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THE RECTOR WRITES ABOUT VERSATILITY

One night recently I went to listen to Cameron Carpenter who is a musical prodigy. You can Google him on the web and listen to him play all kinds of music on the organ. He is a fascinating character. I was listening intently on the edge of my seat. He plays Bach and jazz and then switches tempo. He is so versatile. He used to be the organist at Middle Collegiate Church in the city and now plays in more and more places secular and sacred. His youth, his modern dress and radical views about music being for all people and especially for the poor and accessible to all were so amazing. To my delight I was also able to meet with him on a one and one. The more I listened to him speak and play the more I thought to my self he is a 'sacrament of versatility.' In other words he was not stuck in a groove but adaptable, flexible and has a very wide following of a very diverse group of people. Being with him made me think about the gift of versatility. Cameron balanced the traditional and modern and in between in a very clever way. I think not all of us do that well, clergy included!

Jesus himself had to be versatile. One minute at home, then no where to lay his head. One minute sharing stories, next doing miracles. How versatile are you? How versatile am I? I think it is a gift worth discovering, celebrating, and honing. Can I appreciate different styles of worship and church expressions? Can I appreciate the expressions of worship from other traditions within the Christian Faith and out of it? In the Church of today and future, versatility has to be the order of the day as people come from a whole host of church and faith backgrounds or no faith backgrounds at all.

It is eighteen years since I was ordained and over the years it is one of the things that I have learned more and more. Things that I never thought were me, once I opened myself up to them often

were. Versatility enlarges our sense of diversity and our appreciation of the many ways different people worship and are helped.

A Confession – I love the music of Mozart but I also love old Gospel hymns too. I like modern Gospel songs as well. I think you know that! The more I journey on in ministry the more I am aware that God has blessed the Church and world with so much diversity and once I get over my sense of feeling threatened by it I realize there is so much blessing I have missed.

Recently I was praying in the Buddhist Temple in the center of China Town. I loved the music and simplicity. I loved watching people meditate and pray. Years ago I would not have even considered going in to a non Christian house of worship. What I had missed and didn't appreciate! A religion older than Christianity with so much that is helpful and enlightening for people of all faiths!

Here at St John's we continue to grow in versatility. We have an organist and choir who offer much versatility. We have parish programs that offer and cover so many different things. In our worship life we try to be as broad and inclusive as we can within the context of traditional Book of Common Prayer worship. May God continue to help each one of us to be open to the gift of versatility as we might be missing out on quite a bit when we don't! How scary to think that Christians worship God without a Prayer Book too and other faiths find other ways onto God!

May our prayer be that as individuals and as a community we each are 'sacraments of versatility' and for God's sake and the world's.

Your friend and Rector

Trying to be versatile, please God,

Simon+

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY



September 12th
8:00 & 10:30 AM Services
Mark the Date!

**Bring a Neighbor,
Friend or Relative**

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CONFIRMATION FIELD TRIP TO CLOISTERS (by Victoria Crosby)



The confirmation class from St John's of Lattingtown, along with the priests, Father Simon Foster and Father Michael Sniffen, and several other parishioners, took a trip on a Sunday afternoon to The Cloisters and St. John the Divine. The teenage boys and girls were preparing for their confirmation, which took place at the Cathedral in Garden City on June 19.

The group were able to tour the Cloisters independently with the use of head sets so that they could wander the museum and focus on the items of interest. The group then met together later to view the Unicorn Tapestries with the guide. Following the tour of the Cloisters the group went to the Cathedral of St John the Divine where the crowds, who had lined up around several blocks a few hours earlier to see and hear the Dalai Lama speak at the Cathedral, were now leaving, including many monks in red robes.

The Episcopal Cathedral was built to be a Cathedral for all people of all faiths, acknowledging that we are all a part of the family of God. The St. John's of Lattingtown

group had a self tour of the side chapels and were particularly moved by the memorial to those who died on September 11 2001, where beams which had been part of the Twin Towers were displayed, and also a chapel devoted to the memory of those who had died of AIDS. In another side chapel a mandala was on display, a colorful sand painting of intricate design, which had been made by the monks. Mandala is a Sanskrit word meaning circle and the designs have symbolic meanings. A few days after the creation of a mandala the sand is brushed together and placed in a body of running water to spread the blessing, according to the Buddhist tradition.

An organ recital by Michael Shake of Dallas Texas, echoed through the huge cathedral.

As the group was leaving, a woman from another group was heard to say to her friend, "It makes you proud to be an Episcopalian." Amen to that.



VICTORIA CROSBY READS POETRY

at All Saint Episcopal Church in Richmond Hill for the Queens ECW meeting. She sold and signed copies of her poetry books. More than \$100 was raised for the St John's organ fund.

St. John's has growing links with Richmond Hill. Fr. Simon recently preached at Fr. Ray Waywell's funeral there.

Sharon Tucker, Victoria Crosby and Rosalyn Brown. Rosalyn and Sharon are president and vice president of Queens ECW.



CLOISTER FOUNTAIN DEDICATED (by Victoria Crosby)



The Rector, Father Simon Foster and Father Michael Sniffen, Assistant Rector along with parishioners and friends gathered to dedicate and bless the Bruce Gillies Memorial Fountain in the Parish Cloister. The fountain is a gift from Mrs. Lil Gillies and her family. A special service was written for this occasion and a homily given on the significance of water and fountains in biblical tradition.

WE'RE WORKING IN THE GARDEN

(by Larry Ward and Dawn Stiegelbauer)

St. John's Memorial Garden, that is! This treasure, which was started in 1982, is the final resting place of about 140 parishioners. It is situated just west of the Church and the play yard. The work we are doing is replacing some box-wood hedges and ground cover and other plantings under the direction of a Committee of the Vestry and Clergy to keep it being a thing of beauty and a credit to our Parish. Like any garden that takes some time, effort, and money. Funding is separate from our Church budget – a new monthly and yearly maintenance plan, funded by the Memorial Garden Endowment has now been established. There are four brick walls and a covered area containing bronze plaques with the names of those interred. It's worth your visit. Remember it is a "work in progress" when you go. You might want to consider this wonderful parish asset in your end-of-life plans.





DANNY DAVISON - BISHOP'S MEDAL

On Annual Meeting Sunday faithful parishioner Danny Davison was presented with the Bishop's medal for Distinguished service and a citation for all his hard work for the parish. A citation was also presented to Frank Polk and Evie Van Ingen posthumously and received by their next of kin and relatives. Well done good and faithful servants of St. John's. We thank you and salute you.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEACOCK POINT

This year also marked the 100th anniversary of Peacock Point and almost the same centennial of Davison support for Saint John's. There was a special church service of blessing for Peacock Point that was very well attended by the extended Davison gathering. An entire weekend of festivities took place at Peacock Point.

3 Generations of Davisons at St. John's



Joanna Yoho, Fr. Simon & Fr. Michael at Peacock Point

AN INVITATION FROM ERIC MILNES, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

At St. John's, we consider parishioner participation in all aspects of our worship life as essential. It's key to our vibrant and dynamic growth in Christian community, as we raise our voices in praise, offer our prayers, dedicate our talents and share our concerns and joys in a common expression of devotion and thanksgiving.

The choir at St. John's has assisted in leading our worship for so many years that few of us remember a time when a full and participatory choir at St. John's wasn't a regular part of our worship life. There was a time, decades ago, when a single singer led our hymns and worship music at services. Over the years, the parish has nurtured a growing and talented choir of dedicated volunteers, augmented by professional singers, that has brought distinction to our parish as a leader in church music and worship in our region. Many who attend St.

John's claim that what initially attracted them to St. John's, and part of what brings them back each Sunday, is the inspiration and motivation to a Christian life which worship and music at St. John's offers them.

Periodically, I extend an invitation to all parishioners and community members with an interest in singing to join the choir at St. John's. I would like, heartily, to reiterate that invitation now. Only an interest and ability to sing is required! We continue to teach and train all singers in everything necessary to join our ranks and lift voices in praise and prayer. Our rehearsals are Sunday morning, prior to the 10:30 service, and we accommodate all of our busy life schedules.

I personally would love to see an enhanced volunteer presence in our choir. An ongoing mission at St. John's is to continue to grow our parishioners' leadership participation in worship, and singing in the choir is a great way to be directly and invaluable involved in the worship life of this parish. Please give it your consideration: We need your voices, and we wish to share the joy and satisfaction we find as members of St. John's choir.

If you are interested in joining the choir this fall or anytime soon, please leave a message for me at the church office, 671-3226. I will be delighted to discuss with you how much we would enjoy seeing you with us soon!



THE CARDINAL ON THE CHURCH ROOF!

A poem by Fr. Simon

Today, Saturday morning early
 I always go in to Church
 To check my messages
 Pick up things after day off
 I am walking toward the office door
 I look up and I couldn't believe it
 A baby cardinal brightest red
 Perched on the church roof
 Sitting still, surveying
 At the pinnacle
 The cardinal was so beautiful
 I stopped and just watched
 A cardinal was on our roof
 On an Episcopal roof
 Gift of nature
 Gift of creature
 Gift of evolution
 All of a piece those three
 Human Cardinal prelates
 Of another tradition
 Pastors, ministers, Guru's too
 We must be open
 To seeing all as belonging
 To the one human family
 Of faith, fellow explorers
 What if a Cardinal Archbishop visited
 A Hindu Sadhu or Sikh
 In orange or sahari
 What if they stood at the door
 Or attended church tomorrow
 An Episcopal Church
 They are my brother and sister
 O yes, please
 Then we would be welcoming
 Welcoming to all



Photo courtesy Ann Megill

What if a cardinal quietly sat in the pew
 Or an atheist in rags
 Like the real cardinal bird on the roof
 Then we would be truly welcoming
 Truly opening and welcoming
 Welcoming and excited
 By what God is doing
 Making us think about all faiths and non
 The religious quest has happened
 Since the beginning of time
 Let's journey and talk all of us
 Respect each other
 Weep and rejoice with each other
 The cardinal bird
 In all his red
 Was another sacrament
 A creaturely sacrament
 Of the beauty of nature
 An interfaith sacrament
 Pointing to our welcome
 Challenging about welcome
 Challenging about open ness
 To all and for all
 Excited by the prospect
 Of greater relating, sharing
 It doesn't matter what our faith
 Or non, or agnosticism
 Nor our class, our background
 Nor skin color, orientation or gender
 We are in this life journey
 All of us, together
 Let's make each other
 Truly welcome in each other's hearts
 Let us learn from each other
 Let us listen, let us talk
 Thank you bright red cardinal
 For coming to the Episcopal Church.
 Had you flown from Rome?
 Truly a teacher at cardinal parish!



Tom and Corrie Decker of Glen Cove recently celebrated the baptism of their third child, Charlotte Laine, at St. John's of Lattingtown. Godparents Jim Decker of Chicago and Emily Laino of Oyster Bay joined family and friends at the celebration. Father Simon Foster who officiated the ceremony, also christened both of Charlotte's big sisters.



**THOUGHTS FROM THE GATEHOUSE**

I recently spent a week at the rectory in Saltaire, Fire Island. Our diocese has a seasonal chapel there called St. Andrew's by the Sea, a lovely little church with beautiful windows – one of which depicts Jesus calling two disciples with a beautiful seascape in the background. If you are unfamiliar with Saltaire, it is a quiet, family-friendly community with no cars (only bicycles) and no roads (only boardwalks). The gospel passage on which I was to preach the Sunday I was at St. Andrews was the parable of the Good Samaritan from Luke's gospel. The parable was in my mind all week and it struck me one night how true the story is to real life. I'm sure you remember the story. A man is put upon by thieves and left for dead on the side of the road. The people we expect to show him some compassion and care (the Priest and the Levite) walk right by, even crossing to the other side of the road to avoid contact with him. Finally, a Samaritan comes by and offers the injured man some help and hospitality by providing for his continued recovery at a local inn. It is easy to miss the fact that the Samaritan was an unlikely do-gooder. Samaritans and Jews loathed one another at the time this parable was told. A Samaritan was the last person a Jew would expect to offer help to a Judean in a moment of need. Among this rich story's many messages is a clear reminder that the grace of God often comes to us through the most unlikely people.

One night when I was walking back to the rectory from Kismet (a neighboring village to Saltaire) along a dark boardwalk with some friends, a woman I assumed to be in her 60's wearing a blue wig and a feather boa emerged from her home holding a skateboard with light-

up wheels. I had no idea who this person was, but she certainly did not fit into the surroundings. She caught up to us rather quickly and began to walk with us and invited us to a party at her friends home. The



whole situation struck me as quite strange at the time. However, we decided to drop into the party for a short visit. It ended up being a lovely party where we felt very welcome. I certainly had not expected to receive some neighborly hospitality from a stranger in a blue wig as I strolled down the boardwalk, but there you have it! God reaches out to us in unexpected ways every day. God welcomes us to the table of faith in ways we don't even consider. When we are going about our days, when we are in distress, or in need of a friend, or need to be reminded how beloved we are – who do you think will come and deliver the good news? Who will invite us to draw closer to God and each other? Perhaps not the person we are expecting to show up. Perhaps the person who will be a neighbor to us is someone very different, totally unknown and maybe even a little strange. As we continue to enjoy the hot days of summer, let us be open to experiencing grace in unexpected ways. And when we happen upon someone who could use a word of encouragement or a hospitable welcome, may we be open to delivering the grace of God ourselves. May the summer bring you many blessings wherever you are on life's journey. Michael+

ST. JOHN'S FALL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Sep 12th – Welcome back to church Sunday and return to 8 and 10:30 service times – Sunday School Begins. 9/11 Remembrance Prayer.

Sep 15th – through Oct 6th: Creativity and Spirituality at St. John's series begins – in the Rector's office at 10:15 after 9:30 Eucharist Wednesday mornings.

Sep 18th – Church Fair.

Sept 19th – Acolyte commissioning at 10:30am. Any new acolytes to have a brief meeting after the service.

Sep 26th – Next Agape group meeting after 10:30 service.

Oct 3rd – Blessing of the Animals at all services.

Oct 6th – Altar Guild lunch at noon.

Oct 7th – Hutton House lecture – Immigration – led by Rector 10am to 2pm.

Oct 10th – Guest Preacher from Little Portion Friary at 8 & 10:30.

Oct 13th – Is Atheism a Form of Spirituality? Open lecture by the Rector.

Oct 17th – 9:00am Children and Eucharist instruction followed by church service. All parents and children welcome.

Oct 24th – Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:30 with Rev. Megan Sanders of Seaman's Church Institute.

Nov 1st – 10am Mercer Lecture Series at St. John's.

Nov 3rd thru 17th – Holy Poets series Wed mornings, 10:15.

Nov 12th & 13th – Diocesan Convention.

Nov 16th – 10am – Mercer Lecture Series at St. John's.

Nov 18th 10am – Hutton House lecture – Zen – Fr. Simon.

Nov 21st – Thanksgiving Sunday – visit of former Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold at 8:00 and 10:30.

Nov 28th – Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:30 with Fr. Robert Wright (General Theological Seminary).

Dec 2nd – 10am to 2pm Hutton House at St. John's – open lecture and tour by Rector.

Dec 5th – Eucharist at 8:00 with Rev. Dr. Michael Brown (Senior Minister at Marble Collegiate Church, NYC).

Dec 12th – 8 & 10:30 – The Rev. Steve Pierce – Guest Preacher.

Dec 24th – Christmas Eve – 4PM, 6PM, 11PM. 2:30PM Christingle Workshop.

Dec 25th – Christmas Day – 10AM only.



ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Sunday October 3rd at 8am and 10:30 am will be a Eucharist of Celebration and Blessing of all pets. Parishioners are asked to bring their pets (or pets to bring their owners!) to the services. On this Sunday we will keep as the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.

THE SPIRIT OF ST FRANCIS SHARED AT ST JOHN'S IN OTHER WAYS

Sunday October 10th : Episcopal Franciscan Friar and a Franciscan novice (a new Friar) from Little Portion Friary here on Long Island will share in worship and fellowship. The Rector has not only extended this invitation to them but has asked that they also bring some of their home made bread for any who would like to purchase it. DELICIOUS!

HOME COMMUNION

In the Episcopal Church for those who are housebound, sick at home or in hospital there is provision to receive the Blessed Sacrament. This is the name given to what has been prayed over by us all at an earlier Eucharist. Please notify the office if you or a loved one would like to receive. A Eucharistic Visitor will bring you that which has been consecrated at a previous service. Unlike in

REMEMBERING JOSIE ROBERTSON

We extend our deepest condolences to Julian and his family following the death of dear Josie. The clergy, wardens, vestry members and parishioners attended the packed service in St Bart's Park Avenue in celebration of Josie's life. We thank God for Julian and Josie and for their constant support and care for St John's of Lattingtown. May Josie rest in peace and may God comfort and strengthen Julian and the family. We thank God for you both and all your family. We will miss seeing Josie at Church. Thank you for the way St John's holds a special place in your hearts as you do in ours. S+



earlier church history people do not have to be on their death bed to receive Communion out of Church. In the modern Church receiving the Blessed Sacrament as food for the journey though sickness and if shut in is the normal practice also. We welcome all requests and gladly bring the Host (Communion in one kind) and would love to share the short Book of Common Prayer rite which is provided for the administration of Holy Communion in such circumstances.



Fr Simon our Rector and parishioners joined the local act of remembrance on the Ryefield School field on Memorial Day. Fr Simon brought greetings from he and Fr Michael and the vestry and all parishioners and thanked publically Commander Bob Snyder who is retiring from the helm this year at the local branch of the American Legion. He thanked him for being so great to work with and for the good links with veterans and St John's and for the participation of the veterans in his installation service as Rector. Fr Simon also shared a Benediction prayer he wrote especially for the day:

"May the God of many names strengthen us all to work for the day when there will be no more war and all will be respected for who they are and however they are. We thank you for our gathering today and for the gift of remembering. Keep us mindful of those who have gone on before and those living who served faithfully and still do. May we remember that we belong to one human family stretching across time and eternity and may this enable us all to honor all and to seek the common good , respecting all persons and these words we end with a great amen and amen!"



A MESSAGE FROM FORMER PRESIDING BISHOP FRANK GRISWOLD:

Thank you so very much for your lovely e-mail. I am delighted to know that Praying our Days has found a place in your devotional life and that of a number of your parishioners. The book is very much the product of my own prayer and experience of the Spirit, and to learn that it is enriching the prayer and experience of brothers and sisters in Christ at St. John's gives me great joy. Thank you too for the invitation to visit St. John's. I may find myself in your Diocese in the fall to preach at an event that most likely would not occur on a Sunday morning. If so, and I should know in the next few weeks, I will let you know and hope that the two might be included in one weekend.

With every good wish,
Frank Griswold



Confirmands with Bishop Larry at the Cathedral

SIGNS OF A HEALTHY CONGREGATION BY G. LLOYD REDIGER.

- Infectious smiles, laughter, and celebration (not flippancy)
- A pandemic sense of reverence and respect (not piousness)
- A spreading witness to God's salvation (not parochial triumphalism)
- Fitness in organization and maintenance (not careless shabbiness)
- High levels of affirmation and recognition (not jealousy)
- Exploratory learning and programming (not stodginess)
- Allergic reactions to injustice (not a sense of entitlement)
- Quick recuperation from setbacks (not victim-thinking)
- Passionate stewardship (not possessiveness)
- Chronic interest in negotiating differences (not competitiveness)
- Persistent positive expectations (not complaining)
- Sensitivity to each other's needs (not exploitation)
- Efficacious care for pastors (not employer-employee attitudes)

BISHOP FRANK

Is coming to Saint John's November 21st!

NEW PARISH DIRECTORIES

will be distributed on Back To Church Sunday at both services. Copies available from the office after this date also.

A PARISH AND COMMUNITY JOINT EVENT

Wednesday October 13th at 7pm in the Parish Hall at St John's of Lattingtown. A program of discussion and debate led by the Rector and Assistant Rector in it's new "Open House" program

Theme: **Is Atheism a Form of Spirituality?**

The clergy will introduce the theme and review a book by a contemporary French philosopher "The Little Book of Atheist Spirituality" by Andre Comte-Spoonville. Copies will be available for purchase.

Wine and Cheese provided. If you or friends or family are curious about atheism and would like to think about it in relation to agnosticism and other faiths and discuss and debate in a safe space for openness and thoughtful reflection please call the office on (516) 671-3226.

All who are curious are invited to attend. Bring your friends and relatives. The event is free. There will be other such events which will also be advertised in all local newspapers.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL UPDATE!

We look forward to welcoming children back to Sunday School at St. John's on Back to Church Sunday, September 12th. Our program of Godly Play for Pre-K through 2nd graders and Witness for 3rd-6th graders will begin the following week on September 19th. We are in need of additional teachers and greeters for Sunday School this year and would be delighted if you would join us! Raising up children in the faith is the responsibility of the whole Christian community and a promise that we make each time we witness the baptism of a child. If you have not recently considered being involved in the Sunday School program at St. John's, please prayerfully consider the possibility and be in touch with Liza Picoli or Nicole Engels if you would like to be involved in any way.

There has been interest expressed in a regular Wednesday night program for Children and Youth at St. John's as we had during Lent this past year. Volunteers are needed to ensure the success of this program which would provide an opportunity for children and youth along with their parents to get together for dinner and a brief religious program once a month. The program would complement Sunday School and provide an opportunity for religious education for those who have been unable to attend at traditional times.

58th ST. JOHN'S
COUNTRY
FAIR
Sat., Sept. 18th
2010
10 a.m.
(9:15 early birds
with \$20 ticket)

BELOW IS THE FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- September 12: *Special Parish Family Service! (Registration Only - All in Church)*
- 18: St. John's Fair – Youth Volunteers Needed!
- 19: First Day of Sunday School
- 26: Sunday School
- October 3: Blessing of the Animals (All in Church)
- 10: No Sunday School (Columbus Day Weekend)
- 17: *Children and the Eucharist 9 a.m. Special Children's Communion at 10:30 a.m.*
- 24: Sunday School
- 31: Special All Hallows Eve/All Saints Service (All in Church)
- November 7: Sunday School
- 14: Sunday School
- 21: Sunday School
- 28: No Sunday School (Advent Sunday – All in Church)
- December 5: Sunday School
- 12: Sunday School
- 19: Sunday School
- 24: Christingle Service 4p.m.
- 26: No Sunday School (Christmas Weekend)

Nancy Carr is available with Mrs. Spink every Sunday for children under 3. Of course children are also welcome to worship.



Series of Special Music Events Planned at St. John's

Over the years, there have been many suggestions and requests that St. John's host a series of entertainment and sacred music events. Some of us may recall that The St. John's Chorale and Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Eric Milnes, presented Music at St. John's series events from 1982 until 1993, and that after that, there were presented periodic musical events for the community.

There has been a long hiatus, but Eric Milnes, as he approaches his 30th (!) anniversary as Director of Music at St. John's, would like to announce that this year he and the choir will introduce a series of events, again, for our parish and the broader community, re-instituting the Music at St. John's series:

Music at St. John's will be seeking the support of patrons and subscribers to our series of events. We believe that by toffering the Music at St. John's series we can more widely open our doors in welcome to the our parish family, and to the broader music-loving community on Long Island.

Music can and should be a point of entry for many to the joy and grace of service and worship. Many have found their way to God's love and redemption through the message of sacred music. Please help support this effort of outreach and ministry through Music at St. John's.

I. Sunday, November 7, 2010 at 7 p.m.

Dinner and Broadway in the Parish Hall

The Choir of St. John's hosts and performs at this introductory event

II. Sunday, December 19, 2010 at 4 p.m.

The Choir and Baroque Orchestra present sacred choral and instrumental masterworks for the Christmas Season in the sanctuary.

III. Sunday, February 27, 2010 at 4 p.m.

Eric Milnes, harpsichord recitalist, with invited guests, performs some of the repertoire with which he will be touring Japan and China this coming October. A rare opportunity to hear, right at St. John's, what Eric Milnes has been critically acclaimed for throughout North America, Europe, and now Asia.

IV. Sunday, April 17, 2011 at 4 p.m.

The Choir and Baroque Orchestra present music for the observance of Passion Sunday, St. John's musical entry to our Holy Week observance.

V. Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Dinner and Praise!
in the Parish Hall

Come celebrate with the choir and contemporary praise ensemble performing songs of devotion and praise by George Harrison, Bruce Springsteen, Sting and U2!
Surely a first at St. John's.

You will be receiving further communications of more specific program details, and about how YOU can become more involved as supporter of this important initiative at St. John's. Please speak directly to Eric Milnes, or call the office at 671-3226 for further information.

COCKTAIL PARTY

at the home of Lil Gilles as a fundraiser for the organ fund. Over \$3,000 was raised.



Lel and Tom Gimbel



JoAnn Browne and Nancy Polk



Vicki Fox and Helaine & Frank Spina



Jim & Carol Large, Gerda Anderson and Janet Willis



Bruce Fox, Liza Picoli and Father Michael+



CLERGY AT CONTINUING EDUCATION IN ROME

Part of the clergy contracts at Lattingtown and for every clergy person is for financial support from each parish each year for their clergy to continue their education for the benefit of their parishes and themselves as clergy of the local parish, diocesan, national and international church. This year our clergy were in Rome staying at the Anselmo Benedictine Monastery and seminary. Their work and learning included being at the Anglican Center, meeting with the Archbishop's Ambassador to the Holy See, St Paul's Episcopal Church (where JP Morgan worshipped and was on the vestry), All Saints Church of England Church, meeting with The Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity, Monsignore Mark Langham, attending a papal audience with Pope Benedict as special ecumenical

guests. They were given seats beside the papal chair. The clergy visited and studied excavations underneath the Vatican where St. Peter is said to be buried, the catacombs, the burial places of the early Christians, the Sistine Chapel, St Peter's basilica, the churches of St Mary Major, the Lateran basilica and St Paul's outside the walls (where St Paul is traditionally said to be buried), Santa Maria in Trastevere and San Engidio Community which feeds the poor of Rome and worships together as a community and countless other events and programs making for an amazing eight days. The clergy shared their learning at a special Italian Evening in the parish. This included a special evening prayer service for the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul and a talk and Italian food.

SAINT JOHN'S IN ROME



At the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square



Pope Benedict XVI at the Audience



Our clergy at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rome, with Fr. Bill Franklin



Fr. David Richardson, his wife and our clergy at the Anglican Center, Rome



Monsignore Langham and clergy before the Papal Audience

Father Simon's wrote a thesis on the theme of ecumenism and both clergy have not only worked hard over the years of their ministry on building ecumenical links but also sit on the ecumenical North Shore Clergy Chapter with leaders of all faiths - Christian and oth-

erwise - representing St John's in interfaith dialogue. They share invitations with parishioners to local events not least the annual interfaith march for Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the North Shore Sheltering Program.



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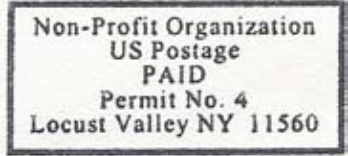
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Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

If you would like to talk to the clergy 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.

**RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED**



WEDDINGS

Teresa Aiello & Matthew Covey
Susan Garelli & Dean Trautmann

Pamela Polk & Michael Hebron
Victoria Fox & Peter Munsil

BAPTISMS

Gunnar Grant Franson
Charlotte Laine Decker
Sky Liang Hadjiargyrou
Hope Vaughn Barnett
Samiyali Jeanne Michalski
Julia Marie Michalski
Matthew William Yarocki
Lindsay Tyler Fox
Sofia Ryan Smith
Aidan James Smith
Oliver Phipps Smith
Whitney S. Anttila

FUNERALS & MEMORIALS

Alice Renchard
Anne M Thomas
Justin James Hausser (Jay)
Jules Kern
Stephen Eyre (service TBD)
Josie Robertson
Nancy Spinning Powers
Joseph E. Slivinski

THE MINISTRY TEAM AT ST JOHN'S

a parish which seeks to live the Baptismal Covenant (pg 304, Book of Common Prayer)

MINISTERS:

Every congregant, parishioner and participant in parish life.

ASSISTANTS TO THE MINISTERS:

Diocesan Bishop –
Lawrence 'Larry' Provenzano
Rector and Assistant Rector

MINISTERS OF MUSIC:

Eric Milnes (Director) with choir members.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:

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