

*May God bless St. Stephen's  
Parish, and use her to His glory.*

# INSIGHT

Lent / Holy Week / Easter 2012

## Also In This Issue:

- Letter from the Rector**  
.....Page 2
- Notes from the Vestry**  
.....Page 2
- Church Calendar**  
.....Page 3
- Keep the Spirit Alive**  
.....Page 5
- Top Ten Reasons To Be  
An Episcopalian**  
.....Page 6

## Ash Wednesday

This year Easter Sunday is April 8th. Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten season, is on February 22nd. A Eucharist service will be held at St. Stephen's at 5:30 in the evening in the parish house.

Once again this year we are going to participate in the ecumenical council schedule for Lent. The schedule is included in this newsletter as well as on our website at [www.episcopalchurch-schuylerville.org/calendar](http://www.episcopalchurch-schuylerville.org/calendar).



## Spaghetti Supper

A spaghetti supper will be held to benefit SAFER on Thursday, March 1st at the Schuylerville Elementary school cafeteria. The cost is \$6.00 for children and seniors and \$9.00 for all others. Dinner starts at 5:00 PM and will run until 7:30 PM. Take-out dinners will be available from 4:30 PM. A silent auction will also be held.

## Holy Week Services

The feast of Maundy (or Holy) Thursday solemnly commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and is the oldest of the observances peculiar to Holy Week. On Thursday, April 5th, Holy Eucharist service will be at 5:30 PM in the church.

On Friday, April 6th, Good Friday rites will be conducted at St. Stephen's Church in an ecumenical service at 12:00 noon.

Services at St. Stephen's Church will be held at the regular times on Easter Sunday, April 8th.



**ST. STEPHEN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1 Grove Street, Schuylerville, NY 12871  
518.695.3918 [www.episcopalchurch-schuylerville.org](http://www.episcopalchurch-schuylerville.org)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
1 Grove Street  
Schuylerville, NY 12871  
Tel: (518) 695-3918

**Rector:**

The Rev. John M. Kettlewell

**Insight Editor:**

James Carbino  
jamesc@episcopalchurch-  
schuylerville.org

**Webmaster:**

HollyAnn Carbino  
webmaster@episcopalchurch-  
schuylerville.org

**Vestry:**

Don Stewart, Sr. Warden  
Marcia Garnsey, Jr. Warden  
Alex Czuhanych, Clerk  
Marilyn Emerick  
Helene Patterson  
Libby Smith-Holmes  
Valerie Drohobycky  
John More  
Brittany Patterson

**Treasurer:** Bonnie Mundy

**Schedule of Publication:**

**Insight** is printed three times per year. Publication is tentatively scheduled for the 3rd full week of the month prior to the upcoming issue. Submissions for consideration must be received by the 10th of February (Lent/Holy Week/Easter), May (Pentecost), and November (Advent). Upcoming parish events and other news items of interest are welcome and should be sent to Web Sights & More, 47 Burgoyne Street, Schuylerville, NY 12871 or transmitted via email to jamesc@episcopalchurch-schuylerville.org.

**Newsletter deadlines:**

Pentecost            May 10, 2012  
Advent                Nov. 10, 2012

## Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends,

I am always reading the latest research about education as well as religious practice in America, and I have found an interesting parallel.

A problem that some school children have today is absorbing what they need to learn. Early on, our children become familiar with electronic devices, which they easily and quickly learn to manipulate according to their particular interests. Turning on, off, and switching these devices requires **giving** of their attention - their concentration - in satisfying their interest. Our youth today seem to have lost sight of the value of **giving** of themselves (their attention/concentration) in the classroom and in their studies in order to satisfy their quest for knowledge.

People today, both young and old, seem to value **getting** satisfaction more than the **giving** aspect leading to satisfaction. This translates as well to religious practice in America. As I have often noted, this mindset has affected church attendance and participation in this country. Mega-churches thrive because they're not about **giving**, but about **getting** - what you **get** from "worship," which means mostly a big thrill.



(Fr) John Kettlewell

*continued on page 4*

## Notes from the Vestry

Welcome to the second month of 2012; we hope this year is as productive as last year, which saw the completion of the stained glass window restoration project, roof repairs (a seemingly constant requirement), repairs to the organ, and jacking/leveling of the kitchen floor. Now that the floor is level, we can think about kitchen renovations. Larry Jones prepared a plan proposal and cost estimate based on our preliminary discussions. Further discussions regarding this will be taken up later on this year.

The Vestry wishes to thank Renée Abernathy for her service to St. Stephen's, and we welcome Brittany Patterson who has agreed to serve on the Vestry.

A "10-year Committee" has been formed to address future plans and directions for St. Stephen's Parish. Members include Doug Bischoff, Jim Carbino, Gay Gamage, Julie Leskovic, Bonnie Mundy, Brittany Patterson, and Libby Smith-Holmes.

For his 50 years of ministry, Valerie Drohobycky presented Father Kettlewell with new vestments.

Ideas on how we might celebrate our 50th chicken barbecue are being sought. Some ideas that have been suggested are: a plant project, an art show, music, adding to the food offered (such as a salad) to go along with the chicken and baked beans, and asking for a donation to SAFER.

In closing, there will be an Ecumenical Council Meeting at St. Stephen's on February 13th.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

Holy Eucharist – Traditional language service, 8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist & Sunday School – 9:00 AM

Both services are followed by Coffee Hour.

Ecumenical services will be announced at regular services and are listed here as well as on our website:

[www.episcopalchurch-schuylerville.org/calendar](http://www.episcopalchurch-schuylerville.org/calendar)



## February 2012

2/2 The Presentation

2/22 **ASH WEDNESDAY FAST**

First Day of **Lent**

- 12:00 NOON MASS @ NOTRE DAME-VISITATION CHURCH
- 5:30 PM SERVICE IN THE PARISH HOUSE
- 7:00 PM JOINT METHODIST, REFORMED, & EPISCOPAL SERVICE @ SCHUYLERVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
- 7:00 PM MASS @ ST. JOSEPH'S, GREENWICH

2/24 **FEAST OF ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE**

2/29 7:00 PM SERVICE @ OLD SARATOGA REFORMED CHURCH

## March 2012

3/7 7:00 PM SERVICE @ BACON HILL REFORMED CHURCH

3/14 7:00 PM SERVICE @ FORT MILLER REFORMED CHURCH

3/19 Feast of St. Joseph

3/21 7:00 PM SERVICE @ QUAKER SPRINGS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3/25 The Annunciation

3/28 7:00 PM SERVICE @ NOTRE DAME-VISITATION CHURCH  
Prayers & Anointing for healing will follow the service.

## April 2012

4/1 **PALM SUNDAY**

4/5 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

- 5:30 PM SERVICE IN THE CHURCH
- 7:00 PM SERVICE @ SCHUYLERVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
- 7:00 PM MASS @ NOTRE DAME-VISITATION CHURCH

4/6 **GOOD FRIDAY**

- 12:00 NOON READING OF THE PASSION
- 3:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ NOTRE DAME-VISITATION CHURCH
- 7:00 PM SERVICE @ QUAKER SPRINGS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
- 7:00 PM SERVICE @ ST. JOSEPH'S, GREENWICH

4/7 **HOLY SATURDAY**

- 7:00 PM EASTER VIGIL @ ST. JOSEPH'S, GREENWICH

4/8 **EASTER SUNDAY**

- 6:15 AM EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE @ BACON HILL REFORMED CHURCH (OUTDOOR CHAPEL)

4/25 **FEAST OF ST. MARK, EVANGELIST**

## May 2012

5/1 **FEAST OF STS. PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES**

5/17 Ascension Day

5/27 **PENTECOST**

5/31 The Visitation

## Calendar Color Key:

St. Stephen's events: **DK. BLUE BOLD**  
Designated feast days: **RED BOLD**  
Special days: **BLACK BOLD**  
Community events: **GREEN BOLD**



## Keep the Spirit Alive

### Communication with parishioners...

... is vital if the church is to survive in this fast-paced electronic age. We need your monetary donation to continue the website and newsletter throughout the coming years. All monetary donations will be put in escrow toward this effort. Please check off or write in your donation amount.

If your name and address does not appear on the back of this form, or if corrections are needed, please fill in the information at the right. Make your check out and mail to:

Web Sights & More, 47 Burgoyne Street, Schuylerville, NY 12871.

**DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE THIS FORM!**

**Yes!** I would like to help keep the newsletter and website alive! Please escrow my donation of:

- |                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$_____ |

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print clearly.

# Top Ten Reasons To Be An Episcopalian

(from the comedian Robin Williams, who is an Episcopalian, on an HBO special)

10. No snake handling.
9. You can believe in dinosaurs.
8. Male and female God created them; male and female we ordain them.
7. You don't have to check your brain at the door.
6. Pew aerobics.
5. Church year is color-coded.
4. Free wine on Sunday.
3. All the pageantry – none of the guild.
2. You don't have to know how to swim to get baptized.
1. No matter what you believe, there's bound to be at least one other Episcopalian who agrees with you.

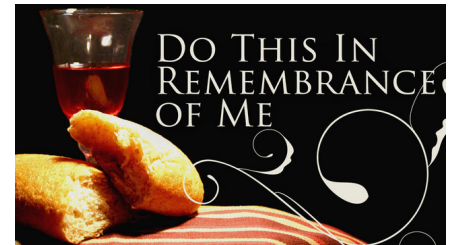


## Letter from the Rector (cont'd)

*continued from page 2*

In America there is a huge loss in understanding of what religion is all about, which is what you give – what you give of yourself to the glory of God. This affects church attendance and belief, especially among young people. The ultimate values of religion, of our faith, are related to what we **give** of ourselves to the Lord, regardless of thrills, in our worship. When we speak of the Lord's commands, it is always mistakenly related primarily to ethical, moral injunctions. However, the most striking command of Jesus was at the Last Supper when He said, "Do this in remembrance of me!" Whatever we might or might not get out of Sunday worship, fulfilling that commandment

has to be central to our Faith; which, in mundane terms, means attending Sunday worship. Lent is coming up soon. Listen to that command, and, ultimately, that is the way you gain the rich rewards of our Faith – by **giving** worship to the Lord of the Universe and His son, our Lord Jesus Christ. That way you get nothing less than the Kingdom of God!



1 Grove Street  
Schuylerville, NY 12871