

THE FOCUS

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

MILFORD, NH

APRIL 2019

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Members and Friends,



Holy Week and Easter will soon be with us; this is the sacred time in the Christian year that reminds who we are and whose we are. I am now reading – slowly – Richard Rohr’s book The Universal Christ: How a forgotten reality can change everything we see, hope for, and believe. The title of this book is not overstated; his work gifts me with many new ideas and deepens my appreciation of the wisdom within our sacred story. This has been important for me during this Lenten season as I prepare again for Easter. I have now been given some wonderful tributaries to travel as I ponder the mystery of Easter and who exactly is the Christ who was raised.

Let me share a bit of what he writes:

“The full Christian story is saying that Jesus died, and Christ ‘arose’ – yes, still as Jesus, but now also as the *Corporate Personality who includes and reveals all of creation in its full purpose and goal*. Or, as the ‘Father of Orthodoxy’, St. Athanasius (269-373), wrote when the church had a more social, historical, and revolutionary sense of itself: ‘*God was consistent in working through one man to reveal himself everywhere, as well as through the other parts of His creation, so that nothing was left devoid of his Divinity and his self-knowledge...so that the whole universe was filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters fill the sea.*’”¹

The risen Christ that we celebrate on Easter is the self-expression of God who is the creator of all time (in time?) and who is reflected in all that has been and will be created. Nothing in all of creation is separate from God; nothing, including all the people you will ever meet. You and I are in God as God is in us. I suppose some folks are uncomfortable with the traditional expression of God as male, or king, or even Lord; so, choose another name for God like Light, or Word, or Love. Light arose on Easter. The Word arose on Easter. Love arose on Easter. Death has no power over the Light’s unconditional love. This is the God, as St.

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¹ Quote on page 27, Athanasius, *De Incarnatione Verbi* 45

From the Rector – Continued...

Paul wrote, “in whom we live and move and have our being.” (Acts 17:28) The great task of repentance (which literally means “change my thinking”) is to stop thinking about what divides us – which is usually associated with scarcity – and begin seeing life in its unity with all of creation through the eyes of our hearts. Easter’s miracle and spiritual truth for us then becomes as clear as our very breath.

I do believe that God is working Love’s purpose out (see hymn 534), I do. This marvelously evolving process will not be forced on us; love endures all things, but it does not force itself on us. I think we must do the repentance work, the slow prayerful and courageous journey of considering anew the amazing gift of life that we have been given. Jesus Christ has been raised and how we encounter the Risen One makes all the difference in the world.

Sarah and I send our deepest wishes for you and yours that Easter’s light and warmth fills your home this year.

The true peace of the Lord be always with you,

Hank+

RUMMAGE SALE: MAY 3-4

Mark your calendar: Our spring rummage sale will be Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4.

A successful rummage sale needs plenty of donations of everything from toys and books, household items like dishes and glassware, linens, blankets and towels, to seasonal clothing.

As you tackle your closets, cellars and garages for spring cleaning or down-sizing, keep the rummage sale in mind. We cannot accept electronics, and we ask that if something should go to the dump that you take it there, but if it's something you no longer want but someone else could use, bring it on.

You've read it here before, how rummage sales can be a win-win-win: They offer a way for you to recycle what you no longer need; they provide affordable clothing, small appliances, games and books for those in the community who need them the most; and they raise money that Church of Our Saviour uses for outreach.

We'll be looking for volunteers, too, but for now, put the dates on your calendar and plan to help out: Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4.

—Elizabeth R





Easter Memorial Prayers

On Easter, instead of parishioners paying for the spring flowers, lilies and children's flowers that will decorate our church on Easter Sunday, April 21st, we are inviting you to let us have the names of your beloved departed so that we may join you in remembering them at Easter.

Forms can be found in the Sunday bulletin or attached to the FOCUS and Wednesday Notes. Names must be received no later than April 14th. Please know that there is no cost associated with these memorial prayers.

If you would like to make a free will donation in whatever amount, these funds will be used by the Altar Guild for the flowers.

Envelopes for your donation can be found in the Narthex; checks made payable to CoOS with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.



Bring those bells!

You are invited to bring a bell, small or large, loud or tinkly, to the 7:00 p.m. service on Easter Eve, April 20. We will light the New Fire of Easter, process the Paschal (Easter) Candle to the strains of the glorious chant, *Exsultet*, hear the marvelous stories of God's work in salvation history and then ring those bells as we celebrate the First Eucharist of Easter.



Holy Week



Holy Week and Easter Service schedule

Passion (Palm) Sunday – April 14

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms, Music and Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Tuesday in Holy Week – April 16

6:30 p.m. Evening Lenten Program

Wednesday in Holy Week – April 17

11:30 a.m. Lunch & Lectionary

Maundy Thursday – April 18

7:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar
9:00 p.m. Gethsemane Watch (until 9 a.m. Good Friday)

Good Friday – April 19

Noon - 3:00 p.m. Church is open for prayer and meditation
Black Heritage Trail Stations of the Cross - more information to come
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Easter Eve – April 20

7:00 p.m. The Great Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter

Easter Day – April 21

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns
10:00 a.m. Festival Choral Eucharist

spring RENEWAL

“Spring Renewal,” a spiritual renewal and ministry development celebration for the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire to deepen our faith, with workshops in the seven areas of the Way of Love – Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest – will be held at Manchester Community College on Saturday, May 11, from 8am to 4pm.

There will be breakfast, contemplative worship with live music, workshops on spiritual practices and ministry development, a hands-on ministry fair, and a closing “revival” worship. All members of the Episcopal Church are encouraged to attend.

For more about the program, or to register, go to www.nhepiscopal.org.

—Elizabeth R

Easter Flowers

We will be bringing Easter flowers to several of our parishioners during the week after Easter. We will need help in distributing them to those who are shut-in, ill, grieving or need a pick-up at this time of year.

The sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Akerman Room from April 3rd to April 17th. If you are available to bring a plant to someone please indicate by signing up next to that person's name.

Once you take the plant please check off to show that the plant has been delivered.

Thank you,
Altar Guild



“Through My Eyes” Lenten Series

A time of listening - hearing from those with unique experiences.

**Tuesday evenings during Lent
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

Upcoming guest speakers:

4/2 – Fr. Sam F

on caring for his immigrant community

4/9 – Maggie F

on the Dover Detention Center

4/16 – Lucia P

Volunteering to help Domestic Violence victims

All are welcome – bring a friend!

Soup & Bread Supper will be offered

Where's your name tag?

Of course, you know who you are. Your friends know who you are. But there are others who would like to become acquainted, who want to greet you by name during the Peace, who want you to remember their names when you chat during coffee hour.

It is so simple. Stop saying how much you hate name tags, and wear yours. When others thank you, they'll be able to use your name.

—Elizabeth R



With Heartfelt Thanks

Dear Friend of SHARE,

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of SHARE Outreach, Inc., thank you for your donation from your fall rummage sale proceeds of \$314.30. We appreciate your support.

Your donation helps us to carry our mission of assisting the needy of our communities with their basic needs: food, clothing, housing, medicine and utilities. It is the help of many that allows SHARE to make a difference in the lives of those in need in the Souhegan Valley. Thank you.

Christine A. Janson, Executive Director

Dear Church of Our Saviour Women's Group,

On behalf of Bridges: Domestic & Sexual Violence Support, thank you for your charitable gift of laundry detergent, cleaning products, personal care items and diapers. As a non-profit agency, we rely on the generosity of our community in order to run critical programs for victims and survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Thank you for caring about victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. With your support we can and will end the cycle of violence.

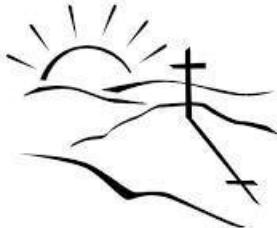
Sincerely,

Dawn L Reams, M. Ed., Executive Director

Bridges also has thanks Church of Our Saviour for our charitable gift of \$314.30 from our Outreach.

LOOKING AHEAD TO May

Fri & Sat May 3 & 4 – CoOS Spring Rummage Sale
 Saturday May 18 – Women's Group Annual Tea
 Sunday May 19 – Souhegan Valley CROP Walk



Dearly Departed
Laurie Burnham
March 12, 2019

With the laying on of hands



Lisa Y
Lucia P
Robert P

were recognized as members of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and were received into the fellowship of this Communion by Bishop Rob Hirschfeld.

March 31, 2019

April

Birthdays

2	Jenny L
	Danielle K
3	Leslie A
4	Izzy A
6	McKinley W
7	Fred R
8	Joanne C
10	Beth K
	Kevin H
17	Susan R
18	Susannah H
20	Paul M
	Patrick E
28	Daniel C
29	Bill A
30	Donna S

Anniversaries

19	Michelle & Phil R
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Early May

Birthdays

1	Ted C
3	Mabel D
	Steve T
4	Deb M
	Helen J
5	Mae L

Anniversaries

7	Gail C & Jim M
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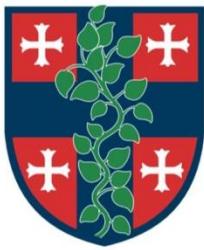
If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed please contact the parish office with your information.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	February 2019	Budget	YTD 2019	YTD Budget
<i>Pledge Income</i>	\$13,294.00	\$ 13,789.00	\$ 39,179.00	\$ 43,678.00
<i>Other Income</i>	\$ 2,819.24	\$ 2,038.00	\$ 3,810.40	\$ 4,076.00
Total Income	\$16,113.24	\$ 15,827.00	\$ 42,989.40	\$ 47,754.00
Total Expenses	\$16,831.37	\$ 16,987.00	\$ 36,309.50	\$ 33,974.00
<i>Surplus(Deficit)</i>	\$ (718.13)	\$ (1,160.00)	\$ 6,679.90	\$ 13,780.00

Parishioners e-mail List

If you're not on our list and would like to be able to receive our "Wednesday Notes" or other important parish news as it happens, please contact the parish office at 673-3309 or e-mail us at office@coosmilford.org.



The Church of Our Saviour

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:00 Lenten Program	3 11:30 Holy Eucharist / Bible Study 1:15 Centering Prayer	4 7:00 Adult Choir	5	6
7 Lent 5	8	9 6:00 Lenten Program	10 11:30 Holy Eucharist / Bible Study 1:15 Centering Prayer 6:30 Executive Committee	11 7:00 Adult Choir	12 Vestry Retreat @ BCH in Greenfield	13 Vestry Retreat Continues @ BCH
14 Palm Sunday	15	16 6:00 Lenten Program	17 10:00 Crestwood 11:30 Holy Eucharist / Bible Study 1:15 Centering Prayer 6:30 Vestry	18 Maundy Thursday 7:00 Choral Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar 9:00 Gethsemane Watch	19 Good Friday Gethsemane Watch through 9 am Noon-3:00 CoOS open for Prayer BHT Station of the Cross—TBD 7:00 Good Friday Service	20 Holy Saturday 7:00 The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter
21 Easter Sunday	22	23	24 11:30 Holy Eucharist / Bible Study 1:15 Centering Prayer 6:30 Dream Team	25 7:00 Adult Choir	25	27
May FOCUS Deadline						
28 Easter 2	29	30				

Our normal Sunday schedule... September — June 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Nursery 10:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist	Community groups using Church of Our Saviour.... Scout Pack 421 For Special Events and meetings - times TBA	Alcoholics Anonymous 7 days a week 6:30 a.m. Friday 8:00 p.m. Sunday (men) 5:30 p.m. (women) 7:00 p.m.
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OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**Forming community through Christ,
serving community in Christ.**



Sunday Schedule

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM Nursery Care
10:00 AM Choral Holy Eucharist

Weekday Schedule

Wed, 11:30 AM
Holy Eucharist, Lectionary at Lunch

Office Hours

8:30 – 3:30 Mon, Weds, Fri

STAFF

Rector: The Rev. Hays "Hank" Junkin
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Minister of Music: Carla Carney
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OFFICERS OF THE VESTRY

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Parish Clerk: Joanne Conrad

The FOCUS deadline is the Sunday after the Vestry meeting (which is usually the third Wednesday of the month). Submissions from parishioners are welcome. We retain the right to edit submitted material.

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