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La Consagración del Diácono

After spending the last 18 months serving at St. John's as Deacon in Training, Jorge Martinez along with his 10 class mates was ordained as a vocational deacon by The Right Reverend William H. (Chip) Stokes, D.D. Bishop of New Jersey on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at Trinity Cathedral. Jorge was presented for the Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons by The Rev. Canon Pedro S. Guzman, Vicar, Church of St. Andrew, Apostle and Martyr, Camden, The Rev. Margaret Sterchi, Rector, Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Chews Landing, The Rev. Arthur Knight, Deacon, Steve DeBaun, Luz Liriano, and Bienvenida Martinez. Members of St. John's Choir, Chris Goodman, Judy Vaughn-Sterling, and Phyllis Sowers along with Bob Goodman joined with choristers from other parishes throughout the diocese in forming a choir which presented music selections for the ceremony. The Rev. William Doubleday, Priest-in Charge, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Mt. Kisco, NY and a member of the staff training staff preached the Sermon. Bishop Stokes laid hands upon the head of ordinand Jorge and prayed in Spanish. "Por tanto, Padre, por medio de Jesucristo tu Hijo, derrama sobre Jorge, tu Espiritu Santo; colmale con de gracia y poder, y que él un diácono en tu Iglesia."

Sunday, May 10 Rev. Jorge preached at the 10:00 am St. John's Eucharist and then was treated to a surprise party by the congregation. Rev. Jorge will serve as Deacon at St. Andrew's in Camden.

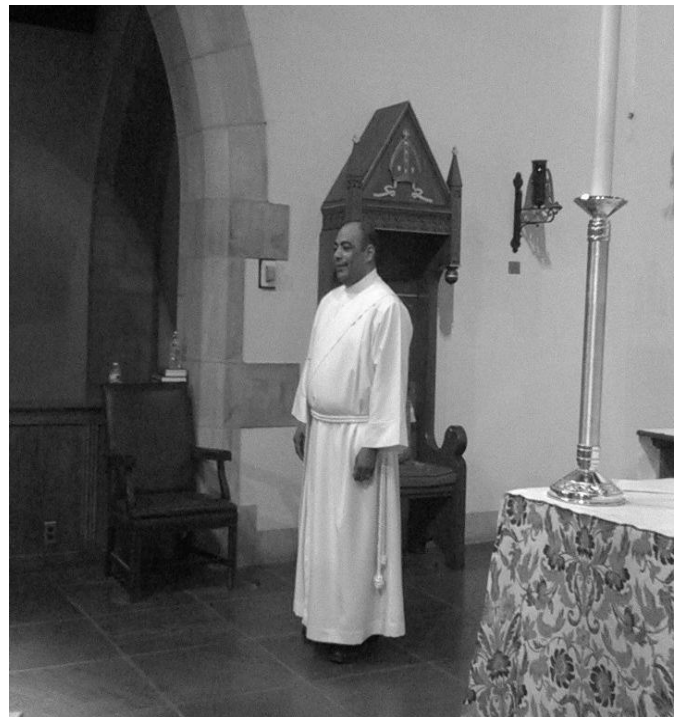
BBC Book Club on June 18 & July 16



Books, Bible, and Coffee
7:00 pm Panera Bread, Voorhees,
NJ

The BBC is back meeting at Panera's on White Horse Road in Voorhees. The meetings take place 7:00 pm on the third Thursday each month. It is a great opportunity to share thoughts on the current book. However, even if you have not read the book we also just have great fellowship, so you are more than welcome to join us! Watch the bulletin for the current book. In June we will meet on the 18th and in July on the 16th. Watch the bulletin or the website for the book selection.

Jorge Antonely Liriano Martinez



The newlyordained Reverend Jorge Antonely Liriano Martinez, Deacon at Trinity Cathedral, May 9, 2015. (Photo courtesy Bob Goodman)



Choir



Choir will wind down on June 14 with the final Sunday service on Father's Day. Your Rector is extremely grateful to the hard work that all of these men and women put in week after week to provide us with such wonderful music. This does not happen by magic. It helps that their voices blend so well, but it takes work and dedication to sound as good as our mighty choir sounds. I thank each and every one of them. You make my heart sing every Sunday! Thank you as well to Trish Fronczek for leading this wonderful group. It has been a rough year with her health, but thanks be to God the health issue has been resolved and she is fully settled in her new apartment. This summer she will continue to look for new anthems for the choir to sing in the fall as well as be with us on Sundays for our usual services. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to all of you! Enjoy your summer.

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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 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, Kelly Baylouny, 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.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

May 31:	Sunday School Celebration!
May 31:	Make-up date for pictures
June 1:	Last ECW meeting for the year 10:00 am
June 6:	Gloucester Township Day
June 18:	BBC at Panera's 7:00 pm
June 23:	Vestry 7:00 pm
July 16:	BBC at Panera's 7:00 pm
July 28:	Vestry 7:00 pm

Remember to mark your calendar



From the Rector's Desk

Yesterday I took a mini-retreat. I took it because it is the last chance I have to take a day to just "be" with God before I leave for the annual Gathering of the Anamchara Fellowship. As always, I found this day to be a wonderful time of just rest, reflection, and reading. I spent time sitting by the window, gazing out on God's creation in wonder at the complexity and beauty of it all. I read the rest of our book for the BBC and then turned to some Celtic Spirituality. I read and reflected on some chapters in the formation manual for the Anamchara Fellowship. I napped. And I prayed...a lot. At the end of the day I came to the realization that I am indeed following God's call into the Religious Life. Probably two weeks from the day I am writing this I will be taking promises as a Religious in Transition and will begin wearing the Habit.

This will be a change. I know that for some change is not a welcome part of life. Some find it stressful, uncomfortable, or downright scary. Other than my appearance, there will be very little change for most of you. The way I do ministry in the Parish may change a little, but probably very little in how you see my ministry. I will be in prayer more often, although I am already doing that. Many of you have noticed that at noon and at 6PM my phone begins a lovely little ditty. It is simply a reminder that it is time for me to pray, if at all possible. Sometimes I stop what I am doing for prayer. Sometimes I put it off until I can finish what I am doing. Sometimes I just have to let it go. But every morning and every night I will be praying Morning Prayer and Compline, which has been a part of my life for years. I will be writing more, but not what you will see or notice for the most part. My primary ministry will continue to be serving as your Rector, just now wearing even funnier clothes than the collar on backwards (which I will still wear).

My hope and prayer for the good people of St. John is this new ministry I am taking on will simply deepen my prayer life, my faith, and of course my love of the Lord. If you have questions about all of this, please give me a call or corner me at coffee hour. Ask away. This will be an opportunity for you to also find ways to deepen your prayer life and faith in our Lord. If you would like to join me in prayer, let me know. I will be more than happy to accommodate you so we can pray together.

I have one thing to ask of all of you. That is to keep me in your prayers as I begin this new life. I firmly believe it will change me, and just maybe change St. John's to an even brighter beacon on the hill. God sometimes calls us to new and exciting ministry that means change. This is not a bad thing. It may be a bit strange, but we only need to trust in God and know it is the RIGHT thing. How is God calling YOU?

Reverent Margaret +

Sabbatical

One question that comes up about Sabbaticals is what does the person actually do while on Sabbatical? This varies from person to person, and frequently varies within the Sabbatical itself. It is NOT an extended vacation, nor is it intended to work on some sort of educational degree. However there is often an aspect of education within the Sabbatical and certainly there is an aspect of rest. This is an opportunity for the person to possibly learn a new skill or refresh and old skill. It can also be a time to take a continuing education class in a distant place. Sometimes the person will take the opportunity to go on an extended retreat for a month, or maybe longer. This is also a time for the cleric to reconnect with family. Family often gets put on the back burner during pastoral crises, whether the immediate family or extended family. Finally there is a time that can be set aside for focus just on the loved ones who support the cleric but often times rarely see him or her. This may also be a time to spend an extended time on a favorite hobby, one that has been laid aside for many years. All of these activities provide rest, refreshment, and renewal that not only energized the clergy person but also results in fresh energy for the ministry of the Parish.

Comments? Let's talk!

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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.

Deadline for the Back to School Messenger Sunday, July 19, 2015

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

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

SUNDAY FUNDAYS and SUNDAES

Coming to a church near you (that would be St. John the Evangelist) this summer we will have Sunday Fundays for the children (and some adults) of the parish. Watch for more information, but the plan for now is to have a LaCross Clinic or two, a Soccer Clinic or two, Cooking opportunities, Arts and Craft projects, Board Game Sunday, and an outdoor Eucharist with the children taking on the ministry roles. A flyer will be available to let you know what is happening when and where so you know where to drop off the kids. Adults may stay with the children or pick them up after service. Sometimes the kids will be in a nearby park and sometimes they will be in the parish hall. Be sure they are dressed in comfortable clothes that can stand a little dirt! Sunday School Teachers are invited to join in the fun, but they are not "allowed" to lead an activity. Older teens are invited and encouraged to pick an activity they enjoy and introduce it to the younger children. Let Mary Wonderlin (856-783-6805) know if you are willing to take the lead one Sunday. So don't forget, Ice Cream Sundaes begin June 14!

Summer Fun Days Sign-Up

May 31 – Final Day of Sunday School
June 7 - TBD
June 14 – Lacrosse Fun Day – Joe Baylouney
June 21 – Musical Fun – Chris Goodman, Judy Vaughn-Sterling, & Trish Fronczek
June 28 – Soccer Fun Day - Jermaine Rolle
July 5 – Independence Weekend - TBD
July 12 – Churchyard Scavenger Hunt – Mary Wonderlin
July 19 - TBD
July 26 - TBD
Aug. 2 – Baking – Matt Torpey
Aug. 9 – Games Fun Day – Pat Bosch & Linda Ambler
Aug. 16 – Crafts – Casey, Frank, and Bernie
Aug. 23 – Food Prep – Matt Torpey
Aug. 30 - TBD

Sunday School

May 31 will bring this year's Sunday School to a close. Once again we have had a wonderful year. Patti Tallaksen and Pam Sichelstiel held up under the onslaught of many preschoolers, kindergarteners, and younger along with parental volunteers. As always, the children had a wonderful year. Sharon Sweeten and Jess Robinson took on the elementary age gang, again with the help of some volunteers. This group had a great year with some new and interesting ways to involve the whole family. Finally, Susan Jones continued with the teens, providing them with a safe place to talk and share their faith. And of course we also had our Best Christmas Pageant EVER! Thanks to the teachers, the students, and to the parents for making this year so great. If the parents don't bring the children, they won't be able to participate. Next year we will look forward to a Confirmation/Reception class as well as a Holy Communion Class!

Noisy Sunday

We continue to collect donations on Noisy Sunday. Sometimes we either forget to pass the can or it is not an opportune time for the collection. But by and large at the last weekend of the month we collect funds for the South Jersey Food Bank and Almost Home Animal Shelter. The first two months of this year we collected \$105.69. Thank you to everyone who made a donation. Every penny counts!

The Realm

The Realm is the method we record and keep track of our membership. It is an online service that allows us, and you, to make sure we have the latest information on all of our members. By signing onto The Realm you can verify your information, add information, check your donations that have been recorded to date, and even find other members (although you will not have access to their financial information). We are hoping we can even print out a current directory, once we know we have everyone's correct information. You are encouraged to go to The Realm and make sure we have correct information for you. The easiest way to sign into The Realm: <https://onrealm.org/TheChurchStJohn/Signin> Once you sign in you can access your information. If you have any questions please contact Lee Jones at h20doc1@comcast.net. If you see information that is in error and cannot figure out how to fix it, just send an email to Lee or Rev. Margaret and they can take care of it. The more of us willing to check this out, the better our information will be. And you can find anyone in the parish you need to contact by this means. Check it out!

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.

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.





On Thursday, May 28, 2015, Gloucester Township police Chief Earle & Lt. McKendry presented a retirement plaque to P/T SLEO 1 John Ferguson after 39 years of service.

Crossing Guard Retiring

Sunday is also the last day that John will be serving as out crossing guard. He will be retiring at the end of that day and then will come join us in a pew! It would be wonderful if we can all pick up thank you cards to give to John this Sunday to honor him. I will do my best to get him into the Parish Hall!

Pictures Make Up Date

May 31, Trinity Sunday is the make-up date for your family photo. Just hang out in the church or come back to church about 11:30 to get your photo taken. Shelby Myers works fast, so it will not take too long.

St. Paul's Feeding Ministry

Once again we are feeding hungry men, women, and children at St. Paul's on May 24. It will have taken place by the time you read this, but I am willing to go out on a limb and once again predict we will have a whole lot of fun and will feed some very grateful people. The Reverend Jorge Martinez will be with us and it will be a joy to serve beside him once again. Our next opportunity to feed hungry folks will be August 23. Mark your calendars now!

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



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 s 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

11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Rev. Jorge Martinez, Deacon



Rev. Jorge Martinez first Sunday as celebrant at St. Andrew's Sunday, May 18.



The Right Reverend William H. (Chip) Stokes, D.D. Bishop of New Jersey with the newly ordained Deacons, Magdalena Mary Aders, William John Balmer, Carolyn Ann Bradley, Paul Scott Chalakani, Evelyn Alice Yorke Chamberlain, Naomi May Cressman, Dorothea Cecelia Nesley Hospador, Jorge Antonely Liriano Martinez, Chizoba Uzoamaka Nwankwo, & Trisha Ann Thorne at Trinity Cathedral, May 9, 2015. (Photo courtesy Bob Goodman)



At St. Paul's with Rev. Margaret Sterchi, Rev. Canon Martin Gutwein, and Rev. Jorge Martinez seen here at St. Paul's, Camden.



Celebrating with Jorge at Trinity Cathedral.

Outreach at St. Paul's



Lending a Helping Hand in Camden



Join Us August 23 at St. Paul's



