

The Eagle

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Welcome to our Summer Eagle!

Letter from the Parish Priest

I came here as the Associate in September 2002 and then became Interim and now have been appointed Priest-in-Charge. It has been an exciting journey, full of opportunities, fun and challenges. I was ordained a Deacon in 1992 and a Priest in 1993.

Sometimes people say the Episcopal Church does not have priests but a quick look at the Book of Common Prayer makes it very plain that our Church has bishops, priests and deacons. A Priest-in-Charge is the spiritual leader of the community and has vows to fulfil which are renewed every year at cathedrals around the world. With my sister and brother priests I renew these at our Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City every year during Holy Week.

The word priest has a long history. One definition I like from the book of Hebrews is "appointed for people in the things that appertain to God". Through God's call and the sacrament of Holy Orders the priest has her or his clear part to play, under the authority of the bishop, in leading the community in worship and service. Of course in a very real sense all God's children are priests called to offer holy and acceptable worship to God but the ordained ministry has it's particular and unique call and function.

This is set out in the Ordinal in the Book of Common Prayer (p.531-532) which the bishop reads at an ordination. These words include :

"It will be your task to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts. You are to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. You are to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood, and to perform the other ministrations entrusted to you.

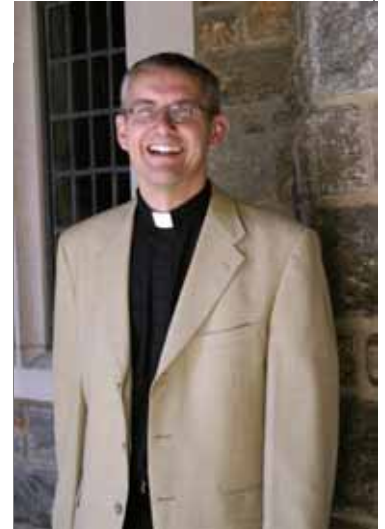
Do look at the rest of the text if you have chance and opportunity as it shows the Church's understanding of a priest's role and function. I hope these words are interesting and informative. They make clear that the Church has a clear view about the role and responsibilities of the priest. As Priest-in-Charge it is my task to apply these in my role as spiritual leader. In my next article I want to share more on this theme.

Thank you for all your help and support. I LOVE being a priest and ask for your continued prayers. Let us undergird all our work together in prayer for one another and for the development and growth of the parish. There will be a special Eucharist (and Reception) led by our Diocesan Bishop to which you are all invited to mark this new phase in my ministry and our ministry together. It is on Saturday, 22nd October, at 11 AM. Do mark this date now in your calendar. I hope we will have good attendance from our own congregation as well as by guests from the wider community.

Have a great summer! Come to worship as often as you can. Let us continue to build up this worshipping and serving community in which it is my privilege to be "pastor, priest and teacher". Continue to pray for me in my ministry as I pray for you in yours. We are a TEAM and let's build for an exciting now and the future.

With best wishes and prayers

Simon Foster Priest-in-Charge



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The 53rd Fall Fair ~ September 24th 2005

A note from the Fair

Chairmen: Laura Reaper and Stephen White

After Memorial Day we can begin to smell the Fall leaves. Preparations for our annual event are in full swing! We would like to thank all the Booth Chairman who attended our Spring Luncheon. **Your commitment strengthens our mission of giving.** While we had numerous details to discuss, one sentiment always remains the same, **We Need Volunteers!!** Reserve September 24th. Help us run The Fair, share fellowship and meet new people. Inspire, create, donate to one of the oldest community events in your area.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

The Fair now has its own phone!

516.503.3426

*Please direct all inquires to this line

Fair donations are needed!

Handmades: We've added painted furniture this year. Create your own piece and donate it to the booth.

Books: Adult & Children's books, new and used.

Jewelry: Old, funky, new, used, precious, not so precious. We take it all! Bring all donations to the Parish office.

Silent Auction/Cream of the Crop: New & slightly used collectibles.

Peddlers Market: Up to date kitchenware, pottery, lamps, furniture, holiday items, bric-a-brac.

Sports Locker: Skates, skis, fishing equipment, golf clubs, exercise equipment, tennis rackets, bikes.

Children's Toys & Clothing: The clothing should be clean and without tears - newborn to age 12. Toys that are gently used and still in one piece are preferred. Dress up and costume clothes, too. In addition to the booths above, please consider donating to the wine, soda, baked goods and electronics booths.

NO plastic play equipment.

NO cribs, bedding, strollers or car seats

WE WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 17th ONLY – NONE AFTER!

Summer Sunday School

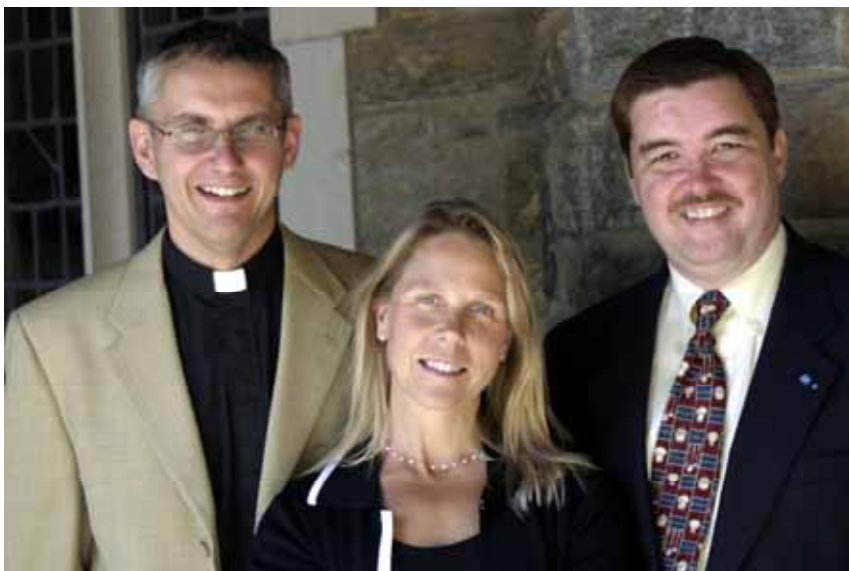
St. John's, unlike many parishes, has a Summer Sunday School and one based on a good curriculum. If you would like to be a volunteer instructor, please see the list at the back of church. I am grateful to Evelyn Vetrano for coordinating this. She will give you more information. Please call her on telephone number is 674 9828. Do encourage children and young people to participate!
Simon+

DATES FOR DIARY

September 11th - beginning of Fall Program - our second service reverts to 10:30 AM. Vestry meets also. Prayers of Remembrance at both services.

October 22nd at 11am— Celebration of the New Ministry of Rev Simon Foster as Priest-in-Charge. This is for the whole parish family. Bishop Walker will preside. Father Christopher Hofer, Rector of St Jude, Wantagh, will be our preacher.

Notice: Confirmation Preparation: If you or anyone you know would like to be part of our next program please let me know. Simon+





The DREAM Project Update

Muchas gracias!

to all at St. John's for supporting this project with children living in poverty in the Dominican Republic and for fostering a better understanding of the world with students on Long Island.

This year has been extraordinarily productive:

- ✦ Construction of a two story building was completed at the school at Islaban and then the damage repaired from Hurricane Jeanne.
- ✦ With the help of Lawrence Academy's student group the construction of a building was completed in the Haitian community of migrant workers where a pre-school program of 40 students, a women's group of 40 and a teenage group of 50 active members participate.
- ✦ 6 computers were received for Flavia's school- only have power for 3 thus far but now there are a few operating in 2 of the schools.
- ✦ worked with 3 Harvard graduate students on the beginning of a model lesson manual for the volunteers
- ✦ Cornell students transformed a marshland into a vegetable garden, providing income at one of the schools.
- ✦ The camp program will be operating for the second year with 120 students and 27 volunteers, many from the major universities in the Northeast.
- ✦ Again administered eye exams and provided glasses to those in need.
- ✦ Researched an appropriate reading program that will be in use in two of the classes by the Fall.
- ✦ Negotiating the purchase of land near one of the schools for the construction and operation of a teacher training center.
- ✦ Dennis Vicars continues to work tirelessly on the possibility of shipping a container with materials to the DR. Expanded the intercultural program between schools in the DR and the Portledge School, E. Meadow and Seaford High Schools and the E. Hampton Charter School, and Roslyn Middle School. These schools are involved personally, writing letters and creating educational projects for their partners.
- ✦ Collected lunch boxes and water bottles for the campers. Students from Roslyn Middle School under the direction of Corrie Decker have decorated the water bottles for the campers in the DR.
- ✦ Made presentations about the Dominican culture to the schools involved on Long Island.
- ✦ Had a successful read-a-thon at one of the LI schools.

Conducted two volunteer trips to the DR, modeling lessons in the DR schools in reading, writing, arts and crafts, geography, history, health and photography with materials donated and/or created by students from the LI schools.

The St. John's Congregation has continued its generosity in the form of a grant from ECW as well as through individual monetary and material contributions. These donations have enabled us to make a significant impact, not only on the lives of the poor children in the DR but on the students who are involved in our area as well.

I welcome any questions and/or involvement. We are always anxious to present to groups, student or adult, and we encourage volunteers to join us on our trips, the next one being at the beginning of October.



I can be reached at 628-1211 or Lrncntr@optonline.net. Sheila Harmon.



Financial Update – Situation critical, but not yet serious.

This statement, in a different context, by von Clausewitz, applies to St. John’s financial position. We have been waiting for a resurgence in annual and other giving, but for the first five months, at least, it has yet to appear. The table below shows comparative data for the last five years:

Five Months through May 31 (\$000)

	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Income	273	299	290	265	282
Expense	252	263	284	269	239
Net	21	36	6	(4)	43

Our bottom line is bolstered by a delay in the hiring of an assistant for Simon, something we hope to accomplish by the third quarter. We are also facing some fairly hefty unanticipated expenses-organ repairs, flashing for the roof, extended maintenance to the Dunleavy building. The list goes on. Clearly, five months does not make the year, but the Treasurer would love to be happily surprised in the next seven months. Brewster Righter, Treasurer

CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

On June 11th it was wonderful to present the following people for Confirmation at our Cathedral. They had each completed a Confirmation Course prior to the administration of this sacrament. Congratulations to these newly confirmed :

Will Brenizer, Chase Brenizer, Victoria Brown, James Butler, Alicia Grace, Thomas Hagner, Crystal Lynch, Peter Michaleas, Nate Morgan, Roger Morgan

Gerda Andersen was also received into the Episcopal Church family from another denomination. Again this was following a program of discussion and preparation.

Just know that St John's is really proud of you all and gives thanks to God for you. Know too that you are very much valued members of the Church family here.



Pre Confirmation Students We have also been preparing people for Confirmation. The following students have successfully completed their program here: James Butler, Casey Conway, Charlotte Harrington, Gwen Tilghman, Nikki Wellner.

Well done everyone. If you are going away to school or continuing your education locally, know you are still very much part of the church family and that you are in our prayers. Simon +

I would like to thank Frank Polk and Chad Brisbane for all that they have done before I became Priest-in-Charge in their capacity as Churchwardens. They have done a great job and been so supportive. No one will fully know the work they have done behind the scenes but my thanks and our thanks to you both.

Thanks to all Vestry members and our Clerk to the Vestry, Treasurer, Management Team, Director of the Sunday School and teachers and all for your support in whatever capacity and for everything that is done for the Parish.

I also want to thank our dedicated staff too for all they do on our behalf.

To Eric, John, Ginny and Mary thank you for all your work. Again so much is done behind the scenes to support our parish life which can never be fully realized. Thank you. Simon +



Sunday School at Saint John's ~ 2005

Another successful Sunday School year came to a close on Trinity Sunday. Looking back, it seems that every month held an event to mark each season. Some of the highlights were undoubtedly our Advent wreath making, Christmas pageant and Christingle; the Children's Way of the Cross and Easter Garden; our children's Eucharistic services and Pentecost procession. Together with the wonderful projects designed by our ever creative teachers, the children enjoyed a rich and rewarding venture into their faith.

Our planning for next year now begins. The new term will commence on September 11, 2005. An orientation for parents will be held following the 10:30 service. At the beginning of August, you will be sent a registration form which we ask that you return to the Parish Office on or before August 21. Class assignments will be mailed to you prior to opening day.

Summer Sunday School is in full swing under the direction of Evelyn Vetrano. Those interested in having their child(ren) attend are asked to sign up to lead the class on any Sunday during July and August. A curriculum is in place, so don't be afraid to volunteer!

We are also welcoming some new teachers who will be joining our staff in September. There is always room for **anyone** with a desire to spend some time with our youngsters, whether or not you have children of your own. For those of you who are parents, what better example for your child than to see Mom or Dad taking an active part in their religious education?

From all of us on the Sunday School staff, wishes for a blessed, safe, restful and memorable summer!

Johanna Babcock, DCE



Simon at the Locust Valley Memorial Day Celebration

We say Good Bye to three sets of people who have moved or are moving from the Parish.



The Walewski family, Marcin, Joanna, Max & Natalia, have brought much to the parish and have shared fully in the life of St John's through worship, fellowship and in so many other ways. Natalia was baptised at our Easter Vigil.

Farewell and God Bless!

Betty and Bob Albertson have faithfully shared in the life of this community and Betty has worshipped and served faithfully here, while Bob with the Quakers.

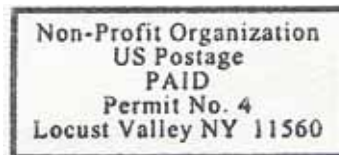
Ed and Peggy Palmer have moved and are now reunited in the same accomodation after Peggy's illness. They have supported St John's so faithfully in so many wonderful ways and Ed with such dedication and wisdom as a member of the Vestry.

To you all know we miss you and thank God for you. We will keep you in our prayers. We will make sure you get the Eagle in your new communities!

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If you would like to talk to the priest 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.



Baptisms

Natalia Joanna Walewska
Harry Robert Johnson Smithie
Sofie Emma Vos
Alexander Davison Byers
James Frederic Byers
William Reese Barnett
Timothy Rose Picoli
Spencer Mariani Grayson
Clara Helen Worth
Cecily Young Smith

Burials

Susan Chapman Potter
Dorothy T. Gillies
Louise Morgan Hook Rankin
Edgar Appleby
Richard W. Meyer
Helen Church Minton

Weddings

Armen K. Jermakian and Virginia Gollin
Jeremy John Cranston Vose & Elizabeth
Karin Monica Westin
Thomas Lee Hale & Janet Knott Bostwick

Confirmands

Robert Chase Brenizer
William Loughhead Brenizer
Victoria Sarah Brown
James Vernon Butler
Alicia Ogden Grace
Thomas Allen Hagner
Crystal Ann Lynch
Peter Mathews Michaleas
Henry Nathaniel Morgan
Roger Adams Morgan

Reception in the Episcopal Church

Gerda Erika Andersen