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THE RECTOR WRITES

Dear Friends STOP!

It was a January day. A large storm and much snow covered the parish and Long Island. I was on my way to Church on foot. There was so much snow and the trees looked as if they had been frosted by a great cake maker or they had been made into white crystal. It was so bright, snow white bright and there was that amazing deafening silence which only nature can share. I got to the top of Parish Drive and ready to cross the road and there it was, a snow covered STOP sign. It brought me to a stop by its beauty, a snow covered stop sign telling me to STOP. To not only stop when I am driving or trying to cross the road but very importantly to stop regularly in life, each day, throughout the day, the week, the month and the year and through out our lives.

May be nature is one big stop sign. So many people of all ages are racing through life with schedules, the so boring talk of busy ness (who isn't busy?) that the beauty of nature and the wonder of human beings is ignored and taken for granted. How many people treat other human beings so badly by incessant text and answering cell phones or checking email when there are real people in their company? What an insult! How not affirming of how the human being is respected!

We are in the season of Lent and so many can avoid its role which is to stop us and think about what and who is important and where God and Church are in our list of busyness and activities. The poet Walt Whitman talked about God sending us all letters every day through people and things and yet so many are so active and busy that the divine mail is never opened or left unread!

This Lent and Easter may we remember that God is putting a stop sign in front of us every day. Notice nature, notice the



animals and the birds, notice people, notice how we treat each other. Notice breathing! Notice all that is good around us! STOP! Notice!

You will find details of our Parish Holy Week which is for all ages and all parishioners. Do try to make a special effort to STOP and whenever possible to come and share. STOP on Palm Sunday as we celebrate Jesus and his life and teaching as we remember him riding on a donkey through Jerusalem in a most humble way. STOP on Maundy Thursday in remembering Jesus washing his disciples' feet and sharing blessed and broken bread and wine, the Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood. STOP on Good Friday and remember the love of Jesus shown on the cross as we journey with him commemorating from Gethsemane to Golgotha and Calvary. STOP at Easter to celebrate the life changing truth for all time. Death and hopelessness are defeated once and for all because the disciples found Jesus to be with them after death in a most powerful death defeating and stone rolling away way.

I wish you a rest of Lent, Holy Week and Easter with lots of STOPS. I wish you a life of STOPS. God puts the stops signs before us in a whole host of ways. We can ignore them and ignore God's letters to us or we can receive them as sheer gift, life changing, life enhancing, soul-nurturing ways. May we all STOP! Now, often, always .

Happy Lent, Holy Week and Easter

Father Simon , Rector



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ST JOHN'S AT MLK DAY CELEBRATION

The Rector and several parishioners from St John's of Lattingtown participated in the 27th annual Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Day march and celebration. Rev Simon Foster along with other local members of the clergy gave reflections on the life of Dr King and how he had impacted their lives. Many speakers called for equality not only between the races, but for all people, male and female, regardless of sexual preference or legal status and quoted words from the I Have a Dream speech of Martin Luther King, "where people will be judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Glen Cove poet laureate Victoria Crosby, a Vestry member at St John's of Lattingtown, read a poem written for the event based on the theme Working Together Toward the Dream.

"Harambe," which in Swahili means "working together in unity," is the greeting that Sheryl Goodine, Assistant Principal at Glen Cove High School, uses each year at the commemorative program held at the Wunsch Auditorium in Glen Cove. Ms Goodine is also the Chairman of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemorative Commission, and has been organizing the program for many years. Buttons with the words Working Together Toward the Dream and Dr King's picture were distributed to the audience and participants by members of the MLK Day Commission. Ms Goodine's father, the late James Davis, marched in Washington DC with Dr King in the 1960's. It was Mr. Davis, Chairman Emeritus of the event, who first began the commemorative program twenty seven years ago, before the day was officially recognized by the country.

The day begins with a symbolic march from the First Baptist Church on Continental Place to the Wunsch Auditorium at the Finely Middle School on Forest Avenue. The participants include members of the local clergy, Glen Cove Mayor and members of the Glen



Cove City Council, Glen Cove Police Department and Volunteer Fire Department. The weather, as it has been for the past several years was cold but bright and sunny.

Sheryl Goodine presented a plaque, on behalf of the MLK Commission, to Arthur Weaver, President of the 396th Regiment and 369th Veteran's Association from the Queens District, in recognition of the Regiment's service to America and to the world. The Black Regiment fought during World War I and were dubbed the "Harlem Hell Fighters." Glen Cove High School Students, Orion Marchese, a member of the MLK Commission, Chelsea Phillips, Aaron Sylver and Shaheem Lilly read a brief history of the 396th Regiment.

Uplifting gospel songs were provided by The First Baptist Church Mass Choir and the exciting beats and rhythms of the Glen Cove High School Drumline Directed by Nick Carbuto brought great applause.

As always the celebration ended with everybody holding hands and singing We Shall Overcome.

Refreshment were served in the lobby of the auditorium following the joyous celebration of the life of Dr King. Artwork and poetry from the students at the Glen Cove School District were displayed.

by Victoria Crosby

GOLD COAST CLUSTER

Our own parish and St Paul's Glen Cove, Trinity Roslyn and St Luke's Sea Cliff are part of what is now called the Gold Coast Cluster. Bishop Larry has sent Deacon Charlie Perrin to serve the four parishes as we explore ways of doing mission and service together. Bishop Larry and the Area Dean have also asked our Rector to facilitate the Cluster Clergy Group. Each of the four parishes have their own distinct histories and gifts and working together on mission and service means we can show that we are all a part of the one Episcopal Church in this Diocese of Long Island. The aim of the Cluster is to extend God's Kingdom of love, joy, peace and justice and to be outward looking and do all that we can to build the Church in our times and in our area.

THANKSGIVING FOR NEW LIFE

You will find enclosed with this Eagle our Easter offering envelope. All parishioners are asked to think of some aspect of newness and new life and make an extra thanksgiving donation for our ongoing life and ministry at St John's as part of our Easter celebrations. My personal offertory is in thanksgiving for every new confirmation candidate and those young people who have newly enrolled for religious instruction and for members of our new Eagle Youth Group. Your thanksgiving could be for any new aspect of parish life, for a new parishioner or for the newness of creation at springtime or some other new thing you would like to say thank you to God for. Please return the envelope to church in time for Easter day. Thank you in anticipation. Simon+



ANNUAL MEETING

Takes place on Sunday May 1st. There will be ONE service only that day at 1030am. The Rector will give his Report within the context of the sermon. Please mark your calendars.

CELEBRATING THE KING JAMES BIBLE

(The Authorized Version) in the 400th anniversary year of its publication. Wednesday May 4th: Morning Prayer 9am Rite 1, Eucharist Rite 1 followed by Class at 1015am on the History and style of the King James Bible. All welcome. Come learn, study, share and have fun at another St John's Continuing Education Program.

MEETING A REAL ZEN BUDDHIST

Wednesday May 18th 1015 - thru 1145

The Rector has invited Mr Lawrence Grecco to come and share in our ongoing parish learning about other faiths and traditions. He will talk about his Buddhist beliefs and practice and answer questions. Lawrence is a very inspiring person with a great multi faith story. Come, learn and share in learning together.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES!

Do you feel God may be calling you to explore, share in and grow in your ministry

Calling any parishioner who feels they may have a calling to preach or to lead Morning Prayer. Please call Simon+ to make an appointment for a conversation and program details. Don't be shy! Explore your ministry.

LENT 2011 PROGRAM : THE IDEA OF THE HOLY

Parishioners signed up for a five week exploration on this important theme. Fr Simon and Mr Daniel Schnorbus, Guest facilitator who co led our Holy Poets and Poetry series presented themes and encouraged all to pursue their concepts of the holy. The rector introduced the work of Rudolph Otto, German theologian and his seminal work on this theme. Members of the class have been reading and studying the book as part of their work and Lenten discipline.

All Continuing Education questions and notes can be found on line at www.stjlat.org

Be a part of our parish learning. St John's is a parish where education matters! Really matters.

CALLING ALL NEW ACOLYTES

If you would like to serve God and the community by being an acolyte and/or Eucharistic Minister in these important and lovely service opportunities please call Ira Scott at 516.647.6347. Full training will be given. Join a long line of those who have offered themselves for the work of this House of worship, service and prayer. Come, join the team. Enjoy!



SHROVE TUESDAY AND ASH WEDNESDAY 2011

On Shrove Tuesday thirty five people gathered and shared pancakes and great food to support Hope Glenn in fundraising for her Medical Mission Trip to Peru.

ASH WEDNESDAY

was so well attended this year, four services (the first at 630am) being provided to give maximum opportunity for worship and beginning Lent together. At 430pm many young people attended with parents and with some *twenty* young people enrolling for the Rector's Confirmation Program and religious instruction.

PRAYING THE 'DAILY OFFICE' FOR EPISCOPALIANS

This expression is used to cover the services and prayers from the Book of Common Prayer shared by laity and clergy in our parish and Episcopalians and others throughout our Church, the wider Church and world. Please join your sisters and brothers on line by praying together each day either via the internet or the Book of Common Prayer itself. If you need help finding your way around the actual Book of Common Prayer please talk with the Rector. Offering Daily Prayer in this way has been done for centuries and is a way that we share in that stream of tradition when at daily Morning, Evening, Noon and Night time we offer prayer and praise to God in communion with so many others. Thank you for joining our praying community and know you are being prayed for by others in this way.

If you haven't prayed the Daily Office regularly before it is a wonderful bed rock of tradition which can so strengthen spirituality. I was introduced to it when I was sixteen years old and for some thirty years since it has been a key part of my spiritual discipline, nurture and empowerment for life and ministry.

Simon+



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

“We are climbing – – – – – Jacob’s Ladder!” That hymn was sung Sunday, March 13th, at our wonderful “Old Time Religion Fest”, and it is an appropriate analogy for stewardship at St. John’s. 2010 was a pretty good stewardship year with about \$370,000 committed from 220 pledgers and givers, an average of about \$1,700 per family. Our goal is to reach about \$2,200 in annual giving per family. We NEED to do better in 2011, for two reasons.

We need more to cover both existing expenses (heat, light, salaries etc.) and new initiatives such as our expanding programs in Sunday School/Teen Group, Music Program, Outreach, Agape, to name just a few, that make us a really relevant Parish Church. And we have been spending from our endowment and this is unsustainable and something we can’t continue to do!

We parishioners NEED to be contributing as a part of our worship, and at a level consistent with our present times. The good work of St. John’s requires both human and financial resources from all members of our church. St. John’s is an important cornerstone in each of our lives. We need to feel GOOD about what we do for God’s mission here on our planet. We two and others on the Vestry increased our pledges this year. So, what should YOU do?

PLEASE, send in your 2011 pledge card, if you haven’t already. Pledges are important for planning ahead. Or, if the foregoing makes sense to you and you can handle it, update your pledge with a modest increase; another rung or two up the ladder. Karin at (516) 671-3226 will be glad to send you a new pledge card if you ask. We want you to feel good too! We’ll “See you in Church”. And God Bless You and Yours!!

Mike Powers and Larry Ward
Co-Chairs

The Abbey Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Bath



THE EAR-NESS OF G-O-D

A new poem by Simon Foster

I can't get over it
The more I see them
Those long ears
Funny, beautiful
Such an amazing shape
Golden retriever ears
Jutting out
From the head
Be-ing, G-o-d
Whatever name works
The One
“In whom we live and move
Have our Being”
This One is an amazing artist
An amazing crafter
Who could think up?
Who could enable?
Ears the shape my dog has
They are amazing!
They make me laugh
They lift my spirit
They are perfect
They are so strange
Floppy, can be pricked up
Then think about all ears
Your ears, mine
The cats, bats
I wonder what God’s are like?
They must be pretty cool
Look what we can see and feel
What must a combination
A synthesis feel of all these
May be G-o-d’s ears
Are all of these plus
Wow! Ear-ness
Divine ear-ness
Which we all participate in
May we appreciate
Deeply appreciate
Holy ears and ear-ness



AGAPE GROUP

Agape (which means the unconditional love of God or Christ for mankind) at St. John's had it's first meeting just under a year ago. We have been meeting once a month in the Guild Room at 9:00am – with the exception of July and August. Our mission is to create exciting opportunities for parishioners to serve in various types of ministry in one or more of these categories: global, community or parish. Our Global Service is chaired by Gerda Andersen, Community Service by Jennifer Rehm and Liza Picoli and Parish Service by Janet Willis. Following is a brief synopsis of some of what Agape at St. John's has accomplished during this past year.

One of the first actions taken by Agape was to take some of the funds remaining in the old Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) account and make the following donations : (Global) \$1,500 to Love's Harvest, which is part of Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) – it's purpose is to build sustainable agricultural systems in third world villages; (Community) \$1,500 to St, Andrews Shelter for teens in Astoria; (Parish) \$1,500 to the St. John's Organ Fund. The ECW at St. John's was dissolved several years ago due to lack of support and interest and the remaining account balance has been re-allocated for use by Agape.



In addition to making donations, Agape has organized a Food Pantry at St. John's, which gives assistance to those in need in our own community. The Food Pantry runs solely on donations from parishioners, so thank you for your support and please remember to keep it well-stocked! Also, through the efforts of many, Agape has initiated a cooking ministry at St. John's. A new freezer has been installed downstairs (paid for by ECW funds). Our kitchen is fully equipped, and now, thanks to Liza Picoli's leadership, we cook regularly for the Men's Shelter in Glen Cove. There is also a supply of meals in our freezer for ill or incapacitated parishioners as well. In December, Agape collected toiletries, clothing and food for the Shelter and donated these items in holiday gift bags. The Men's Shelter closes the end of March as it is only open during the Winter months. Agape's plan is to continue with our cooking ministry, making a hot meal twice a month for the St. Andrew's Shelter for teens in Astoria – Jennifer Rehm has affiliations with this shelter and will help organize this project. Please note, we are always in need of "shoppers", "choppers", "washers" and "deliverers", so make sure to mark your calendars with the cooking dates and come join in the fun! See website and bulletin for details.

by Vicki Fox, Facilitator of Agape Group

ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF BROOKLYN HOLDS RETREAT AT ST. JOHN'S



The Rector led the vestry retreat for St. Gabriel's Brooklyn here at St. John's. In these photographs are Fr. Eddie Alleyne, Deacon Rosemary Martino and vestry members of St. Gabriel's. This was a day of prayer, meditation, reflection and lovely worship.



ST JOHN'S OF LATTINGTOWN

AN ALL AGE CONTINUING EDUCATION PARISH

WHERE EDUCATION AND COMMITMENT TO CHURCH MATTERS

THE RECTOR'S CONFIRMATION AND RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION PROGRAM 2011

Welcome to this year's program. If you like learning and want to know more this is the program for you. Our program will be for those who want to be prepared for confirmation and those who would just like to learn more about Christianity and religion.

The reason for confirmation is to confirm and own for yourself the promises that were made for you at baptism. It is not to provide the way to receive the Blessed Sacrament. In the Episcopal Church all the baptized can receive Holy Communion of whatever age. In our Church Baptism is the point of access to all the sacraments including receiving the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Communion. Sometimes parents like to wait until young people have had some instruction or are a little older.

All students are required to attend each class which will be held usually on Sunday's unless illness or special reason prevents attendance. A make up class would then have to be done. There will be a couple of classes for sponsors held at different times also. Each person being presented for final confirmation will need two sponsors. Just like with sports activities schedules are important so religious instruction and preparation for confirmation needs to be made a priority. The Bishop and I are seeking young people and adults who will be committed to Jesus, the Christian faith and to be active members in our Church worshipping life and other programs.

Bishop Larry asks his clergy to present candidates for confirmation when the local priest feels the candidate is ready. I will happily present candidates who have successfully completed our program. Our aim in providing the classes is to present to the Bishop those who are committed to following Jesus in active membership, living out Christian faith and life, regular Church/Sunday School attendance and sharing in the life of our Church. Confirmations are held throughout the year and as our program progresses and people become ready we will submit names to the Bishop. Everyone may be presented at the same time or at different times depending on attendance and successfully completing things.

Our classes will be a combination of discussion, exercises, art work, craft work and activities. The first was on Sunday March 13th at 9:30 thru 10:15 and future dates are given out at each class. Each person will get a

slip of paper reminding them when the next class is so keep that in a prominent place so we do not forget our commitment to learning.

Our program will include the following themes:

- What happens at a Confirmation and why?
- What it means to be a Christian and an Episcopal Christian?
- The Baptismal Covenant
- Our Church and why it looks like it does and has in it the things that it does
- What you think the Church is for
- How young people can change and shape the Church
- What would you do to make the Church more fun?
- What things do people do in Church and why?
- How we see and think about God
- Holy Books - The Bible & Book of Common Prayer
- Is everything in the Bible true?
- Christianity and other religions
- The Sacraments
- The Church Year
- The Catechism
- Who are the saints?
- The importance of Prayer
- The importance of a Rule of Life
- Episcopal Church History 101
- The Eucharist and Who we meet
- Why attending Church and Church programs?
- Life after death, reincarnation and is there life on other planets?
- Our Diocese and other Christians
- What can you do for God and God's Church in the next year
- Celebrating Confirmation in the parish

IF you for whatever reason have to miss the occasional class a call needs to be put in to Karin on 516-671-3226 by Friday noon before each class.

Thank you everyone. We are going to have some fun learning together! Look forward to learning more!

Father Simon, Rector
Ash Wednesday 2011



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CREATIVITY AND SPIRITUALITY FOR EASTER

In the scriptures there are various accounts of the encounter with the risen Jesus after Easter. Here is how one poet in her book of poems called 'The Stream and the Sapphire' describes a post Easter meeting and how one artist showed the same. I share these as an aid to meditation for the season of Easter. Simon+

The Servant Girl at Emmaus - Valasquez



THE SERVANT-GIRL AT EMMAUS (A PAINTING BY VALASQUEZ)

and a poem by Denise Levertov:

She listens, listens, holding
her breath. Surely that voice
is his – the one
who had looked at her, once, across the crowd,
as no one ever had looked?
Had seen her? Had spoken as if to her?

Surely those hands were his,
taking the platter of bread from hers just now?
Hands he'd laid on the dying and made them well?

Surely that face—?

The man they'd crucified for sedition and blasphemy.
The man whose body disappeared from its tomb.
The man it was rumored now some women had seen this morning, alive?

Those who had brought this stranger home to their table
don't recognize yet with whom they sit.
But she in the kitchen, absently touching the winejug she's to take in,
a young Black servant intently listening.

swings round and sees
the light around him
and is sure.



HOLY WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 17TH

7:30am Morning Prayer

8am Holy Eucharist, Blessing and Distribution of Palms

9am Special Breakfast and Conversation with the Rector about Holy Week

10:30am Holy Eucharist, Procession with Donkey, Choir, Blessing and Distribution of Palms

Guest Service and Bring a Friend to Church Sunday

HOLY TUESDAY APRIL 19TH

Blessing of the Oils, Eucharist and Renewal of Ordination Vows at the Cathedral in Garden City. Please support by your prayers and attendance, if you can, our Rector and all the other clergy as they renew their vows.

HOLY WEDNESDAY APRIL 20TH

9:00am Morning Prayer and Silent Prayer

9:30am Last Eucharist of Lent

10:15am Reconciliation Day – Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be offered in the Chapel at 10:15am or by appointment at other times throughout the day. This Sacrament is for if your conscience is troubling you or you would like to use it as a means of spiritual discipline to say sorry for anything that has happened in life and receive the grace of this pastoral ministry before Easter (see Book of Common Prayer page 446 for the rite used).



THE SACRED TRIDUUM (THREE DAYS)

MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 21ST

9am Morning Prayer

9:30am Foot washing and Holy Eucharist – a chance for parishioners to come and meet some of the needy we help from our food pantry and other ministries. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

8pm Foot washing, Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar and Watch at the Altar of Repose and Gethsemane.

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 22ND

9:30am Morning Prayer

10am Stations of the Cross for all ages – especially for the young, young at heart, confirmation candidates. Young people are asked to make and bring today crosses or pictures showing Jesus' love for all people and these will be displayed in Church. A special Easter Garden will be made by the children also.

12 Noon Solemn Liturgy, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 23RD

Easter Vigil (8pm) Join our Bishop, parishioners and others at our Cathedral of the Incarnation, (36 Cathedral Avenue) Garden City for the Lighting of the New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal vows and First Eucharist of Easter. The Cathedral Choir and a lit fire are all part of this beautiful liturgy.

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 24TH

7am Beach Easter Service – a gathering with our sister and brothers from Glen Cove Presbyterian Church at Morgan Park followed by breakfast with our Presbyterian friends in one of their couples' homes near the park.

9:30 and 11:30 Holy Eucharist of the Resurrection with choir and an egg hunt after both services.



AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE ST. JOHN'S OF LATTINGTOWN LEGACY SOCIETY

In 2001, The St. John's Legacy Society was formed to encourage parish members to include a bequest in their Estate Planning to St. John's of Lattingtown. These bequests have helped to fund the endowment of St. John's which is both the principal source to pay for capital improvements to our beautiful buildings and grounds and where we share in our worship and carry out the ministries that reflect our worship of God and the teachings of Jesus. Our ministry to others has become an even more active part of our church life under the guidance of Father Simon.

As chairman of the Capital Campaign for the new Cloister and major improvements in the Parish Hall building, Danny Davison, was a founder of the St. John's of Lattingtown Legacy Society. He believed that stewardship meant not only giving to the Annual Fund but also that building an endowment principally through deferred giving is a responsibility for all who can make such a bequest. The Annual Fund is used for programs and operating expenses, and the endowment fund is reserved for capital expenditures and maintenance of the property, as well as for unforeseen emergency spending. Having a healthy endowment is vital to

the long-term health of our church and the St. John's Legacy Society is a great way to build that endowment. Parish members who include a bequest to St. John's of Lattingtown will become members of the St. John's of Lattingtown Legacy Society and will be recognized at a celebration on Pentecost Sunday, June 12. You will be receiving a letter soon with additional information. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to give one of us a call.

Many of our members have a strong feeling that providing support today for St. John's in the future insures that St. John's will be as important an influence on future generations' lives as it has been on our own lives. What we provide to enhance the endowment today will enable St. John's to continue to be a beacon of life, not only now, but for future generations of faithful parishioners.

We hope that many of you will join us as members of the St. John's of Lattingtown Legacy Society. We currently have 25 members with a total commitment of approximately one million dollars that will be paid out to the Endowment Fund of St. John's of Lattingtown over future years. Let's see if we can at least double that!!!

The Rev. Simon Foster Anne and Larry Glenn
Chairpersons, Deferred Giving Campaign

MORE PARISH GOOD NEWS — OUTREACH GRANTS, THE "FAIR" AND OUR FAITHFUL PARISHIONERS.

The St. John's of Lattingtown Church Outreach Grant has been an important part of our Church and its mission. Every Year I'm overwhelmed by the generosity of the Parishioners in donating to the Fair — their time, money and beautiful items, helping with pick-ups and working at the Fair. The camaraderie is contagious and the Fair Preview Cocktail Party has always been enjoyed by all.

The total annual Outreach Grants going back to 1989 — which have been recorded, thanks to Edie Haack — was \$819,800. Plus, adding our 2010 Grants of \$47,500 to that for a total of \$867,300. A quite impressive sum!

This year, Fr Simon, Victoria and I kept the theme of a balance of distribution firmly in mind as applicants were considered. At the Agape Group meetings, this process was open to all parishioners.

We addressed our local communities as well as our global outreach through E.R.D. "Love's Harvest" in Malawi — a grant of \$2,000 which will help mothers feed their families by planting a sustainable, Permaculture Garden.

Additional new grants were given to: The Arts Council in Glen Cove — \$1,000.

Episcopal Community Services and Episcopal Relief &

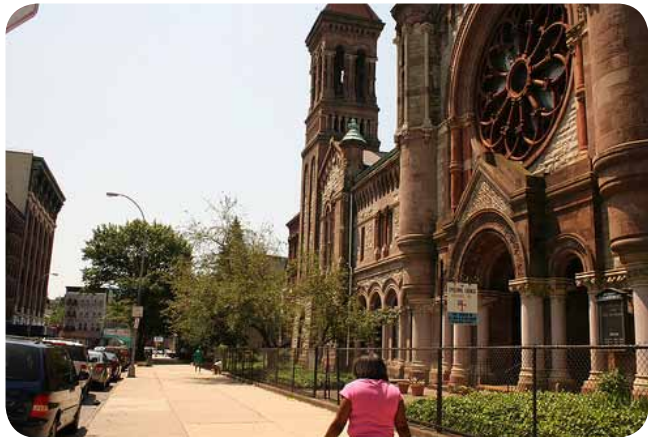
- Development, each \$ 2,000.
- Clergy Discretionary Funds — \$20,000. Homeless Ministry St. Luke — \$650.
- Muscular Dystrophy Association — \$1,000. Religions for Peace Long Island — \$600.
- St. John's Nursery Scholarship — \$2,000.
- Again this year, Camp De Wolfe was chosen for a grant of \$2,000.
- Grace Day School for \$2,000. Glen Cove Boys & Girls — \$1,000.
- Grenville Baker Boys & Girls — \$1,000. Hospice Care Network — \$1,000.
- The Inn Glen Cove — \$3,000. Island Harvest — \$1,250. Jones Manor — \$1,000.
- Rota Care — \$1,000. North Shore Sheltering Glen Cove — \$3,000.
- All totaling \$47,500.
- A letter will be sent to all grant recipients along with a check for the grant amount and we will be requesting feedback from them describing how the Grant was used. This information will be placed on file for next year's Outreach Program review.
- Gerda Andersen, Outreach Chairperson



THOUGHTS FROM VANDERBILT AVE.

From Fr. Michael+, former Assistant Rector and now Priest-In-Charge of the Church of St. Luke and St. Matthew, Brooklyn.

After a Winter spent settling into our new home and new church, Joanna and I are very much looking forward to Spring! We are enjoying married life in Brooklyn and are finding that our new urban neighborhood is a good fit for us. Millie and Odette are adjusting to long walks in Prospect Park instead of the freedom of the St. John's grounds (they do miss the beach though, I think). The congregation at the Church of St. Luke and St. Matthew has been very welcoming to us and things are off to a great start. We are working hard to improve our facilities to make them more attractive for community use and more hospitable for our overnight homeless guests and various recovery groups. Sunday worship is lively and uplifting. I do, of course, think of Lattintown often. I gained so much knowledge and experience from working with Fr. Simon and the best vestry in the diocese! I count many St. John's parishioners as my spiritual teachers, companions and friends. Although God invited me to take up a new ministry opportunity, I have not forgotten you. You continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. As Lent marches on and Easter approaches, I pray that the Good News of the Resurrection renews your energy and passion for doing God's work. May you find peace and comfort in knowing that abundant life is real for all who believe. All best wishes for this holy Season. Your brother in Christ, Michael+



The Church of St. Luke and St. Matthew's main entrance



Fr. Michael and Joanna



On Monday, March 28th, the Christian Nurture Group gathered at Bob and Bobbe Maass new home for a House Blessing and the sharing of Holy Communion. Members of the Nurture Group and the Rector are pictured on this happy occasion where Bob and Bobbe offered such great hospitality. A beautiful homemade surprise Birthday cake made and decorated by Nancy Polk was also presented to Simon+ on his 48th birthday. Thank you to all for a very lovely parish evening.

SAVE THE DATE! WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH, 7:30 PM

Lecture & Book Signing. Commemorating the 400th anniversary of the King James version of the Bible, Professor Gordon Campbell, University of Leicester, UK and author of newly released: 'BIBLE, The Story of the King James Version 1611-2011' from Oxford University Press, will speak at Trinity Church, Roslyn.

The 1611 text is followed page-for-page and line-for-line, and all misprints are reproduced rather than corrected. The large body of preliminary matter, which includes genealogies, maps, and lists of readings, is also included. The text of the 1611 edition differs from modern editions of the King James Version in thousands of details, and this edition is the most authentic version of the original text that has ever been published.



The volume concludes with an essay by Renaissance Studies expert, Gordon Campbell, on the first edition of the King James Bible.



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If you would like to talk to the Rector about anything, need priestly ministry or would like to receive Holy Communion at home or in hospital due to sickness, please call to make an appointment.

In case of Emergency, please contact the Rector on the Pastoral Emergency phone when the office is closed. The number is 516 491-3936. The priest on duty will get in touch with you as soon as possible. Please note this new number which replaces any previous numbers.

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