

Wish list: St. George's could use a DVD player. If anyone would like to donate a DVD player to the church, please contact the parish office, 363-7376.



Dragon News
Weekly Notices
Week of March 2, 2008

Holy Week Special Services

March 17	Holy Monday	7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
March 18	Holy Tuesday	7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
March 19	Holy Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
March 20	Maundy Thursday	7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist w/footwashing & vigil
March 21	Good Friday	12:00 p.m. Ecumenical service
March 21	Good Friday	7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
March 22	Easter Vigil	7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, with baptisms
March 23	Easter Day	7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with music 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with music 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with music

Schedule for St. George's This Week

Sunday:	8:45 a.m. - Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. - Jesus Kids host All Parish Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. - NOLA missionaries presentation 5:00 p.m. - Evening Prayer
Wednesday:	12 noon - Deadline: <i>March 9 bulletin & Dragon News</i> 12:00-1:30 p.m. - Crafts brown bag lunch
Thursday:	10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with optional healing 7:00 p.m. - Parish Choir rehearsal
Saturday:	1:00-4:00 p.m. - Auditions for "Murder in the Cathedral"

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EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES

When the Saints Come Marching In... On Sunday, March 2, come be a part of the celebration as our saints return from New Orleans and share photos, stories and song. All Parish Coffee Hour will be at 10:00 a.m. with Mission Trip team members present, photo displays and stories from the trenches. Bring some food to share if you like!

"Food Pantry Sunday" is March 2. Non-perishable donations may be left and volunteers will bring them to the Food Pantry on the Thursday after Food Pantry Sunday. Monetary donations are also welcome - there is a small covered tin for that purpose in the basket.

Youth Classes. The Jesus Kids: March 2: the Rev. Aaron Perkins, Deacon, will speak to us about prison ministry. **Godly Play & Godly Time:** March 2: the Faces of Easter VI.

Confusion explained (we hope!) Our apologies for the confusion about "Ministry and the All Parish Coffee Hour," as recently advertised. What we have going are two new ideas for featuring ministry at St. George's. **First**, as coordinated by Kathy Roosa (our outreach coordinator), one ministry per month will be featured in a display in the parish hall, which will include information about that ministry, how to get involved, and how to contact the chair(s) of that ministry. **Second**, as coordinated by Pat Kriensky (newcomers coordinator), is that any ministry can sign up, if they wish, to host an All Parish Coffee Hour (sign up on the yellow sheet on the upstairs kitchen door). It might happen that the same ministry may both host an All Parish Coffee Hour and be the featured ministry that month, but otherwise these two new processes are NOT linked. Up to bat on March 2—the Jesus Kids will host the All Parish Coffee Hour and the Table of Plenty is our featured ministry of the month.

How will you live into Lent this year? Join us for Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m. on the Sundays of Lent. Surrounded by candlelight and Taizé chant, take time to be quiet and ponder as you journey through Lent.

Spiritual Formation: "Jesus & Joe" on Sunday mornings at 10:00, January 13, 20 & 27; February 10, 17 & 24; March 9 & 30. We will share coffee and conversation as we walk through our Baptismal Covenant with a variety of fun, interactive activities designed to help

us discover our Christian faith in the Anglican/Episcopal context while getting to know one another at the same time. Some of the sessions may include guest speakers to help us flesh out how to be faithful Christians in the world in which we live and work.

The Rector's Discretionary Fund allows the Rector to expand our ministry beyond what is budgeted, for things such as hospitality (such as providing meals, or housing for visiting preachers) and, most importantly and most frequently, aid. The first Sunday of every month's "loose plate" offering (the cash, and checks from visitors) supports this fund. In addition, when the Rector officiates at a funeral or wedding at St. George's, instead of giving her an honorarium, the families involved make a contribution to the RDF. If you would like to contribute to this fund, make checks out to "The Rector's Discretionary Fund," and placed in the offering plate, or mail to the office.

Brown Bag Craft Lunch. The Craft Outreach Program is sponsoring a Brown Bag Lunch get-together on the Wednesdays during Lent, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Come and bring whatever 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.

Craft Outreach Ingathering on March 9. For those of you who have been busy making, hats, blankets or quilts: we are having an ingathering of completed items on Sunday, March 9. Please bring them to any service, we will have the blessed and send them out into the world. If you are interested in participating, there is still time—hats don't take long to make. Contact Ellie Butler at 363-7114. Let's see if we can top last year's numbers.

St. George's Outreach "blog"—A blog (short for "weblog") has been defined as "a personal online journal that is frequently updated and intended for general public consumption." St. George's Outreach blog is located at <http://stgeorgesyorkharbor.blogspot.com/>. We plan to use the blog as a way to keep people informed about our outreach efforts. Now that the New Orleans missionaries have returned, it will be a way to spread information about our other outreach efforts.

"Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy" is the book chosen this year for York Reads. St. George's will host one of the conversations about the book on Thursday, March 13, 11:00 a.m. Paige+ and Deacon Sudie will facilitate this conversation. The book may be purchased for \$5 at the York Library or you may contact Sudie directly and she will arrange to get a book to you (363-1369).

Easter Breakfast and Easter Vigil Potluck. Right now we are in need of coordinator(s) for the Easter Breakfast and a coordinator for the post-Easter Vigil service potluck. Please contact Nancy Merrill ASAP 351-1017, if you would be willing to coordinate one of these events (we have plenty of volunteers for the Easter Breakfast, but need a coordinator).

Les Petits Chanteurs (the singers from Haiti who were here last September) want to return to St. George's to sing for us! They would like to make St. George's a one-night stop on their concert tour, sometime in September of 2008. We would like two St. George's parishioners to volunteer to coordinate their housing for one night, i.e. arranging places for them to stay, as we did last September, but this time we have a lot more time to plan. This would entail calling parishioners to find out who would be willing to put up some of the singers and how many could be housed at each volunteer home. If you would be willing to coordinate this effort, please contact Outreach Coordinator Kathy Roosa 363-8791 or roosak@yahoo.com.

Mega Choir. Easter is coming and that means the Mega Choir will once again be forming to sing the *Halleluiah Chorus* from Handel's Messiah on Easter Sunday at 11:00 a.m., along with another joyful song yet to be chosen. We will rehearse on Saturday, March 22, 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at St. George's and will enjoy music and fellowship together. If you would like to sing, please sign up in the parish hall and include your name, voice part (soprano, baritone, etc.), phone number and e-mail address as well as a food item to share. It is important to sign up even if you think we already know that you will sing, so we can prepare the right number of copies of the music! (Choir members, this includes you as well!)

Easter Flower Dedications. Would you like to dedicate Easter flowers? If so, please take one of the Easter flower envelopes from the pews, fill out the outside of the envelope (please print clearly!), enclose your check and leave it in the offering plate or in the parish office or you may mail it to the parish office. These dedications will appear in the Easter Vigil and Easter Day bulletins. Deadline is March 16, Palm Sunday.

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ): Questions? Call Episcopal Youth Ministries at 800-244-6062, x29, email youth@episcopalmaine.org or check out www.maine-youth.org. Invite your friends!

- ✠ Who: High School youth from all over Maine and New England
- ✠ What: A weekend led by teens for teens
- ✠ When: March 28-30 (6:30 p.m. Friday to 5:15 p.m. Sunday)
- ✠ Where: Trinity Church in Portland, Maine
- ✠ Cost: \$35, or \$15 if you want financial aid (for 100% aid, just call) (for late registration after March 17, \$45 or \$20 w/aid)

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