

The Mantle



St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church Sudbury, Massachusetts March 2010

ST. E'S BENEFIT AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2010 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Shed the winter doldrums and plan to bring family, friends and neighbors to the St. Elizabeth's Benefit Auction! The Auction is a fund-raising event and supports youth participation in the **Appalachia Service Project (ASP), The Youth Urban Outreach/City Mission Society of Boston and Pilgrimage 2011.**

Please turn to page 11 to view the list of many of the exciting items for sale at the live & silent Auction! The Auction is a perfect opportunity to reward yourself with something special, honor friends & family members and don't forget that special Graduate on your gift list!



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Liturgy of Light: Saturday, April 3 at 6:00 PM

It's the Lenten season and we are once again getting ready for the very moving **Liturgy of Light** service to be held on **Saturday, April 3rd at 6:00 PM**. This beautiful candlelit service takes place in the Chapel, led by the children of Atrium II (we first meet at St. E's and walk up the path together to the Chapel). Children may read short passages or participate in other ways. To minimize the chaos on Easter Day, we will unearth the Alleluias (but keep them unspoken) Saturday evening so they are ready for the morning.

The first Liturgy of Light practice will be held on Sunday, March 21st during Atrium. Drop off children at the Atrium as usual. We will walk to the Chapel as a group. If we don't return to St. E's in time for Communion, meet up with your children back at the Atrium. The second practice will be held on March 28th, Palm Sunday, during the 9 am service.

Following the blessing of palms and procession around the church, children will branch off into Atriums. At that time, Level II children participating in the Liturgy of Light will have practice in the multipurpose room. All other Level II children will meet in the Atrium as usual. If we don't make it up in time for Communion, parents may meet up with their children at the Atrium.

The Liturgy of Light is a great opportunity for parent volunteers and we could use your help before and during the service! We also need help setting up and breaking down -- mostly moving chairs to the Chapel from the Parish Hall and then replacing items afterwards. Please contact **Suzie Kornblum** at suzie.kornblum@yahoo.com if you can help. There is also a volunteer sign-up sheet outside the Atriums in the hallway downstairs.



Holy Week Worship Schedule

March 28th Palm Sunday

Services in the Church at 9 AM
(with church school) and 11 AM

April 1st Maundy Thursday

Intergenerational Holy Eucharist in the
Church with optional foot-washing at 7:30 PM
Service in the Chapel at 7:30 PM

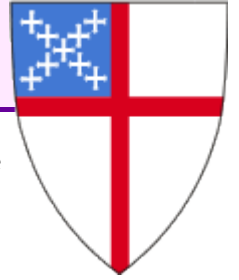
April 2nd Good Friday

Gather in the parish hall at 5:45 PM and process
to the Chapel for the 6 PM liturgy

April 3rd Liturgy of the Light

April 4th Easter Sunday

Festival Eucharist in the Church at 9 and 11 AM
(no church school)



At the annual meeting on February 7th, I spoke a bit on the implications of Bishop Shaw's letter of November 29, 2009, in which he explained the notion and origin of "pastoral generosity" with respect to solemnizing same sex marriages in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. I had written about this in previous editions of the Mantle and at the meeting asked again for feedback from the congregation so that the decision I make on this question is informed in part by the sense of the community of St. Elizabeth's.

As of this writing, I have received feedback from 26 adult parishioners representing 16 households. Of those adults, 23 are in favor of extending pastoral generosity at St. Elizabeth's. Three adults have expressed their sense that marriage in the church is reserved for heterosexual couples. As I said at the meeting, there is time to make this decision, and therefore time to hear additional feedback. So don't be shy. I truly want to hear what you have to say.

To reiterate a point that I made at the annual meeting, in the Episcopal Church the same standards apply to all marriages regardless of the gender(s) of the couple. The couple must have a connection to St. Elizabeth's. I am not party to "drive by" weddings or weddings in which the church is used simply as a pretty backdrop. All couples who want to be married in the Episcopal Church are subject to the Canons requiring that:

- (1) at least one member of the couple is baptized,
- (2) that they intend a lifelong union,
- (3) that their marriage is grounded in the Christian faith and a commitment to live out their marriage in the context of the Episcopal Church,
- (4) that the couple gives the priest no less than 30 days notice of their desire to be married in the church, and
- (5) that the couple is required to meet with the priest a minimum of three times (more if one or both has been married before) for pre-marital instruction on the nature of Christian marriage.

It always has been and will continue to be my prerogative as a priest to refuse to solemnize the marriage of a couple I believe to be unprepared to enter into the covenant of holy matrimony with each other and with God.

I am grateful to those who have taken the time and effort to let me know their thoughts on pastoral generosity and hope that others will share as well. The decision when I make it will be based on prayer, study, and a sense of the community support (or lack of same). Thank you for your willingness to enter into the process and your patience in awaiting a decision.

Barbara

Warden's Words

by Nancy Kimble,
Co-Warden

Recently a headline caught my attention as I was reading the electronic version of The Episcopal News, a monthly e-newsletter distributed by the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. The article was about a spring learning event called "Claiming Discipleship." It noted that the workshop would "help participants explore how to live into their baptismal covenant," by considering the questions, "How do we turn to Christ in our lives and in our parishes? And how do we teach and encourage others in their own journeys as they follow Jesus?" I have to admit that I wasn't quite sure how to answer these questions. I guess I had never truly thought of myself as a disciple and I wasn't sure how to go about being one. However, a few days ago, in an e-mail reminder about the event, Bishop Shaw helped shed some light on this question of discipleship. He commented that the learning event would be about "helping one

another discover the values that support mission in our congregations, about practicing our faith together in small groups to help ourselves and other grow as followers of Jesus, about coming together with others at the places where our gifts meet the world's urgent needs." Since reading those words, over the past few days I have noticed time and again the many ways in which parishioners of St. Elizabeth's are indeed practicing discipleship. I noticed it in the words of faith, hope, and wisdom that many of you expressed in the pages of the Lenten Reflections. I noticed it in the thoughtful wondering of the catechists in the Atriums on Sunday morning. I noticed it in the impressive variety of

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talents shared by youth and adults at the Pancake Brunch after the service. I noticed it in the donation of something beautiful and precious for the Spring Auction. I noticed it in the meeting of adult leaders for the Appalachian Service Project Trip. And I noticed it in the friendly smiles and warm words of fellowship shared over a meal in the parish hall. And it was then that I truly began to appreciate what it means to be a disciple of God. Thank you so much to every one of you for the myriad ways in which you share your gifts and help others grow as followers of Jesus.

Nancy

Vestry Notes by Stuart Hamilton, Co-Warden

At our meeting on February 22, we welcomed new members to the vestry: Susan Goswami, Mari Weldon, Cecilia Tatem-Small, Jay Holdman, and the new youth vestry members, Kelley White and Ben Sugg.

Our spiritual formation focused on the version of the Beatitudes found in the gospel of Luke. Barbara asked us to look for one thing in this familiar passage – whether a phrase or even a single word – that was new learning for us. It was surprising to see how much we came up with. Barbara used this to remind us that the vestry can be characterized as a learning community and that we are all about learning, finding a better way to do things and focusing on the larger picture.

We opened the business portion of the meeting by approving the January minutes. We then listened to words of wisdom from Win Treese, who was departing from the vestry after four years of service, the past two as Warden. As always, Win's words were well organized and right on target. In fact, he had just ten words for us, all of them verbs: listen, speak, invite, welcome, discern, pray, thank, learn, engage, lead. Win was enthusiastically thanked for his tremendous service to the vestry.

Darlene Murphy, in her new role as treasurer, reported that she continues to work on the conversion of the church's accounting system to an online version of Quick Books. When the conversion is completed, the financial recordkeeping and reporting will be streamlined considerably.

Barbara devoted much of her report to bringing us up to date on the feedback she has received concerning pastoral generosity. "Generous pastoral response" is the term that Bishop Shaw used in his November 29 letter, in which the clergy of the Diocese were authorized, but not required, to solemnize same-sex marriages. The decision on this ultimately rests with Barbara, but she has requested feedback from the congregation and the vestry. So far, the

comments have been running strongly in favor of pastoral generosity. Barbara continues to welcome feedback, either through her directly or through any members of the vestry.

In Valerie's report, she gave us the results from the recent survey on The Mantle. She first noted how pleased she was to have received 75 responses and that 10 respondents indicated a willingness to participate in a more in-depth survey. Sixty-one respondents said that The Mantle was a valuable source of information about St. Elizabeth's, but there were few clear patterns in the responses to the other questions. For example, when asked about our preference for the printed version versus the online version, the online version won, but only by a margin of 37 to 36.

Valerie also talked briefly of her continuing work to build a stronger community among the mothers with young children, especially those who have children that are too young for the COGS program. There are 27 families in the parish who have children under the age of 3.

In the Wardens Report, Nancy Kimball and I talked mostly about the ongoing planning for the vestry retreat, which is scheduled for Saturday, March 6. In particular, Nancy asked for the new vestry members to read (and for the continuing members to re-read) certain passages from Alice Mann's excellent book, The In-Between Church.

Finally, our discussion ended with a quick review of the "hot wash" that was conducted at the Annual Meeting on February 7. At that time, the parish was asked to list the things that are going well on one chart and the things that need further attention on another chart. At the vestry retreat – and throughout the year – we will be spending much more time on the questions of how we are going to address the issues that were raised in the hot wash and how we are going to communicate our progress.

Stuart

The Sacred Text Conversation by the Rev. Valerie Bailey Fisher

Our Episcopal theology is based on Scripture, Tradition and Reason. The reason part might make the most sense to us, since our education systems assume the use of logic and reason. But how does Scripture and Tradition shape our faith and theology? If we are not sure about the text that we call Scripture and the traditions that reflect on those text, how can we use it to explain our theology? And how are we to have a shared conversation about faith and theology if we have no shared language or shared sacred text?

The recent, informal Sacred Text conversation started as an attempt by the assistant rector to use reason and professional language as the common language and experience to discuss Scripture and Tradition. This informal conversation has no real agenda except to ask three questions: what is the sacred text of your profession, what are the criteria for choosing these professional materials (textbooks, manuals, building and tax codes, etc) and what insight could be gained if these criteria were applied to Scripture. And if there is any agenda, it's to have a thoughtful conversation with others about their faith. And the conversations are often spirited and fun...we hope some of you may be interested enough to join us.

Most of the sacred texts that were deemed important to these parishioners were textbooks from college. Some of these textbooks were inherited from fathers who were also professionals in engineering and science. In one case, a parishioner was a contributing author to a chosen sacred text. The criteria for choosing these texts varied from person to person. One person said that a reference book that was sacred for him contained the work that someone else had done and had gotten right. This book is the wheel that people are trying to avoid reinventing, he said. Others said that the sacred text often ends up being the text used to teach others. Another person said that what is considered a good teaching tool is not helpful for some engineers. For one person, one text was chosen not because the text had the definitive truth on the subject, but it was the guideline for how to make sure boilers and heaters would not blow up.

The criteria for selecting the sacred text were used to define the categories in which to place the different selected text: classic sacred text, reference, handbook, combination of reference and something else, and sacred text that no one read anymore. There was also some discussion of the difference between pulp fiction and sacred text. One person described sacred text as that which defines the language to have the discussion about the topic in question.

Once the categories were defined, the questions about scripture came quickly. So, why did Jesus not write a text himself? And what kind of text are Leviticus and Deuteronomy? And is Jesus' genealogy sacred text? When one person tried to define sacred text as that which cannot be argued, another reminded him of the Jewish scholarly tradition of arguing the points of the Torah and the Talmud. And its goes on from there.

We are not sure if this conversation will generate any useful information other than being a spiritual and intellectual exercise. However, I see evidence that this conversation might be able to help us recover a common prayer language by looking at the shared languages that we use each day. For it is wonderful to have a personal faith experience with God. But in order to have a communal and shared experience with God, we need to identify a common language. The Book of Common Prayer was designed to give early Anglicans a shared prayer language so that we may come together in fellowship and in the breaking of the bread without having to demand that everyone believe the same thing or have the same experiences. For many of us here, this common language is not Scripture or Tradition, but a professional language that was learned in childhood or in college or at our work places. The sacred text conversation dares to apply this common language from our professions to talk about the big question that were often left for theological language.

We are still meeting and we would love if other disciplines would join us, especially those who are in the medical arts, education, finance and accounting, and biology and chemistry (pharmaceuticals). Bring your answers to these questions and who knows, you might gain new insight on the Bible from discussing your own personal sacred text.

Valerie

Lenten Series: Who do you say that I am?

Passion & Death: Images of Politics, Justice and the Meaning of it all

About one third of each gospel is devoted to Jesus' last week on earth; the remaining 2/3 covers the other 30 or so years of Jesus life. This shows how important this last week, the one we call Holy Week, is to who Jesus was and what his death meant.

For this Wednesday dinner series, **Chris Visminas** has been asked back to show in photos, pictures and maps what Holy Week is about. We will explore the politics of the day, how justice was administered and why the Crucifixion is so important.

All sessions meet at **6pm on Wednesday** for Eucharist and simple dinner. The presentation follows. Come and join us!

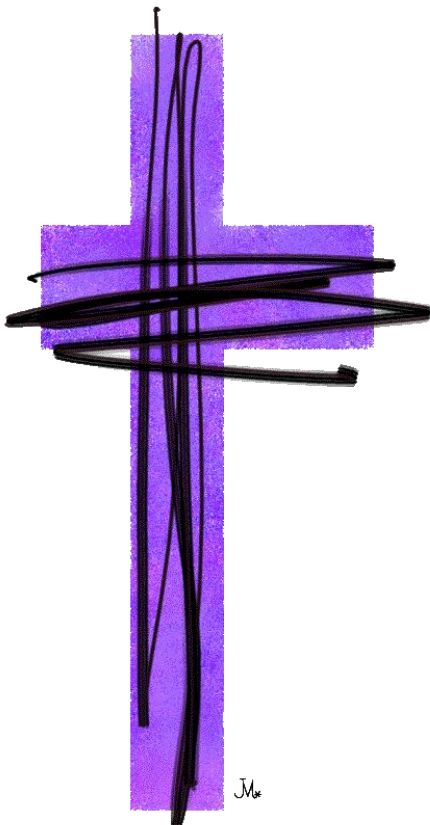
II. March 3: Cleansing the Temple: Hitting the hornets' nest What was the Temple? What was its importance to Jesus and the rest of the Jews? Why was "cleansing" it so significant? Here we'll feature how the Temple operated and what it possibly looked like, including some computer animation!

III. March 10: Last Supper: Good bye to friends What is the significance of the Last Supper? How has it been conceived over the centuries? We will explore how the themes of Eucharist, betrayal and Passover intertwine to produce multi-layered explanations. Some of the earliest pictures might surprise you.



IV. March 17: Trial: The Politics of Death Jesus' arrest and trial – if one could call it that – have four versions, one for each of the gospels. Though in many ways they match up, in other, sometimes significant ways they differ. Come and see why things happened the way they did and what significance not only the gospel writers give to them, but also how 2,000 years of art sees them.

V. March 24: Crucifixion: What did it accomplish? Jesus' tortured death is probably the hardest thing for us to understand. Why did Jesus die that way? How could God do such a thing? Art provides some surprising and interesting ways to explore what was going on and why.



JM

March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist II - Church 9:45 AM Church School (COGS, Rite 13, J2A [MPR], YACs) 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II - Church 11:10 AM COGS Meeting (CNF) 11:10 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal (10 Minutes after end of second Service) 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM How Faith Communities Can Help End Homelessness (First Parish) 4:00 PM Boston Magnificat sings Evensong</p>	<p>1 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (CNF) 12:00 PM Sudbury Clergy Association Lunch (PH) 3:00 PM Mother's Playgroup (MPR)</p>	<p>2 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study (CNF) 11:30 AM Yoga (MPR) 7:00 PM Pastoral Care Team (CNF) 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Centering Prayer Group (YG Room)</p>	<p>3 10:00 AM TAI CHI (PH) 6:00 PM - 8:15 PM Lenten Services - Who Do You Say That I Am? (PH) 6:00 PM - 8:15 PM Lenten Services: Sacred Text 6:45 PM - 8:15 PM STOP (Congregation Beth El)</p>	<p>4 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM Healing Ministry (CNF) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (MPR) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Interfaith Shabbat/Sabbath Series - Congregation Beth El</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 8:00 AM - 12:45 PM Vestry Retreat (MPR)</p>
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Kitchen Angel: Susan Berry Miracle Kitchen Coordinator: Pat Coffin	March 7th 3rd Sunday in Lent	March 14 4th Sunday in Lent	March 21 5th Sunday in Lent	March 28 Palm Sunday
Eucharistic Ministers	8:00 AM Peter Gonze 10:00 AM Steve Davies Carol Dicker	8:00 AM John Brackett 10:00 AM Jim Peters Betsy Wallingford	8:00 AM Harry Ainsworth 10:00 AM Susan Newlin Audrey Newton	9:00 AM Jim Peters Carol Dicker 11:00 AM Stuart Hamilton Steve Davies
Breadbearer & Third Station	(BB) Rich Grant (3S) Clare Perry (3S) The Rev. Barbara Williamson	BB) John Howard (3S) Jay Holdman (3S) The Rev. Barbara Williamson	BB) Larry Stewart (3S) Jim Newton (3S) Katryn Grant	9:00 (BB) Cliff Card (3S) John Howard (3S) The Rev. Valerie Bailey Fischer 11:00 (BB) Rich Grant (3S) Clare Perry (3S) The Rev. Barbara Williamson
Lector	Jane Graham	Jonas Barciauskas	Eric Kimble	9:00 AM Bob Torgerson 11:00 AM Jay Holdman
Acolyte(s)				9:00 AM 11:00 AM
V.P.O.D.	Nancy Kimble	Darlene Murphy	Joe Meeks	9:00 AM Jeremy Perisho 11:00 AM Jonas Barciauskas
Ushers	John Romain Pat Coffin	Larry Jobson Susan Newlin	Mike & Jeremy Perisho	9:00 AM Ray Considine Pat Coffin 11:00 AM Terry Rourke John Romain
Altar Guild	8:00 AM Gretchen Meeks 10:00 AM Gretchen Meeks Angela Crocker	8:00 AM Gretchen Meeks 10:00 AM Gretchen Meeks Angela Crocker	8:00 AM Mari Weldon 10:00 AM Mari Weldon Addie Krebs	9:00 AM Gretchen Meeks 11:00 AM Mari Weldon Jeremy Perisho
Coffee Server	Angela Crocker	Angela Crocker	Addie Krebs	Jeremy Perisho



From the Organ Bench

by Mary Sue Willie,
Director of Music

We have just finished the postponed Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show. The food was scrumptious, the service was perfection and the Talent Show amazing! A good time was had by all and although the snow kept us

included some of the chefs and **John Baggott** with **Davis Kornblum** as the 'runner' keeping the tables supplied. Our own parish talent put on an incredible show with performers from five to fifty+ bringing us talents we had never suspected!!

Now we are in the season of Lent with new service music and the singing of the psalm. This is simply a refreshment to help us hear the psalms in a new way. Our plans include a reprise of the liturgical dancers of St. E's once again enhancing the **Palm Sunday** services (which will be two identical services at 9 and 11 AM). Those who may have wished to dance but were too shy to try last year; here is your opportunity. Please be in touch with me (Mary Sue) if you have an interest in being part of this procession on **March 28th**.

from the Tuesday night date; the make-up following the 10 o'clock service on Sunday, February 21st, had all the required elements. Thanks in large part to the people who worked behind the scenes to bring it all together. **Betsy Wallingford** did a great deal to assemble our venerable chefs and kitchen crew as well as shopping with me for all that we needed. **Larry Jobson** and **Dave Wallingford** came on President's Day to help set up the sound system and tables and chairs. Then on Sunday we had the world renowned pancake flippers: **Rick Watson**, **Dave Wallingford**, **Giff Perry**, **Larry Jobson**, **Susan Newlin**, and **Betsy Wallingford** with invaluable help from **Josie Baggott** keeping ahead of the chefs in the kitchen. Servers

Both choirs are beginning preparations for Holy Week and Easter and we invite those who would like to be part of our music for these services to let me know or come to rehearsal (Adults: Thursdays at 7:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room or Youth: Sundays following the 10 o'clock service). We look forward to this season of reflection and celebration with all of you who make music with us, either in the choir loft or the congregation.

Mary Sue
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Centering Prayer Group Meets Tuesday Evenings

Amidst the hullabaloo and busyness of our everyday lives, we sometimes need to find a quiet space and regain a deeper sense of where our faith is leading us. **Sylvia Sepulveda** and **Jonas Barciauskas** have started a Centering Prayer group which meets on a weekly basis at St. Elizabeth's. Centering Prayer is a form of silent meditation with deep historical roots in the Christian tradition currently practiced by people from across a spectrum of denominations. We will benefit from several resources available to us for learning about the basics of its practice, including instructional DVDs, audio tapes, and periodic visits from Centering Prayer teachers.

The Centering Prayer sessions are held on **Tuesday evenings beginning at 7:30 in the YAC/Youth Group room**. Feel free to join us whenever your schedule permits. Contact **Sylvia (srsepulveda@mac.com)** or **Jonas (barciaus@bc.edu)** for information. You can visit the Contemplative Outreach website for information about centering prayer: <http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org>. There's a helpful 7 minute video on the site's About Us page.

News from COGS: Mite Boxes

Starting on Sunday, February 21st (the first Sunday in Lent), *Mite Boxes* will be distributed to all members of COGS, Rite 13, and J2A. The mite boxes provide a means for children and young adults to help those who are less fortunate, and also help young people understand that no gift is too small.

From Wikipedia:

The term *mite*, according to the dictionary, is defined as one of the following:

1. a very small contribution or amount of money, such as a widow's mite (Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4).
2. a very small object, creature, or particle (this one isn't really germane to the discussion!)
3. a coin of very small value, especially an obsolete British coin worth half a farthing.

The term **mite box** refers to a box that is used to save coins for charitable purposes. Contemporary mite boxes are usually made of cardboard and given out to church congregations during the Lenten season. The mite boxes are collected by the church and donations are given to the poor. Mite boxes are popular with children because they can fill them with small change and it teaches them the principals of giving to the poor. The Mite box giving promotes the spirit of contributing based on the intent to help others and not on the monetary amount.

The proceeds will be collected on Easter Day and will be given to Episcopal Relief & Development whose mission statement (taken from www.er-d.org) is:

“ERD provides emergency assistance in times of disaster; rebuilds devastated communities and offers long-term program development solutions to fight poverty.”

If you have any questions, please contact **Kristen Collins** or **Clare Perry**. Thank you!





Jambo! Karibu! (Hello! Welcome!)

Are you intrigued about the month that **Carol Davies** and her co-worker **Dale Miller** spent in Kenya during November 2009 on their sabbatical? If so, mark your calendar for **Jumapili** (Sunday) March 14 and plan on experiencing intriguing African music plus videos and photos of an amazing 30 days. There will be a solar cooker demonstration plus an opportunity to see the Portable Microbiology Lab kits that were used in their water training curriculum. They will also be sharing with you their experiences of doing elephant surveillance at Tsavo East National Park for 11 days plus the many other adventures, thrills, and emotional events.

An organized potluck *karamu* (place of joyful gathering) will start at 5:30 pm and every one of any age is invited. If you can't join us for supper, *Hakuna matata* (no problem) then be ready for the presentation at approximately 6:30. The food for the potluck is organized as follows:

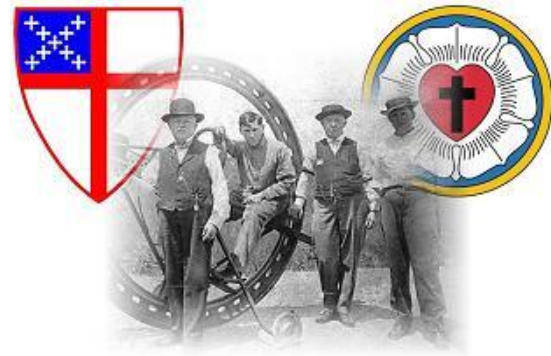
- A-F Salads
- G-M Desserts
- N-Z Main Dish

Salama! (Peace!)

Men's Group meeting on March 20th at St. John Lutheran

Our next Men's Group meeting will occur on Saturday, March 20, at St. Elizabeth's, starting at 9:00 a.m. Our sessions provide a great opportunity to share stories and reflections about our church life with a group of supportive men. If you have ideas for discussion topics, please contact **Jonas Barciauskas** (barciaus@bc.edu) or **Walter Morgan** (walter.morgan@fiserv.com) with your thoughts. This is the third year we have been meeting and our fellowship in faith is something we have found be both fun and rewarding.

In order that we can plan for food and other material appropriately, please let Jonas or Walter know that you are coming.



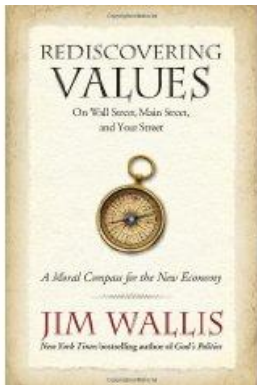
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Many Exciting Items for Sale!

- 🎬 Weekend at a Cape Cod vacation home
- 🎬 Weekend at a Martha's Vineyard condo
- 🎬 Weekend at a New Hampshire vacation house
- 🎬 Weekend at the Winnetu Oceanside Resort on Martha's Vineyard
- 🎬 Tour of Fox Studios 25-Dedham
- 🎬 Tickets to Tanglewood
- 🎬 Violin Lessons from Bonnie Brown of the BSO
- 🎬 Southern BBQ for 8
- 🎬 MacKinnons Wine Warehouse Gift Certificate
- 🎬 Day at Lake Boon with BBQ & Water Skiing
- 🎬 Museum of Science & Planetarium Passes
- 🎬 Round of Golf for 2 at Nashawtuc Country Club w/Lunch
- 🎬 Boston Duck Tour Tickets
- 🎬 Bullfinchs Restaurant - Cooking School for Two
- 🎬 Pet Sitting Services
- 🎬 Hill Jewelers Gift Certificate



- 🎬 Dinner at The Wayside Inn
- 🎬 Discount coupons from many local merchants
- 🎬 Art by local Artists
- 🎬 Many wonderful Theme Gift Baskets including: iPod, Gourmet Food & Wine, Chef's Tools, Hostess, etc.
- 🎬 Jewelry
- 🎬 Homemade Goodies
- 🎬 Pet Photo Shoot by Paige Gilbert-Goldfarb
- 🎬 Restaurant Gift Certificates
- 🎬 Golf Outings
- 🎬 Museum Tickets
- 🎬 Car Washes
- 🎬 **and much, much more!**



JIM WALLIS is speaking in **Cambridge** on his book tour for *Rediscovering Values: On Wall Street, Main Street, and Your Street - A Moral Compass for the New Economy*.

On **Wednesday, March 3**, Wallis will present at the **John F. Kennedy Jr. Forum**. The program will begin at **6 p.m.** at the **Harvard Kennedy School of Government**.

Joining the conversation is **Liz Walker**, Award-winning television journalist, and Ordained Minister; **Father J. Bryan Hehir**, Professor of the Practice of Religion and Public Life, HKS; and event moderator, **Richard Parker**, Lecturer in Public Policy and Senior Fellow, Joan Shorenstien Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy.

While most of us wonder, "When will the financial crisis be over?," Wallis will present the more challenging question, "**How will the financial crisis change us?**"

Jim Wallis is the founder and CEO of Sojourners and author of the recent *New York Times* best-selling books, *The Great Awakening: Seven Ways to Change the World* and *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It*.

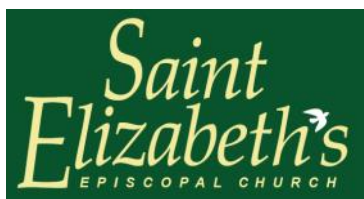
Mar. 3, 2010: Cambridge, MA John F. Kennedy Jr. Forum - 6 p.m.
Harvard Kennedy School of Government
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<http://www.iop.harvard.edu/Events-Meetings/JFK-Jr.-Forum-Calendar>

March Calendar of Events

Tuesday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 ... Centering Prayer Group, 7:30 PM
Wednesday, March 3 Students Together Opposing Prejudice, 6:45 PM, Temple Beth El
Wednesday, March 3, 10, 17, and 24 . Lenten Series: Who do you say that I am? 6 PM (see page 5)
Wednesday, March 3 Jim Wallis, *Rediscovering Values*, 6 PM, Harvard University (see page 11)
Sunday, March 14 **Jumapili and potluck karamu**, 5:30 PM, St. E's (see page 10)
Saturday, March 20 Men's Group Meeting, 9 AM at St. E's (see page 10)
Sunday March 21 Liturgy of the Light, first rehearsal, during Atrium (see page 1)
Saturday, March 20 **ST. E'S BENEFIT AUCTION**, 5–7 :30 PM (see page 1 and page 11)
Sunday, March 28 **Holy Week** Begins (see page 1 for the complete service schedule)
Sunday, March 28 Liturgy of the Light second rehearsal, during the 9 AM service (see page 1)

For the full church calendar of events, see page 6
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Ours is a community through which we respond to our connection with God as revealed in Jesus Christ. Together we seek to know and worship God, nurturing one another in love as we live God's will. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek to reach out and respond to the needs of others and to make God known to the larger community.

St. Elizabeth's Church in the Town of Sudbury welcomes and honors everyone. In accordance with our baptismal covenant, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We strive to include all persons without regard to sexual orientation, race, nationality, gender, family configuration, ethnic background, economic circumstances, difference in ability, culture or age. Our love and acceptance of each other embody our commitment to unity with God and each other in Christ.