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# the Messenger

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*A newsletter of the Parish of St. John's in the Village*

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Sunday Eucharist at 8:00 & 11:00 am; M-F: Morning Prayer at 8:00 am; M, W, F: Eucharist at 6:15 pm

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## Coming Up In January/February

<b>Sunday Jan. 11</b>	<b>First Sunday After Epiphany: <i>Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ</i> 8:00 and 11:00 am Eucharist</b>
<b>Wednesdays Jan. 14, 21 &amp; 28</b>	<b>Dinner and a Movie following the 6:15 pm Eucharist Buffet Dinner at 7:00 along with a featured film in the Parish Hall.</b>
<b>Monday Jan. 19</b>	<b>The Confession of St. Peter the Apostle - 6:15 pm Eucharist</b>
<b>Sunday Jan. 25</b>	<b>Annual Parish Meeting in the Parish Hall 12:30 pm</b>
<b>Monday Jan. 26</b>	<b>The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle - 6:15 pm Eucharist</b>
<b>Saturday Feb. 7</b>	<b>Schola Cantorum on Hudson - "Scola Sings Solo" - 8:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday Feb. 14</b>	<b>St. Valentine's Day Dance - 7:00 pm in Parish Hall Tickets: \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door.</b>
<b>Tuesday Feb. 24</b>	<b>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner - 7:00 - 9:00 pm in Parish Hall following the 6:15 Eucharist celebrating the Feast of St. Matthias.</b>
<b>Wednesday Feb. 25</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>

## From the Rector's Desk

My dear friends,

I don't know if you have made any New Years' resolutions, but if you are looking for a good one, let me make a suggestion:

**At coffee hour, wear your name tag. Really. Please.**

Oh, you will say, everyone knows me and I know everyone else, why bother? Here is the reason why. Let's just say you are a visitor to the parish. Not your first visit, maybe your third or your fourth. And, you know the tall lady who is frequently an usher, she always talks to you. And you know the friendly deacon who always goes around meeting everyone. And you see those people every Sunday. But then, the fifth time comes around and there are a few new people who come up to you, and you get three or four new names. Now it is getting hard to remember who is who. If you are talking to someone whom you have met before, and think that you should know her name, it is relatively easy to let your left eyeball drop to name tag level and discern that, indeed, you are talking to Millicent. And, when you are ready to move on to talk to someone else, you can smile broadly and say, "Great to see you again, Millicent."

Name tags help newcomers to become acquainted and to begin to fit into the congregation. It is as simple as that.

Now, you may say, much of the time the folks at the coffee hour are not new. True, maybe there are relatively few new folks at

the coffee pot. Perhaps they tried coming, but found it too overwhelming an experience, could not remember any names and gave up.

You might say to yourself, if I see some new comers, I will go to the board and get my name tag and put it on. Think about how unrealistic that is. Wearing something like a name tag is a matter of habit, and like brushing your teeth every morning, you will do it if you build the habit.

So, from now on, whenever you come into the parish hall, get your name tag and put it on. It will help newcomers know you. It will show that you care about people new to the congregation. Who knows, one day you might have a crisis of identity, and it may help you!

Faithfully,



## **CAN'T FIND YOUR NAME TAG ... NEVER HAD ONE ??**

If you can't find your name tag on the name tag holder on Sunday, or if you never had a name tag made, please visit the sign-up sheet posted in the common room. Print your name CLEARLY (as you would like it to appear on your name tag) and the Parish Administrator will be happy to make a new one for you.

## **ANNUAL MEETING SLATED FOR SUNDAY, 25 JANUARY - 12:30 PM**

The annual meeting of the parish will take place in the Parish Hall, Sunday 25 January, 2009 at 12:30 pm.

The following candidates were nominated for election at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 25, 2009: For a 2-year term as Churchwarden: **Carol Quatrone**. For the Vestry Class of 2012 (3-year terms): **Michael Johnson, Jean Tucker, Robert White**.

**Carol Quatrone**, currently a member of the Vestry, has been nominated to succeed **Margot Shields**, who is retiring as churchwarden after 7 years due to term limits. **Robert White** has been nominated to succeed **Jeanne Sutton**, also rotating off the Vestry due to term limits. **Michael Johnson** and **Jean Tucker** are incumbents eligible for re-election.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present these well-qualified and dedicated parishioners who are willing to serve in these positions of parish leadership. And we are grateful to those who assisted in this process with suggestions and nominations

For the nominating committee: Pam Brown, *chair*, Lloyd Prator, Michael Rebic, Margot Shields.

## **Candidate Biographies**

### **Carol Quatrone [Churchwarden]**

Carol has attended services at St. John's since 2000 and was received into the St John's family in January, 2007 as a member. She is an active participant in morning prayer and is a member of the Outreach Committee.

Carol is the principal broker of [Quatrone Realty](#), her own Greenwich Village based real estate brokerage company. She is also a senior partner in a property management company which primarily serves condos and co-ops in the downtown area.

Another member of Carol's household, Samantha Michelle, an 11-year-old Shepherd mix rescue dog has also been blessed by Father Prator (at the Blessing of the Animals).

### **Michael Johnson [Vestry Class of 2012]**

A life-long Episcopalian, Michael has attended St. John's since the 1980s. He has lived in the West Village since 1974. He graduated from Colgate University with a B.A. in Sociology. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army with a Good Conduct Medal after several years service in the 1960s, including the U.S. Army Language School, Presidio of Monterey, California, the Far East, and the National Security Agency headquarters at Fort

Meade, Maryland. Michael retired some years ago after more than 35 years working for the City of New York as a caseworker and later a supervisor in Social Services and the Administration for Children's Services.

### **Jean Tucker [Vestry Class of 2012]**

Jean Tucker is a native of Oklahoma, graduating from the University of Oklahoma with a B.S. in Elementary Education. She continued her education at the University of Central Oklahoma where she studied business administration. Jean and her husband of 33 years, Ken Winslow, owned an architectural design and millwork company in Oklahoma for many years. They have two grown children.

Shortly after 9/11, Jean visited St. John's in the Village for the first time. She happened to sit down next to a parishioner who had grown up in Oklahoma City who welcomed her to the church. She joined St. John's after she and her husband moved to New York permanently in 2002. Now, Jean is the business manager for H.M. Luther Antiques.

### **Dr. Robert White, Jr. [Vestry Class of 2012]**

Robert C. White, Jr. was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Susquehanna University and Master of Arts and Doctor of Education degrees from Columbia University. He was Professor of Music for thirty-one years at Queens College from which he retired in 1998. He is currently on the voice faculty of the

Juilliard School, Adjunct Professor of Voice at New York University and an affiliate teacher for the Lindemann Young Artist Program of the Metropolitan Opera. From 1965 to 1971 he was a member of the professional vocal octet at St. John's in the Village under the direction of Wilfred Briggs and the pastorate of Father Graf. While searching for a new spiritual direction after the death of his partner in 1992 someone suggested visiting St. John's in the Village and he has been a member ever since that first welcoming visit. While at St. John's he has served on the Stewardship Committee and is currently on the Evangelism Committee. He lives near Columbia University with his partner David Ruderman and has a small house in Bucks County.

## **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

Our stewardship campaign is drawing to a close. Despite the terrible economy we have 65 pledges totaling over \$123,000. Thank you all for your commitment and support.

Robert Arlequin  
Tina Barth  
Sallie Batson  
Frederick Bohem  
Timothy Boos  
Stuart Brier  
Andrew Brimmer  
Pamela Brown  
Lorraine Burns  
Jay Campbell  
Scott Carlton  
James Celsi  
Mona Chattertree

Patrick Cheek  
Ellen Clark  
Richard Corney  
Samuel Cross  
Maureen Crowe  
Jack & Heidi Cuddihy  
Suzanne Culhane  
Kyle DeBlasio  
David DePorte  
Dennis Gates  
Andrew & Jeanine Gillette  
Brian Grieves  
Susan Harrigan  
Fred Harrity & Sam Chin  
Gary Helman  
Zach Hennessey  
Michael B, Johnson  
Andrew Jones  
Alan Kanen  
Gordon King  
Fernella Glasgow Lewis  
Luigi Licari  
Richard Lipscomb  
David Major & Patricia Hart  
Dina Mann  
McDonough-Kolb  
Elizabeth Morris  
Rosemary & Ralph O'Shansky  
Fredrick Pattison  
Richard Plunkett  
Lloyd Prator  
Carol Quatrone  
Elizabeth Rake  
Paul Reitz  
Adelaide Richter  
Mary Lou Scott-Reischick  
Leslyn Rigoni  
Mary Lou Scott  
Richard Seeger

Margot Shields  
John Singler  
Douglas Smith  
Parveen Sondhi  
William & Marie Stivale  
Jeanne Sutton  
Cherian & Kalindi Thomas  
Jean Tucker  
Ellen Wagner  
Daniel Weick  
Charles Wipple  
Robert White  
John B. Wulff

If you have any questions or would still like to make your pledge for 2009, please contact any member of the Stewardship Committee – Pam Brown, Fred Bohem, Tim Boos, Maureen Crowe and Michael Rebic

### **Healing Liturgy and Pastoral Confidence**

St. John's has an active and extensive healing ministry. We have a regular healing Eucharist on Wednesday evenings and offer an abbreviated liturgy of healing after the Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays.

It is important that a degree of confidentiality be offered to those who seek healing. Healing may be sought by anyone for any reason. It may have to do with a physical ailment, a mental disorder, anxiety, depression or just a general sense of spiritual malaise. It is not at all appropriate to ask someone, before or during the healing liturgies, the nature of the illness for which one wants healing. If a fellow Christian, in

confidence and as recognition of deep friendship, asks your prayers for a given illness, that is one thing. But it is never appropriate to ask the nature of one's illness. If you have any questions about healing, speak with one of the priests or seminarians to discuss the matter further.

### **St. John's Featured in Ship of Fools**

If you've ever doubted the importance of hospitality and making newcomers feel welcome, go to the website [www.shipofFools.com](http://www.shipofFools.com)

This past fall, St. John's was blessed with a visit from The Mystery Worshipper. The Mystery Worshipper visits different parishes (at random?) on Sunday mornings and then writes a review of his/her experience for their website. You know you are blessed by a visit when you find a calling card in the Sunday offering. Want to know what the Mystery Worshipper had to say about St. John's???? Visit them on the web at [www.shipofFools.com](http://www.shipofFools.com) and read all about it!

### **Lenten Quiet Day Scheduled for Saturday, March 7 - 10:00 - 3:00 pm**

The Quiet Day is a miniature retreat, compacted into a single day, but offering some of the features and taste of a retreat at a monastery. We gather for the Angelus and Morning Prayer, as monks and nuns have for centuries. There will be a couple of talks, and then another office of prayer at noon. We will have a nice lunch (provided by the parish at no cost) and then another couple of talks. The day will conclude with the Eucharist. There will be ample time for

silence, prayer and meditation. There will be books available, a copy of the list of the names of those who have asked our prayers will be available, and people can trace the Stations of the Cross. When the notice is posted, please sign up for the Quiet Day so that those planning it will know how many people are welcome. This year the facilitator will be the Rev'd Jonathan Linman who will focus on categories related to Benedictine Spirituality such as humility, obedience and stability. More details will be available as the date for the event approaches.

# FAT TUESDAY



**FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>  
7 - 9 PM**

following the 6:15 Eucharist  
celebrating the Feast of St. Matthias.

**COME CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS !  
WE WILL BE COOKIN' UP SAUSAGE  
AND PANCAKES ... COME EAT 'TIL  
YOUR BURSTIN' AT THE SEAMS**

**ALL FOR ONE LOW COST OF  
\$5/PERSON.**

**FUN ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEED !!!**

## **An Evening with Soloists of Schola Cantorum on Hudson**

**Saturday, February 7 at 8:00 pm**

Soloists of Schola Cantorum on Hudson will present an evening of varied vocal repertoire from opera, art song, and theatre traditions – solos, duets, and small ensembles. Works by Bizet, Puccini, Verdi, Leoncavillo, and others will be included in the program. Mary Ellen Assue and Sal Diana from our choir will be among the singers on the program. Suggested donation: \$25 and \$20 for seniors.

## **Valentine's Day Dance**

**Saturday - February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 pm**

**In the parish hall.**

**Tickets: \$10 in advance \$15 at the door.**

Watch the Sunday leaflet and our website for future details!

## **Lenten Class Series To Begin**

**Wednesday, March 4 and continue**

**March 11 and March 18.**

The facilitator for the series will be The Rev'd Deacon Mary Gregorius. Details will be available as the date grows closer.

## **Parish Retreat May 15 and 16**

It's not too early to start thinking about the Annual Parish Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery which has been scheduled for May 15 and 16 in West Park, New York. Spring is always beautiful on the Hudson. Pilgrims from previous retreats have reported having had a wonderful time of fellowship, renewal and refreshment. Treat yourself ... details to follow!

## **MOVIE NIGHTS ARE HERE AGAIN**

Last summer's movie nights were so successful that we are doing them again:

14 January  
21 January 2009  
28 January

6:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist with  
Healing Liturgy  
7:00 p.m. A light supper (which will  
consist of a buffet for  
sampling during the film.  
7:15 p.m. The Film

We are going to call them "films" because it makes us feel ever so much more sophisticated and urbane. And, unlike that film emporium down in that street named for the town in Texas, there is no subway running right next to the auditorium. But, you are welcome to wear your oxford cloth shirts and your tweed jackets with the leather sleeve patches. Have to keep up the image, you know.

Last summer, we explored evil in film. There was a general request, not unexpected, that we now have something more upbeat, so we are taking up the theme of redemption, the making better of situations fraught with suffering and pain. We got some great movies suggested (and all of the films this time came from you, the patrons) and have scheduled these three:

## **14 January / Pay it Forward**

with Kevin Spacey, Helen Hunt, and Haley Osment. Based on the novel by Catherine Hyde and screenplay written by Leslie Dixon, this film is about receiving a favor and being told not to pay it back, but to pay it forward, to do a similar favor for three other people, who do another favor for three more, and so on. Directed by Mimi Leder.

## **21 January / The End of the Spear**

with nearly nobody you have ever heard of. Worlds collide as a missionary group journeys to the heart of the Amazon jungle in search of a tribe of fierce warriors isolated from civilization. Five of the missionaries are killed and their families, left alone and fatherless, decide to remain in Ecuador and live among the tribe as originally planned. A powerful take of sacrifice, courage and redemption.

## **28 January / Mrs. Doubtfire**

Chris Columbus directed this film, which features (you should try to get past this aesthetic challenge) Robin Williams in drag. A father goes to great lengths (a wig and a flammable bosom, as an example) to be

closer to his family, He creates a whole new life with his family. Pierce Brosnan (without his 007 side arms) and Harvey Fierstein (with his perpetually raspy throat) co- star in this very cute film with a serious underlying theme.

### **New Address For Arlander Brown**

Some good news to start the year off with ... Arlander Brown has been moved to a facility much closer to the city. His new address is as follows”

Arlander Brown  
#02A4618  
Green Haven Correctional Facility  
594 Route 216  
Stormville, NY 12582-0010

### **People Here and There**

by Jeanne Sutton

Now that the holidays are over, we are back to our daily routines. Included here are some Christmas travels.

Barry and Maureen Kolb went to Boston to be with family...Beth Rake celebrated Christmas with her two sisters and brother in Saunderstown, Ct. ....Pat Hart and David Major will meet their son in Maine....Tim Boos spent the holiday with his family in Islip, Long Island....Parveen and Yoginder Sondhi celebrated Christmas with his family from Rye, N.Y.....Scott Carlton reported that his mother was thrilled to have all

her children with her at the Christmas Holy Communion at St. Andrews, Bryan Texas....Others of us spent Christmas day in New York with friends.

After Christmas, Pat Thompson visited the Rev'd Clark Trafton and Lewis Kerman in Palm Springs, CA. She reports she went hiking in Tahquitz Canyon, ate a lot of really good food, enjoyed the hot tube where she could peruse the citrus trees and pick out her morning breakfast. She also volunteered at St. Margaret's Thrift Shop – The Cellar Door – one morning. She enjoyed the trip....the first week in January, The Rev'd Dr. Richard Corney visited up-state to celebrate his grand-daughter's 8th birthday.

### **January Birthdays**

Jack Cuddihy (22<sup>nd</sup>)  
Alice Peterson (23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Sarah Sarai (28<sup>th</sup>)  
Fred Pattison (31<sup>st</sup>)

HAPPY NEW YEAR! May God bless us all.

### **Looking for Work?? Worried About Your Job?**

*Win Sheffield, known to Father Prator and highly recommended by him, is offering a series of workshops and talks to help navigate folks through these difficult times*

The following is a brief outline of what is being offered. For future course information or for more information contact:

[WinSheffield@WinSheffield.com](mailto:WinSheffield@WinSheffield.com)

### **How to Find a Job When There Seems to be None.**

**January 27 - February 17**

**6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Fiction: No one is hiring.  
Fact: Employers are hiring if you know how to reach them.

In this series you will learn how to:

- Increase your employment options
- Cultivate your contacts with potential employers
- Articulate your experiences to effectively sell yourself to prospective hiring managers
- Produce a winning résumé people will actually read
- Produce an actionable search plan that will give you a competitive edge

*The Career Assistance Center @  
St. Bartholomew's  
109 East 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
Register: 212-378-0222  
Cost: \$240 (\$260 after 5:00 pm Friday,  
January 23). Includes all material/access*

to coaches Brad Agry, Sharon Naulty and Win Sheffield

**One Night Resume Review:  
Workshop - Wednesday January 14  
6:30-8:00 pm**

Career coaches Brad Agry, Sharon naulty and Win Sheffield will provide feedback on participant résumés. Learn to create a résumé that has impact and will be read.

*The Career Assistance Center @  
St. Bartholomew's*

109 East 50<sup>th</sup> Street

Register: 212-378-0222

Cost: \$20 pr \$25 at the door. Bring a friend and receive \$5 off the second ticket.

**Let Your Accomplishments Speak for You**

**Talk: Wednesday, January 21  
6:30-8:00 pm**

Most of us get our résumé together, talk to recruiters, send out letters, practice interviewing and event network. And because that seems like a lot, we stop there. What if you could make all of that easier by making a better impression on the people you are talking to? Plan to spend an hour focusing on how you say what you say and learn how to make a stronger impression on your audience.

*New York Public Library*

*Mid-Manhattan Library*

455 Fifth Avenue at 40<sup>th</sup> Street

Free: No Reservations Necessary

**Build Your Job Search Strategy**

**Talk: Tuesday, January 27**

**10:30 - 11:15 am & 1:30-2:15 pm**

Answering ads and calling on recruiters is only a part of what you need to do to get a job. Do you know how employers think? What they are looking for? Can you say what you want? Focus your search according to these principles to use your time effectively and get the job done sooner.

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*Science, Industry, and Business Library*

188 Madison Avenue at 34<sup>th</sup> Street

Free: No Reservation Necessary

**Network into the Hidden Job Market**

**Talk: Tuesday, January 27**

**11:30 am -12:15pm & 2:30-3:15 pm**

Find out how people fail at networking and how to make it work for you. Do you know how to engage people and find unexpected leads without becoming a super salesman or a bore? Do you know how to focus your networking conversations, making the interaction worthwhile for your contacts and useful for you?

Attend this talk and learn:

- Who to talk to
- How to build relationships to get

the information you need

- How to talk to people to help them help you

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