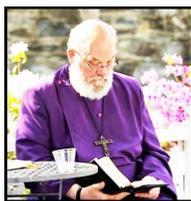




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Reflections From the Rector's Desk

By The Reverend
Canon
Stephen C. Casey

After a few false starts, spring has finally arrived. The trees have begun to turn green with new leaves, the grass on our lawns has grown to the degree that it is now mow-able, plants and flowers are popping up above the ground and all of nature seems to be on the move. Recently I drove down with a companion to Bombay Hook, a national wildlife refuge and one of my favourite bird-watching places. Located on the Delaware Bay, Bombay Hook takes its name from a corruption of the Dutch "Boompjes Hoeck" meaning 'Little tree point', and was established in 1937 as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds. But the salt-water marsh is also home to its own resident wildlife: foxes, beavers, otters, as well as Bald Eagles and other birds that make their home there.

It was a perfect day. The sun was shining, and wild life in abundance were to be seen. The Bald Eagles are raising their young, and within minutes of arriving we had spotted the first of many that day (at one stage we spotted six in one group), and an Osprey catching fish.

"Easter and spring...are synonymous - seasons of new birth"

Easter and spring, of course, are synonymous - seasons of new birth. The Jewish festival of Passover is derived from an ancient agricultural festival which was adopted by the Jews as a religious festival celebrating new life of a different kind through the Exodus. After the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus, Passover became the Christian Exodus, Easter, when through his resurrection Jesus restored all of humanity to the Imago Dei in which we were created. Although the

Resurrection of Jesus occurred at a specific time and place in history, it is not a once and only event. You have often heard me refer to "resurrection moments", when bidden or not bidden Christ makes himself known to us. These are moments of new birth.

At one point in my visit to Bombay Hook I watched a Heron catch and swallow a large fish. Good news for the Heron, we might think, not such good news for the fish. Such is the paradox of nature and the seasons of life and death and new birth.

In not many weeks from now we shall celebrate the Feast of Pentecost - the season of the spirit. As the Resurrection promises new life, so the coming of the Holy Spirit assures us that God in Christ is always present, empowering us and accompanying us on life's journey. The Hebrew word for Spirit is ruach - breath. In the Genesis story, God's breath breathed over

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- • *Staff and Vestry Members are listed on the back cover of the Scepter*

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the waters bringing into being all things. So, in the warm breezes of spring, God in Christ breathes over us as we witness the growth of new life, not only in our lives, but all around us.

A happy Easter; a happy spring, and a blessed Pentecost to you all.

Fr. Stephen+



PENTECOST
SUNDAY
May 20th

Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.

Due date for June will be:

May 20th.

Send articles and announcements to:
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If you're the last person to leave the building following Sunday services or an event, please take the time to make sure all the lights are turned off (including the rest rooms) and the doors are locked.

Feed My Starving Children



By Peg Reiley

18 folks from St. Edward's participated in the Feed My Starving Children mobile pack event in early April. We spent 2 hours packing meals called Manna packs - rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and vitamins/ nutrients - for hungry children throughout the world. Approximately 150-200 people pack during a shift. During our 2 hour shift, 143 boxes were packed, This equals 30,886 meals - this will feed 84 children one meal daily for one year! The total for the 3 day event packed 311,040 meals - this will feed 852 children one meal daily for one year. Over the past 5 years, this mobile pack event has packed more than 1,000,000 meals!!

We always enjoy this event and will be looking forward to next year. Thanks to all who helped.

Thanks Mom

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. “I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life,” he said. “She’s a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice.”

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. “It’s really hard to read my mom’s handwriting,” he said.



Spring at St. Edward's



Vestry

By Brian Newsome



Feeding the hungry lay at the heart of Jesus's ministry. Figuratively, Jesus fed his the crowds and his disciples with lessons on the Scriptures. Literally, he fed them with loaves and fishes. Without the latter, the former would have been impossible. If one is hungry, one cannot concentrate on much of anything other than the desire for a meal. Food security is an essential prerequisite for growth in many, many respects—not only spiritual but also physical and economic. For millennia, the church has fed the hungry. Yet today—with climate change and with patterns of economic development that favor those who already have sufficient means—the need remains as great as ever. Both at home and abroad, millions of individuals suffer from malnutrition. Our parish participates in efforts to meet these challenges. Every week, we donate to the Landisville food bank—a ministry coordinated by Beth Lynch. And every April, more than a dozen parishioners pack meals

for the international service agency Feed My Starving Children—a project coordinated by Peg Riley. Beth and Peg involve the children in each of these activities, thereby training the next generation to assume responsibility for feeding the hungry. Almost 2000 years ago, the Apostle John asked rhetorically, "Whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth" (I John 3:17-18). Both as individuals and as a community, may we continue working to meet the needs of our neighbors near and far.

"Before Pentecost the disciples found it hard to do easy things; after Pentecost they found it easy to do hard things."
—A.J. Gordon

Military News

Please keep in your prayers those close to us who are serving in the military.

- ★Dustin Burluson
- ★Justin Carnahan
- ★Brandon Fox
- ★Gordon Frankenfield
- ★Matt Fuhrman
- ★Adam and Christina Grim
- ★Jack Hawk
- ★Benjamin Jenkins
- ★Drew Johnson
- ★Anthony Koser
- ★Alex Kube
- ★John Lewis



- ★Richard Mutari
- ★David Peck
- ★Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer
- ★Rev. David J. Sparks
- ★Mike Spurr
- ★David Sternberg
- ★Clayton Tennes
- ★Allison Tomich
- ★Evan Westgate
- ★Seamas Whitesel
- ★1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel

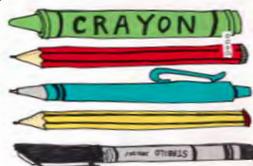


Easter Egg Hunt

Pictures by Ellen Milligan



An Easter egg for you to color.



OUR GRADUATES

We love to include graduation information in the Scepter. Please share pictures and information about those in your family who reach this milestone. Send pictures and information to Michelle at stedsoffice@comcast.net or to Mac at hj_miller@outlook.com/



Happy
Mother's
Day

Just for pun!

- Every calendar's days are numbered.
- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- If you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done.
- A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
- When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- The worker who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.



What you need:

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

What you do:

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.



WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

A	C	D	M*	N*	O*
E	F	G	P*	R*	S*
H	I	L	T*	U*	Y*

" _____ your _____
 and your _____,
 the _____ your _____ has
 _____."
 5:16, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV



Bible Quiz

While in Jerusalem for Pentecost, people from many faraway lands miraculously heard the disciples preaching in their own native languages. Which of the following modern-day places was/were represented?

- A. Egypt
- B. Libya
- C. Crete
- D. Rome
- E. All of the above
- F. A, B and D



Answers
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Answer: E (See Acts 2:9)

Thank You Notes:

Over the past few months, the parish has received many heartfelt "Thank You" notes for the various outreach that we do, as well as a special note of "Thanks" from Deacon Hank. We finally have the space to dedicate to sharing these notes with you!

Greetings:

Just a short note of thanks to you all for making my final Sunday as your Deacon so memorable. The stole is gorgeous and I will treasure it always. Really looking forward to using it this Easter! Thanks also for dedicating so much of the February Scepter to my ministry and final service. I miss you all!

Grace and Peace,

Deacon Hank

Thanks, again, for the use of your facilities to make pillowcases for Ryan's Cases for Smiles. The children at Hershey Children's Hospital will be happy to receive these special pillow cases.

Thanks,
Pilot Club of Central Pennsylvania

Dear St. Edward's,

Thank you so much for the Valentine's Day bucket. I was really surprised and all of the cookies were really good. I came back to my dorm room after a long day and got to relax and have a fantastic treat.

Cole Swiernik



Thank you very much for the Valentine's package! I was happy to get a notification on my phone that a package had arrived for me, but I was even more excited to see that it was from Cheryl's. They are my favorite cookies and were delicious, as always. Once again, thank you very much!

Love,

Daniel Smith

Saturday Service



Third Saturday of
Each Month
5:30 PM
Next Service
May 19th
Rite II

Coffee Hour



Thank you to the following parishioners who graciously hosted and brought in delicious items for our coffee hours for the month of April.

- Gail and Richard Irons
- Jerry and Julie Hoff
- Stephen and Catherine Donohue
- Tony and Sue Bianco
- The Newsome Family
- The McLaughlin Family
- The Milligan Family
- The Lynch Family
- R.B. Mullineaux

Men's Group

By Mike Patrone



The St. Edward's Men's Group meet the last Saturday of the month in the parish hall. It begins at 9am. This year the emphasis is on bible study. Very interesting.

Start your weekend off with a feel good feeling.



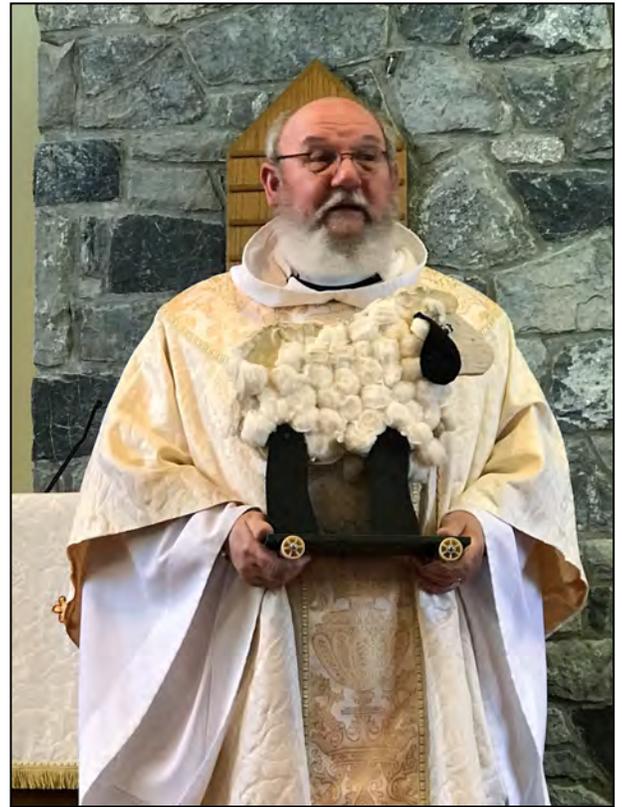
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Good Shepherd Sunday

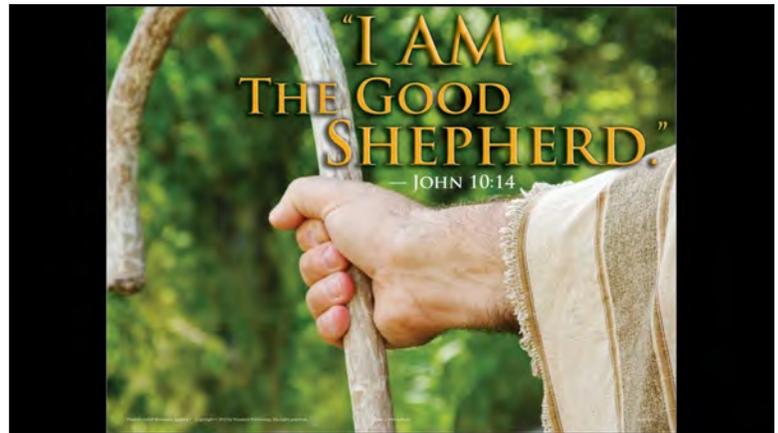
Pictures by Rayelegg Casey and Mac Miller



Father Stephen preached, accompanied by a lamb made by his daughter Emily way back when the family was in seminary.



A happy coincidence: Mac Miller chose this vest and pin to wear to the Saturday Evening service for Good Shepherd Sunday.



The women of St. Edward's Choir sang: *We Shall Walk Through the Valley* —arr. Tim Sharp
A video clip can be seen at:
<https://youtu.be/xJ4swXOHbJk>



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- ✦ **Michael Freshwater
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- ✦ **Dina Ishler (2020)**
- ✦ **Mark Jakiel (2021)**
- ✦ **Herb Johnston(2021)**
- ✦ **Susan Landin (2020)
Secretary**
- ✦ **Brian Newsome
(2019) Sr. Warden**
- ✦ **Bill Swiernik (2020)**
- ✦ **Meredith Westgate
(2020) Jr. Warden**

Worship Services

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (said)

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Contemporary Service (2nd Sunday, Sept – May).

Wednesday

12:00 Noon – Holy Eucharist with healing

Saturday

5:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II (Third Saturday)
