

Gum and Cigarettes. Now that the snow has melted, we have discovered a large number of wads of used gum (yuck!) that have been left on the ground near the back door from the parking lot. We have notified the evening groups to please dispose of their gum properly in one of the wastebaskets in the building. We also seem to have a continuing, if sporadic, issue with cigarettes being smoked on St. George's property and the butts being left on the ground. We have notified the outside groups that meet at night that there is no smoking anywhere on St. George's property—inside or outside—and if someone wants to smoke, they must go out to the curb at the street. In the interest of fairness, the rector feels we should mention these issues to our parishioners, in case any of us have unthinkingly been guilty of this kind of littering.

Laity wanted. *Would you like to get more involved in worship services?* Try being a chalice bearer, lay reader, usher, greeter or reader of the prayers of the people. Training provided. Contact the following: Frank Jillson 384-5272 for 7:45 service readers, prayers, chalice bearers; Lew Butler 363-7114 for 7:45 ushers; Marcia Williams 646-2660 for 7:45 greeters; Mark Ford 363-3454 for 9:00 service readers, prayers, chalice bearers and ushers; and Pat Linscott 363-6021 for 11:00 service readers, prayers, chalice bearers and ushers.

Schedule for St. George's This Week

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. - Prison Ministry
10:00 a.m. - Prison Ministry
Monday: 12:00 p.m. - Craft Group meeting
Tuesday: 5:00 p.m. - **Deadline:** *May issue of Dragon Tales newsletter*
Wednesday: 12 noon - **Deadline:** *April 20 bulletin*
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:00 p.m. - Parish Choir rehearsal
Saturday: 10:00-5:00 - Rehearsals for *Murder in the Cathedral*

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Dragon News
Weekly Notices
Week of April 13, 2008

EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES

Prison Ministry. *On Sunday, April 13,* our own Deacon Aaron Perkins will talk about his work in the prison system in Maine. He will talk about issues of social justice, restorative justice and how prison ministry relates to our own baptismal covenant. He will also talk about how all of us can engage and help this forgotten population of folks who are in need of Christ's (and our own) love.

Youth Classes. Godly Play & Godly Time: April 13: The Good Shepherd and World Communion; April 20: Circle of the Holy Eucharist. **Jesus Kids:** April 13: begin our spring outreach project.

Consecration on May 3. Do you want to attend the consecration of the Rev. Stephen T. Lane as our new bishop on May 3, 11:00 a.m., at the Cathedral in Portland? St George's has eight tickets, and will be "raffling" off the tickets on Sunday, April 13. Please email the parish office if you would like your name included in the drawing. We will need to RSVP to the Diocese for those eight attending members by April 18.

Brown Bag Lunch Craft Outreach Program. We had such a good time with our Brown Bag Lunches during Lent that we are continuing it on a monthly basis. The next get together is Monday, April 14, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m. Come and bring whatever needlework project you are working on and we can work together. If you are interested in learning how to knit a hat or crochet a shawl, we'll have some needles, hooks and yarn on hand for you try out. Bring a sandwich and we'll provide drinks and dessert. Any questions, call Ellie Butler at 363-7114.

Newsletter deadline. If you wish to place an article in the May issue of *Dragon Tales*, please email it to office@stgeorges-yorkharbor.org, to the parish administrator, by Tuesday, April 15, at 5:00 p.m.

Hispanic Ministry. On Sunday, April 20, 10:00 a.m., the Rev. Virginia Marie Rincon, Hispanic Missioner in our diocese, will be with us to tell us about her work with *Tengo Voz* (I have voice). *Tengo Voz* is a grassroots organization committed to assisting Latino women

and their families in the greater Portland area by offering help with finding jobs and housing, domestic violence prevention and referral, spiritual direction, as well as educational and cultural support. Virginia Marie also serves as priest to Mission San Luca, the growing and vibrant Hispanic congregation that meets at St. Luke's Cathedral in Portland. If you have read the lead article in the February "Northeast" (our diocesan newspaper) you know that Virginia Marie is an informed and passionate advocate for the immigrant population in Maine and beyond. You won't want to miss this event.

Special Ingathering on Sunday, April 20, for the retirement of Bishop Chilton Knudsen.

It is customary for the people of the Diocese to present a new Bishop with his or her Pectoral Cross. Bishop-Elect Stephen Lane has chosen to use Bishop Oliver Loring's Pectoral Cross, which is being rehabilitated now. It is also customary to have a portrait made of the retiring Bishop. Bishop Knudsen has selected well-known Maine portrait artist Ron Frontin to do her portrait, which will hang in the Cathedral upper hall with portraits of Maine's previous Bishops. Bishop Knudsen has made it clear that she does not want a purse in connection with her retirement. If any funds are received by this ingathering in excess of those needed for the Pectoral Cross and portrait, those funds will be designated for Bishop Lane's discretionary fund.

AIDS Walk. Time to start planning to participate in the annual AIDS Response Seacoast AIDS Walk, one of their most important fundraisers each year. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 4, 2:00 p.m. St. George's always sends a large contingent—let's continue that tradition. (Remember, dogs can walk, too!) Lauren Segalla 363-8642 and Abbie Duquette 363-2556 are the St. George's Team coordinators, contact them for more info, or go to <http://aidsresponse.kintera.org/walk08>. Notice the beautiful display in the parish hall, also.

"Berwicks Church." Do you live in South Berwick or Berwick, North Berwick or Eliot or in that general neck of the woods? As many as twenty St. George's parishioners are gathering the last Thursday of each month at 5:45 at the First Parish Federated Church in South Berwick (on Route 4/236, across from the Dunkin Donuts). We meet in the "Vestry" or fellowship hall under the sanctuary to celebrate the Eucharist in a simple, kid-friendly way and then share potluck supper. The next gatherings will be April 24 and May 29. Everyone is welcome. Come drive across Route 91 and join us! Invite friends too, especially folks who live in or near the Berwicks who might not have found St. George's because it's a little to far to drive.

The Funky Divas of Gospel will hold a benefit concert on Sunday, April 13, 2:00-4:00 p.m., at St. Christopher's Church. Proceeds will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Darcy Keating, the three-year old diabetic granddaughter of Divas member Claire Morton, is the inspiration for this concert. Members of the Maine and NH chapters of JDRF will be accepting donations at the door as well as providing information about this

crippling disease. The suggested donation is \$12 for adults; children under 12 are free. Funky Divas music is primarily defined as gospel in the southern African-American tradition with an R&B flavor. It is roots music. It is harmonies and accapella - hard-rocking, and reflective. It is toe-tapping and hand-clapping. It can (and does) move audiences to their feet and into the aisles to dance. It is joyous and downright great music. Funky Divas performances are suitable for all ages. For more on the Funky Divas and to hear their music, go to www.funkydivasofgospel.com. Come enjoy the music and do your part to wipe out juvenile diabetes.

Parishioner Linda Fry is looking to share a residence temporarily in exchange for cleaning and driving assistance and contributing to household expenses. Please contact Linda at 641-7819 or the Rector at 363-7376.

Sing Into Spring on May 18, 7:00 p.m. This will be our next musical evening. We will vote on our favorite Easter/spring hymns, so look for the ballots in your Sunday bulletins in the near future. Live musical acts will perform, interspersed with the winning hymns that we will all sing together. It will be another fun evening of music and fellowship. Would you like to perform? Can you sing or play an instrument? Alone or in a duet/trio/group? Music Director Kathy Fink would like to hear from you right away! Sign up in the parish hall.

Since 1993 St. George's has been in a Covenant Church relationship with the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity, Habitat for Humanity York County. As a Covenant Church we are committed to providing support through prayer, through financial resources and most especially by giving of our time and talent. Since 1985, Habitat for Humanity York County has completed 22 homes and housed more than 100 people with the help of volunteers. Two years ago our local affiliate participated on Blitz Build 2006 building the Peverill family home in Shapleigh in just one week. It went so well the first time HfHYC has decided to do it again! **Blitz Build 2008 will take place May 31st-June 7th on the Gebung Road in Alfred.** The Family Selection Committee is currently interviewing families who submitted applications for consideration. Douston Construction is leading the coordination on this project and they have teamed up with skilled local subcontractors to produce a top-quality home. Habitat for Humanity York County is very excited to team up with Douston to produce its 23rd home. FMI about Blitz Build 2008 and our local project visit <http://www.habitatyorkcounty.org/>. There are many ways to be involved in Habitat for Humanity, from serving on committees, to volunteering on work sites, or helping to raise funds to cover the cost of building homes for families who have no other way to become homeowners in York County, Maine. FMI about how you can support this important ministry contact HfHYC at P.O. Box 267, Kennebunk, ME 04043 or call (207) 985-4850.

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