

# The Messenger

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

May 2008



## RAGE

*Dear friends in Christ,*

A relatively new phase has entered our language: Road Rage. It is defined as when one or more drivers become so angry that they act in a reckless and dangerous manner. Road rage can be simply yelling or gesturing. It can be as violent as the exchange of gunfire. In any case, it is not pleasant. Most of us have seen examples of this in our driving. Going back and forth between Wilmington and Chester, I regularly see enraged drivers. Several times, I have been the object of angry gestures, honking, and obscene comments. I am sure that in all instances the other driver has felt justified. Usually, the immediate cause of this rage is my speed or lack of it on I-95. I try not to go over the speed limit and thus I am caught between the laws of Pennsylvania and Delaware and people who think anything less than 75 mph is obstructive. Road rage is also caused when people feel cut off by someone else and some real or perceived stupidity on the part of another driver. Road rage cannot only cause a person to get a traffic ticket but it can also result in accidents and even death. Often when people are stopped for such actions, they express their indignation at the "other guy." Driving in a car and being the object of road rage can be very frightening. The best advice given by the police is to avoid confrontations with such drivers.

*... road rage and God rage are very similar.*

As a priest, I have often come against GOD RAGE. Interestingly enough, road rage and God rage are very similar. The difference is that, instead of being angry with another person, the person is angry with God. Both types of rage have their roots in the perceived frustration of personal goals. On the road, it may be getting somewhere "on time." When directed toward God, it often is that God does not act as quickly as we want Him to. When someone is cut off in the car, they see someone getting what they themselves wanted. Sometimes we feel cut off by God—everyone is happy except me. Again, our own goals are blocked by someone else. People will say to me that they pray to God and their prayers are not answered. Let me give you an illustration. One Sunday at church, two men were really happy that the Phillies baseball team had beaten my beloved Chicago Cubs. Obviously, someone was going to be unhappy on that day. Not everyone can be first, and while we know that in our head, in our hearts, we wish to be first. Sometimes GOD RAGE is caused by our own self interest and like being on the highway, any thing or person that frustrates this is the object of rage. While we know in our heads that we cannot be first always, in our hearts we wish it were not so. The result of this attitude can be a continuing GOD RAGE and a failure even to try to learn what God has in store for us. When we drive our cars, we often care more for our goals than the goals of those around us. The same is true for our relationship with God—we care more for our own goals than God's will.

### Dates to Remember

(Details inside)

**May 11**

Mother's Day Breakfast

**May 18**

J2A Dinner and Auction

**May 25**

Blue Rocks and Fireworks

**June 1**

Summer services begin at  
Old St. Anne's, 10:00 a.m.

**June 8**

Old St. Anne's Day

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**Adult Formation**

Sunday mornings, 9:40-10:25

**Profiles of Bible Personalities**

Taught by George Karney and Louise Howlett

May 4 Mary and Martha (LH)

May 18 Ezekiel (GK)

**Annual Mother's Day Breakfast**

**May 11**

Don't miss the Annual Mother's Day Breakfast hosted by Scott Ventura and his merry crew. Come out and celebrate Mom with a delicious breakfast of French toast, sausage, fresh fruit, coffee, and juice. (Any donations would be greatly appreciated.) The food and fellowship can't be beat! The cost is \$5 per person/\$15 per family. This year's breakfast will benefit our J2A group's pilgrimage fundraising efforts.

**Blue Rocks and Fireworks!**

**May 25**

Come enjoy baseball and fireworks on Sunday, May 25, at 6:05 p.m. Call the office (378-2401) by May 15 to hold your seat(s). Tickets are \$6.

*Becky Cronin*

**Covered Dish Supper**

**May 29, 6:30 p.m.**

It has been quite some time since St. Anne's enjoyed a parish covered-dish supper. Come sample and share foods prepared by you and members of your parish family and enjoy the relaxing fellowship time. If you find yourself coming home late from work, don't despair—just come and eat!

**Special note** for present and past members of the Senior and Junior choirs: There will be a special visitor at the supper. Come see who it is!

*Paula Szczuka*

**Old St. Anne's Day**

**June 8, 10:00 a.m.**

Remember that the celebration of Old St. Anne's Church will be on June 8. Plan to attend. Our guest preacher will be Bishop William Jones, retired bishop of Missouri, Also taking part in the service will be our former rector, the Rev. William Trumbore.

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**It's not too late to  
pledge!**

If you have not pledged for 2008, please consider contacting the parish office at 378-2401 to get a pledge form to fill in for the remainder of the year. We'd be happy to provide you with the form and with envelopes. *Anne Nutter*

## **RAGE**, *continued from Page 1*

Extreme cases of road rage can result in accidents or death. Extreme cases of GOD RAGE can result in the same thing. Relationships between family or friends, even with God, can die because of extreme rage. Centering our actions on what we want or what we think is good for those around us and ourselves can blind us to the truth of God's love and power. We use the words "blind with rage" to describe road rage. Blindness when driving is a disaster. Blind rage against God is also a disaster. When people we love suffer or die, we can become enraged because we feel so thwarted and frustrated. We may even be blind to God's action in our rage.

In the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus heals a man born blind. The hymn *Amazing Grace* is based on this event. It is the story not only of a man who could not see but also a story about people who could see the world around them but not see how God's love cured the man's blindness. When we are blind with rage, God will step in and heal. And as the words of the song say, "Once I was blind but now I can see," God will give you sight to see through your rage.

*Peace,  
Father Karney*

### **Tithe Your Windfall**

Soon many of us will be receiving checks from the government as a part of the economic stimulus program. These checks, unlike tax refund checks, are windfalls. The Vestry suggests that you consider giving 10% of your amount to help balance our budget. Carolyn and I will be doing just that and hope that you will prayerfully consider doing the same.

*Father Karney*

### **Nursery Update**

Hello from Nicole and parent volunteers! Since we have two services that utilize the nursery room, we have had from 3 to 10 children. We have toys for them to choose from: dolls, blocks, trains, coloring books, and even videos if the need arises. Nursery times are at the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services. **Parent volunteers are required and greatly appreciated!**

## **Discernment Committee**

We had a very good turnout for the informational meetings on April 13 and would like to thank those who attended.

Thank you for your responses to the Parish Survey. We will use the information you provided to complete the Parish Profile and to fill out the Church Deployment Office (CDO) profile. We are also working on the electronic supplement to the profile that will be located on our Web site. If you have any questions, please ask any member of the team.

## **F. A. C. T. S.**

Our mission statement is powerful and inspiring: *With God's help, St. Anne's Church seeks to serve all people, restoring unity with God and each other through Christ.*

I feel, as a community, we exemplify this in our daily living. We ask for God's help and guidance. We work to be at one with God and our neighbors. We strive to serve *all* people to the best of our ability. However, we are limited in what we can offer.

Our Director of Music must create music of praise from cramped quarters in the corner of the nave, directing the singers from 30 feet away. An individual in a wheelchair must struggle to enter our building, only to have no place for their wheelchair in the nave and not be able to use the restroom facilities. Folks who cannot traverse stairs cannot join us for coffee hour or adult education in the Great Hall. Children with physical disabilities cannot attend Sunday School classes or gain access to The Ark. Some people have to park and walk two blocks before they reach our front door. Our priests and church administrators must brave the elements to get from their offices to the church building.

The FACTS team is currently finding solutions to these issues and many more. When their tasks are completed, we will be able to fulfill our mission statement and our commitment to God. Please keep their work in your prayers and let your voice be heard.

*Diane J. Dudderar-Foster*

**From the Financial Administrator  
A pledge update through 4/13/08...**

2008 Pledge Total	\$206,788.00
Pledge Expected through 4/13/08	\$ 59,650.00
Pledge Received through 4/13/08	\$ 57,117.00
% of Expected Pledge Received	95.75%

As you can see, we are just slightly behind target as of 4/13/08. Please always remember that the expenses of the parish continue, even when the pledging members are away or cannot make it to church.

Also note that St. Anne's Church has been qualified through Verizon's Employee Donation matching plan. If you work for Verizon, or another organization that matches your charitable donations, please contact Becky in the church office to find out how St. Anne's can benefit from both your and your employer's generosity. *Becky Cronin*

**Pastoral Care**

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.*

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 302-378-8758.

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

- Nancy Woodward 378-1718
- Sue Norfleet 376-5034
- Beth Lamb 378-8758
- Sally Sutton 376-6821
- Nancy Koenig 373-6650
- Grace George 378-7358
- Norene Taylor 449-0181
- Donna Menzen 376-3915
- Kevin Lamborn 378-6059
- Irene Richards 653-3732

**Membership Committee:  
Last Call!**



Calling all of St. Anne's to kindly get your picture taken for the directory. The Membership Committee will be taking pictures at the J2A Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, May 18. This is your last chance to have your picture included in the new upcoming directory.

Wouldn't it be nice to have a complete directory ready when we get our new rector for St. Anne's! We need everyone's participation to complete our goal.

If you have questions, please call Karin Cooney Newton at 302-378-1309.

**Mission Trip to Kenya**

In mid-May, I will be going to Kitale, Kenya, with Mwamba Church Ministries for the fourth time. Kitale is the home of Fr. Nicholas Sichangi and his wife Jane. Mwamba's main mission is to support the secondary education of girls and a few boys who would not otherwise be able to attend school. At this time, Mwamba has more than 50 children in various schools in and around Kitale.

This year, our group will also work in the refugee camps near Kitale. The turmoil following the disputed elections in Kenya has forced tens of thousands to flee their homes and seek safety. This is the rainy season and the misery these people are enduring is indescribable. Malaria and typhoid are rampant. The need for basic supplies is desperate. Infants are especially in need of food and fresh water. Contact Judy Fisher if you would like to make a donation in this effort.

*Judy C. Fisher, 376 7921*

## **Honors Day at the University of Delaware**

Honors Day is Friday, May 9, at 2:30 p.m. in Clayton Hall. Two students will receive the St. Anne's Scholarship/Community Service Award and a check for \$500 from St. Anne's Outreach.

Miss Rhonda Elizabeth Weissman, a junior, is a major in Elementary Teacher Education with a concentration in Middle School English. She has exceptional grades and a long list of professional and community activities, including volunteering for the Emmaus House, the Delaware Food Bank, the Buddy Walk for Downs Syndrome, and the Delaware Autism Program. I met with her recently, and she is honored and excited to be receiving this award.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Husty was a competitive swimmer, played lacrosse, and was on a rowing crew team when she had a tragic life-changing event. In 2002, she shattered a vertebra and became disabled. Initially, she was only able to move her head, shoulders, and biceps. Determined to improve her condition, she worked tirelessly with physical therapists to be able to walk with crutches and canes. Currently, she gets around in a wheelchair and hopes someday to be rid of that. Nevertheless, she has worked cooperatively in several classrooms in different elementary schools and received a summer internship with AstraZeneca. She is a junior with an Elementary Education major, has been accepted into the Mortar Board Honor Society, received the American Legion Award, and enjoys her work with children and their families and the many staff members with whom she interacts. She rows with the Philadelphia Disabled Rowing Program. She is an outstanding role model for all of us. I will meet with Mary next week as I do with all the recipients prior to Honors Day.

Everyone is welcome to attend the award ceremony. It is a day like no other!

*Grace George 378-7358*

## ***Each of us is part of* The Offertory Procession**

The Eucharist is structured around four actions: the offertory, the prayer of consecration, the fraction, and the distribution. The last three, essentially, are actions of the celebrant, albeit with responses by the people. Only the first action is the prerogative of the people alone.

Sixty years ago, we acolytes performed the function of bringing the elements from the credence table to the celebrant; we were told we did it for the people, in their name. Many in the congregation, however, missed the point of it and, thereby, missed their chance to effectively participate in their special liturgical action. The Church, in its wisdom, instituted the offertory procession to dramatize that the offertory originated in the middle of the congregation. It is at the offertory that we offer not only bread and wine, but “our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy, reasonable, and living sacrifice.” That’s some pretty deep stuff. Yes, I know, the words are from the canon, but the action is at the offertory, which, incidentally, signals the start of the Eucharist action.

We have the occasion to offer our lives, everything that we have done over the past week and will do the coming week, to God, who can transform our imperfect and unworthy offering into something marvelous for his purposes, just as he does with the elements. It can, and should, be a time for serious life-changing meditation. How different your life becomes when you know that everything you do will be offered to God the next Sunday at the altar. Everything you do takes on a new significance, and you do it with a different attitude.

*Peter Hall*

## Bells in the Holy Eucharist



The use of bells in worship is an ancient practice, both in the Eastern Orthodox churches, Jewish synagogues, and in our own predecessors, the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of England.

In the Roman church, bells were introduced in the fifth century by St. Paulius, Bishop of Nola, who used them to call monks to worship. In the seventh century, bells were used to call the faithful to Mass. The Venerable Bede, an eighth-century English saint, introduced bell ringing at Requiem Masses, and soon thereafter, bell were used even in smaller parish churches of western Europe. Ultimately, their use was mandated by the Council of Trent (1545-1563), at the Reformation, and was required in the Roman church until 1969. Since then, some parishes have stopped using them, but many still do, and it is always appropriate.

The bells have many names and many forms. Now, they are generally called Sanctus bells, after their use at the Sanctus, or *Holy, holy, holy*, but they are also called altar bells, Mass bells, sacring bells, saints' bells, and a few

other less common names. They range from giant tower bells to small handheld ones; some are single bells and some are sets of three or four bells mounted together.

The bells are most usually rung at three points in the Eucharist:

1. Prior to the Consecration, immediately after the Sanctus;
2. As the priest elevates the host;
3. As the priest elevates the chalice;

and they symbolize the presence of Christ in the Host/Body of Christ, and the Wine/His Blood. They are rung three times each at the elevations of the host and the wine to symbolize the Holy Trinity.

As examples of variety of use, at St. Paul's Church in Chester, PA, there is an 11-bell carillon in the tower, so they use the tower bells. At St. John's Church in Salem, NJ, they have a lovely case-mounted set of four bells, hand-rung. When tower bells are used, they inform the whole community of the presence of Christ within; smaller bells signify the same to the gathered worshippers. Since St. Anne's does not have a dedicated Sanctus bell, we use the organ bell stop.

*Dr. Norman Thompson, Music Director*

## May Birthdays

Kimberly Malcom	1
Walter Liefeld	2
Kirsten L'Heureux	2
Karin Newton	2
Scott Lawrence	3
Nancy Florian	4
Frances McCoombe	4
Donna Menzen	5
Kara Bishop	5
Toni Meadowcroft	6
Dana DaSilva	6
Anna Ray Price	6
Caroline Bennett	7
Martin Tuohy	7
Charlie Dunham	9
Becky Cronin	9
Scott Smith	10



Josie Sands	12	Princess Diaz	21
Audrey Leathrum	12	Sally Sutton	22
Brian Ellis	13	Kathleen Ryan	22
Lois Crouse	13	Isabella Martina	22
James Crisfield	13	Kate Rokosz	23
Hunter Kasprenski	13	Lucy Cochran	24
Danny Mills	14	Nathaniel Willey	24
Joseph English	15	Sue Norfleet	25
Bernard Grant, Jr.	15	Cheryl Tuohy	26
Daniel Blasch	17	Maggie Machulski	27
Bethany Bennett	17	Ethel Young	28
Mary Claire Ball	18	Chase Archangelo	29
Emily Belitskus	19	Bill Ivers	29
Jim Florian	19	Ruth Jones	29
Shirley Gundrum	19	Betts Jackson	29
Barbara Masterson	19	Logan Sauer	29
Gabriel DaSilva	20	Tedi Dessin	30
		Tyler Collins	30
		Paul Scholsser	31

## 223<sup>rd</sup> DIOCESAN CONVENTION

### ELECTION RESULTS

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## Kick Off the Summer With J2A!

Hello Summer! J2A will welcome summer with its **Third Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction on Sunday, May 18**. The dinner and auction will be held at St. Anne's Episcopal School from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$10.00 per person and will go on sale soon. Children under 12 are free. All proceeds from the dinner and auction will go towards J2A's pilgrimage in the summer of 2009.



The auction will include silent auction items, live auction items and a special Chinese auction. **J2A is accepting items for the auction now.** If you have any items (tickets, services, etc.) that you would like to donate, please contact any J2A member or its leaders (Tom Vail, Elizabeth Walker, Lea Hutchins and Dan Bennett). We are also accepting smaller (new) items to put together themed baskets (i.e. baby, kids, beach, movie night, parents' night out, sports fan, etc.). All contributions are greatly appreciated.

**Help support our youth in this wonderful family evening of fun, faith, and fellowship.**



## M.O.T. Big Ball Marathon

**The 2008 M.O.T. Big Ball Marathon is scheduled for August 29-30, beginning at 7:00 p.m.—24 hours of fun!**

Over \$40,000 was raised in 2007 to help your neighbors in need. The M.O.T. Senior Center, Boys & Girls Club, Special Olympics, the Middletown Youth Center, and more than 100 individuals and families were recipients of our funds. We were also pleased to have been able to support the PBS program (Positive Behavior Support) in each of our schools within the district.

**Entry fee:** To help us reach our goal of \$50,000, we've decided it's finally time to increase our entry donation for Incoming Teams. Keeping mindful of today's economy, we are asking each team for a minimum \$350 donation. Please note that we will not turn away any team, no matter your donation level. We just ask that you give from the heart.

We are so proud of everyone who are using the Big Ball Marathon as an outlet for giving back to our community and for showing our young people, by example, how it's done. I'm excited and looking forward to a memorable Marathon as we continue to grow!

Remember that times to play are scheduled on a first-come basis. I look forward to hearing from you!

*Kate Rokosz, 302-378-7999*



## Vacation Bible School 2008

We are using the Gospel Light curriculum again this year. Please view it on-line.

At **SonHarvest County Fair**, you'll find kids growing in the Son, and students will learn about growing the fruit of the Spirit in their own lives. Students will grow **love**, sprout **joy**, plant **peace**, produce **patience** and pick **kindness**.

**Join us July 20 through July 24 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at St. Anne's town church. **Volunteers are needed.** Please indicate which dates/times you're available:

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

### I would like to help in the following area:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Group guide (Youth volunteer)               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer support               | <input type="checkbox"/> Activity centers/Pre-kindergarten assistant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Skits (performers and set design)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Games or Lesson Center |  |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please call Nancy and Dan Bennett 302-376-9785 or e-mail [nancy@bennettclan.com](mailto:nancy@bennettclan.com).

**Please return this form in the offering plate or to the church office.**

Thank you,  
Nancy and Dan Bennett, VBS Directors



## Old St. Anne's Memorial Bricks

As you may have noticed, there are engraved bricks in the walkway from Old St. Anne's Church to the gazebo. These are memorial bricks that have been purchased by family and friends to remember their loved ones, alive or deceased, or special events in their lives.

You may purchase a brick up to **3 lines, 14 characters per line for \$50**. We will be taking orders this spring for installation in the fall.

Contact Christa Pederson at 378-8324 with any questions, or fill out the form below and return to St. Anne's Office.

### Use a separate form for each brick ordered.

Line 1:

Line 2:

Line 3:

Purchased by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Cash  Check  Make checks payable to "Old St. Anne's Memorial Brick"

