

The Messenger

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Rector's Ponderings

I recently attended the symphony in Philadelphia with my wife and few friends. We were seated in Verizon Hall in Philadelphia's beautiful Kimmel Center. Our seats were located in what they call the "conductor's circle". I really didn't understand when I purchased the tickets where these seats were, I just felt special because I'd be sitting in the "conductor's circle" and I couldn't quite figure out why they were the least expensive tickets available. But nonetheless, off we went and there I found myself sitting directly behind the orchestra, facing the conductor! The advantage was that there I was, right in the action. I could see the musicians faces, what they were wearing, their hands, their fingers, what bags they had with them and even where they stuck their cell phones while they were playing. It was like sitting behind homeplate at a baseball game, I was there in the middle of all the action! I suppose the seats are least expensive because from a sound point, you are really behind the projection of the music, but I didn't mind at all

because I have never ever experienced the symphony like this before! What got me was the humanity, and the spirit that moved and existed between the conductor and the symphony. The conductor was masterful, funny, competent and creative. He "played" with the musicians with his eyes, his facial expressions, invoking from them the sound and beauty that comes from the experience in the moment of playing. I "got it", what my wife has told me for years, that what's written on the page becomes something else, something beautiful, something sacred, something that moves and stirs people's spirits! I suppose God is like that, God's spirit. God's interaction with us, God's "playing with us", moving us, in our moments, our experiences.

The notes of our lives become transformed when we bring our "instruments" to the table and allow God's interaction! We simply become transformed, we offer the beauty of who we are!

Adult Formation on Sunday Mornings

This winter has been full of interesting opportunities to grow and learn together. Thank you to Nancy and Dan Bennett who led a 6-week group on the spirituality of family life. This may be a theme we will re-visit in the future.

Thank you also to Kittie Rehrig for leading a group on their walk through the Bible. If you would like support and discussion as you read the Bible, please contact Kittie at brehrig@delanet.com. For now, that group will not be meeting on Sunday mornings. This fall our variety of learning opportunities has been wonderful. However, I think we have discovered that offering one class at a time is better for those who don't want to feel pulled in different directions.

Our World Religions introduction has been very stimulating and interesting. After an introductory class, we have packed into the chapel and listened to guest speakers share about Judaism and Buddhism. In February we will hear about Islam and Hinduism before a concluding class on how Christians should relate to those of other faiths.

In Lent we will host Sunday morning discussion groups on *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey. If you would like to read and discuss this book together, please try to read the first section before March 12. If you missed the chance to order the book through us, you can easily order it through Amazon or at Border's.

Instead of offering a class on the sacraments this Lent, Tony and I have decided to offer a preaching series on the sacraments during worship, beginning in March.

Thank you for your open minds to new ideas and open hearts to growing spiritually!

Louise Howlett lhowlett@saintannesschool.org



Choral Evensong & Pot Luck

Treble Choirs of
St. Anne's Church and
Immanuel-on-the-Green

Sunday, February 26th
4:00 P.M. in the Town Church

5:00 P.M. Pot Luck Dinner



Ash Wednesday Services at St. Anne's

Begin Your Lent in Prayer and
Reflection

Wednesday March 1

7:00 A.M. Imposition of Ashes
(Come before you go to Work)
Barr Chapel

9:30 A.M. Eucharist and
Healing
with Imposition of Ashes
(Barr Chapel)

7:00 P.M. Liturgy for Ash
Wednesday/Imposition of
Ashes
with Music
St. Anne's Sanctuary

Lenten Wednesday Journey

“Bread for the Journey”
Being Fed in more way than one!

Wednesdays March 8-April 5th
5:30 P.M. Worship

6:00 P.M. Soup, Bread, Salad
Prepared for you!

Donations:
\$5:00 adults
\$3:00 children

Program to Follow:
Adults: Does God Exist?
A video series/ Freud and C.S.
Lewis

Children: Journey to Jerusalem
Finding God along the way!
Short Lenten Lessons in Sunday
School Classrooms.

7:30 Home you go!!!!

**No need to cook a dinner, no
hassle, just family time in church
in the midst of Lent!!!



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MIDWEEK RESPITE
FOR THE BUSY SOUL!!!

5:30 WORSHIP

6:00 SOUP, SANDWICH,
SALAD PROVIDED!

6:45-7:30 SPIRITUAL FOOD

For Adults: Does God Exist?

A conversation of C. S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud! A video series from PBS. Join These great thinkers in their quest for the Spiritual!

For Children: Kid's 10 Commandments!

Five week animated video series covering those Ten best ways to live!!!

For Youth: Hang with the Coffee Bar – What's hot, what's not? Friends, school, parents,

making the way thru every day



GOOD NEWS FROM THE CATACOMBS

Last year the Intermediate Religion Class elected to call their classroom "The Catacombs" because the room was under the ground. This year they will learn that the earliest examples of Christian art are found within the catacombs. Through this Paleochristian Art, the early Christians left testimony of their profound faith in Jesus Christ. The Resurrection of Lazarus is the most repeated image in this artwork. The constant theme communicated by the Christian images is that faith in Jesus liberates man from death and grants him salvation. Biblical images in the Catacombs are stories from the Creation of Adam and Eve to the Resurrection of Jesus. These artistic compositions convey fundamental theological significance. It was a way that the early Christians could communicate their new faith. "Graffiti", common in the catacombs, was a way the early Christians left messages for others. The Bible provides the important references needed to understand this art.

There is a popular myth that the catacombs were hiding places from the persecutions. In fact Roman Law protected all underground cemeteries. The catacombs were places of burial and religious ceremonial commemoration of the dead. They are places full of meaningful decorative elements, banquet scenes and signs and symbols. They were a meeting place where

the Christian Community received Good News of Jesus brought to Rome by Saints Peter and Paul. There is an inscription carved in marble in the Catacomb of Pio Cristiano in the Vatican Museum of these two saints with the monogram of Christ above the name of Peter. The catacombs provided a safe place for the families of the Christian Community to share their love of one another and hear and share the stories of the Old and New Testament. Today these catacombs continue to provide artistic, archeological, biblical, historical and religious significance.

For the next two months the Intermediate Class will be leaning about Jesus and His Parables. A parable is a simple message illustrating a moral or religious lesson. We will learn that all Christians are called by God to "sow" the good news of the Gospel. We will gather in our own "Catacomb" to retell the 2000 year old stories. We will hear the Parable of the Sower and the Parable of the Vineyard Workers among others. From the history of the catacombs the students will learn the symbolic meaning of the vine as a symbol of rebirth because the wine harvest represented the continuous cycle of life. What had been a pagan symbol now became the "new idea" of Jesus as the true Vine of eternal life and those who believed in Him were the branches. The students will learn the interesting history of many symbols that are often a synthesis of more than one idea. Hopefully the inclusion of something as exciting as the mysterious world of the Catacombs will enhance their learning. The students will make a diorama of a catacomb complete with real bones (not their own!), religious artifacts, Greek and Latin Inscriptions and some "ancient graffiti". The class session will end with a video film "The Catacombs of Rome", a film document of the art of the ancient roman cemeteries and the discovery of a mysterious world hidden for 2000 years. Teachers (Emily Seely and Grace George).



IT IS MARDI
GRAS TIME!!!!

YOUTH UPDATE:

Pancake Supper - Please join us! The youth groups of St. Anne's (Rite 13 and J2A) will be having their Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Fundraiser on **February 28th from 5-7 PM** in the Great Hall. Take a break from making dinner that night and come and feed yourself and your family for only \$5 per person! Pay at the door! Enjoy those yummy pancakes and sausages and while helping us fund our pilgrimage to England!

J2A Spring Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction will be held **Sunday, March 26th** at St. Anne's Episcopal School. More details will be provided soon, but you will want to **SAVE THE DATE!** - Bring your family and friends for an evening of Good Food, Great Auction Items for you to purchase and an awesome Celebrity Guest Appearance that you won't believe! Wow! All this while helping J2A raise money for their 2007 Pilgrimage! We are currently soliciting contributions for the auction. **Will you help us?** Do you have a vacation home that you could offer? Theater tickets? A skill, talent or product that you could donate? To donate please contact the acquisitions committee via Kate Rokosz at 378-0937 or kater@uniglobeonline.com. Thank you!



Sunday
February 26th
"Bridge Time"
9:30-10:30
a.m.
Parish Hall
Café Ole,
Begnet's, music



**Habitat for Humanity -
Building Homes in Partnership
with God's People in Need**

Dear Friends,

Habitat for Humanity's mission is to build affordable housing for low income families through a combination of volunteer labor, sweat equity and no-interest mortgages. This year Habitat for Humanity will begin building 12 houses on Lake Street in Middletown.

As many of you are aware, St. Anne's is answering God's call to lift each other up, by partnering with other area churches to provide financial sponsorship for one Habitat for Humanity house. Each house costs \$100,000 to build. We will be partnering with St. Andrews (\$25,000), Connections Community Church (\$20,000), and Bethesda United Methodist Church (?). We have pledged \$25,000 over five years to the effort.

I realize that now, more than ever, people are in desperate need. And it seems as if someone is always asking for a donation to their cause. However, we have a unique opportunity to effect real change in peoples' lives through this project. By donating to Habitat for Humanity, YOU will have a direct effect on YOUR community. YOUR donation will help provide funding to build a simple, clean home, for a family in need. YOUR donation will have a direct effect on a family in YOUR community.

\$25,000 dollars over 5 years is not unattainable. After all, broken down over 5 years it's only \$5,000 per year. To make a donation simply place you're offering in an envelope marked Blessings and Challenge, or write Blessings and Challenge Fund on the memo line of your check. If you would like to make your donation even more meaningful, enclosed in this edition of the newsletter is a calendar from Habitat that will enable you to make a daily offering of thanksgiving each day of the month. And, since it's not dated, it can be used over and over again.

I hope that each of you will participate in this easy, yet meaningful way of making a real difference in the lives of people in our community.

Peace,

Jessie Ventura



Peter Connolly	2
Charles Wolf	6
Kimberly Rice	6
Fay Kuhn	7
David Hipp	8
Elizabeth Reigle	8
Joseph English	8
Brian Sands	14
William Hickman	14
Gladys Gardner	18
Earl Ball	19
Todd Owens	19
Wendy L'heureux	19
Jane Dempsey	20
Edward Malcom	21
Kimberly Kline	21

February Service Participant Schedule

5	8 am	L	Bill Cohee	376-0417			
	9 am	CB	Lea Hutchins	378-8699	CB	Larry Hutchins	378-8699
		U	William Rehrig	836-5057	U	Kittie Rehrig	836-5057
	10:30 am	L	Scott Lawrence	378-1947	CB	Peter Hall	376-8934
		C	Dean Dannaker	834-5286	T	Forrest Brown	378-9618
		T	Bethany Bennett	376-9785	LEC	Beth L'Heureux	378-9570
		V	Richard Corbitt	376-9885			
		U	Wendy L'Heureux	378-9570	U	Nancy L'Heureux	378-9570
12	8 am	L	Kathy Means	378-2044			
	9 am	CB	Donna Leathrum	378-9075	CB	Dean Dannaker	834-5286
		U	Diane J. Foster	376-9039	U	Lou Pederson	378-8324
	10:30 am	L	Helen Wolf	378-2165	CB	Wendy L'Heureux	378-9570
		C	Bill Ivers	376-1344	T	Carson Hanna	449-2216
		T	Kelly Halverson	376-9418	LEC	Jessie Ventura	376-9060
		V	Cim L'Heureux	378-9570			
		U	Brian Smith	378-7306	U	Patti Smith	378-7306
19	8 am	L	Beth Lamb	378-8758			
	9 am	CB	Laurie Wolinski	376-1772	CB	Kitty Rehrig	836-5057
		U	Lea Hutchins	378-8699	U	Larry Hutchins	378-8699
	10:30 am	L	Nancy Koenig	653-7653	CB	Franklin Brons	449-1250
		C	Tyler DeFriece	376-1636	T	Karli Frederick	378-0937
		T	Katelyn Rowley	378-7879	LEC	Bill Ivers	376-1344
		V	Bill Ivers	376-1344			
		U	George Schreppler	378-9726	U	Janet Schreppler	378-9726
26	8 am	L	Lou Pederson	378-8324			
	9 am	CB	Jessie Ventura	76-9060	CB	Diane J.Foster	376-9039
		U	Dean Dannaker	834-5286	U	Tom Vail	378-8639
	10:30 am	L	Sarah DiAngelo	378-4203	CB	Kim Blasch	376-1714
		C	Donna Leathrum	378-9075	T	Madeline Ivers	376-1344
		T	Katie Foster	376-8987	LEC	Anne Nutter	730-1791
		V	Nancy Koenig	653-7653			
		U	Anne Nutter	730-1791	U	Ted Nutter	730-1791

Altar Guild - Leslie Hickman & Betts Jackson