



*Devotion is neither more nor less than a prompt, fervent, loving service to God. And the difference between an ordinarily good man and one that is devout lies herein, that the first observes God's commands without any special fervour or promptitude; whereas the latter not only keeps them, but does it willingly, earnestly, and resolutely.*

*... François de Sales*

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# THE PRESS

MAY, 2006

Dear People of Saint Andrew's,

I am writing this article on Earth Day, 22 April, which falls within Easter Week this year reminding us that included in all the glory of Christ's resurrection are the promises that not only are we humans redeemed through Jesus' death and rising but so is creation itself. "For all creation waits longingly in labor pains waiting for the redemption of God's children." (Romans 8:19) Earth is waiting for us to get our act together and is suffering meanwhile.

Near where my wife and I live in Manchester, NH is the confluence of two highways, 93 and 101. We are always getting on or off these highways with their access ramps. They are full of trash left by motorists who throw away their fast food and drink containers. Occasionally they will be picked up by some dedicated group, but soon the litter reappears. This is a small part of a much bigger problem like Global Warming or Climate Change, but it says volumes about humans' disregard and contempt for their environment. Our government, prodded by certain business interests, lies about the scientific certainty of the effects our carbon emissions are having on our planet, but in our wasteful and throwaway culture we do our part too when we litter, often with

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things that will never decay and with biohazards that poison our air and water. As much as I am aesthetically offended by the fast food trash casually thrown out of car windows, I am also concerned about the cumulative effect this trash has on the earth's fragile ecostructure. Species of plants and animals disappear constantly. Scripture says we have been called to be stewards of God's creation but instead we have been exploiters with little regard for the long term effects of greed and lack of concern for the results of our choices.

Jesus resurrection is a promise not only to us but to creation and the whole cosmos. It is a down- payment on not only our redemption but earth's as well. We can do our part by recycling, being "green" in all the ways we can but also by staying informed, writing our Congress people and local and state representatives to demand accountability against all the disregard of large corporate interests. There are advocacy groups in the church and beyond that which need our support like the Sierra Club, National Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Ocean Conservancy and many others that you can choose to support. God will judge what kind of earth we leave our children and grandchildren and how we view Christ's victory over the powers of death, sin and evil, being promised not only to us but to God's created order that has and does suffer from the effects of our sin. God's victory and promise is to all God's beloved creation.

Faithfully yours because of Him,



Alan B. MacKillop  
Priest in Residence

## Recovering from Katrina

When Joan Reynolds were first approached about having something written about her experiences as a post-Katrina assistance volunteer, she said there was no way she could tell what it was like there because she wouldn't be able to find the words to express what she saw in a way to which we up here could relate. It was just indescribable.

But as the conversation continued, bits and pieces began to come out which gave a glimpse of the devastation but also of the spirit of the survivors and the volunteers. Joan went down to Long Beach, LA with a group from Milton Academy including her grandson. Her specific job was putting up sheetrock in homes being reconstructed. The kids were working hard and she didn't see much of her grandson.

One homeowner asked a group to clear his yard. "I just want to cut my grass!" Well there wasn't any grass but the kids went to work and, for the first time, Joan saw them really frustrated. Debris was so embedded that it was impossible to clear the ground. It took 20 minutes to dig out a bowling ball, to which the man remarked, "Oh, that's not mine. That belongs to a guy who lives down there."

Gives you an idea of how it is - almost impossible - but the determination of the people to continue to live there is very strong, despite the known future risks. And the groups of volunteers continue to go down to be 'good neighbors,' realizing that it will take a long time and superhuman effort to restore 'home' for the victims.

### *Editor's Note:*

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*Deadline: May 20th*

*Send submissions to: [acahill@hybricon.com](mailto:acahill@hybricon.com), or drop off your submissions at the Church Office during office hours or in the Peabody Room on Sundays.*

*Questions? Please call me at: (978) 448-4053 (home) or (978) 772-5422 x 323 (work).*

*Be sure to include your name and telephone number on **all** submissions!*

# Walking for Dollars

Sunshine, warm breezes and clear skies marked the 22nd annual Good Friday Walk held in Harvard, April 14th. Children, little ones in strollers, adults of various ages, and many varieties of family dogs on leashes, all walked the hills of Harvard doing their chosen distances. Two hundred seventy-seven walkers raised \$24,290. which we expect will increase when all donations are counted. Two-thirds will go to Loaves & Fishes, now operating out of their new facility at Devens, and one-third to Sharing, Inc., a hands-on help concentrating on children living with poverty and racism in the rural south.

The Harvard walk is an off-spring of the Hingham walk now in its 35th year. St. Andrews has had a connection for over 30 years! Some of you will remember driving down to Hingham, walking 20 miles, and then driving home. Once again this year, St. Andrew's continued its strong support of the walk with walkers, workers, food donated for our lunch and Sponsor Sheet donors. Our special worthwhile day is able to continue to be a successful event due to this commitment and help. It truly is a day of community spirit, participation, sharing, and a coming together to try and be a small part of making a difference for those hungry and in need. We are most grateful and want to thank each of you. Well done to all! We missed you Bayard and Nancy.

Ruth Broughton and Laurie Heron, Co-chairs

The 2006 LOAVES & FISHES Capital/Endowment Fund campaign was a success! As of the end of 2005, \$1,400,000 in gifts and pledges was raised, \$150,000 more than the original goal. The Board of Trustees, volunteers and clients of Loaves & Fishes owe everyone a huge THANK YOU.

# Meaningful Images

An icon of the Incarnation, showing the Blessed Mother with the child Jesus, has been given by Stephen Titus in thanksgiving to St. Andrew's and to honor his mother, Jan, who has recently undergone serious surgery successfully. It is done in the symbolic style of all Eastern Orthodox icons, showing the mother pointing to her son as the Lord and Savior of the world. It will be blessed when Jan Titus is well enough to be in church.

The new icon has been placed at the entrance of the chancel opposite the icon of our patron, St. Andrew, which was commissioned for the church some years ago by Jane Rockwell.

# Palm Sunday Bake Sale / Holiday Fair Update

Palm Sunday's bake sale was a great success! Thanks to everyone, we had more goodies, more sales, and a hundred dollars more than last year! This is our seed money for the Holiday Fair in November.

The Holiday Fair planning group welcomes anyone interested in helping with the Fair to a pot luck supper meeting at Mary Mederios's house on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Come and join the fun!

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The great danger facing all of us... is not that we shall make an absolute failure of life, nor that we shall fall into outright viciousness, nor that we shall be terribly unhappy, nor that we shall feel [that] life has no meaning at all -- not these things. The danger is that we may fail to perceive life's greatest meaning, fall short of its highest good, miss its deepest and most abiding happiness, be unable to tender the most needed service, be unconscious of life ablaze with the light of the Presence of God -- and be content to have it so -- that is the danger: that some day we may wake up and find that always we have been busy with husks and trappings of life and have really missed life itself. For life without God, to one who has known the richness and joy of life with Him, is unthinkable, impossible. That is what one prays one's friends may be spared -- satisfaction with a life that falls short of the best, that has in it no tingle or thrill that comes from a friendship with the Father.

... Phillips Brooks, *Sermons*

# Historian's Corner

Regarding the Sanctuary Lamp, there's mention in the church Remembrance Book of a 'hanging lamp in church' - given by Miss Miriam Shaw. It doesn't mention whether 'in memory of' or 'in thanksgiving.' She may be the donor, however, directly after that notation is mention of other 'hanging lamps in church'. One was given by the Mattocks family and then there's mention of 6 other lamps, listed singly but no name beside them. I assume most of them are those hanging over the pews, but the one by Miss Shaw may be the most unusual Sanctuary Lamp, hanging by the organ pipes to the left of the chancel.

# The Glory of Easter...

... is made manifest in many ways. One that we can easily see is the beauty at the altar of our own church. The Altar Guild does the work of setting up the altar with loving grace and diligence. Every week for each service the altar is prepared. And when we see the names of these women in the bulletin, we need to remember to thank them for the many things they do.

They wash and iron all the sacred linens, they polish the brass, refill the candles, and scrape wax off all sorts of places. They repair altar cloths, set up all the items needed for baptisms, weddings, and funerals. In addition, they prepare the Lay Eucharist Minister's kit which is used to bring communion to shut-ins. They wash all the vessels after the services are over and carefully store them away.

The Altar Guild members are: Barbara Kamb, Eleanor Dattoli, Jill Colburn, Audrey Western, Jean Cummings, Sue Hildreth, Linn Swain, Priscilla Andrews, Blanche Foss and Marj Costa. Substitutes are Barbara LeDeaux and Louise Rogers.

**Thank you all for the dedicated services you perform!**

# Exciting News From Gail White, our missionary in Spain

I am being ordained a Deacon on June 4th. I have been working with Bishop Carliños and Susana Buell for quite a while now and still have some of the formation to do but that will be ongoing as I really cannot imagine not studying.

This is something I have felt called to for sometime now but now that it is really I happening I am amazed!! It will be at 11 am Madrid time so that will be about 5 am your time. My twin sister was going to come but is having a delay with getting her passport that could last up to six months. I will be on retreat from May 31 until June 3rd with the three others that will be ordained Deacons the same day.

This process has also called for me to have a Spiritual Director. I have found a gem. He is the rector of the English speaking Episcopal church in Madrid. They are part of the English Episcopal church so are not officially in our Diocese. Not only is he a very articulate and spiritual Priest but he spent time in Honduras as a Missionary and is a first cousin to Rev. Eduardo Monzon who was my Pastor in Costa Rica and a SAMS USA missionary as well!! I was amazed when he told me these things as I told him my life story when I first met with him. How two such different people in a city of millions came together with such similar experiences can only be a "Godincidence" as my friend Deidre says.

We are doing well in the mission. The most exciting news there is that there are about 12 Muslim women who come to get food every week and stay for the service so while there are missionaries all over trying to get the opportunity to speak to Muslims about Christ, they come to us voluntarily every Saturday! Please pray that they can hear the truth of Christ in our sermons and see it in our lives. They are already impressed that we have two women that preach. That is a point in our favor even before they hear the word.

In the love of Jesus, Gail White

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# Easter Flowers

When he was asked what kind of flowers he wanted for Easter, Father Alan said, "Let the whole place shout Alleluia!"

This shout was brought to you by-

- ✘ Jack and Priscilla Andrews for the glory of God
- ✘ Lee Barker in remembrance of her parents Herman and Lois Berthold
- ✘ Patty Blodgett
- ✘ Bunis family in memory of Richard J. Bordonaro
- ✘ Jeanne J. Cassin in memory of Thomas Nelson Page Johns
- ✘ Colburn family in memory of Dorothy and Kenneth Colburn, and James Tedfuco
- ✘ Marjorie Costa in memory of Thomas Costa
- ✘ Sandy Dickinson in memory of Jean and Fred Lindquist
- ✘ Blanche and Suzanne Foss in memory of John Foss
- ✘ Sue Hildreth in memoriam of Kay and Ed Hildreth
- ✘ Jones family in memory of Philip and Lysbet Bartlett
- ✘ Judith E. Lally in memory of John F. Blake Jr. of Littleton
- ✘ John and Barbara Kamb, Eleanor Dattoli in loving memory of Will and Sadie Day and Susan Matthews
- ✘ Susan Leeming in memory of Lex Bacon, Helen and Monk Leeming
- ✘ Manny, Kim and Olivia Lindo in memory of Josephine Lindo, Martin Lindo, and Arthur and Velma Kintzel
- ✘ Fr. Alan and Erica MacKillop in loving memory of Kenneth and Mildred MacKillop, Josef and Berta Hubatka, Donald and Do MacKillop and Graham MacKillop
- ✘ Phil and Linda Malone in memory of Frank and Comaic Malone and Tony Holmbeck
- ✘ Mary Medeiros in memory of Frank M. Glantz and George R. Medeiros
- ✘ John and Lili Ott in memory of the Ott and Reineck families and loved ones
- ✘ Alan and Louise Rogers in memory of John Rogers and Frank and Jessie Holland
- ✘ Faith and Jason Salter in joy and thanksgiving for their precious son Owen Michael
- ✘ Faith and Jason Salter in celebration for the birth of their nephew Cameron Riley
- ✘ Carolyn Smith and Dick Dabrowski in memory of Thomas O. Durant, Marjorie M. Durant, Warner Smith, Nelson Smith, Dianne Graham, John C. Johnson
- ✘ Jackie Strobel in loving memory of James A. Butler, Dorothy and Alaide Dodier
- ✘ Pete and Heidi Wharton in thanksgiving for Hannah, Luke and Rachael
- ✘ Catherine Wheatley in memory of George Wheatley



Cauley Garden Center on South St. in Fitchburg provided the beautiful plants.

# Church Milestones

- ✘ BAPTIZED Easter Eve, April 15th: Maura Elizabeth and Sarah Julianna, daughters of Patrick and Kathryn O'Connor.
- ✘ BAPTIZED April 23, London Julieanna, daughter of Andrew and Rosanna Simmons Casavecchia.
- ✘ CONFIRMED in May at Christ Church, Andover: Jackie Strobel, Vivian Ferrillo and Leah Smith



## St. Paul's Prayer for the Ephesians

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (3:16-21)

**For St. Andrew's as well?**

The Outreach Commission has begun evaluating new organizations deserving of our support. One of these organizations is Growing Places Garden Project, Inc. ([www.growingplaces.org](http://www.growingplaces.org)), which gives us the opportunity to meet the goals of using our time, talents as well as our treasure to assist those who are less fortunate. The following article provides information about what Growing Places does and how we as a parish can help. If you would like to volunteer to help build a garden or plant vegetables this spring, please contact Pete Whar-ton 978 456 7968, and he will coordinate with Growing Places.

### Growing Places Garden Project, Inc.

Growing Places Garden Project, Inc. is a local non-profit led by Harvard resi-dents Kate Deyst and Cindy Buhner. It donates raised-bed vegetable gardens to families and individuals in economic need and serves the towns of Acton, Ayer, Berlin, Bolton, Boxborough, Clinton, Groton, Harvard, Hudson, Lancaster, Leominster, Littleton, Lunenburg, Maynard, Shirley, Sterling, Stow, Townsend and Westford. Working closely with social service organizations such as Loaves and Fishes and WHEAT (Clinton), Growing Places identifies clients who need and would appreciate their own gardens. Referrals also come from people who have received a garden and then tell their friends and relatives about our program. There is no cost to garden recipients.

Growing Places works with its gardeners for two years. In the first spring, vol-unteers bring all the materials to build three 4'x 8' beds at the gardener's residence and then install the garden. Gardeners receive seeds, a growing guide, hand tools and technical help if they need it. They also choose from a "menu" of more than 20 vegetable and herb seedlings. A weekly newsletter, published from late spring to early autumn, discusses current garden happen-ings (for example "pest of the week" or "crop of the week"), and provides har-vesting tips and recipes. At the end of the season, gardeners receive compost to replenish their soil and are asked to fill out a survey that provides feedback to Growing Places *and* serves as a seedling menu for the second year. News-letters and technical support are provided throughout the second year, and beyond if requested.

Spring in New England is short so the group tries to build the gardens starting in early April and finishing by the end of May. Garden installations usually oc-cur on the weekends and take about half a day per garden. Garden planting takes place from early May through the first two weeks of June and usually takes an hour or two.

## CLEANUP TIME

It's been a long winter and the St. Andrew's buildings and grounds need a little TLC, so wear your old jeans and sweatshirt to church on Sunday, May 21 and make light work of it. Suggestions as to what you think needs doing are eagerly sought and may be made to any vestry person or to the church office. Arrangements for lunch and child care will be made. Keep tuned and pray for a nice day!

*An indolent vicar of Bray  
His roses allowed to decay.  
His wife, more alert,  
Bought a powerful squirt  
And said to her spouse, "Let us spray."*



## Artwork

During the Easter season, come up front and have a look at the lovely altar frontal created by Barbara Kamb and Marj Costa. They took an old frontal which was in pretty poor shape and reworked it into a lovely hanging for use on special occasions. The embroidery was restored with gold thread, finely stitched around the edges and the entire piece celebrates the glory of God. Beautiful work, Barbara and Marj!

# Vestry Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the March, 2006 Vestry Meeting:

- ✘ February '06 Treasurer's Report.
  - ✘ Actual Income did not meet Budgeted Income – Only three Sunday services due to snow cancellation of the fourth. Also no rectory rental income. Budget still in the black due to last year's surplus. We have higher electric costs due to timing of bills and we purchased two electric heaters for each of the offices which eliminates the need to heat the whole Parish Hall, thus offsetting the heating bill.
  - ✘ Compensation for Lenten speakers discussed; motion passed to pay each of the speakers (excluding Fr. Alan and Erica MacKillop) a \$100 honorarium plus reasonable travel expenses; donation basket will be out during each Lenten program to offset costs; Carolyn to present each speaker with a token of our appreciation
  - ✘ Pancake Supper Revenue was \$434.30 in church donations; \$41 and 18 bags of groceries for Loaves & Fishes
  - ✘ Emergency contacts to be listed on Fire Dept. Permit Renewal
    1. Russ Harris
    2. Mary Medeiros
    3. Yvette Nasworthy
- ✘ Cleaning Contract Status – Bid submitted by Nancy Mayo almost double what we currently pay. Fr. Alan, Mary and Russ will meet with Nancy this Wed. at 11 AM to discuss the possibility of lowering the bid. Additional bid submitted by Rhonda Conners.
- ✘ Building Maintenance
  - ✘ Bringing Parish Hall into ADA compliance discussed. Priscilla Andrew's son, Peter, to look into the installation of a ramp to access the building from the outside. Bathrooms would be the next to be investigated; Manny believes that as long as the work is considered building maintenance, it is not necessary to bring the whole building into compliance all at once.
  - ✘ Building Security – Mary received lock quote from Nashoba Lock. Fr. Alan to find out name of company that installed locks in the Baptist Church. Walkie-talkie to be given to the baby sitter in the Parish Hall during 10 o'clock service.
- ✘ Miscellaneous Old Business
  - ✘ Fr. Alan to send copy of organist's contract to Sue in order for her to pay Michael Smith
  - ✘ 2/8/06 Meeting Minutes Approved
  - ✘ Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM
  - ✘ Meeting Closing with Prayer – 1:20 PM

## A family is waiting for their home...

Habitat for Humanity needs a few good people to put the finishing touches on a Habitat house in Fitchburg, at 192 Leighton Street.

We'll be building retaining walls in May, June and July.

Groups or individuals are welcome. To help us in planning for work crews, please reserve your space as soon as possible by REGISTERING on our website: [www.ncmhabitat.org](http://www.ncmhabitat.org)

## Won't you help provide a home for a family in need?

For more information, call 978-348-2749 or e-mail [hfhncm@verizon.net](mailto:hfhncm@verizon.net)

# Take a Hike for Humanity

Hike-A-Thon

May 20-21, 2006

Mt. Monadnock - Jaffrey, NH

Habitat for Humanity North Central Massachusetts announces 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Hike

You can make a difference in the lives of families in need when you Hike for Humanity at Mt. Monadnock on May 20 or 21. This 11<sup>th</sup> annual Hike for Humanity raises funds to build simple decent homes that low-income families can afford.

Hiking Mt. Monadnock is a great way to support Habitat for Humanity while enjoying the mountain scenery and spring weather. Hikers collect pledges from family members, friends and co-workers. Money raised will help build Habitat houses in north central Massachusetts. The summit is about 3 miles on well-traveled trails over easy to moderate terrain. For those not up to hiking to the top of the mountain, alternative paths near the base are available.

Hike on your own, with family and friends, or form a team of up to ten members. When you return to the base, finish off your hiking adventure by bidding on the silent auction items, including a Nemo Tent. For more information visit our website [www.ncmhabitat.org](http://www.ncmhabitat.org), [www.takeahikeforhumanity.org](http://www.takeahikeforhumanity.org), or contact the Habitat office at (978) 348-2749 or [hfhncm@verizon.net](mailto:hfhncm@verizon.net)



# May 2006

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