

The Lion's Roar

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Services

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
(Rite I)
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
(Rite II)
and Sunday School with Nurs-
ery Care

Wednesdays

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
(Rite II)
in the Chapel
(See enclosed calendar for
variations to weekly services.)

Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

From the Desk of the Reverend Joanna D. Graham Interim Rector

Dear Parishioners:

Thank you all for your participation at the Congregational Meeting on May 20th. The time line is still posted in the Parish Hall and will be for the next 2 weeks. I invite your comments as to the highs and lows, watersheds, accomplishments, significant moments, strengths and weaknesses as seen through your eyes during the past two pastorates; Fr. Post and Fr. Rozzelle

If you are unable to visit the parish hall please send your comments to James.nishimura@cqi.com. He will post them. Names remain confidential.

This is a precursor for the up coming cottage meetings under the guidance of the consultant which will lead to the second developmental task of Discovering a New Identity. Please take a few minutes to comment. Your ideas, thoughts, memories, feelings are important.

Discovering a New Identity determines whether or not the congregation's image of itself is realistic and seeing the interim time as an opportunity for renewal and growth. The thinking behind this is that Congregations see themselves as an entity without a pastor therefore separating the church's identity from the former pastor's personality and style.

This developmental task involves ongoing reality testing, conducting congregational self-study to gain accurate information (profile), cottage meetings to talk about what you are like and what you want to become. A study of the neighborhood ministry needs will be implemented along with program and resource assessments. You will be developing a broad vision of St. Mark's future; establishing goals and objectives.

Congregations that have come to resolve in regard to sharing their history demonstrate the following:

- Living in the present while accepting the past
- Movement through the grief process; closure of relationship to previous pastor
- Stabilizing membership, giving, participation
- Open to change and ready to try new ideas
- Asking process question: Where are we going? What do we do now?
- Investment in current and future issues; new mission statement and healthy humor.
- Non- Resolution
- Trying to clone the previous pastor or find his or her exact opposite
- Ghosts of previous pastors blocking openness to new and different leadership
- Unwillingness to consider the "WHY" of traditions
- Declining membership, giving, participation
- Being stuck in grief, anger, denial, guilt, alienation
- Continuing to dwell on the past

The consultant will be meeting with the vestry on June 27 so please take a few minutes to either visit the parish hall or send your comments to Jim.

God's blessings on your journey,
The Rev. Joanna Graham, Interim Rector

Anniversaries

- 6/4 Christophe & Elaine Kusel
- 6/5 Eric & Candace Jania
- 6/9 Roger & Adi Conover
- 6/10 John & Marilyn Lyga
Ruth Smith
- 6/12 Gordon & Mickey Ahalt
- 6/16 Fred & Karen Burgerhoff
- 6/18 Ron Orlando & Debbie Edwards
Gregory & Tracey Tuthill
- 6/19 Bruce & Lauren Walker
- 6/20 Jean & Paul Wittig
- 6/23 Lynn & Yvonne Tipson
- 6/25 George & Evelyn Helmke
- 6/26 Dan & Vicki Roche
- 6/27 Don & Elaine Jones
- 6/28 Dawn & chuck Knill
Virginia & Jack Lumis
- 6/29 David & Mary Pavlini



Birthdays

- 6/2 Candace Jania
- 6/3 Martha Winter
- 6/6 T.J. Lazo
Hannah Lefler
- 6/7 Tim Keenan
Jane Nishimura
- 6/8 Elisabeth Benthien
- 6/9 Jean Wittig
- 6/12 Alan Gubitosi
- 6/14 Martin Hale
- 6/16 John Kozel
- 6/17 Elizabeth Behrins
- 6/18 Nancy Areson
Gary Ware
- 6/20 Allison Aukerman
Joe Lyga
Emma Walker
- 6/21 Taylor Keenan
- 6/22 Anita Attridge
- 6/23 Laura Begg
Ellen Kirch
- 6/30 Jeff Barnett
Erin Taylor
Robert Taylor

Help.....Curb Hunger

There is plenty of food during the holidays, but many food pantries have had to close during the summer for lack of food. A recent article in the Star Ledger indicated that over 400,000 persons go hungry in NJ, half of these are children under 18 years of age.

Curbing Hunger, Inc. is a legal 501(c)3 non-profit outreach program started through St. Mark's. It's primary objective is to collect and distribute food during these crucial summer months. Over the past 12 years **1.8 million pounds of food** have been collected and distributed. The programs for Morris and Somerset Counties are in May and June, respectively. Curbing Hunger's second objective is **community involvement** and other groups that help are other churches, Morris County schools, Somerset County Freeholders, County Recyclers, radio and TV stations, senior citizens groups, The Patriots Baseball Team, several corporate sponsors, community bulletin boards and web-sites and many more. St. Mark's should be proud of this initiative.

For Somerset County, please look for the orange bags on the blue recycling bin and fill with canned or plastic container foods such as tuna, hearty soups, peanut butter, etc., AND please tell your neighbors to do the same. **Also note that these bags are distributed to 75,000 households and each bag indicates Curbing Hunger was founded by St. Mark's in Basking Ridge** (or you can see one on the church bulletin board).

Marie Scannell, Head of the Foodbank Network of Somerset County recently said, **"This year is especially critical. We are also serving the daily needs of many families for several months that were victims of the recent flooding."**

Curbing Hunger, Inc. is always looking for help in fund raising, marketing, correspondence and other areas... If you would like to know more or help in any way, please contact Bill Schmidt at 908.580.1259.

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PSALM

**As the deer longs for the water – brook,
So longs my soul for you,
O lord.**

**My mind is blank oh god,
So blank when you are not around,
I feel as if I'm not alive,
But still, despite the blankness,
You are with me always,**

**I trust things will turn out right when you are with
me,**

**Because I know that you are always with me,
Even in the bad times,**

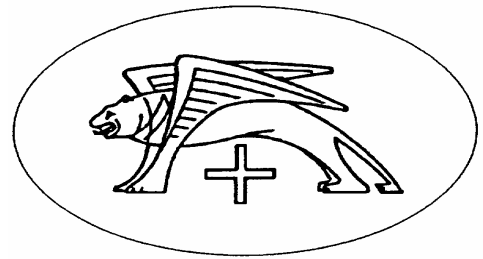
**I know that when I'm alone you will always be my
friend,**

That you will be there no matter how I feel,

**The deer searches for water in times of thirst,
but we need you always god.**

**Times can get very tough on you,
you look around and wonder where God is,
but then you realize that he's there,
he's always and will forever be there.**

Confirmation Class, 2007



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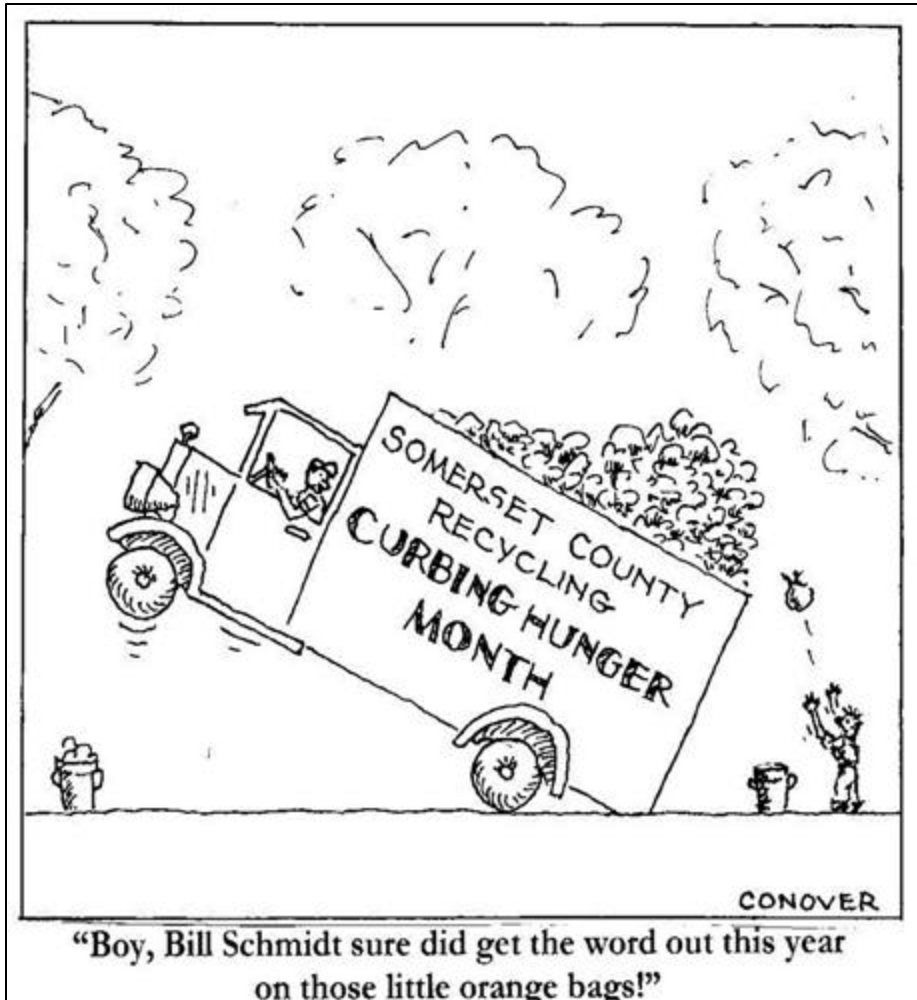
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Everyone is invited to participate in the commission meetings. Please contact the vestry representative for more information.

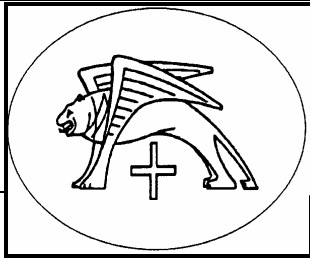
LAUGHTER IN THE PEWS



Many Thanks . . .

- Thanks to **Roger Conover** and **Nancy Brangaccio** for assembling the St. Mark's historical posters and placing them in our new building. They look great!
- **Mary Urbas** continues to support our outreach efforts. Thanks Mary!
- Special thanks to **Reverend Joanna** in our time of transition - this thank you is long overdue!
- **Stuart Pasquale** continues to consult with the Vestry on insurance matters and has made sure that we are well covered in our policy with the best pricing we can obtain. Great job Stu!

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June 2007

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Conf. Retreat, Pt. Pleasant
3 Confirma- tion—3pm 9am service in morning—no 8am or 10am	4	5 Holly Manor 10:45	6 Chapel H.C. 9am	7	8	9
10 8am Rite I Youth Svc & Choir Recog- nition @ 10am 4pm Brassworks SMMS	11 Worship 6:30 Finance 7:45	12 Staff Mtg 12:30 Rev J. Vacation	13 Chapel H.C. 9am Rev J. Vacation	14 Office Mtg 7:30 Rev J. Vacation	15 Rev J. Vacation	16
17 8am Baptism Contemporary Father's Day Vestry Women on Coffee Hour	18 Rev J. Vacation	19 Rev J. Vacation	20 Rev J. Vacation	21 Rev J. Vacation	22 Rev J. Vacation	23
24 8am Rite I 10am Rite II & Baptism	25 Vestry Mtg 7:15 Christian Ed. 7:30	26 Ridge Oak Svc 10:30am Staff Mtg 12:30	27 Chapel H.C. 9am	28	29	30

St. Mark's Kitchen Shower



On March 29, 2007 a wonderful time was had by the 25 women who attended the church kitchen shower. Meals were prepared and taken home for immediate consumption or freezing. Sharon De Feo and I have received rave reviews about the food.

We raised \$1295 towards new kitchen equipment. Shopping was delightful. We were able to outfit our new kitchen with many needed items including a new microwave/convection oven, knives, cutting boards; a professional size Cuisinart, electric kettle, and an electric can opener. There were many smaller items purchased including new dish towels, bread baskets, pastry brushes, small muffin tins, large mixing bowls, paper towel holders, wooden spoons, and a beverage tub. The folks preparing dinner for the May dinner auction were delighted to put all of these items to immediate use!

Thanks again to all who participated and supported this event.

Eileen Ware

SAINT MARK'S WOMEN'S GROUP

The St. Mark's Women's Group is meeting at Lauren Corson's home on Tuesday, June 19th at 7:00 PM for a pot luck dinner. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Everyone is cordially invited. The next meeting will be July 26th at Diane Rozzelle's with 6:30 p.m. start. (cold dishes—let's keep the oven off!!)



St. Mark's Coffee Hour Instructions

SET UP

- 2 long tables for adults (by garden windows) & 1 long table for children (by back wall)
- If you have rectangle tablecloths from home you may use those. We are looking into purchasing disposable tablecloths. They will be in the cabinet marked tablecloths. DO NOT use tablecloths from the back room. Those are for special events only.
- Set up at least one round table with some chairs for those who prefer or need to sit during coffee hour.

Make sure there are two garbage cans in the hall for trash. There are garbage bags under all the sinks in the kitchen.

Coffee and Tea

- **Easiest** – Use the large coffee pots which are in the closet cabinet near the side exit door. One packet of coffee makes 10/12 cups of coffee. Use the smaller perk pot for water to heat for tea. (60 cups of decaf and 80 regular)
- **DO NOT PLUG POTS INTO SAME CIRCUITS IT WILL BLOW BREAKER** – PLUG ONE IN NEAR COFFEE MAKER, ONE ON SIDE COUNTER AND ONE ON THE ISLAND.
- **TAKES MORE TIME** - Some people prefer to use the coffee maker and make the pots as they go along. This takes more time especially if it is a large crowd.
- Use the carafes to serve coffee – brown tabs for regular, orange for decaf and green for hot water. Fill 6 of each for coffees and 3 for tea. When pouring coffee only fill cups half way. Helps prevent spills when the kids are running through everyone's legs!

When making tea it is suggested that you DO NOT put tea bags in the carafe. People like to make it their own strength.

IN STOCK:

- Coffee packets and possibly at times some cans of coffee
- Tea Bags – regular and decaf
- Sugar – sometimes packets, sometimes loose
- Sugar substitute
- Stirrers
- Hot and Cold cups
- Napkins
- Dollies

WHAT TO BRING FROM HOME:

- 2 quarts of half and half
- ½ gallon of milk
- 1 lemon sliced for tea
- 2 gallons of juice for the children
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Baked goods for adults and children

Please bring home all leftovers including beverages. If there seems to be enough milk, half and half, lemons or juice for the following week – please take the initiative to contact one of the families scheduled for the next week (the coffee hour list is posted in the Narthex)

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CLEAN UP

- Rinse out all carafes with hot water – soap not necessary. Let them drain while you finish other clean up. Please return carafes to cabinet. Do not put tops on all the way.
- There are garbage bags under all the sinks. Be sure to take all garbage from kitchen and Rozzelle hall. Tie up and bring to the dumpster.
- Wipe down all counters
- There is a large broom in the closet across from the rest-rooms in Rozzelle hall. Sweep the hall floor.

Be sure all lights in Rozzelle hall shut off as well as kitchen lights.

Thank you for all your help!

Dawn Knill

Inreach and Fellowship Chair



Trinity Cathedral Community Day

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Eighteen holes of delightful golf
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Dinner & Prizes

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Date	Layreaders	Acolytes	Greeters	Ushers
6/3/2007				
9:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch L J. Lyga		Marion Gaydos Ann Marie Woolford	John Wojnar
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch Roger Conover P&Ch Richard Aregood	The Wests	Kit McLaughlan Jenny Phillips	L. Rose, D. Wells S. Rose
6/10/2007				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch David Moore			Harry Woods
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch J.T. Aregood P&Ch John Lyga	The Gogertys	Jackie Kahle Barbara Hughes	Jackie Kahle Lisa Dormer
06/17/2007				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch			Paul Chiappetta
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch Don Kress P&Ch Roger Conover	The Phillips	Mary Urbas Mickey Ahalt	Larry Koch Jim Pioppi
056/24/2007				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch Doug Post			Jim Martucci
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&CH Marylea Schmidt P&Ch Jeanne Wyatt	The Barkhorns	Annabelle Wilmer Vicki Roche	Bruce Walker Larry Rose