of you who have been unable or who have not chosen to attend these 4-hour sessions of prayer, reflection, discussion and celebration of the Eucharist, had been able to experience them. While the discussion and order of the day were organized by Stuart Siegel, our parish catechist, the content was also determined by those attending. Thank you to the efforts of all who contributed to these sessions. Additional thanks goes to Patricia Lewis who provided wonderful lunches with a variety of offerings to support those participating in a Lenten fast and to nourish those who were not fasting.

The *Guide for Keeping a Holy Lent* gave a new dimension to our preparation for Easter. It seems to me that we were preparing for Lent in a more concrete communal way than in past years when we "gave up" things individually. Not everyone observed Lent in exactly the same way but chose aspects from the Lenten Guide that had meaning for each person. Some people made an effort to attend Stations of the Cross and Benediction and there were noticeably more people each Friday evening than in the past, which enriches this experience for all present. Some people chose to participate by following a vegan diet, some a vegetarian diet, some removed red meat from their diet and some chose not to fast. Many attempted to pray Morning Prayer and/or Evening Prayer on a daily basis. Some people who had not done so in the past attended weekday Masses. All of these choices are valid.

However you chose to observe Lent this year, I hope you felt the support of your Parish family in what you were doing as I hope you supported them in their choices. One thing I learned is that this year, it was a personal choice about how to prepare for Easter but it was also a community choice. Each of us could decide what we could and would do, but all of us were more aware of the importance

AS LENT  
BECOMES  
EASTER



of preparing for Easter in a way other than "giving up chocolate." No matter to what degree we each participated as a community, we ARE a community and we all share in the joy of Easter. I hope that the 50 days of the Easter season may be as meaningful as the 40 days of Lenten preparation have been.

Carla Boyer, Junior Warden

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# PRAYER LIST

*To have names added to or deleted from the prayer list, please leave a yellow prayer request slip in Kathryn Parker's mailbox--upper right--or e-mail her at [kparker7@hvc.rr.com](mailto:kparker7@hvc.rr.com).*

<b>Please pray for</b>	<b>Prayer Intention</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>	<b>Please pray for</b>	<b>Prayer Intention</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
Sarah Clark	healing	Peggy Fellows	Larry Phillips	Rest in Peace	Christy Silvels
Jean Messerve	healing	Peggy Fellows	Debbie Braun	healing, comfort	Sharon Snyder
Nancy Mader	strength, comfort	Peggy Fellows	Audrey Ryan	healing	Martha Lebow
Ryan Weissert	guidance	Joyce R. Weissert	Joyce Weissert	healing, comfort	her Glen Spey family
Arlene Steber	comfort, release from pain	Kathryn Parker	Richard	personal, guidance	Penny Ames
Barbara Osterhaut	comfort, strength, release from pain	Kathryn Parker	Bruce Sinclair	healing, comfort	Penny Ames
Jane Schmick	comfort, healing, strength	Kathryn Parker	Barbara	healing, comfort	Penny Ames
Carol & Jim Holbert	healing, comfort	Kathryn Parker	Anita	strength, comfort	Penny Ames
Christine Ford-Huebsch	healing	Kathryn Parker	Bill Gray	comfort, peace	Penny Ames
LynnMarie Monroe	happiness, guidance	Kathryn Parker	Bill Muller, Sr.	healing, comfort	Fr. John Warfel
Claire Einhorn	comfort	Kathryn Parker	Estelle Schefcick	comfort, peace	Judy Martin
Jim	healing, comfort	Kathryn Parker	Elaine Smith	healing	Roxana Glenn
Nina	healing	Kathryn Parker	Rea	healing, comfort, release from pain	Lois Kettson
Marie	comfort	Kathryn Parker	Audrey Smith	healing, comfort	Judy Smith
Lynn, Kenny, Lily, Madeline	healing, peace	Kathryn Parker	Ephraim Goldthorp	healing, comfort	Peg Claster
Tom & Judy Martin	healing, comfort	Kathryn Parker	Herschell Andrews	healing	Peg Claster
Gerry Tilker	comfort, guidance, safety	Carla Boyer	Parke Pearson	healing, comfort	Peg Claster
Nancy Clymer	comfort	Ellen Jamison	Helen & George Slezak	healing, comfort	Peg Claster
Sarah Jamison	guidance, employment	Ellen Jamison	Chrishawn Rodgers	personal, guidance, employment, other	Chrishawn Rodgers
Donald Jamison	healing, comfort	Ellen Jamison	Ann and Calvin Wanser	strength, healing, comfort	Grace Church Family
Chris Jamison	healing, comfort, guidance	Ellen Jamison	Dorothy Stanton	healing	Martha Lebow
Tom Ford	safety, guidance	Christine Ford-Huebsch	Gregg Dluzak	healing	Pine Bush School
Roberta Kehrley	healing, guidance	Christine Ford-Huebsch	Fred Coleman	healing, release from pain	Barbara Coleman
Stephanie Ford	healing, guidance	Christine Ford-Huebsch	Billy Mann	healing, comfort, guidance, release from pain	Barbara Coleman
Linda and Ashley Totaan	strength, courage, healing	Christine Ford-Huebsch	Barbara	healing	Barbara Coleman
Heidi Burger	healing	Christine Ford-Huebsch	Rachael Mascioce	guidance, protection	Barbara Coleman
Megan, Carlee, Penilyn, Brandon	well-being	Church School	Trudy	personal	Barbara Coleman
James Lercara	Safe return from Iraq	Christine Ford-Huebsch	Renee Ryan	healing, comfort, release from pain	Barbara Coleman
Linda & Ashley Totaan	strength, courage, healing	Christine Ford-Huebsch	Judy	personal	Barbara Coleman
Heidi Burger	healing	Christine Ford-Huebsch	Homeless and addicts	healing, guidance	Barbara Coleman
James Lercara	safe return from Iraq	Christine Ford-Huebsch	Barbara Ryan and family	A place to live	Barbara Coleman
Roberta Kehrley	healing, guidance	Christine Ford-Huebsch	Patrick	healing, guidance, safety	Barbara Coleman
Donna Black	healing, comfort	Lisa DeNisco	Jimmy	healing	Kim Mann
Dave Benedetto & family	healing, comfort	Lisa DeNisco	Jean Sousky	strength, comfort	Catherine Tansey
Roseann Linderacker	healing, comfort	Lisa DeNisco	Jame Sausky	healing, comfort	Catherine Tansey
Jane DeNisco	healing, comfort	The DeNisco Family	Annabel Babcock	strength, healing, comfort	Jean Giannoccaro
Jan Pinckney	healing, comfort	Ann Wanser	Tara Baccello	comfort	Sue Scott
Francine Scott	healing, comfort	Carol Warner	Rick Munkelt	healing, comfort, release from pain	Sue Scott
Sharron Vicere	healing, comfort	Sadie Fox	Rita Munkelt	comfort	Sue Scott
David White	comfort, guidance	Anne Caldwell	Frank Jones III & family	comfort	Donna Jones
Kim Regensdorfer	healing, comfort	Anne Caldwell	John Jones	other	Donna & Frank Jones III & family
Ann Caldwell	healing, comfort, strength	Anne Caldwell	Ron Cosentino		Grace Church family
Chester Caldwell	healing, comfort, shut-in	Anne Caldwell	Julia Logiodice	acceptance at school	Mike Saunders
Lillian vanDerPloeg	healing, comfort	Beverly Bailey	Cinstance Fitschen	healing, comfort	Mile Barron
David Stead	healing	Beverly Bailey	Ryan	healing, comfort, release from pain, safety	Aislin G.
David Benedict	comfort, strength, guidance	Ginny Klink	Chris	guidance	Beth Maisonet
Janice Benedict	comfort, strength, guidance	Ginny Klink	Jean	support	Beth Maisonet
Gloria Allan	release from pain, speedy recovery	Ginny Klink	Tara Catizone	healing	Eleanor & Meg Catizone
Messiah Warner	personal, healing	Francine Scott	Janice Friedlander	healing, comfort	The Rumsey Family
Micah Warner	healing, strength	Francine Scott	Salvatore Paillio	healing, strength, comfort	The Rumsey Family
Norman Warner, Jr.	safety	Francine Scott	Donna Henke	healing, strength, comfort	Nicole Rumsey
Denise Warner	safety	Francine Scott	Jack Black	healing, comfort	Christen Black
Please pray for the Mather-Cathy family for healing		Pam Mather-Cathy	Emma	healing, comfort	Waldemar
Lauren Ponzoni	healing, comfort	Nancy Karp	Elaine	healing, comfort	Waldemar
Anthony Collado		Nikki Meglar	Waldemar	healing, comfort	Claire Newquist
Charlie Schuabacker	thanksgiving, healing, comfort	Nikki Meglar	Mary Caskey	healing, comfort, peace	The Moshier Family
Shawn E. Melgar	personal, comfort, guidance	Nikki Meglar	Olivia Beam and family	healing, comfort, strength	Pennilyn Gould
Adam Brasher and family	comfort, strength, guidance	Nikki Meglar	Megan and Carlee	happiness, well-being	Catherine Tansy
Doreen	comfort, guidance, acceptance	Nikki Meglar	Joseph Souski	healing, comfort	Catherine Tansy
Paul Desol	rest in peace	Nikki Meglar	Jimmy Gudance	healing, comfort	Penny Ames
Wendy Desol and family	comfort, strength, guidance	Nikki Meglar	Jennifer Bellotto	creativity, love, peace	Lisa DeNisco
Peg Claster	comfort, strength	Mary Carpenter	Lisa Oboyski	healing, comfort	Nancy Karp
Samantha Ihne	healing, comfort	Mom and Dad	Irene & Angelo Ruggiero	healing, strength	

# Church School News

From Christine Ford-Huebsch

## Spring Bulb Sale!



**We will again be having a spring bulb sale.** Orders will be here in time for Mother's Day. If you are not interested in bulbs for yourself or as a gift please consider ordering and donating to the churchyard. ANYONE who is interested can take an order form and help sell bulbs.

The order form will be available after both Masses. Money will be collected with the orders (we receive a higher profit margin this way) or you can contact me directly at

**thunligh@hotmail.com or  
541-0674**



## Calling All Current and Former Church School Students and Parents!

I am working on a very special project and I am in need of church school photos. Please look through your pictures and see if you have any photos of children's events, VBS, Easter, Christmas any pictures of the Children and/or teachers spanning the past 15 years. I will be happy to return the pictures to you if you label them with your information. You can give them to me directly or leave them in my mailbox at church. I need to have these by the end of April, Thank you all for your help.

– Christine Ford-Huebsch

## THE EPISTLE

**Deadline for the May issue of  
The Epistle is April 15**

Articles or announcements for *The Epistle* may be submitted by e-mail to: nek4@cornell.edu as an attached file, or on a floppy disk left in my church mailbox.

Thank you! Nancy Karp

Co-Editors: Kathryn Parker and Nancy Karp  
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# Committee Corner

## ***A Note from your Hospitality Committee***

For those who don't know me, my name is Patricia Lewis. I've been coming to Grace Church for the past two years. I have been welcomed and treated with such love and kindness from the first day I attended Mass here. I have made wonderful friends and feel so at-home being a part of our parish.

Father John has asked me to chair the Hospitality committee for the 2008 season; it is a pleasure to serve the church and the Lord. I feel honored to have been asked and hope to have many gatherings throughout the year that will bring us all together in fellowship and friendship. Of course, I can't do it alone, so when we plan our

get-togethers, whatever they may be, I hope you will all consider signing up to help in any way you can. There will always be a sign-up sheet outside the office on the way into Coffee Hour and of course an announcement of the upcoming event.

I look forward to getting to know all of you better. I want to thank everyone who was a part of our first potluck supper that was held in the Board Room on February 6, 2008 (Shrove Tuesday). We had a meal filled with a variety of delicious foods

and a wonderful dessert table that was full of beautiful, luscious homemade cookies, cakes and pies! A special thank-you to those who helped with set-up and clean-up.

I wish you all a Happy Easter!  
May God bless you and your families!

*Patricia*



## **FUN FAMILY EVENT**

**Saturday,  
April 12th**

We will again have a dinner and movie event. The movie will be a children's movie but all members of the congregation are welcome. There is more than "kid stuff" to most children's movies! The Children's Ministry will provide dinner and popcorn, but we ask that everyone who plans on attending sign up and bring an appetizer or dessert to

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Risen, Indeed  
Alleluia!**