RECTOR'S MESSAGE

The Rev. Sunil Chandy

“Ipso summo angulari lapide Christo Iesu”. 1890

“Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone” comes from Ephesians Chapter 2, vs 20.

Last week I had the occasion to look at our church building cornerstone. It is found on the Elm street side of our church. On the cornerstone is written the above phrase. The cornerstone, according to the History of Christ Church by Helen Lathrop, was placed in 1891. The church building which is currently our sanctuary was finally consecrated in 1894 by Bishop Thomas March Clark.

I can only imagine the theological conversations regarding the choice of scripture for that cornerstone. And as they chose Ephesians Chapter 2, verse 20, they were making a proclamation to the world about their spiritual home. Perhaps Fr. Groton and the vestry and congregation of that time
RECTOR'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

desired to make a statement regarding the intent for the church in which they were investing so much of their love, time, talent, and treasure. Perhaps they understood that this beautiful stone edifice made out of Westerly blue granite and trimmed with red granite would stand for generations beyond the time of their own worshipping community. Maybe they were making a faith statement for this building.

“Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone” is a simple, direct statement. Christ Church is to be the church in which Jesus Christ is the model of faith. It is on Jesus that our lives are to be placed on in faith and action. But there could also be a deeper meaning that can be gleaned from that simple statement. In the Letter to the Ephesians, the writer, assumed to be Paul, reminds the Ephesians that there is one place that both Jew and Gentile, slave or free, high-born or low-born can be united, and that is in Christ Jesus. For the writer of Ephesians, Jesus is the reconciling agent for a world that is divided and separated. Perhaps the generation of Christ Church Christians in the year 1891 and forward wanted to make that faith statement about Christ Church, the holy sanctuary in Westerly, RI. In a post-Civil War generation this verse could proclaim the church to be a place where people are brought together to find peace and reconciliation.

In our day we are painfully aware of the many things that divides us in our world. Where we are from? What do we look like? Our age, our gender, our education, our political leanings and the list goes on. Truthfully, some things don’t change, but among the list of those things that do not change, we must include that Christ Church in Westerly, since its consecration, has been a place where people from all walks of life are brought together. It has been a place in which people found their faith in God, and it continues to be a place in which people are nurtured in Christ to be reconciling agents in our world.

May our church continue to be blessed in to the centuries yet to come.
Easter Sunday is April 21st. The week before is a very busy one for the Altar Guild and undoubtedly, Holy Week is the busiest week of the year for the Altar Guild. On Palm Sunday the liturgical color is red. Hangings are put back on and crosses are draped in red.

Four days later, we prepare for Maundy Thursday. This Eucharist is undoubtedly the most important of the year. The liturgical color for the Eucharist is white and all hangings and crosses are changed to this color. These are not the only changes that are made during this service.

According to an article entitled **TEACHING** published by the Cathedral of all Saints in New York, “The service of Maundy Thursday is the first of the three great liturgies; the three often referred to as the Triduum. The service itself has many distinct parts. The service begins like any Solemn Eucharist, but then quickly moves into the *Mandatum*, the first word in Latin of the
New Commandment that Jesus gives on this Holy Night (John 13:34). We have shortened *Mandatum* to *Maundy* in the name of this day.”

The washing of the feet, symbolic of the actions during the Last Supper, is followed by the Eucharist, “the night the Lord first commanded ‘Do this in remembrance of me.’” (*Teaching, Cathedral of All Saints*).

Next comes the stripping of the Altar and the washing of the Altar. The *Teaching* article quotes, “The Altar represents Christ. It has five marks that Christ will receive on Good Friday. The Altar is left naked.” Before this takes place, the clergy brings the reserved sacrament (the sacrament already blessed) and the Sanctuary Light to the Garden of Repose or, in our church, the Tobin Chapel. The Garden is decorated by the Altar Guild before the service. Members of the Altar Guild and Acolytes remove all hangings, kneelers, candles, stands and change the drappings on all crosses, except in the Garden of Repose, to black. Finally the Altar is washed. The top of our Altar contains five crosses, one in each corner and one in the middle that represent the five wounds of Jesus. Watch carefully as each is outlined during the washing. We hope that you will also take the opportunity to come up to the altar while it is “naked” to see the many symbols.

On Holy Saturday, the Altar Guild gathers at 9AM for Morning Prayer and then begins our work of preparing the church for Easter when the liturgical color is white and our church is once again adorned in splendor!

The Altar Guild sincerely thanks all who purchased roses or made donations to our fund raiser to celebrate Mothering Sunday on March 31st. A final total will be published as soon as it is known and information will be published in the May Cornerstone.
Jesus did say, “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” But this doesn’t mean we can approach God as if he were an ATM! We don’t just punch in a card and voila - out comes a miracle. It doesn’t work that way.

Miracles are great, but let’s be real. Anything is possible with God, so we ask him for good health, and ignore an unhealthy lifestyle. We want divine intervention for an exam, but don’t bother to study. How many of us have asked God for a winning lottery ticket, or beauty, popularity and success? Yes, God can do anything, but is what we want for ourselves, what he wants for us?

Lent is a time to embrace those things essential to prayer and right relationship with God - humility and sincerity. When God answers our prayers, we don’t just receive God’s grace, we participate in building the kingdom of heaven. Health, wealth and happiness are not handed out like party favors. These are gifts that come through faith, hope and love, in partnership with God, who knows our needs better than we do.

Being in relationship with God does not mean we get a discount on grace. It means we cannot avoid the cross. God is present in our suffering and he invites us to be present in his. There, on the cross with Jesus, we learn to love ourselves and others as God does, impossible as that may seem. That’s why it is called a miracle.

Blessings on your journey to Easter,
Faithfully,
Anne
The Annual Shrove Fat Tuesday
Mardi Gras Pancake Supper
TRIVIA NIGHT
@ CHRIST CHURCH WESTERLY
LENTEN SERIES
TASTE OF INDIA

Sunday March 17: 5-7pm
Tickets: Eventbrite.com or at the door
As you may have literally “heard,” bell ringing classes under the direction of Lido Mochetti have begun. There are five beginners who meet in the belfry Saturday morning and practice, “dry” (not actually striking the bells) and out loud. A basic change, Tallis’ “Eighth Tune” (Hymnal p. 25), and “St. Anne” (“O God, our help in ages past”) are currently on the program; more challenging ones will follow.

The newest addition to the repertoire was recently received from William Thorpe of Boston, a choir member and bell-ringer along with Lido back in the 1960’s and 70’s. Titled “The Cheerful Cuckoo,” it was composed specifically for the Christ Church’s ten-bell chime and in honor of Westerly’s 350th celebration. It can be played by either one or two bell-ringers; Lido and daughter Alex been practicing it for the last several weeks. It’s easily recognizable by its two-note “cuckoo” refrain. (Thanks, Bill, for your original music tribute!)
June 7-8: Overnight / Lock-in at Christ church.

Starting with dinner together on Friday night through Breakfast Saturday morning (or what ever part you can come for)

· Enjoy the youth room, including the pool table, wii, etc.
· Games
· Baking cookies
· Movie (Be sure the teens make a choice on the movie they'd prefer watching on the poster in the downstairs hall)

With Lent now upon us, here are a few questions about its origins.

1. What is the origin of the name "Easter?"
2. How is the date of Easter determined?
3. When is the earliest and latest Easter can occur?

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MEALS TO HEAL
A good home-cooked meal can heal the soul as well as nourish the body. If you or a loved one has recently come home from the hospital, had a death of a loved one, experienced a trauma, just delivered a baby, etc., call us and one of our committee members will bring you a fully cooked dinner! We are looking for more cooks, as well. Contact the office at 401-596-0197.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS
OA meetings will return to Christ Church every Tuesday at 1:00 pm in St. Mark’s Room. Please contact Sandra Thibault for more information: 401-212-0468.

PRAYER LIST
Please help us keep our prayer list current! Please take a look and send any updates to the secretary.christchurch@verizon.net. Please also contact us if you are ready to be placed on the Thanksgiving List of Healing. Thank you, The Pastoral Care Commission.

1. Although the derivation of the name is uncertain, it most likely came from "Eostre," the Anglo-Saxon goddess of the dawn who is celebrated in the spring. As in the case of Christmas, where the date of the Nativity was set on Dec 25 to compete with various pagan winter solstice festivals, the early church's celebration of the Resurrection competed with and then superseded various pagan springtime rituals, and Eostre seems to have changed into Easter to designate this time.

2. How is the date of Easter determined?-----It is determined by the time of the Paschal full moon, which already factored into the date of Passover. After some time (read more about that on your own), the date was declared to be the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox, which is why the date can vary by over a whole month.

3. Since the vernal equinox was declared by the church to be March 21 (even though sometimes it can fall on March 20, like this year). Easter can be as early as March 25th and as late as April 25th.
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Christ Church Parish Hall
Sunday, April 7, 2019
10:30 am

Nichole Woodward
Information specialist, WSC

Nichole Woodward, the Community Information Specialist on staff at the Westerly Senior Center will speak on the variety of services available to seniors in the Westerly area. Do you need a ride? Did you know the Westerly Senior Center has a van available Tuesday through Thursday for shopping, hairdresser and barber appointments, nursing home visits etc.? There are even Trips to the Crystal Mall and Warwick Mall! Come and listen to Nichole’s informative talk. Get your coffee quickly and come sit down to hear all that she has to tell.

Learn about the variety of services available to seniors in the Westerly area!

CHRIST CHURCH
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Saturdays, May 4, 2019
7 AM - 12 PM

Perennials / Annuals
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We Can Deliver!
(within a 30 mile radius)

More Specific Information
Coming in Next Week’s Bulletin.

Now taking tag sale donations: Please bring
donations to the church between 9 & 4 during
the week and after services on Sunday in the
Undercroft.
Sunday, April 28, 2019
10:00 am service

The Rt. Rev.
Nicholas Knisely

Join us April 28th at 10 am when Bishop Knisely will be
celebrating and preaching. Bishop Knisely became our
diocesan bishop in November 2012. He was born and raised in
Pennsylvania and met his wife Karen while they were both
students at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster. Later,
as a graduate student at the University of Delaware, he
decided to leave behind his studies of Physics and Astronomy
and was sent to Yale/Berkeley Divinity School to study for the
priesthood. He completed his Masters of Divinity and was
ordained to the diaconate in Delaware in 1991, then to the
priesthood in 1992. In 2013 he received an Honorary
Doctorate of Divinity, also from Berkeley Divinity School at
Yale.

Bishop Knisely previously served as a priest in Delaware,
Western and Eastern Pennsylvania, and as Dean of the
Cathedral in Phoenix Arizona. He has been active in a number
of ministries with particular focus in the areas of
homelessness, communications, college and youth, finance,
and ecumenical relations. He taught Physics and Astronomy
for nearly seven years at Lehigh University while he was
serving in Bethlehem PA. He was the first chair of the General
Convention Standing Commission on Communications and
Technology and was part of the Moravian-Episcopal Dialog that
drew up the full communion agreement between the two
denominations. Karen and Nicholas Knisely have been married
for 30 years and have an adult daughter named Kenney.
37 W. Broad St. Pawcatuck, CT

Join us on
Monday, April 8th
4 to 7pm
Come Enjoy a Sweet Treat!

Mel’s will donate 20% of all proceeds
to Christ Church

They will also be collecting toiletries for the
Livings Supply Closet

Suggested items:
Toilet Paper  Soap/Hand Sanitizer
Body Wash  Lotion  Diapers  Wipes
Shampoo  Conditioner  Toothpaste  Floss
For clarification, the following is, by law the church's policy on any political campaign involvement.

Betsey Rice
Senior Warden

IRS
The Restriction of Political Campaign Intervention by Section 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Organizations

Under the Internal Revenue Code, all section 501(c)(3) organizations are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office. Contributions to political campaign funds or public statements of position (verbal or written) made on behalf of the organization in favor of or in opposition to any candidate for public office clearly violate the prohibition against political campaign activity. Violating this prohibition may result in denial or revocation of tax-exempt status and the imposition of certain excise taxes.

Certain activities or expenditures may not be prohibited depending on the facts and circumstances. For example, certain voter education activities (including presenting public forums and publishing voter education guides) conducted in a non-partisan manner do not constitute prohibited political campaign activity. In addition, other activities intended to encourage people to participate in the electoral process, such as voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives, would not be prohibited political campaign activity if conducted in a non-partisan manner.

On the other hand, voter education or registration activities with evidence of bias that (a) would favor one candidate over another; (b) oppose a candidate in some manner; or (c) have the effect of favoring a candidate or group of candidates, will constitute prohibited participation or intervention.

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Fall/Winter Services

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Rite I Holy Eucharist spoken service
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Rite II Choral Eucharist
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Contemporary Eucharist with Incense
Wednesday 7:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 10 a.m.
Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 10:45 a.m.
Bible Study

Christ Episcopal Church

CLERGY
The Rev. Sunil Chandy, Christ Church Rector
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The Rev. Sandra Haines-Murdocko, Priest Associate
The Rev. Deacon Anne Burke, Deacon

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Erin Breslin and Anthony Berling, Childcare Coordinators

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