RECTOR'S MESSAGE
The Rev. Sunil Chandy

This past Saturday night April 27th our Church had our Capital Campaign Kickoff. It was a beautiful, joyful evening! I am grateful for the work of the Capital Campaign committee whose members have been thinking and planning tirelessly for over a year. While planning when to roll out our campaign, we thought the Easter season would be a great time to have a Capital Campaign Drive because it is a season of joy, generosity, and miracles.

Our campaign is an ambitious undertaking! We hope to raise 1.5 million dollars. We will use the raised funds to replace our roof, add air-conditioning to our sanctuary, enhance our ministerial efforts, plus several smaller but important projects.
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Moreover, I am happy to say, under the able leadership of Fred Allardyce we have raised over $900,000 already!

Our efforts are a great start, but we still need a lot of help. It will take the full participation of our entire parish to help our church reach this goal! No gift is too small or unimportant, and of course, no donation is too large. Most importantly, all gifts will be used for the glory of God as we partner with Him!

There is a beautiful story of a nervous priest amid a capital campaign who had a conversation with a faithful parishioner. This parishioner said to this worrying priest, “Father, you know of all the miracles of the Bible, I am most taken by two in particular. The first is that God came in the world for us! He died for us and rose for us - the Easter miracle! The second miracle is that God has faith in me to be a partner in ministry with him! Somehow, I can choose to help God create a better world! For this, I am grateful!”

As your priest, I am grateful for your love for Christ Church. I suspect that you love Christ Church because it has helped you understand God’s love for you. You may come to this understanding through our church in many ways. Perhaps you have learned of this love through our choir led music program or the preaching of the word by great pastors and priests associated with our sacred church home. Maybe it was within a small group experience in our various church committees that you learned that people know you, and love to be on the journey to the kingdom of God with you!

Alternatively, perhaps you know of our long history of faith, witness, and welcome, and our commitment to the broader community. Deep down we do love the fact that our church has always striven to be a partner with God to create a Joyful, hopeful world.

On Saturday night I asked all those present to partner with
God through Christ Church and our Capital Campaign efforts. I ask all of you, as well, to partner with God through Christ Church, through our efforts we will create a future for Christ Church for generations to come.

Below is the prayer that I prayed at the beginning of our successful Kick-off event. A modified version of this prayer will be included in our Prayers of the People until after our Celebration Sunday on June 9th. I have faith that God will answer our prayers for a successful campaign. I also hope we will have a 100% parish participation in this campaign because this an entire community effort!

God bless you and please watch out for the Capital Campaign announcements and please join our work!

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**A Prayer for Our Capital Campaign**

*Gracious God,* we give thanks for inspiring our forebearers of faith 125 years ago and the generations of parishioners after them as they built a welcoming House of Prayer, in the Southwest corner of Rhode Island.

We are grateful for their vision, dedication and sacrifice.

*In our time, help us to build on their legacy as we seek to restore and improve our church building and enhance our ministerial efforts.*

*Help us to be sacrificial and generous, so that Christ Church will be a faithful witness in the present and future.*

*Bless our Capital Campaign with a deepening devotion to prayer, a growing commitment for service, and increasing levels of generosity as we work to advance the life and ministry of our parish.*

*We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen*
**NEWS FROM THE ALTAR GUILD**

**THANK YOU** to all who made our Mothering Sunday Rose Sale another big success. Our profit to date is $933.75. We used $300 of this money to purchase new cinctures (rope belts) for the acolytes as well as clamps for the refurbished torches. Our most sincere thanks to John Gordon for refurbishing the torches that had not been used in over 20 years. This was a gift from him to the church. They were rededicated and blessed before Holy Week.

As you may remember, one of our projects which we started in 2018 with Rose Money Profits was to purchase CO, Smoke and Gas detectors for the undercroft and a gas detector at the top of the stairs near the kitchen. Originally, we were seeking funds to purchase stand-alone units. However, we found out in December of 2018 that these detectors should be connected to our security system. The price quote which we received from New England Security in the middle of this April is $2,698.54. From two years’ profits of Rose Money Profits, we had $1,593.75. We received additional donations from members of the Altar Guild, a gift to the Altar Guild from 2 parishioners and another donation for the project from another 2 parishioners which **FINALLY** gave us the needed $2,698.54.
THANK YOU to all who made this possible through purchasing roses and giving gifts to the Altar Guild and generous donations to the project.

We are pleased to announce that the detectors will be installed on **Monday, April 29th HALLELUJAH!!!!!**

Cheryl Leong and Natalie Pukas, our Co-directresses, taught the Early Communion Class in early April on “How to Receive Communion”. These children have been studying in preparation for their celebration on May 5th.

Holy Week and Easter were again a very busy time for all of us. Deepest appreciation to **ALL** of our Altar Guild members who worked hard to take care of all of the “behind the scenes” requirements for all services and for decorating the church.

We appreciate those who have volunteered to deliver Easter Flowers to our sick and shut-ins and also to all who provided flowers for them and for our children through your memorial and thanksgiving donations.

Although the Altar Guild will turn 95 in June (Christ Church Altar Guild was commissioned in June, 1924), we are holding Altar Guild Recognition Sunday this year on May 12th at the 9 AM service. We are pleased to welcome two new members who have already been working very hard over these past few months. Sandra Thibault and Bob Barber will be recognized as our newest members and given their Altar Guild Pins.
Do you ever wish you had a nickel (inflation is low) for every time you hear Jesus' love command quoted from scripture? It is arguably one of His most important statements: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:31-35)

We just recently heard these words in the Gospel for Maundy Thursday, and we will hear them again in a few weeks on the Fifth Sunday of Easter, with “resurrection” hindsight. We recognize His words as the hallmark of the Church, and a vision of the kingdom of God. We are, after all, Easter people.

Jesus commands us to do what we want most to do and experience in life, to love and be loved. By following his example, by being Jesus to each other, we find ourselves in that awesome place of mercy and grace we call the kingdom of God, where we are known not by our liturgies, or sermons, or buildings, or creeds, but by our love.

The challenge to love as Jesus loves is not just loving those who love you. Jesus demonstrated his love by dying even for those who clearly did not and do not love him. The degree of difficulty is beyond measure, but whether we succeed or not in our efforts to love one another, Jesus never fails to love us.

And you can take that to the bank, nickel by nickel.

Faithfully,

Anne
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN KICKOFF!

You are cordially invited to the

Campaign for Christ Church
Kickoff Event

Saturday, April 27, 2019
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Greet The Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely
See our video debut
Learn about the Campaign
Sign up for small group presentations
Enjoy light refreshments

Christ Church  7 Elm Street, Westerly, RI
RSVP: 401-657-7914
Email: campaign@christchurchwesterly.org

Childcare program available
VESTRY RETREAT WITH BISHOP KNISELY
ACOLYTE PROMOTION CEREMONY

Congratulations!

Joined as an Acolyte-in-Training
Madison Ely
Luciana Evering

Promotion to Junior Acolyte
Madelyn Cooke
Leah Cooke
Nathan Quaratella
Hayley Quaratella

Promotion to Senior Acolyte
Neil Trewhella
BAPTISM of
Alexander James Vega
CHILDREN'S PALM SUNDAY VISITATION
ROYAL WESTERLY NURSING HOME
Palm Sunday Procession
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)

Early Communion
Our early Communion program educates our young children in the sacrament of Holy Communion. It is open to all children grade 1 and above. If you are interested in having your child participate in this year’s class, contact Kristy Livingston at 401-596-0197 or stop by the office. Classes will be held 2/10 through 4/28 during Christian Formation 10:15-11:15. The Early Communion Service will take place Sun. 5/5.

Vacation Bible School
VBS registration is now open! Please visit ChristChurchWesterly.org and follow the "Children's" link to register for Vacation Bible School. Please email Kristy Livingston at Kristylivingston13@gmail.com or call the office 401-596-0197.

"Things on the May Calendar"
1. Ascension Day comes up on May 30 this year. How is its date determined?
2. Toward the end of the month, we have Rogation Sunday on May 26, followed by 3 Rogation Days, on May 27-29. What are they?
3. At the end of the month, the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is observed on May 31. What is this about?

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MAY TRIVIA
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  - 9am - Choral Eucharist Rite
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  - 11am - Holy Eucharist

- **Pledge Day Cap. Campaign**
  - 9am - Choral Eucharist Rite
  - 10:15am - Sunday School
  - 10:30am - Poetry
  - 11am - Holy Eucharist

- **Memorial Day**
  - OFFICE AND BLDG CLOSED

- **WARM Dinner @ Rectory**
  - 1pm - Overeaters
  - 2pm - Living Supplies
  - 5:30pm - Yeasty Meeting

- **7am - Holy Eucharist**
  - 10am - Holy Eucharist
  - 10:45am - Bible Study
  - 12pm - Al-Anon
  - 6pm - AA
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.

SUMMER HOURS
Summer hours will begin June 16th. We will have a 5:00 pm Saturday service, an 8:00 am spoken service and a 10:00 am choral service.

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.

TRIVIA ANSWERS
(from previous page)

1. Ascension Day comes 40 days after Easter, so since the date of Easter varies, so do the dates of Ascension and Pentecost. Notice that 40 is a significant number that we have seen before.

2. Rogation Days (from the Latin "rogare", to ask) are certain prescribed days of prayer and fasting in the late spring/early summer associated with intercession, especially for the harvest. They are a Christianized version of a pagan observance to pray for the protection of the crops (esp. corn) from mildew and other diseases, and occur just before Ascension, and can occur at other times as well.

3. In the Gospel of Luke (chap.2), when the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to inform her that she had been chosen to bear the Messiah, he also tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is pregnant (with John the Baptist), so it is recorded that she goes to visit her. Upon arriving she says, "my soul doth magnify the Lord", which becomes the Magnificat, and this time is commemorated as The Visitation. Bach and others have composed music for this as well.

Christ Church of Westerly's
1ST SUNDAY POTLUCK
Beginning March 3rd, every first Sunday of the month we will be holding a potluck. Bring a lunch item, dessert or beverage to share and join us in the Parish Hall around 12:00 noon or immediately following the 11:00 am service. Lunch will be accompanied by conversation and discussion. Bring your family and friends!
CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR’S 7 am – 10 am
104th Annual May Breakfast
Christ Church Parish Hall
7 Elm Street, Westerly
Adults $8 • Children under 10 - $4

Menu
Pancakes & Sausage • Eggs & Bacon
Homemade Muffins • Strawberries
Juice • Coffee • Tea

Both great events!
Saturday
May 5, 2018

Spring Market
7 am - 2 pm
Multiple Household Tag Sale
Plant & Shrub Sale
Pre-order your shrubs online at ChristChurchWesterly.org
CHRIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Christ Church Scholarship Fund, established in 1998, is comprised of funds received into our Scholarship Endowment Fund, including funds in memory of Philip B. Cowles, Jr. Scholarships are awarded from the interest earned in this account.

The purpose of the fund is:

1. To provide small scholarships to parishioners attending colleges, universities, technical, and nursing schools.
2. To financially assist parishioners of all ages attending conferences, retreats, or programs which would mutually benefit the parishioner and the church (i.e. spiritual direction, continuing education, discernment).

Application forms are located in the Parish Office and the Narthex. Applicants should be aware that the deadline for receipt of applications is June 15th. The Scholarship Committee will review applications and may request an interview of applicants.

CHRIST CHURCH

7 ELM STREET, WESTERLY (401) 501-0917 CHRIST-CHURCH@VERIZON.NET
The Chorus of Westerly presents its spring concert in celebration of its 60 seasons. Featuring two movements of Beethoven's 9th Symphony, highlights from Handel's Dettingen Te Deum (the first work the Chorus ever performed), and Nänie of Johannes Brahms.

Conducting the program with full chorus and symphony orchestra will be Andrew Howell, the Marion and Bill Palm Music Director of the Chorus, and, for the Handel, Chorus of Westerly founder and music director, emeritus, George Kent.
Sunday, June 9, 2019
10:00 am service

The Most Reverend Frank Griswold

Join us on Pentecost Sunday at 10 am when Bishop Griswold will be celebrating and preaching. Frank Tracy Griswold served as the 25th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church from 1998-2006. Before becoming Presiding Bishop, Bishop Griswold was Bishop of Chicago (1987-1997) and Bishop Coadjutor of Chicago (1985-1987). He was ordained to the priesthood in 1963 and served three parishes in the Diocese of Pennsylvania before being elected bishop.

He was educated at St. Paul’s School in Concord, N.H. and earned an A.B. in English literature at Harvard College (1959). He attended the General Theological Seminary and earned his B.A. and M.A. in theology at Oriel College, Oxford University (1962, 1966). He has received honorary degrees from the General Theological Seminary, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Nashotah House, Sewanee, Berkeley Divinity School, Virginia Theological Seminary, Episcopal Divinity School, Seminary of the Southwest and Rikkyo University in Tokyo.

Bishop Griswold served as co-chair of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission and on national and international liturgical and ecumenical/interfaith commissions and institutes.

Bishop Griswold continues a ministry of teaching, preaching, writing, lecturing and leading retreats, nationally and internationally, drawing on a broad range of spiritual traditions. Bishop Griswold and his wife, Phoebe Wetzel Griswold, live in Philadelphia.

CHRIST CHURCH
Spring 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

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