
The Outrider

FEBRUARY 2004

The View of the Future

from Above the Close...

February is my least favorite month. I shiver just thinking about it. I'm always thankful it is the shortest month—but this year it's a day longer than usual.

But there is this about February—March and April get nearer each day!

By the time you read this, the Annual Meeting of St. John's will be over. We will have five new Vestry members and a budget that was created for "growth". I commend the Vestry for their courage in approving a budget that seeks to create a future for St. John's *that wouldn't happen anyway....* We, as a parish, have decided to "choose" our future rather than wait for it to show up. It is a leap of faith. It is stepping out onto the waters and "choosing" to walk to Jesus rather than staying in the boat.

The Vestry and Staff of St. John's has chosen "growth" as the way we will live together as a community. God bless us! And, God help us....

Besides God's help, we need your help as well. Each of you, everyone reading these words—your help is needed. Are you willing to try a little "water walking" yourself?

A statistic I read a few years ago said that Episcopalians invite someone to church once every nine years! It's your turn now. Deep in this frozen, dark month of February, you and I must be thinking of Spring and preparing ourselves for "growth".

I'm inviting everyone reading this to join the community of St. John's for worship each Sunday. And I am praying that you will think and pray about someone in your life you'd like to share your faith story with and invite to join you in the journey to the Lover of Souls. Consider this: what if the life of someone you know depended on your reaching out to them? Wouldn't you do that? I know you would.

There is someone you know who is longing to know and be known by God in a new way. Step out of the boat onto the chilly waters of February and offer to bring them to church with you to share in the journey and the joy of our lives as the Body of Christ.

Their life—in a real way—may depend on that. Like the old commercial line goes:
"reach out and touch someone...."

The water's fine. Come on in....

Shalom,

Jim

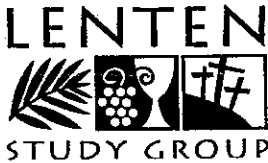


ASH WEDNESDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

This year Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent falls on February 25. As is our practice at St. John's, there will be three Eucharists with the distribution of ashes: 8 a.m.; 12 noon; 7:30 p.m.

In addition, every half-hour between services, starting at 9 a.m., there will be the opportunity for distribution of ashes and communion from the reserved sacrament in the Chapel.

Resolve to begin the observance of a Holy Lent by joining us at St. John's on Ash Wednesday.



LENTEN STUDY—TUESDAY NIGHTS

Conflict is a part of life. One of the most important elements of living is dealing with conflict. Our Lenten Study this year will be an opportunity to reflect on and deal with "conflict"—in our personal lives, in our life as a parish and in the world.

On four Tuesday evenings in Lent we will have a simple soup, bread and salad supper at 6:30 p.m. and reflections on how we as Christians and as a parish church need to address and deal with conflict. Our jumping off point will be a curriculum written by The Rt. Rev. Stephen Charleston, Dean of the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass. Bishop Charleston is one of the most dynamic and gifted leaders of our church.

Mark your calendars now: Tuesday—March 2, 9, 16 and 23.

6:30—Simple Supper

7:15—Program

8:30—Compline

If you can't make the Supper, join us for the program and worship.

I urge all members of St. John's to be a part of this opportunity to seek ways to live together creatively in conflict.



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE EPIPHANY ADULT FORUM:
POETRY AND THE DIVINE
Led by Michael Spencer

The New Hampshire poet Donald Hall described poetry as the attempt "to make the unsayable said." At the end of his life, the great Greek philosopher Plato declared, "I should have been a poet." Both Hall and Plato, separated by nearly two millennia, suggest that poetry is perhaps the most appropriate language to convey nearly inexpressible truth. Poems play with and twist language. Poems are often symbolic, pointing beyond themselves to a far greater reality. Religious poems point to God.

On four consecutive Sundays we will consider the works of four poets whose craft is informed by their theological and Christian understanding. No background in poetry study is necessary and there will be no outside reading. Each of the poets we will study has contributed significantly to the growing tradition of distinctly Anglican poetry. During this season in which we celebrate Epiphany, we will spend our time reading and discussing the poetic gifts offered by each of these selected poets.

February 1	selected poems of John Donne
February 8	selected poems of George Herbert
February 15	selected poems of Gerard Manley Hopkins
February 22	selected poems of R. S. Thomas

LENTEN ADULT FORUMS—"The Gospel of Mary Magdalene"

The best selling novel The De Vinci Code has caused many people to ask questions about Mary Magdalene and her role in Jesus' life and in the Christian faith. There is a "gospel" attributed to Mary Magdalene that opens up a rich conversation. On Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. during Lent (March 1, March 7, 14, 21 and 28) we will be examining the Gospel of Mary and engaging each other in that conversation. Copies of The Gospel of Mary of Magdala by Dr. Karen King, Winn Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Harvard Divinity School, will be available in the church office by February 15. This text will serve as the outline for our adult forums. A contribution of \$10 will help cover the cost of the books. If you're wondering if this forum is for you, here's an insight into the nature of Dr. King's book:

"Lost for more than fifteen hundred years, the Gospel of Mary is the only existing early Christian gospel written in the name of a woman. Karen L. King tells the story of the recovery of this remarkable gospel and offers a new translation. This brief narrative presents a radical interpretation of Jesus' teachings as a path to inner spiritual knowledge. It rejects his suffering and death as a path to eternal life and exposed the view that Mary Magdalene was a prostitute for what it is—a piece of theological fiction. The Gospel of Mary of Magdala offers a fascinating glimpse into the conflicts and controversies that shaped earliest Christianity."

--from the jacket of Dr. King's book

Join us during the Sunday mornings of Lent.

Ashes To Alleluias



Again this year, members of St. John's will be writing daily meditations for the Lenten journey. The "Ashes to Alleluia" booklet will be distributed on the Sunday before Lent and on Ash Wednesday. Copies will be available in the Parish Office. Many thanks to those who are writing meditations and blessings on everyone who uses the booklet for their personal Lenten discipline.

ATTENTION ALL TEENS (ANYONE 13 TO 18 YEARS OLD)



Please join us for a light breakfast, conversation, and games on the following Sundays: February 1, 8, 15, and 22nd. We'll meet together on the third floor in the Guild Hall from 9-10:00 a.m. This is an opportunity to get to know other teens in the parish and to talk about things like the Bible and prayer and doubt and why we bother coming to church at all.

The program has already started and we would like to map out new possibilities to begin this winter and spring. Sandwiches and treats provided. Children and newcomers are always welcome. Any questions, contact Malinda Johnson at 754-3116.



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT ANNOUNCES GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut has announced that it will hold a Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, on Sunday, May 16, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. for those married 50 or more years. Bp. Andrew Smith will preach and preside over this service. It will include a renewal of marriage vows and presentation of commemorative certificates to all couples. A reception will follow. Below is a list of parish couples who've been married 50 or more years, based upon information provided to us. Please contact the Church Office by March 31, 2004 if you wish to attend this Celebration. If your name does not appear and you wish to attend - please let us know!

Fran & Kay Bergin
George & Martha Coulson
Richard & Sally Harris
John & Marjorie Parker
Warren & Cynthia Skipp

Ted & Pat Bojarski
Henry & Mary Friez
Peter & Bertha Anne Lenart
Bill & Gert Payne
Vincent & Elena Viega



MARDI GRAS HELP WANTED

BAKERS - We need volunteers to bake 8-10 King's cakes (recipe provided or you can make a buttery, pound cake-like confection of your own. The only thing that absolutely must be inside the cake is a small, plastic baby...who knows why, it's just a tradition!)

MARTHA STEWART WANNABES - We need 4-5 yummy kinds of hors d'oeuvres, hot or cold (each to serve roughly 100.) Bear in mind, Malinda's efforts in this area have been worse than dismal. She's getting a finger-food complex and would really and truly appreciate some help. In addition, we need 4-5 volunteers to make green salad.

TEENAGERS - (Or those with energy enough to be mistaken for one) - we need people to help set up, clean up and serve. It's more fun than it sounds, particularly when you're letting the good times roll in the kitchen with Barbara Curry and Diane Platt (not to mention Diane's lovely daughters.)

A FEW GOOD MEN and/or WOMEN TO TAKE TURNS COLLECTING MONEY AT THE DOOR - No one will be turned away for inability to pay (please just see Jim or Malinda for financial assistance before February 21st.) However, we do need to make sure we collect the admissions charge from everyone else! The Funky Butt Jazz Band is wonderful, but - alas - not cheap.



WHETHER YOU'RE ABLE TO HELP OUT OR NOT, MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW AND JOIN US IN OUR PRE-LENTEN REVELS!

DON'T MISS MARDI GRAS AT ST. JOHN'S SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST STARTING AT 6 P.M.!

- The Funky Butt Jazz Band***
- The Magic Genie***
- A kids menu***
- Jambalaya and fried chicken to feed a very hungry crowd***
- Dancing and a King Rex parade (we'll also crown a new king for next year!)*
- Prize for most outrageous costume***

MARDI GRAS TICKETS ON SALE!!!

Please, if you can, we're urging everyone to buy tickets beforehand! We'd like to have as accurate a "head count" as possible so we're sure to have seating and refreshments for all. Tickets cost \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 kids/seniors. If you need financial assistance in order to attend, please see Jim Bradley or Malinda Johnson. Tickets on sale in the hallway after the service 2/1, 2/8, and 2/15.



You may also purchase tickets anytime from Malinda, Barbara Curry, or Bill Garretson.

CREATIVE CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



The Creative Church School meets each Sunday on the third floor from 9-10:00 a.m. New students are always welcome. In February we will focus on some of the Hebrew Scriptures as well as the Book of Luke.

February 1 - We will focus on Jeremiah 1:4-10. How Jeremiah had to say things that were hard for people to accept. Being the messenger can be difficult. Jeremiah was able to speak for God because he knew that God was with him and loved him. God chose Jeremiah and that made him special. Take some time to share this prayer with your child:

Adult: God is your Creator, God chose you and you are special.

Child: I am too young.

Adult: God is your Creator, God chose you and you are special.

Child: No one will listen to me.

Adult: God is your Creator, God chose you and you are special.

February 8 - Focus will be on Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13). Isaiah had a vision of God, but even he can't describe God. All he can find are words for God's robe and the creatures that surround God. We can't ever find language for things that are holy when faced with God's awesomeness. Isaiah didn't feel good about himself, yet God still called him to be a prophet. Sometimes we too might think we're not very good, yet God loves us and God calls us to be disciples. This week we find stories of people like Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa, and Dr. Martin Luther King, who have worked for the cause of justice and peace.

February 15 - Focus will be on Luke 6:17-26. Jesus gives us the Beatitudes. Image the world Jesus is talking about. It's a world of generosity and love, life and compassion. Jesus gives us a challenge, what do we need to let go of or change so we can become a blessing to others?

February 22 - No church school - winter break.

February 29 - The focus will be on Luke 4:1-3. It's a little bit strange that we start the journey toward Easter with a story from before the time Jesus even starts His ministry. It reminds us that all of Jesus' life was about making choices. He was tempted with everything that would bring him status, but he chose the way that would bring healing, wholeness, and life to all. We are all challenged by life choices. How do we respond to the challenge?



CENTERING PRAYER CIRCLE

Perhaps the time is right this winter for a new prayer experience, one which is ancient but being rediscovered in our day. It is called Centering Prayer and it is simple, gentle, and nonthreatening. You won't have to "pray out loud" and there aren't any should's or ought's. Centering Prayer is rich, wonderful, and powerful.

The Centering prayer guidelines are:

1. Choose a sacred prayer word as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within.
2. Sitting comfortably with eyes closed, settle briefly and silently introduce the sacred word as the symbol of your consent to God's presence and action within us.
3. When you become aware of thoughts, return, ever-so-gently, to the sacred word.
4. At the end of the 20 minute prayer period, remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.
5. We end our prayer period with Our Father.

We follow our Centering period with a time of sharing and discussion. We are currently reading and discussing the book Centered Living by Basil Pennington.

Would you like to join us on Thursday nights? We gather at St. John's at 7:30 p.m. for an hour.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS



African Team Ministries: It was with great pleasure that we were able to sponsor a craft/jewelry sale for this worthy cause during December. We raised \$647.00 for this project. Thanks to all who purchased items and those who worked on the sale. The proceeds aid women and orphans in East Africa.

Chapman House: The Everyman Guild Concert on November 25, 2003 was a wonderful evening. All who attended had a great time and raised \$924.25 to add to the recreation fund for Chapman House. Chapman House is a safe haven for children who have been removed from abusive situations. Thank you for your support of this most worthwhile project.

Marie DeRiso: We were saddened during 2003 at the death of Marie DeRiso. She was passionate about our causes. Donations in her memory stocked the mitten tree.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be February 11, 2004 in the Library at St. John's. We will begin planning our activities for 2004. We encourage you to participate in this ministry. Please join us.

Lorraine Weid



THE EPISCOPAL PUBLIC POLICY NETWORK

"Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" Baptismal Covenant

How often have you passed the Community Bulletin Board as you enter the church from the parish hall? Have you noticed the large poster: *The Episcopal Public Policy Network*, inviting you to join?

What is this anyway? Presiding Bishop Browning has said, "We must proclaim the power of the Gospel to those in power." This network is a nationwide grassroots network of Episcopalians who bring social policies and positions of the Episcopal Church to the nation's lawmakers.

The Office of Government Relations in Washington, D.C., represents the social policies established by resolutions adopted by the General Convention and Executive Council on issues of justice and peace. The staff meets with government leaders and works with the media to build relationships with Members of the Congress and forms coalitions of both religious and secular interest groups to further the church's positions. Congress needs to hear from us when it considers many bills that impact the mission of the church. Many religious communities purport to speak on our behalf. However, we have a view and position of public policy that may be different and unique to our denomination.

The following are some of the issues advanced since 2000:

1. Upholding human rights and human needs.

- Worked to fund childcare and nutrition programs.
- Worked to secure passage of the Violence Against Women Act.
- Worked to expand the definition of hate crimes in legislation.
- Supported funding for UN relief and food programs.
- Promoted unlimited access to health care.

2. Promoting economic justice.

- Supported debt relief to poor countries.
- Supported creative initiatives and funding to fight AIDS.
- Supported antipoverty assistance in the Anglican Communion.

3. Support advocacy efforts to advance and secure peace in the Middle East.

- Supported congress to develop peaceful responses to global conflict.
- Pushed for legislation monitoring diamonds mined illegally in Africa which subsidize abduction and slavery of women and children.

4. Advance environmental justice.

- Worked to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
- Raised awareness of economic standards and relationship to global warming and our dependence on oil.

What happens when you join? Membership is free. You will be sent congressional alerts and information, a brochure with list of resolutions adopted by convention, and addresses of your congressional reps. You can decide your action. You can call or write your congressional representatives, write a letter to the editor of the local paper, discuss the information with friends and educate yourself on the issues. This is a way for our voices to be heard in Washington! Sign up and join the ministry for peace and justice. The number to call is 1-800-228-0515 or e-mail eppn@episcopalchurch.org.



GOOD STEWARDSHIP

My name is Monica Tiso and I have been a member of St. John's Parish since January 2002. In my previous life, I was identified as a Roman Catholic. I am sure that many of you will understand what I mean when I say that **stewardship** is something that we just didn't talk about. In fact, I didn't really even know what it was when Jim asked me to join the Stewardship Committee. One thing that I learned very quickly upon joining St. John's is that it is almost impossible to say no to Jim!

Anyway, I attended the first few meetings and quite honestly, I still didn't really have a firm grasp of the whole stewardship concept. Right from the get-go I kept hearing that we need to keep stewardship separate from tithing. Being a banker, money was something that I understood. Using your "gifts" to glorify God was totally new to me. Sure, I was used to putting my envelope in the basket every week, but actually **getting involved** was something totally foreign! We always had some organization that the Bishops' Annual Appeal funded, that took care of all that charity work. It never occurred to most of us that we were responsible for doing that work.

One of the things that amazed me the most during my first few months attending St. John's was how many groups we had. There seemed to me to be a group for everything and they were centered on helping others! Besides doing the Confirmation Community Service, my obligations to others had always stopped at the church doors. Don't get me wrong, I was and still am involved with many charitable organizations, but I never made the connection to my faith before.

Quite simply, stewardship is nothing more than serving God through serving others. If we truly believe our vision statement, "recognizing Christ in every person", our faith calls us to "get involved"! This doesn't mean that we want you to quit your full time job and devote yourself entirely to charitable activities. It does mean that you must examine the blessings that God has bestowed upon you and find a way to share them. What fun is there in having something special if you can't share it?

This past year I had the pleasure of participating in the AmeriCares project in May. Although my talents do not run to carpentry, God blessed me with the most wonderful husband who adores it! When I asked him to help out that day, he was ecstatic. I am not sure just how much help I was that day, but I do know that I had a great time sharing my blessing!

During these long winter months, please take the time to examine your blessings and see if you cannot find a way to share them. I promise you that you will receive so much more than whatever you give.

Monica Tiso

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



FEBRUARY

- 2/1 Michele Carrano
- 2/1 Liana Walker
- 2/2 Tyler Beaudoin
- 2/3 Abby Townsend
- 2/4 Amy Moniello
- 2/5 Bonnie Flanagan
- 2/5 Jason Russo
- 2/5 Dyann LoRusso
- 2/6 Michelle Mastropietro
- 2/6 Beverly Strassner
- 2/7 Nashana Cambigue
- 2/7 Lucylle Ladden
- 2/7 Pamela Strassner
- 2/7 Anthony Longo
- 2/8 Kenneth Greider
- 2/9 Jacqueline Quirici
- 2/9 Angela Bowman
- 2/10 Michael Gates
- 2/12 Jeanne Reed
- 2/13 David Decarolis
- 2/13 Anthony DiZinno
- 2/13 Brittany Clarkson
- 2/16 Susan Jefferson
- 2/17 Robert Baranoski
- 2/18 Clara Bigelow
- 2/18 John Bozzuto
- 2/18 Pauline Levesque
- 2/19 James Morgan
- 2/20 Natasha Bush
- 2/20 Brian Ladden
- 2/21 Sarah Greider
- 2/21 Gail Szantyr
- 2/22 Sonja Osborn
- 2/23 Hector Echeandia
- 2/23 Lisa Echeandia
- 2/23 Gregory Mattson
- 2/25 Agnes Pracny
- 2/25 Kyle Banisaied
- 2/27 Alexis Langlois
- 2/27 Alice Stack-Mullahy



FEBRUARY

- 2/14 Michael & Judy Sims
- 2/18 Mark & Wendy Thomas
- 2/24 Albert & Theresa Gambino, Jr.
- 2/27 David & Francine Smith, Sr.

FEBRUARY PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

February 1: Dwight and Karin Steisel and Family, Maude Stevenson, Michael & Robin Stokes, Christine Stolfi & Family, Marilou Stolfi, Pam Strassner, Barbara Sylvestro, and Gail & Mark Szantyr.

February 8: Mark & Ann Tabaka, Greg & Erin Tani, Larry & Kathleen Tapley, Montgomery & Renee Taylor, Peter & Sharon Taylor, Nelson Tchakirides, J. Peter Tchakirides, The Tellerday Family, and Mary Terrell.

February 15: Paul Terrill, Faye Thomas, Mark & Wendy Thomas, Mary Beth Thompson, Monica Tiso, Shawn and Susan Tittle & Family, Bob & Pam Toffey, John & Melissa Torrance, and Rafael & Rosa Torres.

February 22: Ruth Truelove, Elizabeth Trzcinski & Jennifer Moniello, Harvey Udell, Domnitsu Uilean, Diego Urena, Anthony & Anne Vaccarelli, Claudine Vaccarelli, and Charlotte Vanasse.

February 29: Laura and Mario Varrone & Family, Elizabeth & Jeremy Vermette, Vincent & Elena Viega, Arlene Wallace, Louis Warren, Christopher and Michelle Webber & Family, Brenda and Leo Webber & Family, Renetta Webber, and Marsha Webber & Doug Livingston.

In Memory Of...

February 1: Oscar & Augusta Espelin.

February 8: Victor Grey.

February 15: Christian Schumacher.

February 22: Victor and Frances Larson.



OPEN BOOK READING GROUP



The Open Book Reading Group will resume meeting in February. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, February 4th at 1:00 p.m. Bring a sandwich and be ready to discuss Cold Mountain, by James Frazier. This is a wonderful first novel. A great critic of American literature, Alfred Kazin, called it an astonishing work of fiction, among the best of the past 100 years. At any rate, this book is much better than the movie according to those who have seen the movie and read the book. So do join us and tell us what you think.



Thank you Sandy Allard, Dick Harris, and Willis & Gert Payne for your assistance in delivering poinsettias plants to St. John's Parishioners who are shut in.

Henry Friez



PROVINCIAL CONVOCATION

Every year, the seven Episcopal Dioceses of New England, known as Province I, (the Episcopal Church USA has nine provinces) sponsors a Convocation the Saturday before Thanksgiving. It is held at the Mont Marie Conference Center in Holyoke, Massachusetts. Speakers and workshops provide a forum for the exchange of ideas in the light of the Gospel. The laity, clergy and bishops gather to explore issues of the church. This year the focus of Convocation was in response to the Province of New England's House of Bishops' Pastoral Letter on the

Environment, entitled, "Reclaiming the Sacredness of Creation. To serve Christ in all Creation." Part of this letter was read at St. John's Earth Sunday celebration last April. The letter calls on Episcopalians to protect, restore, and repair creation.

The two main speakers were John Carroll, Professor of Environmental Conservation at the University of New Hampshire who teaches Ecological Ethics and Values to graduate and undergraduate students, and Bill McKibben, visiting scholar in environmental studies at Middlebury College in Vermont.

Over the summer, Marcia Holroyd served on the Convocation Planning Team, working with clergy from Vermont and Massachusetts, designing the Friday Eucharist service. An Earth Prayer, written by a member of St. John's, was read at the offertory. The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris of Massachusetts was the celebrant. Her sermon was a multi media presentation of "All God's Creation". Many thanks to Barbara Curry and Emily Gates who gave their time to scan the slides for a power point presentation. New technology is wonderful! Banners and kites from St. John's were shared with participants in a workshop on liturgy resources. The three fabric squares, members of Earth Ministry made two years for the Earth Household Clothesline Project, were displayed. St. John's Earth Ministry is a model for other churches! Let us continue our call to Protect, Restore, and Repair Creation.

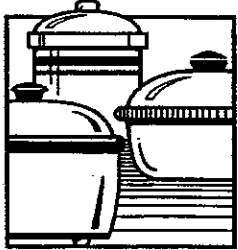
Marcia Holroyd, Earth Ministry



MEATLOAF MINISTRY

Each third Sunday of the month, a 2-lb. cooked, frozen meatloaf wrapped in aluminum foil or 2 lb. raw hamburger is needed for Barbara Dublin's dining hall at St. John's Parish. Please bring to the kitchen. A donation of \$5.00 to have a meatloaf made in your name is optional. Thank you and God bless you.

---Sarah Haines, Delegate to *GWJ*



CASSEROLE MINISTRY

Circle and write in the following dates on your calendars. Casserole Sunday is the first Sunday of the following months: March 7th, May 2nd, July 4th, September 5th, and November 7th. All casseroles made in aluminum foil, throw-away containers, covered with foil. Bring to the kitchen. Any amount that you can provide is greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless you.

---Sarah Haines, Delegate to *GWJ*

LOOK at THIS!

CARD MINISTRY

If any organization provided you with unwanted all-occasion, birthday, or get well cards, envelopes included, please save them or deliver them to St. John's Parish via the office or bring to church on Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. service. Sarah Haines can always use cards. Thanks, much appreciated.

If any elder would prefer not to have a birthday card sent to them, please let Sarah Haines know in advance. I want everyone to be happy on their special day.

Recipe For A Happy New Year -author unknown

Clean thoroughly 12 whole months. Divide into 365 parts, set aside. Prepare as following:

Mix well into each day: 1 part generously

1 part patience

1 part work

1 part courage

Add to each day:

1 part hope

1 part faithfulness

1 part kindness

Blend with:

1 part prayer

1 part meditation

1 good deed

Season the mixture with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play and a cup of good humor. Pour mixture into a vessel of love. Cook over radiant joy, garnish with a smile. Serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheer.

Sarah Haines



*St. John's poinsettias were dedicated to the glory of God
and in memory of:*

*Ralph Petrocione
Patrick and Phoebe Osborne
Harold and Ruth Peterson
Thomas and Alice Behan
Steven Pettinicchi
Stephen J. Obar
Mrs. Twila Seeley
Arlene & Joseph DiVito
Ralph S. Munger
Albert Lange
Jesse Coyle
Frederic C. Kellogg
Felix A. Gantnier
Fred & Ruth Harrison
Louis & Elizabeth Schoeck
Florence Sperring
Francine Tartaglia
Clara Townes
Mary Marlak
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Ciarleglio, Sr.
Dan & Emma Pisano*

*Marjorie & Morgan Gannon
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A. Joseph Morrone
Mildred Altfeter
Richard O. Clark, Jr.
Ian Z. Dwyer
Mrs. Regina Hill
Anna & Raymond Single
Laurence V.D. Harris
Heber & Belle Marsh
Clara Idalia Alt. Ruiz
Lucy Templeton Kellogg
John F. McDonald
Elliott & Jessie Harrison
Ed Jefferson
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Klein & Family
Pamela Reed Sumler
Richard Bush
Mary Rotella
Francis Slater
Virgil & Cleo Bradley*

In thanksgiving for the blessings of life:

*Renetta Webber
Teresa Groshans
Donna Ploski & Donald Anderson*

*Tom & Delmar Nelson
Unita Gray*

A Christmas tree was dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of:



Harriet Toffey