

The Messenger

The Newsletter of
Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal Church
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Take Me Out to the Ball Game



Our mighty St. John's Choir will be making an encore performance at the Camden Riversharks game on Sunday, August 17th. Camden will be hosting the Bridgeport Bluefish. Game time is 5:00 pm. Tickets are on sale for \$10.00 from any choir member or from the parish office. Proceeds for the ticket sales will go toward the new vestments fund. Come out and show your colors by supporting the choir with your St. John's "Tee Shirts". If you don't have yours, they are available from any choir member. Price is \$10 for sizes up to XL. For sizes over that the price is \$13.

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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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Rev. Margaret gives the invocation at the Gloucester Township Memorial Day Service.

CRAIG, DORIS M.

(nee Lillagore), of Blackwood, NJ died on July 1, 2008 at the age of 92 yrs. Doris was an active member of St. John The Evangelist Episcopal Church of Chews Landing, NJ for many years. Beloved wife of the late Robert J. Craig. Loving mother of: Joan Lowe (Tom) of Cape May, NJ, Tom Craig (Laura) of Port Richey, FL, and Alan Craig of Aurora, CO. Dear grandmother of 7 grand-children, and 11 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her dear friend Fred Novak. She was also a member of the Blackwood Fire Co. Ladies Aux., and a retired store Manager from Heritage Dairy Stores (Blackwood).



Carrying the American Flag in the Gloucester Township Memorial Day Parade is Jason Moritz.

From the Rector's Desk

In the past couple of weeks the papers have been full of end of school events, especially graduations. Recently we had a blessing of those who have graduated from High School and College, celebrating the accomplishments of our young folks. It brings to mind the cycle of endings and beginnings, cycles that go back to the beginning of time. There are actually two kinds of time (possibly even more but in our world there are the two.) We experience the time known as chronos time. This is the tick-tock time that is linear with a distinct beginning and ending, just as our life is measured by our birth and death. But God experiences the time known as Kairos time. This time has no beginning or ending, it just is. It is a time that is filled with cycles instead of distinct beginnings and endings. We, as Christians, also experience this kairos time.

Our young folks today are discovering that a part of their life is ending, either the part of public education or of college. Each one stands in that liminal time of wondering what is to come, be it the next phase of education or finally beginning work as a professional. This is a time that can be scary, anxious, and filled with longing. It can also be a time that is exciting, wondrous, and filled with hope. Usually it is a time that contains all of this and more. Many of us can remember those times, when we, too, stood in that breach.

If we will just take a minute and reflect we notice that much of our lives contain those cycles of beginnings and endings, not only in our personal lives but also in our professional and spiritual lives. God fills our lives with times such as these. These are times we stand in the crossroads of life and have to choose which path we are to take. Sometimes we regret our choices, sometimes we rejoice in our choices. It is only as we continue on our journey that we become more confident in making those choices because we finally come to an amazing revelation. There really are no wrong choices. Whatever beginning we approach at some time there will be an ending and once again we will be provided with more choices, more beginnings. God is present in each of these beginnings and endings and by trusting in God's guidance we discover that even if we think we have made a "wrong" choice there will be other beginnings down the road that will allow us to rectify that choice. Trust and God will place us where we need to be.

Finally we will come to what the world calls our final ending. What chronos time tells us is the end, our death. But we, trusting in God, knowing there is such a thing as kairos time understand that this is just another end of another cycle. With that ending comes the next beginning. We don't know what that beginning will be, we just have the promise of our Lord that indeed the Resurrection is real and we will have yet another beginning with Him. And this beginning will be the best yet!

So let us learn to enjoy the endings and beginnings within our life. Let us rejoice when we come to an ending and step with confidence into the next beginning. By learning this, by practicing this, we will

know how to step with confidence into that final beginning, and we will indeed rejoice.

In the meantime, let us keep Justin, Samantha, and Courtney in our hearts and prayers as each of them steps with confidence into their next new beginning. We have much to be proud in them in what they have accomplished and in where their new beginnings will take them.

Reverend Margaret +

Prayer Group

My hope is that everyone uses our weekly prayer list in your personal prayer life, praying for those of our community who have asked for them. If you are interested in becoming a part of an intercessory prayer group in which folks are assigned specific people and situations to pray for, please let the rector know. One of our own has expressed interest in forming such a group.



Pictured at the Gloucester Twp. Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park is Lt. Col. Randy Slaughter, the guest speaker, and Rev. Margaret, who gave the invocation and benediction.

Pastoral Care

Our Pastoral Care teams are now forming. Jude and Steve DeBaun are taking the lead in this, having been a part of this ministry for many years. Kate Teasdale and Judy Vaughan-Sterling will be joining them. This will allow for our home bound parishioners to receive Holy Communion more frequently as well as allow them to have other contacts with the parish. These wonderful folk enjoy knowing they continue to be a part of the parish, even though they can no longer be among us as we worship. We could use other teams, so please contact the Rector if you are interested. We will provide any necessary training for you. In addition we will use the same method our Lord did in sending out ministers in pairs. No one will need to go into this ministry by him or herself. This is not a ministry you have to come up with on your own. The liturgy is provided as well as all necessary materials. All you need to provide is time to share with someone who can really appreciate that time.

Julian Gatherings

When I first began taking classes with the idea of exploring my call to ordained ministry, I took a class on women mystics. Dame Julian of Norwich was one of the folks we read and I just became quite enamored of her. She was a spiritual giant in the 14th Century, being a mystic and an anchoress. After receiving visions from God, she lived out her life in a small room attached to a church in Norwich, England where she could see the altar and using a window in the outer wall provide counsel for those who came to her. I even made a special pilgrimage to her church while visiting England one year. Through her writings she has much to teach us about God's incredible love. And so a suggestion has been made of a monthly group that would gather to study her teachings, pray, and enjoy some light repast. If you think you might be interested, let the rector or Judy Vaughan-Sterling (she is a choir member) know. Watch the bulletin for suggested meeting days and times.

Parish Clean Up Day

Our next parish-wide clean up day will be on **July 12** beginning at **9AM**. If you are available, please join us. When we do the work ourselves we more fully become a part of this parish, much like doing work around our homes. Many hands make for light work.

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Summer Adult Education

I know that folks are out and about during the summer, but some folks who are "stuck" in town might enjoy getting together on Sunday evenings for a book study. Beginning June 22 at 6PM I invite any who are interested to join me in the second book of The New Church's Teaching Series, "Opening the Bible". We used volume one of this series "The Anglican Vision" as our study during Lent. This volume leads us through the familiar yet sometimes intimidating territory of the Bible. Roger Ferlo, the author, offers ways of reading the Bible today that are grounded in the ways Anglicans have read Scripture from the time of Tyndale and Cranmer. My thought is that after we have read this book we would take one of the shorter books of the Bible and read it together, using what we have learned. Depending on the size of the group we will meet at the parish hall or the rectory for about an hour. Those attending are invited to either eat before or bring something to eat with them. Drinks and cookies will be available. Let the rector know if you are interested and if you would like for

her to order the book for you. Remember if you order it yourself online to be sure and use "Goodshop" so a percentage of your purchase is given to the parish. It is not too late to become a part of this opportunity for Christian Education!

Financial Snapshot As of 6/30/08

Year to Date Income	\$35,543
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$43,442</u>
Deficit	\$ -7,899

Summer is here and many of us will be off on vacation for part of that time. Please try to keep your pledges current. Our bills never take a vacation.



Goodsearch and Goodshop

How would you like to donate to St. John's every time you searched the internet or every time you purchased something online from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Lands End, or one of several other sites, and none of the donation come out of your pocket? You and your family and friends can do that if you will use Goodsearch.com for your searches and Goodshop.com for your purchases. The search engine is from Yahoo so once you indicate St. John's Episcopal Church, Chews Landing for the organization you are searching for you can type in your search and the page that comes up will be the very familiar Yahoo. Go to the site and you can see how much we have raised so far. If everyone will use this for searching and online purchases we will have a significant check donated to us come this fall. Let your family and friends know about this and encourage them to use it particularly as we head toward the holiday purchasing time.

Parish Prayers for Joys and Concerns

Pray for those in Special Need

Bp. George Councill, Julia Turner, Daniel Jones (no relation to Lee Jones), Gary Campanell, June Geiger, David Lester, Libby Ryan, Margaret Bell, Bill Knipe, Bob Kieser, Larry Sassa, Cameron Lyons, Anna Glenz, Esther Chando, Joe Chando, Bob Hamilton, Brenda O'Neil, Catherine Potter, Cyndi Phillips, Paul Caruso Sr., Art Keisling, Mamie Jones, Louise Aimes, Linda Gurner, Edith Downie, Darlene Hamilton, Dayonna Pritchett, Fred Heller, Matthew Sterling, Grace Sterling, Delores Osborne, Senta German, Linda Virgilio, the Wiggins Family, and Marianita Albano.

Pray for our Shut-In and Home-Bound

Bob Keiser, Warren Blackburne, Anna Gibson, Miriam Mason, Margaret Walker and Mary Molineaux.

Pray for those serving in areas of conflict

Adam Miller

Pray for those entering the military

Sammi Jones

Additions & Changes to the Parish Directory:

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

Book study on Opening the Bible continues each Sunday. We will meet at 6:00PM.

Spotlight on our Youth:

2008-2009 Diocesan Youth Events

registration opens in August

TLC Day

6-12 grade

October 18, 2008

Moorestown, NJ

Fall Youth Event

6-12 grade

November 21-23, 2008

Lebanon, NJ

Generation

All Ages

11am - 2pm

December 6, 2008

Elizabeth, NJ

Winterlight 33

9-12 grade

Dec. 27 - Jan. 1, 2009

Hendersonville, NC

50th Bishops' Ball

All Ages

8pm to midnight

January 23, 2009

Trenton, NJ

Youth at Convention

6-12 grade

February 27-28, 2009

Wildwood, NJ

The Senior Retreat

12 grade

April 17-19, 2009

Mendham, NJ

Spring Youth Event

6-12 grade

May 15-17, 2009

Lebanon, NJ



Stephan Moritz speaks at the Memorial Day Services in Gloucester Township Memorial Park.

The ECW Page

Mark your Calendar

September 28 – October Fest – Beef & Root Beer with an apple theme. Sponsored by the Evening ECW.

A Message from the ECW

The Episcopal Church Women would like to thank everyone who helped make our Basket Auction a great success. Thank you to those who donated completed baskets and articles to be put into baskets. Those who helped with the setup before and who cleaned up after the auction. Thank you to Kate Teasdale and Diane Chando who sold 50-50 tickets and the youth who delivered the prizes. Thank you, Margaret Frasier for printing the lists. Also, Bob Goodman, you did an outstanding job as our emcee. Thank you so very much. You all made it worthwhile.

Diocese ECW Seeking Nominations

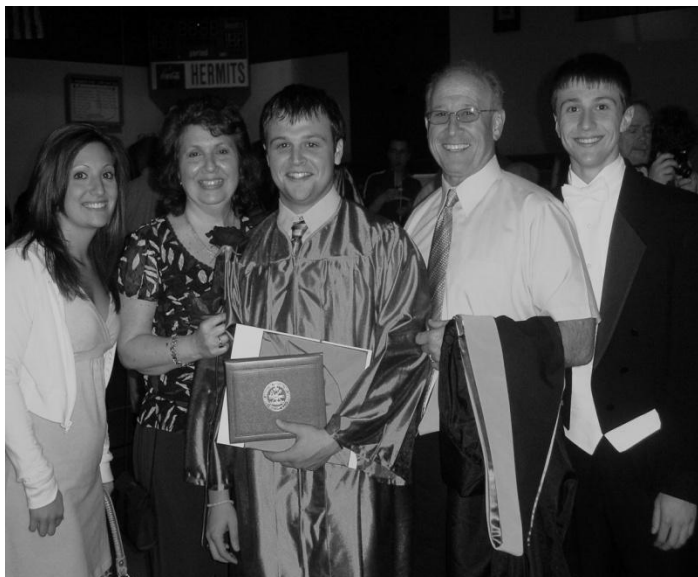
The diocesan chapter of Episcopal Church Women (ECW) is seeking nominations for their "Women of Honor" Luncheon. Nominees should have demonstrated exceptional dedication to the ECW ministry in the Diocese of New Jersey. The luncheon will be held on Saturday, 18 October 2008 at 11:30 am at the Grand Versailles Banquet and Conference Center in Maple Shade, NJ. The keynote speaker is the National President of ECW, Kay Meyer. To nominate someone or reserve a space at the luncheon, contact Suzette Whiting at 609-492-2483 or suzknee@aol.com.

Coffee Hour

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.

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.



2008 Graduate Justin Stahl with his family.



Graduate Sammi Jones who left Wednesday June 25, for the USAF Academy in Colorado Springs, Co. Sammi will next be home on Thanksgiving.

Vanessa Goodman was named to the "Dean's List" for the winter 2008 semester at Philadelphia University. Vanessa who just completed her sophomore year is a graphic design major.

Bible Study

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am
Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm.
Everyone is welcome.

From the Diocese of New Jersey

Save the Dates for Fall 2008!

The Fall 2008 catalogue of the Ministry Institute offerings will be available in July 2008. Here's some advance notice of events: mark your calendar with the ones that interest you.

Thursday, October 23 – Saturday, October 25, 2008

Event Analyzing and Understanding Systemic Racism: Introductory Training

For Everyone

Where Grove Hall Retreat and Conference Center, Ocean Grove, New Jersey

The Anti-Racism Commission of the Diocese of New Jersey will offer this introductory training event to diocesan lay persons and clergy interested in learning about racism and potentially joining the Team to fight racism in our diocese. Teens and adults from all parishes, diocesan committees and commissions, seminary students and diaconate students are welcome.

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Event Advent Clergy Day

For Clergy

Where Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, New Jersey

Advent Clergy Day has traditionally focused on clergy preparation, either through academic presentations or with spiritual exercises, to lead their parishes and institutions in the quietly expectant season of Advent.

10:00 a.m. Sunday Service Ministries

July 6th

Acolytes: David Martinez
Julie Millisky
Readers: Mary Wonderlin
Lee Jones
Server: Steve DeBaun
Ushers: The Teasdales

July 13th

Acolytes: Mark Tallaksen
Matthew Dold
Readers: Caroline Bausinger
Margaret Frasier
Server: Larry Lutz
Ushers: The Martinez's



Pictured (above) are out going ECW President Joyce Root welcoming our new President Kate Teasdale. Joyce was presented with a cake, flowers and a gift card (below) at the June meeting. . Thank you Joyce for your great job as ECW President and we welcome Kate."



July 20th

Acolytes: Danny Martinez
Michael Dold
Readers: Judy Vaughan-Sterling
Skip Zirbser
Server: Skip Zirbser
Ushers: The Stahls

July 27th

Acolytes: David Martinez
Julie Millisky
Readers: Phyllis Dold
Larry Lutz
Server: Steve Debaun
Ushers: Wonderlin & Cooper

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Lee Jones

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Steve Moritz

Karen Zirbser

Joe Waller

Stephen DeBaun

Phyllis Dold

Mike Millisky

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Altar Guild

Dorothy Simpson

Church School

Mary Wonderlin

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Director of Publicity

Bob Goodman

ECW

Joyce Root

Flowers/Memorials

Phyllis Dold

Acolytes/Readers/Servers

Jude DeBaun

Ushers

Shirley Mullen

Webmaster

Carolyn Bausinger

Happy Birthday

Mary Ann (Puglia) Jordan 7/1
Shirley Mullen 7/1
Phyllis Dold 7/2
Edward McLaughlin 7/3
Jennifer Bosch 7/4
Lewan Downes 7/4
Donald Martel 7/4
Raymond Simpkins 7/4
Brandon Birdsall 7/5
Virginia Knight 7/5
Marie Ann News 7/8
Christy Barton 7/9
Daniel Cantermen 7/11
Laurie Rae Pepe 7/11
Arline Ann (Potts) Sidle 7/11
Patricia Stahl 7/12
Patricia Ann) Bosch 7/13
June Geiger 7/13
LouRoot 7/14
Stephen Davidson 7/15
Miriam H. Mason 7/17
Karen Zirbser 7/19
Gary Montemurro 7/20
Rob Goodman III 7/21
Darren Martel 7/21
Stephen Moritz 7/21
Sandra Stabilito 7/21
Margaret Frasier 7/25
Arielle Goodman 7/25
James Montesi, Jr. 7/28
Karen Lynn DePietropolo 7/29
Elizabeth Knipe 7/31
Joyce Sassa 7/31
Robert Ivins Sr. 8/1
Christine Goodman 8/3
Loretta Lavin 8/3
Shirley Anne Ivins 8/3
Jeffrey Mullen 8/3
Vanessa Goodman 8/12
George Barton 8/13
Robert Lindell Sr. 8/14
Kathleen Mary Scanlon 8/14
Arlene Montemurro 8/16
Neill Connelly 8/18
Donald Stabilito 8/20
Kashie Schreiber 8/24
Karen Wood 8/27
Linda Ferzetti 8/28
Andrew Walter 8/28
Barbara Ann Cantermen 8/30
John Cerquitella 8/31



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TIME-SENSITIVE MATERIAL

St. John's Choir @ Riversharks – Sunday August 17, 2008 – See our Choir perform.

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

Deadline for the Sept./Oct. Messenger Sunday, August 10, 2008.

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

