

# The Messenger

The Newsletter of  
Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal Church  
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The Reverend Margaret Sterchi, Rector

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**THE REVEREND MARGARET STERCHI, RECTOR**

## Celebrating 5 Years with St. John's



Rev. Margaret cutting the cake made by Mary Cancelliere on her fifth anniversary while Lee Jones and Joseph Cancelliere wait to test it for taste. (phone courtesy Sallie Jones)

## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be announced following the next Vestry meeting. Usually we meet the first Sunday in February. With the new By-Laws that date is now a bit more flexible. The Vestry will decide at the December meeting and we will let you know to save the date. This will be the usual pot-luck and meeting, so be thinking about which delicious dish you are bringing. We also need people to serve in leadership roles. We need Vestry persons, Convocation Delegates, and Convention Delegates. The Convocation Delegates attend two meetings a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Convention Delegates attend the pre-Convention meeting (this year to be held on February 15 at 7PM at Grace Church Haddonfield. The Convention will be held at the Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill on March 2 and March 3. To be a delegate you will need to have that Friday available. That evening, in lieu of the banquet, we usually stop at a local restaurant for a meal. This year I suggest the British Chip Shop in Haddonfield. Please let Steve DeBaun, the Senior Warden, know if you are interested in any of these positions.

**Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Mary Molineaux**

Mary Molineaux, the woman who painted the lovely portrayals of our church that hang in the parish hall, will turn 100 on Sunday, January 15, 2012. She resides at a nursing home in Mt. Holly. Wouldn't it be wonderful if many of us could go and celebrate her birthday on that day? Mark your calendar and please let Reverend Margaret know if you are up for this so she can contact the facility to let them know how many are joining her for this most auspicious occasion. If you cannot attend, you might pick up one of those "100<sup>th</sup>" birthday cards to send her in January. Her room has changed, but the address is Virtua Rehab Center, 82 Richmond St., Mount Holly, NJ 08060. Or just give your card to Reverend Margaret and she will deliver it.

## Service for Christian Unity

Once again our choir will participate with several other choirs at the service for Christian Unity to be held on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 7:30 in the evening. This year the service will take place at Chews Methodist Church right around the corner from us on Black Horse Pike. Mark your calendars now for a service that is always a delight to attend and an opportunity to support our fabulous choir!



Christmas Eve at St. John's. (photo courtesy Sallie Jones)

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## Noisy Sunday

The Food Bank of South Jersey is in desperate need of funds. This is not surprising, due to the current economy. Yes, it may feel good to collect canned goods and dry goods but the reality is that the Food Bank is able to purchase much more efficiently than an individual ever could. Their current rate is about \$.16/pound. Think how much a can of corn weighs and how much it costs. In addition, the food bank has a set menu depending on the size of the family, so where we might find a great sale on beets, this might not be a part of the "menu". The Food Bank is challenging every church in this area to contribute \$25/month. This is a very small sum, but your vestry has decided we will be a bit more creative than just adding it to the budget. Once a month, on the LAST weekend of the month, we will have **NOISY SUNDAY**. Cans will be brought in for this purpose. They will be passed around and those attending will be encouraged to drop in loose change, although bills will certainly be accepted. The point is to make as much noise as possible as the cans are passed around. Then the amount collected will be sent to the Food Bank. I think with this fun way to take up a collection we will collect more than the asked for \$25.00. If we get a significant amount over the Vestry will decide if we want to send it all to the Food Bank or possibly share it with another charity. None of it will be kept for church use. This is an outreach project so we want to donate it. I look forward to our first **NOISY SUNDAY**, the weekend of January 28 & 29.

## Coffee and Conversation

Beginning in February a new group will be forming. Once a month anyone who wishes may gather at a local coffee shop where we will enjoy coffee, food if desired, and talk about a book we have read. This is not just for parishioners. If you have a friend who would like to participate, by all means invite that person. We will meet on a Thursday evening at 7PM. Watch for the announcement as to which Thursday of the month and which coffee shop. If you have any suggestions, please let Rev. Margaret or Judy Vaughan-Sterling know. The first book will be announced soon!

### Deadline for the March/April Messenger Sunday, February 19, 2012.

Items may be e-mailed to [St.Johns1789@verizon.net](mailto:St.Johns1789@verizon.net) (Please show The Messenger in the subject line) or they may be left in the Parish Office.

### Wawa Shorti Coupons

Coupons for Wawa Shorti hoagies are available from Mary Wonderlin 783-6805 and Shirley Mullen 227-1051. Coupons are \$3.50 each and can be used to purchase any Wawa Shorti sandwich or be used towards the purchase of any larger sandwich. Proceeds benefit St. John's.



### From the Rector's Desk

Happy New Year! The shortest day of the year has come and gone so the days will be getting longer with each passing week. I think the cold, cloudy days seem to make this process of increasing daylight an interminable one. However we, as Christians, have much to celebrate this time of the year. What we have to celebrate is the Light has come into the world. In the midst of the darkness, sometimes we forget that. Our job is to notice and recognize the Life-Light, our Savior Jesus, in all places and at all times. Some days are easier than others to find the presence of Jesus. A visit to the shore, even in winter, evokes the strong presence of God in our world. Getting up and going off to a job that we may or may not enjoy, makes it a bit more difficult, if not impossible, to find God. Some people just radiate Christ's love and it is so easy to see Him. With others it becomes a bit more difficult. But my personal belief is that if we look into the eyes of the other we will indeed see Jesus. If we listen to what the other has to say, listening with our heart, we will indeed hear Jesus. And if we will allow the other to reach out and touch us, both literally and metaphorically, we will indeed feel the touch of Jesus.

Opening our eyes, our hearts, and our souls for this is not always easy. Life tends to get in the way. None of us is perfect, and sometimes our imperfections rub one another in the wrong way. That is when we can pause and take a deep breath, and offer up a prayer that Christ will open our eyes to see Him in that other person. I remember a store manager, where I worked as a pharmacist, was one who just "rubbed me the wrong way". To this day I cannot tell you exactly why this was. But when I realized this I knew I had to change. It was not up to him. And so I began to consciously invite him into the pharmacy for conversation. Within a few months I realized he was a wonderful man and we had many good discussions and good times over the time we worked together. Jesus was present in this man. I just had to see and recognize it.

The bible study this morning was on the prologue to John. In the Peterson translation he specifically mentions that the Life Light has come into the world but we do not always recognize him. I invite each of us to think about the times, places, and people we have experienced where we did not

recognize Christ. Christ is present always. As we move through this season of light and approach Lent let us learn to see and recognize Christ in all ways, in all places, and in all people. It may not change the other, but it will certainly change us!

*Reverend Margaret +*

### Our Anniversary

We have been together as Rector and People for five years now. It has been a wonderful five years for me as I have come to know and love this parish. We have grown and continue to grow. We have several new faces since my arrival in 2006 in positions of leadership. We have worked on developing ministry both here at St. John's and in the wider community. I need to be very clear on this. This is not MY anniversary. This is OUR anniversary. If it is only about me then I need work on my ministry because I have failed you. One of my duties, as your Rector, is to encourage the lay ministry. If I am doing all the work and not encouraging others to step up to the plate, then I need to see how I can do my work better. Even though we do have new faces in positions of leadership, there are still a few folks who take on the greater percentage of the leadership roles. My hope is that we can celebrate our anniversary at the Annual Meeting this year. My hope is that we can also continue to grow. In order for this to happen I need help. I can no longer do everything I am doing. I need people willing to step up into leadership positions. We need vestry members, Wardens, Convention delegates, and Convocation delegates. None of these are difficult, but they are all important. We need acolytes of ALL ages, we need readers, we need folks willing to go out and take communion to our shut-ins and those who are ill, and we need folks willing to see if the Sunday School teachers would like some assistance. We have many ministries in this parish, but some of you may hesitate to volunteer because you are not sure exactly what the service entails. To that end, on January 22, following the 10:00 a.m. service, we are going to have a Ministry Fair. Those in charge of the various ministries will have tables set up in the parish hall and members are invited to come, ask questions, and decide if there is something that God is calling him or her to do. Then sign up, if desired. Our Parish is of a size that we can do amazing things together. It really does take a village, so let's become that village.

**Vestry meetings are held in the Parish Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evening of each month 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

# THE ECW PAGE

## ECW Holiday Craft Show

(photos courtesy Sallie Jones)



ECW kitchen help.....Joyce Root, Kathleen Horne and Betty Mantzell.

The long awaited "Soup Sale" is finally underway! Containers are available for pickup in the Parish Hall for those who would like to make soup for the sale. Please sign up for your containers and include the type of soup you plan on making. This is very helpful as we need to have a variety of soup and this will help us to keep track of the amount of soup we can expect to sell. Thank you for your continued support and contributions toward to great event. This year we are bringing the best of our recipes along with your soup purchase. Thank you to Mary Wonderlin for putting the recipe booklet together.

Sister Kate Maura will be picking up additional yearbooks at the next ECW District Meeting. If anyone want to purchase a yearbook, the cost is \$3.00.

KWE now has available a Camden District Episcopal Church Women contact list. If you would like a copy of this list please let Sister Kate know.

Many thanks go out to the ECW and to our parish family for your support without whom we could not do such work for the good of the church and community.

Respectfully,  
*Sister Kate Maura,*  
ECW President

Please make note of the following important dates to remember:

Jan. 2:	ECW meeting 10:00 a.m.
Jan. 15:	ECW hosting the Coffee Hour
Jan. 21:	Soup Sale
Feb. 20:	ECW District Meeting, St. John in the Wilderness 12:00 noon
Apr. 11:	Annual Basket Auction
Apr. 16 :	ECW hosting the District Meeting – Parish Hall...POT LUCK



Kathy Martel shown here tending to the baked goods table at the ECW Holiday Craft Show Saturday, November 5th.



ECW President Kate Teasdale showing off the delicious wares at the bake table.



On December 5th our ECW ladies enjoyed their Christmas luncheon at the Carriage House Restaurant where they exchanged Pollyanna's.

Visit our Web Site:  
[www.stjohns1789.org](http://www.stjohns1789.org)



The former St. John's Rectory as it appears today. (Photo courtesy Rick Wise)

## Rejuvenation for Former Rectory

By Shirley Mullen

The old Rectory was built by the Vestry for Rev. William Matthias around 1884 however he left to serve another church and never lived in it. It was originally situated on the Parish Hall parking lot and was sold and moved a short distance up the street around 1958-1959 to a location across the street from the present Rectory at the corner of Olympus Avenue and Old Black Horse Pike.



Porch of the former rectory. (Photo courtesy Rick Wise)

The Brining family lived there over fifty years and Mr. Brining lived there alone for awhile. After he passed away the home was empty about seven years and started to fall into disrepair.



Entrance to the former rectory. (Photo courtesy Rick Wise)

It was over grown with shrubs and trees until it was purchased this summer by two gentlemen, Rick and Steve who are working hard to restore it, it has been freshly painted inside and out and they are restoring the inside using everything original in the house they can find. It is a beautiful sight that stands out when you drive along the Old Black Horse Pike. I am sure they are going to enjoy the old Rectory for many years as will many people in Chews Landing.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SATURDAYS

5:00 P.M. RITE II EUCHARIST WITH SERMON

### SUNDAYS

7:45 A.M. RITE I EUCHARIST WITH SERMON

9:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL

10:00 A.M. RITE II FAMILY EUCHARIST WITH SERMON

### WEDNESDAYS

10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

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Please contact the offices with any changes in address, phone number, or E-mail address.

## St. John's Advent Outreach Project

Thanks to the caring hearts and generosity within St. John's, our Advent outreach project was a huge success! Every single item requested by the two families we sponsored was purchased by one or more parish families and delivered to the Center for Family Services. Our sponsored families received new coats, clothing, gift cards and toys to help create a very merry Christmas for each person. In addition, a number of other items — fleece blankets, clothing and gift cards — were donated for children and teens who did not have a sponsor this Christmas. The vestry would like to thank each person who participated in our Advent outreach project. Your heart-warming response and kindness are inspiring, and make us very proud to serve and to lead St. John's.

## Parish Prayers for Joys & Concerns

### Pray for those in Special Need

Bp. George Councell, Ed Shevlin, Jr., Lynn Jackson, "Butch" Redding, Charlene Harvey, Jeannie Buss, Pat Evans, Arthur Mooney, Jon Mooney, Donald Ivins, Delores Ivins, Dollie Badiali, Edith Downie, Florence Keller, Martha Gumenek, Dallam Blandy, Ann Wonderlin, Ken Sterchi, Mairead Tomaselli, Dessie Fiorilla, Frank Fiorilla, Pamela Ruth, David Lester, Lisa Hoffer, Anne Black, Robert Black, Carol Myers, June Goodman, Arthur Rudolph, Eugene Cullen, Matthew Sterling, John Burke, Maria Grace, Joel Suarez, Kathy Nichols, John Fitzpatrick, Eric Quintavalle, Fred, Patricia Weindel, Stella Paige, Kenneth Sweeten, Jr. and John Worsham

### Pray for our Shut-In and Home-Bound

Thelma Garner, Arline and Alex Potts, Kay Taylor, Betty Knipe, Alberta Wilk, Dorothy Sabot, Sarah Reid, and Mary Molineaux.

### Pray for those serving or entering the military

Amanda Collazzo, Travis Droll, Stacey Droll, Hillary Getz, Sammi Jones, Mark Jones, Ed Orr, Adam Miller, and Henry Yang.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Jan. 1: *Festival of Lessons & Carols 10:00 a.m.*  
Jan. 2: *ECW meeting 10:00 a.m.*  
Jan. 15: *ECW hosting the Coffee Hour*  
Jan. 19: *Choral Service for Christian Unity, Chews Methodist 7:30 p.m.*  
Jan. 21: *Soup Sale*  
Jan. 28: *Noisy Sunday*  
Feb. 20: *ECW District Meeting, St. John in the Wilderness 12:00 noon*  
Feb. 21: *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper*  
Feb. 22: *Ash Wednesday*

**Remember to mark your calendars**

## Gift Cards

Gift Cards are available on an as needed basis. If you would like to order a gift card at any time, fill out a form, found at the back of the church, and turn it in with a check made out to St. John the Evangelist to either Reverend Margaret or Sharon Sweeten. The order usually takes about a week to get in. We receive a percentage of the value of the gift card that is deposited in the Capital Fund account.



## Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the fall and winter. A sign up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall. Coffee Hour is the perfect venue welcoming our visitors and newcomers as well as getting to know each other better. Coffee Hour follows the late service and it is an important opportunity to meet and greet people. Keep this a success and join us for some refreshments and good fellowship. Also please consider finding a buddy and hosting a Coffee Hour. A sign up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall.



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*From the Diocese of New Jersey*

## Canon to the Ordinary to Retire

In a letter to the diocese dated December 6, Bishop Councill announced staff changes:

Canon Lee Powers will retire as Canon to the Ordinary on 1 March 2012, to be succeeded by the Reverend John Sosnowski, and Cecilia Alvarez will become Canon for Transition Ministry and Clergy Development, effective immediately.

Bishop Councill to the Diocese of NJ

December 6, 2011  
Nicholas of Myra

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to share with you the news of some changes in our diocesan staff. After a long period of prayerful discernment, the Reverend Canon Lee Powers has decided to retire on March 1, 2012. He and his wife Nancy recently moved to south Jersey in order to live closer to their family in retirement. In God's good time, Lee hopes to return to parish ministry.

I cannot begin to express my gratitude for Lee's ministry in this office and among the clergy and congregations of our Diocese over the past seven and a half years. He has been a tireless advocate for our Church to recover its identity as a missionary society and to renew our commitment to proclaim the Gospel to all people. He has not only advocated for our common mission, he has enabled all manner of churches and ministers to live that mission together, across differences and distances. He has been an effective pastoral administrator in this office and all throughout the Diocese. We have been blessed by his pastoral wisdom, his practical skill, his labor and his laughter. He has been faithful and Christ – centered in all manner of things, both small and great. He will be greatly missed.

It is Lee's request that there be no diocesan celebration focused on him and his ministry. While respecting his wishes, I encourage the clergy and people of the Diocese of New Jersey to express their thanksgiving for this servant of the servants of God. Do not withhold your applause, please.

I have the honor to announce, with the concurrence of the Standing Committee, two new staff appointments. The Reverend John W. Sosnowski, Rector of St. Mary's, Stone Harbor, New Jersey, has accepted my appointment to serve as Canon to the Ordinary, effective February 13, 2012. Fr. Sosnowski has been Rector of St. Mary's for 14 years. He and his wife Cynthia moved to this Diocese in 1997 from the Diocese of Connecticut, where John, as a Marriage and Family Therapist, served as Director of Treatment Services for seven years at The Children's Home of Cromwell. He was received into the priesthood of The Episcopal Church in 1995, having served as a Roman Catholic priest from 1979 until 1988. During his tenure as Rector, St. Mary's has grown in

membership, improved its buildings and grounds, expanded its staff to include a part-time Assistant Rector and founded the Branches – a center for outreach ministries in Rio Grande – in partnership with St. Barnabas-by-the-Bay, Villas. He has fostered the growth of lay ministries and the hands-on outreach of the church has expanded greatly via St. Mary's Thrift Shop and the outreach arm of the church called The Mustard Seed of Cape May County.

I am confident that John's faith and gifts and experience are well-suited to the ministry of Canon to the Ordinary. His ministry will include serving as Chief of Staff, assisting the Bishop with the pastoral care and direction of clergy and lay leaders, leading efforts aimed at congregational development, representing the Bishop on various diocesan bodies, working with the CFO and other senior staff in the administration of the Diocese and attending to other duties as may be assigned.

I am grateful for Canon Sosnowski's willingness to join me in caring for the Diocese, its clergy and congregations. I look forward to working with him over the next two years.

Another new appointment to our Senior Staff is no stranger to this office. I am happy to announce that I have appointed Cecilia Alvarez to be the Canon for Transition Ministry and Clergy Development, effective immediately.

Cecilia is well qualified for this ministry, having worked as Assistant Deployment Officer under Canon Elizabeth Geitz and under Canon Lee Powers over the past six years. Her work has included the full range of responsibilities for all aspects of the transition process in our Diocese (advising and directing clergy, wardens, vestries, self-study and discernment committees). She has also met monthly with the interim clergy of our Diocese, facilitated the work of the Transition Consultants, and published the monthly Transition Ministry Update.

Under the heading of Clergy Development, Cecilia has been deeply involved in the ordination processes of this Diocese. She has worked with the Co-Chairs and members of the Committee on the Priesthood and the Committee on the Diaconate. She has guided the nominees, sponsoring clergy and congregations through our processes and ensures compliance with our diocesan policies and canonical requirements. In addition, Cecilia has been the key staff person to organize our entire array of clergy days, our annual clergy conference, continuing education events, retreats and other clergy enrichment programs. She is prepared for this ministry with all of its challenges and responsibilities. I rejoice that Canon Alvarez will continue to exercise her ministry in this Diocese, for the building up of our clergy and congregations and the blessing of all God's people.

I ask for your prayers as we go right onward to love and serve the Lord.

In Christ,

+George  
The Right Reverend George E. Councill, D.D.  
Bishop of New Jersey

## The Episcopal Election Committee for the Twelfth Bishop of New Jersey

**Atlantic Convocation**  
Ms. Mary Lou Malone  
The Reverend Martha M. McKee

### **Burlington Convocation**

Mrs. Daryl Albury  
The Reverend Jayne J. Oasin

### **Camden Convocation**

Dr. Virgil Johnson  
The Reverend Dr. Jeffrey M. Kirk

### **Monmouth Convocation**

The Reverend Gail L. Bennett, Deacon  
Mr. Edgar K. Byham

### **Northern Convocation**

The Reverend Gregory A. Bezilla  
Ms. Carole Forsythe

### **Trenton Convocation**

Mrs. Noreen L. Duncan  
The Reverend Arthur P. Powell

### **Watchung Convocation**

The Reverend Ronald N. Pollock  
Mr. Richard Somerset-Ward

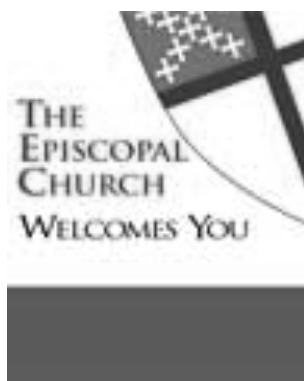
### **Woodbury Convocation**

Ms. Donna Freidel  
The Reverend Edmund W. Zelle

Ms. Deborah Schmidt, **Chair** (Monmouth  
Convocation)

The Reverend Canon Terrence W. Rosheuvel,  
**Chaplain**

The Very Reverend Ronald H. Clingenpeel,  
**Consultant**



## 228<sup>th</sup> Convention Diocese of NJ

Are you ready for the 228th convention of our venerable diocese?

That 228th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey will be held on Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

On Friday, March 2, everything begins with registration at 7:00 a.m. The Eucharist will occur at 10:00 a.m. to be followed by the business session.

You'll find a host of new links and information about the 228th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey on the diocesan web-page.

In that section you can:

- Write a resolution
- The logo for the 228th convention of the Diocese of New Jersey
- Nominate someone for a committee
- Register online to attend convention
- Download a lay deputy certification form
- Register online as an exhibitor
- Make a reservation at the Crowne Plaza
- and much more.

Have a look. And be sure to pay attention to deadlines: they'll come a lot quicker than we think.

You could be super-efficient and register now right online. And book your room at the Crowne Plaza. How easy is that?

## Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land is planned for 23 July – 5 August 2012 hosted by the Right Reverend George Councill. The deadline for reservations January 15, 2012

Join Bishop Councill and others in the Diocese of New Jersey to a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Gethsemane. We'll walk the Via Dolorosa — the Way of the Cross — and visit Emmaus. Throughout our time, we'll hear expert speakers and take part in a Eucharist in the ruins of a Byzantine church at Emmaus.

The leaders of the pilgrimage will be

- the Revd Canon John Peterson, who was dean of St George's College in Jerusalem for many years, as well as secretary general of the Anglican Communion, and
- Canon Iyad Qumri, a Palestinian Christian, certified guide, and experienced and gifted teacher. A member of the Cathedral of St. George the Martyr, he is an honorary canon of the Diocese of Los Angeles.

The cost per person is \$2524 for double occupancy; single occupancy \$385 extra. Air fare nonstop from Newark to Tel Aviv on El Al is \$1795 round trip.

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR YOUTH:



Shown are the youth celebrating Rev. Margaret's fifth anniversary with St. John's.  
(Photo courtesy Sallie Jones)

## Upcoming Diocesan Youth Events

Diocesan Youth Events are open to ALL young people in the diocese. The purpose of these events is to bring young people together from across the Diocese to make new friends, learn about God, experience the grace of the Holy Spirit, strive for justice and peace, and live in Christian community together. Our events are gospel-centered - presented creatively in large group, processed in small discussion groups, experienced through games and fellowship, and proclaimed through various worship and music experiences.

### 53rd Bishop's Ball

Friday, January 27, 2012

Click the diocesan website to get your tickets

### Spring Youth Event

"Stop Bullying"

Friday, May 11, 2012-Sunday, May 13, 2012

Check the diocesan website to register.

### Baccalaureate Service

Sunday, June 10, 2012

5:00-8:00 PM



SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE  
OF PHILADELPHIA & SOUTH JERSEY

## Comedy Night - Groundhog's Day 2012

Where:

Finnigans Wake

537 North 3rd Street

Philadelphia, PA 19123

When:

Groundhog's Day 2012

Thursday February 2, 2012 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Ticket Information:

\$35 each if payment received by December 30, 2011

\$40 each if payment received after December 30, 2011

Sponsorship information:

\$500 sponsorship includes 2 tickets, hanging banner at event, plus special recognition

Payments using a credit card or Paypal will add a \$3 surcharge

Grab your co-workers, friends & family (21+) to join us for a few laughs at our comedy night featuring comics Alan Marx and Theresa Hummel Krallinger, plus musical guest, The Dolls.

This year's event will be a fun beef & beer style event with a raffle.

Register Now!

We are accepting donations for the raffle items. Please contact us to let us know what you will donate.

Ticket includes show, buffet, beer & wine.

Proceeds from the evening will enable SCI to continue meeting the human needs of seafarers on whose labor we depend for our region's economic well being and standard of living.

We look forward to seeing you on Groundhog's Day!

Sincerely,

**Seamen's Church Institute**

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## A Time for Celebration



Rev. Margaret receives a gift celebrating five years with Saint John's.  
(Photo courtesy of Sallie Jones)



Mary Cancelliere and her daughter Sara with the cake she made for the fifth anniversary celebration. (Photo courtesy of Sallie Jones)



Shown here is the parish gift to Reverend Margaret on the anniversary of her fifth year at St. John's.

**Send your articles, ideas, opinions, pictures and stories to [robertlgoodman51@msn.com](mailto:robertlgoodman51@msn.com).**

## In Closing



Acolytes lighting the church on Christmas Eve.  
(Photo courtesy of Sallie Jones)



"O sing unto the Lord a new song". (Photo courtesy of Sallie Jones)

## Church Ladies with Typewriters . . .

(contributed by Joyce Root)

They're back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.