



St Margaret's Notebook

March 27, 2008

An Easter Message from the Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

I usually take my annual retreat during Lent. The forty days of prayer, self-denial, and works of mercy offer a good backdrop for a time of spiritual refreshment and renewal. The readings from the Holy Scriptures that the church assigns to the days of Lent are rich food for the soul and provide an opportunity to look deep within. The church's baptismal emphasis during Lent is another sort of gift. It calls me to consider again what it means to live soaking wet in the spirit-filled waters of Holy Baptism.

This year, however, will be different. For reasons largely having to do with the calendar, my annual retreat will fall during the Great Fifty Days of Easter, the church's pentecost. It will be interesting to see how this time of prayer, reflection and spiritual rejuvenation will turn out differently. To take a hard look at life in Christ, not in the context of the disciplines of Lent but in the full blush of the Resurrection of Jesus, will certainly reshape the experience into something wholly different. To live more deeply into one's relationship with Jesus--apart from the season of fasting and self-denial and immersed instead in the season of "unbridled rejoicing" in celebration of the Resurrection--will no doubt reform the shape of my prayer in ways I can only begin to imagine. I believe the questions will be different, and almost surely the answers, too.

Let me invite you to take a similar journey. I am always impressed (and humbled) by the faithfulness of our parishes and our people to the keeping of a Holy Lent. The prayer, the disciplines, the courses of study, the sacrifices, the works of charity, the endless liturgies of Holy Week, and all the rest, surely form and shape us in to being more like Jesus, more loving, more generous, and more welcoming of all.

Let's imagine, then, that we devoted as much attention to the Great Fifty Days of Easter. Imagine what might happen if we spent as much time praying that Christ rise from the dead in us. Imagine what might happen if we approached the fifty days of resurrection rejoicing with as much intentionality, discipline and faithfulness as we did the forty days of Holy Lent. Imagine what might happen if we were able to let go of our attachments and truly live in the power of the Resurrection. Imagine living life in imitation of Jesus on Resurrection morning--unbounded!

The very thought of such a thing causes me to tremble. Tremble. Tremble.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Blessings!

The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander
Bishop of Atlanta
Easter 2008

March 2008

Dear ECWomen and ECMen,

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for your combined efforts that resulted in an absolutely wonderful 2008 Valentine Luncheon. The parish hall was beautiful, the food delicious, the mood fun and festive. The entire event was tremendous and St. Margaret's Community Outreach thanks each of you for the part you played in its success.

This thanks, however, goes beyond the succulent casserole and decadent desserts, way past the pretty ribbon-tied napkins and camellia-clad boxes. The thanks I pass along to every single person who participated in any

way is on behalf of the families and individuals who are served by SMCO. By sharing 100% of the luncheon proceeds with SMCO, you enable us to continue in the pursuit of our original mission of serving the poor and disadvantaged in our community, without discrimination. Thank you for the help you give; thank you for the hope you share.



Catherine

Eastertide

The themes and symbols of Easter Day continue their prominence in the Easter season and culminate on the Day of Pentecost. This season is filled with joy, triumph and resounding "Alleluias." The altar hangings and decorations as well as the clergy's vestments are either white or gold (or a combination of both). The Paschal candle remains lit until Ascension Day (or Pentecost if Ascension is not celebrated) and is a visual reminder to us that Christ is the light of the world and also provides a visible link between baptism and resurrection. Within the liturgy there are subtle changes such as standing throughout the Prayers of the People and the Eucharistic Prayer, there is no confession of sin and the blessing at the end of the service is restored. In the Daily Office (Morning & Evening Prayer) the Angelus is replaced with the Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven) and the Pascha Nostrum (Christ our Passover) replaces the Venite.

Easter Customs and Symbols

Some older churches have an area set aside (usually by the high/main altar) with a sepulchre (tomb) complete with statues of angels, candles, and a chest carved with symbols of the passion. Other churches perform the Quem quaeritis, a medieval liturgical drama based on Mary's visit to the tomb (John 20:1-18). Much

like stained glass, wood carvings, music and liturgy, the liturgical dramas were used to communicate the basic and important elements of the faith since reading was not a common practice in the Middle Ages.

Another symbol associated with the Easter season is the egg. In both pagan and Christian circles the egg has been an important symbol since ancient times. Eggs are symbols of renewal, rebirth and fertility thus they are appropriately tied with Spring. Just as the hard shell of the egg breaks open so that new life may emerge, the tomb of Jesus was broken open on the third day and new life given to us. Early pagans thought of spring and the egg as the rebirth of nature. Christians view it this way too, but also as the rebirth of mankind; the new life of the resurrection. There are many different traditions with eggs: colored, written on (Ukrainian), egg hunts and egg rolling (a game) to name a few.

Another symbol of Easter is the peacock, symbolizing immortality. Its flesh was thought to be incorruptible and its plumage renewed each spring. The peacock decorates many early sarcophagi because it announces the resurrection of the flesh. There are many other symbols associated with the Eastertide and I will share more of them as the season progresses.

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

Meredith+

Holy Week



Easter







MARCH BIRTHDAYS

27-Mar Eric Baret
28-Mar John Reed, Liz Bischoft,
Zooney Bush

29-Mar Ben DeGaris, Patrick Erwin, Thomas Fitzgerald,
Reese Lanier, Tom Saunders

30-Mar Fran Robinson

31-Mar Robert Swanson

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

02-Apr Susan McMillin, Mikell Wells

03-Apr Lynda Gerber, Gareth Hoffman,

04-Apr Aaron Reynolds

05-Apr Debbie Pyles

06-Apr Lauren Nassetta

07-Apr Mary Sarner

09-Apr Kip Carter, Leslie Hunsicker, Bill Jacobus,
Catherine Lindahl

10-Apr Steven Minor, Audrey Perdue, B.W. Chase

11-Apr P.J. Hovey

12-Apr Jason Robinson, Paul Campbell

13-Apr John Hull

15-Apr Betty Gaddis, Ben Kennedy, Beth Smith,
Lisa Gezon

16-Apr Glenn Folds, Shell Bush

17-Apr Jo Fortner

18-Apr Jill Jarrell, Tom Miller

20-Apr Lee Griffin, Will Cochran

23-Apr Ron Adams, Julia Richards, Peg Callahan

24-Apr Reba DeGaris, Alice Sawyer

25-Apr Michelle Shook

26-Apr Irving DeGaris, Megan Hooper

27-Apr Nelson Gerber, Peter Maierhofer, Suzi Blosser

28-Apr Joe Shook

29-Apr Carol Chapman, Mac McCoy

30-Apr Karen Swanson, Debbie Bernhardt, Ella Daniel

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

24-Mar Sam & Ann Price

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

05-Apr Tom & Sherry Foreman

06-Apr Dan & Julie Cain

11-Apr Tom & Brenda Fitzgerald

19-Apr Vaughn & Betty Gaddis

29-Apr Frank & Heather Sciolis

**DID WE LEAVE YOUR BIRTHDAY OR
ANNIVERSARY OFF OUR LIST? CALL JULIE IN
THE CHURCH OFFICE, 770-832-3931 OR EMAIL:
STMARGARETS@CHARTERINTERNET.COM
WITH THE DATES.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 8 ECW Meeting - 12 noon in the Parish
Hall

Vestry Meeting - 7:00 pm in the den of
the Gable House

Apr 21-28 Hazel at CREDO

May 4 Senior Night

May 11 9:00 am Sunday School graduation
10:10 am Annual Slideshow

May 12-26 Julie vacation

May 27 / June 4 J2A Pilgrimage to Canterbury

JUNE 1 10:00 AM SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS



26th Annual Ecumenical Quiche
Luncheon

The Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Altar Society, cordially invites

the church ladies of Carroll and Haral-
son Counties to the Twenty Sixth An-
nual Ecumenical Quiche Luncheon in
the parish center on Wednesday, April
23 at Twelve Noon. No reservations are
needed. A nursery will be provided and
a light lunch will be served to the
youngsters.

Reminder

Thrift shop clean up
Monday, April 7 at 9 am.

March 30, 2008

	9:00 am	11:00 am
Crucifer	Catherine Lindahl	Sam Goodson
Book Bearer	James Cochran	Alice Sawyer
Taper	Emmery Cary	
	Mary Katheryn Denmon	

Altar Guild Judy Reed, Debbie Pyles, Missy Sullivan, Karen Adams

Children's Church Jill and Sam Jarrell

Lay Readers	9:00 am	11:00 am
	Taylor Gordon	Bob Claxton
	Jim Cunningham	Judith King

Ushers	9:00 am	11:00 am
	Randy Denmon	Mary Hart
	Lisanne Denmon	George Lenaeus

Thrift Shop

March 28

10-1:00 pm	Brenda Grubb, Amanda Reynolds
1-4:00 pm	Susan Lenaeus, Ann Price

March 29

10-1:00 pm Mary Aderhold, T.B.A.

APRIL HOSTESSES

Rose Dufour, Shirely Hewitt, Alice Jakubiak, Julie Lindahl, Andra Morris, Diana Rash, Heather Sciolis, Carolyn Stone, Ann Ward

APRIL PAPER PANTRY Gloria Johnston, Stephanie Turner

APRIL VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH

Lin Reed

April 6, 2008

	9:00 am	11:00 am
Crucifer	Ariel Reynolds	William Keene
Book Bearer	Aaron Reynolds	Tom Fitzpatrick
Taper	Taylor Foreman	
	Lucy Hughes parrish	

Altar Guild Georgia Keene, Nancy Disinger, Diana Rash, Carolyn Stone

Children's Church Jo Fortner, Linda Parmer

Lay Readers	9:00 am	11:00 am
	Suzi Blosser	Alex Brookhuis
	Bill Shook	Hugh Mitchell

Ushers	9:00 am	11:00 am
	Tom Parmer	Bob Graf
	David Reynolds	Richard Smith

Thrift Shop

April 4

10-1:00 pm	Elaine Holmes, Diana Rash
1-4:00 pm	Emily Cumming, Carmenlydia Morgan

April 5

10-1:00 pm Margaret Hickson, Rose Dufour

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PRAYER LIST

Our parish family: Nicole, Katherine, Sumner, Luke and Jack, Larry, Joann, Jan, Alice

Family and friends: Ethan, Annalee, Jackie, Lainey, Eddie, Jon, Betty, Angela, Steve, Jamie, Virginia, Hubert, Bryan, Randy, Nicky, Georgina, Caitlin, Stan, Larry, Brenda, Tina, Hope, Philip, Andrew, Eileen, Esther, Anne, Theresa, Tina, Lee, Billie, Mary Anne, Murphy, Jeff, Lois, Lisa, Cy, Steve, Mike, Charlotte, Brian, Henry, Lisa, Newbern, Carlton, Janie, Drew, Jeanette, Sarah, Catherine

Military: Walker, Steven, Drew, Lyle, Doug, Jessie, Matthew, Sarah, Robert, Elizabeth, Marshall, Will, Jordan, Stacey

ST. MARGARET'S VESTRY

Bruce Bobick - Sr. Warden
Randy Coggins - Jr. Warden
Guyton Cochran
Cindy Hull
Tony McGaughey
Catherine Minor
Andra Morris
John Muffley
Hugh Mitchell
Judy Reed
Lin Reed
Susan Souigny

PRAYER REQUESTS may be submitted by emailing Julie at Stmargarets@charterinternet.com or by phone 770-832-3931.



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