

The Messenger

The Newsletter of
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Felled trees and limbs missed the rectory but left a mess following a severe summer storm Thursday, June 24th. (Photo by Bob Goodman)

Summer Storm Wreaks Havoc

A severe summer storm swept the area with winds in excess of 75 mph the evening of Thursday, June 24th. Trees and limbs were felled in the church yard, around the parish hall and at the rectory. Fortunately no trees fell on any of the St. Johns buildings.

God and Country

We have several children beginning the God and Country program here at St. John's. Right now we are beginning with the first level, God and Me, for third graders. In the fall we will celebrate in church when the young folk receive their awards for completing this level. The hope is that next year we will repeat this for the next group of third graders and then we will add the second level, God and Family for fourth and fifth graders. Eventually we will have children who will have completed all four levels and will successfully complete the entire program. This program requires both the child and an adult mentor to work together, along with the counselor. We are having a great time! If you or your child is interested, contact the rector or Sharon Sweeten.

Visit our Web Site:

www.stjohns1789.org

Sunday Sundaes Now at Coffee Hour

Once more the ever popular Sunday Sundaes for fellowship are back. During the summer all are invited to stick around after service to visit and enjoy some ice cream plus all the fixin's.

A Day at Six Flags

We are invited to join the Diocese of New Jersey for a day at Six Flags. Wednesday, July 14 the members of the parish are invited to join in the fun at Six Flags. The cost is only \$35 per ticket and you receive a full day park admission, a lunch, and admission to the Wild Safari. If we have at least 10 going, we can get a further discount. Tickets must be ordered online by July 7, so let the rector know immediately if you are interested. If we have sufficient adults going, unaccompanied children will be welcome. If you have a season pass, you can buy a "lunch only" ticket for \$12.

One Book - One Parish - One Summer 2010

There is a movement going on for Christians from all denominations to read and discuss the same great summer book together. The book is *Forgiving Ararat*, a novel by Gita Nazareth. It is nominated for #1 Best Beach Read for 2010 and Favorite Spiritual Novel by readers on Oprah.com. There will even be a study guide for the book. Because we don't have enough to order, each person is on their own in ordering the book. Begin reading it now and we will meet in August to talk about the book. We will meet on Sunday mornings following our 'Sunday Sundae' fellowship time. We should be through well before 1 so folks can get some lunch if needed. You can also bring food, although we will have ice cream to enjoy and what better lunch is there than that?

Sunday School Resumes

The first day of classes for the 2010 - 2011 Church School year kicks off Sunday September 19th followed by the parish picnic immediately after the late service.

Vestry meetings are held in the Parish Hall on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

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Deadline for the September/October Messenger Sunday, August 15, 2010.

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

Pack-a-Sack for Back-to-School

As you relax and enjoy your well-earned summer vacations, please make time to remember St. John's back-to-school outreach project. We are collecting back packs and school supplies for homeless children. You can bring these to church any Sunday between now and mid-August. All items collected will be donated to homeless children through IHOC (the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council) through Camden County shelters.

If you are able to help, we ask that you buy a new child's or teen's backpack and fill it with supplies they will need in the classroom, such as:

- Marble composition notebooks
- 3-ring notebook and paper
- Colored folders
- Construction Paper
- Pencils and pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Small pencil sharpeners
- Watercolor paints
- Safety scissors
- Ruler
- Erasers
- Glue stick
- Index cards (3" x 5")
- Book covers
- Magnetic mirrors
- Locks for school lockers
- or any type of school supply you think a child could use

Along with the school supplies, we ask that you put a package of child size underwear or socks in the back pack, too.

IHOC would be happy to accept donations of school supplies or children's underwear without a backpack, or an empty backpack. Anything at all you feel you can do would be very much appreciated.

Back packs, school supplies and new children's underwear may be brought to church any Sunday until August 15, and left in the back of the church. If you have questions or need someone to pick up supplies from your home, please call Carolyn Bausinger at 227-7735.



Felled trees and limbs from the June 24th severe storm in the Parish Hall parking lot.
(Photo by Bob Goodman)



From the Rector's Desk

Those "Lazy, Hazy, Crazy" days of summer are here, although I am not so sure about the sodas, and pretzels and beer! (I'm showing my age.) For many, this means a chance to get away to the mountains or the shore to relax and enjoy a time away. For some it may even mean going farther afield, perhaps to another state or even another country. And for some it may mean just spending time together with the family, enjoying evenings outside while delighting in the tastes and smells of summer. I know I eagerly look forward to the fresh fruits and vegetables of summer, especially the fresh corn and tomatoes and peaches. It is always such a joy to taste the bounty that God provides for us at this time of year.

Summer is a time when we tend to slow down if for no other reason than to try to stay cool when the heat and humidity are soaring. Traditionally it is a time when we take a break from the everyday schedules of work and school. For some parishes, this is actually a time when things get really hopping as the tourists pour into town and manage to find their way to the church doors. Having lived in a resort area, I am well aware of the swelling of the numbers as summer arrives. However for us, it is a case of the opposite. The church business at St. John's slows down and our numbers at any given service decrease. Because I know that many of you are away during the summer this does not worry me. In fact, I encourage folks to get away even if only for a weekend. We all need to break free of our routines at some time during the year. That getting away provides us with a chance to become rested and refreshed. Hopefully we are able to turn off the electronic gadgets (or at least limit access to them), put away our daily work, and begin to relax and really look around us. Enjoy God's creation as you sit quietly on a porch. Pick up that latest novel, read it from cover to cover in one sitting (the absolute best way to read a novel), and see if you can find God in the story. Find a game that family and friends can enjoy, pop up some popcorn, grab your favorite beverage, and discover that life without TV can be filled with fun and laughter. Give thanks to God for the joys you find in your life.

God created the world in 6 days, and on the 7th day God rested. God wants us to learn how to find rest and re-creation in the midst of our recreation. Our traditional Jewish brothers and sisters understand this when they keep Sabbath. We Christians are a little slower on the uptake, and in this world that runs at a breakneck pace we somehow need to find our Sabbath time when we can get recharged. Summer is the opportunity to do just that. So enjoy your summer. Relax and find God in your midst. God is there, waiting for you. If you are in town come to church where we will try to relax and find God in the midst of our community.

Stop in for ice cream and cookies Sunday morning and share your summer adventures. God is good. God loves all of us. God rested, and wants us to rest as well. Those "Lazy, Hazy, Crazy" days of summer are here. Let's enjoy them!

Reverend Margaret +

Julian Group

Julian Group meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00PM in the parish hall. We begin in silent prayer, and then we enjoy snacks and fellowship, and then end with some reading and discussion time. Everyone is invited to attend. There is no carry-over from week to week so you may jump in at any time and not feel "lost". If you want to deepen your prayer life, there is no better option out there. Join us!

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer at St. John's has changed. It now takes place at 8:30 most morning as the Rectory. You are more than welcome to join the rector for this service. Just give her a call to let her know you are coming, even that morning, and she will be ready for you. She will even offer you a cup of coffee or tea. If you would prefer meeting at the chapel in the parish hall, just ask and she will be delighted to meet you there. Her number is 227-3588.



Many of you will be using the internet when ordering gifts for Christmas for your loved ones. This is a reminder to go to GOODSHOP.COM when ordering and GOODSEARCH.COM when looking for a particular site. At the box where they ask who are you shopping for or who are you searching for just type in "St. John's Chews Landing" and hit the verify button. Our official name will come up. Then continue using the site and any purchases you make using the link to the many shopping sites will give us a percentage of your purchase at no cost to you. Every time you search for something we will get a penny. That may not seem like much, but it adds up. If everyone in the parish would use these sites and share them with their friends and family just imagine how much we could make...at no cost to anyone! If you are not sure how to use these sites please call Reverend Margaret. She will be delighted to walk you through the process.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- July 11: God and Me program at noon**
- July 14: Diocese of NJ day at Six Flags**
- July 18: God and Me program at noon**
- July 19: Julian Group at 7PM**
- July 25: God and Me program at noon**
- July 27: Vestry at 7PM**

Remember to mark your calendars

Bishop Council Announces a New CFO

With the concurrence of the Standing Committee, Bishop George Councill appointed Phyllis B. Jones as Chief Financial Officer of the Diocese of New Jersey, effective July 1, 2010.

Phyllis Jones is well-experienced and well-trained for the ministry of CFO of our Diocese. She brings 20 years of broad work experience as a CPA and Staff Accountant, as a Controller and as a Chief Financial Officer. She has worked for the past ten years (CFO since 2007) at a company based in New Jersey that provides hospitality at the Olympics.

While there she managed the growth of the finance staff and financial systems commensurate with the growth of the company from \$10-20 million to \$95-100 million annual gross revenue. Her references all described her as an outstanding employee, a consummate professional and a person of unquestionable integrity.

The Diocese of Ecuador Central is filled with wonderful people whose faith and dedication to our Lord are unbounded. Their diocese, while a mosaic of heritage, culture and traditions, is united in its common faith and commitment.

The Diocese of New Jersey has been asked to begin a special ministry with the indigenous communities in Chimborazo Province, south of Quito. Our response was: It would be our privilege, with God's help.

We've planned an eight-day adult trip for late September 2010. It includes working with parishioners in their churches, sharing your Christian experiences, visiting small communities, and Bible study. A special highlight will be joining your brothers and sisters in celebrating the Eucharist on Sunday.

Consider joining others from your diocese on this very important journey. There are no special talents to bring — just your love and desire to share. Whatever you have to give from your heart will be joyfully received. The deadline for registering for the trip: 22 July 2010



The ECW held their picnic at the Hessian Pavillon at Red Bank Battlefield on May 17. Those attending Kate Teasdale, Gwen Welker, Barbara Houghton, Mary Wonderlin, Arline Potts, Thelma Garner, Betty Mantzell, Rev Margaret, Sallie Jones, Betty Livingston and Joyce Root enjoyed delicious hoagies, a great spinach/strawberry salad, a fruit salad and besides the other fixings - a cake. After a walk around the park they played bingo with Joyce Root as the caller. It was a great day - cloudy and not too hot. (Photo by Sallie Jones)

Jottings from Kate

We have had a busy year and it's not over yet! We are working on making a banner for the Parish Hall, and will be crafting for our Christmas Bazaar during the summer months. If you have any craft ideas or would like to join in the fun, we will be meeting on Monday's at 10am, so watch for announcements.

Our year has been very exciting and active. Along with District Meetings, the ladies have been out and about town.

In May we hosted the 135th Annual Meeting and UTO Ingathering of the Diocese of NJ in Trenton. The ladies had a great time and the enjoyed shopping at the Cathedral Altar Guild Shop. If you get a chance to visit the Cathedral be sure to stop in the gift shop. Also in May, we had our annual picnic at Red Bank, the weather was great and everyone had an exciting time.

Our regular meetings will resume in September and are held the first Tuesday of the month at 10am in the Parish Hall. EECW also meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Hall. We would love to have you join us. Remember that all women of the Parish are ECW.

Be sure to watch for dates and times of up-coming events: EECW Annual October Fest which will be held the end of September, and The Mission Teen Bazaar in November.

Thank you all for your continued support and another great year, we could not do it without you. God Bless You. If you would like information about ECW or EECW, please contact Sister Kate Maura or Mary Wonderlin.



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.

Congratulations Sister Kate Maura



Sister Kate Maura.

(Photo courtesy Brother Morgan)



The "Clothing" of Sister Kate Maura took place in a service here at St. Johns on May 22nd.
(Photo by Sallie Jones)

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

Anamchara Fellowship

On May 22, 2010 St. Johns was the setting for the "Clothing" of Kate Teasdale as a novice into the Anamchara Fellowship. This very unique service was well attended and was followed by a reception. Congratulation Sister Kate Maura.



Pictured is the Anamchara Fellowship after the May 22 ceremony here at St. Johns.
(Photo by Sallie Jones)

Parish Prayers for Joys and Concerns

Pray for those in Special Need

Bp. George Cuncell, Sophie Rydzewski, Joseph Mancuso, Matthew Sterling, Grace Sterling, Dallam Blandy, Ann Wonderlin, Ken Sterchi, Larry Sassa, June Goodman, Arthur Rudolph, Paul Caruso Sr., Dollie Badiali, Sara Reid, Henry "Butch" Redding, David Lester, Edie Power, Josh Kahle, Gloria Chao, Sandra Sterling, Edith Downie, Wanda Strane, Donald Ivins, Dolores Ivins, Mary Lindstrom, Jane O'Neill, Stephen Hall, and Ann Waller.

Pray for our Shut-In and Home-Bound

Marie News, Kay Taylor, Betty Knipe and Mary Molineaux.

Pray for those serving or entering the military

Sammi Jones, Daniel Jones, Mark Jones, Amanda Collazzo, Travis Droll, Stacey Droll, Nicholas Sackie, Irving Moya, Melody Moss, Anthony Moss, Henry Yang, and Hillary Getz

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Parting Shots from the ECW Picnic



Chillin' in the park!

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

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 signup sheet is posted in the Parish Hall.



Share Your Talent

The Saint John's Choir could use some voices. The choir sings at the 10:00 am Sunday service, at special times and events, and rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:30 pm until 9:00 pm. with Organist Rodger Maro. Please share your talent. Talk with Rodger or one of our choir members.