
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

Coming Up In October

October 4	Commitment Sunday
October 10	Courtyard Bazaar - Noon to 6:00 pm
October 11	Courtyard Bazaar - 1:00-5:00 pm
October 12	Columbus Day - Office Closed
October 17	Schola Cantorum Concert - 8:00 pm (tickets: \$15)
October 31	Halloween Dance: 7-10 PM (Children \$5, Adults \$10)
November 26	Thanksgiving Dinner (Details will be announced)

Holy Days

October 18	St. Luke the Evangelist Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 11:00 am
October 23	St. James of Jerusalem Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm
October 28	St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm
November 1	All Saint's Day Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 11:00 am
November 2	All Soul's Day Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm

From the Rector's Desk

Dear friends,

We are fortunate to have a church that is, largely, handicapped accessible. There are no steps from the sidewalk to the front door of the church and the nave is all on one level. The only steps are those into the parish hall, and, in fact, the alternative door to the hall, from St. Benedict's Courtyard, is equipped with shallow ramps that enable a person in a wheelchair to have easy access.

We have a couple of parishioners in wheel chairs. One of them, James Lou, relies on assistance to get to church. He lives four blocks away in the Village Nursing Home. We have been fortunate to have several people able and willing to bring Jim to Church. He loves being here, and many of us have attended his annual birthday party in July when his family comes up from the South to be with us as he celebrates another year.

In recent years, however, a number of people who did this work have left or become unable to do the work. We are in a position to renew that important ministry to one of our most vulnerable members. I have met with our new seminarians, Denise LaVetty, Shelley McDade, and Jeff Roy, and they are interested in organizing a new crew of people to help with this project. I am meeting with them, and with the people who are still doing this ministry, and hope we can restore this service to Jim so that he can be here every Sunday.

Our seminarians will be in touch with you. We need your help. It is not arduous work, there are no hills between here and there, and the curbs are all cut for wheelchair access. And, the main interest is in getting him here at 10:30 or so; if any volunteers are unable to take him home after coffee hour, we can usually find someone who will do that second half of the task.

So, when Denise, Shelley and Jeff talk to you, consider how you might be able to help.

Faithfully,



Vestry Report

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ORGANIZED.

The Vestry appointed Jay Campbell to join the Rector and retiring Warden, Pamela Brown on the Nominating Committee. Dr. Cherian Thomas agreed to join them as the fourth member from the congregation. They will be meeting over the next few weeks to review candidates to fill the following positions:

Warden

Pamela Brown retiring due to term limits
Vestry members Class of 2013
Tim Boos and Douglas Smith are stepping down due to term limits
Richard Lipscomb elected for one year to fill vacancy left by Carol Quatrone.

VESTRY MAKES THEIR PLEDGES FOR 2010.

As is customary, the Vestry began our annual stewardship campaign, by making their 2010 financial commitment early. **They pledged over \$40, 000**, one third of the total dollars pledged last year (2/3's increased their pledges). Representing the leadership of the parish, the Vestry does this to set an example and acknowledge their responsibility to the financial well being of St. John's.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND COURTYARD BAZAAR October 10 - 11, 2009

STUFF WANTED!

Start your fall clean-up now! Bring your unwanted treasures to church. Clean, in working order, etc. Best sellers include kitchen and tabletop items, artwork, furniture, women's accessories. No clothes, please.

Contributions will be accepted Monday through Thursday (no Friday drop-off, please). Contact Pam Brown if you need assistance.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

The more, the merrier!

Friday, October 9

set up and pricing ... FREE pizza included.

**Saturday, October 10,
10:00 A.M.-5:00 P. M.
Sunday, October 11,
1:00 to 4:00**

Help is needed in the following areas:

- Bake Sale
- Refreshments
- Children's Activities
- Evangelism
- Bagging and Checkout
- Entertainment
- Books
- Table Managers
- Publicity

Please contact Pam Brown and/or indicate your availability on the sign-up sheet posted in the common room.

STEWARDSHIP 2010 Sunday, October 4, 2009

The Feast of the Dedication

Join us after the 8:00 and 11:00 Eucharist for a special coffee hour and to make your financial commitment to St. John's for 2010.

What a difference your support makes! It helps us balance the budget and pay our bills. It helps us to maintain our historic buildings and grounds—buildings that are used by such diverse not-for profit groups as PSI, AA, Dignity, Rattlestick Theater and the Senior Showstoppers. It supports our beautiful music programs and stimulating Christian Formation classes. But most importantly, your financial support makes St. John's outreach possible—outreach

to our community through the Evangelism Committee, outreach to those suffering with HIV/AIDS through the Open Door, outreach to LGBT youth with the Tuesday Night Group, outreach to NYU students through the Canterbury Club, outreach to neighborhood children through the chorister's program.

The congregation at St. John's is very generous, graciously giving of your time, talent and treasure. And the Stewardship committee asks you once again to consider how you can continue to support your parish in the coming year.

News from the Director of Music - Gordon King

Choirs will begin later this year to help with the current financial situation. On October 4th, the St. John's choir will begin singing again although they will not sing on October 11th. Since October 4th is our Feast of the Dedication, we felt that the choir should return for that Sunday. Then, the choir will be in attendance from October 18th through Christmas. The Choristers' program will also begin the first week of October. We have gotten a good response to the ads which have been run in *Big Apple Parent* magazine. I am hopeful that some of this response will result in new choristers.

Schola Cantorum on Hudson: Celebrates American Music with Season Showcase Concerts - October 17th at 8:00 pm

Schola Cantorum on Hudson embraces all-American music for its 15th Anniversary

Season: *Celebrating American Stories*. In its first concert of the season entitled Season Showcase, the critically acclaimed 35-voice choral ensemble performs a preview of selections from each of its three upcoming concerts, as well as a sampling of songs from the *Schola Sings Solo* Recital Series. Under the baton of Artistic Director and Founder Dr. Deborah Simpkin King, the program features a work by Schola Cantorum on Hudson's 2009-2010 Featured Composer Dr. Roger H. Wesby, Director of Choral Activities at Wagner College.

The Season Showcase concert is being presented two consecutive days: the first time on Saturday evening, October 17th at 8:00 pm, at St. John's in the Village; and the second time on Sunday afternoon, October 18 at 4:00 pm, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 440 Hoboken Avenue at Five Corners in Jersey City, New Jersey.

All tickets for this season's performances are set at the special 15th Anniversary price of \$15. Advance tickets may be purchased online at <http://www.ScholaOnHudson.org>, by phone at (201) 918-3011, or by email at BoxOffice@ScholaOnHudson.org. Additional information regarding this concert or the ensemble and its activities can be obtained online at <http://www.ScholaOnHudson.org> or by calling (201) 918-3009.

ST. JOHN'S BIDS FAREWELL TO FATHER RICHARD CORNEY

Parishioners and friends gathered on Saturday, September 19, to say goodbye to Father Corney as he prepared to move upstate. A tea was held in St. Benedict's Courtyard, complete with elegant tea sandwiches, beautiful piano music and gorgeous weather. We tried to express our gratitude by presenting Father Corney with a gift certificate to Amtrak, so he *must* come back and visit us. We also surprised him with a beautiful oil painting by Simon Carr to hang in his new home, a reminder of how highly we regard all he has done for St. John's. We will miss you, Father Corney!

Special thanks to all who helped in the preparations, set up and clean up.

New Address For Father Corney

Here is Father Corney's new address in Glens Falls.

The Rev'd Dr. Richard Corney
12 B Hartford Ave.
Glens Falls, New York 12801

PEOPLE AND THERE

- by Jeanne Sutton

Fall is here and St. John's is busy. Dan Weick went with his parents, in late summer, to Italy, Greece, Turkey, Monaco, France and Spain. The highlights for Dan were Mykonos in Greece and Florence in Italy. On August 2nd, grand baby Maxwell Christopher Rushmore Hellman was baptized at St. Paul's Church in Northeast London, England. The Rev'd Dr. Gary

Hellman made a slide show of the Baptism. The Rev'd Lloyd Prator went to England at the end of the summer.

Robert White went to his 55th class reunion at Morrisville High School on September 19th. He has attended all of his class reunions except for the period of time when he was in the service. He has also served as business manager for his class.

Suzanne Culhane is delighted to be once again working with Daniel Dice, who has joined the board of Episcopal Response to AIDS.

Mentor Andrew Jones announces that *EFM* started on September 15th from 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm ... Dina Mann continues her *EFM* studies at St. Luke's.

Anyone who has news for this column "People Here and There" are welcome to put a note in the Outreach mailbox or see me directly. Of course, I will still be asking folks for "news".

October Birthdays

2nd John Park
6th Bob Spooler
8th Owen Lewis
11th Ellen Wagner
12th Annette Bedminster
15th Robert Arlequin
20th Nelson Ulloa
21st Richard Plunkett
22nd Patrick Merry
Patrick Cheek
23rd Elizabeth Morris

Happy birthday everyone!

CALLING ALL WITCHES, GHOSTS, and GHOULS

Will your costume be the one
that Rules?

ST. JOHN'S HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY and DANCE on Saturday the 31st of October

7:00 pm until 10:00 pm in the
Parish Hall

Fun for the entire family! Dancing all night!
Costume prizes for adults and kids!
Bring the family! Bring your friends!

Children: \$ 5.00 Adults: \$10.00

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

The idea for having a Thanksgiving Day Dinner here at the church, is being considered this year. This, most likely, would take the form of a potluck meal, where everyone contributed to the common table. We are wondering how many people would be interested in participating. If you think this is something you might like to do, please fill out the sign up sheet which is posted on in the common room. Final plans, including the time, will be announced shortly. If you have questions, please see Father Prator or one of the wardens.

Upcoming Productions at Rattlestick Playwrights Theater

Rattlestick's 15th Anniversary Season will feature plays by Lucy Thurber, Mando Alvarado, Craig Wright and Annie Baker

Now Through October 11

***Killers and Other Family* by Lucy Thurber**

Elizabeth thinks she has finally escaped her previous life, that life comes crashing back in when her brother and his best friend show up on the run, demanding she hide them. Their arrival forces Elizabeth to truly confront her past, pushing her into a waking nightmare in which fears and memories become all too real. Rattlestick Playwrights Theater revisits this play first produced in 2001. Ms. Thurber's other plays include *Stay* and *Where We're Born* (Rattlestick) as well as *Scarcity*, *Ashville*, *Innocence is a Sin* and *Monstrosity* and numerous others.

November 11 - December 13

***Post No Bills* by Mando Alvarado**

Fleeing the Texas border town she grew up in, Reyna arrives in the big city, with nothing but her dream of becoming a singer/songwriter. Taking up with a pair of street musicians, she discovers that love is violent, friendship is pain and the true music comes from the depths of your soul. Mr. Alvarado's play, *Throat*, recently had a successful run at INTAR this past season, and he is about to release his first film, *Cruzando*.

February 18 - March 21

***Blind* by Craig Wright**

In this contemporary retelling of Oedipus, a married couple slowly rediscovers the secret they thought they had buried deep within the cavities of their conscious. *Blind* explores the blindness of two individuals but also the blindness of a culture that now must confront its own folly. Mr. Wright is best known for his plays: *The Pavillion* and *Lady* (both at Rattlestick, with Drama Desk Nominations for Outstanding Play). He also wrote and produced the television show, *Dirty Sexy Money*.

April 15 - May 23

***The Aliens* by Annie Baker**

Two angry young men sit outside a Vermont coffee shop and discuss music and Bukowski. When a lonely high school student arrives on the scene they decide to teach him everything they know. A play with music and shrooms. Miss Baker's first play, *Body Awareness*, concluded its run this past season (Atlantic Theater Company). Another of her plays, *Circle Mirror Transformation*, will be performed at Playwrights Horizons this fall.

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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