

The Messenger

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Introducing the Interim Rector

I am pleased to announce that we have acquired an interim rector for St. Anne's. We have signed an agreement with The Reverend George Karney to help us through this transition period until a rector is called to serve us. Father George comes to us with an extensive interim background. He will start on September 4. In the meantime, he will be visiting St. Anne's to get to know us so he can hit the ground running come September

Our next step in this transition period will be to form a Search Committee whose goal will be to search for a full-time rector for Saint Anne's.

Please keep St. Anne's in your prayers. *Charlie Wolf, Senior Warden*

The Reverend George Karney's Biography

I am a native of Chicago and a graduate of Northwestern University, Yale (Masters Degree), and a year of study at The Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge. I was ordained a deacon in 1959 and priest in 1959 by the Bishop of Connecticut. I served churches in Connecticut until 1970 when I returned to Chicago. From 1970 until 1988, I was a "worker priest" selling computers by day and serving as part-time assistant or interim in several churches. My last position in Chicago was as a full-time interim at St. Michael's Church in Barrington, Illinois, a position I held for 22 months.

I was called to be rector of St. Barnabas Church in Wilmington in 1990. I retired from there in 2000. I have served as a trustee of the diocese for 12 years and was on the Standing Committee for 4 years, as president for 2 years, which included the interim between the retirement of Bishop Tennis and the election of Bishop Wright.

Since retiring, I have served in Harrington as an interim and most recently I was priest in charge of St. Paul's Church in Chester, PA, for five years. Currently, I am finishing up as an "interim-interim" at Christ Church, Greenville.

My first marriage ended in divorce in the early 70's. I married Carolyn, my present wife, in 1979. Between us, we have 8 children and 18 grandchildren. Carolyn is active at Christ Church as well as serving as a volunteer listener for Contact Delaware. She also serves as an appointee of Governor Minner reviewing foster child placements.

George J. Karney

Congregational Meeting Rescheduled

The meeting originally scheduled for September 16 to discuss the SNAC Report will now be held on **October 14** after the 10 a.m. service.

To review the SNAC Report, go to www.st-annes-church.com.

Dates to Remember

September 5

Healing Service resumes
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
Barr Chapel.

September 9

Stewardship Meeting
Habitat Fundraiser
Sunday School Registration
Ministry Leaders Meeting

September 16

Sunday School begins
Adult Formation Classes begin

November 3

Five Wishes Program

November 4

Celebration Sunday

From the Interim Rector

Dear friends in Christ,

As I drive around the state of Delaware, I am often met with signs that read "Detour Ahead." Such signs conjure up all kinds of misery: How much time will I lose in reaching my destination? Will I be too late? Will I get lost on the unfamiliar roads where I will be routed? Will I be safe in strange areas? Will I have enough gas? And most important of all for me: will I have the patience to accept this inconvenience? (I am not a patient person when frustrated.)



We at St. Anne's are facing a "Detour." Father Pompa has left. Under his leadership, we had a sense of what to expect. Now things are changed and we face some detours. There are some similarities with a driver. How long will we be on this different path under an interim rector? The answer is no one really knows. Will we wander on strange paths? Probably we will, but the road will be well marked by the vestry and the Bishop of Delaware with his staff. Will we have the fuel to last until the detour is over? I am sure that we will. Your history is one of faith in God and His purpose for the life of your parish.

There are, however, some upsides to a detour. First, we will be forced to take a new path

together. Often when I am forced to use a detour I find scenery and towns that are both beautiful and interesting. Since I am in strange territory, I

become more aware of my need for guidance and interpretation of signs. We as a congregation can learn more about ourselves and others in this strange territory. Moreover, when I am in these potentially frustrating situations, I turn to my radio or

cassette player to enjoy new and old sounds. There will be new things for us to share during these coming months—I trust that they will be both helpful and inspiring.

During this time of detour or change, I will be your pastor. It is my goal to minister to you and those you love in the name of Christ. I will also try to steer us through the detours of selecting a new rector while not missing the opportunity to see what the Lord has in mind for this congregation. I believe you will receive a few words regarding my background from the wardens. Suffice it to say at this point that I will do the best I can and I invite you to share your concerns, hopes and questions with me.

*Peace,
George J. Karney*

A Very Humble Thank You From the Pompa's

Dear Friends,

We cannot express enough how grateful we are to all of you for the hospitable, generous, and gracious way that you sent us toward our new ministry in Bethlehem.

The farewell celebration of our ministry together was beautiful, poignant, and difficult all at the same time. Your generous expression of gratitude has been received with humility and thanksgiving.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all of you for the

gifts that many of you shared and for the wonderful gift of the Nativity set that will be forever a remembrance of our faithful time together.

I ask only prayers of God's abundant love on all of you as you continue to thrive as a people committed to following Jesus. I will most certainly keep up with the happenings at St. Anne's and pray that you keep up with us.

*Much Love and Thanks,
Tony, Felicia, Dillon, and Bella (Flash, too)*

Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser

Get a jump start on your holiday shopping on **Sunday, September 9**, with Silpada Jewelry Designs.

Silpada is handcrafted .925 sterling silver. There are many beautiful items for every age and price range. A display will be available in the café area after each service and orders will be taken at that time. Proceeds from the event will benefit St. Anne's commitment to the Middletown Habitat for Humanity project.

To view the catalog prior to September 9, please visit www.mysilpada.com/annmarie.smith.

Sunday School Registration September 9 9:30 to 10:20 a.m.

We will also be blessing the backpacks. Light refreshments will be provided. Our first teaching day will be September 16.



Volunteers. Kim George and Ethel Young are in desperate need of volunteers for the Christmas pageant, Halloween, All Saints, Easter, Youth Sunday, etc.

Being involved with the children is fun and fulfilling, and you receive all the support you need or want from the Sunday School teachers.

Contact Kim at 376-6396 or Ethel at 378-5373 for further information.

From the Vestry

Please discuss the following two questions at all official and unofficial meetings and gatherings:

- ❖ Are you familiar with the SNAC Committee Report?
- ❖ What do you think about the report?

Adult Formation Classes Begin: September 16 9:35 to 10:25 a.m. in the Parish Hall

*Discerning the Holy Spirit in Church
Growth and Change Through the Book of Acts*

Bring a Bible (not required) and an open mind.

Foyers Group Party



If any of you "Empty Nesters" would like meet other "Empty Nesters," you are invited to come to our *Get-Acquainted-Sock-Hop-Pizza Party* on **Saturday, September 15, 2007, at 6 p.m.**

We now have four Foyers Groups who will all be there. We would love to show you how to get started to form your own group #5. We all have so much fun and have grown quite close, which could never happen at a coffee hour after church. This is much more than that! Looking forward to meeting you!

You may contact Norene Taylor at 449-0181 if you have any questions.

Coming in October: A Day of Quiet Reflection

On **Saturday, October 20**, St. Anne's will present a *Day of Quiet Reflection*. Please reserve this day. It is a day just for you, when you can relax, relieve your anxieties, and rebuild your hopes, dreams and beliefs.

Details will appear in the October *Messenger*.

Women of St. Anne's

The fall meeting of the Women of St. Anne's will be held on Tuesday, September 16, at noon. Bring your own lunch. We will be planning our fall events.

Please Note:

When you are chairperson of an event, please do not buy any paper products until you have checked in the pantry and in the cabinet behind the kitchen door. Please use what is there.

When the current supplies have been used, then each chairperson will be responsible for what they will need. If you desire, you may give the receipts to Becky Cronin who will give you credit as a donation to the church, or she will reimburse you.

Exceptions to this are paper towels, toilet paper and plastic trash bags. The cleaning contractor supplies these items.

From the Membership Committee



We're looking for people to help welcome new prospective members to St. Anne's. If you love meeting and talking with people and have a warm, welcoming heart, we need YOU.

Please contact Kathy Masso at kcmasso@verizon.net.

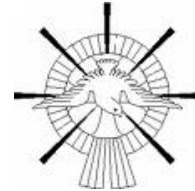
Missing Key

Will the person who borrowed the key from the café area, probably during the summer, please return it. This key cannot be duplicated, and we are in low supply.

Celebrations

Holy Baptism

September 2



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Iain Sebastien Lapierre

Skylar Noelle Schrader

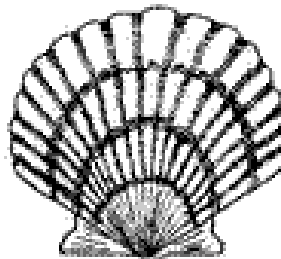
September Birthdays



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in our Community, and in the Stranger



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