



July 2008

At Our Side

Dear friends in Christ,

When I was first ordained, I was assigned to The Church of the Good Shepherd in Hartford, Connecticut. It was an older church on the southeast side of the city. It had been founded and was still funded by Samuel Colt and his family. Built with money earned selling firearms to both sides in the Crimean War, the factory is still marked by a blue minaret easily seen from route 95. Our congregation was made up of people from the "golden era" of the congregation and people from the immediate neighborhood that consisted mainly of public housing or sub-grade housing. Most of the children in the youth group and the Sunday School were African Americans with the exception of my children and the children of the rector. I mention this because I want to set in perspective the rest of my message to you. I had been assigned by the bishop because, as he said, "of my youth and enthusiasm." Well, the youth part of me has pretty much faded away, but my enthusiasm has never waned. In fact, I feel more enthusiastic now than I did 49 years ago when I was an ordained deacon.

. . . look to Jesus and see that He is running with you.

What is enthusiasm? Simply stated, the word comes from the Greek roots "en" and "theos." "En" means in, and "theos" means God.

Enthusiasm means God within you. When we say a person is enthusiastic, we often mean that they have a spirit about them that shows their joy and/or their commitment to a team, an idea, or a person. When it comes to the ministry, I have felt a growing enthusiasm for what is happening here in Middletown, in Delaware, and in our nation. Certainly, there are many negative things happening in our lives, but they are minor compared to the wonderful things happening around us. It is not so much in the events of our time but rather in the sense that God is making His will felt among us.

In the 60's and 70's, there was a popular book entitled "Are You Running With Me, Jesus?" It was written by a priest named Malcom Boyd. Father Boyd had, among other jobs, the post of chaplain to the Cook County Jail and later chaplain at a halfway house for released prisoners. He relates how, among all the evil and hopelessness in the world, he could sense Jesus beside him urging him on in his ministry. This has greatly influenced how I view my ministry. There are many things which frustrate me and cause me to question, for just a moment, is this worthwhile? Does God really care about what I do? When I feel this way, I look to the side and see Jesus running with me to minister to those I encounter. If you have that same sense, look to Jesus and see that He is running with you.

Saint Paul said that we are like athletes in a race—striving to bring those we love to the Lord. We do it by the "God in us who is running at our side." Not every one can jog, but we can all have Jesus at our side.

*Peace,
Father Karney*

My Dear Friends at St. Anne's,

Thank you so much for your kind wishes and generous gift as I leave my job as your Bookkeeper/Financial Administrator. I have been blessed by my association with the people of St. Anne's, and I thank you for the trust you have shown these past four and a half years. My family and I look forward to many more years with you as fellow parishioners. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity.

*In Christ's Love,
Becky Cronin*

Confirmation/Newcomer Class

Are you a newcomer to the Episcopal Church who would like to be confirmed or received? Are you a young adult (post J2A) wanting to further explore your faith and be confirmed in your baptismal vows? Are you someone who would like a refresher course in the faith: "Episcopal 101"?

We will be offering an inter-generational Confirmation/ Newcomer class beginning on Sunday, September 7, at 9:35 a.m. (after the 9 a.m. Contact service). The Bishop will be coming to St. Anne's on November 9, so we want to be fully prepared before his visit.

Please contact the office at 302-378-2401 (or just show up) if you are interested.

Fall Adult Education

Great Personalities of Church History, at 9:35 a.m. in the Parish Hall, every Sunday beginning on September 7.

Pastoral Care

The St. Anne's Pastoral Care group are fellow church members who are available to pray, listen, or lend a hand. If you would like to contact a member, please call Beth Lamb at 302-8758.

For immediate prayer in a time of crisis, contact a member of the Crisis Prayer Chain:

Nancy W. Woodward	378-1718
Beth Lamb	378-8758
Nancy Koenig	373-6650
Norene Taylor	449-0181
Kevin Lamborn	378-6059
Donna Menzen	376-3915
Sue Norfleet	376-5034
Sally Sutton	376-6821
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**Articles for the August Messenger
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Town Church Parking

Please note that the blue curb along church property on Cox Street is a handicapped parking zone. Middletown police can, and will, ticket other cars parked there.

We are just closing the “program year of the church.” Many of our activities are suspended or reduced. It seems that we have gone through the year with a minimum of glitches and we are looking forward to September with great anticipation.

The new rector will most likely be chosen in the fall. Church School and Adult Education will begin in September. Our Stewardship Committee has announced the educational phase and the commitment date (October 19).

It is important, however, that we not forget some crucial items in the present. So far, your pledges have been received in a timely manner. We ask now that you continue to support the church when you are away from home. Our responsibilities for missions and education, not to mention maintenance, continue.

Father Karney

Rite 13 Additional Leader Request

The Rite 13 youth class has just finished the first year of its two-year cycle. The leaders, Andrea Casalvera and Tom Stevens, have had a wonderful experience taking the leadership role for this group. They are looking forward to another great year beginning in the fall. The class size is large—15 to 20 youth each week. They would love to have an additional co-leader to help. At this point, the commitment would be for one year. Please consider taking this ministry role and enjoying a year with the middle school aged youth. Please contact Laurie Wolinski at 302-376-1772 or laurieg4@verizon.net if you have questions or are considering the opportunity. In addition, feel free to chat with Andrea or Tom about their experience.

The Discernment Team has been extremely busy the last few weeks wrapping up work on two very important documents, the Parish Profile and the Church Deployment Office Profile.

Parish Profile

The Parish Profile has been completed. We sent it to the Vestry where it received unanimous approval. It is now waiting for final review and feedback from the Diocesan Standing Committee in late June.

Church Deployment Office Profile (CDO)

We also completed the CDO profile. We used the information you provided in your Parish Survey to fill out this profile. This information will be entered into the national church database. Priests who are looking for new positions will see our “ad” on this database and, if they are interested, will submit their names to the Church Deployment Officer in the Bishop’s office.

Web site

Candidates will start visiting our Web site to learn more about us as well. Please check your ministry area information at www.st-annes-church.com to be sure it is up to date, informative, and inviting. We want to put our best face forward.

Once we have a list of interested candidates, we will send them our beautiful profile and invite them to learn more about St. Anne’s.

In the meantime, the committee has worked faithfully, prayerfully, and diligently and will take a well-deserved few weeks off. Our next meeting will be Saturday, July 12, when we will meet well rested and ready to go back to work.

Jessica Ventura

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn away.

The results are in: "Education and care of children and youth came out on top!" It topped the lists of "important programs" and "most valued" in the recent church survey. *Good News!*

The Youth Group programs and the Sunday Church School have a strong and visible presence due in part to the continued support of a faithful and committed group of adults and the "hands on" support of Rev. Howlett. *Remember, "Many hands make light work."*

Excellent class attendance and participation of family members attest to the quality of the programs presented. The return of volunteers attests to an enlightening experience and personal satisfaction. Volunteers are welcome and necessary as our student numbers climb to 80+. *Would you be one of our "new faces" this year? We offer "on-the-job training."*

Students who voice an interest in becoming Acolytes are now trained on Sunday during the first 15 minutes of class with parental permission. It has increased the number of youth available to serve on Sunday and some have moved up to Crucifer. *Interested?*

There was a time in our culture when children formed friendships in their neighborhoods and schools. Children attended school K through 12 with the same friends who sometimes

became life-long friends. Today, that is not always the case. It is wonderful to watch as the little children in Church School form friendships with each other and continue through to Intermediate and then Rite 13 and J2A as caring and respectful young adults. These young adults not only participate in the church activities but they can be seen actively participating in community service.

Programs are varied and interesting, some a facsimile of the church service. All programs are tailored specifically to the age group, and teachers have program books for guidance. There are two teachers per class and back-up teachers available. Each session is nine weeks; therefore, three sets of teachers are needed each year. Other volunteers are needed for added projects at Christmas, Easter, Mothering Sunday, etc. *Thinking creatively?? We could use you!*

There is much to do as we prepare for the start of a new season. The parish has stated in no uncertain terms that indeed the education and care of youth are very important. Check your calendar, your appointment book, your schedule, and then search your heart for a little time to give us a hand. *"We'll leave the light on for you!"*

To volunteer or for information about Church School, call Kim George at 376-6396.



J2A Success!

The Youth and Leaders of the J2A Program would like to express our sincere thanks to the members of St. Anne's Church for your help with our Spaghetti Dinner and Auction. Your generosity continues to amaze us. Thank you to all who attended our dinner, donated auction items, and helped us pull off the event. With your help, we raised over \$10,000. Thank you!

Outreach

The Sunday Summer Service at Old St. Anne's is 9:30 a.m. There will be a basket for food items at the door. Please continue to bring non-perishable items for the **Neighborhood House Pantry** (no outdated items, please). Thank you.

Outreach added **People's Place**, a group home for young men, to the Christmas outreach last year. For other projects, check out the Web site under "Service." If you have an interest in these projects or have ideas, we welcome you to the Outreach Committee. We hope to form a group and look forward to meeting a couple of times a year. Many of the programs have continued for several years with the same chairpersons, and we sometimes neglect to invite new members to share the exciting and rewarding work. Speak up, volunteer, tap us on the shoulder, because we need your help. For information, call Jessie Ventura at 376-9060 or Grace George at 378-7358.

St. Anne's Day, July 26

On July 26, the church recognizes with prayers and thanks the parents of Mary: Anne and Joachim. They are not mentioned in the New Testament, but in the second century, a devout person wrote a book similar to those in the Bible. It was entitled *The Nativity of Mary* and dealt primarily with the life of the Virgin Mary. In it, the author relates that Anne and Joachim were elderly and without children until Mary was born. Mary's parents are remembered by the church due to their faith in God's promise to give them the gift of a child. At birth, Mary was dedicated to the service of God.

There are many stories in the Old Testament of a similar nature. In the account of the birth of Samuel, his mother was named Hannah, a form of Anne.

In the year 550 A.D., the first church dedicated to Anne was built in Constantinople.

We will recognize Anne and Joachim's role on Sunday, July 27.

Father Karney

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The Women of St. Anne's

Support the WSA = Get a Great Deal

Please help support the WSA's project to raise money. Through a unique and simple Internet ordering system, you may order quality Rada Cutlery kitchen knives, utensils, gift sets, and other merchandise direct from the manufacturer at very low prices. This means that you will get a great deal on amazing products while helping our fundraising goal.

To take advantage of this opportunity, log on to www.HelpOurFundraiser.com using the WSA information:

Internet Ordering: 501402

Password: stanne

Please place your order on-line before July 15. Your order will be delivered to your address in 15 working days or less. Please know that your purchase also supports American workers and their families. Rada Cutlery has been proudly manufactured in America's heartland since 1948.

You may place your order with any member of WSA if you would like to save on shipping costs, though delivery will take a bit longer. Also, you may stop by the church office to order from the catalog there. Make checks payable to "St. Anne's Church," noting on the memo line "WSA Knives."

Thank you for your support.

Nancy Florian

Please notify the office
(302.378.2401 or office@st-annes-church.com) when you
or a loved one is hospitalized.

July 6	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Psalm 45:11-18	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 13	Genesis 25:19-34	Psalm 119:105-112	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 20	Genesis 28:10-19a	Psalm 139:1-11, 22-2	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 27	Genesis 29:15-28	Psalm 105:1-11, 45b	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

St. Anne's Service Participant Schedule

July

6	8 a.m.	L	Nancy Woodward	378-1718	<i>Town Church</i>		
	9:30 a.m.	L	Nancy Koenig	378-9570			
	OSA	C	Ed Fletcher	449-3220	CB	Franklin Brons	449-1250
		V	Burgon Sealy	376-0244	LEC	Franklin Brons	449-1250
		U	Christa Pederson	378-8324	U	Lou Pederson	378-8324
13	8 a.m.	L	Kathy Means	378-2044	<i>Town Church</i>		
	9:30 a.m.	L	Nancy Koenig	653-7653			
	OSA	C	Julia Vail	378-8639	CB	Wendy L'Heureux	378-9570
		V	Cim L'Heureux	378-9570	LEC	Peter Hall	376-8934
		U	Robbie Bolton		U	Tom Vail	378-8639
20	8 a.m.	L	Bill Cohee	561-4209	<i>Town Church</i>		
	9:30 a.m.	L	Lou Pederson	378-8324			
	OSA	C	Anna Ventura	376-9060	CB	Christa Pederson	378-8324
		V		376-1344	LEC	Grace George	
		U	Jessica Ventura	376-9060	U	Scott Ventura	376-9060
	2:30 pm	L	Nancy Woodward	378-1718	<i>Service at Broadmeadow</i>		
27	8 a.m.	L	Scott Lawrence	378-1947	<i>Town Church</i>		
	9:30 a.m.	L	Cim L'Heureux	378-9570			
	OSA	C	Bethany Bennett	376-9785	CB	Laurie Wolinski	376-1772
		V	Ed Fletcher	449-3220	LEC	Patrick Cronin	378-7279
		U	Kim George	376-6396	U	Matt George	376-6396

L: Lay Reader/Lesson/Prayers
 CB: Chalice Bearer
 LEC: Lector, 2nd Lesson

C: Crucifer
 T: Torchbearer

U: Usher
 V: Verger

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:00 PM AA	2 10:00 AM Healing Service 5:00 PM Evening Prayer 8:00 PM AA	3	4 Office Closed 8:00 PM AA	5
6 8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:30 AM HE Rite II	7	8 8:00 PM AA	9 10:00 AM Healing Service 5:00 PM Evening Prayer 8:00 PM AA	10 7:00 PM FACTS	11 8:00 PM AA	12 10:30 AM Discernment Committee
13 8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:30 AM HE Rite II	14 7:00 PM A/D Team	15 8:00 PM AA	16 10:00 AM Healing Service 5:00 PM Evening Prayer 8:00 PM AA	17	18 8:00 PM AA	19
20 8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:30 AM HE Rite II 2:30 PM Broadmeadow 7:00 PM Discernment Committee	21	22 6:30 PM Pastoral Care 8:00 PM AA	23 10:00 AM Healing Service 5:00 PM Evening Prayer 8:00 PM AA	24	25 8:00 PM AA	26 10:30 AM Discernment Committee
27 8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:30 AM HE Rite II	28	29 8:00 PM AA	30 10:00 AM Healing Service 5:00 PM Evening Prayer 8:00 PM AA	31	1 8:00 PM AA	2

July Birthdays



Sue Truitt	4	John Dessin	10
Skylar Schrader	5	Christopher Widener	11
Brigette Shetzler	5	Dino Capp	13
Paula Szczuka	5	Emily DiAngelo	13
Ian Maier	6	Kimberly George	13
Ron Truitt	6	Edmundo Ocalagan	13
Kevin Lamborn	7	Charlotte Webb	13
Louis Vitola	7	Everett Williams	13
Jessie Crisfield	8	Jacqueline Dessin	14
John Garton	8	Alec Wolinski	14
Patricia Kerr	8	Katie Lillard	15
Shannon Hughes	9	Cody Miller	15
		Kevin Young	15
		Laurie Capp	16
		Louise Howlett	16
		Dean Dannaker	23
		Lauren Slaughter	24
		Helen Wolf	24
		Ena Williams	26
		Cecilee Young	26
		Samuel Young	28
		Sarah Gail Beall	29
		John Cook	29
		Michael Kline	29
		Dorothy Willoughby	29
		Peter Hall	31