

The Church of the Holy Family

Family Affairs

April 2011

Deadline for May 2011 *Family Affairs*: April 15

“All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light.”—The Exsultet

A few weeks ago I was conversing with the adult Journey in Faith group about the Easter Vigil. The Vigil will be, for them as it is for us, not only the end of their Lenten pilgrimage but also what we hope is a celebration of Christian commitment and an experience of liturgical awe and wonder. As often happens, the question was asked about the beginning and ending of liturgical days. Why is that Saturday evening the “first” celebration of the Eucharist at Easter? The sun sets in the west and our minds begin the preparations for the end of the day, not its beginning. We ask ourselves what loose ends need to be tied up, what must be done to batten down the hatches, what—horror!—will have to wait for yet another day? As evening approaches it seems rather counterintuitive to get revved up, to begin something new.

And yet, for the church, the setting of the sun is the sign and symbol of a new day. That’s why we have all those “Eves”—Christmas Eve, All Hallows’ Eve, and, of course, Easter Eve. The roots of this go all the way back to Genesis and the story of creation (“and there was evening, and there was morning, the first day.”) Reaching deep into the well of our Jewish heritage—where the Sabbath Day begins at sundown on Friday and ends on Saturday (again at sundown)—we begin the church’s day at sunset. This is a satisfactory answer as far as history is concerned, but I think there is still more to consider.

If each new day is the continuing gift of our Creator, then we should not simply arise in the morning and find it waiting for us at our convenience. In faith, we ought to stand watch, and waken the dawn ourselves and not the other way around. Which brings us to that moment at the Vigil when our attention is turned to the great paschal candle, the irrefutable symbol of resurrection light. Darkness is defeated by it, and the candle lights of all those assembled seem greater than any dawn, perhaps because they welcome the Morning Star. The joy we express that night is too much to be contained, it overflows so much that it simply cannot wait till morning. As we walk these remaining days of Lent, let us not forget that the journey takes us to Christ and his paschal victory.

—Clarke French, Rector

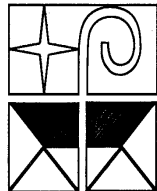
Our schedule for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter is found on page 3 of this newsletter.

from the rector

Reminder to Commission Chairs:
 Parish Council will meet Thursday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Education Commons.

April Meeting Schedule

- Augustine Project Board
No meeting in April
- Christian Education Commission
Sunday, April 10 at 5:00 p.m.—Library
- Evangelism and Discipleship Commission
Monday, April 18 at 5:00 p.m.—Library
- Fellowship Commission
Sunday, April 3 at 12:30 p.m.—Library
- Finance Commission
Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m.—Conf. Rm.
- Liturgy Commission
No meeting in April
- Outreach Commission
Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m.—Library
- Pastoral Care Commission
No meeting in April
- Properties Commission
No meeting in April
- Youth Commission
No meeting in April



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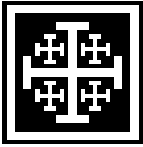
- for the Rector, **Clarke French:**
cfrench@chfnc.net
- for the Assistant to the Rector, **Michelle Robertshaw:** mrobertshaw@chfnc.net
- to reach the priest on call for emergencies, or for any other questions, phone the **church office:** 919-942-3108
- to visit **Holy Family’s website:**
<http://www.chfepiscopal.org>

Summary of Vestry minutes

AT ITS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING on February 15, 2011, the Vestry:

- Heard a report on plans for a Silent Auction on March 20 to benefit the school in Molas, Haiti; approved advertising and soliciting contributions from outside the parish.
- Received full financial reports for January, 2011, showing receipts currently in excess of expenses, and net operating funds available for 7.55 weeks of budgeted expenses.
- Examined and approved the 2010 Parochial Report.
- Discussed technology needs; approved expenditures from the Capital Improvements Fund for computer and AV equipment.
- Received an update on Diocesan requirements for employee and volunteer background checks, which vary according to levels of responsibility; concluded that the amount currently budgeted for background checks is more than sufficient.
- Learned that a working group (Tracey Powell, Meredith Leight, Phil Post) will assist the Rector in planning the annual Vestry Retreat to be held at the church on March 18-19.
- Reviewed previous discussion about the importance of conducting the Every Member Canvass as a year-round endeavor.
- Expressed thanks to the Vestry Nominating Committee led by Alan McConnell.
- Learned that plans are well under way for hosting the Radical Welcome workshop at Holy Family on April 2.
- Heard the Rector’s report on his first few weeks, which have included attending commission meetings and get-acquainted gatherings with parishioners; learned that Kurt Uphoff has donated a desk and credenza for the Rector’s office.
- Received an update from Deedee Nachman on the Glen Lennox Neighborhood Conservation District process.
- Learned that the Augustine Project hopes to raise the \$15,000 necessary to obtain a matching grant by participating in the Great Human Race, and is also developing plans for working with TROSA to teach adult clients to read.
- Agreed to meet on Tuesday, April 26 (instead of the Vestry’s usual third Tuesday of each month).

The Vestry CLASS OF 2012: Adam Grobin • Neil Newcomb • Phil Post • Tracey Powell
 CLASS OF 2013: Tom Bainbridge • Anne Hager-Blunk • Kevin Reily • Rollie Tillman
 CLASS OF 2014: Kevin Butterfield • Sheryl Forbis • Kim Gotwals • Meredith Leight



Lent, Holy Week, and Easter at the Church of the Holy Family

Reconciliation of a Penitent is available by individual request.

Sunday Mornings: The Holy Eucharist

7:55, 8:55*, and 11:05* a.m. (Nave)

Wednesdays of Lent

7:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday)

6:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross (Nave)

Stations of the Cross: a Lenten devotion.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Series

6:30* p.m. Wednesdays, April 6 and 13.

Supper at 5:45 p.m. (Parish Hall) followed by program at 6:30 for adults (Nave) and children (Christian Education Commons – see pg. 4).

Palm Sunday, April 17

The Sunday of the Passion

7:55, 8:55*, and 11:05* a.m.

✚ The Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Weather permitting, the 8:55 and 11:05 liturgies will begin in the Garden. An activity for all ages will take the place of regular Sunday School (see page 4).

Weekday Eucharists during Holy Week

12:00 noon Monday–Wednesday, **April 18-20** (Nave)

Wednesday in Holy Week: Tenebrae

8:00* p.m. Wednesday, **April 20** (Nave)

Dramatic new script by Dave Worster.

Maundy Thursday, April 21

7:00* p.m. (Nave)

✚ The Holy Eucharist with Footwashing and the Stripping of the Altar

THE WATCH: A Vigil will be kept throughout the night with the Reserved Sacrament.

Good Friday, April 22

12:00* noon (Nave)

The Good Friday Liturgy with the Solemn Collects, Veneration of the Cross, and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

Easter Eve, Saturday, April 23

12:00 noon (Narthex)

The Holy Saturday Liturgy

8:00* p.m. (Nave)

✚ **The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter** with Holy Baptism, Confirmation and Reception, and Renewal of Baptismal Vows
Bishop Curry will be the Celebrant and Preacher.

Sunday, April 24

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

7:55, 8:55*, and 11:05* a.m (Nave)

✚ The Holy Eucharist

Christian Education classes will not meet at 10:05. Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt instead! Flowering of the Cross at 8:55 and 11:05 a.m.

* Child care provided. ✚ Incense will be used during the Maundy Thursday Liturgy and The Great Vigil, and at the **11:05 a.m. Liturgy** on Palm Sunday and Easter Day.

The days of Easter Week will be observed with celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at 12:00 noon on Monday through Saturday, April 25-30.

EASTER FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE CHURCH MAY BE GIVEN IN THANKSGIVING OR AS MEMORIALS.
PLEASE USE THE FORM BELOW.

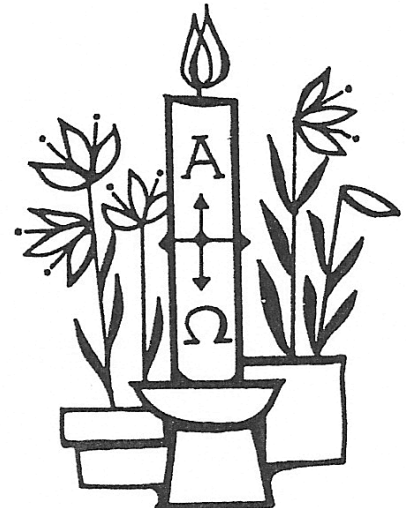
Easter Flowers

Name of Donor _____

Designation _____

(In memory of. . .) (In thanksgiving for. . .)

Please return this form to the church office by **Wednesday, April 20**. Checks (in any amount) should be written to Church of the Holy Family, and designated for Easter flowers.



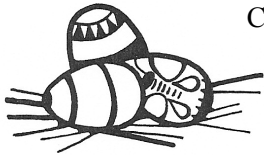
Reminder: There will be **no Sunday School** on Palm Sunday (April 17) or Easter Sunday (April 24). Parenting Group will not meet on Palm Sunday.

Palm Sunday, April 17

Join us in the Parish Hall between the 8:55 and 11:05 a.m. liturgies to learn to make palm crosses! This activity is for all ages and all skill levels, and we're hoping to see you there!



Easter Day

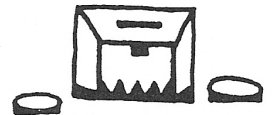


Children of the parish (up to 5th grade) are invited to participate in an Easter egg hunt between the 8:55 and 11:05 liturgies on Sunday, April 24. We will gather in the Parish Hall at 10:05 (or at the conclusion of the 8:55 liturgy) where younger children (up to age 5) will be sent to the playground / backyard and older children will search in the front courtyard. Turn in your eggs for a goody bag and join the "Alleluia" parade to the columbarium and back!

Lenten Wednesdays continue

Children of the parish are invited to learn more about God's "abundant garden" and the work of Episcopal Relief and Development throughout the world as we fulfill our baptismal covenant to "seek and serve Christ in all persons." We are meeting in the Christian Education Commons from 6:30 – 7:30 throughout the remainder of Lent.

Bring your mite boxes! Have you been collecting money during Lent to help feed the students at the school in Molas, Haiti? Bring your mite boxes to the Easter Vigil or one of the Easter Day liturgies to make your donation – or leave the mite box at home and write a check for all those dimes and nickels and quarters!



Promises, Promises

Vacation Church School is scheduled for the evenings of June 19 – 23 (Sunday through Thursday). Registration will begin in May. Last year, 180 parishioners participated in this amazing week by providing snacks, serving as shepherds, playing games, cooking meals, helping with crafts, making signs, shopping for supplies, and in many other ways. Contact Nancy Bryan (nbryan@chfnc.net) to be part of the fun this year!

Don't miss the
Kid's Stuff Exchange
 on Saturday, April 16
 from 8:00 to 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Everyone who has – or needs – children's items is welcome to participate! Clean out your closets, and bring gently used spring/summer maternity, baby and children's clothing, shoes, bedding, toys and books to the church for drop-off in the Parish Hall on Friday, April 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Come on over **Saturday morning, April 16**, to find new summer items for your babies and children. Don't forget your grandchildren!

Please contact Kristen Commons (kcommons@hotmail.com or 370-7796) if you are able to help set-up on Friday beginning at 5:00 p.m., or to help clean up on Saturday beginning at 10:30. Left-over items will be donated, so any help packing up and out is greatly appreciated!

The Lenten Series needs you

Our need for bread, soup, and kitchen help continues into April. The 5:45 suppers occurring as part of the Wednesday evening Lenten Series are going great, thanks to the many parishioners who have donated bread, soup, and their time in the kitchen. Haven't had a chance to help yet? There's still time—the series continues through April 13! If you are able to provide something for one of these suppers, please sign up on the board in the hallway near the stairs, contact Nancy Pekar (nancypekar@bellsouth.net or 929-9154).

Looking ahead

• Friday, May 13: Holy Family Game Night

The Fellowship Commission invites you to join your CHF family for an evening of games for all ages on Friday, May 13. We will kick things off with a supper starting at 6:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., let the games begin! Bring your favorite board and card games. Bring your family. Bring a friend. All are welcome. If you are able to help with the supper, please contact Nancy Pekar (929-9154 or nancypekar@bellsouth.net).

• Friday, June 5: End-of-Year Picnic

This year's "Pentecost" picnic will be held earlier than usual... because Pentecost is later than usual. So mark your calendars for Sunday, June 5th. Details will appear in the May newsletter and the bulletin.

Your Fellowship chair would like to thank...

... the countless people who helped make the reception to welcome the French family to CHF so lovely and yummy. Special thanks go to Mary Rushing and Emy Scoville who went above and beyond in contributing their time for the Feb. 23rd festivities. Thanks also to the many people who continue to brew coffee on Sunday mornings, provide food for First Sundays, host receptions for funerals, wash dishes, donate supplies, and generally help keep the parish enjoying each other's company.

In-Home Fellowship Dinner – Saturday, April 30

Several times a year we gather as a parish in individual homes to break bread and enjoy fellowship. The Fellowship Commission encourages you to participate as a host or as an attendee. Hosts provide the venue and set the menu; attendees bring a large dish to share and come ready to meet new or only slightly familiar faces. Host and attendee families are matched according to preferences such as age of children (or not!) and pet allergies. In addition, the gatherings are mixed with regard to service to strengthen social ties.

In mid-April there will be further announcements and opportunities to sign up to host or attend. Look for our table in the narthex or on the patio and for an email message with registration forms. Additional information from Marcia Tuttle (929-3513 or mtuttle2@nc.rr.com).

Replacing our Prayer Books

A prompt and generous response to last month's appeal has allowed the purchase of 29 new copies of *The Book of Common Prayer*. They will be in the Nave soon, replacing our most dilapidated copies—including some that have served for over 30 years.

The parish is grateful to these donors: Richard Fair, Richard and Sheryl Forbis, Clarke and Sally French, Kim Gotwals, Annie Hager-Blunk, Thomas and Patricia Hill, Meredith Leight, David and Debbie McCarthy, Philip Post, Kevin Reily, Rollie Tillman, and Nancy Blocksidge Williams.

It's not too late to participate in this effort. Prayer Books cost \$20 each. If you would like to make a donation to buy one or more, please write your check to Church of the Holy Family, with BCP in the memo line. If you would like to designate your gift (for example, as a memorial), please include the name(s) to appear on the bookplate.



Giant step toward a school for Molas

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to the more than 100 people of all ages who took part in last month's Haiti auction through donated items, services, contributions of money, and participation in the silent auction, raffle, and sale of fixed-price items. The day's events raised approximately **\$17,000** toward the building of a permanent school in the mountaintop village of Molas, Haiti.

Holy Family has partnered with L'Ecole de Nôtre Dame for over 25 years. The school serves about 250 children in a temporary structure that needs rebuilding after every hurricane season. Père Noe Bernier, the Episcopal priest in charge of the school, has plans for a 10-room building with a deep foundation and rebar-strengthened cinderblock construction – similar to the nearby church built with the proceeds of Holy Family's Haiti Fête in 2004. That church is the only structure in the village not damaged by the disastrous storms of 2008.

The school's overall cost is estimated at \$50,000. With memorial gifts and funds raised from Alternative Christmas, we are now halfway there! We will be applying for grants to raise the remaining half. Père Noe has purchased the land, engaged an engineer, and plans to break ground this spring in hopes of having at least some of the rooms ready for the fall semester. It's a very common sight in Haiti to see partially constructed buildings: you build as much as you have money to cover, and then you just wait until you find the rest of the money!

If you weren't able to take part in the auction festivities, you can still contribute to the fundraising effort. **Please make checks payable to Church of the Holy Family, with Haiti School Construction on the memo line.**

Mesi anpil! —Leslie Andersen, Leslie Butterfield, Andrea Ford, Barbara Post and Diane Steinhaus

*“Richer than kings I shall ever be;
I had a mother who read to me.”*

Most of the children served by the Augustine Project cannot make that claim. Won't you consider giving thanks to God, helping a disadvantaged child and honoring your mother by making a Mother's Day contribution to the Augustine Project? Simply fill out a form (available on the counter in the church office) and place it with your check in the Augustine Project mailbox. Your mother will receive a handwritten card—including the verse above—letting her know that she has been remembered in this way. Please turn in the form by **Sunday, May 1**, to ensure on-time arrival for Mother's Day (May 8).

News of the Augustine Project:

- In March, the Augustine Project held its third annual directors' meeting and second annual replication workshop. Two new replication chapters are expected to come on line this summer: St. Thomas's in Sanford and St. Timothy's in Wilson. Helping to expand Holy Family's outreach ministry to low-income struggling readers is one aspect of a Jessie Ball DuPont grant awarded to the Diocese in partnership with the Augustine Project.
- The Augustine Project was one of the top fundraising agencies in The Great Human Race (held on March 26), reaching its goal of raising \$15,000 and earning matching funds from a generous anonymous benefactor.
- The summer tutor training course at Holy Family will be held July 11-22. A fall training will be held at Watts St. Church in Durham, October 10-21. Please contact Debbie McCarthy (augustineproject@msn.com) at your earliest convenience if you would like to take a two-week training this year; these courses always have waiting lists.
- A concentrated, 15 hour training will be held on-site at TROSA in Durham, May 2-6. If you are interested in making a commitment to tutor a TROSA resident as he/she endeavors to put his/her life on the right track, please contact Debbie right away. Space is limited, and this will be the only concentrated training offered in 2011.