
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 September

September 7	Labor Day - Office Closed
September 13, 20 & 27	Learn To Knit 9:30 - 11:00 am in the Common Room led by Jean Tucker
September 16, 23 & 30	Muslims and Islam: <i>Our Neighbors of Another Tradition</i> 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
September 19	Vestry Meets - 10:00 am
September 19	Thank You Tea for Father Corney 2:00 - 4:00 pm - St. Benedict's Courtyard
October 4	Commitment Sunday
October 10 October 11	Courtyard Bazaar - Noon to 6:00 pm Courtyard Bazaar - 1:00-5:00 pm

From the Rector's Desk

Dear friends,

Little things tell me that vacation is over. I have a little bit of jet lag—although very little, for some reason, this travel phenomenon has always eluded me—and it is very easy to awake before the alarm clock goes off. The toothbrush in my travel kit is a short, stubby little thing, and now, therefore, I can get used to the nice long one again. My day can start again with Morning Prayer either in the church, or at the computer when I get to the office. There is a certain routine, which is broken by holiday, and there is a certain delight in getting back to it.

Some of you may know that the vestry had a planning conference in the spring, and we spent a day with Madeline P. Schroth, a facilitator from St. James' Church, Manhattan. We looked at some of our mission statements and made some decisions about life in our parish.

The one aspect of the conference I refer to today is some changes on Sunday Morning. A few years ago, we had a bible study at 9:15 a.m. designed to serve both the eight o'clock and the eleven o'clock services. Times changed, people moved away or retired, and after an interval, we stopped the Bible study. But now there seems to be some interest in doing something at that hour, and so we have decided to offer a couple of things. Jean Tucker would like to offer a class in knitting once a month. I

plan to offer a class in what is called *lectio divina*, which is a devotional way of studying scripture. From time to time there will be other offerings, by clergy and interested laypersons. If you have interests or ideas, please let me know.

The change in the Sunday morning schedule starts on 13 September.

By the way, if you have an idea about what we could call this hour, suggestions would be gladly received. One parish, which did this sort of thing, called their time Our Sunday Hour.

There is a noticeable uptick in the life of the parish in September, do come be a part of it and enjoy those changes which mark the time and the seasons of our lives.

Faithfully,



THANK YOU TEA FOR FATHER CORNEY

Join us to say farewell to Father Corney as he moves to Glens Falls, New York and to thank him for all he's done for us here at St. John's.

**Saturday, September 19, 2009
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
St. Benedict's Courtyard**

Tea and refreshments will be served.
To RSVP please contact Pam Brown or Carol Quatrone.

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

Start cleaning out your basement and closets.

Best sellers include kitchen and tabletop items, women's accessories, artwork, furniture.
No clothes please.

Contributions will be accepted after Labor Day, Monday through Thursday
NO FRIDAY DROP OFF PLEASE
Contact: Pam Brown if you need assistance.

Come join in the Fun!

Help is needed in the following areas:

Friday, October 9 Set up and pricing

Saturday, October 10 Noon - 6:00 pm

Sunday, October 11 1:00 - 5:00 pm

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

Sunday Cleanup

Contact Pam Brown or indicate your availability on the sign-up sheet in the common room.

Learn to Knit

Jean Tucker will teach beginning knitting on Sunday mornings, September 13, 20 and 27 from 9:30 am until 11:00 am in the Common Room. If you already enjoy needlework, bring your current project and join us! Stay tuned for more details!

Muslims and Islam:

Our Neighbors of Another Tradition

**Wednesday Evenings,
September 16, 23, & 30, 2009
at 7:00 pm
in the Parish Hall**

This three-part series explores elements of the history, theology, spirituality, and contemporary issues of Muslims in the early 21st Century.

Session 1 - Introduction (September 16)

- Major Historical Stepping Stones of Islam
- Theology: Places of Convergence and Divergence with Christian Beliefs

Session 2 - A Praying, Worshiping Community

(September 23)

- Communal Prayer
- Personal Prayer (Supplication)
- Music

Session 3 - The Modern Islamic Landscape

(September 30)

- Contemporary Challenges for Muslims in Pluralistic Cultures
- Contemporary Attempts to be in Dialogue with Christian Churches
- The Challenge for "Moderate Muslims" in the Face of "Radicalism"

Leader: The Reverend Masud Ibn Syedullah TSSF, Chair of the Episcopal-Muslim Committee of the Diocese of New York and one of its founding members, is also a member of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission of the Diocese. His own faith journey includes having been raised in an interreligious family with a Christian mother and Muslim father. Much of his ministry focuses on building bridges between and among people of different faith traditions.

Commitment Sunday - October 4

In spite of a slowly recovering economy and a generous bequest from Father Charles Whipple, the Colony Trust has suffered some losses in the latest recession and the income we receive to fund our annual budget will be reduced over the next 3 years. The Vestry is committed to a balanced budget, and we must rely on your annual financial support to maintain valuable Outreach Programs like the Open Door, the Tuesday Youth Group, as well as Evangelism and our music programs.

Please join us on Sunday, October 4, 2009, after the 8:00 and 11:00 services, and make your financial pledge to St. John's for 2010.

If you have any questions, or if you are interested in helping with this valuable Stewardship ministry, please contact Pam Brown.

St. John's Welcomes Two Seminarians and a Deacon in Training This Fall.

This fall, St. John's is fortunate in having two seminarians and a deacon in training, who will be spending time with the parish. Shelley McDade and Jeffrey Roy are our new seminarians and Denise LaVetty is our deacon in training.

Shelley McDade (seminarian)

Born and raised in the state of Delaware, Shelley lived throughout the United States building a career in Marketing and Advertising before moving to Manhattan ten years ago. A candidate for Holy Orders with the Diocese of New York, Shelley's home parish is the Church of the Heavenly Rest on the Upper East Side. Her family resides in various locations up and down the east coast but find their closeness in frequent phone calls and well planned gatherings throughout the year. Currently she is a senior at General Theological Seminary in Chelsea, working closely with the homeless ministries and Ecumenical Commission of New York. This summer found Shelley on a pilgrimage to Serbia and Montenegro where she joined members of San Salvo, the Serbian Orthodox Cathedral here in Manhattan, on a 10 day journey in the footsteps of St. Nikolai. It was an experience she will never forget. After graduation, Shelley hopes to continue her call to the Priesthood in a New York parish.

Jeffrey Roy (seminarian)

Jeffrey Roy is from Minneapolis, Minnesota and is sponsored by the Diocese of Minnesota. He is married to Janine Lamm-Roy, and they have two children: Candace who is 8 and Liam who is 4. Prior to accepting a call to ordained ministry and moving to New York for seminary, Jeff worked in the information technology field, most recently as the chief information officer for a small consultancy in MN. From Treasurer to Master of Ceremonies, Jeff has served in all levels of lay leadership within his home parish of St. James on the Parkway. Jeff also plays the bagpipes, and has been known to wear a kilt whenever possible.

Denise LaVetty (deacon in training)

Ten years after joining the Episcopal Church, Denise began the discernment process for the Diaconate. Her home parish is All Saints Church on East 60th Street, where she has served in many ministries, most notably in helping to create and manage their Community Meal program. She is currently enrolled at General Theological Seminary where she takes evening courses towards a Masters in Christian Spirituality. Her "day job" is Human Resource Director at an investment firm downtown.

Denise is married and has a grown son, Paul. A native New Yorker, she currently lives on East 56th Street with her husband of 17 years, Freddy, her Bichon Frise Cosmo Girl, and parakeet Moondance.

PEOPLE AND THERE

- by Jeanne Sutton

August has brought the hot weather and everyone is trying to cool off. September comes soon.

At the end of July, Jay Campbell visited friends in Saratoga Springs, New York. From August 7 -9, Mary Lou Scott helped judge the Millbrook Horse Trials in Dutchess County, New York. From August 13 - 16, Jeanne Sutton went to the Chalfonte (Victorian Hotel) in Cape May, New Jersey ... Douglas Smith visited friends and relatives in Austin, Texas. At the end of August, John Wulff and Alan Kanen are leaving for a week's vacation in Paris ... The last weekend in August, Andrew Jones will attend EFM mentor training at Holy Cross Monastery. Over Labor Day weekend, both he and Jordan Scoggins will fly to Jacksonville, Florida to attend Andrew's cousin's wedding. Also over Labor Day weekend, Fred Harrity and Sammy Chin will attend a convention in Atlanta, Georgia. In September, Lorraine Burns will fly to Amsterdam where she will board a ship and sail the Great Rivers to Vienna.

St. John's welcomes Sandra Oduol from Kenya although she has been in the USA since 2003. Sandra lives in Port Chester, New York and works for Cerebral Palsy in Westchester. She joined our parish from Ng'iya parish in Kenya. Welcome!!!!

September Birthdays

6th Heidi Cuddihy
17th Dina Mann
24th Lorraine Burns
28th William Burget

Happy birthday everyone!

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

September 17 - 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.

Week of September 6:	Proper 18
Week of September 13	Proper 19
Week of September 20:	Proper 20
Week of September 27	Proper 21

Holy Days

September 14	Holy Cross Day Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm
September 21	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm
September 29	St. Michael and All Angels Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm

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