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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

Coming Up In January/February

Wednesday January 6	Feast of the Epiphany: 6:30 pm followed by Parish Pot Luck Dinner
Sunday January 10	First Sunday After Epiphany: <i>Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ</i> 8:00 and 11:00 am Eucharist
Monday January 18	The Confession of St. Peter the Apostle - 6:15 pm Eucharist
Monday January 25	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle - 6:15 pm Eucharist
Wednesdays Jan 27-Feb. 10	<i>The Venerable Bede and the Origins of Anglicanism</i> presented by The Rev'd Sandra Michels 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
Sunday January 31	Annual Parish Meeting in the Parish Hall 12:30 pm
Saturday Feb. 6	Schola Cantorum on Hudson - "Scola Sings Solo" - 8:00 pm
Saturday Feb. 13	St. Valentine's Day Dance - 7:00 pm in Parish Hall
Tuesday Feb. 16	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner - 7:00 - 9:00 pm in Parish Hall
Wed. Feb 17	Ash Wednesday

From the Rector's Desk

My dear friends,

Elsewhere, note the change in the adult education program for January - February.

And note the Annual Parish Meeting on 31 January 2010 at 12:30 pm.

Many among us are concerned about the swine flu "epidemic" and whatever shape it finally takes, it has caused the Bishop of New York, to make some suggestions about sanitation, health, and the common cup.

The common cup is an important symbol of the unity of the faith and our common commitment to Jesus Christ. We Episcopalians have generally been insistent on maintaining the common cup, and, I think it is fair to say that as a group of people we have no higher instance of infectious diseases than any other religious group.

However, we have always taken some care with communion sanitation. You may notice that the chalice is wiped after each communicant receives. You may also notice the ritual hand washing, called the lavabo, in which the celebrant washes his hands after setting up the table (and, perhaps, censuring the altar and the gifts).

But we are adding a few other practices, which you may have already noticed. You may not, however, notice that the lavabo now contains a bit of soap, so that a genuine washing of the hands can take place. More water will be used. And, in the sacristy,

before we say our prayers of preparation and keep our silence before the liturgy, each person who is to handle either the chalice or the paten or the ciborium washes his or her hands with soap. And, after each person receives from the chalice, the vessel is wiped on both the inside and outside of the lip of the chalice.

Of course, you may still choose not to receive communion from the chalice. That is up to you, and has always been an option. Or, you may receive by intinction, which involves allowing the minister of the chalice to take the particle and touch it to the surface of the wine and then place it on your tongue. That, too, is always an option.

In the course of this article, I may have used some words of which you do not know the definition. So, a modest glossary might be in order:

Chalice:	footed cup to contain wine to be consecrated for the Eucharist.
Paten:	The flat plate (which sometimes has a foot) to hold the Bread
Particle:	A small piece of eucharistic bread for communion of the laity.
Host:	The large piece of eucharistic bread from which the particle is broken.
Ciborium:	The footed cup with a lid which is used for distributing communion.

Intinction: Receiving bread and wine together by dipping the bread into the wine.

If you have an interest in this subject, Bishop Sisk's very thoughtful comments can be found on the Diocesan Web Site: www.diocesen.org Follow the prompts to For Parishes: Swine Flu Resources.

Faithfully,



ANNUAL MEETING SLATED FOR SUNDAY, 31 JANUARY - 12:30 PM

The annual meeting of the parish will take place in the Parish Hall, Sunday 31 January, 2010 at 12:30 pm. The business to be addressed will be the annual reports to the parish and election of open vestry positions. A report from the nominating committee follows:

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Father Lloyd Prator, Pam Brown, Jay Campbell, and Cherian Thomas proposed the following slate for the elections at the Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, January 31, 2010.

Warden

Douglas Smith

Vestry Class of 2013

Andrew Jones
Richard Lipscomb
Paul Reitz

Pam Brown, Tim Boos, and Douglas Smith are stepping down because of term limits. Richard Lipscomb was appointed in 2009 to fill the remainder of Carol Quatrone's vestry term and has agreed to run for a full term.

Candidate Biographies

**Douglas Smith
[Churchwarden]**

Douglas has lived in New York for over 20 years, having moved from his home state of Texas in early 1988. For most of that time he has been employed as an executive in the magazine publishing industry. During an extended period of church-shopping in the mid-nineties, he stumbled upon St. John's in the Village, remembering only the "St. Somebody in the Something" part of a friend's earlier recommendation to him of St. Luke's in the Field! With each passing year Douglas appreciates more and more the outstanding liturgy, beautiful singing, and Christian preaching that are to be found at St. John's as well as the fine people he has had the privilege to know. He is a sometime member of the choir and has previously served on the Vestry and as the church's treasurer.

**Andrew Jones
[Vestry Class of 2013]**

Andrew Jones came to St. John's about 13 years ago after a season of "church shopping". The friendship of it's parishioners, the quality of the liturgy, and the meaningfulness of the preaching are what kept him in the pews and encouraged

him to become more and more active in the parish's life.

Andrew has been Master of Ceremonies for the past five years, working with the clergy to develop and fine-tune the liturgies, train new acolytes, and assist in the development of our seminarians. He has been a mentor in Education for Ministry (EfM) for the past eight years - the last four of which have been here at St. John's.

Additionally, he has been a Morning Prayer officiant for the past ten years. Other responsibilities in the parish have been as an usher, Chief Sacristan, and Communications Committee Chair.

Professionally, Andrew spent the past 11 years at KPMG - one of the big four accounting firms. For the past five years he has been a Project Manager in IT, taking lead roles in several multi-million dollar technology projects.

Andrew lives in Greenwich Village with his partner, Jordan, of 11 years.

**Richard Lipscomb
[Vestry Class of 2013]**

Richard was born in Greenville, South Carolina and baptized Episcopalian shortly after birth. Richard served six years in the United States Navy, and was Honorably Discharged in 1974. He graduated from The University of the District of Columbia with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Fine Arts (Studio) with a concentration in Printmaking.

In 1982 Richard moved to New York City to take a job with National Broadcasting Company in Accounts Payable. After holding the position as Data Coordinator in Show Cost, and Communication Cost Coordinator Broadcast Operations, he retired in 2005. While looking for a new church to attend, a friend suggested that St. John's in the Village would be a perfect match for him. He has been coming to St. John's from his first visit, and has transferred his membership from St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Greenville, SC to St. John's in the Village. While at St. John's Richard has served on the Alter, served as Usher, Co-Chair of the Outreach Committee, and co-organized the LGBT Teen Workshop.

**Paul Reitz
[Vestry Class of 2013]**

Originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma, Paul Reitz has lived in New York since 1988, and has been a parishioner of St. John's for approximately 5 years. He is Associate Director of Projects Plus, Inc., a fundraising consulting firm that produces and manages large-scale charity events for a variety of non-profit organizations. He began his career in fundraising and event management in 1988 at the Met Opera, followed by a brief period at the School of American Ballet. He has been with Projects Plus for 17 years. Outside of his work in fundraising, Paul is an avid photographer, with a growing side interest working with many leading modeling agencies, and with private clients. Travel, the outdoors, and health are other interests. He is a lifelong Episcopalian, having spent many years

involved in St. John's Episcopal in his native Tulsa, including summer camp guidance as a counselor and youth group activities. Shortly after first attending St. John's, he was asked to be part of the 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning service, something that he enjoys tremendously, and which gives him tremendous spiritual support.

Paul graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1985 with a BA in Journalism. His journalistic skills are frequently useful in his work producing events, as many of the duties include public relations, writing speeches, and coordinating the participation of and performances by personalities from the music, film, and television industries. Paul hopes that his experience in fundraising and event management will prove to be a valuable asset to the life of St. John's in the Village.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of 12/31/2009 St. John's has received 61 pledges totaling \$121,540. We thank all of you for your generous support. If your name has been omitted in error from the following list of pledgers, or if you would still like to make a financial commitment, please contact any member of the stewardship committee: Pam Brown, Fred Bohlen, Tim Boos, and Jeff Roy.

Tina Barth
David Major & Pat Hart
Fred Bohlen
Dina Mann
Tim Boos
Maureen McDonough-Kolb & Barry Kolb

Stuart Brier
Sandra Michels
Andrew Brimmer
Elizabeth Morris
Pamela Brown
Sandra Odoul
Lorraine Burns
Ralph & Rosemary O'Shansky
Jay Campbell
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Scott Carlton
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Lloyd Prator
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Michael Johnson
Cherian & Kalindi Thomas
Andrew Jones
Jean Tucker
Gordon King
Ellen Wagner
Fernella Glasgow Lewis
Daniel Weick
Owen Lewis
Robert White
Richard Lipscomb
John B. Wulff
Luigi Licari

Class Series Scheduled to Begin Wednesday, January 27th and continue February 3 & 10 7:00 pm in Parish Hall PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE IN THE PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED SCHEDULE

Bede and the Origins of Anglicanism
This three week course will look at the historical work of the Venerable Bede, who taught us most of what we know about the beginning of Christianity in England, and also at his work in chronology, which solved the problem of the correct date to celebrate Easter that had plagued the church since the second century. Most of what we know about the early history of Christianity in England comes from the Venerable Bede, who wrote *The History of the English Church and Nation* in 731. Bede had a very uneventful life in some ways. He entered the monastery at Jarrow when he was seven years old. He was ordained Deacon at the

age of 19 and priest at the age of 30. He died in 735, at the age of 63. He never traveled more than a few miles from the monastery, but he wrote commentaries on every book of the Bible, grammar textbooks, one book on cosmology, two books on chronology, poems, lives of saints, as well as the *History*, and was one of the most influential figures of his time. In these three weeks, we will look at what Bede tells us about the origins of Anglicanism (contrary to popular opinion, it did not start with Henry VIII). We will also look especially at his work on chronology. One of the biggest issues for the early church was when to celebrate Easter. Bede developed an Easter cycle that basically solved the problem. Come and find out why it was so difficult and how Bede solved it.

Bede was a Biblical scholar, a scientist, a teacher, a monk, a historian, and an altogether fascinating personality, well worth the attention he still receives from scholars even today.

Leader: The Rev'd Sandra Michels

Census Work

If you are interested in being a part of the 2010 Census Team and earning a small salary, you might take one of the flyers from the common room and call the census office to make your interest known.

United States Census 2010 - It's in our Hands!

Village Nursing Home Update

- Dina Mann

Thank You to all the loving, enthusiastic participants who volunteered their time scribing the Christmas cards for the

residents of the Village Nursing Home. Thanks also to our carolers who spent a good amount of time serenading the residents. Thanks to those who helped transport the hats, song books, and bells as well as to the shopper who bought them. Signed cards were distributed to each resident as the carolers entertained in their Santa hats and ringing their jingle bells. Father Prator hosted a lovely post-caroling party in the rectory where carolers were rewarded with delicious snacks and hot chocolate! And don't forget parishioner **Jimmy Lou**. It is becoming more and more difficult for Jimmy to come to church on Sunday. A steady flow of greeting cards goes a long way in keeping Jimmy's spirits up, especially now that the holidays are winding down. Cards may be sent to:

Mr. Jimmy Lou
 c/o The Village Nursing Home
 607 Hudson Street, 2nd Floor
 New York, NY 10014

Soloists of Schola Cantorum on Hudson Present:

An Evening of All-American Music
Saturday, February 6 at 8:00 pm
 Soloists from the innovative choral ensemble *Schola Cantorum on Hudson* (SCH) present an evening of American music in the third installment of the 2009-2010 season.. The program explores operatic, art song, folksong and musical theatre repertoire. The roster of all-American composers includes Leonard Bernstein, John Bucchino, Aaron Copland,

George Gershwin, Libby Larsen, Stephen Sondheim, Kurt Weill and others.

All tickets are priced at \$15 in honor of the group's 15th Anniversary.

People Here and There

by Jeanne Sutton

Our parishioners still travel. Jay Campbell spent Christmas with his sister in New Orleans in her new house ... Scott Carlton went to Holy Cross for four days between Christmas and New Years: They celebrate Christmas through Epiphany. He also goes to Sunday Evensong at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine ... Pat Thompson spent the holidays with the Rev'd Clark Trafton and Lewis Kerman, Esq., in Palm Springs, California ... At the end of the month, Pat Hart is going to visit her brother in Steamboat Springs, CO. Some of her other siblings may join them ... The Rev'd Sandra Michels is on a Hawaiian cruise ... Richard Seeger also plans to see his brother and sisters, three nephews and two nieces in Ann Arbor, Michigan later in the month ... New parishioners Jiwon Lee and Gus Zdanovich will be married here on Saturday, February 6th. Happy birthday: Jack Cuddihy (22nd), Alice Peterson (23rd), Fed Pattison (31st) and all who were born in January.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! May God bless us all.

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