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*The Bishop, Clergy and People of
The Episcopal Diocese of Long Island
request the honor of your presence at the
ordination of*

*The Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano
as
Bishop Coadjutor*

*Saturday, the Nineteenth of September, 2009
Eleven o'clock in the morning*

*Tilles Center for the Performing Arts
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Reception immediately following

Clergy: Cassock & Surplice/Red Stole

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church will be the Chief Consecrator at the Ordination and Consecration service. Co-consecrators will be the Rt. Rev. Orris G. Walker, Jr., Bishop of Long Island and the Rt. Rev. Gordon P. Scruton, Bishop of Western Massachusetts.

Other consecrators will include the Rt. Rev. Mark M. Beckwith, Bishop of Newark; the Rt. Rev. George E. Councell, Bishop of New Jersey; the Rt. Rev. David B. Joslin, Assisting Bishop, Diocese of Long Island; the Rev. Robert Rimbo, Bishop of the Metro N.Y. Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and the Rt. Rev. Andrew F. Wissemann, Retired Bishop, Diocese of Western Massachusetts.

Many ecumenical, interfaith, and community guests will also be participating.

The preacher will be the Rev. Mpho Tutu, Director of The Tutu Center, Alexandria, Va.

Litanists will be the Rev. Barbara Briggs, Associate, Christ Church, Hartford, Ct. and the Rev. Paul Briggs, Rector, St. Mary's Church, Manchester, Ct.

Diocesan Choir and Music Director will be Mr. Gregory C. Eaton, Church of St. Ann & The Holy Trinity, Brooklyn. Choir members will be from parishes across the diocese. And there will be steel bands and liturgical dancers.

Ministers of Ceremony will be the the Rev. Christina van Liew, the Rev. Robert Picken, and the Rev. Mauricio Wilson.

All are welcome and cordially invited. No tickets are being issued or needed to attend this diocesan celebration. For further information, please write to: consecration091909@gmail.com

The Already and The Not Yet

By Bishop-elect Larry Provenzano



Provenzano

This past month has provided me an exciting insight into the well-worn theological understanding of the Kingdom of God – already established, not yet fully realized.

I am in the office every day, visiting parishes on the weekends, traveling to meetings of boards, visiting our diocesan camp, spending time with our seminarians, deacons, and a variety of priests, both the newly ordained and the long tenured, in an effort to know the mind and heart of our diocese.

I have discovered that I can actually drive around the diocese (with the occasional help of GPS) without getting lost. It may be thirty years since I have seen some of these locations, but it is all coming back very clearly. And I am loving it!

In almost all circumstances people have asked, “What do we call you? How do we address you?” And more importantly, “When can we meet with you?” I have responded that my name is Larry and at least until September 19th that is how I should be addressed. And you can meet with me as soon as Violet DeLagarde receives a call and places your name on my office schedule.

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A Guide to the September 19th Ordination and Consecration Service

*From the Transition Committee
for Bishop Coadjutor
By The Very Rev.
Christopher D. Hofer*

For two years, the leadership of the Diocese of Long Island has been preparing for the day in which the diocese will celebrate the ordination and consecration of a bishop who will serve as our Bishop Coadjutor. Over countless hours of meetings, visitations to and with nominees, a series of walkabouts and the election of the Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano

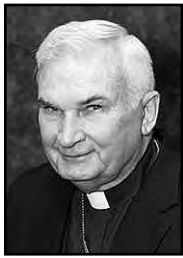
to be the diocese's next bishop, the day for the ordination is almost here.

Many in our diocese have asked members of the Transition Committee questions about who is invited to attend the ordination, how much space is available and what will happen at the event. This brief guide is intended to answer those questions. If you have additional questions, please email consecration091909@gmail.com or check the diocesan website, www.dioceselongisland.org, for further information.

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Message from the Assisting Bishop

The Right Reverend David B. Joslin

A Dynamic Place

What a dynamic place the Diocese of Long Island is! As I work with you week after week I become more and more impressed by the Episcopal Church in this diocese.

At the top of this dynamism now is the sense of hope and excitement surrounding the beginning of a new episcopate. The joy and enthusiasm anticipating the ordination and consecration of the Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano is palpable. In my more reflective moments I have to confess my belief that that excitement is connected to the descent of the Holy Spirit upon him ordaining him as the Bishop of Long Island. The Holy Spirit who dwells throughout the body of Christ, is now focused upon this coming event. And joined with the Spirit from on high it is pinpointed on this very talented but human person who is to be made one with the apostles. As such he will be one of the links that, across time and space, bonds us in community and service to Christians of every time and place. His apostolic ministry will both speak to Long Island and also be an expression of the particular ministries and witness that have developed here in past

episcopates, and continue as part of the fabric of faith in this church. All this blend of continuity and change are celebrated in the ordination of this new bishop. The collect for ordinations puts it this way, "...things which had grown old are being made new..."

One part of the continuing fabric of faith in the Diocese of Long Island is a very keen sense of the ministry of caring for the needy. A great deal of such service is carried out in and by our congregations. There is also a most impressive corporate ministry to the needy carried out through diocesan related agencies. St. John's Episcopal Hospital, the ministry in which we take part through the Interfaith Medical Center, the Bishop Charles Waldo MacLean Episcopal Nursing Home, the Bishop Henry B. Hucles Episcopal Nursing Home, Episcopal Community Services, and all the ministries supported by Episcopal Charities are on this list. If you look these up on the internet you will be most impressed by the loving help you and your fellow church members render to all kinds of people.

Some may not think of this service as being of the essence of Christian

life but the New Testament and Christian history tells a different story. The New Testament name for this ministry is "diakonia" – service particularly to the needy. While deacons are the ordained expression of it, it is also a ministry of the whole body of Christ. Sometimes that is carried out by individual Christians in their daily life and work. Recently a banker told me how he looked at people not just as customers but as people he could help. Sometimes diaconal ministry is an organized parish effort. And our parishes abound with such activities. Corporate diakonia through hospitals, counseling services, schools, and institutions that help people in various kinds of needs is really part of the whole diaconal ministry our Lord has given to Christians.

People in the Diocese of Long Island should be very proud of this heritage of service in all its dimensions. It is one of the special graces – part of the DNA – of this diocesan community of faith. The future will bring new challenges and opportunities for such diaconal ministry – often challenges we cannot now envision. Responding to those will be part of the next episcopate (and all that follow it). But now as we bask in the light of a new sense of the Holy Spirit's presence let us take heart in the joy of following Jesus who came to serve all who came to him.

Faithfully yours,
+ David Joslin

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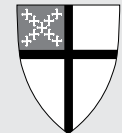
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Canon's Corner

Canon Diane M. Porter

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What's What, So What, Now What???

We came, we met, we debated, debated, debated, legislated and now we're home. Let me admit up front, we also had some fun and saw several friends along the way but that was the sideshow. Now that the triennial convention of The Episcopal Church is over, what does it mean to the saints sitting in the pew?

What's What? The secular press would have one believe that the entire Convention was devoted to discussions stemming off the root topic of sexual orientation. So much more happened that has relevance to the future of our diocese. For example the broadening of ecumenical discussions with the historic African-American Churches like the AME, AME-Zion and CME and the Swedish Church show the breadth of our diversity. A very comprehensive and well-thought out report on evangelism to the Hispanic-Latino community was adopted. The report can give some real signposts to the Hispanic Commission. The adoption of the denominational health plan

will help to stop the hodge-podge of coverage for qualified church workers and it may actually help us in the Diocese of Long Island to save money and apply it toward mission. The passage of the mandatory lay pension legislation made me overjoyed because of the protection it will afford to future generations of lay employees. The inclusion onto the liturgical calendar of many who have been overlooked because they did not look like the saints of old was another blessing as was the development of additional liturgical rites. Had I not come to love Mother Garde's companion, Asa, I, too, might have been among the skeptical when a resolution was offered for the development of a rite for the loss of a companion animal. That's a bit of what's what.

So What? Over the years, I have heard Archbishop-emeritus Desmond Mpilo Tutu thank the General Convention for the passage of resolutions in support of the divestment of money from firms doing business

with the then apartheid government and for resolutions in support of the liberation struggle of the South African people. So the passage of resolutions in support of persons in Honduras, Palestine, Cuba, Haiti, Southern Sudan, and the Philippines is a part of the rich and historic tradition of the Episcopal Church to stand with beleaguered brothers and sisters in strife-torn parts of the world. Christians and non-Christians alike in these troubled parts and beyond are encouraged by our witness and believe that the voice of the Episcopal Church is an important one when it speaks. We at home do not always appreciate the value of our words but I know what they have meant to others.

The legislation that was passed in support of the alleviation of domestic poverty gives the team of the Washington Office of The Episcopal Church the *raison d'être* to approach Congress and the Administration to press for more work to be done at home.

You may think, "so what and how

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A General Convention Report

**By John Andren
General Convention
Deputy from the
Diocese of Long Island**

I have written this from the standpoint of a first-time deputy.

The 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church met in Anaheim, California from July 5th through July 18th. I was blessed to be able to attend. As weary as I was from sitting day after day in meetings and hearings, I was exhilarated by the experience. The new friendships begun, the old friendships renewed and strengthened, and the joy of the shared daily Eucharist will stay with me for a long time.

Now that I'm home, my Parish and the diocese are entitled to know how I exercised my responsibility as a deputy. In due time the other deputies and I will prepare a full report to the diocese and through the diocese to the parishes and diocesan bodies. During the convention I maintained a blog, with the intent of giving readers a sense of what it's like to attend such an event. You can access the blog at: www.andrengc.typepad.com.

110 dioceses were represented. The convention consists of two houses: the House of Deputies (850 of them) and the House of Bishops (over 100). An event with major import for the Diocese of Long Island was the unanimous vote, in both houses, to consent to the election of Father Provenzano as coadjutor.

All legislation had to be approved by both houses. As a result, some pieces of legislation went back and forth as each house could make amendments. Nonetheless the convention passed well over 300 pieces of legislation, far too many to comment on in this report. In due course a journal of the convention will be published. It will contain all the resolutions adopted. Those proposals that didn't make it through will be referred to the Executive Council (an elected body) for consideration.

The major issues that the convention dealt with were the budget, the ordination of gay bishops and the blessing of same-sex unions. These, by the way, were the only actions that made the national press, and not always accurately. The budget vividly reflects the economic pain we are all experiencing. The budget for the triennium (the next three years) was \$23 million less than the current budget, and will result in a staff reduction of 30 people (out of 110) at the Episcopal Center and other organizations. Many, if not most, programs will be funded at lower levels. In some cases they will

be eliminated as there will be no staff to support them.

Pre-convention speculation centered on whether the convention would reverse Resolution B033 passed at the 2006 convention. That resolution placed a moratorium on the ordination of gay bishops. This convention passed resolution D025, a carefully-crafted statement of where we are as a Church, and emphasized that the existing canons of the Church are silent on the issue. While some commentators saw this resolution as a repeal of B033, that resolution still stands. Resolution D025 reiterates the role of the discernment process in determining the fitness of anyone who seeks to pursue holy orders at any level.

Some commentators also viewed Resolution C056 as giving the go-ahead for the blessing of same-sex unions. The resolution, however, "...authorizes the House of Bishops, in conjunction with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, to devise an open process that will invite church-wide participation in collecting and developing theological resources and liturgies. They are to report their efforts to the next General Convention in 2012."

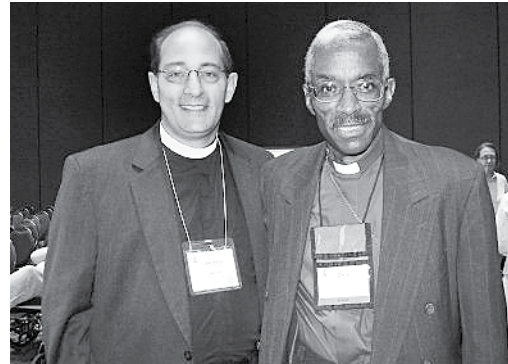
For the record, I voted for the budget, and for

resolutions D025 and C065.

It was obvious that none of the decisions made at this conference were ill-considered or precipitous, as momentous and far-reaching as they may have been. No one who participated in the deliberations, who attended the hearings and who

read the reports of committees could say otherwise, even if unhappy or distressed by the outcomes. It's worth remembering that in the 2,000 plus years of Christianity, we are but a blip in time, as important to us as that time may be. Our responsibility is maintaining as best we can the vitality of the Church so that it may continue its responsibility for proclaiming the Gospel.

Our responsibilities as deputies do not end with the Convention, but continue through the triennium. Many of us will serve on committees (there are 18 Standing Committees) and task forces that address the issues before the Church. I look forward to working with the other deputies and with all the members of the diocese to do all that we can to revitalize and strengthen God's Church here on Long Island. With a new leader in Bishop Provenzano a wonderful opportunity is before us. Let us pray that, with God's help, we make the most of it.



Lynn Collins Photo

**Father Provenzano and Bishop Walker
at General Convention in the
House of Bishops.**



Earle King Photo

Long Island Deputies in the General Convention House of Deputies following its vote consenting to Father Lawrence Provenzano's election as Diocese of Long Island Bishop Coadjutor. The vote was acknowledged by sustained applause as the deputation presented Father Provenzano to the house. L to R, Ms. Valarie Crosdale, Deacon Elizabeth Belasco, Fr. Christopher Hofer, Fr. Lawrence Provenzano, Fr. Richard Brewer, Canon Lynn Collins, Mr. John Andren, Mrs. June Gerbracht. (Additional convention news and photos are on the diocesan website: www.dioceselongisland.org)



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The Mercer School of Theology

George Mercer, Jr. School of Theology Announces Course Offerings for the 2009-2010 Academic Year

Welcome to the George Mercer Jr. School of Theology of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island! The Mercer School of Theology has been an important education resource to train persons for various ministries needed for the mission of the church. In addition to having provided preliminary training for those pursuing holy orders, the Mercer School has increasingly offered a number of programs which are designed to prepare women and men for the church's lay ministries.

This year's class and course offerings offer a rich program for spiritual formation and theological education for all people. Anyone is welcome to attend these course offerings.

Highlights include:

- Three academic, year-long, intensive courses in Old Testament, History of Global Christianity, and Christian Education.
- A pilot program with the ELCA in which we will be having a

number of offerings primarily for lay persons including: Intro to Old Testament, Christian Worship, Practical Ministry, Christian Doctrine, Christian Ethics, and a course on the Lutheran tradition. These short courses are approximately five weeks long, over two semesters. ELCA students must enroll in all of the course offerings; our students and others are welcome to register as may best meet their needs.

- A number of clergy continuing education courses related to church finances, topics related to congregational revitalization and specialized subjects such as the Emergent Church.
- A variety of outreach workshops in concert with Episcopal Community Services in the areas of congregational outreach, immigration, parenting, and clergy wellness.
- The Eucharistic Minister and Eucharistic Workshops at various regional sites including offerings of the same in Spanish.

- Wardens and Vestry workshops
- The Safe Church programs including SHE/CAP at various regional sites, and offerings of these topics in Spanish.



Stained glass window in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Mercer School of Theology

Classes begin in early September.

Registration starts September 1st and can be done on-line, by mail or by FAX.

Registration forms are available in the course catalog or from the office of the Mercer School.

Look for the Mercer Course Catalog sent by mail to every church, or on-line at www.mercerschool.org.

For more information, contact:

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Deacon Vivian Lam Attended Preaching Excellence Program

By Stephen W. Carson

Earlier this summer the Episcopal Preaching Foundation sponsored its annual Preaching Excellence Program on the campus of Villanova University. Among the 60 Episcopal seminarians and recent seminary graduates in attendance was the Rev. Deacon Vivian Lam, shown in the photo with



Bishop James Ottley on the day of her ordination to the diaconate in June.

The theme of this year's PEP conference was "Preaching the Beatitudes." Thomas Troeger, professor of preaching at Yale/Berkeley Divinity School, was keynote speaker. Sculptures by the Rev. Charles McCollough brought the Beatitudes to lively, artful expression. In worship, fellowship, and preaching groups – at which each participant shared two sermons during the week for comment and critique – the theme, and the homiletical task more broadly, were explored in depth.

For more information about EPF visit the Foundation web site at: www.tepf.net

Already / Not Yet

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Since returning from the General Convention of the Church I have been meeting with clergy, lay leaders of parishes and diocesan staff in an effort to begin forming a framework for how we will move ahead in mission.

There are lots of opportunities for us to be used by God for the building up of the Kingdom and furthering the work of the Church – but in the spirit of this "in-between period" I find myself having to wait. Wait until the ordination in September. Wait until Diocesan Convention in November. Wait until I have talked to as many of you as possible. Wait until I have discovered the stories behind the stories, and most importantly until I have earned your trust.

Although I will be ordained and consecrated a bishop on September 19th I know that I will only truly become your bishop when you discover in me some level of the trust, humility, leadership and prayerful-

ness that is spoken of bishops in our liturgy.

This will be another experience of "already and not yet." A mitre, ring, pectoral cross and crosier do not a bishop make – our relationship grounded in Word and Sacrament will make me your bishop. The humility to admit that at times we were in error or that we may have failed even in the face of our best efforts will make me your bishop. Our ability to jointly turn hope and vision into reality will make me your bishop.

In the times to come when we stand together in tears or in laughter, when we face difficult situations or celebrate with great joy, when we encounter together the things we could not imagine or even understand, it is then in the depth of our being that the "already and not yet" will give way to God's abiding grace at work in us and I will then be your bishop and we together will build upon the good and faithful work of those who came before us.

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does this get more people in our pews?" One part of the "so what" is that these resolutions are a continuing reaffirmation of our Baptismal Covenant.

Now What? The real work now begins with en fleshing and living out the resolutions with most of the work being done at the diocesan and congregational level. That's the big "now what!" Example. The decision to eliminate the national newspaper and publish a quarterly magazine is

a decision with major implications at the local level. We will need to publish a stand alone newspaper and for those in this diocese and others as well who are not computer users, we must seek to find a way to include some national news in our print copy in order that we can keep bringing all that is relevant to the local saints.

The revision to the disciplinary canon will cause us to have to rewrite our diocesan canons, undergo training and create new entities to support the revised process. This is no small amount of work and thankfully we will be able

to work with surrounding dioceses to accomplish the task.

At a time when all are concerned about our diminishing numbers, the Evangelism Office was eliminated. We will need to create our own resources and again work in cooperation with surrounding dioceses to borrow best practices as we seek to create at the local level what once was developed at the national level. On the one hand, I worry about 110 different approaches but, on the other, I have always heard "the wisdom is in the room" and we are being asked to prove it so. The closing of the anti-racism, diocesan services,

evangelism, women's ministry, lay and ordained ministry and worship and spirituality offices at the Church Center is a bitter pill and we dare not let it become a poison pill.

Saints, as we review all of these actions and their implications for our life as a diocesan family, the real "now what" is that we wholeheartedly accept the challenge of our new Bishop Coadjutor to Move Forward in Mission. That's the what's what, so what and now what that will see us through this triennium and future triennia to come.

Canon Diane M. Porter

"Healing to Wholeness: Lives Revealed" A Retreat for Women and Gay Men

Information from
The Rev. Deacon Debra Bennett

While at Bexley Hall Seminary three students who recently participated in a Feminist Biblical Interpretation project "to give voice to the voiceless through life-affirming texts as opposed to texts of terror," decided to form a ministries coalition and one of its first efforts is the presentation of a retreat for women and gay men.

The coalition, Bennett, Black & Gerlach Ministries, named for the three seminarians, Debra Bennett, Diocese of Long Island, Vincent Black, Diocese of Ohio, and Aaron Gerlach, Diocese of Chicago, has received support for the retreat from the Evangelical Education Society of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Long Island.

The "Healing to Wholeness: Lives Revealed" retreat will be conducted in three sessions in October at Little Portion Friary in Mt. Sinai, N.Y. Registration deadlines are in September.

A BB&G publicity letter about the retreat says, "In our broken and

wounded world, there are many who live their lives in the shadows even while out in the open. They are forced into the shadows because of various oppressive elements that in one sense or another have been visited upon them. Among this population are women and gay men."

"This retreat is an attempt to empower women and gay men who suffer under the yoke of patriarchy or have been victims of abuse at the hands of scripture." And, it will be a time to confront "some texts of terror and lift up some texts of hope ... and embrace an identity as beloved of God"

Retreat sessions are: October 16-18, women. October 23-25, gay men. October 30 to November 1, co-ed. The registration fee is \$175.00 (with checks payable to Bexley Hall Seminary), which includes lodging, meals, and retreat sessions. For more information contact: bbgministries@gmail.com or see retreat information and a registration form in the "Diocesan News and Announcements" section of the diocesan website: www.dioceselongisland.org

Service Guide

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SITE INFORMATION

The location for the ordination and consecration of Fr. Provenzano will be at the Tilles Center on the C. W. Post Campus, 720 Northern Boulevard, Brookville, New York. The Tilles Center is a beautiful performing arts center and hosts many world-renowned artists as well as local graduations and worship services. There is ample parking available, including handicap parking. If parishes are planning on bringing busses, that information must be emailed to us at consecration091909@gmail.com ASAP.

SEATING

The Tilles Center seats 2,200, a portion of which is being reserved for individuals participating in the service along with family and guests of the Provenzano family. **There are no tickets for the event and the doors will open at 10:00 a.m.** All "saved" seats must be released at 10:45 a.m. Due to rules of the Tilles Center, there is no "standing room" and when the seats are filled, the doors will be closed. **Of course, all who are interested in attending the ordination are encouraged to attend.**

THE LITURGY

The ordination service, beginning at 11:00 a.m., will follow the liturgy in *The Book of Common Prayer* for such services. The Presiding Bishop and Primate, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, will be the Chief

Consecrator. Highlights will include a large procession of diocesan clergy and lay leadership, visiting clergy, and honored guests; participation of resident bishops and bishops from throughout the Church; a diocesan choir under the direction of Gregory Eaton; a homily by the Rev. Mpho Tuto; liturgical dancing; offering of gifts from our Long Island Native American community; steel drummers from throughout the diocese and much, much more.

In order to make the liturgy truly representative of the diocese, Fr. Provenzano, the Transition Committee and the Ordination/Consecration Sub-Committee have been including as many individuals from throughout the diocesan family as possible in positions ranging from ushers to Eucharistic ministers to acolytes to choir members. Participants will represent the melting pot of our diocese from Brooklyn to Suffolk, and Nassau to Queens.

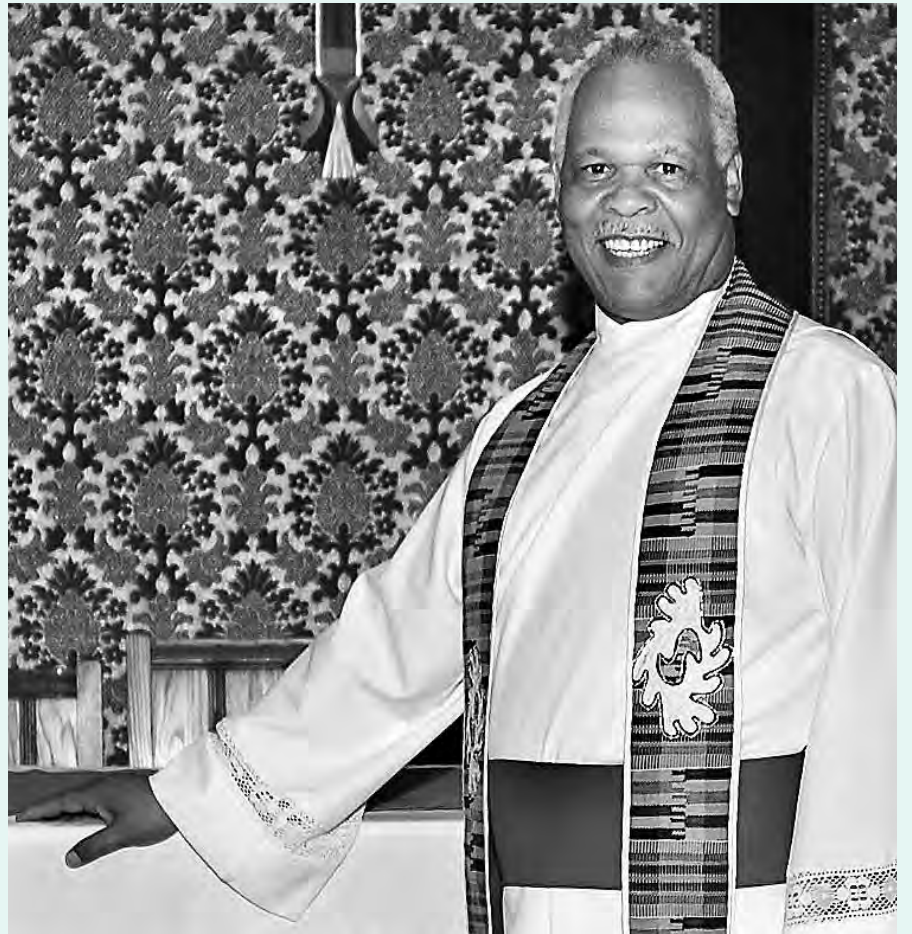
SPECIAL OFFERING

There will be a collection of non-perishable food items during the ordination. Attendees are encouraged to bring items with them and place them in designated bins at the Tilles Center. The gifts will be blessed and distributed to the hungry in cooperation with Episcopal Community Services.

RECEPTION

Following the liturgy, there will be light refreshments at C. W. Post and participants will have an opportunity to meet Bishop Provenzano and his family.

Lloyd Anthony Named Honorary Canon



Garfield DaCosta Photo

The Cultural, Stewardship, and Hospitality Committees of St. Joseph's Church, Queens Village, announced and congratulated its rector, the Rev. Lloyd Anthony, upon his installation as Honorary Canon in the Diocese of Wiawso, Ghana. The service was at the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, Sefu, Wiawso, and the honor was bestowed by the Rt. Rev. Abraham K. Ackah, Bishop of the Diocese of Wiawso, in association with the Rt. Rev. Orris G. Walker, Jr., Diocesan Bishop of Long Island. The parish committees offered the following prayer: "May God richly bless Canon Lloyd Anthony, His humble servant. To God be the glory!"



Episcopal Relief & Development

Gail Madden, ERD Diocesan Coordinator

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful summer! We look forward to an exciting time in the Diocese of Long Island with the presence of our new Bishop Coadjutor, Lawrence Provenzano. And, our best wishes and prayers go with Bishop and Mrs. Walker as they prepare for the next phase of life.

Episcopal Relief and Development continues its work around the globe, summer, fall, winter and spring. Right now, as you read this, Episcopal Relief and Development is at work in Angola, Ghana, Honduras, India, Kenya, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Peru, and the United States. That means you are in these places too. I'll bet you didn't know you were so busy this summer. You, through Episcopal Relief and Development, are hard at work, applying the Millennium Development Goals in all these places.

As we move into autumn, please remember the work of Episcopal

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Peace,
Gail Madden

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St. John's, Lattingtown, Institutes New Rector, Mobilizes for Ministry, Celebrates 150th Anniversary

By Victoria Crosby

On June 7, 250 people packed into St John's of Lattingtown for the institution of the new rector, Father Simon Foster. Music and singing were lively, including a special request from Fr. Simon for a joint organ and violin piece by Eric Milnes, Director of Music, and Jason Crosby, based on the Abba song *Thank You for the Music*.

The choir led Anglican chant for the psalmody. Guest preacher was Nina Frost, Head of Adult Education at Marble Collegiate Church, Manhattan. Community leaders and parishioners presented gifts including a liberty rainbow flag with the words "Simon, continue to work for justice and an end to prejudice of any kind." Bishop Johnny Itty presided and Canon Porter read the Letter of Institution. Fr. Michael Sniffen was Bishop's Chaplain and Master of Ceremonies. A festive reception and "cook out" followed in honor of the parish's 150 year history. During the reception a rainbow appeared over the church which was much photographed and smiled at.

The theme of the fall program in this anni-

versary year at this lively parish church is Mobilization for Ministry. Every parishioner will receive a bookmark with a special prayer on it with extracts from the Catechism and Baptismal Covenant about who the ministers of the church are; namely, "lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons." The parish is mobilizing for the next 150 years, rooted in prayer and spirituality, daily Morning Prayer and Eucharist, and with a full Continuing Education Program.

One new program, called Wizards and Wonders, will involve costuming and a dramatized tour through the nooks and crannies of a "haunted house." The fall program will also include a special outreach to every shop and office in the community with open evenings and receptions. There is a new program for "atheists, agnostics and those who are not quite sure" called "Spirituality on Tap" which will meet at a local bar.

The church's website has video clips from the service of institution for Fr. Foster at this web address: www.stjlat.org/vidinst/thxvid2.php.

For more information about parish programs contact the church office: (516) 671-3226.

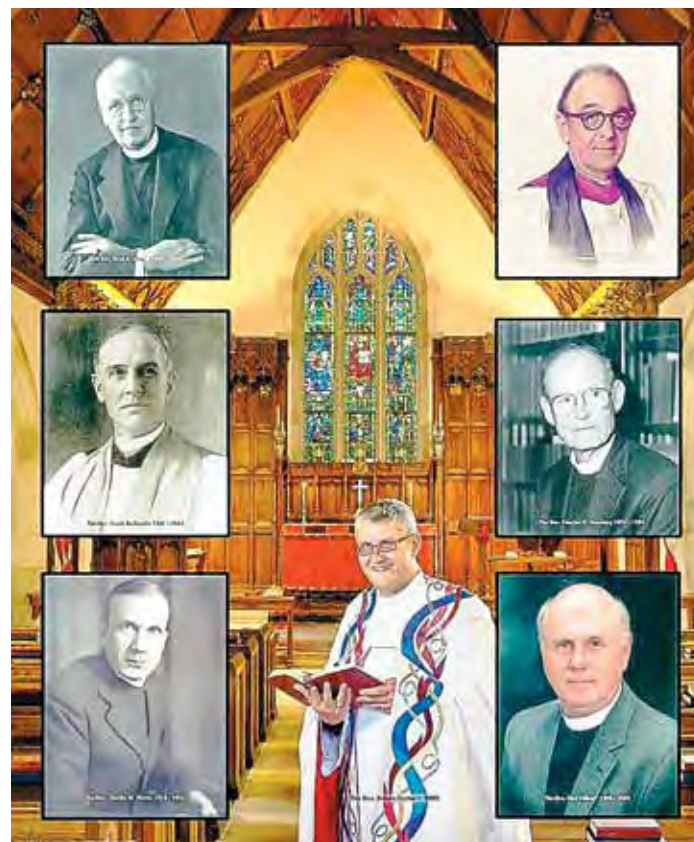


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The Rev. Simon Foster, (center) instituted rector of St. John's, 2009. (left from top down) The Rev. Rush R. Sloane 1943-1954; The Rev. Frank DuMoulin 1931-1942; The Rev. Charles W. Hinton 1915-1931; (right from top down) The Rev. Howard Lowell 1954-1974; The Rev. Charles G. Newbery 1974-1994; The Rev. Paul Gilbert 1996-2003.

"Friendship Fair" Oct. 16-17 in Rockville Centre Continues a Tradition with a Special Quilt

By Robert Heim and Judith Berglund

One thing for sure, the scope of what has become one of the largest events of its kind on Long Island - The Church of the Ascension's "Friendship Fair" - draws thousands over a two-day period. Antiques, bargain-priced collectibles, one-of-a-kind jewelry, books, toys, mixed media, farm stand produce, home-

made baked goods, various auctions, activities for kids....are just a few of the things that vie for attention at this free-to-the-public event that will be held Oct. 16 and 17 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the landmark church.

As for hand-crafted items, count on a one-of-a-kind quilt - traditionally offered at the long-running fair - to be a big attention getter as well. This year's quilt will reflect the collaborative efforts of Ascension parishioner **Lydia Paulsen**, responsible for the special design and piecing process, along with the quilting contributions of longtime church member **Essie Drake**, who has been involved with the project since the Fair's inception.

This will be the 18th "Friendship Fair" for which Drake has supplied her stitching and other quilt-making expertise. Talented church members closely associated with the quilt project through the years have included **Claudia Challice** who is credited with introducing and implementing the idea and **Nancy Riley**, who produced the quilt for many years. This year's colorful 82x100 inch quilt will be raffled off on October 17.

A dozen circles make this quilt unusual - all of

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Quilters Lydia Paulsen and Essie Drake (seated) with Father Thomas Jean-Pierre Pellaton.

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NY City Council Grants \$800,000 to St. John's Hospital

By Penny Chin

At a press conference Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway, N.Y., it was announced that the hospital received \$800,000.00 from the New York City Council.

John Gupta, Chief Executive Officer, St. John's Episcopal Hospital, said, "We are very thankful to the New York City Council for granting St. John's Episcopal Hospital funds for the renovation of our Emergency Department. This means a great deal to the people of the Rockaways and Queens who rely on the emergency care we provide. The renovation will help ease

the increased number of patient cases we have experienced since the closing of Mary Immaculate and St. John's Queens Hospitals earlier this year.

"With these funds we will further develop our 'fast track' area. While we initiated a pilot program of 'fast track' in 2008, the City Council funding will enable us to fully expand the program. Less urgent patients will be attended to in 'fast track,' allowing more critical cases to be seen and treated much more quickly and affording them greater privacy and comfort.

"The renovation will also include moving pediatric patients to a more discrete and sheltered area.

"With an increase in efficiency, over-

all waiting time to see the Emergency Department doctor should decrease. Residents of the Rockaways should be very pleased to know that their daily lives will be directly improved, thanks to efforts of the City Council and Councilman James Sanders."

The Emergency Department at St. John's Episcopal Hospital treats approximately 30,000 patients annually. The area where the department is currently housed was originally designed to accommodate 12,000 patients a year and has not been expanded or renovated in the last 25 years.

St. John's Episcopal Hospital is the only full service community hospital serving the entire Rockaway community providing general adult medical surgical services, pediatrics, obstetrics and psychiatric services. The Hospital's overarching goal has been to combine accessible, medical excellence with the compassionate, caring environment expected from a faith based community hospital. St. John's has 257 beds. In 2008 St. John's had 10,900 discharges and 79,045 patient days.

Hundreds Served at St. John's Hospital Far Rockaway Summer Health Fair

By Penny Chin



Nilediz Rodriguez after her "face painting" at the St. John's Health Fair.

Hundreds flocked to the annual health fair in Far Rockaway held by St. John's Episcopal Hospital on a Sunday in June. Many came to be screened by doctors and nurses for high blood pressure and cholesterol, diabetes, blood flow, eye and foot problems, as well as for consultations with nutritionists and pharmacists and for other health education information.

The fair included such fun activities as inflatable bounces and mazes, face painting, animal balloons and a magic show. Also offering services and attractions were the Visiting Nurse Service of New York, Metrocard, and Rockaway Walks.



At the news conference announcing a major grant for St. John's Hospital Emergency Department renovation, (L to R) New York City Councilman James Sanders Jr., Margaret Carpenter, Vice President of Episcopal Health Services Board of Managers; John Gupta, Chief Executive Officer, St. John's Episcopal Hospital; and Eric Ulrich, New York City Councilman.

Summer Blessing of 'Bikes and Boards'

By The Rev. Dr. Christopher King

St. James of Jerusalem Church, Long Beach, celebrated its first "Blessing of Bikes and Boards" on a Saturday morning in June.

During the busy summer months, Long Beach welcomes an enthusiastic recreational community of cyclists, surfers, swimmers and others. Safety, as well as fun, is always a top priority.

Nearly 50 residents, parishioners and passers-by gathered on the city's popular boardwalk to ask God's blessing on the fun and to pray for a safe and carefree season.

Worshippers were grateful for clear skies and mild weather. Father Christopher King, bishop's vicar at St. James, officiated at the service, which included a gospel reading ("The wind blows where it chooses... so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit," John 3:8), a brief mes-

sage, special intercessions, and the rite of blessing with holy water.

"My favorite part was the silent remembrance for all those who had died on the road or in the water during the last year," said St. James member Bob Cottrell, "That was a very powerful moment".

Parishioner Maria Miliello, of the Long Island Bicycle Club (C Group), organized a ride from Lynbrook to Long Beach for the service. The dedicated group pushed through, in spite of three flat tires en route.

"Jesse," a Long Beach resident known for his unique 6-foot high "tall bike," stopped for the service and invited Father Chris to take the custom-built bicycle for a short spin on the boardwalk.

At the end, everyone was invited to St. James for grilled hot dogs and a time of fellowship on the church lawn.

"The Word of God tells us again and again that 'we live and move and have our being' in a God who is real, alive, and always on the move," Father King explained. "Celebrations like this help us express our thanks to God for letting us share in the energy of life. As Christian believers who belong to the surfing community would say, "Mahalo nui loa, Akua Nui! Thank you very much, great and living God!"



Jesse, a Long Beach resident, participated while on his unique 6-foot high tall bike.



Father Christopher King blessing "Bikes and Boards."

Friendship Fair Quilt

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them pieced together from men's neckties. After selecting just 25 ties from donated neckwear in 2007, Paulsen's favorite part of the process began, cutting the ties open and placing elements together to maximize appealing appearance. That was followed by meticulous sewing and additional detailing - a "labor of love" by Paulsen who has sewn since a little girl and who readily admits to having hundreds of magazines and books on quilting as well as reading eight quilting publications on a regular basis.

The large appliquéd quilt mounted on muslin with cotton batting inside and a backing of 100% cotton goes to a lucky winner (not necessary to be present) on the Fair's final night. Raffles sell at \$1 per chance or \$5 per book of 6. In the 2007 Fair, quilt sales brought in close to \$1,500 to the church for its outreach programs. Advanced sales on this year's quilt have already eclipsed that figure.

"We are proud to say that the special quilts at our event have proved to be huge attention getters and greatly coveted thanks to excellence in both quality and design," observed Susan Panzarella, this year's Fair chairman. "We look forward to showing it off and announcing our winner for 2009."

For more information call (516) 766-0693. Or visit the church's website at: www.ascensionrvc.org

A Baptism and Membership Boom at St. John's, Park Slope

By Susan McHenry

A record breaking 10 baptisms in one service – nine babies (including a set of fraternal twins), plus the 12-year-old brother of one of the infants – were performed by the Rev. Clark Powers, rector of historic St. John's Episcopal Church in Park Slope, Brooklyn, June 14 at its 10 a.m. summer service.

This bumper crop of baptisms was witnessed by a record-breaking crowd of 270 – unprecedented attendance for a summer Sunday when some in the parish are at country homes or on vacation. And these ten baptisms followed four baptisms two months earlier on Holy Saturday, plus four others in May (including the granddaughter of the Bishop of Harare, Zimbabwe) for a total of 18 baptisms in about 8 weeks!

Furthermore, the parish, which was also observing Membership Sunday on June 14, received 20 adults as new parish members – among them, quite a number of parents of the newly baptized – in a short ceremony following Holy Baptism.

Presented by the Vestry, the new members of St. John's vowed to "faithfully support the worship, fellowship and outreach ministries of Saint John's Church and to seek to lead others to Christ and the Church." The congregation then welcomed the new members by saying together, "We welcome you into the Body of Christ known as Saint John's Episcopal Church. Share with us the Sacraments of the Church, the fellowship of our Parish Family and the Service of Outreach we offer to those in need around us."

It was Ethel Browne's very first time ever attending St. John's Church, but the Crown Heights, Brooklyn, resident found herself so deeply moved by the baptism and the warmth of the congregation that she stepped forward on the spot to be welcomed as a member. Born on the Caribbean island of St. Vincent's where she was baptized in an Anglican church, raised in Trinidad, and then emigrating to Montreal, Canada, where her son was born in 1972 (and also baptized at an Anglican church), Ms. Browne had been without a true church home since she relocated to New York City in 1988. She had come to Saint John's on June 14 to stand in for her son, Don, who could not

be there for his goddaughter's baptism because he was in the Army stationed in Kansas and preparing to be sent overseas in November. Barely five months old, Don Browne's goddaughter, Samantha Rodrigue, is one of the great-grandchildren of longtime parish members Fred and Beulah Jacob, the daughter of their granddaughter Sharon Nicholson and Simeon Rodrigue. "The baptism was beautiful and brought back so many good memories of when I was part of the Anglican Church," recalled Ms. Browne. "I felt at home, and I said to myself, at last, this is going to be my own church!"

Perhaps more typical of the new members sworn in on June 14 is Diane Friedman who until a fairly recent move to Sunset Park, Brooklyn, had lived in Park Slope. She had been raised a Methodist; her husband had been Catholic, "and the Episcopal church is somewhere in between." So she and her husband frequently visited St. John's when they lived in the neighborhood.

The birth of daughter, Helena, a little over a year ago motivated their making a new spiritual commitment. "We actually did a lot of church hopping in our new neighborhood, but our thoughts kept drifting back to St. John's ... The people are nice and we felt comfortable. St. John's members are accepting and open yet they don't interfere in your personal space. My husband sometimes gets nervous around people who hug; he prefers to shake hands," she concluded with a hearty laugh. Earlier this spring Diane filled out a baptism application for Helena and enrolled herself in confirmation classes at St. John's.

Diane says that so far she hasn't been able to worship at St. John's more regularly than once a month because of her stepfather's month-long battle with lung cancer and his death on June 3 that meant many

weekend visits with her mother upstate near Albany. But her family's recent bereavement made her especially receptive to the joy of her daughter's baptism. "It was a little



Father Clark Powers during one of 10 record breaking baptisms.

overwhelming to have so many of us," she admitted, "but the service went wonderfully." She especially appreciated having her membership acknowledged at the same service. "It's about sharing this faith and my religious instruction with my daughter eventually," she says, looking forward to her confirmation at Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City. "It was a real family affair," she added about St. John's Membership Sunday, pointing out that her own family party included "my cousin, her husband and children; my husband's sister, Helena's godmother; my husband, my daughter and me." Unfortunately, Diane's bereaved mother wasn't up to coming downstate for the weekend, but Diane looks forward to her mom visiting the family

in Brooklyn and at St. John's in the not-so-distant future.

Lately local Brooklyn newspapers and web sites have made much of a recent baby boom in Park Slope and other Brooklyn neighborhoods. But while demographics might present St. John's with a growth opportunity, it doesn't explain how the parish reaped such a bounty on June 14. Father Powers believes it has something to do with the work the vestry and parish leadership has been doing on evangelism over the last six months.

In December, in time for Christmas celebrations, several pews were removed from the back of the church and the area was converted into a "Toddler Zone" with rocking chairs, toys and small tables and chairs. The usual Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve was moved to a more

family-friendly time of 9 pm, and the "Zone" was well used during the service. In the new year, several families with young children began attending the parish as word seems to have spread that St. John's is "child friendly."

In May, a Vestry Retreat was devoted to discussing Fireweed Evangelism: Hospitality in a Multi-Faith World by Elizabeth R. Geitz, a book that the rector and wardens learned about at Diocesan Convention. The parish leadership is determined to build upon the opportunities provided by the boom in young families in Park Slope. If the June 14 Holy Baptism and Membership Sunday are any evidence, the St. John's vestry and parishioners have been quick studies indeed.

CONVENTION *Corner*

By Nancy Signore

Dates: Friday-Saturday, November 13-14, 2009

Place: The Melville Marriott Long Island Hotel (Melville)

Room Rate: \$124 per night (cut-off date for this rate is October 23rd). Reservations can be made by calling (800) 228-9290 or online at www.melvillemarriott.com. Use group code CNDCNDA.

Delegate Certificates were due March 14, 2009. Please check the Diocesan Convention page of the website to ensure that your congregation's certificate is filed and your delegates receive all convention material which will be sent out on or about September 14, 2009. Convention mailings are sent electronically to all delegates with email addresses on file.

Reporting requirements: Parochial and Audit Reports must be received before Convention. Check the website to ensure that your congregation is

current with its reporting.

Pre-Convention Archdeaconry Meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Brooklyn – Thursday, November 5th, 7 pm at St. Augustine's Church. For more details call (718) 629-0930
- Queens – Saturday, November 7th, at Church of St. Alban the Martyr, St. Albans. For details call (718) 528-1891
- Nassau – Wednesday, November 4th, 7:00 pm in the Cathedral House, Garden City. For more details call (516) 746-2955
- Suffolk – Thursday, October 29th at Church of St. Mary, Hampton Bays & Sunday, November 8th, 2 pm at St. James Church, St. James. For more details call (631) 727-3900

Pre-Convention Journal will be posted on diocesan website on or about November 5th.

Please visit the diocesan website regularly for current convention information: www.dioceselongisland.org/convention

Try A Cursillo Weekend

By Barbara Taylor

Are you ready for a very special spiritual experience? Try a Cursillo weekend. It's a weekend full of love, music, prayers, talks, food and fellowship. I promise that it will be an event you will never forget. From the moment you arrive on a Thursday until you leave on Sunday you will feel love and closeness to God that you have never felt before.

The next weekend will take place at Montfort Retreat Center in Bayshore November 19 to 22. If you are interested in being a part of this weekend, applications are available on the Long Island Cursillo website, www.licursillo.org.

If you have attended a weekend and would like to serve on a team, team applications are also available online.

St. Stephen's Contributes \$7,000 to Episcopal Relief and Development for Ministry in Haiti

By Dolores Kazanjian O'Brien

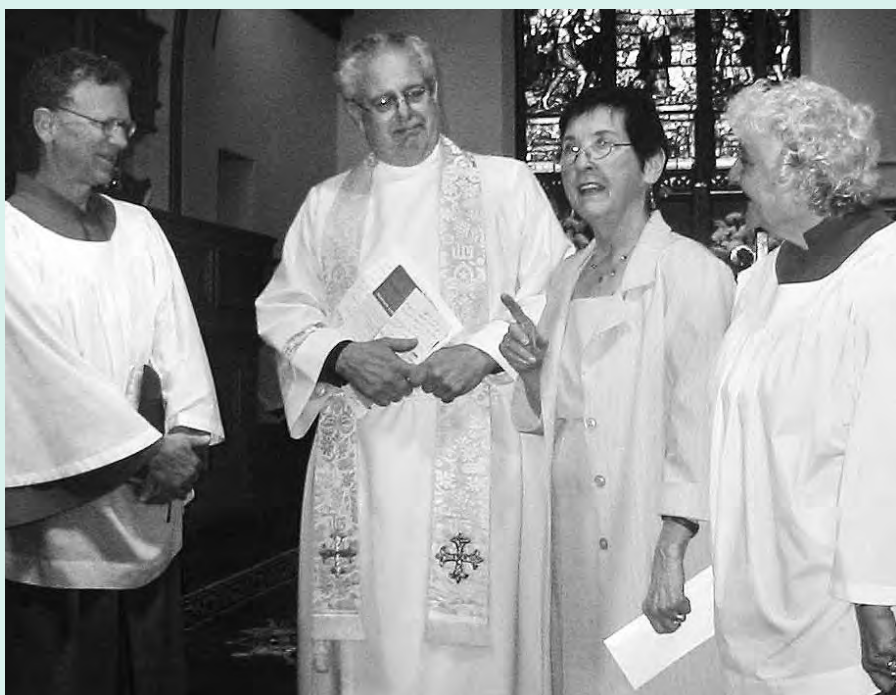
St. Stephen's Church, Port Washington, recently presented to Gail Madden, Diocesan Funds Coordinator for Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), a check for \$7,000 to further ERD's work in Haiti. The donation, from funds raised for purposes of work among people in poverty-stricken nations, was in recognition of the extreme devastation experienced by the people of Haiti. That country is by far the poorest in the Western Hemisphere and one of the poorest in the world.

In an address at St. Stephen's, Ms. Madden described ERD's work and specifically talked about programs related to the Episcopal Church's commitment to the United Nations' Millennium Development goals, namely, eradicating extreme poverty and hun-

ger, achieving universal primary education, promoting gender equality, reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, combating HIV/AIDS and other diseases, ensuring environmental stability, and developing a global partnership for development. She said, "We go on site to see what is needed. The community is always involved; we use local talent, goods and resources."

Madden expressed great appreciation to St. Stephen's for its gift, assuring the congregation, "When you give to ERD, the money all goes where it is designated. Nothing goes for advertising or extraneous costs."

The Rev. Kurt von Roeschlaub, Rector of St. Stephen's, in presenting the gift, praised ERD's work, and announced that the clergy and the vestry are discussing the possibility of the parish undertaking ongoing work in Haiti.



The Rev. W. Kurt von Roeschlaub, S.T.M., Rector, and Frederic Miller, Senior Warden (left) of St. Stephen's Episcopal in Port Washington present Gail Madden, Diocesan Funds Coordinator, with a check for \$7,000 for work in Haiti. At the far right is Vestry Outreach Chair Dolores Kazanjian O'Brien.

Diocesan Altar Guild News

By Joan Derle

Congratulations to Jane Ames, a former DAG President, who was elected President of the National Altar Guild.

The National Altar Guild Association Convention ran concurrently with the General Convention of the Episcopal Church held in Anaheim, Calif. this past July. Jane was installed as President at St. John's ProCathedral in Los Angeles by the Rt. Rev. Rayford High, Bishop Suffragan of Texas. Joan Derle who was also attending as a member of the NAGA Board and, with Jane, represented the DAG of Long Island.

At the DAG Annual Meeting last spring, held at St. Mark's Church, Islip, the Very Rev. Richard E. Simpson, Rector, Annie Walkes, President, and Margaret Ripton, Recording Secretary, were re-elected for a second term and Barbara Taylor, was elected Treasurer.

During the service, hand-made linens for the Oratory at Diocesan House were blessed and presented to the Rev. E. Clare Nesmith, ECA Executive Director.

Please watch the next issues of *The Seedling*, the DAG newsletter, and *The Dominion* for upcoming DAG events.

Michele Schmitt named Tiny Tots Play School Director in Northport

By Lisa Martin

Trinity Church, Northport, has named Michele Schmitt as director of Tiny Tots Community Play School after a successful year as interim director.

"Michele nurtured an atmosphere of warmth and trust at Tiny Tots," Barbara Wasilausky, Trinity's senior warden, said. "She organized several successful fundraisers this year, including the popular Taste of Northport. We are pleased to name her director of Tiny Tots."

Schmitt began as an assistant teacher at Tiny Tots when the school opened in September 2001. She later spent four years as a lead teacher and then two years as the school's administrative assistant, replacing the previous administrative assistant who had retired. She became the school's interim director upon the retirement of the founding director, Ely Roll, in June 2008.

Schmitt has an associate's degree in early childhood education from Suffolk County Community College; an associate's degree in accounting, also from Suffolk County Community College; and a bachelor's degree in accounting from Long Island University.

Tiny Tots, housed in Trinity's Weaver Church School Building, is a non-sectarian play school for children ages 14 to 33 months. 45 children attended Tiny Tots - which offers educational activities, including music and French instruction - during the past school year. The school also offers a six-week summer camp program for children ages 24 to 43 months.

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Voices of Women Episcopal Church Women

Barbara Taylor, VP, ECW Diocesan Board

Fall ECW Archdeaconry Meetings

Brooklyn Archdeaconry

Sept. 12 - Annual General Membership Meeting, St. Philip's Church, McDonough Street.

Nassau Archdeaconry

Sept. 3 - Board Meeting

Oct. 7 - General Meeting - Elections to be held

Parish presidents, please contact Pres. Joan Caballero for meeting location

Queens Archdeaconry

Sept. 26 - Annual General Membership Meeting, St. James the Less Episcopal Church, 107-61 166 St., Jamaica. Holy Eucharist, 10 am, Fr. Dennison Richards celebrating, lunch and meeting to follow.

The program will recognize Mrs. Barbara Taylor, ECW Honored Woman of the Diocese of Long Island. New school supplies for Episcopal Community Services will be collected.

Suffolk Archdeaconry

Sept. 24 - Annual General Membership Meeting, St. Mark's Church, West Hampton Beach. Fr. Christopher David will be the homilist. Elections will take place.

For details, call Pres. Evadney Weeks at (631) 751-5669 or email seabaths@aol.com.

Fall Fair at St. John's, Lattingtown

By Victoria Crosby

St. John's of Lattingtown's 57th annual Fall Fair will be on Saturday, September 19 from 10 am to 4 pm, with a special preview at 9:30 am. The fair takes place each year rain or shine, and part of the proceeds benefit local and far reaching charities.

There will be rides, games, a drum circle, face painting and a magic show at noon; antiques and collectibles at the Silent Auction and Cream of The Crop. Other booths are children's clothes and toys, furniture, sporting goods, hand made items, jewelry, books, peddler's market, and plants. There will also be music, food and fun for the whole family.

Admission is \$4.00 for adults; children under 12 are free; and the preview is \$20.00.

St. John's is located at the intersection of Overlook, Lattingtown and Old Tappan Roads in Locust Valley. For further information call the church, (516) 671-3226.

Grace Church, Massapequa, Harvest Fair, Sept. 26 Proceeds for Grace Church and Habitat for Humanity

By Ken Cynar

A Farmers' Market featuring Long Island produce; homemade breads, pies, jams and relishes and plenty of other food; crafts, pony rides and a giant yard sale are some of the highlights being offered at Massapequa's Grace Episcopal Church's Annual Harvest Fair on Saturday, Sept. 26, according to fair coordinators Debi Csajko and Kathy Roll.

"More than 1,500 people visited the fair last year and we are looking forward to a similar attendance this September," stated Mrs. Csajko. "It's an old-fashioned Harvest Fair featuring locally grown produce, homemade baked goods, crafts and games and activities for the kids. The Harvest Fair is an event the entire family can enjoy, and we encourage our friends and neighbors from the Pequas and surrounding communities to join us rain or shine - and of course admission is free.

The fair will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Grace Episcopal Church located on the corner of Merrick Road and Cedar Shore Drive in Massapequa.

The TOBAY sound stage will provide the focus of our newest attraction a "Root Beer Garden." Headlining the entertainment will be local rock n' roll with Generations. The children's pony rides are from 1 to 3 p.m.

Fair proceeds are going to Grace Church and to Habitat for Humanity to help build affordable housing on Long Island. For more information call the Grace Church Office, (516) 798-1122.

West Indies Night at All Saints', Baldwin

By Dr. Terri M. Mangum

After a terrific summer, **All Saints' Baldwin** will continue the fun with our annual **West Indies Night** celebration on **Saturday, September 26**, starting with Cocktail Hour at 6:30 pm. Please note that this event will be at the Church of the Transfiguration Parish Hall, 60 South Long Beach Avenue, Freeport.

This is always a fun-filled evening of fabulous Caribbean food, dancing to "The Tone Experience," winning raffles and door prizes, and socializing.

Tickets may be purchased at All Saints' or by contacting Ms. Courtney, (516) 485-1954, or the Parish Office, (516) 223-3731. \$35.00 for adults; \$15.00 for children 12 and under. A group plan is available for large families. We look forward to seeing you and we thank you for your support.

Ken Gunn and Bob Seaman Receive Bishop's Medal

By Jocklyn Carter

Congratulations were in order recently at Christ Church, Garden City, when Ken Gunn and Bob Seaman each received the Bishop's Medal for extraordinary service to the parish. Both men and their families have been members of the church for decades. Each has served on the Vestry; Ken has been senior warden on no less than four occasions. Bob Seaman, now treasurer, is always on hand with sensible financial advice. He also sings in the choir and has served as head chef at harvest fairs and annual dinners.

St. Andrew's/Nativity Churches Will Hold Community Workshops

By The Rev. Christina van Liew

The first of three community workshops especially for seniors and their families conducted by Sarisohn Law Partners is being hosted by St. Andrew's/Nativity, Williston Park.

"**Smart Medicaid Planning**" will be held Saturday, **September 26**, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm and repeated on Tuesday, **September 29**, 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Please call the church office at (516) 746-5527 to let us know what session you will be attending.

And, save the date: Pet Blessing and Benefit for "Loving Touch," Saturday, October 3rd, 4:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's/Nativity is located at 147 Campbell Ave. at Center St., Williston Park, three blocks north of Hillside Ave. and two blocks west of Willis Ave.

Country Flea Market, Plainview, Oct. 3

By Lois Bisca

St. Margaret's Church, Plainview, hosts its 12th Annual Country Flea Market, Saturday, Oct. 3 from 9 am to 5 pm (Rain date, October 4) Vendors wanted: \$45 single space; \$70 double space. No admission fee. 1000 Washington Ave., Plainview. Details: (516) 921-6867

Vendors Wanted by St. Mark's, North Bellmore

By Nancy Antonius

Vendors are wanted for the Saturday, October 3, Fall Bazaar & White Elephant Sale at St. Mark's, North Bellmore, 10 am to 4 pm in the church parish hall. Tables are available for \$30. Sales can be of new or old items, holiday gifts, crafts or services. For further information or to reserve a table, call Betty at (516) 592-0441, after 1 pm St. Mark's is at 1692 Bellmore Avenue, North Bellmore, near the Southern State Parkway.

Pumpkin Fair in October at All Saints', Sunnyside

By Marilyn Fagan

All Saints' Church, Sunnyside, will have its annual Pumpkin Fair on Saturday, October 3, 12 to 6 pm. We will have vendors with food and fun things to buy and have. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, and desserts. And we will also feature foods from countries around the world.

All Saints' is at 46th Street and 43rd Avenue in Sunnyside. All are invited and welcome. For more information call: (718) 784-8031 Come and have a piece of pumpkin pie with us. See you there.

Little Angels at St. John's, Springfield Gardens

By Barbara Taylor, Vestry Member

St. John's Little Angels are 6 young girls who praise the Lord in dance. The Angels meet at the church every Thursday at 5:30 pm for rehearsals under the tutelage of Ms. Sharon Blair. The program encourages the girls to use the talents God has given them and teaches discipline and perseverance.

The Angels have danced for special occasions such as Easter, Father's Day, and Family Day. And they were invitational participants in the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's Queens Assembly talent program.



New participants are welcome and encouraged to join. If you are interested, let us know by email: vestry@stjohns-springfieldgardens.org

And please visit our website for pictures and details about this and other St. John's programs: www.stjohns-springfieldgardens.org The church is located at 137-67 Belknap Street, Springfield Gardens, N.Y.

Provenzano's Active

By Jeanne Provenzano

The Provenzanos have arrived in the Diocese of Long Island and, as of the end of June, are living in Garden City. As we have begun to get to know you little by little, you may be wondering a bit about us. Let us tell you about ourselves.

Larry, your new Bishop Coadjutor Elect, was born and brought up in Brooklyn, N.Y. His parents, who both passed away in 2002, were Larry and Marie Provenzano. Larry has one older brother, Richard. Larry was educated in Roman Catholic Schools through high school. Upon graduation from St. Paschal Baylon School in St. Albans, Queens, Larry enrolled as a student at St. John's University in New York as a pharmacy student. It was during his time at St. John's that he began to feel a call to the priesthood. He then entered a college seminary. After graduation, he traveled to Italy and became a monk at a Franciscan monastery in Sicily. After two years there, he felt called to a different kind of ministry. He returned to the United States and began seminary at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, New York. After completing seminary, he was ordained a deacon and then a priest.

He left the Catholic church late in 1982, and began the transition to the Episcopal Church through the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island. During that time, Larry and I were married. Larry was an intern at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Wickford, RI. He then became curate at Christ Church in Westerly, R.I.

After three years at Christ Church, Westerly, he was called to be Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in North Adams, Massachusetts, a parish located in the diocese of Western Massachusetts. After seven and a half years as rector there, Larry

was called to St. Andrew's Church, Longmeadow, Massachusetts. It was from St. Andrew's that he was called to be your next bishop.

Jeanne was born and brought up in Waterford, Connecticut. Jeanne's parents are Arthur and Edna Ross, who now live in Niantic, CT. Jeanne is the fourth of five children. She has four brothers, Art, Mike, Pete and Bill, all of whom live in different communities in Connecticut with their respective families. Jeanne was educated in the public schools in Waterford and then earned a bachelor's degree from St. Michael's College in Winooski, VT in English Literature.



The Provenzanos. L to R, Christopher, Larry, Kathryn, Jeanne, and Mary.

After graduation, Jeanne worked in publishing. It was at that time, that Jeanne and Larry met and were married. After doing freelance editorial work for many years, Jeanne earned a juris doctor degree from Western New England College School of Law. After being admitted to both the Massachusetts and Connecticut bars, she practiced law with a firm and then with the Hampden County District Attorney's Office.

Our oldest daughter is **Kathryn** Provenzano. Kate is 26 years old and just recently moved from the North End of Boston to Newburyport, Massachusetts. After

graduating from Merrimack College in North Andover, Massachusetts with a degree in psychology, Kate worked in the financial industry in Boston for several years. During last year's economic downturn, she was laid off from her job. She has since taken and passed the Massachusetts teacher's exam and is endeavoring to find a position in teaching.

Our second daughter is **Mary** Provenzano. Mary is 24 years old and lives and works in Burlington, VT. Mary earned a bachelor's degree in sociology/anthropology from St. Michael's College in Winooski, VT. She interned for a non-profit organization, NESEI, the New Sudan Education Initiative, whose mission is building schools in Southern Sudan.

The culmination of her internship was traveling to Southern Sudan in May, 2008 to participate in the opening of the first NESEI school in Sudan. Mary has spent the last year focusing on the development of her art and music. She may be transitioning from the cold winters of Vermont to a different – and warmer – environment this year!

Our youngest child is **Christopher**. Chris is 20 years old and will be starting his sophomore year at St. Michael's College in Vermont in a few weeks. Chris is an English major. After his freshman year, Chris traveled to India for three weeks for a brief study abroad program.

He has spent the rest of his summer enduring the rigors of moving from Longmeadow to Garden City. Chris has spent many past summers as a camper and then counselor at Bement Camp and Conference Center, the diocesan camp in Western Massachusetts. Chris loves to play the guitar and assisted the music program at the camp. He also worked there as a lifeguard and sailing instructor.

The last, but certainly not the least member of our family is our cat, Tigger.

We hope this gives you a small window into who we are as a family. And, now, we eagerly look forward to learning more about you in the ensuing months.

Larry, Jeanne, Kate, Mary and Chris Provenzano (and Tigger!)

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Dinner at The Woodlands on the golf course: 6:00 pm

Additional contacts: Camp DeWolfe (www.campdewolfe.org) and Episcopal Charities (www.episcopalcharitiesli.org)