

The Messenger

The Newsletter of
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William “Chip” Stokes Elected 12th NJ Bishop

The Reverend Canon William (“Chip”) H. Stokes, rector of St. Paul’s Church in Delray Beach, Florida, has been elected as twelfth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey, pending the required consents from a majority of bishops with jurisdiction and standing committees of the Episcopal Church.

Stokes, age 56, was elected May 4 out of a field of nine nominees. He was elected on the fifth ballot by the election convention meeting at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton.

Statement from bishop-elect William H. “Chip” Stokes: “I am humbled beyond expression and deeply honored to have been elected as the Twelfth Bishop of New Jersey. I am grateful to the people of the Diocese for their confidence, support and prayers. I am grateful above all to God in Christ who has called me and walked with me throughout my journey. The Diocese of New Jersey is a part of the deep history of the Episcopal Church. It is an overwhelming thing to be brought into that history through this election. The Diocese is made up of a rich and wonderful variety of people. The diversity of the diocese is one of its great strengths and beauties. The people of the Diocese understand well the very real challenges that face the Church today. My experience of the clergy and lay people of the Diocese is that that they are faithful, hopeful and up to any challenges as we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us “right onward.” I look forward to getting to know them and to journeying with them hand in hand as we all respond to God’s call to us to love and serve one another, the communities in which we are placed and the wider church and world.

From the Transition Committee Save this Date....

Dear Diocesan Members,

In honor of our beloved Bishop George E. Cuncell and Mrs. Ruth T. Cuncell, a Festal Eucharist will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 4:00 PM at Trinity Cathedral, 801 West State Street, Trenton.

A Reception will follow from 5:30-6:30 PM in Synod Hall at the Cathedral.

Additional Information is forthcoming.

The Transition Committee

Parochial Report

Every year we are required to turn in the Parochial Report. This report goes to both the Diocese of New Jersey and The Episcopal Church headquarters. The vestry would like for you to know how things have changed over the years. I arbitrarily chose 2008 as a comparison year to 2012. In 2008 we reported a membership of 421 while in 2012 we reported a membership of 410. The vestry is still not confident in that number, as several individuals are listed on our records that no longer attend or make donations to our parish. They need to be changed from active to inactive status. We are working on this issue. A more indicative number is the Average Sunday Attendance (ASA). In 2008 that number was 83 whereas in 2012 the number increased to 97, indicating a healthy growth in active membership. Our Easter attendance went from 134 to 196! Our financial snapshot is even better. The number of pledges doubled from 30 in 2008 to 60 in 2012 and the amount pledged almost doubled, going from \$52,435 to \$100,419. This is a significant increase of which we can be proud. The final significant change is in our Operating Expenses. The operating expenses in 2008 were about \$150,000 and we have only increased that to \$162,000 in four years. In 2008 we had to add over \$40,000 from our investments but in 2012 we only had to add \$10,000, again a significant decrease. We are definitely on the road to a balanced budget, with possibly a surplus in another year or two. We cannot be complacent in this and will need to continue to give as we have in the past, but the ministries we will be able to do in the future for both our parish community and the community at large will grow, just as our parish continues to grow. Everyone in the parish is a part of this growth. No one is insignificant. And so your vestry, wardens, treasurer, and rector want to thank ALL of you for the hard work you have done over the past few years and the hard work you will continue to do in the future

Sunday Sundaes Begin Soon

Once more we will have the ever-popular Sunday Sundaes for fellowship during the summer. The last Sunday for Sunday School is June 9. The Ice Cream treats will begin on June 16 following the 10AM service. All are invited to stick around after service to visit and enjoy some ice cream plus all the fixin’s.

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Lenten Outreach shoe boxes filled with personal items such as socks, toothbrushes, deodorant, mouthwash, shampoo, and baby items, collected for the homeless were delivered to IHOC. (Photo courtesy Jason Love)

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Every time someone uses **Goodsearch, Goodshop, and Gooddining**, St. John's has an opportunity to receive a donation from the organization. This does not cost you anything. You just have to register with St. John's, Chews Landing, as your charity. There are guides in the parish hall to explain just how easy this is. If you put Goodsearch as your search engine you will not even have to remember to do this. Some organizations make thousands of dollars every year. There is no reason we cannot add to our operating fund with the help of everyone in the parish and their friends and families. If you have any questions, contact Reverend Margaret or Cynthia Rolle.

Gift Cards

Gift Cards will be ordered monthly, on the first of the month, if there are any. We do pay for delivery so it will behoove us to make this a regular monthly event rather than multiple times in the month. If you would like to order a gift card, 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.

BBC Book Club on May 16

7:00 pm, at Panera Bread in Voorhees

Book: **The Last Runaway**
by Tracy Chevalier





From the Rector's Desk

My new blog (yes, the Rector has a blog now!) is entitled "Travels with Margaret". I chose that title as the whole point of this blog is to be a venue by which I can remain in touch with the parish when I am taking my Sabbatical in 2014. However the more I thought about it the more I realized how much I identify with it even when I am NOT on the road taking my sabbatical. I am traveling all the time, as are each of you. We travel in cars, planes, boats, and bikes as well as with our two feet. We also travel in our minds, in our spirits, and in our emotions. I write this a week after the Boston Marathon. We just spent the week traveling between Boston; West, Texas; and back to Boston as the news came to us with almost dizzying speed. That is our world today. Turn on the news and you will suddenly find yourself transported to places you never expect. And in the case of last week, we sometimes have to figure out how to deal with the news and how to share it not only with friends, but also with our children. We want to protect our children and yet we cannot always shield them from this kind of news. So how do we do this? How do we live in a world where we see God in life giving events and then in the next moment wonder where God is in life defeating events?

I cannot answer these questions for you. I wish I could. I can only point out landmarks on our "travels" in this world. The most important landmark we have is the one we just celebrated: EASTER! This particular landmark is like the Washington Monument in DC. Did you know that no other building can be taller than that monument? At least that was the case a few years ago. Possibly they have changed the building codes since then, but I hope not. You can see that landmark from far away, just as we can see Easter from far away. Easter is our landmark that tells us that Christ has the last word. Death has been conquered and is never the end of the story. When in our travels of life we feel defeated by events that seem just to big, we only have to look at that landmark to be reminded resurrection is not just around the corner but is here NOW!

Another landmark I have is the silly bracelet that our bishop gave us. Remember that blue one I passed out to anyone who wanted it? TGIF! Today God Is First. Remember we only have today. Yesterday is gone and tomorrow is not here yet. TODAY is what we have to live with. TODAY is when most our travels will take place. When I am traveling today, I only have to look at my wrist to be reminded that God is First. Everything else will then fall into place as long as I look first to God. That does not make the difficult times go away. The news is still with us and bad things continue to happen. But I am not alone, and neither are you. God is with each of us, all the time.

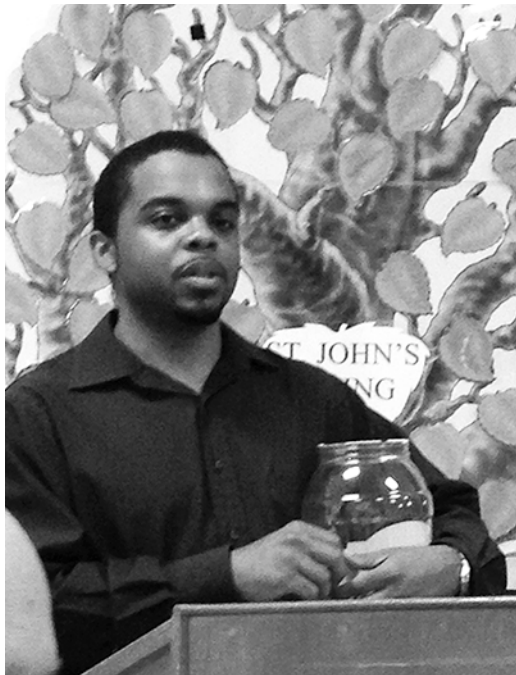
And there is one final landmark in my travels during my day, at least sometimes. I do travel back to yesterday at times, only to discover that God is first there as well. Sometimes, at the moment of an event, I don't always find God. But inevitably, when I look back over time I see where God blankets me with God's love. I look back with laughter, joy, sadness, and tears. All those emotions are indeed there and it is indeed good, even the tears. Because I always look back and know that I am indeed the Pride of God's Heart. God shows it to me in so many ways, some of which I miss until I look back. Take that journey. Travel back. And see how you, too, are the Pride of God's Heart. God is First. God has triumphed over evil. God is good...ALL THE TIME.

Reverend Margaret +

Sabbatical

Your rector has been at St. John's for almost 7 years now. She was ordained and has served as a priest since that time. It is customary for clergy to take a sabbatical every 8 to 10 years, so it is time for her to partake of this vital and life giving event. But what is a Sabbatical? We know about sabbaticals in connection to the academic world. This is a time when professors take a semester or possibly even longer to break from the day-to-day task of teaching and spend time researching and writing. Often either an article or a book is expected as the end result. This is actually NOT the biblical image of a Sabbatical. Sabbatical comes from the word Sabbath, which we know from the book of Genesis this is a time of rest. This is exactly what is being talked about in regards to a clergy sabbatical. The intention is to take 3-4 months and spend them as a time away from the parish to refresh and renew the sense of call to Ordained Ministry. It is NOT a vacation time nor is it a time to take classes. It is also definitely NOT a time to look for another position. A good sabbatical time provides an opportunity for the clergy to touch base with old friends and colleagues, visit new places, get out of his or her comfort zone and explore ways in which God touches lives as well as creation. It is also a time for the PARISH to explore ways in which they do ministry, even without clergy around. It is a time for the people of God to come together and share their journey of faith and to support each other in being Church to the world. God willing, we are about to have that opportunity in another year. We will be talking about it and planning for it over the next year so no one is taken by surprise. Even more importantly, everyone will have the opportunity to help in the planning and become excited by the prospect of renewed energy and ministry here at St. John's. So watch this space as well as the bulletin. Share with the rector what YOUR dreams are for the parish during this time. Support the Sabbatical team in their work to make the time one that will be fun as well as fulfilling. This is a win-win opportunity for everyone. Margaret will come back to us at then end of the sabbatical ready to continue leading us for several more years.

THE ECW PAGE



Auctioneer Jermaine Rolle during the 'basket auction'. (Photo courtesy Carolyn Bausinger)

The ladies of the ECW and EECW would like to thank everyone that helped with the Basket Auction. The total is not in yet; however, we estimate a profit of \$3,000.00 was made. We wish to thank Jermaine Rolle for serving as our Emcee for the evening. A great evening was had by all.

The ECW picnic will be held May 20th at Red Bank Battlefield in the River Winds Pavilion between 12 pm till 3pm. We will meet at the Parish Hall and car pool over. if you plan on going please meet at 11:30 at the Parish Hall. Bring a beach chair along if you wish. Joyce Root has once again planned a great day for us to enjoy and share games and fellowship with the ladies, we thank you Joyce for all the hard work and planning you put into this great event for the ladies of the Church to enjoy. We will have hoagies, cupcakes cake, salads, deviled eggs, and chips. Please bring your beverage. We look forward to seeing you.

Election of Officers will take place at the May meeting. Please consider possible candidates for offices.

The next regular meeting of the ECW will take place on May 6th at 10am in the Parish Hall. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

Important Dates to Remember:

May 6 Meeting and Election of Officers
 May 20 ECW Picnic
 October 5 Octoberfest
 November 1 Coach Bingo Night

Respectfully,

Sister Kate Maura,
 ECW President

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



Joyce Root, Rev. Margaret, and Mary Wonderlin are shown here helping roll Irish Potatoes. (Photo courtesy Sallie Jones)



Kate Teasdale, Marion DeCecco and Betty Mantzel help package the Irish Potatoes. A total of 60 boxes of Irish Potatoes were made. (Photo courtesy Sallie Jones)



Joyce Root and Mary Wonderlin seen here doing Basket Auction preparation. (Photo courtesy Sallie Jones)

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.

“Travels with Margaret”

Reverend Margaret is attempting to enter the new world of blogging. In part this is to prepare for her Sabbatical when she will remain connected to us through her blog. It is also an opportunity to begin that increased contact even today. So her blog is up and running. It isn't making any speed records to date, with only a few entries. The hope is that this will increase over time. Who knows, there may even be a time when photos will be added. That is if someone helps her figure out how to do that! But in the meantime, her blog can be accessed by going to our website and linking to the blog. Feel free to check it out and make any comments, either on the blog site or just as a personal comment to her. This is a new world and she is totally open to any suggestions! The website address is www.stjohns1789.org.

2 Bequests from the Miriam Mason Estate

The Church of St. John the Evangelist gratefully acknowledges two bequests from the estate of Miriam Mason, one for \$10,000 and another for \$9800. Miriam was a longtime member of the parish and her gifts will help sustain the St. John's she loved and so generously remembered.

Estate Planning

Do you have a will? Do you plan on remembering St. John in your will? This is an important question. Part of the way we are able to maintain our budget is through the very generous donations of people in the past. We have received donations through wills as well as stocks. The interest on these accounts is used for our operating fund. We also have had to pull from the principle to make up for deficit spending in the past. Our hope is that soon, if not this year, we will no longer need to make these withdrawals. Part of how we can remain self supporting is for members of our congregation to remember St. John the Evangelist as a part of their estate planning. The latest person who did this was Miriam Mason. At the time of her death we received a very generous \$10,000 with no strings attached. The balance of her estate was then determined and two months ago we received a SECOND donation of \$9,864 from this estate. This money was placed in our Money Market account where it will be available to us on an as needed basis. With good planning and generous giving from the parish our hope is that this money will remain in the account, drawing interest and being available in case of financial need. We are deeply grateful for her support of this parish. Your rector has included St. John the Evangelist in her estate by naming the church as one of the beneficiaries of her insurance. How important is St. John's to you? Won't you consider remembering the church in the same way Miriam Mason did?

Deadline for the July/August Messenger Sunday, June 23, 2013.

Items may be e-mailed to robertgoodman1@comcast.net (Please show The Messenger in the subject line) or they may be left in the Parish Office.

Profession of Sr. Kate Maura Teasdale

Sr. Kate Maura, our nun who wears the “green and cream” each Sunday has been a novice in the Anamchara Fellowship for 3 years. It is now time for her to make her profession. In the Anamchara Fellowship there is no “life” profession like in some orders. Instead, when the novice is deemed ready to take the next step, he or she is actually voted on by the rest of the professed members and if approved, that individual makes a 3 year vow (profession) to continue in the Fellowship and to live his or her life according to the vows of Fidelity, Simplicity, and Obedience. Every 3 years from then on the individual has the opportunity to continue the vows. Sr. Kate has been approved by the professed members of the Anamchara Fellowship to take those vows and will do so at our annual Gathering in Cincinnati from June 17 until June 23. She and five others will then become a part of the professed members of the Fellowship. We are delighted that she is to take this important step in her journey with us. See if you can tell the difference in her habit when she returns! We will celebrate with her on the Sunday after we get back from Gathering, June 30, during Coffee Hour. Please plan on joining us!

Stand Down — Volunteers Needed!

Stand Down for homeless veterans was modeled after the Stand Down concept used during the Vietnam War to provide a safe retreat for units returning from combat operations. At secure base camp areas, troops were able to take care of personal hygiene, obtain clean uniforms, enjoy warm meals, receive medical and dental care, mail and receive letters and to enjoy the camaraderie of friends in a safe environment. Stand Down afforded battle-weary soldiers the opportunity to renew their spirit, health and overall sense of well-being.

Today, the Stand Down program brings a wide range of these support services to assist on a local level. The program is now recognized as an extremely valuable outreach tool to help homeless veterans.

What is Stand Down 2013? In our area, a large number of military support and private organizations pool resources to provide a one-day Stand Down program for homeless veterans, held in the Cherry Hill Armory each year during late September. (The actual date will be announced during July). Donations of clothing and other supplies have been arranged; what is needed, however, are volunteers to help on the day of Stand Down.

Please consider donating a few hours of your time to Stand Down 2013. If you can help, please contact Carolyn Bausinger at bausinger@comcast.net or 856-227-7735. Names of volunteers should be received by late August, so that you can be registered to assist with this year's program. In addition, a brief, but mandatory, 30-minute training session for all volunteers will be held several times during September; volunteers are asked to attend one of them.

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

From the Diocese of New Jersey

One Book: *People of the Way - Renewing Episcopal Identity* by Dwight J. Zscheile

The Committee on Life Long Christian Formation, in partnership with the Episcopal Election Committee, invites everyone - clergy, adult, and youth - to read, study, and discuss One Book this Winter/Spring 2013 as we prepare for a new Bishop: Dwight J. Zscheile's new book *People of the Way - Renewing Episcopal Identity*. Read it as a parish, vestry, a book club, a ministry group, an Adult Education study, or a small group study.

The Episcopal Church is in an 'identity crisis' - who are we in this new cultural context we find ourselves in? What does it mean to be an Episcopalian? This new mission focused book explores The Episcopal Church's gifts and challenges, reminding us that at our core, we are "The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society" - the legal name of The Episcopal Church since 1935. It takes an honest look at how we have been perceived by others (and ourselves) in the past, and what that may mean for our future, inviting us to 'live Eucharistically' as committed disciples in this new apostolic age.

The book includes discussion questions at the end of each chapter and is available in print as well as electronically (Kindle and Nook).

The author is an Episcopal priest and Professor of Congregational Mission and Leadership at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. He is co-author, with Craig Van Gelder, of *The Missional Church in Perspective*, editor of *Cultivating Sent Communities: Missional Spiritual Formation* and associate priest at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in St. Paul.

Contact: The Reverend Debbie Cook, 732 367-0569 or cookdeb@optonline.net

DISCOVERING YOUR GOD-GIVEN GIFTS FOR SERVICE

Leaders: Canon Constance L. White, Co-Director, Ministry Institute, Diocese of New Jersey

The workshop *Discovering Your God-Given Gifts for Service* is an ideal opportunity to bring more parishioners into serving your church by identifying their talents and passions for lay ministry. It can be presented to a vestry, committee, or to the church at large in a format that takes a full day or be spread over several days or weeks, during the day or evening or on weekends. It helps answer the questions: "What are my talents for ministry? How can I put my God-given gifts to good use in my parish and in the world?" Participants discover what the Bible has to say about spiritual gifts, determine their innate talents and proclivities through a series of questions, and then use what has been learned to reveal their interests and passions. Finally, they will see how to apply the identified strengths and interests to action in the parish.

Date and time at your church may be arranged by email or phone.

Contact Canon Constance White, 215 321-0722 or connielouwhite@msn.com

Planned Giving for Parishes & Mission Churches

Leader: The Reverend Margaret Hodgkins; Chuck Watson, Branch Manager and Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney

Planned Giving offers every church in our Diocese the opportunity to form a legacy for the future of the church. The purpose of the Planned Giving Committee is to offer support to vestries and congregations desiring to organize planned giving programs. The Committee would love to be invited to your parish or mission to talk about Planned Giving by walking through the sequential steps of setting up a program. To set up an event, please contact the Reverend Peggy Hodgkins, Co-Chair. (See below for contact information.)

A church must decide that it wants to establish a permanent fund that generates income to support the ongoing mission, outreach, programs, and facilities of the church outside of the annual operating budget. The fund is organized and protected by vestry resolutions and the parish planned giving committee. The endowment is designed to be a lasting legacy for its donors and the parish. It gives every donor the comfort of knowing that their generosity benefits our churches for many years into the future.

Date and time at your church to be arranged by email or phone.

Contact: The Reverend Peggy Hodgkins, 609 468-2171 or peggyhodgkins@gmail.com

Upcoming Events:

- May 11 - Deacons Day with Bishop Council
- May 18 - Pentecost and Life in the Spirit
- May 18 - Sexual Misconduct Awareness Training
- July 23-July 30 - Youth Trip to Our Companion Diocese of Ecuador Littoral

Deacons Day with Bishop Council

Leader: The Right Reverend George E. Councill, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey

This is a time for deacons to come together with Bishop Councill and with one another. The day includes Holy Eucharist, updates from the Bishop on the Diocese, The Episcopal Church (TEC), and the Anglican Communion as well as presentations by fellow deacons. The Archdeacons will give a brief report related to their respective areas of oversight.

Sponsored by the Deacons' Council, Saturday, May 11, registration at 9:00 am, begins at 9:30 am, ends at 3 pm

Diocesan House, Matthews Conference Room
808 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08618
609 394-5281

Cost is \$10 for lunch.

Register by Monday, May 6 <http://tinyurl.com/dx3jges> or email spaige@newjersey.anglican.org. Or fax registration form to 609 394-9546, mail form, or phone Sarah Paige, 609 394-5281 ext. 10

Contact Canon Cecilia Alvarez, 609 394-5281, ext. 22 or at calvarez@newjersey.anglican.org

Sexual Misconduct Awareness Workshops

Leaders: The Reverend Dr. Henrietta L. Lavengood; The Reverend Charles Lochner; The Reverend Dr. Paul S. Rimassa, Trinity Church, Rocky Hill; New Jersey or The Reverend Peter Stimpson, Associate, St. Matthew's Church, Pennington, New Jersey, and Priest-in-Charge, Holy Trinity Chapel, Spring Lake, New Jersey

In this workshop, both sexual abuse of children and sexual exploitation and harassment of all persons are covered. This training is required every five years for clergy, wardens, employees, and anyone regularly working with or around children or youth. It is recommended for church personnel who occasionally work with or around children or youth. Refer to Respecting the Dignity of Every Human Being, download newjersey.anglican.org/Resources/ForParishes/RespectDignity200509.pdf.

Available online: The first training must be in person at one of the sites offered by the Diocese, to provide a more thorough understanding of the material through the six-hour presentations, also allowing for all questions by participants to be thoroughly addressed. All subsequent trainings at each five-year renewal period can be taken in-person or online through the Church Pension Group's "Safeguarding Online." Please note that for online training only, one must call the Diocesan Office to obtain a username and password.

Sponsored by the Pastoral Response Team of the Diocese of New Jersey.

One-day workshops from 9 am to 3 pm May 18 at Grace Church, Haddonfield <http://tinyurl.com/b3m4tz6>

No cost, unless you wish a box lunch at \$7.50.

Deadline is the Monday prior to the workshop. Make check payable to the Diocese of New Jersey.

Register online at the sites specified above or email spaige@newjersey.anglican.org or fax registration form to 609 394-9546, mail form, or phone Sarah Paige, 609 394-5281, ext. 10. Contact: Ann Notte, 609 394-5281, ext. 41 or anotte@newjersey.anglican.org.

Pentecost and Life in the Spirit

Leader: The Reverend Canon John Sosnowski, Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of New Jersey, Trenton, New Jersey

Rediscover the Spirit as you renew your mind and heart. Treat yourself to a day away to "recreate" and to open yourself to the Spirit's power to make you new again. Spend a day in prayer, attentive listening and shared reflection to breathe in the transforming breath of the Spirit. Sponsored by the Diocese of New Jersey.

Saturday, May 18, registration and coffee at 9:00 am, begins at 9:30 am, ends at 3 pm at The Evergreens 309 Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown, New Jersey 08057 856 439-2000. Cost is \$15 lunch provided. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/cv2cf2p> or email spaige@newjersey.anglican.org. Or fax registration form to 609 394-9546, mail form, or phone Sarah Paige, 609 394-5281, ext. 10 by Monday, May 6. Contact Canon Constance White, 215 321-0722 or 609 394-5281, ext. 37 or at cwhite@newjersey.anglican.org

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR YOUTH:

Companion Diocese of Ecuador Littoral Youth Trip

Join the youth office in conjunction with the Companion Diocese Committee as we travel to Guayaquil and neighboring cities in Ecuador.

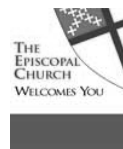
We will be spending time making new friends with the youth there as we do a work project together, travel to their camp by the ocean, visit several of their churches, see the Malecon and Iguana Park and much more. For 9th through just graduated 12th Graders Tuesday, July 23 to Tuesday July 30, 2013. Cost is \$1,350. There will be a mandatory group meeting for Parents/Guardians and participants. You must have a US Passport with remaining validity of at least six months. There are limited spaces available. For more information contact The Rev. Canon Debi Clarke at 609-394-5281 ext. 36 or dclarke@newjersey.anglican.org.

Spring Youth Event

Friday, May 17, 2013 - Sunday, May 19, 2013

6th through 12th grade

Cost \$75.00 per person



Family Matters at St. John's

A community-based platform and discussion forum addressing family-oriented topics that stimulate growth, strengthening, and understanding for the seeds of our community

Family Matters is hosted by St. John's Episcopal Church in Chews Landing, and meets monthly. The purpose of Family Matters is to provide a platform for the community to address common issues, topics and situations that arise in family life by bringing subject matter experts to educate the audience.

Family Matters Dates & Topics for 2013

May 25, 2013 Eldercare
June 29, 2013 Blended Families
July 20, 2013 End of Life Issues

Duration: Hour and a half

Location: St. John's Parish Hall, 1720 Old Black Horse Pike, Blackwood; ample parking is available beside the parish hall

Noisy Sunday

Noisy Sunday continues each month. The amount we collect varies, but no matter the amount, the South Jersey Food Bank and the Almost Home Animal Shelter always appreciate it. Thank you for your participation and let's keep it up. Bring in your loose change and let's make some NOISE!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

May 6 *ECW Meeting 10:00 am*
May 7 *Evening EWC Meeting 7:00 pm*
May 12 **"Happy Mother's Day"**
May 16 *BBC Book Discussion Group, Panera Bread, Voorhees 7:00 pm*
May 20 *ECW picnic at Red Bank picnic area 12:00 noon*
May 25 *Family Matters – Eldercare 6:30 – 8:00 pm*
May 27 **"Happy Memorial Day"**
May 28 *Vestry 7:00 pm*
Every Wednesday in June: Dining at The Library IV in Williamstown.
(St. John's receives 10%)
June 1 **"Gloucester Township Day"**
June 2: *Convocation meeting at St. John's 4:00 pm*
June 3 *ECW Meeting 10:00 am*
June 4 *Evening EWC Meeting 7:00 pm*
June 9 *Last Sunday of Sunday School and Choir*
June 12: *Ladies night at The Library IV (Williamstown)*
June 16 **"Happy Father's Day"**
June 16 *Sunday Sundaes begin following the 10:00 am service!*
June 20 *BBC Book Discussion Group, Panera Bread, Voorhees 7:00 pm*
June 25 *Vestry 7:00 pm*
June 29 *Family Matters – Blended Families 6:30 – 8:00 pm*
June 30: *Celebration of Profession of Sr. Kate Maura*

Remember to mark your calendars

Parish Prayers for Joys and Concerns

Pray for those in Special Need

Bp. George Councell, John Worsham, Dallam E. Blandy, Eric Quintavalle, Donald Ivins, Esther Chando, Stan Wojciechowski, Robert Hamilton, Jon Howard, Pamela Davis, Harry Collins, Matthew Sterling, June Goodman, Arthur Rudolph, Helen Buss, Bill Cox, Bob Brown, Martha Gumenek, Louis Tabasso, Anna Collazo, David Ambler, Roger Maro, Alan Acuri, Nancy Ashton, Jim Rogers, Kathy Cooper, Bill Peters, Kathy Barbagallo, Claire Koreck, Patrick & Sheila Koreck, Phillip Covelli

Pray for our Shut-In and Home-Bound

Arlene and Alex Potts, Kay Taylor, Betty Knipe, Dorothy Sabot, Anna Scalise, Doris McLoughlin, Karen Street, Gwen Welker, and Mary Molineaux.

Pray for those serving or entering the military

Sammi Jones, Mark Jones, Ed Orr, Stacey Droll, Adam Miller, Hillary Getz, Henry Yang, Amanda Collazzo, Henry Yang, Michael Helfrich, Frank Vanore, Jr., Steven Barhmaier and Anthony Moss.

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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.



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

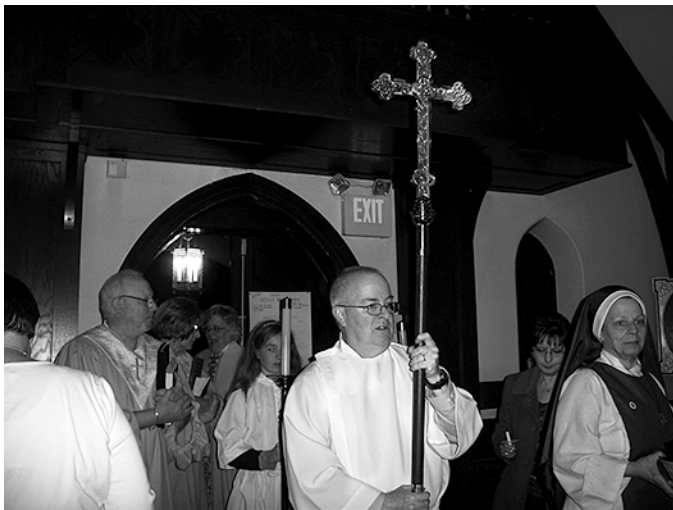
Wednesdays

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Parish Life



Good Friday (Photo courtesy Sallie Jones)



Above and below, Easter Vigil (Photos courtesy Sallie Jones)



Parting Shots



Annual Flowering of the Cross (Photo courtesy Carolyn Bausinger)



Prepping for the basket auction (Photo courtesy Sallie Jones)