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**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 July & August

- July 4** Eucharist at 12:00 Noon  
**Rectory Open House to Follow. All are invited.**
- July 6** Office is closed for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday
- July 17** Vestry Meeting - 10:00 am
- July 25** Parish Picnic at Waverly Farm - transportation leaves St. John's at 10:00 am - leaves New Jersey at 4:00 pm.
- August 3** Musical Mix 'N Mingle Concert Series - 7:00 pm  
**August 24**

### Rectory Open House: Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Save this date for an afternoon party to follow the 12:00 noon Eucharist. Everyone is invited, especially newcomers who have been sent a written invitation.

### Vestry Report

The Vestry Planning Conference was held on Saturday, June 6, with a follow-up Vestry meeting on June 13. The Vestry will be meeting again on July 17 in order to discuss and implement any new policies and procedures as soon as possible.

The current economic situation means we are facing a big loss in endowment income over the next few years. The Vestry remains committed to a balanced budget, and this is an opportunity for the entire parish to examine how best to take advantage of our combined "time, talent and treasure."

**Corpus Christi** was a big success. The service was exceptional, with glorious music from both the adult and youth choirs. The dinner was equally wonderful: great food from Bone Lick Park, musical entertainment, and a watercolor generously donated by Jeanne Morrow. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Thanks to **Father Corney** and all the poets who participated in our annual Poetry Reading.

Thanks to **Fred Harrity** for the delicious birthday brunch. What a wonderful way to share his special day.

### Coming up:

October 4—**Stewardship Sunday**. Time to catch up on your pledge for 2009 and plan your financial commitment for 2010.

October 10-11: **St. John's Courtyard Bazaar**. Talk to Pam Brown to participate in the organizing committee.

### AIDS Walk New York 2009: Final Results

The Board of Directors of Episcopal Response to AIDS (ERA) salutes and thanks the St. John's family for so enthusiastically participating in AIDS Walk New York 2009. St. John's walkers raised over **\$14,000**—more than any other parish group! The ERA team collected **\$62,000** in total. This abundance will enable ERA to continue its grants program, meeting the funding needs of programs like *The Open Door*. **THANK YOU!**

### Walkers

Robert Arlequin  
Tim Boos\*  
Stuart Brier  
Sammy Chin\*\*  
Suzanne Culhane\*\*  
Kyle DeBlasio  
Gerry Dilley\*  
Winston George  
Fred Harrity\*  
Dina Mann

\*Star Walkers – those who raised \$1,000+

*\*\*Gold Star Walkers – those who raised \$2,500+*

**Donors**

The Rev. Deacon Anne Auchincloss  
The Rev. Deacon Sarah Blaies-Diamond & Daryl Diamond  
Tim Boos  
Andrew Brimmer  
Pam Brown  
Jay Campbell  
Pat Cheek  
Sammy Chin  
Dick Corney  
The Rev. Samuel O. Cross  
Suzanne M. Culhane  
Robert DeCesare  
Pat Hart  
Michael Johnson  
Andrew Jones  
Leo & Phred Madsen Vallee  
Rosemary & Ralph O'Shansky  
*The Open Door*  
Fred Pattison  
The Rev. Lloyd E. Prator  
Carol Quatrone  
Beth Rake  
Leslyn Rigoni  
Robert & David Ruderman-White  
Rosemary Segreti  
Margot Shields  
John Singler  
Doug Smith  
Dr. Parveen R. Sondhi  
Jeanne Sutton  
Ellen Wagner

And mark your calendars for next year – **AIDS Walk New York** will take place on **May 16, 2010!**

**Reflection on AIDS Walk N.Y. 2009**

- by Dina Mann

This year's AIDS walk was a radically different experience for me. For starters, I arrived a bit late because, unlike in earlier years, the distance I had to travel to get there was further. In addition, this was the first time in some nine years that I wasn't working in the field of HIV/AIDS services, having taken a temporary leave from the work force to arrange my mother's legal affairs. In my work in this field, I provided pastoral care, dealt with HASA, intolerance to HIV drugs, death, substance abuse issues and referrals and all the attending vagaries of HIV/AIDS up close on a daily basis. Not doing it for a bit, I was able to become an observer and reflect how HIV/AIDS impacts my own life both present and past. You see, I grew up dealing with HIV/AIDS, being in a profession where we lost hundreds of men and YES women to the disease before it even had a name. I witnessed death and living mummification of the very gifted people I worked with at a time I should have enjoyed my innocence. I received the gift of an epiphany through a dear friend of mine who lives a few doors from my mother's home.(she is a real estate broker and is also assisting me in clearing out mom's house) In addition, she was also one of my generous sponsors for the AIDS Walk. She said to me: "I keep telling my daughter (who is unhitched and in her

forties): 'Be careful! Sex can KILL YOU!!' It must be terrible for you all to be living in such a world." The full magnitude of the impact of her words hit me hard. Yes, everyone is fair games. It doesn't seem fair. Those of us who work in the field have grown a bit weary of HIV 101, safer sex seminars etc. I wrestled with an ostensibly good God for a while: why did God send HIV to infect humans? A bit of magical thinking." "Wouldn't it be wonderful to return to a state of innocence before 'Paradise Lost'?" Above all , I prayed and continue to pray for a cure and a way to eradicate this disease all together, so that it no longer can seek out human hosts. Until such a time, I pray all who read this realize that HIV/AIDS is an equal opportunity employer: we are ALL vulnerable! Please do what is necessary not to be a host or hostess to HIV/AIDS while you pray for a cure and eradicating this disease.

**A Message from our Director of Music - Gordon King**

We are losing two choristers for next year. Eva Araya will be going off to boarding school and Lucy Ellis and family will move to Rome for a year. (That is in Italy, not New York!). So the ranks are think but the good news is that there is a recent new member who came to the Easter Egg Hunt, and as a result, decided to join the choir. His name is Ali Noiri. Ali is nine years old, plays the saxophone, and is enthusiastic about choir. He will be spending the summer in Iran but will return, hopefully, this fall.

Meanwhile, I hop to contact schools in the area to see if they are willing to allow brochures or posters. If you know any youngsters who might b candidates, please let me know.

**Monday - June 29<sup>th</sup>: Musical Mix 'N Mingle Concert Series**

Mark your calendar for the first in a series of Mix 'N Mingle events celebrating Rattlestick Theater's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season. The evening kicks off with a wine reception at 7:00 pm followed by a live musical performance in the church featuring composer, singer and pianist Jenny Giering with musical guests Anastasia Barzee, Jenny Fellner, Alex Gemignani, Blythe Gruda, Norm Lewis, and James Sasser. Director: Kent Nicholson, Musical Director: Randall Eng, Sound: Rob Killenberger. A post performance reception in St. Benedict's Courtyard will wrap up the evening. Tickets are \$40 for St. John's folks (regularly \$75). Future Series dates: August 3 & 24.

**July 25 - Parish Picnic at Waverly Farm**

It's that time of year again! Time for our annual picnic in Hackettstown New Jersey at the farm of Addie Richter. Transportation will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the common room. Please let us know if you are planning to attend ... this will help those making arrangements for both the picnic and the transportation.

## PEOPLE AND THERE

- by Jeanne Sutton

Summer is here. It's time to take vacation, go to the beach, hike in the woods, or those other activities you've always wanted to do.

Parishioners are traveling. John Singler will be gone for four months teaching in Africa—Ghana, Liberia, and South Africa. He will teach English and some linguistics....Dr. Cherian Thomas will be in India, evaluating hospitals and their needs....His wife Kalindi will be in Iowa City, Iowa to assist her daughter with a new baby....Heidi Cuddihy will also help daughter Julie with a new baby in Chicago, Illinois....Sara and Kai Johnson with their dogs, Greer and Max, are traveling to Atlanta, Georgia to Sara's brother's graduation....Alan Kanen and John Wulff are celebrating Alan's mother's husband eightieth birthday in Flushing....The last of June, Jeanne Sutton will fly to Columbus, Ohio to visit her cousin, Alberta Rinehart, and her daughters' families. In July, she goes to North Fort Myers, Florida to see her sister and brother-in-law. Fred Pattison will spend time in England.

Congratulations to Wassila George who will graduate from high school on June 25<sup>th</sup>. She plans to attend Nazareth College in Rochester, New York. During the summer, she will attend a five week program for newcomers to become acquainted with the school....We congratulate Margot Shields who was reelected for a three year term as

first vice president of the Civil Service Bar Association (city attorneys' union).

A word of appreciation was a call to Dina Mann from the new therapeutic recreational director, Katie Noor, at the Village Nursing Home. She said their residents have expressed how much Dina and our parishioners have done for them especially our caring.

We have also had some visitors. Jean Tucker entertained Susan Bumgarner, a friend from high school. Susan now lives in Norman, Oklahoma....Donnie Simons, a member of All Saints Church, came to celebrate Corpus Christi with us....On Sunday, the fourteenth, we welcomed the Rev'd Jonathan Clark, Rector of St. Mary's Church in Stoke-Newington, borough of Hackney, England. He would like to have a link between his church and ours.

### July Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Jimmy Lou  
6<sup>th</sup> John Singler  
8<sup>th</sup> John Cuddihy, Jr.  
9<sup>th</sup> Suzanne Culhane  
Ralph O'Shansky  
12<sup>th</sup> Jeanne Sutton  
20<sup>th</sup> Fernella Lewis

### August Birthdays

4<sup>th</sup> David Bell  
11<sup>th</sup> Grace Cuddihy  
17<sup>th</sup> Pam Brown  
27<sup>th</sup> Alan Kanen

*Happy birthday everyone!*

## Gordon King to Attend CREDO Conference

Gordon King has accepted an invitation to attend a CREDO conference from September 21-28 at the Canterbury Conference Center located in Oviedo, Florida.

The eight-day conference provides participants with the means to find direction and clarity in four component areas: spiritual, vocational, and financial. CREDO provides a foundation for participants to embrace wellness and to prayerfully discern the direction of their vocation.

CREDO was founded in 1997 as a pilot program funded by The Church Pension Group. Episcopal clergy, lay employees, deacons and bishops from virtually every diocese in the country have taken advantage of the CREDO benefit. Participants are selected at random from all lay employees with more than five years in the Pension Fund. The Church Pension Fund pays all but \$500 of the conference costs.

Gordon will join approximately 30 other lay employees in the CREDO conference. Over the course of the conference, participants will meet in plenary sessions, small groups and private consultations with faculty members. Participants also have ample quiet time to reflect on their personal and professional lives.

Each participant commits to extensive reflection through pre-conference instruments and surveys that focus on

personal and professional wellness. The work of CREDO is organized around four major areas in each person's personal and professional life. Each of these components is explored as an integral part of the whole.

- Spiritual - offers a sacred space where each participant can reflect on his or her interior life and relationship with God in Christ.
- Vocational - provides opportunities for reflection, discernment, and planning in the professional areas of vocation, career, and work.
- Health - encourages reflection on physical and emotional health and well-being, stewardship of the body, and development of a plan to address the individual's health needs.
- Financial - explores all aspects of personal financial management and encourages reflection on God-given resources and how best to use them in response to God's call.

Through this discernment and visioning process, and with the help of a faculty team of professionals, each participant builds a CREDO Plan – a personal con

## Daily Office Readings

The Daily Office readings for July and August are found in the Book of Common Prayer. This is Year 1 for the Daily Office, Year B for the Sunday Eucharist.

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| Week of July 5:   | Proper 9  |
| Week of July 12   | Proper 10 |
| Week of July 19:  | Proper 11 |
| Week of July 26   | Proper 12 |
| Week of August 2  | Proper 13 |
| Week of August 9  | Proper 14 |
| Week of August 16 | Proper 15 |
| Week of August 23 | Proper 16 |
| Week of August 30 | Proper 17 |

## Holy Days

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|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| July 22   | St. Mary Magdalene          | Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm    |
| July 25   | St. James the Apostle       | Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon |
| August 6  | Transfiguration             | Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm    |
| August 15 | St. Mary the Virgin         | Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon |
| August 24 | St. Bartholomew the Apostle | Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm    |

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