

Congratulations to the Rev. Mark Beckwith!

On Saturday, September 23, 2006, 477 deputies gathered to cast their votes for the Tenth Bishop of Newark. A concurrent majority in both the clergy order and the lay order was required to elect the next bishop. The Rev. Mark Beckwith of All Saints, Worcester, MA was elected on the third ballot with 87 clergy votes (80 were needed) and 166 lay votes (160 were needed).



The Rev. Mark Beckwith, Bishop-Elect

A Message from the Rev. Mark Beckwith

I want to thank the people of the Diocese of Newark for the invitation to serve as your next Bishop. It was during my eleven years of service in the Diocese – from 1982 – 1993, that I was formed as a priest. It was among my colleagues and the two congregations I served (St. Peter’s, Morristown and Christ Church, Hackensack) that I learned about how to take risks for the sake of the Gospel, and dared to be creative by fully engaging the genius of the Anglican tradition.

This entire nomination and election process has felt like an ongoing invitation from the living Christ who continually breathes new life into my soul. Christ’s invitation also came from the initial seven questions from the Profile committee, the visits from members of the Nominating Committee in Worcester and my on-site visit with them; and the marathon walk-about week during which so much passion for the Church and commitment to the faith was palpably evident.

I want to thank the members of the Nominating Committee who have been bulwarks of support through this process. I want to thank my community of colleagues who walked this last part of the journey with me – Michael, Carol, Petero, Chip, and Bill. We provided inspiration, energy and humor for each other. I want to thank my family, especially my wife Marilyn who has been my soul mate through this period of transition.

Let me conclude with a favorite prayer of mine that I used several times during the walkabout week; a prayer attributed to the Rev. William Sloan Coffin, and which provides a framework for what lies ahead for all of us: “May God give us the grace to never sell ourselves short; grace to risk something big for something good; grace to remember that the world is too dangerous now for anything but truth, and too small for anything but love.”

Parishioners Bring Hammers and Hope to Mississippi

Ten members of St. Michael’s, Wayne traveled to Ocean Springs, MS in late July to assist in the Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts. Under the leadership of the Rev. Liz Golub, priest associate at St. Michael’s, the team worked on two homes as part of the Christus Victor Lutheran Church (CVLC) outreach that began as a coordinated effort of the Lutheran-Episcopal Relief Services on the gulf coast. It was the journey of a lifetime as Jesus empowered each person to be his hands, feet,

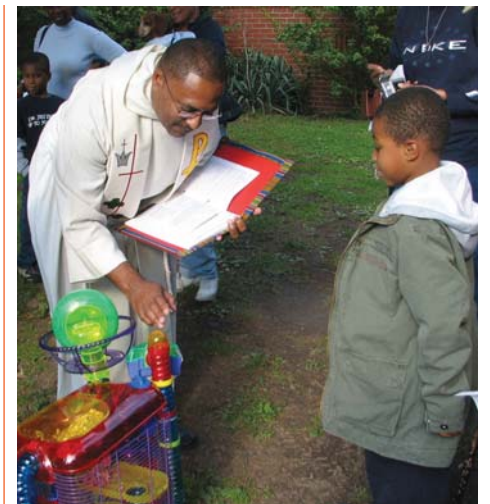
eyes, ears and voice. They brought hope and encouragement to an area hard hit by the costliest and one of the most deadly hurricanes in US history.

The team stayed at Camp Victor, a volunteer center housing up to 200 people in a converted warehouse. CVLC also runs a food distribution center for needy families and currently coordinates the work on 75 homes with a waiting list of 300 more. Up at dawn every day, the volunteers cooked breakfast or

cleaned bathrooms and then went out to work. Led by Al Grieg, Ernie Peterson and Bob Rohner the St. Michael’s crew did finishing work in the home of a Vietnamese family of six who hoped to move back in after almost a year in a FEMA trailer. At a second site the ladies and teens had the time of their life salvaging bricks and demolishing concrete pillars. This crew included 3 generations of one family: mother Lois Peterson, daughter Kristin DeVos and her grandchildren, Peter and Katie. They chipped mortar and hauled bricks along with Jan Sivertsen, St. Michael’s Minister of Music and parishioner Destiny Sollers in order to make a wheelchair path for the homeowner, a disabled veteran who hopes to be able to rebuild.

There are still so many debris-filled properties along the Gulf coast and streets close to the water are empty and desolate. Resources and manpower are scarce and the team heard over and over that if it weren’t for the various groups coming down to assist, there would be no rebuilding. During our week we prayed together, celebrated Eucharist and reflected on this incredible adventure. There is so much hope in evidence and God really did amazing things in Mississippi and in each of us. Lois Peterson sums it up best: “I saw God at work in all these places, in the lives of the workers and in all of us. Would I do it again? When do we leave?”

St. Michael’s Mission Team (left to right): Jan Sivertsen, Al Grieg, Lois Peterson, Katie DeVos, Kristin DeVos, Peter DeVos, Liz Golub, Destiny Sollers, Bob Rohner and Ernie Peterson.

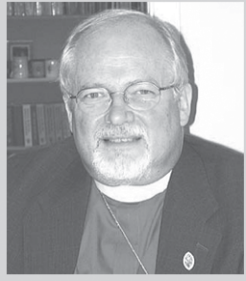


Many “Blessing of the Animals” services were held in early October to honor St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Above, the Rev. Joseph Harmon of Church of the Incarnation, Jersey City held an outdoor service. Below, the Rev. David DeSmith of St. David’s, Kinnelon welcomed smaller animals inside for blessings; larger ones were blessed in absentia.



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The Bishop's Message

Season's Greetings

After 43 years of ordained ministry, Charles Price remains one of my all-time heroes – both as teacher and preacher. (He taught me Liturgics and Systematic Theology, although that should not be held against him.) This quote is from a sermon he preached in 1962:

Fall is the crown of the year. Grain which sprouted last spring stands golden in the fields, ready for harvest. The trees which bore pink and lavender blossoms in the spring, whose leaves were an early tracery of delicate green, now show brilliant copper and brass. The life which was new in April has reached its term. Frost has touched it – death has touched it – and its glory has been revealed. As with the season of the natural year, so with the season of Christian doctrine. All Saints' is the crown of the year. The new life which burst from its tomb last Easter, which communicated itself to the faith of a few, which has grown through history, so to speak, during the long green Sundays of Trinity, has now reached full term. History itself stands ready for harvest, and we anticipate the eschatological gold and glory of that life which shall be. All Saints' Day has come.

"...As with the season of the natural year, so with the season of Christian doctrine." And so with the season of diocesan life cycles and congregational life cycles and personal life cycles.

The "congregational life cycle" has been introduced to many of us through the Congregational Development work within our diocese. I believe this concept is appropriate not

only for congregations, but also for the Diocese, and for each of us personally, as well. All of life – whether individual or corporate – finds itself somewhere on a continuum that runs from *birth* through *growth*, to *stability*, to *decline*, to *death*. When we are honest, identifying where we are is the easy part. As a Christian, I believe new life is possible at every stage of the cycle. The challenge is to realize that different responses are needed for each stage of the continuum.

Growth periods vary in length, time, and degree, but not too difficult to identify. It is during the periods of stability that we need to **redefine** our vision, share our accomplishments, our recognized changes, and define our goals for the future.

During periods of decline, our task is to **redevelop**, discover, and claim some new and different purpose. It means to face into the dynamics of change, and it takes skilled and differentiated leadership.

It is when we see ourselves in serious decline, approaching death, that we turn to rebirth as the only real option – radical change, different purpose – new ministry. The actual tragedy for us would be not that we would find ourselves in decline – but rather that we would be unwilling or unable to live and die our way into new life.

Well, here's the Good News. We are a people – called by God – loved, forgiven, reclaimed – called to find our way from life through death to new life. We are resurrection people. In the fall of this year, recognize that frost has touched us, and God's Glory is being revealed.

+ John Palmer Croneberger

Saludo de la Estación

Después de 43 años de ministerio ordenado, Charles Price continúa siendo uno de mis grandes héroes – tanto como profesor como predicador. (Él me enseñó Liturgia y Teología Sistemática, aunque no por eso se debe pensar mal de él.) Esta declaración es de uno de sus sermones que predicó en 1962:

El Otoño es la corona del año. El grano que surgió en la primavera se alza dorado en los campos, listo para la cosecha. Los árboles que se revistieron de flores rosadas y lavanda en la primavera, cuyas hojas eran un trazado de verde delicado, ahora despliegan luminoso cobre y bronce. La vida que era nueva en Abril ha llegado a su término. El hielo la ha tocado – la muerte la ha tocado – y su Gloria ha sido revelada. Al igual que la estación del año natural, lo mismo pasa con la estación de la doctrina Cristiana. El Día de Todos los Santos es la corona del año. La

nueva vida que brotó de su tumba el día de Pascua, que se conectó con la fe de unos pocos, y que ha crecido a través de la historia, por así decir, durante los largos domingos verdes de la Trinidad, ahora ha llegado a su término completo. La Historia en sí misma se alza lista para la cosecha, y anticipamos el dorado escatológico y la gloria de esa vida que va a ser. El Día de Todos los Santos ha llegado.

"...Al igual que la estación del año natural, lo mismo pasa con la estación de la doctrina Cristiana." Así también con la estación de los ciclos de la vida diocesana y los de la vida de las congregaciones y los de la vida personal.

El "ciclo de vida de congregaciones" se nos ha sido presentado a muchos de nosotros mediante la labor del Desarrollo de Congregaciones dentro de nuestra Diócesis. Creo que este concepto es apropiado no solo

Clergy Conference 2006

By the Rt. Rev. Dr. Carol J. Gallagher

Warm October afternoons and beautiful fall foliage were but a few of the wonderful aspects of the Diocese of Newark Clergy Conference 2006, held at the Shawnee Inn along the Delaware River in Pennsylvania, October 9 through 11. The Rev. Dr. Kathy Grieb, professor of New Testament from the Virginia Seminary was the keynote speaker, and brought us her many gifts and insights into the Anglican understanding of Holy Scripture. Her lectures were full of humor and deep understanding of human need, and she took time to answer questions and sit with clergy during breaks and meals to discuss her work with the other Anglican theologians and the ongoing dialogue around the Windsor Report.

Dr. Grieb's teaching and insights were wonderful affirmations for the clergy as they reflected with Bishop Croneberger on his Episcopate in the Diocese of Newark. Tuesday night was devoted to a dialog between the Bishop and the clergy honoring their ministries together over his years in the Diocese. Many took the time to share their thanksgivings for Bishop Croneberger's ministry and told touching stories about his tender pastoral interactions and his bold, faithful leadership. There was much laughter and many tears as the evening unfolded.

Bishop Croneberger was presented with the Golden Softball and Holy Bat Award for his undefeated record as Softball team player/manager of what has come to be described as the October Classic. Dozens of clergy came forward who had played softball with Bishop Croneberger and many funny stories were told about the many antics and accidental injuries during these games. Unfortunately, this year there was no softball game, since the Inn was having a press conference attended by politicians and dignitaries and the lawn was full of helicopters. But the valiant clergy sportspersons did not give up easily. They played volleyball instead. Others took to canoes and kayaks to better enjoy the beauty of Tuesday's long, free afternoon.

The Clergy Conference is always a time for rest and renewal along with the continuing education that our keynoter provides. There is always a concern for body, mind and spirit during the three days we are together. Laughter and boisterous conversation rings through the halls when the clergy get together. There is an opportunity for worship in a variety of styles and we also share music from a variety of expressive traditions. The final session on Wednesday morning included brief remarks from Dr. Grieb and a service of prayer and healing. This is a time for those gathered to ask for God's blessing and renewal as they return to their congregations and homes, renewed and energized for the shared ministry ahead.



Clergy present Bishop Croneberger with the Golden Softball and Holy Bat Award for his undefeated record as Softball team player and manager.

para las congregaciones, sino también para la Diócesis, y para cada uno de nosotros personalmente. Todo en la vida – bien sea individual o institucional – se encuentra en algún punto de un continuo que va desde *nacimiento* a *crecimiento*, *estabilidad*, *decadencia*, y *muerte*. Cuando somos honestos, lo fácil es el identificar dónde estamos en el continuo. Como cristiano creo que es posible encontrar nueva vida en cada etapa del ciclo. El desafío es el darnos cuenta de que se necesitan diferentes respuestas para cada una de esas etapas.

Los períodos de Crecimiento varían en extensión, tiempo, y grado, pero no son muy difíciles de identificar. Es durante los períodos de estabilidad que necesitamos **redefinir** nuestra visión, hablar sobre nuestros éxitos y cambios evidentes, y definir nuestras metas para el futuro.

Durante períodos de decadencia nuestra tarea es el **volver a desarrollar**, descubrir, y abrazar un propósito nuevo y diferente. Significa el adentrarnos en las dinámicas de

cambio, y para ello se necesita liderazgo diferenciado y conocedor.

Es cuando nos vemos en seria decadencia, acercándonos a la muerte, que vemos al renacer como la única opción real – cambio radical, propósito diferente – nuevo ministerio. La tragedia actual para nosotros sería no que nos encontráramos en decadencia – sino que no tuviéramos el deseo o fuéramos incapaces de entrar en el proceso de vida y muerte que lleva a vida nueva.

Bien, he aquí la Buena Nueva. Somos un Pueblo – llamado por Dios – amado, perdonado, reclamado – llamado a encontrar nuestro camino desde la vida a través de la muerte hacia vida nueva. Somos el pueblo de la resurrección. En el Otoño de este año, reconocemos que el hielo nos ha tocado, y la Gloria de Dios está siendo revelada.

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**A Personal Reflection:
Taking a Sabbatical**

The Rev. Fain Webb,
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It was a simple sabbatical that I took this summer, but the ten weeks away from my home congregation gave me time to rest, read, pray, play, and to connect with other priests, family and God. I had no idea how much I needed this time, and I am grateful to my congregation, Good Shepherd, Wantage, for encouraging me to take this precious time.

I didn't write a dissertation or go on pilgrimage to Iona. What I did, however, brought me peace, joy, connections, and a renewed spirit. I write this article to persuade other congregations and priests to consider time apart.

The gifts of the sabbatical cannot be summed up by what I did while on sabbatical. However, I got to do some things I really enjoyed. I went to the Fingerlakes Conference on prayer, with The Rev. Dr. Margaret Guenther as lead lecturer. I went to a week long workshop at Kirkridge in the Poconos. I spent two marvelous weeks with the Sisters of St. John Baptist. With my husband, we visited his parents in Tennessee, our daughter in Maryland, my brother in Pennsylvania, a son in Maine. We had much-needed time to pay attention to family. I read about 15 of the 30 books I purchased to read during this time. (At least eight of them were murder mysteries!) I slept until I wasn't tired. I wrote, I walked, I prayed, I slowed down. I also picked a few priests of this diocese to interview, learning what they were excited about in their ministries and what kept them God-centered (when they were). These conversations gave me information and deeper connections.

I came back the Sunday after Labor Day to a congregation that was ready to celebrate my return. That felt very good. I felt equally glad to see them. I came back with new ideas, new intentions for the congregation and for my own self-care. I will continue to interview a different priest each month to keep learning from the talented clergy of this diocese. I will continue to rest when I need to; and to pray even if I think I don't need to. Together with the people of Good Shepherd, we will sift through the ideas I have brought back and see what fits God's vision for ministry where we are.

I want to thank The Rev. Gray Lesesne for convincing me that a sabbatical could be possible from a mission church; Bishop Croneberger for supporting this time apart; my husband John Webb for accompanying me in part of this journey and letting go of me for other parts in the same good spirit. I want to thank The Rev. Ronnie Stout-Kopp for supplying as priest for Good Shepherd. Especially, I thank the members of The Church of the Good Shepherd for taking good care of one another while I was away, and my senior warden, Ken Meredith for keeping things keeping on.

If your priest has not been on a sabbatical in the last seven years, you might consider giving him or her the opportunity. We all need Sabbath time.

Clergy Family Gathering

On Saturday, October 7th, a group of people got together at St. Paul's, Montvale for pizza, fellowship and conversation. The gathering was for clergy with their spouses and partners, and any children who would care to attend. It provided an opportunity to share stories about the unique blessings and challenges in their family lives and to talk about ways in which the diocese could support their lives and ministries, and the kind of resources that might be helpful for new clergy and families coming in to the Diocese of Newark. There was great enthusiasm, much laughter and a hope that there would be a variety of events and functions that would honor and strengthen clergy family life. Several more events are being planned.

Anyone interested in more information can contact the Rev. Allison Moore (allimoore@earthlink.net) or the Rev. Ed Hasse (edhasse@optonline.net) who, along with Diocesan Youth Missioner Kaileen Alston (kalston@dioceseofnewark.org) and Bishop Gallagher are coordinating the planning of these events.

**Hospitality Reaches Beyond Every Border:
A Visit to Seaman's Church Institute**

By the Rt. Rev. Dr. Carol J. Gallagher

I had the great opportunity to spend a day this summer with one of the chaplains, the Rev. Marge Lindstrom, and to watch the ministry of the Seaman's Church Institute in action. First, I was given a tour of their building and met some of the staff. Then, outfitted with a green day-glow bright vest that declared we were chaplains, with ID in place we set out for a tour of the port of Newark and visits with the seamen. The first thing I learned was of the magnitude of the work that is done at the port of Newark. One of the largest ports in the US, the port of Newark employs nearly 260,000 people, almost a small city unto itself. Security has been very tight since 9-11 and our chaplains, along with everyone else, have to pass through security gates and identify themselves on a regular basis. Many of the security and other ground employees greeted Marge as we went, a tribute to the constant and welcome presence of this ministry. After a tour of the docks, and watching several ships as they were loaded with cargo, we boarded a vessel that originated in the Philippines, carrying magazines and books for the crew. They welcomed us, kindly sharing their lunch of fish, soup, steamed vegetables and rice, and several told us about their lives back home. They have little contact with their families for long periods of time, and are frequently so briefly in any port that they cannot even get off the vessel in order to make long distance calls home. Since security has become so tight, there are few places that have pay phones even if they were able to go on shore. The chaplains provide calling cards and cell phones for them to use.

After a long visit on board, we climbed down the steep rope and steel steps and continued to visit around the port. As we were getting ready to return to the Institute for Eucharist, we were stopped by a group of Croatian seaman who had a few free hours and needed transportation to the shopping mall. The Institute chaplains provide transportation for them on a regular basis, and take time to find out when they need to be transported back.

The Seaman's Church Institute and the chaplains and staff provide a variety of services for their community. They live radical hospitality every day, reaching out to people from all over the world, who face long separation from family and friends, and who move quickly in and out with the cargo. Our chaplains offer a sense of home and welcome to strangers and friends alike. They share the love of Christ in every act by offering hospitality that reaches beyond every border. I was blessed to serve a day with these wonderful people and encourage us all to support their ministry, which is so essential to the life of the Diocese of Newark and the livelihood of so many in New York and New Jersey.





The nominees for Tenth Bishop of Newark visited St. Gregory's, Parsippany on Sunday, September 10th and worshipped together there. St. Gregory's provided a time and a place of respite for them during their intense week of Presentation Sessions. Pictured from left to right are: Marilyn Olson, Mark Beckwith, Paul Burrows, Michael Barlowe, Cynthia Potter, Maureen Fonseca, Petero Sabune, "Chip" Stokes, Susan Stokes, Mark Gallagher, and Carol Gallagher. (William Potter not pictured here)

Statements Offered By Candidates After the Election of Mark Beckwith as 10th Bishop of Newark

From the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe:

(September 23, 2006) It was an honor and blessing to have been a part of the discernment of the Diocese of Newark in electing their 10th bishop. In electing Mark Beckwith, the diocese has chosen a great bishop who, I know, will be a talented leader and a faithful pastor.

My prayers have been with the people of Newark throughout this discernment, and I will continue to pray with the diocese as they begin an exciting and fruitful era of mission and ministry.

To all those who have prayed with me and for me during this discernment, I give my thanks and love. I have felt God's abiding and transforming presence throughout this discernment, and the extraordinary blessing of being in the midst of the prayers of so many faithful people.

To gay and lesbian persons, both in and outside the Church, I give my personal testimony that faithfulness in our call to serve God, though difficult in the current ecclesial culture, is part of the gift God wants us to share with the Church and the world. God is calling lesbian and gay persons to be bishops, priests, deacons and lay ministers in the Church, and we must never deny God's call.

To those who were troubled by the nomination of a gay, partnered priest to be a bishop, I pledge my continuing love and prayers. You are my sisters and brothers in Christ, and I hope you come to know me and other gay and lesbian persons in the fullness of our lives and in our faithfulness to God. The election of gay, partnered clergy as bishops is not about the Church doing something novel; the Church has been doing this for centuries, possibly for as long as there has been a church. The new thing the Episcopal Church is doing is electing and consecrating us openly and honestly. How can God not be in a movement toward such honesty and health?

Paul Burrows joins me in our prayers for God's blessings on the Diocese of Newark, and for Mark Beckwith, Marilyn Olson and their family.

From the Rt. Rev. Dr. Carol Gallagher

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I have been so blessed to serve along side all of you in this diocese. I truly rejoice in the election of the Rev. Mark Beckwith, who will provide tremendous leadership and a faithful spirit serving as the 10th Bishop of Newark. I want to thank the Nominating Committee for their wonderful leadership, as well as the other candidates; Petero, Chip, Michael and Bill whose loving companionship and faithful offering has helped to encourage and transform the life of this wonderful diocese. It was an incredible honor for me to be considered as one of the candidates for the 10th Bishop of Newark. I look forward to continuing serving with all of you as God leads us all in the living out of Christ's Gospel.

From the Rev. William Potter:

For the privilege and honor of being one of the candidates in this election I will forever be grateful to God and to all of the clergy and laity of this diocese. I congratulate Mark on his election. Mark and his wife Marilyn are magnificent people and extremely gifted. As our Diocese seeks to discover the new possibilities that today's challenges create, we must be truly open to Mark's leadership. Our new bishop needs our total support. I know he has mine.

From the Very Rev. Petero Sabune:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You have elected a wonderful priest to be your 10th. Bishop. I called Mark yesterday to congratulate him and assure him of my prayers and support.

During the walkabouts, we met with over 1000 leaders in five days, during 30 conversations. My prayer for you and for Mark is that you continue with the energy and the focus generated during those days.

I want to thank you for giving me the joy of sharing with you the Good News and I know that your new Bishop will be great. Thanks to the nominating committee, and all the people who participated in this process.

Blessings to you.

From the Rev. William ("Chip") Stokes:

(September 23, 2006) The Church is blessed today by the results of the election in Newark. Congratulations to Mark Beckwith. We became friends during the nominating process. I am confident he will be an extraordinary Bishop of Newark. I am grateful to God for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of the process in Newark, and so, a part of the conversation about the life of the Church. The Diocese of Newark is a wondrous part of God's reign. With an amazing diversity of people, the Diocese of Newark presents many exciting opportunities and challenges to which God is calling the clergy and the laity alike. All will have to join Mark in giving their best efforts and commitment to Christ and his work.

I am grateful to the Nominating Committee, the Transition Committee and the Standing Committee for their graciousness and the tremendous job they have done.

I wish to express my appreciation and affection for the other nominees Michael, Carol, Bill and Petero who are faithful people, stellar clergy and whose vibrant and Spirit-filled ministries are an enormous gift and blessing to the Church. I would also like to acknowledge, not just my wife Susan, but all of our spouses, Paul, Marilyn, Mark, Cynthia and Maureen and our families. They have stood by us throughout a stressful process. They too are an incredible blessing and gift to the Church.

I feel a special need to acknowledge the courage of Michael Barlowe and his partner, Paul Burrows. Sadly throughout this process, the media and many others have labeled and defined Michael by only one dimension of his life. In doing this, they have dehumanized him and missed the extraordinary person he is. They have ignored the outstanding service he has rendered to Christ's Church and the exceptional gifts and talents he brings to Christ's ministry. Just as generations in the past have found it necessary to repent of injustices done to others - injustices often dressed in specious biblical mandates and supported with questionable theological absolutes - I am confident that this generation and this Communion will one day recognize a need to repent of its dehumanizing treatment of gay and lesbian persons. It is my prayer that, in response to the invitation of Resolution #8 of the 1958 Lambeth Conference, the Church will be open to the movement of God's Spirit in this.

I wish to acknowledge the incredible people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach who have loved me, taught me, challenged me and supported me and my family for nearly eight years. They were generous of heart and giving of themselves as I participated in the Newark process - a process about which they had great ambivalence.

My thoughts, prayers and best wishes to Bishop and Mrs. Croneberger. I give thanks for them and for their ministry in the Diocese of Newark. They have been facing life's challenges. I pray that God will surround them with healing light and love during this time of transition.

Lastly, the Gospel reading appointed for this weekend is especially appropriate for us all on this occasion. Jesus' disciples have been arguing on the road from Galilee about who is the greatest. Jesus has overheard them and in response says very pointedly to them, "Whoever wants to be first, must be last of all and servant of all." May all of us in the Church understand ourselves as called to be last and servants of Christ.

I wish Mark and Marilyn God's blessing and strength on this extraordinary day for them, for the Diocese of Newark and for Christ's Church.

A Personal Reflection:

No Big Story, No Controversy, No Front Page News

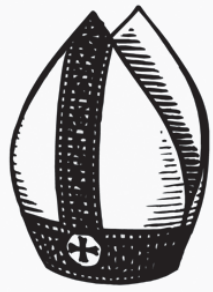
By Ms. Janice Newman Teetsell, St. Andrew and Holy Communion, South Orange

The election of the 10th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark was a momentous occasion for our church. There were six highly qualified candidates, chosen carefully by a distinguished search committee. The candidates reflected the diversity of our Diocese, each having a spiritual background worthy of the next leader of the Diocese of Newark. After an election taking only three ballots, and completed before noon, we had a Bishop-elect. I could hardly wait until I saw how this great event would be reported, until I heard the "tease" on 1010 WINS - "the only gay priest loses his bid to be Bishop of Newark." This was not what I had wanted or hoped to hear, but then there was no surprise.

The convention to elect our 10th Bishop was exactly as one might have expected from

the Liberal Diocese of Newark. Deputies were energized by a rousing bi-lingual mass at Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral, with representation from every segment of our diverse Diocesan community. After a rousing sermon in which the Rev. Dr. Michael Battle, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Vice President of Virginia Theological Seminary, referred frequently to "precocious pesky" students, we "precocious pesky" "liberal" Episcopalians marched from the Cathedral to the Robert Treat Hotel where the world was waiting to see if Newark was going to thumb its nose at the Anglican Communion's directives concerning proper church doctrine. A gathering of media representatives were awaiting the outcome on platforms with cameras, microphones and laptops at the ready.

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People for the Diocese of Newark

The Presentation Sessions: People of Christ for the Diocese of Newark

By Mr. Paul R. Shackford; St. Andrew's, Harrington Park
Member of the Search/Nominating Committee, Chair of the Presentation Committee

If I had written this article when I was asked to do so... after the Presentation Sessions were held September 6th through the 10th and before the Special Convention... I would have written something like this:

A group of 25 lay and clergy gathered over a year ago as the Search/Nominating Committee began its work of identifying and nominating people to be considered to be our next bishop. Later, a subcommittee was created, whose work it was to "present" the nominees—to allow people in our diocese to meet the nominees, to speak with them, to ask them questions, and to consider their answers in light of those things we included in our Profile as most important for the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Newark.

This Presentation Committee was fortunate to be comprised of extremely dedicated people who worked closely with many people within the Diocese who offered their hospitality by opening their churches for large groups to meet. The people of All Saints' in Leonia; St. Andrew & Holy Communion in South Orange; St. Elizabeth's in Ridgewood; and St. Mary's in Sparta, all outdid themselves by working with the Presentation Committee to put on wonderful sessions. When we talk about people "behind the scenes," these are the people we're talking about. We had more people attend each session than we had expected, yet each of these congregations was up to the challenge, and each did a wonderful job.

The people of St. Gregory's in Parsippany participated in a different way, as the nominees worshipped there on Sunday, September 10. The coffee hour was a pretty typical one for St. Gregory's—except that their welcome included a cake with the nominees' names on it.

At the sessions, nearly 1,100 people were able to meet the nominees, and help the deputies among them to make up their minds when they asked themselves the question: For whom should I vote?

But... I'm writing this hours after the Special Convention, and all of that—while interesting, and while it took hundreds of hours

of dedicated Presentation Committee members to accomplish the logistics needed for them to be successful—is no longer the most significant story.

The significant story is how the presentation sessions were the natural culmination of over a year of opening our hearts, souls and minds to the Spirit of God. When we first held meetings around the Diocese, we thought we'd hear concern, frustration, and despair. Yet we were surprised not to hear any of that. Instead, we saw how closely both clergy and laity felt about what aspects were important for our next Bishop. Those meetings led to our Profile: *Signs of Grace in the Diocese of Newark*.

We worked hard to find people that had the ministry specialties and leadership qualities we felt we need in our next bishop, and we presented those people to our diocese at the beginning of September.

As the sessions were held, we saw and heard yet again an excitement and hope for the future. People were involved. People were enthused. People were energized.

And those feelings were present today at the Special Convention.

So, the Presentation Sessions were, in fact, a good barometer of the present mood of our Diocese. We began our search seeking not solace and pardon, but strength and renewal. We said in our Profile that we were looking for a Bishop to lead us to build healthy congregations; we want a Bishop to have an active connection and pastoral presence with our congregations; and we want to work with our new Bishop to help others see and experience a dynamic and relevant Episcopal Church in northern New Jersey. We acknowledged that we look for—and depend on—God's help. We felt that way a year ago and, as we voted today to elect the Rev. Mark Beckwith as our 10th Bishop, it felt that way today.

May we hold fast to the enthusiasm we have today. May God help us to see the many wonderful and exciting challenges and opportunities in store for us. With our new Bishop, may God help us to achieve those things.

No Big Story (continued from page 2)

Then came the election. The earlier colorfully vested Bishop was now in his purple cassock, walking around the ballroom in the Robert Treat as though he were just another priest. He announced protocols, opened the balloting, made jokes and witty comments and then 476 persons—159 clergy and 317 laity—cast their first votes.

We had a choice of six extraordinary candidates: the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, the Rev. Mark Beckwith, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Carol Joy Gallagher, the Rev. William A. Potter, the Very Rev. Petero A.N. Sabune, and the Rev. William H. "Chip" Stokes. Notice that other than the distinctive titles, there was nothing else on the ballot to distinguish any candidates by race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, marital status, etc.

It took only three ballots for the delegates to choose the Bishop-elect with 87 clergy votes (80 were needed) and 166 lay votes (160 were needed).

The Rev. Mark Beckwith was about to add another word to his name—The **Rt.** Rev. Mark Beckwith.

As I drove home I eagerly awaited how the media, all those people who were rushing around getting interviews, would report this event. At last 1010 WINS announced that "the openly gay priest had lost his bid to be Bishop of Newark."

What about the Rev. Mark Beckwith who was successful with his bid to be Bishop? Wasn't the election of the Diocese of Newark worth a serious mention?

If the media was going to discuss issues unrelated to the real qualifications of the candi-

After the Election, It's Transition Time

By the Rev. Chris Brdlik & Ms. Marge Christie, Transition Committee Co-chairs

Editor's note: The following is a personal report concerning the work of the Diocesan Transition Committee during the current process of transition from our retiring bishop to our new bishop.

During the past year many people have asked the members of the Transition Committee just what our job is, and probably more importantly, what is our history. Old timers in the diocese have said, "We never had a transition committee before." And that is quite accurate; but the national church, after observing many episcopal elections, came to the conclusion that because there were so many varied responsibilities related to the election of a bishop, it was wise to divide them between two committees: one to oversee the search and nomination procedures and the other to shape the time following the election.

In reality for us in Newark, both the Search Committee and the Transition Committee had roles to play for the electing convention. Transition chose the date, the location and the preacher, and members of both committees were participants during the Eucharist. All of the details of the convention itself were under the supervision of Bishop Croneberger and Michael Francaviglia, the Secretary of Convention.

So, following the election, what are our duties? First and foremost, to be a support team for the Bishop-elect, including negotiating arrangements for compensation, housing and benefits; assistance with finding appropriate housing; helping to acquaint him/her with Northern New Jersey and the Diocese of New-

ark; continuing to be of support following the consecration.

Second is the consecration ceremony; choosing the date (January 27) and the location (New Jersey Performing Arts Center); one of the wonderful things about holding it at NJPAC is that it will be an open invitation to anyone and everyone who wishes to attend—no tickets needed!

We prepare invitations to notables—church, secular, family; the liturgy itself, while taken from *The Book of Common Prayer*, will be under the direction of the Bishop-elect, as will the choice of participants. But such decisions as décor, furniture, parking, police, district busses, music, which rooms to use backstage and staying in touch with the Presiding Bishop's Office are all on our plate.

Third is to plan for the celebration of the ministry of Bishop and Mrs. Croneberger; again choosing the date (Sunday, January 21) and location (The Skylands at Randolph). Starting with Evensong in late afternoon and followed by a reception hour and banquet, we will be honoring the Bishop's very special ministry among us. In order to enable young families to attend, childcare will be provided. The dinner charge will be \$50 per person, and invitations will be sent out in mid-December. Some entertainment and a very few speakers will be part of the banquet, as will a presentation of gifts. The Transition Committee is planning to launch The John Palmer Croneberger Cathedral Enrichment Fund as the vehicle for the diocesan family to express its support of him and a major emphasis of his episcopacy.

For more information on The John Palmer Croneberger Cathedral Enrichment Fund, see the back page of this issue of The Voice.

New Bishop To Be in Residence After January 1, 2007

By the Rev. Dr. Maylin Biggadike, Transition Committee Member

At a recent meeting with the Transition Committee, the Rev. Mark Beckwith, Bishop-Elect of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, announced that he will begin work in the Diocese during the week of December 11, 2006 and expects to be permanently in residence shortly after January 1, 2007.

In December he will be attending meetings, getting acclimated to Episcopal House, and preparing for Diocesan Convention on January 20 and the Consecration on January 27. He and his family will celebrate Christmas together in Worcester.

Because of her responsibilities as principal of a charter school in Worcester, Mark's wife, Marilyn Olson, will remain in Worcester until June of 2007. During the period from January to June, our new bishop will live in temporary quarters and he and his wife will work out a regular visiting schedule. Marilyn will join him in June at which time they will move into a house provided by the Diocese.

Mark and Marilyn are the parents of two recent college graduates. Their son, Paul, who graduated from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute (Worcester, Massachusetts) is continuing his graduate studies there in Mechanical Engineering. Their daughter, Christine, graduated in May from Bates College in Maine and is beginning a two-year commitment with Teach for America in Memphis, Tennessee.

Mark expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to return to our Diocese as Bishop and looks forward to growing into his new ministry as Bishop of Newark.

dates, why focus on the one candidate that was "openly gay"? Did that mean that a white male, married with children, is less interesting?

One cannot help but wonder what the response would have been if the Very Rev. Petero A.N. Sabune had been successful. Would the media focus on the fact that he was from Uganda, our first African-born Bishop, or would they simply report that Rev. Sabune was our new Bishop and would they again note that the openly gay priest had lost his bid?

What if the Rt. Rev. Dr. Carol Joy Gallagher, already a bishop, had been the successful candidate? After all the uproar about a woman Presiding Bishop, would the media also notice that she would have been our first Native American Bishop, or would they instead focus on the fact that an openly gay priest had lost his bid?

But, alas, we did not choose a more controversial candidate. The "precocious, pesky" Diocese of Newark will not be cast out of the Anglican Communion. After the balloting was complete, the acceptance speech delivered, and the scattered interviews completed, the media made fast exit. There was no big story, no controversy, and no front page news. We had deprived the media of a good juicy headline. We were their chance to report how the Church was about to fracture—and instead we had a civilized, cordial, and all too brief election.

As we focus on characteristics that have nothing to do with religion, spirituality or leadership, so does the media. We can only hope that in the coming years the media will find something interesting in the Diocese of Newark worth their attention.

Interfaith Concert Raises \$4,700 for Earthquake Relief

An interfaith presentation of a concert of Javanese classical music at the Church of the Atonement in Tenafly has raised \$4,700 for earthquake relief in Java and Indonesia.

The concert, on July 16, brought all ages and faiths together. It was sponsored by the Tenafly Interfaith Association/Interfaith Bergen Partners, Interfaith Brotherhood-Sisterhood of Bergen County, JCRC/UJANNJ, Habib American Bank and a variety of Christian, Muslim and Jewish groups and individuals. The organizers were the Rev. Lynne Bleich Weber and Ms. Shaheen Ahmed of Tenafly.

The concert was planned in one month, and grew into a major event when a Javanese orchestra, Gamelan Kusuma Laras, with the support of the New York Indonesian Consulate, offered to perform. All of the musicians, along with artistic director I.M. Harjito, donated their time and talent free of charge in order to raise funds to support relief for artists of all kinds affected by the earthquake in Indonesia. The money was donated through an interfaith relief fund sponsored by the Rockefeller Philanthropic Group.

Despite the summer heat, more than 150 people of different faith groups sat quietly in the auditorium at Atonement to hear the 16-member Gamelan play the beautiful, melodic music of Java with various bowed and flat stringed instruments, gongs, xylophones and haunting voices.

This was the first interfaith benefit event to be sponsored by the Tenafly Interfaith Association/Interfaith Bergen Partners group, which has been meeting since 9-11-01 and sponsoring educational and social events.

The next event is planned for Sunday, October 29, at 7:30 PM at the JCC on the Palisades, Tenafly. It will be an interfaith "Save Darfur" benefit concert featuring a group of Jewish, Muslim, Sikh and Christian instrumentalists.



Dr. Ebrahim Patel

Ebrahim Patel, Interfaith Youth Leader, to Speak at December Events

"The most powerful images of social justice exist within our religious traditions," says Dr. Ebrahim (Eboo) Patel, Director of Chicago's Interfaith Youth Core, whose mission is to bring young people of different religions together for common action on social issues. "I cannot imagine living my life any other way than seeking to make these important ideas a reality."

Dr. Patel, recognized as an important new American Muslim leader, will speak on "A City Set on a Hill: The Promise and Challenge of an Interfaith America" at two identical symposia: Monday, December 11, 2006 at Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel, 432 Scotland Road, South Orange, NJ 07079 (directions at <http://www.tsti.org>) and Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at Temple Sholom, 385 Howland Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661 (directions at <http://www.tsholom.net>). Both evenings begin at 7:30 p.m. and will feature Patel's presentation, interfaith responders, and participant discussion.

A Rhodes Scholar, Patel admires Jerry Garcia of the Grateful Dead, Dorothy Day of the Catholic Worker, and the poetry of Walt Whitman. He is being brought to the Diocese of Newark by Interweave's Abrahamic KINSHIP Initiative and the American Jewish Committee, with the cooperation of the diocesan Ecumenical/Interfaith and Christian Formation Commissions. Reservations are desirable. For more information, registration, and directions call Interweave at 908-277-2120 or go to www.interweave.org.



Charlie Jack Kruger

St. Andrew's, Harrington Park Sends Student to Face to Face/Faith to Faith program

Charlie Jack Kruger, 16, from Harrington Park, recently returned from a two week conference which was the start of a year long commitment run by Auburn Seminary, NYC, NY. The conference and program's objective was to teach future leaders from countries with religious conflicts how to dialogue and discuss differences and similarities. Fifty students from Ireland, South Africa, Israel, Palestine, and the United States were chosen. Charlie Jack was chosen and given a complete scholarship through The Auburn Seminary and his church, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in Harrington Park. The two weeks included workshops on religion, faith, personality and culture, service work in a homeless center and soup kitchen in Manhattan, and visits to houses of worship in Manhattan. He will be speaking about his experiences soon at St Andrew's Episcopal Church at a pot luck dinner to be planned and will travel to Denver, Colorado and Chicago, for future work with Face to Face/ Faith to Faith. Upon reflection of his trip, Charlie said, "This was an amazing and entertaining trip that I recommend for anyone who wants to learn something that they might never have a chance to learn about again."

United Thank Offering Raises \$9,546.45 For Domestic and Foreign Church Work

This year's United Thank Offering brought in gifts of \$9,546.45 from 33 participating congregations in the Diocese of Newark. The UTO gifts are gathered in small cardboard boxes imprinted with descriptions of a great variety of God's gifts which contributors might want to remember with their gifts of a few coins. The offerings are meant to be accompanied by prayers giving thanks to God for blessings in life.

UTO grants are given out by the national Episcopal Church to fund projects and programs which meet compelling human needs and/or expand the mission and ministry of the church, both in the United States and overseas.

Beyond contributing to the UTO, the Diocese of Newark received a grant this year. St. Luke's Church in Hope received \$27,610 for Haven of Hope for Kids. This project gives a week of vacation to a low income family that is dealing with a child who has a life-threatening illness. In addition to financial support through the UTO, this project deserves the prayer support of faithful people throughout the diocese.

Twice each year, every church in the diocese is given a packet from the United Thank Offering Committee. This packet includes information needed to help parishioners use the UTO as part of their daily prayer life. Two programs are held each year to gather the offerings: one at the opening Eucharist of the diocesan convention in January, and the second in May at the Episcopal Church Women's annual meeting.

Any church that has not received a UTO participation packet may request one from Anna Byrne at 201-585-7451, or by email at ambyrne@verizon.net. Extra UTO boxes and other supplies are available.

St. Peter's Haven Gives Backpacks to 250 Kids

St. Peter's Haven for Homeless Families, a ministry of St. Peter's Church in Clifton, distributed 250 backpacks to children in preparation for the start of the school year. The recipients were children of families served by the shelter and the church's community food pantry.

Many of the backpacks and their contents were donated directly, or were acquired through contributions by local businesses, parishioners, other parishes of the diocese, and residents of Clifton and surrounding communities.

The project was conducted by Greta Ontell, the new program director of St. Peter's Haven. She has been actively involved in providing assistance to Haven families while preparing for two major events: a community-wide health fair scheduled for October 21, and the Haven's 20th anniversary dinner-dance at the St. Peter's Parish Hall on October 28.

Further information about the Haven's programs is available by calling 973-546-3406.

Presiding Bishop Malkhaz Songulashvili to Be Guest Ecumenical Preacher

**Sunday, October 29, 2006; 8 & 10 AM Services
Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral; 608 Broad Street, Newark**

Presiding Bishop Malkhaz Songulashvili TSSF* of the Evangelical Baptist Church of the Republic of Georgia** & Senior Pastor of the Cathedral Baptist Church, Tbilisi, Georgia is coming to Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral as a Guest Ecumenical Preacher. Malkhaz Songulashvili wears many hats in the Republic of Georgia. He is the Presiding Bishop (President) of the Evangelical Baptist Church of Georgia; the senior pastor of the Cathedral Baptist Church in the capitol city, Tbilisi; the Director of the Betheli Humanitarian Association; the United Bible Societies Representative in Georgia; and a lecturer in church history and theology at the State University. As time allows, he is engaged in PhD studies at the Oxford Center for Mission Studies in London, England.

A gifted author, Malkhaz has written textbooks of Old and New Testament stories approved by the Georgian Ministry of Education and has translated scripture into modern Georgian language for the United Bible Societies. Those who enjoy C.S. Lewis will celebrate the news that Malkhaz has translated four of the Narnia books into Georgian: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, The Magician's Nephew, The Horse and His Boy, and Prince Caspian.

Malkhaz has been leading Georgian Baptists as they contextualize their worship, witness and ministries to fit Georgian culture. This includes the recovery of Georgian musical, visual and dramatic arts in Baptist worship. In society this "reformation" has taken form in ministries to those who are poor, sick, orphaned, homeless, and abandoned. His consistent pursuit of religious liberty for all is helping to transform this basic Baptist principle into a national value. His advocacy and practice of nonviolent action gave Georgian Baptists a prominent role in the "Rose Revolution" that turned the nation of Georgia away from authoritarian government and toward democratic reform. The Church of England honored his leadership in September 2005 when Malkhaz was awarded the Lambeth Cross by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

* Third Order Society of St. Francis (TSSF) is an Anglican/Episcopal order accepting men and women, clergy or lay, from all walks of life, who are called to a lifelong discipline and vow.

** Georgia, situated at the dividing line of Asia and Europe, is an ancient country of rugged mountains and very determined people. Annexed by Russia in 1801, it regained its sovereignty in 1918. It then suffered through 70 years of Communist rule and suppression, finally declaring its independence from Russia in 1991.

A Legacy Lives On

While the folks at St. Mary's, Haledon were making the difficult decision to close their doors, the vestry of All Saints', Bergenfield was seeking to obtain additional equipment and furniture for its expanding Child Care Center. Two very different stories with one meaningful ending.

On Sunday, May 21, 2006, Canon R. Carter Echols, Congregational Development Director from the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, preached at All Saints', Bergenfield to share the details of both stories.

"One year ago we held a closing Eucharist at St. Mary's Church, Haledon. Today we dedicate the new St. Mary's library here at All Saints, Bergenfield," explained Echols. "The decision of St. Mary's provided new possibilities for life-giving ministry, and now a legacy lives on. What a perfect way to celebrate the last Sunday of Easter!"

During the dedication service, former vestry members and parishioners presented a photo of St. Mary's Church in Haledon for mounting in the library. All Saints' Child Care Center staff and families attended to watch the preschool children sing songs they learned in chapel. Afterwards, classrooms and the new library were open for visiting, and a festive reception was shared by all.

"We gathered in thanksgiving to dedicate the St. Mary's Library in honor of the generous gifts from its former congregation", explained Kathryn King, Vicar. "These gifts represent the long history of St. Mary's service to Jesus Christ, and we are honored to house the heritage of St. Mary's at All Saints'."



Above, All Saints' Child Care Center students enjoy some of the new equipment and furniture in the St. Mary's Library. Below, during the dedication service, preschool children sing songs they learned in chapel.



Celebrating the Ministry of All Saints' in Orange

Under a sky threatening to rain, nearly seventy people entered All Saints' Church in Orange on Sunday, October 1 for a joyous celebration of All Saints' ministry to the people in the valley of Orange. The church had ministered within the community for nearly 125 years. This was the last Sunday of active worship in All Saints' on Valley Street as the parishioners prepared to merge with Holy Innocents in West Orange.

After months of discussion, discernment, and working with the Bishop's office, the parishioners of All Saints' and Holy Innocents had decided to merge their worship life into one congregation that will hold services at the West Orange church on Prospect Avenue. This decision included a commitment to a continue ministry in the valley in some form, most likely using the property on Valley Street for outreach to the neighborhood.

Speaking to the parishioners in his last sermon at All Saints', Orange, the Rev. Jim Petroccione said:

"...There is a great challenge for us...Old ways are familiar, comfortable and we are sure of them. New ways are unknown, uncertain, and have unanticipated repercussions. They require risk, courage, and even faith.

"But it is through faith that we find courage. It is by faith that we are able to trust in the future, despite any uncertainty. It is through our history that we have the strength of resolve. The future chapters of this journey of faith may or not be easy, but God is always before us, not only to lead us through any desert experience, but also to help us find an oasis and to lead us eventually into the land of promise. I pray that you approach the coming months living into the trust the wisdom and the intention of God's plan for this community, and that you as a blended congregation continue to minister in and around the valley of Orange.

"I leave you today knowing that you have the core strengths of faith, compassion and determination..."

Strikingly, before people left the sanctuary for the reception in the parish hall, that has been renamed Opportunity House, the sunlight brightened the day and shone blissfully through the windows reminding everyone to rejoice in the day that God has made.



Above is Pauline Luton (90 and member of St. John's for 85 years) atop a Harley Davidson 1995 model Fatboy (the motorcycle model Arnold Schwarzenegger rode in the Terminator movie) that has been modified with a hand carved chrome saber-tooth tiger skull that was part of the "Celebrate Art at St John's" exhibit.

St. John's Church Leads Arts Renaissance Show

By Ms. Kathy Ganim, St. John's, Union City

On the rainy Friday night of September 17, more than 200 people visited St. John's Church in Union City to see the art that filled the walls, altar and parish hall and to celebrate a renaissance of the arts in North Hudson. The show and sale, "Celebrate Art 2006," was co-sponsored with the Family Alliance Network of North Hudson County (FAN). It raised funds for the scholarship fund of Camp Unity, a summer arts day camp founded by St. John's three years ago, and to support other outreach programs for children in the community.

Awards were presented to Brian Stack, mayor of Union City, for his support of work with children in Union City and to Richard Turner, mayor of Weehawken, for his support of the arts. Guests at the opening enjoyed champagne and hors d'oeuvres as well as musical entertainment and flamenco dancers, while viewing the works of more than 30 artists from the local area and New York City.

On Saturday the doors were opened to children who came to see the art and participate in classes led by some of the artists whose works were featured in the show. Entertainment on Saturday was presented by young performers.

On Sunday the St. John's Guild, a women's group at the church, was host at a tea for about 40 senior citizens. During the tea, a pianist played a medley of Broadway tunes. The tea was followed by a performance by Kelly Ingram, an opera singer, and a poetry reading in English and Spanish by professional actors Monica Lynch and Felix Gordon.

St. John's Rector, the Rev. J. Cooper Conway, said, "It was exciting to see so many people who had not been in our beautiful church before come to the show, and to play a leading role in the rebirth of the arts in our community. We appreciate the support we received from so many sources and are delighted that we now have more resources to support our work with children in Union City and the surrounding communities."

Celebrate Art 2006 was born earlier this year when Mother Conway had lunch with Toni Fukuda, who had been a curator and coordinator of art shows in New York City, and who offered to coordinate the show.

Plans are already being made for "Celebrate Art 2007."

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Companion Dioceses Build Relationships

By Ms. Martha Gardner; Co-chair of Newark's Companion Diocese Committee

At their respective conventions in early 2006, the Dioceses of Newark and Panama voted to enter into companionship. In March 2006, Ms. Martha Gardner and the Rev. Robert Griner, co-chairs of Newark's Companion Diocese Committee, visited Panama for a planning session with Panama's Companion Diocese Committee, chaired by the Rev. Glenda McQueen. It was agreed that the goal for the first year was to find ways to get to know each other's dioceses and to build relationships. Both committees agreed that in 2006 Panamanian youth would attend Cross Roads and visit the Diocese of Newark, and Canon Echols would visit Panama to work with their clergy on congregational development.

Four young people from Panama—Clarissa Smith, Raquel McQueen, Maribel McCouli and Shekisha Murray—visited Newark in July and attended camp at Cross Roads, worshipped at local services with their gracious host families, did some sightseeing in Northern NJ and New York City, and spent quality time with Bishop Croneberger. They were accompanied by some of our energetic youth, as well as members of our Companion Diocese Committee and our Diocesan Youth Missioner, Kaileen Alston. Not only did we all have a good time, but we all grew as companions in our journey of faith.

In August, Canon Echols spent a week in Panama which included a day-long workshop on congregational development for 80 clergy and lay leaders. The new Panama Companion Diocese co-chair, the Rev. Jane Trent Surles, reported that "the Congregational Development consultation has already had a tremendous impact across the church in Panama. The Newark story had a powerful effect on us and tapped a readiness for action that we have been unable to tap before. We are reorganizing ourselves and our priorities to support congregational development and will keep Newark posted on our progress. Muchas, muchas gracias to our Newark companions for sharing such a valuable 'gift' with us!"

In early October, since both the Rev. Glenda McQueen and the Rev. Jane Trent Surles were in the United States to attend a memorial service, we invited them to come to Newark as well to meet with our Companion Diocese Committee for a day. Unfortunately the other co-chair from Panama, Ms. Patricia Valee, could not be with us, but we did explore future opportunities such as clergy exchange, Newark diocesan youth visiting Panama in 2007, and consciousness raising about what it means to be companions in mission. At the meeting, both committees agreed to find ways that congregations could develop relationships with their companion dioceses. The Newark Companion Diocese Committee will be working with the district conveners and diocesan committee chairs to see how this companionship can best be incorporated into the life of our congregations and diocese. For more information on our growing companion diocese relationship, look online at companiondiocese.dioceseofnewark.org/.

A Companion Diocese Visit in Newark in early October pictured at right. Seated: Ms. Bernice Mayes; standing, left to right: Ms. Martha Gardner, Ms. Kaileen Alston, the Rev. Jane Trent Surles, the Rev. Esar Budhu, the Rev. Robert Griner, the Rev. Glenda McQueen, and the Rev. Cork Tarplee.



Visiting from Panama in July, Clarissa Smith, Raquel McQueen, Maribel McCouli and Shekisha Murray (pictured l-r, with the Rev. Robert Griner, co-chair of the Companion Diocese Committee, and Bishop Croneberger on either side).



Above, Bishop Murray opens congregational development day with a prayer.



Canon Echols describes congregational development efforts in Newark assisted by translator, the Rev. Diana Parada.



Small working groups reflect on the scriptures and the congregational life cycle.



Another Successful Summer Enjoyed By Many at Cross Roads

"The staff were the best people I could ever meet – they made me feel so at home and part of the group. It was awesome to have them as friends and leaders."

"I don't know what the camp could improve – everything was amazing!"

These are just a sampling of the inspiring comments heard at Cross Roads camp and retreat center this summer. Once again, Cross Roads offered a full plate of enriching and exciting programs led by a dynamic and mature staff. Whether it was horseback riding, swimming in the pool, canoeing down the Delaware, rock-hopping on the creek, feeling God's presence during the worships, or following Jesus in the Christ Walk, people of all ages enjoyed the magic of Cross Roads.

All in all, over 600 youth and adults came to Cross Roads this summer. Story after story revealed how many lives were positively changed by the experience. God truly blessed all the staff and campers with an unforgettable summer!

The success of the summer continues to pave the way for the rebirth of Cross Roads as a year-round space of spiritual renewal for all ages. In fact, summer camp is only the beginning: the retreat season starts up once again in September and goes through June. As word of the renewed energy and facility improvements gets out, many groups have already booked retreats for the Fall season.

If you or someone you know has a group that would like to experience the peace and transformation of Cross Roads, please call the retreat coordinator, Jonathan Winters, at 908-832-7254, x10.



Labor of Love: The Rev. Ed Keller (wearing cap), retired rector of St. Agnes' Church, Little Falls, has found a new flock: the flowers and plants of the gardens at St. Peter's Church, Clifton. Father Ed, an award-winning master gardener, has taken on the task of restoring the gardens at St. Peter's. A perfectionist about gardening, he only "grudgingly" accepts the assistance of the parishioners at St. Peter's, including sexton Michael Tate, shown here. Father Ed and his wife Barbara joined St. Peter's following his retirement from nearby St. Agnes, and he regularly serves as supply priest at parishes throughout the diocese.



Christ Church, Ridgewood Holds First Annual Biblical Spelling Bee: Nine Youth Group members bravely participated and spelled their way through dozens of words before a champion, Allison Pressly, was crowned after successfully spelling “Galatians.” Participants were given a study list of the selected words — all from the bible — that would be used in the bee. Karen Rezach, Youth Advisor, said that the bee was a great educational opportunity: “It got the kids excited about the bible. It was so much fun that we will have another spelling bee in the fall.” Pictured above (left to right): Okwuchi Onwubu, Chelsea Wulff (3rd place), Allie Acaster, Ashley Acaster (2nd place), Allison Pressly (1st place winner), Steven Wakefield, Blake Pressly and Chris D’Allesio.



St. Alban's, Oakland ASP: In July, members and friends of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Oakland participated in an Appalachia Service Project (ASP) spending one week in Mount Hope, West Virginia. The ASP team was composed of 10 young people plus four adult chaperones who left for West Virginia in high spirits mixed with inevitable anticipation and a strong sense of mission and purpose. They returned inspired with stories to share and lessons learned.

The trip, sponsored by St. Alban's Youth Group and Outreach Ministries, was, in part, funded by a benefit concert hosted by St. Alban's in December 2005, which included a performance by the American Boychoir of Princeton, NJ and a music ensemble from The Valley Middle School, Oakland, NJ. The ASP team also sold “shares” in the service project trip to help raise funds, as a way of building a shared ownership experience within the congregation and in the community as well.

ASP has, over the years, gained an excellent reputation as an organization serving Appalachian families in need of assistance to bring warmth and safety to their homes. It offers volunteers life-changing experiences throughout the year.

Pictured above are the youth and adult volunteers as well as parishioners who came to wish them well as they left for their trip.

St. Thomas', Vernon Offers Respite to Hikers

St. Thomas', Vernon has been offering a unique ministry every summer since 1999. Located just three miles off the Appalachian Trail, the church opens its basement as a hostel to thru-hikers needing a break from the trail. Volunteer Dave Mertens runs the hostel which sleeps up to 12 hikers a night and provides laundry services, showers, kitchen facilities, and simple home comfort for a suggested donation of \$10 and a chore. Mertens finds small ways to make a big difference in each hiker's stay, “trying to show Christianity without forcing it on everybody.” Hikers find this hostel to be better than most, and comments in a trail register kept at the church can attest to that. A recent entry summed it up, “Thanks to all in the church for the great respite. You seem to have foreseen all of our needs.”

Rainy Morning, Late Summer

(In Memoriam, the Rev. Dana Rose)

Pearls bead on the blue rapture,
Morning glories, their one moment
Kissed with rain:
Not azure blooms bathed in rays
Of a warm sun's early hours,
But drops on the vines
Becoming dazzling ropes of diamonds,
Not the dry radiant exuberance
They could have been, had they waited
Until tomorrow,
Only the patient beauty
That making the best
Of one brief chance
Always is.

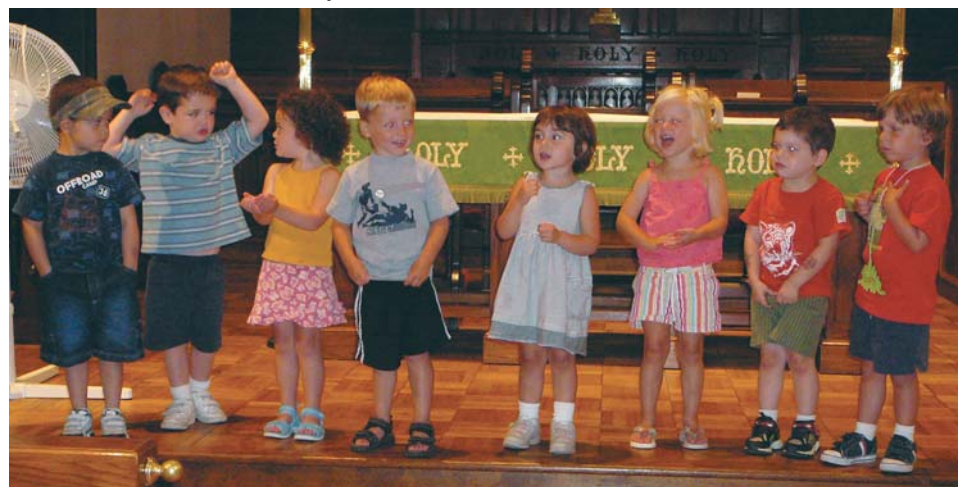
—Sander Zulauf; Poet Laureate, Diocese of Newark

Care on the Corner, an outreach ministry of St. John the Divine in Hasbrouck Heights, offered two Kids on the Corner children's cultural arts workshops over the summer. Children in 2nd – 5th grade participated in a workshop based on the book, *The Pied Piper of Hamelin* by Robert Browning. They learned to play recorders and put on a play. Older children in 6th grade and up read the book, *The Little Prince* by Antoine De Saint-Exupery. They studied character development, learned some history about the time of the book, discussed the book's meaning and relevance to themselves, and also put on a performance designing their own sets and props.

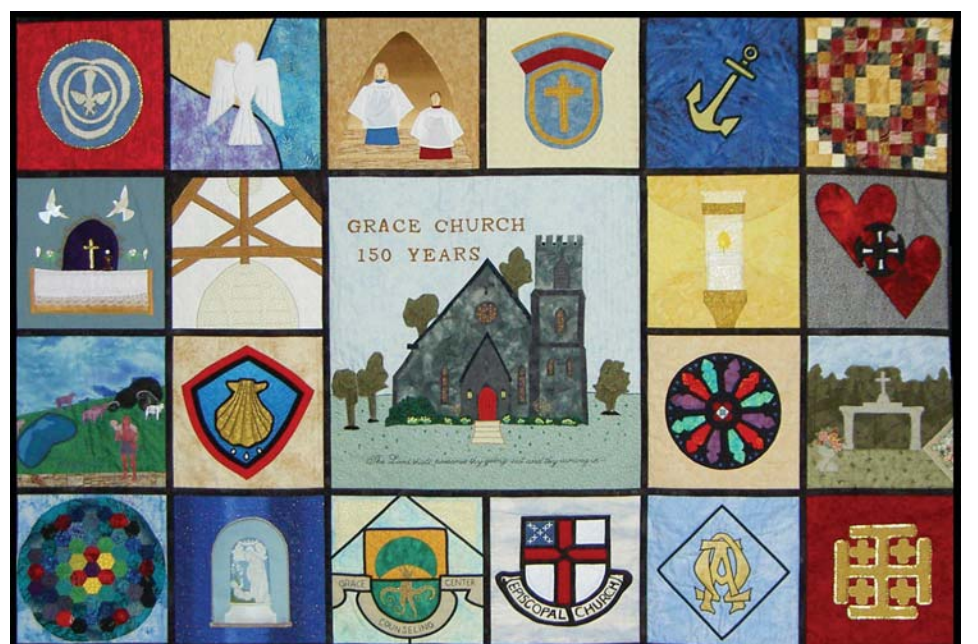
The success of the Kids on the Corner program comes from the vision and direction of the teachers, and the volunteers from St. John's who work along with the parents and caregivers of the children to help host the week's activities. If you would like to learn more about this program or any of the programs that Care on the Corner offers, please call 201-288-9460.



Making a Joyful Noise to the Lord! Pictured below, even our littlest ones know that singing about God makes you happy. Children from preschool through sixth grade enjoyed an exciting week at Grace Church in Nutley's Vacation Bible School.



In Honor of the 150th Anniversary of Grace Church, Madison, a group of very talented ladies made a beautiful quilt. Every square was contributed and reflected a piece of Grace Church's history. The Rev. Lauren Ackland said, “Together the squares make a glorious whole.”



Christian Formation Commission Opens Parish Resources Program



The Christian Formation Commission of the Diocese of Newark, in addition to organizing and hosting diocesan events to facilitate faith formation, has begun a new initiative intended to enhance formative activities at the parish level. On two fronts, the CFC will be reaching out to make information available to everyone in the diocese. Beginning with this issue, the CFC column in *The Voice* will offer resources (online and otherwise) that educators and mentors can explore for parish use. Electronically, at the CFC page on the diocesan website, there is a list-serve to which anyone may subscribe to receive information about Christian Formation, as well as to share the rich variety of activities

and programs that are already taking place in parishes. A more extensive list of resources will be developed for the webpage as shared knowledge and experience expands.

Two online resources with the potential for immediate application are:

1. The website of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, at www.ctdiocese.org. From the homepage, users may click on "Resource Center," and then "Christian Education and Adult Formation." Sharon Ely Pearson, Children's Ministries and Christian Education Coordinator for the Diocese, has created a very comprehensive collection of information, ranging from articulating the mission of a Sunday School to adult baptism. Her list of resources is exhaustive.

2. The website www.sundaysoftware.com is of particular interest for ministries to chil-

dren and youth since it describes, promotes, and sells Biblically based game software for computers. Any classroom that has one or more computers can make use of these programs, drawing students into the Christian story in a fun and challenging way, through a medium to which most of them are accustomed. Even without a classroom computer, this site is a treasure trove for parents who seek ways to integrate faith formation into the busy lives of their children.

In between issues of *The Voice*, the CFC will utilize the Diocesan Digest for disseminating timely information, particularly ideas and materials for seasonal applications. This parish resource is available on request, and the list-serve may be used to ask for help with a particular need in a parish setting, and also to share what has worked for participating churches in the building up of God's people.



Benedictine Spirituality Alive

On Friday & Saturday, September 15 & 16, the Rev. Dr. Jane Tomaine led a workshop at Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral for clergy and laity interested in bringing Benedictine Spirituality into their congregations.

Women Invited to Apply by Nov. 15 To Join United Nations Commission

Women of the Diocese of Newark who are interested in participating in the 51st United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) as part of the Episcopal Church's delegation have been invited to apply by November 15 to the Episcopal Church's Office of Women's Ministries.

The commission will meet February 26 to March 9, 2007, at the United Nations headquarters in New York City. The theme for 2007 is "The elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child." Delegates from across the United States and the Anglican Communion will participate in the event.

Delegates will take part in meetings at the U.N. and numerous parallel events and caucuses. The knowledge and experience gained through this participation can then be used to raise awareness of women's issues and be an active voice with government officials and church leaders during the UNCSW and when

they return home.

Delegates to the New York meetings will attend plenary sessions at the United Nations and participate in dialogue with other delegates regarding women's concerns in the Church and the world. Some will choose a particular focus to follow, such as increasing the number of women at the decision-making tables, girls' education, or human trafficking. Parallel meetings during the UNCSW are numerous and cover diverse topics providing more personal and in-depth coverage of issues taken up by the commission.

Episcopal delegates officially join the Anglican Consultative Council delegation, which in the past has included between 80 to more than 100 delegates, making it the largest non-governmental organization to participate in the commission.

Further information is available from Kim Robey at the Episcopal Church Center, by email to KRobey@EpiscopalChurch.org.

St. Luke's, Montclair Celebrates Their New Organ

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Montclair announces the installation and dedication of its new OPUS 2 organ. The Marshall and Ogletree Epiphany Series instrument is a 49 stop, 79 voice virtual pipe organ. It is second in design only to the Epiphany Series Opus 1 organ at Trinity Church, Wall Street replacing their pipe organ which was badly damaged on September 11, 2001. OPUS 2 was specifically designed to meet the high music expectations of St. Luke's Church and to address the acoustical challenges of its worship space.

The OPUS 2 organ at St. Luke's replaces a 1920 E.M. Skinner pipe organ which served the parish well but had deteriorated over the years. The removal of the Skinner organ began the day after Easter this year. In June the new organ console arrived followed in July by the installation of the computers and sound system.

On July 30, 2006 the new OPUS 2 organ was first played during the Sunday services by

St. Luke's Organist and Director of Music, Charles Hunter. A highly regarded musician and director, Mr. Hunter has led St. Luke's outstanding music program for nearly 30 years. In the words of Charles Hunter about OPUS 2, "I cannot begin to tell you how beautiful it is to hear and play. You hear all parts in contrapuntal music, so you can play Baroque works, French literature, all styles of music. The soft stops are exquisitely beautiful as are the color solo stops. There is more than enough in the way of Romantic sound. I can barely pull myself away from the organ even when I am tired of practicing."

On the Feast of St. Luke's on Sunday, October 22, 2006, St. Luke's will celebrate a Choral Eucharist and Dedication of the new OPUS 2 organ. Stop by for a Sunday service to appreciate this magnificent organ yourself! For more information, call 973 744 6220 or visit www.stlukesmontclair.org.

Diocesan Training for Lay People To Become Licensed Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, November 4
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Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral, 608 Broad Street, Newark


"A Eucharist Minister is a lay person authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist." Please note that although all are welcome to participate in this course, a rector must request licensure and the Bishop must issue the license. Please speak to your rector/vicar before signing up.

To register, call Kitty Kawecki, Director of Resources, at 973-430-9902 or email her at kkawecki@dioceseofnewark.org.

The course will be offered again in January. A Eucharistic Visitor course will be offered in the spring of 2007.


St. John's, Boonton Reaches 150 Years of Celebrating God's Presence in Our Lives!

St. John's in Boonton is graced with stained glass windows made by Tiffany's. Since stained glass windows naturally deteriorate over time, as they reach this milestone anniversary, St. John's has decided to launch a fund raising drive dedicated to refurbishing and maintaining their beautiful windows in the sanctuary. To begin the drive, the Vestry of St. John's is sponsoring a gala 150th Anniversary Celebration on the 21st of October at the Kellogg Club in Morristown, NJ with dinner, dancing, and a silent auction. Proceeds will go toward preserving their Tiffany windows.



North Porch Tea and Toy Fest

Sunday, November 19; 2:30 - 4:30 PM
Episcopal House, Newark







North Porch is a diocesan program sponsored by Episcopal Church Women to assist families with the care of their young children. The Board of North Porch holds this annual Tea and Toy Fest every fall, traditionally on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Those attending are asked to contribute toys for the babies and their older siblings served by North Porch. These toys are made available at the three North Porch centers in Newark, Dover and Paterson, so that each time mothers or fathers come in for assistance in the form of diapers, formula, or other needs, they can choose Christmas gifts for their children as well.

At this year's gathering, a program will address issues affecting The Girl Child, the program emphasis for the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women at its annual gathering next March. Women in the Diocese of Newark who are part of the Anglican Women's UN Network will give an overview about conditions affecting girls globally and locally.

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Hearings Debate New Jersey Death Penalty

By Ms. Janet Beddoe,
St. Luke's Church, Haworth

A hearing of the New Jersey Death Penalty Study Commission in the State House at Trenton is not an obvious diocesan event. It is not even in our diocese although the outcome will affect all of us in New Jersey. More importantly the issue is a matter not only of justice in this state but literally of life and death and the healing of society and that must surely be of deep concern to members of our faith community. The latest edition of "Episcopal Life" quotes Katharine Jefferts Schori, "We need to get busy about healing the world. That's what we've been called to do." It also quotes the Rev. Lyndon Harris, in 2001 priest in charge of St. Paul's Chapel across from the World Trade Center: "How in God's name do we end this cycle of violence, revenge and retribution?" The answer that has emerged for him is the word "forgiveness," by which he doesn't mean excusing evil acts or even becoming reconciled to the perpetrators but that "we take stock of what has happened, we grieve our losses and make the world a better place by not repaying violence for violence."

This is where the witness of someone like Vicki Schieber can illuminate a path for all of us as we strive to pursue "the healing of the world." She was one of the many witnesses at the second hearing of the commission, which focused on costs—perhaps something many of us might regard as of more concern to politicians than those who struggle with the death penalty on moral grounds but which here also covered the emotional costs to the murder victims' families, as well as to those who have been wrongfully convicted. Her daughter, Shannon, was 23 in 1998 when she was murdered by a serial rapist in Philadelphia. Such a tragedy is unimaginable and surely no assumptions can be made but they are: assumptions by the authorities and often the community being that only the execution of the perpetrator can provide justice and all victims' family members must, therefore, support the death penalty or else they cannot genuinely want justice. Vicki pointed out the fallacy in this argument—that seeking the death penalty actually interferes with the healing process, by not honoring the victim, creating another grieving family, and, by concentrating on execution as the only means to provide closure (which victims' family members refer to jokingly as "the c word"), does not encourage other steps that could be taken to help the healing process. Let me quote Vicki's testimony directly: "We need to create a new paradigm about crime that establishes as a goal an aspiration for healing, for both individuals and society. That focus should be on the needs of victims, instead of on the desire of some for blind retribution... The existing paradigm hurts victims."

There will be at least two more hearings and I would suggest that anyone struggling, as I certainly do, to understand the meaning of "forgiveness" and who can spare a midweek afternoon in Trenton might find the experience transforming. Visit www.njadp.org or call Abe at NJADP 609-278-6719 for details on other hearings.

Janet Beddoe is a member of Executive Committee of New Jerseyans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.

At right, Stacy Wilde, Hallie Wilde, and Judy Jurgensen of Grace Church, Madison wear time-period clothing at a parish picnic celebrating Grace's 150th anniversary.

Will You Strive for Justice and Peace Among All People?

By the Rev. Diane Riley, Deacon

Striving for justice and peace among all people is a pretty broad directive. I think the prophet Micah was on to something when he gave us three short instructions—"Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with your God." Short and sweet, we have three actions that break this down into something manageable. But still there's that justice word again. How do we DO justice?

My work as an anti-hunger advocate has allowed me to address the issues of social justice, particularly economic justice, and forced me to wrestle with the term. At churches or interfaith gatherings, I could use sacred text to talk about the basis for justice work. However, when addressing non-profit groups and college students this is not always appropriate and so I have been forced to shape a definition without the supporting language of faith. I offer the following as a basis for discussion.

Social Justice is a vision for a society which treats all individuals justly and fairly and where each person has access to basic human rights. An unjust society is one where conditions exist that makes it impossible for all people to participate in the most basic social benefits. Poverty exists where economic injustice exists, where income and resources are below what is needed to meet basic human needs.

In America, the number of people hungry, or at risk of hunger, has grown to 38.2 million

people (USDA, 11/05). This is the fifth consecutive annual increase since 2000. In a just society, would the number of hungry be growing?

Consider these facts:

- The federal minimum wage has not increased since 1997. That's more than eight years at \$5.15 an hour as the cost of living rises. (*A Just Minimum Wage Report, April 2006*)
- New Jersey is among the most expensive states for rental housing. The Fair Market Rent for a one-bedroom unit in NJ is \$936. (*National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach 2005 Report*)
- An American child is born without health insurance every minute—90% of the 8.3 million uninsured children live in working families. (*Children's Defense Fund, 2006*)

My work also has allowed me to talk with many people (especially in this diocese) who give of their time and personal resources to feed the hungry. They are kind and humble and unfailingly generous. And yet the number of hungry people grows. The facts listed above contribute to what emergency food providers are seeing across the country, an increase in the working poor among the people they serve. Americas Second Harvest found that among those they serve, 36.4% had to choose between food and rent or mortgage; and 33.5% between food and medicine or medical care. Working to eliminate the systemic problems that keep the numbers increasing is justice work. And by our baptism we commit to this "with God's help".

Church of the Epiphany Marks 100th Anniversary

By Mr. Robert Cottingham, Jr.

The Church of the Epiphany, Orange, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, will hold a year-end celebration on Sunday, November 26, at 6 PM at Mayfair Farms in West Orange. The guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Clement Price, Distinguished Service Professor of History and director of the Institute of Ethnicity Culture and the Modern Experience at Rutgers University.

In keeping with the celebration of Epiphany's 100 year anniversary as a parish in Orange, Dr. Price will speak on Epiphany as a black Episcopal Church in New Jersey and the significance of this anniversary milestone.

During the past year Epiphany has celebrated its 100th anniversary with a series of events, including a service of Thanksgiving and Rededication led by the Rev. Canon Gervais Clarke with the Bishop Croneberger presiding. The church also held a concert featuring the Newark Boys Chorus School and the North Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club, a "Youth Explosion," featuring rapper "360" (a.k.a. Clinton Smith), and Epiphany's annual Card Party.

Additional information on the November 26 celebration is available from Robert Cottingham, Sr., at (973) 672-5717.

Grace Church, Madison Celebrates 150 Years

Grace Episcopal Church in Madison has been celebrating its 150th anniversary. Recently members of the parish celebrated the anniversary with a picnic and dressed in time period clothes. A group of talented ladies made a beautiful quilt—see page 9. In addition, members of the parish have been sporting golf shirts, drinking from anniversary mugs, displaying sun catchers and reading weekly note cards with a different fact about Grace Church's incredible history.



Here are a few suggestions. When you purchase goods or services, make it a point to find out if they are being provided in a just manner. Do the workers who pick those tomatoes get paid a fair wage? Are those employees at your favorite store offered health care benefits? This fall, congress will be evaluating an increase in the minimum wage. Find out how your government representatives stand on this issue. Let them know you are concerned. Using your economic power and your gift of citizenship are both important ways to "DO JUSTICE." The following websites make it easy to "strive for justice" by alerting you when your actions can make a critical difference, www.episcopalchurch.org/eppn, www.letjusticeroll.org, www.sajo.org, and www.bread.org.

As the days grow shorter, and we are reminded of all of our harvest blessings, let us be mindful of all the ways we work to alleviate hunger and also reflect on the ways in which we can eliminate it.

Diane Riley is a Deacon at All Saints', Glen Rock, and the Education and Outreach Coordinator for Feed the Solution, a hunger education and advocacy program of The Apostles' House in Newark, NJ.

THE OASIS

LGBTI Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark

The Oasis is sponsoring a number of events this fall, and all who are interested are welcome to attend.

Diocesan World AIDS Day Eucahrist

A Service of Remembrance:
25 years of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic
Sunday, December 3, 2006; 5 PM
Trinity Church, Cliffside Park
Celebrants: The Rev. Willie Smith and
The Rev. Dr. Allison Moore

OASIS Benefit Performance of The Elephant Man

Friday, November 3, 2006; 8:00 PM
Nutley Little Theatre, Nutley
For tickets or more information call 973-667-0374 or visit www.nutleylittletheatre.com

A MOVEABLE FEAST, a new series of social events. Come for dinner and fun conversation at the "kickoff" event:

Tuesday, November 14, 2006; 7:30 PM
Church Street Cafe in Montclair
Cost: \$23.00

Advance reservations required;
for reservation information go to
theoasis.dioceseofnewark.org

Celebration of Committed Relationships Tuesday, February 12, 2007; 7:30 PM

St. Peter's, Clifton
Preacher: The Rev. Mark A. Lewis of
Church of Our Saviour, Secaucus

THE OASIS is a justice ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Straight persons, their families and friends, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, class, ability, economic or educational status.

For additional information on The Oasis or these events, visit the website at <http://theoasis.dioceseofnewark.org>

Leadership Transition at Episcopal Community Development, Inc.

The Board of Directors of Episcopal Community Development, Inc., appointed Gerard Haizel, previously Interim Executive Director, as Executive Director of the community development corporation effective July 1, 2006. Episcopal Community Development, Inc., (ECD) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization affiliated with the Episcopal Diocese of Newark that is committed to creating and sustaining affordable communities in underserved areas of the diocese (the seven northern counties of New Jersey). ECD contributes to the development of sustainable, affordable communities by constructing affordable housing for low- and moderate-income populations, providing first-time homebuyer training, and serving as a leader in neighborhood planning.

Former Department of Community Affairs Assistant Director for Housing Programs, Carla Lerman, led the organization from 1990

until June, 2005. During that period ECD developed and provided affordable housing and homebuyer training services in Newark, Paterson and Jersey City, building over 180 units of affordable housing in Newark alone.

Gerard Haizel was selected by the Board of Trustees as Interim Executive Director after Carla Lerman's retirement. Haizel was hired in 2002 to lead a community planning effort that has resulted in a comprehensive neighborhood plan for reinvigorating the Upper Clinton Hill neighborhood in Newark's South Ward. The board and staff participated in a year-long organizational assessment and strategic planning process that culminated in the selection of Haizel as the staff leader, effective July 1, 2006. Haizel, a licensed Professional Planner who also represents the Master Plan Working Group on the City of Newark's Zoning Taskforce, is now charged with implement-

ing ECD's community development initiatives.

"I welcome the opportunity to serve at the helm of ECD," says Haizel, who will be leading ECD to take on such challenges as developing new units of affordable housing for first-time homebuyers, as well as renovating existing housing stock that other developers are unwilling to tackle. "I look forward to carrying on the important work of ECD and to increasing ECD's capacity to make a difference in the lives of so many people for whom home ownership has always been a dream. ECD, along with the support of its many loyal funders, can make homeownership and sustainable neighborhoods a reality."

ECD is a nonprofit, tax exempt organization. Its operations are supported by charitable donations and grants. For more information, please call Jackie Ross at 973-430-9911 or email jross@dioceseofnewark.org.

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For well over four years, through their Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites (VITA) and financial education workshops, the Newark Asset Building Coalition (NABC) has been providing free tax return preparation for moderate- to low-income residents in the greater Newark area.

The VITA sites that NABC provides afford moderate- to low-income residents the opportunity to get FREE quality tax return preparation, with refunds in as little as two weeks.

NABC is looking for people who are interested in helping city residents with tax preparation. NABC and the IRS will provide all necessary training for volunteer preparers. Those who have tax preparation knowledge are welcome, but no past tax experience is necessary. Sites will be open Monday through Saturday with daytime and evening hours. Volunteers can serve as little or as much as they like.

Consider what you can do to help moderate- to low-income residents save for their wellbeing and help NABC get money back into the hands of those who really need it.

To volunteer please call Terrance Atherley at 973-733-3460 or e-mail NABC@acnj.org or Anthony@newarknow.org.

Durante el mes de Octubre se celebra la herencia Hispana

La Rvda. Maggie Gat, St. John's, Dover

Yo les invito a reflejar por un momento en la historia del ministerio hispano en nuestra diócesis y en nuestro futuro. La Iglesia de Gracia en Union City ha ofrecido la misa en español por lo menos 20 años. En el año 1988 había tres iglesias con español. En 1996 había dos. Diez años más adelante hay por lo menos 7 iglesias en la diócesis de Newark que ofrecen la misa en español. Nuestros números y tu ayuda e interés están creciendo.

También podemos encontrar más recursos para apoyar este ministerio ahora. Quiero

compartir unos recursos que yo encontré este verano. Primero, en agosto asistí a una conferencia maravillosa, el *Instituto de Capacitación para Clérigos*, patrocinado por el *Church Pension Fund* y la oficina del ministerio hispano. Habían cerca de 30 clérigos hispanos de todas partes de los Estados Unidos. Pasamos una semana de estudio y reflexión en el seminario *Virginia Theological Seminary*. Me encantaron con los nuevos recursos que descubrí, incluyendo el *Constitución y los Canones* y también el

Manual de Metodos y Procedimientos Administrativos de La Iglesia, en español. Espero que más clérigos puedan atender al Instituto durante el año que viene.

El otro recurso que encontré hace poco se llama *VÍA*. Este programa educativo se diseña especialmente para ayudar a Episcopalianos de habla hispana a descubrir su identidad cristiana.

Si su iglesia quiere comenzar un ministerio hispano, les invito a hablar conmigo o con cualquier miembro del Hispanic Ministry Task Force para aprender de mas recursos.

HOLA!

October is Hispanic Heritage Month

By The Rev. Maggie Gat, St. John's, Dover, for the Hispanic Ministry Task Force

I invite us to reflect briefly on Hispanic Ministry in our diocese and what our future might hold. Grace Church in Union City has been offering services in Spanish for at least 20 years. In 1988 there were three churches with services in Spanish. By 1996 there were two. Ten years later there are at least 7 churches in the Diocese of Newark that conduct worship in Spanish. Our numbers and your support and interest is growing.

Also there continue to be more and more resources to support this ministry. In August, I attended a wonderful conference, *Instituto de Capacitación para Clérigos*, sponsored by the Church Pension Fund and the Office of Hispanic Ministries. About 30 clergy from all parts of the United States gathered at Virginia Theo-

logical Seminary for an intense week of study and reflection. I was delighted with the new resources that I discovered, including the *Constitution and Canons* and the Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs in Spanish. I hope more clergy can attend the Instituto during the coming year. Another resource we have discovered is VIA, an educational program designed especially for Spanish-speaking Episcopalianos to learn about their Christian identify.

If your congregation is interested in ministering in the Latino Hispanic community, I invite you to speak with me or any member of the Hispanic Ministry Task Force to learn more about available resources before you begin.



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Pre-convention packages and registration materials will be mailed out in mid-December.

Information Concerning Nominations for Elected Offices

General requirements for diocesan offices: A candidate must be a confirmed communicant in good standing and be a qualified voter in a congregation in our diocese; and, candidates must have completed anti-racism training reported to and approved by the Bishop after consultation with the Mission to Dismantle Racism. (*Diocesan Canon 2(6.)*)

Communicant in good standing: All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing. (*National Church Canons, I.17.3*)

Nominations Due: November 30, 2006 (*last postmark date, if mailed*)

For nominations received by November 30, *The VOICE Convention Supplement* will include a photograph and a brief statement from each candidate for each office. The statement will be submitted on the nomination form itself and the photo can be mailed to: Secretary of Convention, 31 Mulberry Street, Newark, NJ 07102 or emailed to kpalm@dioceseofnewark.org.

For more information, see the website: <http://www.dioceseofnewark.org/convention/nominations.html>. Nominations can be submitted online there or forms can be downloaded.

Nominations Now Being Accepted for Offices Listed Below

ACTS/VIM BOARD

Class 2010: 1 clergy and 2 lay members
(multiple nominations require 2 clergy and 3 lay candidates)

Membership/Responsibilities: 13 members including the Diocesan Bishop, 3 clergy and 6 lay members elected by convention for a three-year term, and 3 clergy and/or lay members appointed by the Bishop for a three-year term. Two consecutive three-year terms may be served.

Candidate Requirements/Recommendations: Attendance at four meetings a year when proposals are being considered for funding. Two meetings between the second week in March and last week in April. Two meetings between the second week in September and the last week in October. Site visits made to grant requesters. *Desirable, but not essential, experience:* grant writing, reviewing grants, starting or expanding programs.

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS COMMITTEE

One-year term: 10 clergy and/or lay members
(multiple nominations require 11 candidates, clergy &/or lay)

Membership/Responsibilities: 10 members plus the Chancellor (chair) and one vice Chancellor as members ex officio. The committee serves from the adjournment of the convention at which it is elected until the adjournment of the next annual convention. It reviews the Constitution and Canons and makes recommendations for the amendment thereof and reports to the convention on amendments proposed by others. The committee also reviews Opinions of the Chancellor, as outlined in Canon 20. The committee meets at the beginning of December to prepare for the annual convention, during convention as necessary, and when called into special session as described in Canon 20.

Candidate Requirements/Recommendations: Must be a deputy to the convention at which elected. *Desirable, but not essential, experience:* church law, revising parish constitutions.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Class 2011: 1 clergy and 1 lay member
(multiple nominations require 2 clergy and 2 lay candidates)

Membership/Responsibilities: 8 members—4 clergy and 4 lay. Members are elected by Convention for a four-year term. A maximum of eight (8) consecutive years may be served. The Standing Committee is the Bishop's council of advice and the ecclesiastical authority when there is no bishop in charge. Additionally, the Committee:

- gives consent to elections and resignations of bishops.
- approves any encumbrance of real property and sale of real property.
- approves modifications or revisions of judicial sentences.
- recommends postulants for candidacy, candidates for ordination to the diaconate and deacons to be ordained priests.

Candidate Requirements/Recommendations: Attendance is required at ten monthly meetings, held the first Wednesday at 12:35 PM. Committee assignments as required. *Desirable, but not essential, experience:* law, real estate, vestry/executive committee, diocesan groups.

DIOCESAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Class 2010: 1 clergy; Class 2009: 1 lay member; Class 2007: 1 clergy
(one nomination necessary for each office)

Membership/Responsibilities: 7 members—4 clergy and 3 lay. The Diocesan Review Board oversees matters of clergy discipline under Title IV of the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

ECCLESIASTICAL COURT

Class 2011: 1 clergy; Class 2010: 1 lay member
(one nomination necessary for each office)

Membership/Responsibilities: 7 members—4 clergy and 3 lay. The Ecclesiastical Court functions at the time of presentment and trial of a priest or deacon in this diocese as described in Canons 17 and 18.

TRINITY & ST. PHILIP'S CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

Class 2010: 1 clergy and 1 lay member
(multiple nominations require 2 clergy and 2 lay candidates)

Membership/Responsibilities: 18 members including:

- The Diocesan Bishop as President
- Bishops
- The Dean
- Archdeacons, if any
- 3 clergy & 3 lay persons elected by Convention for one three-year term
- 3 members, clergy &/or lay members appointed by the Bishop for one three-year term
- 2 wardens, 1 treasurer, 1 clerk and 9 lay members elected from and by the congregation

Under the joint consolidation agreement and the Constitution of the Cathedral, the Chapter shall have the regulation, management and administration of temporal affairs of the Cathedral and the decision in such spiritual matters pertaining to its administration as may be referred to the Chapter by the Bishop or the Dean.

Candidate Requirements/Recommendations: Attendance is required at quarterly meetings. *Desirable, but not necessary, experience:* vestry, diocesan groups.

SECRETARY OF CONVENTION

One-year term: One nomination necessary.

Candidate requirement: Communicant in good standing.

TREASURER

One-year term: One nomination necessary.

Candidate requirement: Communicant in good standing.

Schedule of Convention-Related Deadlines (*deadline is last acceptable postmark date*)

November 15, 2006	Resolutions, Canonical Amendments, Constitutional Amendments, and Proposal of business items to be introduced at Convention 2007
November 30, 2006	Nominations for elected offices (<i>will be included in pre-convention package and publicity</i>)
January 12, 2007	Late nominations for elected offices (<i>will not be included in pre-convention package and publicity</i>)
January 19, 2007	Names submitted to the Bishop for the Necrology (<i>Names for the necrology should be for those individuals who have been active on committees, commissions, councils and other bodies of the Diocese of Newark or the wider church.</i>)
March 1, 2007	Parochial Reports Due

Dates to Remember!

Pre-Convention Meetings

Pre-convention meetings help prepare deputies for the business at convention. Presentations will be made on the diocesan budget, resolutions, task force reports, and orientation information for first-time deputies.

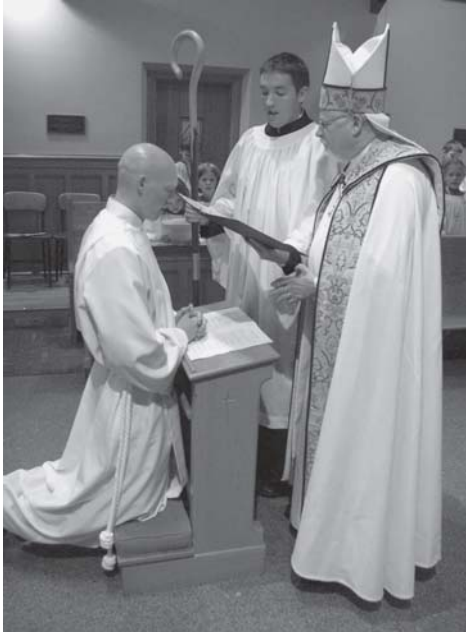
Wednesday, January 3, 2007; 7:30 – 9 PM
Christ Church, Pompton Lakes
Thursday, January 4, 2007; 7:30 – 9 PM
Christ Church, East Orange

Clergy Comings and Goings

In September, Bishop Croneberger ordained the **Rev. Jeremiah Williamson** into the transitional diaconate at Grace Church, Madison and Bishop Gallagher received the **Rev. Rubén Jurado** as a priest in the Episcopal Church at Trinity, Kearny.

Also in September, the **Rev. David Veale** returned to the Diocese of Newark to serve as rector of Grace Church in Union City, the **Rev. Susan Butler** became interim priest for Epiphany, Allendale and the **Rev. Paul Hunt** became interim priest for St. Dunstan's, Succasunna.

The Rev. Dwight Neglia has announced his retirement, leaving St. Agnes Little Falls on November 5th after nine years as Rector and the **Rev. John Edwards** (Holy Trinity, West Orange) has accepted a new call as rector of St. John's, Pleasantville in the Diocese of New York. The **Rev. Kim Holtman** has moved to Illinois and the **Rev. Margaret Reinfeld-Karda** has moved to Florida after six years at Good Shepherd, Ringwood.



Pictured above, left, Bishop Croneberger ordained the Rev. Jeremiah Williamson into the transitional diaconate at Grace, Madison. On the right, the Rev. Rubén Jurado, his wife, Maria Gómez Jurado, and Bishop Gallagher stand outside Trinity Church, Kearny, after he was received as a priest.

A Tribute to Father Isaac A. Persaud

On Monday, September 25, 2006, the late Father Isaac A. Persaud, would have celebrated his 50th birthday. He served 15 years as rector of The Church of the Incarnation, 68 Storms Avenue, Jersey City. As a tribute to him and in celebration of his life and ministry, Councilwoman Viola Richardson, the Mayor of Jersey City, Jeremiah Healy, and Mrs. Glory Persaud unveiled the renaming of Storms Avenue as "Father Isaac A. Persaud Way."

Diocese of Newark Diocesan Altar Guild Meeting

For all who are interested!
November 1, 2006; 10:00 AM
Eucharist will follow at noon.
Episcopal House, 31 Mulberry Street, Newark

The topic will be a discussion of what was presented and discussed at the triennial meeting of the National Altar Guild Association.

Saturday Quiet Days in Manhattan at General Seminary

Saturday, November 11, 2006

From Silence the Word Comes Forth: Integrating Buddhist Practices Into Christianity
with The Rev. Dr. James W. Jones & Dr. Kathleen Bishop

Experience how Buddhist practices can enrich Christian life and worship. To register, call Jim Murphy at 212-243-5150, x269 or send email to ccs@gts.edu.

Craft Market

Saturday, November 4, 2006
10 AM – 5 PM
St. Peter's, Essex Fells

Over 50 crafters from the tri-state area will display holiday decorations, ceramics, baskets, jewelry, candles, clothing, hand made soaps among other offerings. An American Doll Tea will have two seatings. For information call 973-226-6500. Proceeds support St. Peter's Outreach Program.

St. George's Church Will Present Shakespeare's "As You Like It"

"As You Like It," by William Shakespeare, will be presented at St. George's Church in Maplewood on **November 10, 11 and 12**. The production, in the parish hall, 550 Ridgewood Road, Maplewood, follows the successful production of "Twelfth Night" two years ago.

Each performance will be preceded by a concert of Shakespeare-related music, and Elizabethan music will be used throughout the production.

The play has many of the common Shakespeare themes of love, gender bending, mistaken identity, and love triangles found in most of his comedies. It also addresses the city versus country life to which many living today in the metropolitan area can relate.

Kenneth Branagh's film version of "As You Like It," set in Japan in the late 1800s, has been released in Italy and will appear in the United States before year-end. The production at St. George's Church offers an opportunity to see and appreciate it as a play, live on stage and in a more traditional production, before seeing the latest movie adaptation.

Tickets are priced at \$25 for the Friday and Saturday evening performances, which will include hors d'oeuvres and wine in addition to the music concert and play. Sunday's matinee will cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, and light snacks will be offered for sale in addition to the concert and play. Ticket information is available by calling 973-762-1319.



Third Annual Community Concert: Broadway on the Corner

Saturday, November 11, 2006; 7 PM
 St. John the Divine, 229 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights

Presented by Care on the Corner, an outreach ministry of St. John the Divine in Hasbrouck Heights. This year's concert will again support the Center For Food Action, in Hackensack, by requesting that donations of canned goods be brought to the performance. For further information, contact Cathie Studwell at 973-772-6042, or Lou Fifer at 201-727-9354, or the Care on the Corner office at St. John's, 201-288-9460.



Calvary Chorale Concerts

Calvary Chorale Concerts offered throughout the year. The next two concerts are:

An All-Mozart Concert
 Featuring "Coronation Mass" and "Regina Coeli"
Sunday, November 12, 2006; 3 PM

Mainstreet Brass Quintet
Sunday, December 3, 2006; 3 PM

Calvary Church, 31 Woodland Avenue, Summit
 Free-will offering, no admission charge
 For more information, call James S. Little at 908-277-1547.



The American Boy Choir Concert

Monday, December 11, 2006
7:30 PM

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1 Church Lane, Oakland

To purchase tickets, please call 201-337-4909.

The Essex Chorale Presents

George Frederick Handel's Messiah with Orchestra
Sunday, December 10, 2006; 4 PM
 DeCosta A. Dawson, Conductor

Christ Church, 422 Main Street, East Orange
 Handicap Accessible
 Admission Free
 For more information, call 973-736-5516 or 973-276-5787.

Save These Dates!

Sunday, January 21, 2007
at 4:30 PM
Farewell to
The Cronebergers
Evensong & Dinner

Saturday, January 27, 2007
at 11:30 AM
Consecration of the
Tenth Bishop of Newark

Veterans Day Service

Saturday, November 11, 2006
11AM
Grace Church in Nutley

This ecumenical and interfaith service will be a tribute to the Men and Women of our Armed Forces who have died serving their country in Iraq and Afghanistan. During the service which will last approximately 6 hours, names will be read of the almost 3500 soldiers who have given their lives in service to their respective countries. People are invited to stop in at their convenience throughout the day. Any clergy who would like to assist by reading names, please email gracenutley@optonline.net or call the church office at 973-235-1177.

Services in Spanish Throughout the Diocese
Misas en Español en la Diócesis

Grace Episcopal Church
www.dioceseofnewark.org/grace-unioncity
 3901 Park Avenue, Union City
 201-863-6334
 Domingos: Estudio Bíblico 11:00 AM
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St. Anthony of Padua
 76 Lodi Street, Hackensack
 201-489-3286
 Martes 7:30 PM
 Sábados 6:00 PM
 Domingos 8:00 PM
St. John's Episcopal Church
www.stjohnsofdover.org
 11 S. Bergen, Dover, NJ
 973-366-2772
 Domingos 12:30 PM
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
www.dioceseofnewark.org/stpauls-paterson
 451 Van Houten St, Paterson, NJ
 973-278-7900
 Miércoles:
 Estudio Bíblico y Comunión 7:00 PM
 Domingos Misa 1:30 PM
Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral
www.trinitystphilipscathedral.dioceseofnewark.org
 608 Broad Street, Newark, NJ
 973-622-3505
 Cada otro Sábado 1:00 PM
Trinity Episcopal Church
www.trinitychurchkearny.org
 575 Kearny Ave, Kearny, NJ
 201-991-5894
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Voice Deadline

October 2006

October 28

- Wardens' Day, Grace Church, Madison, 9 AM – 3 PM

October 29

- Bishop Croneberger Visitation, Christ Church, Short Hills, 8 & 10 AM

October 30

- Ward J. Herbert Fund Board Meeting, Episcopal House, 6 PM

November 2006

November 1

- Diocesan Altar Guild, Episcopal House, 10 AM
- Standing Committee, Episcopal House, 12:30 PM
- "Unpacking the Bible for Advent" sponsored by the Christian Formation Commission, Grace, Nutley, 6 – 9 PM; email kkawecki@dioceseofnewark.org

November 3

- Nutley Little Theater Benefit sponsored by The Oasis, *The Elephant Man*

November 4

- Training for Licensed Eucharistic Ministers, Trinity + St. Philip's Cathedral, Newark, 9 AM – 12 PM, to register email kkawecki@dioceseofnewark.org or call 973-430-9902

- Investiture of Katharine Jefferts Schori as 26th Presiding Bishop

November 5

- Bishop Croneberger Visitation, St. John's, Boonton, 8 & 9:30 AM

November 6

- District 10 Meeting, Good Shepherd, Midland Park, 7:30 PM

November 7

- Clergy Conversations; 10 AM – 1 PM – Bishop Croneberger, District 10, Epiphany, Allendale
- Bishop Gallagher, District 1, St. Peter's, Mt. Arlington
- Canon Echols, District 9, Atonement, Tenafly

November 8

- Diocesan Council, St. Agnes', Little Falls, 6 PM

November 9

- North Porch Board of Trustees, St. John's, Dover, 10 AM

November 10

- Veteran's Day (11/11) Observation – Episcopal House closed

November 10 – 11

- Fall Confirmation Retreat (as necessary), location tbd

November 12

- Bishop Croneberger Visitation, St. Stephen's, Millburn, 10 AM

November 14

- First Moveable Feast sponsored by The Oasis, Church Street Cafe, 7:30 PM

November 15

- Deadline for resolutions, amendments to the Constitution & Canons, items of business for convention 2007
- Convention Nominations Committee meeting, Episcopal House, 6 PM
- Trinity + St. Philip's Cathedral Chapter meeting

November 16

- Fresh Start, 10 AM – 1 PM, location tbd
- Bethsaida Team, St. Elizabeth's, Ridgewood, 5:30 PM, supper, 6 PM mtg

November 16 – 17

- CDI: A Congregational Development Program - Cycle 1, Weekend 1, Trinity, Kearny; Thurs., Nov. 16, 7–9:30 PM; Fri., Nov. 17, 9 AM – 6:30 PM; (continues Sat., Dec. 2); register online <http://www.dioceseofnewark.org/CDI.html>

November 18

- Ordination of the Vocational Deacons, Trinity + St. Philip's Cathedral, 10 AM, Bishop Gallagher
- Youth Worship Revived: Rock & Alternative Music Mass, St. Michael's, Wayne, 6 – 9 PM

November 19

- Bishop Croneberger Visitation, Holy Communion, Norwood, 10 AM
- North Porch "Tea & Toy Fest," Episcopal House, 2:30 – 4:30 PM

November 21

- Clergy Conversations; 10 AM – 1 PM – Bishop Croneberger, District 6, Trinity, Bayonne
- Bishop Gallagher, District 2, Good Shepherd, Wantage
- Canon Echols, District 5, Trinity, Montclair
- Women's Commission, Episcopal House, 12 – 2 PM
- The Oasis, Episcopal House, 7 – 10 PM

November 23

- Thanksgiving Day (Episcopal House closed Thursday, 11/23 & Friday, 11/24)

November 26

- Bishop Croneberger Visitation, St. Paul's & Resurrection, Wood-Ridge, 9:30 AM

November 28

- Clergy Conversations; 10 AM – 1 PM – Bishop Croneberger, District 4, St. Paul's, Chatham
- Bishop Gallagher, District 3, St. Paul's, Morris Plains
- Canon Echols, District 1, St. Mark's, Mendham
- Commission on Liturgy & Music, Episcopal House, 12 PM
- Bethsaida Team, Episcopal House, 5:30 – 8 PM
- Cross Roads Board Meeting, Port Murray, 6 – 9 PM

November 30

- Deadline for Nominations to diocesan offices elected at Convention 2007

December 2006

December 1

- Cursillo Ultreya, Convent St. John Baptist, Mendham, 7:30 – 9 PM

December 2

- Resolutions Committee, Episcopal House, 9:30 AM
- Reparations Forum sponsored by the Task Force on Reparations, The *Fourth* Conversation: Advocacy — The Legal Perspective, The Church in Action, Feasibility and H.R. 40; 8:30 AM – 4 PM, location tbd
- CDI: A Congregational Development Program - Cycle 1, Weekend 1, Trinity, Kearny; 9 AM – 6 PM

December 3

- World AIDS Day Service co-sponsored by The Oasis and Friends for Life of Good Shepherd (Fort Lee), Trinity, Cliffside Park, 5 PM
- Bishop Croneberger Visitation, St. Andrew & Holy Communion, South Orange, 8:30 & 10:30 AM

December 5

- Clergy Conversations; 10 AM – 1 PM – Bishop Croneberger, District 8, All Saints', Leonia
- Canon Echols, District 6, Incarnation, Jersey City
- Bethsaida Team, St. Elizabeth's, Ridgewood, 5:30 PM, supper, 6 PM mtg

December 6

- Standing Committee, Episcopal House, 12:30 PM

December 8-9

- High School Peer Ministry Training, location tbd

December 9

- Ordination of the Vocational Deacons, Trinity + St. Philip's Cathedral, 10 a.m., Bishop Croneberger

December 10

- Bishop Croneberger Visitation, Incarnation, Jersey City, 9:30 AM forum, 10:30 AM

December 12

- Clergy Conversation with Bishop Gallagher, District 7, St. Paul's & Resurrection, Wood-Ridge; 10 AM – 1 PM

December 13

- Trustees of the Episcopal Fund & Diocesan Properties, Episcopal House, 3 PM

December 14

- District Conveners, Episcopal House, 12 PM

December 19

- Women's Commission, Episcopal House, 12 – 2 PM
- The Oasis, Episcopal House, 7 – 10 PM

December 20

- Diocesan Council, St. Agnes, Little Falls, 6 PM

December 21

- Fresh Start, 10 AM – 1 PM, location tbd

December 25

- Christmas Day - Episcopal House closed 12/25, Tues., 12/26 & Wed., 12/27

133rd Annual Convention—Saturday, January 20, 2007

Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral

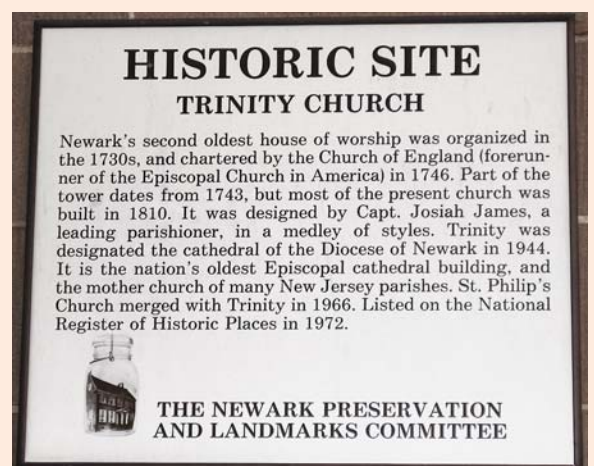


The John Palmer Croneberger Cathedral Enrichment Fund

The John Palmer Croneberger Cathedral Enrichment Fund has been established to honor the contribution of Bishop John P. Croneberger toward the relationship between the Diocese of Newark and its Cathedral. During his tenure, Bishop Croneberger has devoted hours and energy to Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral as one means of expressing his commitment to the church's ministry in the city. The purpose of the Fund is to support Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral as central to the liturgical and programmatic life of the Diocese. Under the auspices of the Cathedral Chapter, funds will be used for initiatives such as:

- Development of the Cathedral's physical plant; and
- Staff support for diocesan services and events, such as ordinations, trainings, acolyte festivals, etc.

If you'd like to contribute to this fund in honor of Bishop Croneberger, please make check payable to:
The John Palmer Croneberger Cathedral Enrichment Fund, and mail to:
The Diocese of Newark, Attn: The JPCCE Fund, 31 Mulberry Street, Newark, NJ 07102



Plaque displayed on the front of the cathedral