

# The Messenger

The Newsletter of  
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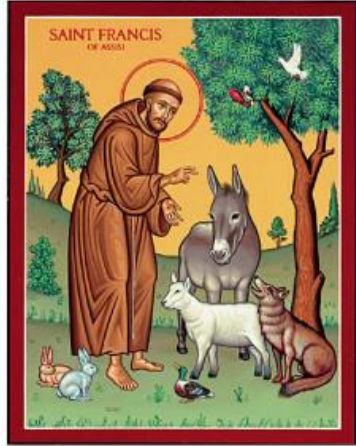
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## Blessing of the Animals

To commemorate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi the patron saint of animals the annual blessing of the animals will take place on Sunday, October 2 at the lower parking lot at 3:00 pm. All animals (of every kind) along with their owners are invited and welcome. Please have your pet suitably restrained as we don't want to have any type unexpected disagreements or snacking to occur. Even if you do not have an animal to be blessed you are more than welcome to come join in the fun. It is such a delight to see all the different pets that we love and care for. As has become the custom, we will also pray for those pets we have loved but see no longer. So come join us! There may be a mystery clergy person join us...come see who it may be!



## Second Annual All Saint's Evensong

At 4:00 pm on November 6 the Camden Convocation will have the Third Annual All Saint's Evensong. This year it will be held at Grace Church in Haddonfield. Choirs from around the Convocation will join together to provide the music. They are all invited to prepare one anthem for our enjoyment and then they will sing a couple of combined choir pieces. Last year this was one of the high points in the year. Please put this event on your calendar and come support our choir! You will not be sorry if you come to this wonderful worship service. After you can visit one of the fabulous restaurants along King's Highway for a delightful supper.

## MORNING PRAYER WITH HOLY CROSS MONKS

On Saturday, November 5, monks from Holy Cross Monastery will be coming to share Morning Prayer with us and then show a video and share the vision of Holy Cross Monastery. This is an opportunity to learn about one of the Episcopal Church Religious orders for men. Come and join us at 10AM until noon. Breakfast treats will be provided after we pray.

## 'Ya Gotta Eat' Fundraiser

We all love to eat. And we love to eat good food. And we LOVE to help our parish raise money. So let's combine this and dine out at Bertucci's in the Shoppes at Cross Keys in Gloucester Township. Great food and we will get a percentage of the bill! Members of your vestry will be there to greet you, your friends, your family, and your neighbors and give out flyers that will enable us to get a donation for part of your meal. The food is great, the location has plenty of parking, and it is a fun place for the whole family. Bring your friends and let's eat!!! Tuesday, October 18th from 11:00 am until 10:00 pm at Bertucci's, Shoppes at Cross Keys in Gloucester Township. Come for lunch, come for dinner, come for both! And get take out for the next day! Suggest your office have lunch there that day, or get take out. Let's raise some funds to help reduce our deficit!

## Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Spaghetti Dinner is around the corner, November 19. This year we are trying something a bit different. There will be two (2) seating's, one at 5:00 pm and one at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be sold for the different seating's. Dinner will be sit down and you will be served! The ticket prices will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (12 and under). You can also purchase an entire table (8 seats) for \$75. There will be salad, spaghetti dinner with roll /meatballs or sausage and a dessert. Just to note it will no longer be a buffet style but a fixed menu sit down style. We are hoping this will allow the kitchen crew to purchase only what is needed and we hope to sell even more tickets, so please invite your family, friends, and neighbors. We are hoping to once again have this as a large fundraiser, but we need your help in selling tickets. We also need volunteers to help with the serving and cleaning up. You can volunteer to serve at one seating and then dine with family at the other! There will be a sign up sheet in the parish hall.

Also, there is a great deal for those who prefer to dine at home! The price for takeout is \$8 per person. But there is also a special, for \$25 you get a meal for 4 to take home, that's 4 salads, 4 rolls, 4 servings of pasta and meatballs with 4 desserts. You can have an at home spaghetti dinner, invite your friends and tell them that you made it all and how hard you worked!

Please support the church by selling tickets, and either join us at the parish hall or have a dinner party at home.

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

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

October 2: *Blessing of the Animals, Church Lower Parking Lot 3:00 pm*  
October 4: *ECW Annual Dinner @ Philomena 7:00 pm*  
October 18: *Fundraiser @ Bertucci's in Sicklerville 11:00 am -11:00 pm*  
October 20: *BBC at Panera's, 7:00 pm*  
October 23: *St. Paul Feeding Ministry, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm*  
October 28: *Halloween Party*  
November 5: *Morning Prayer with Holy Cross Monks, 10AM to noon*  
November 5 & 6: *ECW Bake Sale after each service*  
November 6: *All Saints Evensong, Grace Church, Haddonfield 4:00 pm*  
November 7: *ECW meeting 10:00 am*  
November 8: *Evening ECW meeting 7:00 pm*  
November 8: *Election Day! Are you registered to vote?*  
November 19: *Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00 or 6:30 seating, or take-out*  
November 24: *Thanksgiving Day service, 10:00 am*  
November 27: *Advent 1 Cookie Challenge, Coffee Hour*  
December 5: *ECW meeting and Cookie Exchange 10:00 am*  
December 6: *Evening ECW meeting 7:00 pm*  
December 10: *Breakfast with Santa*

*Remember to mark your calendars*

## Parish Prayers for Joys and Concerns

### Pray for those in Special Need

John Worsham, Eric Quintavalle, Joan Collins, Abby Collins, Matthew Sterling, Bill Cox, Bill Peters, Jimmy Yang, Joan Shupp, Margie Schwartz, Theresa DeCicco, Nancy Hosey, Denise Stricker, Jeff Boggess, Jenny Yocum, Cynthia Yeh, Julian Yeh, Sean Santos, Steve Montgomery, Maria Grace, Anna Black, John Kuchler, Barney Snyder, Jean Perkins, Maria Velez, Robert Brancati, Jared Callen, Ann Roney, Harry Smith, Hadley Benfield, Phyllis Mancuso, Bill Rigney, Nicole Youngs, Joseph Mancuso, William Mayer, Sr., Kym Lundy McCalla, Ann Waller, Nancy Klobnak, Lori Onorato, Danny Nelson, the Haughton Family, Andrew, Gemma Hermann, Finn Hermann, Ralph Brancati, Joe Waller, Judy Gore and Joseph Reilly.

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

Arline Potts, Kay Taylor, Betty Knipe, Dorothy Sabot, Anna Scalise, Karen Street, and Barbara Houghton.

### Pray for those serving or entering the military, police, and fire departments

Samantha Sanders, Matthew Sanders (deployed to Afghanistan), Adam Miller, Henry Yang, Amanda Collazzo, Michael Helfrich, Frank Vanore Jr., Steven Barhmaier, Anthony Moss, Michael Truskowski, Abbey Wilkins, Janet Prince, Ken Sweeten, Andy Misinkavitch, Nigel P. Shockley, Catherine Marie Wilson, Mike Millisky, and Derek Walton.

## Weekly Schedule

### Saturdays

**5:00 p.m. Rite II Eucharist with Sermon**

### Sundays

**8:00 a.m. Rite I Eucharist with Sermon**

**9:30 a.m. Church School**

**10:00 a.m. Rite II Family Eucharist with Sermon**

### Wednesdays

**11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

### Deadline for the Fall Messenger

**Sunday, November 20, 2016**

Items may be e-mailed to [Robertgoodman1@comcast.net](mailto:Robertgoodman1@comcast.net)  
(Please show The Messenger in the subject line).



From the Rector's Desk

Dear ones,

Once more the days and nights are cooling off, the windows are open to let in the fresh breeze, the trees are turning color, the fall flowers are blooming...it must be time for Fall, a favorite time of year for me. I love walking in the crisp fall air. Even the dogs are more energetic (sometimes to my dismay!). I look around and realize how fortunate I am to live in a part of the country that enjoys all four seasons, much as I did when growing up in New Mexico. The colors are a bit different, but that is just a result of how creative God is.

I hope you take the time in your busy lives to stop and look at just how creative God is. Children do this, especially the young ones. You see the joy and surprise in their eyes as they look upon the world in sheer wonder and marvel. We adults sometimes forget just how spectacular God's world is. We grow so used to seeing the turning of the leaves from green to brilliant yellow, gold, orange and scarlet; each tree "knowing" what color to turn, that we don't see the miracle of creation. I am watching my chrysanthemums as they bud and now wait to see what color I will have (I forgot which one I planted where). It never ceases to amaze me how God created our plants to grow and then somehow form such beautiful flowers. I look at the intense blue of the fall sky with the white puffy clouds floating by in imaginative shapes and sizes and have to smile, thanking God for the whimsy. Right now my schedule is overflowing, so I intentionally take breaks to walk the dogs. I need to get out to clear my head and I need the exercise to reduce the stress. And I need to get out into the world to spend some time with God in the middle of God's creation.

I encourage us all to take that time, especially when we think we don't *have* that time. Even if we simply go out around the block, or sit on a bench in a park, or pause on the back deck to drink in the colors and cool breeze. God is there, waiting for us to smile at God's world. At our world. And to be thankful and know that God IS the one in charge. We can let go of our worries and what-ifs and buts. Give them to God and then sit back and see what surprise God is ready to give you. Remember always, you are *loved*!

*Reverent Margaret Kentigern+, AF*

### Wawa Shortie Coupons

Coupons for Wawa Shortie hoagies are available from the office and from Mary Wonderlin 783-6805. 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.

## Help Our Counters!

Those who count our donations and those who record them in the computer are volunteers from among the vestry and congregation. They spend time every week in making sure our deposit and the recording of donations is accurate. There are ways you can make their job easier and faster that will mean very little extra time for you. It may mean the counters will be able to come up and enjoy a bit of coffee hour however.

1. When preparing your envelope, please make sure you print information neatly and completely. Indicate what account you want your donation to go for. If you indicate other, please specify. Otherwise it will go into the general fund. Under your amount, please indicate if it is cash or check and put the check number down as well. If you don't do this, the counter has to, which takes time when you are dealing with over 40 envelopes.
2. Remember that Operating Fund and Capital Fund are two (2) different accounts. We cannot tear your check in half, so please put in two separate checks, one for each account. Please put the check numbers on the envelope under the proper fund.
3. Flower and Oil money go into the Operating Fund. They are not memorial account donations. If you are making a donation in memory of someone who has died, please use a separate check. Shirley Mullen and Rev. Margaret handle this. Rev. Margaret will send you a letter acknowledging your donation for tax purposes. It does not get put into the computer.
4. If you miss a week or more you can use one envelope to "catch up". Enclosing multiple envelopes is not helpful. The donation is recorded on the date it is received, not the date on the envelope. It is fine to write one check for the entire amount for the same reason.
5. Unless you are enclosing coins or mailing in your envelope, it is not necessary to seal the envelope. The counters just have to "unseal" the envelope, which takes more time. If you are compelled to seal it, please do so lightly!
6. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mary Wonderlin, Chris Goodman, Sarah Carter, or Craig Keisling.

If you are willing to be included as one of our counters, please contact Mary Wonderlin. We can always use another counter or two.



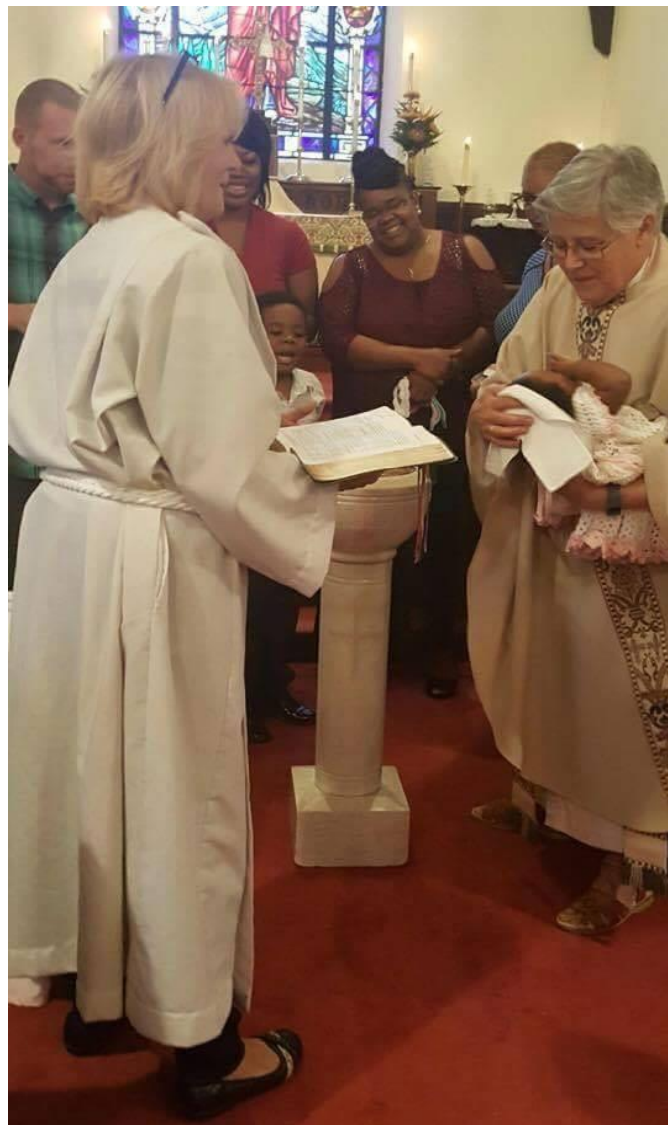


## Baptism, Choir, Sunday School, Picnic



The joy of Holy Baptism at the 10:00 am service on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Highlight Start to New Season



The newly Baptized!



Rev. Margaret & our newest Christian enjoying the Parish Picnic.

## St. Paul's Feeding Ministry

We join St. Andrews to help feed hungry men, women, and children at St. Paul's whenever we have a month in which there are 'five (5)' Sundays. We take the 'fourth' Sunday of that month. Our next opportunity for this wonderful outreach will take place on October 23. If you have any toiletries that you picked up while vacationing this summer and realize you really don't need them, the homeless are in desperate need of them. Bring them to the parish hall and we will see to it they get into the hands of folks who will really appreciate them. If you are sorting your fall/winter wardrobe, we can also take warmer clothes in October. Please wait until that weekend to bring them to the parish hall, and be sure to use kitchen size bags as the stairs leading up to the parish hall is very long and steep. Remember someone has to carry your bags up a very long stairway so don't overfill them!

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

# FUND RAISING & FELLOWSHIP

## The St. John's Christmas Cookie Challenge

Remember the fun Dessert Challenge this past summer? Do YOU make the BEST Christmas Cookies ever? Let's find out and in the process enjoy some wonderful Christmas Cookies! On November 27, enter YOUR Christmas Cookies in the St. John Christmas Cookie Challenge. Like the Dessert Challenge, you will need to pay to enter the contest (NO Chocolate Chip cookies! This is for those special Christmas cookies!). Then at coffee hour you will be able to buy a ticket for \$2.00 to taste all the yummy cookies. Put your ticket in the container with the number corresponding to YOUR favorite cookie. First, Second, and Third places will receive a prize. So get out those recipes and get ready to have a great time enjoying cookies of the season!



## Bible, Books & Coffee Club

October 20 & November 17

The BBC meets every month at Panera's in Voorhees (across from Target on White Horse Road), usually on the third Thursday of the month. It is a wonderful place to meet, get something to drink and/or something to eat, and talk about many things, including the book we are reading. Even if you have not read the book, it is still fun to come to talk because we seldom have a night in which we don't go down a few rabbit trails! So join us! October 20 will be our next gathering. Our book will be "The Courage to Grow Old" by Barbara Crafton. She is a very entertaining author and I think you will enjoy this one!



Remember when searching on the internet or ordering on-line 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. Like the gift cards, this is *free money*, so please invite your friends and family wherever they may be to take advantage of this.

## SCUCS

One of our major outreach efforts is donation of food for SCUCS, an organization in Camden County that provides food for senior citizens in the county. With the current economy, there are many seniors who go hungry every day. We provide reusable grocery bags with suggested items attached to the handle. Pick one up, purchase whatever items you choose, and return the bag the following week. Joyce Root will make sure the food gets to the proper location. They always send us a thank you and are most appreciative of our help. No matter the weather, our older folks all need to eat, so consider helping with this wonderful outreach opportunity.

## Yoga Sundays

Yoga is available on Sunday evenings. It is followed by Zumba and then Tai-Chi. Class begins at 7:00 pm and runs until 9:30 pm. Be sure to bring water and wear comfy clothes!

## Attention music lovers – 'Sunday's at Four'

By Chris Goodman

A series of concerts will be offered once again at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Haddon Heights. Sunday's at Four began last year with much anticipation and has continued to grow in popularity. With collaboration between area choirs, guest musical artists, high school and university musical groups, there is something for everyone!

Admission to the concerts is free and open to the public. Free will offerings are gladly accepted.

This season's series will feature:

Sunday November 13th 2016 Choral Evensong sung by St. Mary's Choir with guest singers and returning organist Joseph Russell of The Curtis Institute of Music.

Sunday December 11th 2016 Seasonal concert by the celebrated Moorestown High School Madrigal Singers

Sunday February 12th 2017 Broadway Classics paired with Valentine treats.

Sunday March 12th 2017 Music of Flute and Piano.

Sunday April 9th 2017 Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine by Gabriel Faure.

Sunday May 7th 2017 Choral and Organ Festival featuring major organ and choral works.

This upcoming season of concerts promises to be an enriching and enjoyable series of events. Be sure to attend one or all, it is a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon.





# The ECW Page

## Memories Courtesy of Joyce Root



Albereta's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday party, September 10, 2007, Seated Dot Simpson, Alberta Wilk, Marion DiCicco, Dorothy Sabot, Rev. Margaret. Standing Julia Turner, Betty Mantzell, Barbara Houghton, Joyce Root, Mary Livingston, Sallie Jones, Thelma Garner, and Arline Potts.



Meryl McNally & Thelma Garner.



Joyce Root, Betty Livingston, Thelma Garner, Betty Sabo, Arline Potts, Alberta Wick, Anna Gibson, & Merle McNally.



British Tea Party??? June Geiger, Dot Sabot, Alberta Wilk, Barbara Houghton, Arline Potts and Thelma Garner.

The ECW met for the first time this year and September 6th. The ladies came up with dates for the regular events of the organization. Watch for news of the events through the Sunday Bulletins and in The Messenger.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Coach Bag Bingo Night. The ECW greatly appreciates everyone who helped with the setup, clean up, and those who came to the event.

The ECW Annual dinner will be held 7:00 pm on October 4th at Philomena.



## Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the fall and winter. A signup 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.



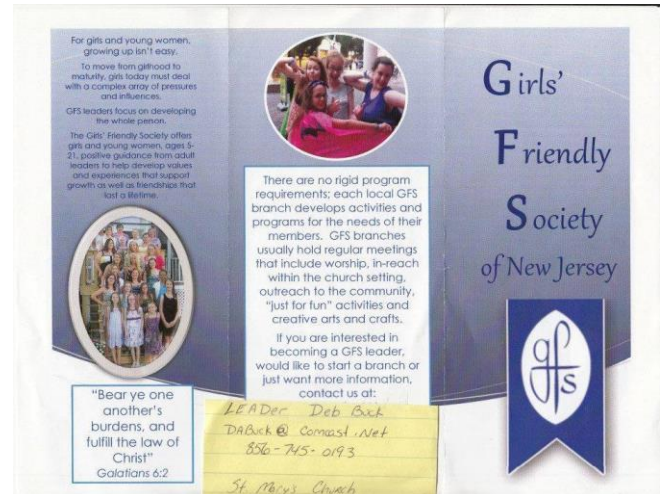
## Spotlight on our Youth:

### Scene's from August's Baking Sunday Fun Day!



## Girls Friendly Society

by Lisa Diem Craddock



To everyone with Girls age 5-21 interested in a youth group for girls, GFS is awesome, I belonged when I was young. First meeting is Sept 26 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm @ St Mary's in Clementon on Blackwood Clementon Rd. it is a fun time, I know my girls love it. Meetings are usually every other Monday night.

### Know Your Story, Tell It Boldly!!!

Our children are invited to read specific Bible stories during the next few months and the *tell* the story to an adult. This can be done with just telling the story or with art work, or acting it out. Any way the child wants to let the adult know that the child understands the story. In December the children who have read all of the stories on the bulletin board will get a prize. All ages are encouraged to participate? *Know Your Story, Tell It Boldly.*

### 10th Annual Steps for Seizures 5k Walk

By Shelby McGrath Myers



Hello everyone ♡:

Please join us for the 10th annual Steps for Seizures 5k walk hosted by Clayton's Hope Organization, which raises funding for Epilepsy research, awareness and support.

Many parishioners have asked us about our upcoming Steps for Seizures walk benefitting Epilepsy Research. I have attached the registration link below, for those wishing to attend. The cost is \$15 per person, which includes a walk t-shirt, Starbucks coffee, snacks, photo booth, face painting and balloon art. My mom (Judy) has created a St Johns team. When you register, click "join a team" and select St Johns - we thank you for your support! Information regarding our organization can be found at [www.claytonshope.org](http://www.claytonshope.org).

# Stewardship Corner

## Letter to the Parish from the Vestry:

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September 18, 2016

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

There are so many things on our minds as we enter the fall season. The children have gone back to school which is an expensive ordeal for parents. We start to look at the upcoming holiday season and the dinners and gifts with our families and friends. We think to ourselves, how will we finance these obligations?

We certainly understand the pressures of meeting all of our financial responsibilities but there is one commitment that we need to put at the top of the list, and that's our pledge for giving to our Church. When we think about our giving to St. John's, we need to look at it as "thanks giving"; thanking God for all of His blessings.

We are running about \$20,000 behind in contributions to meet our budget for this year. We talked about giving up buying a certain brand name cup of coffee once a week or limiting our visits to our favorite family restaurant adding that small amount of money to our contribution to St. John's. These are just small sacrifices that could close our budget gap.

The vestry will be calculating the budget for the coming year, and if we want to be able to continue the mission of St. John's, we need your support. St. John's needs funds to continue to provide pastoral services to you and your families as well as for our outreach programs to assist in our community as Disciples of Christ. St. John's cannot continue to do this without your contributions.

In addition, St. John's is facing some expensive repairs that need our attention very soon. I'm sure that you've seen the sinkhole depression in our parking lot. We've been working on a temporary fix, but truth is, we really need to have this sinkhole fixed correctly and the overall parking lot repaved. We have obtained an estimate of \$40,000 plus for these repairs.

The Vestry would also like to have St. John's Church building and Hall building made handicap accessible. We've looked into an elevator lift system to lift wheelchairs for entry into each building. This upgrade will cost upwards of \$100,000.

These are just two projects that need funding. Within the next couple of years, we will need to look at a new roof and furnace for the rectory. The Parish Hall needs refurbishing with new floor tiles and kitchen cabinets and countertops. We ask for your support with contributions to our Capital Campaign fund.

The Vestry thanks you for all that you do, but ask when making your pledge that you consider the projects that need to be done to keep St. John's financially sound and our buildings safe and comfortable.

We have spoken in the past that Stewardship is not only about funds, but is a combination of Time, Talent and Treasure. We have several members that are untiring in their devotion to serving St. John's; however, we need more of you to become involved. Please consider giving your time as a member of the vestry, choir, altar guild, Sunday school or any one of our various committees. You will find this a very rewarding commitment.

When making your pledge, please look at it as your giving back to God in gratitude for His many blessings. Please return your forms either to me, Reverend Margaret, or in the collection plate no later than October 30, 2016.

Remember that you can have your bank deposit your contributions directly to St. John's.

We appreciate your continued support, and we look forward to serving with you in the coming year.

Thank you,

Your Vestry

## Parish Operating Fund:

<b>Needed Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,300</b>
<b>Needed Year to Date Income</b>	<b>\$118,500</b>
<b>Received Year to Date Income</b>	<b>\$ 96,308</b>
<b>Weekly Capital Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 280</b>
<b>Total Project Costs:</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>
<b>Total Capital Fund Receive to Date</b>	<b>\$ 8,431</b>

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

November 27: Advent 1...Family project for Advent at Coffee Hour  
December 4: Advent 2...St. Nicholas Sunday at Coffee Hour  
December 11: Advent 3...Art Project at Coffee Hour  
December 18: Advent 4...Cookies for Santa at Coffee Hour  
December 23: Pageant supper and dress rehearsal: 5:00 pm  
December 24: Christmas Pageant and Eucharist: 4:30 pm  
Holy Eucharist and Candle lighting: 7:30 pm  
Midnight Mass: 11:30 pm  
December 25: Christmas Day Service (one Service only): 10:00 am  
December 31: Vigil for the New Year and Eucharist 5:00 pm  
January 1: New Year's Day (one Service only): 10:00 am

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*From the Diocese of New Jersey*



**October 22, 2016**

The **Soles for the Harvest 5K Run/Walk** began in 2012 as a joint venture of St. James and St. Matthias Episcopal Churches. The 2014 consolidation of these parishes into Holy Apostles, Yardville created a corps of dedicated volunteers that sustained this annual event through 2015.

During these four years, proceeds from more than 100 runners, walkers, and co-sponsors per year raised more than \$41,000 to benefit a variety of charitable and social justice programs.

Now a Diocesan Jubilee Office event, The DJO All-Volunteer Staff would like to thank Fr. Art Powell, Kristine Byrnes, and the many volunteers for the opportunity to continue this tradition of service in Christ, for our brothers and sisters throughout the diocese.

Join walkers and runners for the fifth annual Soles for the Harvest 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run. The loop course starts at the Cream Ridge Winery, and winds past horse farms and through historic Walnford Park in scenic Cream Ridge, N.J. Race timing provided.

**Register now!**

NEW THIS YEAR- All race proceeds will benefit church-supported feeding programs and food pantries across the Diocese of New Jersey.

ALSO NEW - 100% of the funds you raise will go to the beneficiary agency OF YOUR CHOICE.

**Theo's Cafe Dinner**



Join Bishop Stokes and Young Adults from around the diocese to discuss the topic:

**Voting and Faith:**

Should my Christian beliefs affect my decisions in the voting booth?

Bishop Stokes asks:

In the United States there is a strong recognition of the principle of "separation of Church and State." Does this mean that our identity and beliefs as Christians do not have a place in our consideration of candidates and issues in the up-coming election? How do we square this with the baptismal promises to "persevere in resisting evil," "striving for justice among all people" and "respecting the dignity of every human being?"

**Thursday, October 6 at 7:00 pm**

at

**On the Border Mexican Grill & Cantina, Rt 1 in Princeton**

Register by October 3rd by contacting  
[The Rev. Debi Clarke, Dcn](#) at 609 394-5281, ext. 36.

