



# The St. Mark's Roar

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St. Mark's Episcopal Church

April 2005

Dear Friends in Christ,

This is my last letter to you in the Roar. After five and one half years of ministry among you, I am resigning. My last Sunday with you will be April 10. On this day we will celebrate the eucharist at 8 AM using our simple Rite I worship service as is our custom. However, the 9:30 AM worship is being moved to 6 PM.

The worship on this evening will be our principal celebration of the eucharist for the day and will be my final worship service with you. The adult and youth choirs will sing, the dean of our deanery will be present and one of our bishops, The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris, is trying to arrange her schedule to attend. We are planning for a true celebration of ministry. I do hope as many of you as possible will be there to celebrate and say good bye.

Many of you have asked why I am leaving. The best answer I can give is that it is the right thing for my family. It is not because we are having another child. Peter and I have a child care arrangement in place with which we have been very happy and which could have easily and happily accommodated another child. Many also have asked what I am going to do next. I do not have a call to another parish or ministry. Peter, John Carl and I are moving to New Hampshire which is where Peter works. I plan to spend a lot of time with John Carl and get ready for the birth of our daughter in July.

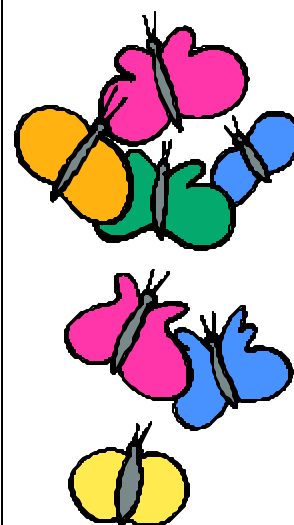
I thank you all for our years of ministry together and I wish you well in the future. I hope to see you Sunday, April 10 at 6 PM.

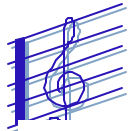
Peace,  
Pastor Jackie

Worship will follow the normal schedule on April 3, 17 and 24 with Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8 AM and Holy Eucharist Rite II at 9:30 AM. On April 17 and 24, St. Mark's will have a supply priest, much like you do when Pastor Jackie is on vacation. The vestry will keep you updated on the status of the arrival of your new Priest in Charge.

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## Musical Notes Susan Dearborn, Organist and Choir Director

### Easter Thank You

I would like to extend a big thank you to the members of the St. Mark's Adult and Youth choirs. They worked particularly hard preparing for our Holy Week and Easter services, and I am grateful for their willingness to put in the extra time. This year was especially challenging because Easter arrived early, meaning we had to compress our rehearsals into a shorter time period.

I would also like to thank Bruce Burrell for adding so much to our music program, particularly with his playing during the preludes for the Easter services and during the Youth Choir anthems. Ginger Blanchet did her usual terrific job in keeping the Youth Choir on track in the

midst of our very busy Easter Sunday.

I would also like to express my appreciation to Janet Lyna for feeding the Adult Choir between the services on Easter Sunday. Her delicious breakfast sustained us through the second service, and gave us a wonderful opportunity for fellowship. Thank you, Janet!

### Hymn Suggestions

Is there a hymn you would like us to sing one Sunday? We are always interested in hearing your suggestions. Take a few moments to flip through the 1982 hymnal or our newer hymnal, Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing and find your favorites. Pass your ideas along to me and I will do my best to schedule them for a future Sunday.

## Information

With Pastor Jackie's departure there are some changes in getting your information into print.

Deanne Cormier has volunteered to produce the weekly Sunday bulletin. If you have an announcement for the weekly Sunday bulletin or if you would like to make a change to the prayer list, please leave a note in Deanne's file in Penny's office or leave her a voice mail message at the church on her mailbox which is number 3. Please know that changes which come in after Tuesday will not be in the printed bulletin.

The monthly ROAR newsletter (this publication) will be a team effort. If you would like to put something in the monthly ROAR newsletter, please leave the information in the ROAR file in Penny's office or leave a voice mail message at the church in the ROAR mailbox which is number 4 by the 20th of the month.

The telephone number at the church is 781-272-1586. After listening to the message, press the appropriate mailbox number for the person you want. Penny's mailbox is number 2, Deanne Cormier's mailbox is number 3 and the ROAR mailbox is number 4. Thank you for your patience as we work out a new system.

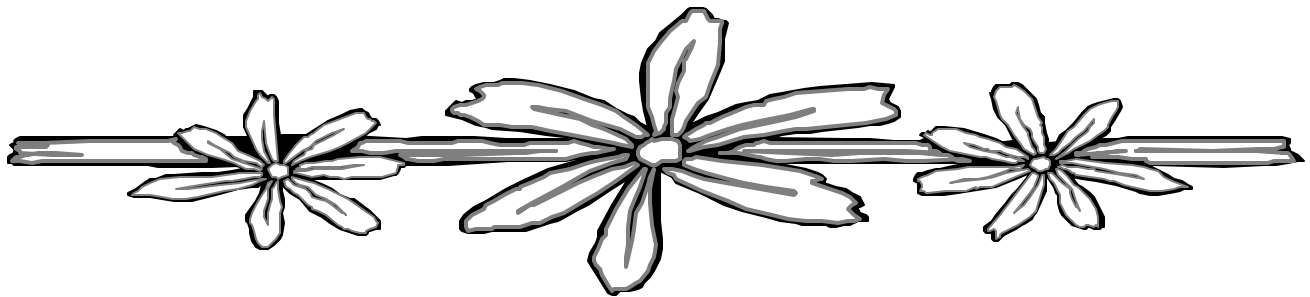
Please note that the Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist will be suspended as of April 6. The new priest may choose to offer this worship after he or she arrives.

## Treasurer's Report

by Catherine Owens

January 2005 is closed and all accounts are in balance. We received \$12,243.44 in revenues and spent \$14,148.63, for a net loss of \$1,905.19. However, in January we paid an assessment payment sufficient to bring us up to our 2004 debt. In other words we have paid off the 2003 assessment and now are paying 2004. In March we sent the Diocese an extra payment of \$2,789.54 representing the balance of the Rector's Sabbatical fund. This is money that was accruing to cover the cost of a supply minister during the Rector's sabbatical. Since our next Rector will not be due a sabbatical until he or she has served for five years, we can start accruing to the fund once the new Rector is found.

I fell behind in data entry in mid-March. Therefore, the checkbook is balanced against the February bank statement, but February is not yet closed. Thank you for your patience.



## Easter Thank You

from Pastor Jackie

Thank you to the altar guild for all of your extra work during Holy Week and Easter. Everything went so smoothly and the church looked absolutely beautiful on Easter Day. We truly appreciate all that you do during this busy time and all year through. Special thanks to Linda Kelley and Betsy Figenbaum for preparing the Easter plants and to Janet Lyna to keeping everything organized!

Thank you to the adult and youth choirs. Your voices made our worship that much more meaningful. We know you spent extra time in rehearsal too and we are grateful.

Thank you to Bruce Burrell for providing lovely instrumental accompaniment to our worship. Your gift to our parish makes such a positive difference when we gather together to worship.

Thank you to Janet Lyna for providing breakfast for the choir between the 8 AM and 10 AM worship. We know that the eucharist is our primary meal on Sunday, but the other food sure is a boost.

Thank you to our staff, Susan Dearborn and Penny Newton. There is extra work this time of year and you both rose to the occasion beautifully.

I hope I did not forget to thank someone. If I did, I apologize. Thank you to all of you for attending our worship and bringing family and friends.

## AIDS IN AFRICA

In central and southern Africa—where more Anglicans live than in England and America combined—30 million people have AIDS. 2 million died last year from AIDS. 12 million children are orphans because their parents have perished.

What do these figures mean? Bishop Tom Shaw says they mean we need to help. And he says we *are* helping, through the Diocese of Massachusetts Jubilee Ministry. We are feeding orphans, we are educating them, we are teaching home-based-care workers to assist those who are sick, and we are providing the supplies they must have to do this work. And we know how what we are doing helps real people because we have been there.

The Bishop says, "The HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa is like a tsunami every single month. We are helping, but we need to do more. Can you stretch out your hand?"

\$25.00 will buy a kit with supplies and medicines for basic home care. Give to "Diocese of Massachusetts—Jubilee Ministry," 138 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02111.

**The Jubilee Ministry of the Diocese Of Massachusetts**  
617 482-4826, mgeller@diomass.org

Note: The vestry voted at its March 21 meeting to donate \$150 to this cause from our Endowment Fund.

## Camp This Summer

There are many opportunities to camp at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center this summer. The new center owned and operated by the Diocese of Massachusetts is located on a beautiful lake in southern New Hampshire. There are weeks for families, children and teenagers! Check the bulletin board in the narthex for more information. You may also call the camp at (603) 547-3400.



Party on April 10

by Tracey Healey

On Sunday, April 10 Pastor Jackie will celebrate her last Sunday with us. We would like to show our appreciation for her ministry by hosting a reception in her honor. Following the special worship service at 6 PM on April 10 there will be a party in the parish hall. Please come and bring a dessert or finger food to share. If you have any questions, please call me, Tracey Healey. Thank you.

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## Send a Note to a Friend by Shirley Estrella

Dorothy (Dot) Broeg has been at the Life Care Center in Stoneham for a few years after breaking her hip and will be reaching her 90th birthday on April 11, 2005. Her daughter, Janet phoned me and would hope that many of the parishioners from St. Mark's who knew her would send birthday cards to help her celebrate her 90th birthday.

Dot was a member of St. Mark's for a very long time before moving to Reading after her husband, Phil passed away. They were both very active parishioners who volunteered to do a lot around the church. Dot is mentally alert and certainly would also appreciate visitors.

The address is:  
Dorothy Broeg  
Life Care Center  
Room 124A  
25 Woodland Road  
Stoneham, MA 02180

### Scholarships Available

Scholarships are available to members of St. Mark's from the annual allocation of the Endowment Fund. The amount available this year is \$700. The Endowment Fund charter indicates that these scholarships or grants are for "the purpose of attending college, seminary, nursing or medical school; for church-related camping or leadership conferences; or such other training which enable members of this congregation to grow in Christian faith and service to God's people." If you are interested in learning more about accessing this scholarship or grant money please contact a member of the vestry.



Happy Birthday to Rosemary Eaton and Bob Thompson, both of whom were born on April 12! If you see them, wish them a very happy day.

### St. Mark's Vestry for 2005

Co-Wardens—Howard Bettinson and Jed Geyerhahn  
Treasurer—Catherine Owens Clerk—Janet Lyna  
James Agostinelli, Russ Bilodeau, Sally Cassidy, Deanne Cormier, John Doiron, Shirley Estrella,  
Kathy Lamourine and Ann Sullivan

## An Altar of Roses

**Celebrate the Women in Your Life**

**May 8, 2004**

On Mother's Day, we will be honoring the special place mothers have in our lives. If you would like to remember your mother, grandmother, godmother, the woman who has always been like a mother to you, the mother of your children, etc., you may give a rose in her name. The names of these special women will be listed in the bulletin for this day. The roses cost \$5 a piece and will be used to adorn the sanctuary on Mother's Day, May 8. Following the worship you may take your rose and give it to the special woman for whom you dedicated it.

Please complete the form below and submit it with \$5 for each rose to the church office by May 1 so we can order the roses in time.

Your generosity will make our church especially beautiful on this day  
and it will help our budget. Thank you.

Roses given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your Name)

Telephone number where we can reach you if we have a question: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

In Celebration of / In Memory of (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Special Woman)

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