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DEAR CO DISCIPLES

What and who matters to us?

This summer I watched my little nephew and niece from the UK playing at Morgan Park. I was reminded how precious they are to me and how much they matter. We had a lovely time together. I especially enjoyed getting them a Cinderella and Superman blanket - for their visit. They certainly mattered to them too.

There is not a month goes by when I do not realize and remember how special and precious are my family and friends. Certain days every month people are remembered and prayed for and I thank God for them. How they matter.

This business of what and who matters is something that Jesus was and is always engaged in. We read about it in the Gospel. Jesus reminds us that He cares about us and every human being. All matter.

September 9th sees our Welcome Back to Church Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30. The Choir will be back in full force and our program year begins including of course Sunday School.

I would like to make the liturgy a time

THANK YOU CLARE+ AND GOD SPEED

Over the summer our Assistant Priest was preparing to move. Clare+ came to us two years ago and was priested here by Bishop Michel. The time has

WITH LOVE

As most of you know, my time here at St John's has come to a close with the end of August.

for us to show not least by our attendance how much our Church matters to us and how much we matter to each other and to God. None of us are perfect but we are all loved by God and accepted as we are. We matter to God and should matter to each other so very much.

I am well aware that there are many competing demands upon Church attendance on a Sunday morning in this Parish especially for young families. Sunday sporting opportunities are endless in these parts. However will you do all you can to make regular Church attendance a priority for you and yours and encourage all seekers that they matter too and will find a place of welcome here.

Welcome back to Church.

See you on Welcome Back To Church Sunday - and as often as you can throughout the Fall!

You matter, we matter, I matter.

Our Church matters.

Let us continue to show by word and deed how much.

Your friend and Priest,

Simon+

flown and I want to say a big thank you to Clare+ for all she has done in the parish and not least working so hard behind the scenes on many a project. Thank you for your collegueship and all you shared in ministry here. We wish

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St. John's has been a wonderful place to begin my ordained ministry! I have met and come to know so many beautiful souls—you will have a place in my heart always. I give thanks to God

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PARISH WORSHIP

Welcome back to Church Sunday. September 9th sees our services return to 7:30, 8:00 and 10:30 on a Sunday morning. Please note when the third service returns to the 10:30 time.

At St John's the offering of worship is a priority in our parish ordering of things. The Book of Common Prayer is the core text for our parish worship life. Our services include Sunday weekly celebrations of the Eucharist and Morning Prayer.

7:30 a.m. is the offering of Morning Prayer in the Chapel every week. 8:00 a.m. is always a Eucharist Rite 1. At 10:30 a.m. Eucharist is celebrated on all Sundays (Rite 1 or 2) with the exception of the third

Sunday when Morning Prayer happens. (The Morning Prayer service is followed by a said Eucharist for those who wish to attend.)

On weekdays the Eucharist is celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Mon thru Thursday, preceded by Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. Occasionally this pattern alters, but only occasionally.

The Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil for the sick is offered every month as announced.

The Reconciliation of a Penitent (Confession) following the orders found in the Book of Common Prayer is available before all major festivals as announced and also at any time by appointment. See website and bulletins for further information.

VOLUNTEERS - WHO TO CONTACT

ACOLYTES	Simon +
ALTAR FLOWERS	Nancy Taylor
ALTAR GUILD	Kathy Brewer
BUILDING & GROUNDS	Rudy Weber
	John Vessalico
CHOIR	Eric Milnes
COFFEE HOUR	Janet Wildermuth
EAGLE	Duncan Naylor
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/VISITORS	Simon +
FAIR	Helen Bonebrake
GREETERS	Liza Picoli
LIBRARY	Lil Gillies
PARISH CARE	Janet Willis
SEWING CIRCLE	Cora Michalis
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Johanna Babcock
USHERS	Frank Polk
YOUTH MINISTRY	Simon +

HELPING LEAD PARISH INTERCESSIONS AND READERS

Please give your name to Karin indicating interest. Watch and listen for details of our Training Programs.

ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

September 27th at 12 Noon in the Parish Hall.



Have you ever thought about where our Church would be without volunteers? Next time you go into Church, stop and look around. We are fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers to keep the Church running smoothly but we continue to need help.

Each Sunday friendly greeters and ushers welcome you. The Altar Guild prepares the beautiful flowers that are generously donated to the Church and keeps our Altar linens and silver in good condition. Readers, acolytes and Chalice Bearers help Simon keep the service running smoothly and our weekly bulletins have been assembled by volunteers. Sunday School is an important and essential part of our Church. Volunteers donate time preparing lesson plans and teaching. After the service, coffee hour is a special time to meet and socialize and snacks and beverages are provided by volunteers.

There are also many people behind the scenes that help

out and donate their time to the Church. We have a spiritual library organized by volunteers. Vestry members are dedicated in maintaining the traditions of St. John's and meet regularly. Our treasurer and investment committee help keep our finances in order. We have a Building and Grounds committee that maintains our beautiful facilities and keeps everything looking beautiful. The Eagle and other communications are written by volunteers. The Parish Care Committee provides help to parishioners who are unable to get around. And we have the FAIR. This endeavor takes many volunteers to help before, during and after the event including our Outreach committee that distributes the funds that have been generated.

St. John's needs your help. We need volunteers to help us continue the fine tradition we have established. Above is a list of committees and chairpersons. Please feel encouraged to call any of them and offer to help.



PARISH HISTORY PROJECT

A number of parishioners have shared in discussion and brain storming as a means of developing the idea of a Parish History Project. We had three evenings on St John's Past, Present and Future and have started to think further about next stages. The idea is basically to provide an opportunity for people to share their memories as well as any artifacts and to copy and systematically archive these as part of thinking about past and present. These then become the basis for understanding the parish and it's history and celebrating that and developing it for the future. Various publications and other forms of media are being explored and we are networking with those in other churches and organizations who have done a project like this before. It's exciting. Watch this space! This

will be good exercise and showing God at work in Lattingtown and such a useful preparation for on going mission and for the Centenary of the Church! The present building was consecrated in 1916. Simon+



Photo of Mrs. H.P. Davison by her Detroit Electric in which she gave rides at the early fairs (used with permission of Danny Davison and provided by Marie Thompson and Ruth Colgrove).

CHOIR RESUMES SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

ALL RECRUITS WELCOME!

After summer hiatus, the St. John's Choir, under the direction of Eric Milnes, will resume it's cherished duty of providing music for the 10:30 service each Sunday. The choir sings each Sunday at 10:30, September through June, and at other feast days and solemn observances throughout the liturgical year.

Eric Milnes extends a cordial welcome to any who might be interested to join us this year. No prior experience is nec-

essary, and training is provided at weekly choir rehearsals, held Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. just before the 10:30 service. All voice types are welcome!

We welcome the return of our acclaimed choir with eager anticipation, as their talents and commitment are missed during the summer months. Director Milnes would like to point out, however, that the congregational singing during the summer months, without a choir present, continues to be an inspiration to him. It's wonderful to hear all members of the parish raising voices in praise from the congregation!

CALLING ALL TEENAGERS AND PARENTS – HELP SHAPE TEENAGE MINISTRY

Teenagers have a vital part to play in life and parish life especially. I am grateful to those who acolyte, attend faithfully and share in whatever they can in the parish. This is a call to ALL teenagers and their parents in the parish. Please email Karin@stjlat.org or telephone the office and ask to be placed on our "Teenager Mailing" about future events. We are compiling a brand new database of all teenagers so please make sure we have this information. If people have been on previous lists or you are not sure please still register.

If teenagers are 16 or over they can be prepared for Confirmation so please use this opportunity to register for our next Confirmation program. If teenagers have already done our Confirmation Program please register for the next Confirmation Service. If teenagers have been confirmed in another Christian denomination but would like to become Episcopalian please let the office know.

We also do a Pre Confirmation Program for those 13 and over. Please register.

I am wanting to form a new Teenagers Committee as well as Teenage Parents Committee to help plan future events. This will give opportunity to develop our ministry as a parish in this crucial area. Please indicate your willingness to serve on these committees.

Acolyting is a wonderful opportunity for community service in the context of a faith community. Please sign up for training as an acolyte. Whatever the age, if interested in acolyting, please raise your hand.

There are plans for a Teenagers' page on our website. Do share your ideas. Would you and yours like to be involved in that? Please indicate. We need to provide opportunity for young people to indicate their prayer requests for them and others, their prayer concerns.

I know a number of St. John's teenagers are away at School and College. Please also let Karin know this so we can keep in contact through your school address.

St. John's teenagers matter. Parents and teenagers please do share in the life of the parish as much as you can. Attend Sunday worship when you can. Help shape and be a part of teenage ministry.

St. John's Youth ministry can only develop with dedicated and committed young people and parents working in collaboration with the clergy. The same is true for sporting achievements – teenagers and parents working with their leaders. It is a wonderful opportunity for service and nurturing. It can foster a deepening love of life, service and on going spiritual development and Christian Education.

Simon+



ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION

10th September and every Monday 5:15 thru 6:15 p.m.: Christian Nurture Group begins. The group, which began 4 years ago, meets every Monday night in a parishioner's home. We meet and talk about issues of the day, pray together, share the Eucharist and fellowship. Our work together involves Bible Study and reading. A book we looked at most recently was our Presiding Bishop's book "A Wing and a Prayer." Our aim is to nurture Christian life and witness.

Wednesday 12th September : Weekly Bible Study beginning with Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. Session ends 11:30 a.m. This Fall we will be looking at the Psalms, their relevance and the insights of Walter Brueggemann, Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia.

Wednesday 19th at 7:30 p.m.: Open Discussion Group: Immigration and the Gospel.

Monday 24th September : Lecture at 7:30 p.m. followed by Discussion : Anglicanism, Episcopalianism and the Future of the Worldwide Church.

Monday 15th October at 7:30 p.m.: Book Reading Group begins. There will be an introductory discussion on the book "Heaven" edited by Roger Ferlo, Director of the Center for Lifetime Theological Education at Virginia Theological Seminary. We will meet this evening and then set two dates to come together for discussion after allowing time to read the book.

Thursday 1st November: All Saints Day: A Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. followed by a lecture: An Introduction to Celtic Spirituality. This will explore some of the ways and insights of the Celtic Saints.

PLEASE CALL AHEAD if at all possible and let us know you are coming so proper allocations of snacks and materials can be prepared.

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Sept. 5 - Faculty Eucharist and Light Supper 7 pm

Sept. 9 - Opening Day of Sunday School (Registration for new and returning students)

September 16 - Class

September 23 - Class

September 30 - Class

October 7 - Class

October 7 - Blessing of the Animals (4 p.m.)

October 14 - Columbus Day - No Class

October 21- Class

October 28 - Class November 4 - Class

November 4 - Class

November 4 - Children and Communion begins

November 11 - Class

November 18 - Class

November 25 - Thanksgiving Week - No Class

December 2 - 1st Advent Sunday - Wreathmaking

December 9 - Class

December 16 - Christmas Pageant

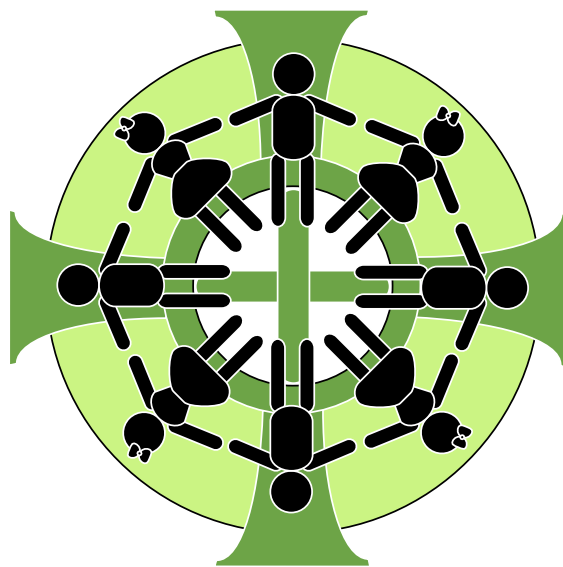
December 23 - Lessons & Carols

December 24 - Christingle

December 31 - New Year's Eve - No Class

January 6, 2008 - Sunday School Resumes

Blessing of Animals: 4 p.m. October 7 in the Memorial Garden. All children and parents and family and friends are invited to share in this short, lovely and special service.



THANKS TO SUMMER VOLUNTEER TEACHERS!

Thanks to Elana and Evelyn Vetrano for organizing and taking responsibility for the Summer Sunday School Program and to all the volunteer teachers: Laura Reaper, Elana Vetrano, Jacky Morrissey, Duncan Naylor, Dina White, Liza Picoli and Charlotte Harrington. And thanks as always to Mrs. Spink for her Sunday School work too.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FALL SCHEDULE

September 9: Welcome Back to Church - Resume 10:30 a.m. 3rd service.

September 9: Pot Luck Supper 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Please call the church to say you are coming!

September 10: Resume Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. worship, 9:30 a.m. Eucharist

September 11: Remembrance of 9-11 - Memorial Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. Church will remain open for silent prayer and reflection from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

September 15: 8:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting

September 16: Parish Outreach Sunday - when we think about and celebrate our outreach ministry here at St. John's.

September 20: Choir at Rectory Annual Lunch.

September 22: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. FAIR!

September 23: Vestry and Newcomers to the Parish - Cocktails at the Rectory 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 7: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Parish Guest Sunday - All are encouraged to do what they can to bring a friend or relative to church. Encourage guests and visitors!

October 7: 4:00 p.m. - Blessing of the Animals in the Memorial Garden.

October 15: Theological book reading group begins. (See Adult Continuing Education.)

November 4: All Saints Sunday: Stephen Need preaching (see below).

Children and Communion Class begins at 9:30 a.m. thru 10:15 a.m. for any Sunday School children aged 5-8 who would like to learn more about the Church and about Holy Communion. Please register your child for this 4 week program. It is our hope that children will be encouraged to love Jesus and the Eucharist more and more by participating in this.

December 16: Christmas Pageant.

December 23: Lessons and Carols.

SPECIAL VISITORS - KEEP THE DATE - NOVEMBER 4

Second Visit of Dr Stephen Need, Dean of St George's College, Jerusalem, theologian and author. Dr Need was here in 2003 and various parishioners heard his lectures and enjoyed them. I have invited him (and his wife Jill) to come and be with us again. Dr Need will preach at the 1030 and there will be a book signing and fellowship at coffee hour. There will also be a special Parish lecture given by the Dean. Day and time to be announced.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ACOLYTE?

St John's is always looking to invite people to be acolytes - women and men, boys and girls, teenagers, people of all ages. If you would like to carry our beautiful cross or candles and serve at the Altar please register for our Fall Acolyte Training program at Karin@stjlat.org or leave names with Karin our Administrator

CALLING ALL WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL TRADITION

— whether you are a newcomer to the parish or someone who has come for years. There is an annual program called Episcopalism 101 where we explore together Episcopal faith and practice. This program lasts for six weeks. If you would like to register for the next program please email or call 671-3226. When we have sufficient numbers for the next group, our first meeting date will be announced.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION — OPPORTUNITY TO BE A RESOURCE PERSON

The Sacrament of Confirmation is not conferred without appropriate preparation. If the recently confirmed as well as those confirmed some time ago would like to be a resource to help lead and share in the next confirmation program, please contact the office.



MONEY, MONEY, MONEY....

Clergy are not supposed to talk about money, according to a popular myth. It is only a myth though! I care very deeply about our parish finances and it takes regular and faithful giving to sustain our life, growth and development. Our annual parish plate and envelope giving has remained flat for many years. I would like us to see if we can alter that trend, and soon.

I ask, if you do not do so already, to consider: "what I give to God via the Church in thanksgiving for all the blessings of life, including our Parish Church." The biblical concept of the tithe is important: that God gets a minimum of 10 percent of my income whatever anyone else gets. Each one of us has many demands on our finances for now and the future and receive many requests for charitable help. However God asks us to consider our regular giving for God's work in the Parish as well as for many worthy causes. Will you join me in tithing? Will you join me in reviewing increasing giving to the Parish? This will ensure we continue to develop a sound financial base for now and the future. Do remember that if you are away on vacation or are away for any length of time,

the weekly bills have to still be paid.

The story of King David and the building of the Temple reminds us that David felt so bad that there was no house of God - only a tent. Let us reflect on all we have in life and all we are blessed with and do what we can to make sure the Church is not a poor relative to so many worthy causes in the community and further away. We need to look at our financial contribution to God's work and examine whether we could give more in relation to all we have received from God. We have a beautiful building and agenda of programs which need money to function and thrive.

Thank you for all financial contributions past and present and future. Our endowment is not for running costs and so we have to take seriously the call to examine our regular giving for weekly and annual expenses. Be assured I, the Wardens, Treasurer, Vestry and Stewardship Chair keep a disciplined and watchful eye on where expenditures need to be contained or reduced. We take our fiduciary responsibilities very seriously.

Thank you for listening. Simon+

ROLE SHIFTS

In these parlous times it sometimes feels as if the only constant is change, and as Simon is addressing financial matters in this issue of the Eagle, the Warden(s) will try their hand at the religious side of our church. Specifically, we want to stress the advantages and importance of attending services.

While there is much to be said for all forms of worship, there is a distinct additional quality to the congregational. The efficacy of the group's endeavors in prayer, Creedal vows and Confession is multiplied, not merely additive. Of course, Communion taken with fellow parishioners is, or should be, the highlight of the communal experience.

The combination of music and liturgy experienced with like minded members of the parish provides a solid basis for moving through the ensuing week.

St. John's is fortunate in having a solid nucleus of regular congregants who know the liturgy, sing the hymns, utter the correct responses and help to move the services forward.

We would like to see more "regulars", because "There is more joy in heaven..." but also because the bigger the congregation at any service, the more intense the experience.

We have all noted how when there is a national emergency - 9/11 or Katrina - the church is crowded with worship-

pers, and the power of the service is magnified.

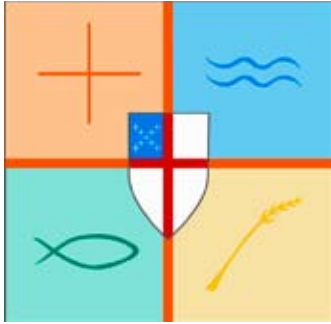
Usually however, on the succeeding Sunday, the size of the congregation returns to normal, lower levels. Similarly, at Christmas and Easter we have to put chairs in the aisles to cater to the surge in attendance only to recede the following weekends.

Now, we all welcome the C&Es (Christmas and Easter), but it would be far better for St. John's and them if they showed up, say, once a month rather than twice a year. If they put their minds to it, they could aspire to an almost weekly participation.

Some, even many, members of our parish are such infrequent attenders that they may be somewhat embarrassed to show up. The answer to this is to gently encourage, and before they know it, they too will be regulars.

We all know that the Episcopal Church, like other churches as well as the Church from the time of the Apostles, has been challenged by disagreements and and disputes, but these do not alter or change our lovely country church which is an oasis of calm and quiet worship. The more of us that support St. John's through regular attendance and worship, the more secure St. John's will be and the more powerful our prayers.

Remember, we are Episcopalians and our enthusiasm, no matter how fervid, will be in good taste and muted, but we none-the-less can encourage higher and more regular attendance without risking being labeled "Bible Thumpers."



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EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES

Episcopal Community Services is the much used and much needed Social service arm of the Diocese of Long Island. Many services are provided including

- Adopt a family.
- Provide assistance to those in need.
- Pre marital support.
- Help with housing and social needs.
- Counseling.
- Marriage Guidance and Support.
- Immigration help and advice.

The Parish is involved through referrals and supporting ECS. If you think it may be able to help you or others please contact Simon+ or see telephone numbers on the back page of this Eagle.

SOUL SHIFTS (anonymous)

Rivers like fingers
 grip sand some time
 many the courses
 many the climbs
 of hills, nay mountains,
 when I leave time
 to see my brothers & sisters
 to hear my brothers' & sisters'
 hearts beating
 in rhythms unfathomed
 we diddle our toes in kind;
 our hearts fleetingly tingle
 fingers timidly find
 Love beyond our minds.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

We will be receiving UTO boxes throughout the month of October in preparation for the Diocesan UTO in-gathering on October 25th. Thank you for all those who have been expressing thanks to God for God's daily blessings in this way. S+



THERAPY

If you would like help in finding a therapist for personal growth needs, bereavement counseling or for anything else please contact Simon+ who frequently makes referrals and has access to people who can link people to the right sort of support.

Please contact Simon+.

OUR GIVING TO EPISCOPAL CHARITIES

St John's congregation this year gave the most money to Episcopal Charities, Diocese of Long Island. Thank you everyone. Well done. Thank you to Lucy Bard for her work and for being our Parish representative. The total raised was \$4,915. If you would like to know how the monies are distributed please ask Simon+ for the fact sheet available.

COMMUNITY OF HOLY SPIRIT, MANHATTAN

This Episcopal Convent prays for our parish every week without fail. I know the convent and guest house are in need of comfortable reading chairs and bedside lamps. If you think you can help please call Simon+.

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP KATHERINE JEFFERTS SCHORI

Ponder Quote:

The Episcopal Church has not just a tolerance for diversity, but a willingness to embrace it, to understand that it's a sign of health, a sign of the presence of God. It keeps us growing, even when it makes us uncomfortable. There is room for more than one theological position. There needs to be.



Bishop Katherine presiding at the liturgy.



Photo by The Rev. David Sellery.

THE GERANIUM JOURNEY

A group met for a picnic at St. Peter's by the Sea, Bay Shore, on Thursday, June 7. We met at "The Farm" (where children from St. Peter's Day School can learn about how things grow and where our food comes from) at the invitation of The Rev. David Sellery, Priest-in-Charge of St. Peter's. The Rev. Barbara Crafton reflected on our opportunities to encounter God in nature through summer camp and farm experiences. Kathleen Loomis-Ward, the Director of Camp DeWolfe, was also a guest and gave us an overview of the diocesan camp's summer program this year, Pathways to Peace.

The Journey returns on Sept. 6, the first Thursday of the month, and will meet for a picnic at St. John's, Cold Spring Harbor. We hope you can join us!

Bring your lunch, a friend, and an open heart. The Geranium Journey will provide the space to encourage spiritual exploration and discussion. Coffee, juice, and desserts (yum!) will be provided.



FAREWELL TO CLARE (continued from page 1)

you well, thank God for you and wish you well also on the next stage of the priestly journey. You are in our prayers. We look forward to following your on-going ministry. God bless you.

Simon+

(At time of press we cannot give Clare's new address but will forward it as soon as we can.)

WITH LOVE (continued from page 1)

for the privilege of being here, ministering among you for these two years. Simon, thank you for your friendship, for your mentoring, and for your caring.

I will always remember the outpouring of love at the time of my ordination to the priesthood in February 2006—and who could forget the massive snowstorm that hit that evening! (I was probably the only person in my seminary class to celebrate her first Mass in a blizzard!) There were many firsts for me here and you hung in there with me as I began to practice liturgical leadership and began a sacramental ministry in the Church.

It has been such a great honor to have had the opportunity of being with so many of you during times

of joy and sorrow, of weddings and baptisms, of illness and funerals. We have worshipped together, studied together, prayed together, enjoyed times of fellowship and fun. There are too, too many people to mention any by name, but the Nurture Group particularly holds many memories as we met together weekly—with you nurturing me probably more than anything!

This parish church, its priest, and the people I have come to know and love here will continually be in my prayers.

God's blessings be upon you always,

With Love,

Clare+



THE 55TH FALL FAIR IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER, 22 2007.

Fair Update:

To all of those who are holding your breaths for Saturday, September 22nd at 10:00 a.m. (9:30 exclusive early entrance for \$20).

More helpers have come to the front with Barry Osborn helping in the Silent Auction for yet another year and Dina White and Victoria Crosby have stepped in for their third year of promotion and advertising for the fair. Our new Treasurers are George and Janet Wildermuth and Ed Langdon. Brent and Jeane Glasson have agreed to do the jewelry booth for the third time. Mike Bonebrake has been helping Surin and Will DeRegibus with the mountain of reading material we are receiving.

Liza and Robbie Picoli are gearing up for the grill work on the day of the fair. Victoria Crosby has yet again attained some wonderful face painters, magicians, drummers, and more rides to entertain and lighten all the little visitors to the fair.

Yes, the pumpkins will be out to paint thanks to Ronni Kinta and Penelope Mayer. Mary Elizabeth Brennan is ready to sell all tickets to the rides at the 10:00 opening while her husband Scott waits with

baited breath for the corn to rise so we can enjoy it grilled on the 22nd. Janet Willis, Wendy Smith and Sheila Harmon will have quite the time sorting out the quantity of childrens clothes we have been given.

Laura Reaper has been my personal consultant and hand holder helping with all the permits and details. Thanks to Stephen White for getting the Fair Letter out. Pray for sun!!!

Thanks to :Gerda Andersen, Laura Reaper, Amy Tansill, Barry Osborn, Lisa Eastman, Ann Vessalico, Brent & Jean Glasson and others who have been at the barn receiving goods every Saturday morning.

The barn will continue to be open every Saturday till the Fair to receive items 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Thank you all for thinking of giving to the fair your items, time, and effort. If you would like to work please call me: 516-220-9238

Sincerely,

Helen Bonebrake, Fair Chairperson

THANKS HELEN!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Preferably a group of 4 women - to work one afternoon a month (Monday, Tuesday or Thursday) at Rotacare, a clinic for the poor in Uniondale. This has been one of our outreach charities. The work involves processing patient records in the back office. Please call Len Marshall at 676-1919.

THANKS FROM THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER IN VALLEY STREAM

A VALUABLE RESOURCE USED BY THIS PARISH

Dear Father Simon and Members of St. John's of Lattingtown,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of the Parish Resource Center of LI-West, I offer our sincere thanks for your generous gift of \$1,865.00 to our ministry.

Your support means so much to us as we continue to strive to assist communities of faith in Western Long Island, New York City, and areas north and west. Our list of subscribing congregations continues to grow, as does the number of people using the center. During the past year we served 120 different congregations with 1,446 service requests. More than 2,500 resources were borrowed and 366 people attended events. This work would not be

possible without the ongoing support of congregations such as yours.

The mission and vision of the Parish Resource Center is to strengthen local communities of faith. We have a great staff of consultants, wonderful resources, and a passion to meet this goal. We commit to you that we will use the resources you have provided to assist local congregations as they serve our communities.

Your affirmation of our work means a lot to all of us. We thank you again for your gift. May God richly bless you.

Faithfully,

Karla McKenzie

Executive Director



THE ORDINATION OF MICHAEL SNIFFEN

“By the grace of God and the people consenting, the Rt. Rev. Mark M. Beckwith, Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, will ordain Michael Thomas Sniffen to the sacred order of deacons in Christ’s one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church on September 15th at 11 a.m.” The ordination will take place at Grace Episcopal Church in Madison, New Jersey. Your prayers and presence are requested. Please see the church’s website for directions (www.gracemadison.org). Michael is currently searching for a parish in which to serve full time beginning this fall. While serving in a parish context, Michael will also be doing some teaching on prayer and preaching at Drew Theological School where he is completing coursework on his Ph.D. in Liturgical Studies. Many of you may have seen Michael around town this summer as he was on Long Island serving his 11th season as assistant director of Camp at the Creek right around the corner from church. Michael is pictured above on



the Mount of Olives outside the walls of Jerusalem during Holy Week 2007.

NEW PARISH ASSISTANT

At the time of going to press a number of applications have been received and interviewing is in progress. I look forward to announcing an appointment in due course. Please join me in praying for a next assistant

who will share in our on going parish journey. In the end the Priest selects the candidate but an Advisory Committee shares in the interviewing process too. The Bishop then is contacted for the issuing of a license to officiate.



Clare+ and some of the confirmands at the Cathedral on June 16th (from left to right): Sarah Sixt, Patricia Kennedy, Elana Vetrano, Hope Gimbel. Not pictured: Elizabeth Body. Received from another denomination into the Episcopal Church: Kristen and Michael

GUESTS, VISITORS, NEWCOMERS AND RETURNING PARISHIONERS

Jesus says that whoever welcomes someone in His name welcomes Him. On this day parishioners are invited to welcome and encourage someone they know to come to Church especially if that someone has never been, is in need of spiritual uplift or if they have not been for some time. St John’s doors are open to all who seek God and seek a way in the midst of life’s journey. Guest Sunday on October 7th is a good day to aim to do that. Special invitations are available for parishioners to give out. Please collect from the office.

PARISH GUEST SUNDAY OCTOBER 7TH.

Simon+

Bianco. A good number of people from other denominations have come to be received in recent years through the on-going ministry of this Parish. Congratulations candidates, and welcome to all who have become members of our Church!



RECENT WEDDING COUPLES WRITE:



Joshua Rothman & Pelagia Horgan

Josh and I extend our warmest thanks to the clergy and congregation at St. John's for helping to create so meaningful a service for us on our wedding day, and for the hearty welcome and support we've received from everyone since the beginning of our preparations last year. The gorgeous and intimate space of the church, Mr. Benstock's lively performance of Bach and Handel, Michael Sniffen's resonant homily, and especially Father Simon's caring, careful guidance throughout the service ensured us against any awkwardness or trepidation. Neither of us has ever experienced a morning of such perfect joy.

The lovely cool nave of St. John's, the bright sun, the deep green of the gardens, the fine vows, and the voices of our family and friends raised, at Father Simon's urging, in song -- we are deeply grateful to have begun our married life in an environment of such beauty, elegance, and rich feeling.

My best wishes, Pelagia



James S. Evans & Kimberly E.S. Ingraham

We were thrilled to have our wedding at St. John's. Over the past year, we have so enjoyed getting to know the parishioners and being welcomed into the Church family. Father Simon has been a wonderful source of strength and encouragement as we prepared for our nuptials, and we know he will continue to play that role for many years to come. St. John's has become a very special place for us, and it was a joy to be surrounded by all our family and friends as we vowed to spend our lives together in this most intimate and familiar place.

CELEBRATING PARISH BAPTISMS



At the baptism of Charles and Payson Marshall



At the baptism of Max Francisco Gugig and Jessie B. Gugig on June 16th, 2007



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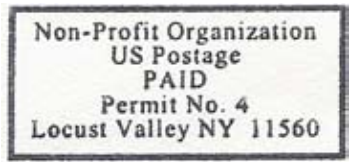
clergy

The Rev. Simon Foster, Priest-in-Charge
Parish Assistant to be appointed

office hours

Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 3 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.



WEDDINGS

James Scott Evans & Kimberly
Elizabeth Scott Ingraham
Joshua Rothman & Pelagia Horgan

FUNERALS & MEMORIALS

Margaret Mary Van Horn
Muriel Reid Allsopp
Marina Beth Holmquist

BAPTISMS

Cristiana Helen Neill May
Tyler Duke Barnett
Eleanor Hetherington Myles
Elizabeth Ashton Body
Campbell Glenn Carr
Max Francisco Gugig
Jessie Benton Gugig
Sam J. Zarou
Charles Baker Marshall
James "Payson" Marshall

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

THE CHURCH IS OPEN

Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12:00 noon for Rest, Refreshment and Prayer. The Parish Library is open at the same time. Please come and browse, select a book, write - use your Parish Library.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If there is someone in need that you would like to have prayed for, please fill out a yellow "Prayer Request" card which may be found on the Chapel altar rail. They will be prayed for at the daily services here. Alternatively call Simon+.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you or someone you know are hospitalized and would like a visit from the clergy, please call or have someone call the church office. Due to government privacy regulations, the hospitals can no longer tell the clergy who has been admitted.

PARISH CARE COMMITTEE

If you are in need of temporary services for companionship, local transportation and transportation to church, pick up your prescriptions, help with shopping or referral information to community services, please contact the Parish Care Committee. They are a group of parishioners who have volunteered to help. Please contact Janet Willis, Chairperson.

EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

ECS is the social service agency of the Diocese of Long Island with offices and programs in Queens, Brooklyn, Nassau, and Suffolk counties. Professional/confidential counseling is available for problems experienced by individuals, couples, and families. Consultations are provided on a sliding scale by appointment. ECS can be contacted by calling:

(631)665-7701 or (718) 465-8585. Simon+ is the Vice Chair of the Board of ECS with Bishop Walker as Chair.

<http://www.ecslongisland.org>