

The Messenger

The Newsletter of
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TOY DRIVE

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This year St. John's will host the annual Gloucester Township Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 23 at 7:00PM. The Church of St. John the Evangelist choir under the direction of Rodger Maro will provide the music. The Reverend William McElwee, a retired Methodist Pastor, will be our preacher. There will be a simple reception following the service in the Parish Hall. Please mark your calendar for this event.

SEAMAN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE CLOTHING DRIVE

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a clothing drive to support the Seaman's Church Institute of Philadelphia. We are collecting new or gently used coats, jackets, sweaters, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, flannel or thermal shirts, long underwear, and blankets. Items can be left in the back of the Church or in the box located near the office in the Parish Hall. The deadline for donations is November 23, 2008.

The Seaman's Church Institute has been serving the needs of seafarers in the ports along the Delaware River since 1843. We have provided our assistance to SCI in the past with much needed donations and we would once again like to offer our support of their mission.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this clothing drive. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Chando or Lisa Cooper.

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

St. John's Sunday School and the Parish Outreach Committee are conducting a toy drive for the AIDS Coalition of Southern New Jersey. If you wish to participate please bring in a new unwrapped toy by November 30, 2008. Children range from toddler to age 16. Gift cards or other age appropriate items are acceptable for teenagers. Items can be placed in the donation box near the office of the Parish Hall or given to Lisa Cooper, Diane Chando, or any of our Sunday School Teachers.



The blessing of the animals on October 4. Rev Margaret blessed dogs and a parakeet on the back parking lot. The weather was great and the dogs behaved themselves. The parakeet managed to fly the coop, but was captured right away.



Spaghetti Dinner

Date: November 15, 2008

Time: 4:30 until 7:30

Price:

Adults \$10.00

Children 3 - 12 \$ 5.00

Children under 3 Free

Family Maximum \$35.00

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OUR NEW SEXTON

By Lee Jones

Mike Millisky has graciously agreed to undertake the often thankless task of Sexton. Mike brings some specific talents with him from the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning industry (HVAC) as well as a family history of taking care of churches learned from his father. Mike follows a long line of parishioners who gave of themselves in a visible and concrete way. Mike follows a long line of dedicated folks: Ernie Jones, Hank Martin, Wendy Waer, Joe Waller, and multitudes of volunteer families that have taken on the care of the Church Cleaning over the years.

The Sexton's job is all encompassing and involves managing all facets of basic maintenance and hygiene of our Church and Parish Halls. We keep a list of current issues on the white board in the office, so please help by making your observations of need known. However, bear in mind that the Sexton's job is part time job. Remember your manners when using the facilities and tidy up after yourselves. If you host an event, clean up and take the trash out; look under the tables and sweep or mop as necessary. (The tables and chairs are much lighter and easier to move than in days of old.) Let's all practice the lessons learned in Girls Scouts and Boy Scouts of old: to leave a place better than when we found it.

Thanks to all who serve and have served St. John's by helping to keep up our vibrant piece of history. Thank you, Mike, for undertaking this often thankless ministry. We look forward to supporting your efforts.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

November 15: Spaghetti Dinner (YUM!)

November 13: Intercessory Prayer Group

November 23: Gloucester Township Thanksgiving Service

November 26: Ecumenical Service, Chews Methodist

November 27: THANKSGIVING EUCHARIST 10:00AM

November 30: Family Advent Program begins

December 1: ECW Cookie Exchange

December 15: ECW District Meeting at Grace, Haddonfield

December 28: Service of Lessons & Carols

January 17, 2009: Annual ECW Soup Sale



From the Rector's Desk

I sit in my office and look at the trees outside my windows. It is only mid-October and the leaves are turning. As the wind blows many of them are tumbling to the ground. It is cool and crisp outside, requiring the heat to be on in the house. At night with the heat turned way down the bedroom becomes quite chilly and I snuggle under the covers, my body warm even as the cool air bathes my face. Both Andy and Rags curl up tight in the coolness and all three of us sleep that wonderful deep sleep that comes with the cooler air. Fall is a marvelous time as the colors burst out around us from the deep blue of the sky to the crimsons, gold, and yellows of the leaves. We are reminded that the end of the year is rapidly approaching. Yet even as the leaves turn and eventually fall to the ground, leaving the trees bare; even as the plants shed their leaves and appear to die; even as the bareness of winter approaches we know that this is not all there is. Many of the plants have set their buds for the spring. The bulbs deep within the earth are quietly waiting for the warmth that is to come that will signal it is time to put forth the new growth. God works in mysterious ways that make the heart sing with joy.

Our lives are much the same with the rhythms of the year driving us in our daily activities. As scripture tells us, to every thing there is a season. This is our season of gathering in for the coming winter. We bring in the last of the crops that have ripened in the final days of fall and prepare the ground for the winter sleep. We bring in those plants that are most vulnerable to the cold, we make sure to bring in our pets to protect them from the cold, dark days ahead, and just as the plants and animals around us become still for the winter ahead, we may also use these days as a time for us to be still and prepare. Advent is nearly upon us. This is the intentional time in our church calendar to prepare. So I invite you to find the time to be still and prepare. Be ready for Our Lord to speak to you and invite you to participate in the quiet conversation that can happen when we are still.

This too is the time in the church when we traditionally "ingather" the pledges for the coming year, much as we ingather the harvest. Here at St. John's our tradition is to not have a heavy pledge campaign. Instead you will receive a letter with information about our finances. Also there will be an opportunity for you to return and estimated level of giving card. We want you to feel comfortable in letting us know what you can give. We also want you to know that in hard times we understand you may have to cut back on this estimate. We hope that in those good times you may be able to share some of the gifts that come from God by giving back to God in an increase. Each one of us has to determine what we are able to give. But I must point out that if everyone was able to give at the level of a tithe (or even close to it) we would have enough money to form a special outreach committee that would have a hard time giving away all the available money. So in this time of Thanksgiving, in this time of becoming aware of all that God gives us, remember to give a portion back to God in thanksgiving for all the blessings God has bestowed on each one of us.

Reverend Margaret +

The Bishop is Coming!

It is official. Our very own Bishop George Councill will be with us on June 7 at the 10AM service for confirmations and receptions. This will allow anyone over the age of 13 who has not been confirmed to be confirmed and for those who have been confirmed in another denomination (Catholic, Lutheran, or Methodist) to be received as a member of the Episcopal Church. He will also be delighted to baptize anyone who would desire that sacrament. We will have a lot more information about this in the spring, but please put it on your calendar now so you will be here for the special day. Hopefully he will have time to meet with us for questions and answers. Because pre-Christmas is such a busy time and we have plenty of opportunity ahead of us the classes for Confirmation and Reception will be held during Lent of 2009. Now is the time to get your name in to Margaret (call her office at 227-3788) and let her know what evening or (or Sunday afternoon if that is better) that will work best for you so that you may attend these classes. Everyone in the parish is invited to attend. It is also possible to renew your confirmation vows when the bishop is with us.

THE BLACKHORSE PIKE

Did you every want to know more about your local community of Chews Landing, Blackwood, Glendora, Runnemedede and the Black Horse Pike? There is a book out by Jill Maser that is a pictorial history of the area surrounding the Black Horse Pike. It is a fascinating look at the growth of our community that your children should see. It is an eye opener to how life really was when you walked to school in bare feet, 10 miles, up hill, both ways! Our own Betty (Lambert) Knipe can be found on page 47, and a picture of St. Johns Church from 1906 is on page 22.

The book is titled: "Images of America: The Black Horse Pike" Arcadia Publishing, 2008. My copies came from the Blackwood Walgreens on the Black Horse Pike (of course). It may also be found online at: www.arcadiapublishing.com

PARISH CLEANUP DAYS

The second Saturday of each month, like clockwork, is our Parish Clean-Up Day. We gather at St. John's to address a particular need and earn the right to indulge in the glow of sweat equity well earned. Besides the obvious outdoor clean ups, we met to clean up decades of accumulated stuff from the basements of the Parish Hall and Church. Most of those things someone saved because we may be able to use them again on a rainy day (40 years ago) are gone along with the 40 years of accumulated dust. In the process we have unearthed much history of the church that we have preserved and are looking for a way to display.

Out next clean up is December 6 (OK so we change the weekend to suit our needs like when the township is vacuuming leaves.) Please come and spend an hour or two to help us keep St John's looking fit. As an added bonus, the ECW's Christmas Bazaar will be going on and I hear Kate Teasdale will be there, so food will be somewhere near (probably including cake). You can work off calories, put them back on and do your Christmas shopping in one place – we are a multitasking world! Come join us.

**It is easier to preach ten sermons
Than it is to live one.**
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MAINTANENCE PROJECTS

The following is a list of major projects underway or under consideration. Many of these involve talents outside of our parish and will cost considerably. The fire related systems and the broken sidewalks must be addressed right away. The vestry has approved taking the money from standing investments, but these funds need to be replaced, so be prepared to help when the next capital campaign comes along.

Short term:

- Repair of broken sidewalks and driveway aprons - ~\$6,000 *
- Reconfigure Church Front Door to open out - ~\$2,000 *
- Fire Alarm System Upgrades - ~5,000 *
- Stove Fire Extinguisher Hood Upgrade - \$2,500 *
- Gutter Guards – All Buildings – New Gutters: Rectory~ \$6,000 **

- * Must be done
- ** Anonymous donation – Many thanks

Long Term:

- Rectory Basement water leaks
- Handicap Access
- Complete new Chapel in Parish Hall

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

In many parishes, there is a group of members whose ministry is to pray daily for those on the list of needs and concerns. On Thursday evening, Nov. 13, at 7:00, there will be an organizational meeting for such a group here at St. John's. Everyone is invited to participate in this very important ministry. Even if you cannot attend this meeting, you can still be a part of the group. Please contant Rev. Margaret or Judy Vaughan-Sterling (616-1348) if you're intersted in attending, and watch the Sunday bulletin for the meeting's location.

<u>Financial Snapshot As of 9/30/08</u>	
Year to Date Income	\$ 78,002
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 97,894
Deficit	\$-19,872

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

Be sure and return your Christmas Card Booklet order form as soon as possible. There are extra forms on the bulletin board in the parish hall if you did not receive one or misplaced yours. They are due no later than November 16!

Advent Gatherings

It is hard to believe it is time to plan for an Advent series, but the time is upon us. Advent begins on November 30. I have two thoughts for our time this year. One is to do a book study, using The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis. It is a great book although not for children. So my other thought is to have us gather every Sunday evening at 5PM for a light supper and an activity, either a craft or maybe a game or a video, that all ages would enjoy. This would give our whole parish family a time to be together during this special time of year. Please let Reverend Margaret know what you think, ASAP!

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Loose change can go into the "Penny Jar" at the back of the church. Proceeds go to the Church Periodical Club for the purchase of books for those in need. Used printer cartridges and cell phones may be left in the box in the parish hall. Proceeds will go in part to outreach need determined by the outreach committee.

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.

Visit our Web Site:
www.stjohns1789.org



More Blessing of the animals from October 4.

ADVENT PROGRAM

This year we would like to have a special Advent Program that is geared for families of every size and age. Whether you are a single adult, a couple with no or grown children, or a family with several children you are invited to join us each Sunday following the Pageant rehearsal. We will have a simple lunch of soup and sandwiches or pizza and then an activity that everyone can enjoy and participate. Mark your calendars for each Sunday of Advent. We should be out by 1:30 if not earlier.

**The task ahead of us is never as
Great as the Power behind us.**

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

Spotlight on our Youth:

St. John's Annual Christmas Pageant

The Holiday season is fast approaching and it is time to prepare for another wonderful Christmas Pageant!

"Children" of all ages are encouraged to help retell the beautiful Christmas Story.

This is the perfect opportunity for the children to give of themselves as their gift to our Church!

**We would like to do our best to ensure that the Pageant is a success, once again, for everyone at St. John's!
Let's begin organizing!**

Our Christmas Eve Pageant service will begin this year tentatively around 4:30 pm. Our first step is to find out who would like to participate in this service. **Please let Susan Jones know what parts you are interested in, as soon as possible, so that everyone will have time to learn and enjoy their parts.** Our goal is for the whole church to enjoy and appreciate the glorious Story, and both the children and adults will appreciate it most when they are comfortable with their part in the program.

**Should you have any questions or need additional information, please call Susan Jones at 227-8248

Rehearsals will begin Sunday, December 7, and continue on December 14 & 21 directly following the 10am church services. On Tuesday, December 23, we will have a pizza plus* dinner provided for the entire cast and their families at 5pm with a formal Dress Rehearsal following directly after we eat and get everyone in costume! We try to run the pageant at least two times all the way though!

The Christmas Eve 4:30pm service time will be set as soon as our new pageant organist is able to confirm their availability on that popular day and we may have to be flexible regarding the dress rehearsal time, as well.

Your patience and understanding are appreciated! Attendance is very important. Participants need to be able to attend a majority of the practices. All parts are important. ***Thank you for your enthusiastic participation!***

Parents interested in helping with rehearsals, costuming, and organization behind the scenes. Adults & young adults are needed as narrators, larger parts and especially to help the younger children to learn and understand their parts. Children speaking and non-speaking parts: animals, shepherds, angels, etc. If your child is not reading yet, he/she can be assigned the role of an animal. We will do our best to let your child choose which animal he/she would like to be. Children who are interested in reading parts may fill in the role desired below. But please remember, the point is not any particular part, but participating in the St. John's community celebration of the retelling of the Christmas Story

If you would like to be in the pageant please fill out the form below, and return it to any of the Sunday School Teachers. We need folks of all ages to help.

I, _____, would like to perform in the pageant at the 4:30pm service on Christmas Eve. My Phone number(s) is(are): _____ I will be able to attend most of the practices and the dress rehearsal. I am interested in the roles listed:

Please return to any Sunday School Teacher as soon as possible! Teachers, kindly forward to Susan Jones!

**God grades on the cross,
not the curve.**

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**Fall Youth Event:
AIDS – Crisis and Compassion**

When Friday, November 21, 7 PM to Sunday, November 23, NOON
For 6th through 12th graders
Cost \$66, includes lodging, meals, and program
Where Camp Lebanon, Lebanon, New Jersey
Register By Tuesday, November 18

Come join us in the beautiful setting of the hills of Camp Lebanon, as we honor life together and celebrate Christian community with a weekend filled with engaging and meaningful activities, great music, creative worship, fun games, relaxing free time, and more. We will explore such questions about AIDS as: How can we, as human beings and as Christians, respond to this horrible disease? What can we do to help make our world, our communities, and our families more compassionate and responsive?

Generation: A Musical Celebration!

When Saturday, December 6 from 11 AM to 2 PM
For All ages
Cost None
Where St. John’s Episcopal Church, Elizabeth, New Jersey
Register No registration needed – just come!

Come join us for an intergenerational event that brings in really cool musical artists – it is a modern day tent revival, filled with sight and sound, rhythm and rhymes, food and fellowship. A rockin’ concert will be given by Paula Larke, a musician and storyteller who tells tales from many cultures. Her stories and songs illustrate Christian and spiritual principles and cover much territory: addiction, bullying, violence, racism, and grace.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Sweet Jesus
 Saviour divine
 As Your body and blood
 Now blend with mine
 Dear heavenly Father
 Please make me thine.

**Winterlight 33:
To You All Hearts Are Open**

When Saturday, December 27, 2008 – Thursday, January 1, 2009
For 9th through 12th graders from across the country
Cost \$420 (scholarship is available)
Where Kanuga, Hendersonville, North Carolina
Register Through Kanuga Conferences at 828 692-9136, www.kanuga.org

Winterlight 33 will explore what it means for our hearts and lives to be open to God’s gaze, as we enter into a deeper relationship with the God who created us, knows us and loves us and the ways we might magnify that love in the world. The Diocese will take a group of young people by bus to Kanuga Conference Center to join 300 other Episcopal youth and adult sponsors from across the country. You must register through Kanuga Conferences and inform the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office in order to travel with the Diocese. There is no cost for transportation with the Diocese.

2008-2009 Diocesan Youth Events

registration opens in August

Fall Youth Event
 6-12 grade
 November 21-23, 2008
 Lebanon, NJ

Fall Youth Event
 6-12 grade
 February 27-28, 2009
 Wildwood, NJ

Generation
 All Ages
 11am - 2pm
 December 6, 2008
 Elizabeth, NJ

The Senior Retreat
 12 grade
 April 17-19, 2009
 Mendham, NJ

Winterlight 33
 9-12 grade
 Dec. 27 - Jan. 1, 2009
 Hendersonville, NC

Spring Youth Event
 6-12 grade
 May 15-17, 2009
 Lebanon, NJ

50th Bishops' Ball
 All Ages
 2009

January 23,
 8pm to midnight
 Trenton, NJ

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen:

1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

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The ECW Page

The United Thank Offering (UTO) was collected on Nov. 1 and 2. This offering is collected twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. It is the practice in our life in Christ that we offer daily prayers and gifts of thanksgiving. These gifts - coins and bills in the UTO box - from each individual are combined with others at the diocesan ingathering and, finally, within all of the Episcopal Church. Each year the gifts are disbursed in the form of grants. These grants support and strengthen the mission and ministry of the church throughout the world. Another mission of the UTO is to expand the circle of thankful people. To achieve this mission we encourage daily prayers, offerings, and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings. For our church's ingathering, which takes place on Sat., Nov. 1 and Sun., Nov. 2, we request that you empty your box - count the contents, and put that amount into the offering plate marked UTO. Keep the box so you can continue to use it. The ECW thanks you for thinking of others.

The Evening ECW had a very successful Oktoberfest on Sun., Sept. 28. Eighty one people attended and ate much kielbasa, perogies, sauerkraut, salads, and apple desserts. Everyone had a good time. We brought in \$554. We would like to thank all those that helped make this occasion a success. We plan to have the Second Annual Oktoberfest in Sept. of 2009.

The annual ECW Christmas luncheon and gift exchange will be held on December 10. Be sure and save the date!

"M'm! M'm! Good!"

Now is the time to consume all those items in your freezer to make room for the annual Soup Sale, to be held on January 17 of 2008. Mark your calendar for that Saturday and get here early. Great Soups will be available for only \$6.00 a quart and they go fast. Empty containers will be in the parish hall soon for those donating soup.

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

Christmas Schedule

Please note the return of the 7:30 pm Christmas Mass to the Christmas Eve schedule after few years hiatus. This year we will celebrate 3 Christmas Eve services as well as a morning Mass on Christmas Day. Services for Christmas this year are as follows:

December 24:	4:00 pm	Christmas Pageant with Eucharist
December 24:	7:30 pm	Christmas Mass with Choir
December 24:	11:30 pm	Carols followed by Mass with Choir
December 25:	10:00 am	Christmas Day Eucharist
December 28:	10:00 am	Lessons & Carols

Flower Memorials

We are now maintaining a sign up sheet for altar flowers in the back of the church. Flowers may be given in Memory or in Thanksgiving in honor of a person or event. Also consider giving of greens for Christmas. Look for further details in the bulletins or contact Phyllis Dold (435-7865).

GoodSearch

You Search or Shop...
We Give!

Goodsearch and Goodshop

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.

RECYLCING PROGRAM

St. John's will start a new fund raiser. We will be participating in a paper recycling
A new paper recycling bin will be placed in St. John's parking lot or next to the parish hall. We will receive \$5.00 per ton for up to 3.99 tons, \$15.00 per ton for up to 7.99 tons and \$20.00 per ton for anything over 8 tons. The bin holds up to 2 tons of paper products and will be emptied on a regular basis utilizing a front end loader truck with a built in scale. All you have to do is save you paper products for the week and place them in the recycling bin when you come to church. Tell all your friends, neighbors and relatives about our new recycling program. Ask them to help protect and save the environment by recycling with St. John's. When the bin arrives just bring you paper products over and dump them in the bin. The more recycled products we collect the more **FREE MONEY** we will receive.

What can be placed in the recycling bin? – Catalogs, Magazines, Newspapers, Junk Mail, Office Paper, Fax Paper, Shredded Paper, Notebooks, Folders, Paper bags.

What can't be placed in the recycling bin? - Chipboard, phonebooks, cardboard, cereal boxes, milk cartons, soda cartons or food cartons of any kind. These items cannot be recycled to produce newsprint.

SCUCS

We support SCUCS as one of our outreach efforts. This is a site for Senior Citizens in Camden County to obtain food. Because of the economy, there is much more need among their clients and they are chronically short on food. Check the back of the church for a list of items that are needed, and consider adding some of them to your shopping list.

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Parish Prayers for Joys and Concerns

Pray for those in Special Need

Bp. George Councill, Mark Godfrey Tom Moritz, Julia Ivins, Linda Connor, Bud Dermond, Daniel Jones (no relation to Lee Jones), Gary Campanell, Pete Rodriguez, David Lester, Libby Ryan, Margaret Bell, Larry Sassa, Mildred Ball, Cameron Lyons, Anna Glenz, Esther Chando, Joe Chando, Bob Hamilton, Brenda O'Neil, Catherine Potter, Cyndi Phillips, Paul Caruso Sr., Mamie Jones, Louise Aimes, Linda Gurner, Darlene Hamilton, Dayonna Pritchett, Fred Heller, Matthew Sterling, Michael Hughes, Arthur Rudolph, Richard Bevilacqua, Grace Sterling, Delores Osborne, Sara Reid, Conrad Kauffman and Linda Virgilio.

Pray for our Shut-In and Home-Bound

Bob Keiser, Warren Blackburne, Marie News, Bill Knipe, Miriam Mason and Mary Molineaux.

Pray for those serving or entering the military

Sammi Jones, Daniel Jones, Amanda Collazzo

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 anchorite. 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. In **January** we will begin a monthly group that will gather to study her teachings, pray, and enjoy some light repast. If you think you might be interested, call the rector (227-3788) or let Judy Vaughan-Sterling (she is a choir member) know. Watch the bulletin for suggested meeting days and times.

**When you get to your wit's end,
You'll find God lives there.**

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From the Diocese of New Jersey

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.

MINISTRY INSTITUTE: FALL '08

FALL 2008 COURSES and EVENTS by DATE

November 2008

- 2 Invite A Friend Sunday
- 8 Sexual Misconduct Awareness
- 21-23 Fall Youth Event: AIDS - Crisis and Compassion
- 22 Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about The Episcopal Church But Were Afraid to Ask

December 2008

- 2 Advent Clergy Day
- 6 Generation: A Musical Celebration
- 10 Youth Ministry Adult Workshop: Youth and Gangs
- 12-13 Vicars Retreat
- 27-1/1 Winterlight 33: To You All Hearts Are Open

Don't let your worries get the Best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

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We don't change the message, the message changes us.

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Resolutions for 2009 Convention

Paul Ambros, Committee on Resolutions

The Diocese of New Jersey Committee on Resolutions invites submission of proposed resolutions for consideration at next February's Diocesan Convention. Submit proposals on white 8-1/2 x 11 paper, typed and double spaced, and containing at least two sections: 1) RESOLVED paragraph naming the desired action, and 2) FURTHER RESOLVED paragraph, as appropriate, providing for implementation of the resolution if adopted. No "whereas" or other prefatory language can be used, so

the proposals should begin with "Be it RESOLVED, That . . ." Each resolution should be accompanied by a short explanatory statement by the proponent(s).

Resolutions may be proposed by any communicant of any congregation in the diocese, whether or not a Convention delegate, or by any member of the clergy serving or residing in the diocese, whether or not eligible to vote at Convention. Please include the proponents' identifying parish affiliations. Forward proposals to the Chair of the Committee, Paul Ambros, c/o Paul Ambros, P.C., 110 Wall Street, 23rd Floor, New York, New York 10005-3836 (fax 212-514-5222) or by email at pambos@amboslaw.com.

Deadline: 15 January 2009. Formal hearings will be held on resolution proposals at Diocesan House, 808 West State Street, Trenton, on 21 February 2009 at 10:00 am, and further hearings may be scheduled during the Convention itself. Additional informal discussions may take place at pre-convention meetings, subject to availability of members of the Committee on Resolutions.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.

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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.

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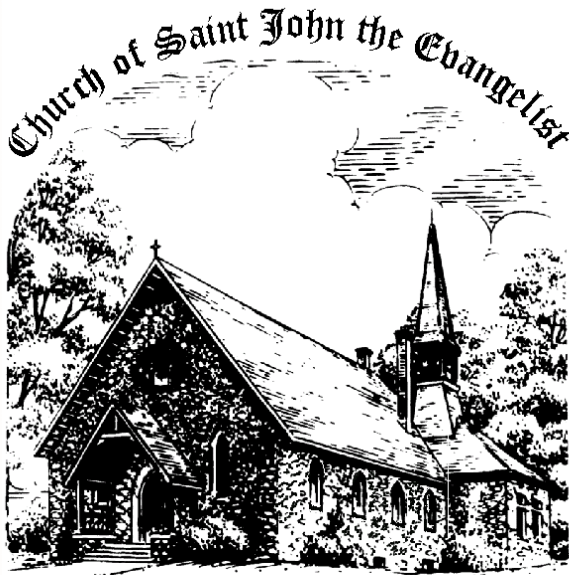
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Weekly Schedule

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 Jan/Feb Messenger Sunday,
December 14, 2008.**

Items can be left in the Parish Office or e-
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