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St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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Services

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Rite I)
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Rite II)
Sunday School with Nursery Care

Wednesdays

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

Parish Office Hours:

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

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From the Desk of the Reverend Joanna D. Graham

Interim Rector

"Just a Bit of History"

A reading from *The Case of the Episcopal Churches Considered by William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania, published in 1782.*

The power of electing a superior order of ministers ought to be in the clergy and laity together, they being both interested in the choice. In England, the bishops are appointed by the civil authority; which was an usurpation of the crown at the Norman conquest, but since confirmed by acts of parliament.. The primitive churches are generally supplied by popular elections; even in the city of Rome, the privilege of electing the bishop continued with the people to the tenth or eleventh century, and near those times there are resolves of councils, that none should be promoted to ecclesiastical dignities, but by election of the clergy and people. It cannot be denied that this right vested in numerous bodies, occasioned great disorders; which it is expected will be avoided, when the people shall exercise the right by representation.

Let us next take a view of the grounds on which the authority of episcopacy is asserted.

The advocates for this form maintain, that there having been an Episcopal power originally lodged by Jesus Christ with his apostles, and by them exercised generally in person, but sometimes by delegation (as in the instances of Timothy and Titus) the same was conveyed by them before their decease to one pastor in each church, which generally comprehended all the Christians in a city and convenient surrounding district. Thus were created the apostolic successors, who, on account of their settled residence are called bishops *by restraint*; whereas the apostles themselves were bishops *at large*, exercising Episcopal power over all the churches, except in the case of St. James, who from the beginning was bishop of Jerusalem. From this time the word "episcopos" used in the New Testament indiscriminately with

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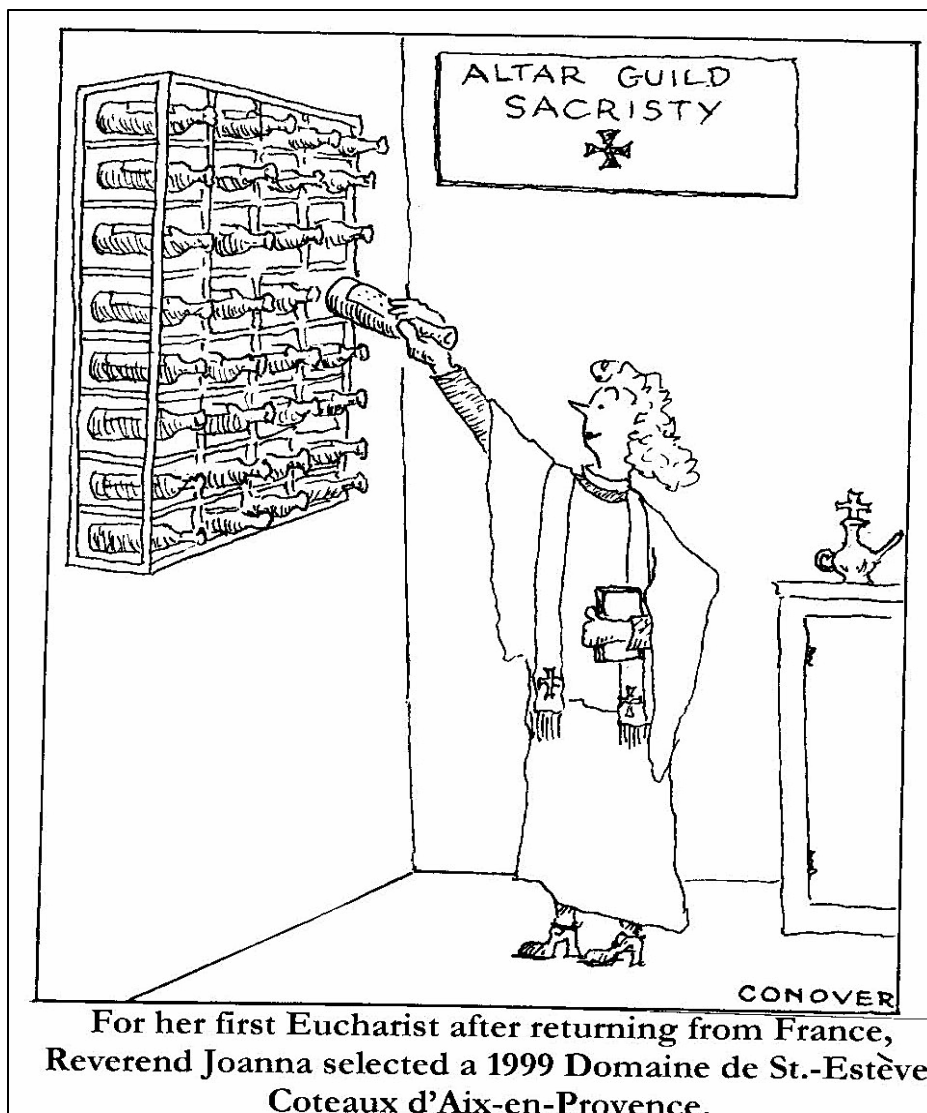
the word “presbuteros” (particularly in the 20th chapter of the Acts where the same persons are called “episcopoi” and presbuteroi”), became *appropriated* to the superior order of ministers. That the apostles were thus succeeded by an order of ministers superior to pastors in general, episcopalians think they prove by the testimonies of the ancient fathers, and from the improbability that so great an innovation (as some conceive it) could have found general and peaceable possession in the 2d or 3d century, when episcopacy is on both sides acknowledged to have been prevalent. The argument is here concisely stated, but (as is believed) impartially.

Blessings and Peace,
Rev. Joanna



The Case of the Episcopal Churches Considered, ed. Richard G. Salomon

LAUGHTER IN THE PEWS



NEWS IN THE PEWS

Women of St. Mark's Monthly gathering schedule

July 24th Thurs. at 6:30 pm
Dinner with Madame Eileen Ware
in her Le Cuisine Nouveau

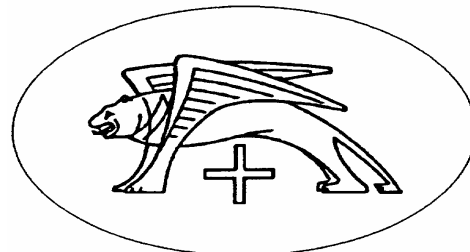
August 21st Thurs. at 6:30 pm
Dinner Under the Tent in the
Garden of Carol DeCoste

September - Dinner at Marylea
Schmidt's English Cottage
Date to be announced

October - Need a hostess

November - Need a hostess

December - Dinner at Sharon
DeFeo's Christmas Museum
Date to be announced



2008 Vestry

The Rev. Joanna Graham
Senior Warden
Jim Nishimura 647-5290

Junior Warden
Buck Kirch 647-3599

Buildings & Grounds
Tom Defeo 604-2466

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Lorri Layton 696-1748

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Don Wells 732-271-1584

Outreach
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Finance
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Stewardship
Jeff West 953-8115

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Marilyn Lyga 766-5880

Events
Lauran Corson 903-0700

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Communications/Office Administration
Nancy Opremcak 221-9165

Warden Emeritus
Jim Martucci 604-2256

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Bill Coffin 766-0158

Recording Treasurers
Doug Post 766-6621
Margaret Murphy 766-4126

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

July Anniversaries

7/2	David & Jackie Taylor
7/3	Gary & Eileen Ware
7/4	Nick & Andi Williams
7/11	Don & Charlotte Wells
7/20	Audrey Krauss
7/23	Ted & Paula Roper

Birthdays

7/1	Laura Hubert
7/2	Carol Keirstead
7/4	Sandy Gogerty Peter Kuehne
7/6	Joan Graff
7/7	Ted Roper Jeff West
7/8	Jessica Baker Chris Chiappetta Tom Defeo Joseph Hughes Stephen Rose Ruth Smith Michael Woolford
7/9	Craig Freeman Charlotte McCall
7/10	Gretchen DeCoste Alexandra DiChiara Marylyn Stewart
7/11	Luke Ittycheria Margaret Murphy
7/12	Megan Rowley
7/13	Michael Millan Marty Urbas
7/14	James Aregood Evelyn Helmke Mary Miller
7/16	Austin Begg Caitlin Taylor
7/17	Jacob Wojnar
7/18	Nick Williams
7/19	Chuck Knill Tim Opremcak
7/20	Mary Urbas
7/21	Toby Gallup
7/22	Bucky Menter Warren Phillips
7/23	Meaghan Millan
7/24	Fred Burgerhoff Stephen Woolford

Birthdays

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7/25	Chip Campbell Robert Paulsen
7/26	Andrew Chipparillo Sarah Hinchey
7/27	Sloane Hinchey
7/29	Karen Hinchey Mary Pavlini
7/30	Tim Campbell



THE SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR

When we were formally commissioned last month, our Discernment Committee promised to follow Anne Post's fine example by keeping the congregation up to date on progress.

All of us on the committee are committed to moving the process forward as quickly as we can, with two limitations: (1) we will be as deliberate as possible to ensure that the best Rector available is called here and (2) we will operate within prescribed dictates of the Diocese.

Now that the Parish Profile and supporting documents have moved forward to the Diocese, the vital next step is the presentation to us of the names of candidates by Canon Elizabeth Geitz of the Church Deployment Office in Trenton. These aspirants will then be measured by our committee against the criteria established by Anne's Profile Committee following input from all the congregation. We do not yet have the names so are not underway on the heart of our work.

However, our committee did meet on June 12th. We discussed the seriousness – and spiritual nature - of the work ahead; began to outline the evaluation process we will use; and identified what further help and guidance we will need from the Diocese.

As does every parishioner in the pew, we recognize how much time has already past since our Rector left us and how many months are still ahead of us before a new one is in place. In the meantime, St. Mark's is alive and well: our worship here is as spiritual as ever, our music as inspiring, our love for one another as strong. This is not an in-between time when we should just sit back and wait but rather a time for us to pull together in supporting and building our parish for the even brighter days ahead.

Roger Conover

Finance Report as of May, 2008

Represented below is a summary of St. Mark's operating income statement.

May 2008 Year to Date

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Pledges	104,043	94,169	9,874
Other Donations	47,420	49,335	-1,915
Total Receipts	151,463	143,504	7,959
Total Expenses	150,275	134,871	15,404
Net Operating Income	\$1,188	\$8,633	\$-7,445

- Year-to-date total receipts are up significantly due in part to parishioners making early pledge payments and other parishioners making generous donations. Pledges and donations are up significantly over May 2007. Another reason receipts are up is due to the hardworking Tricky Tray fundraising team who brought in over \$7,600 to St. Mark's. Thank you so much.
- Year-to-date total expenses are over budget primarily due to the ongoing costs associated with the installation of the smoke and fire alarm system. The quarterly insurance payment and the quarterly rector's pension payment were paid in May, however, the budget for these expenses are not reflected in May contributing to the appearance of the overrun.
- The commission chairs are still working hard to keep their expenses under control and under budget.

Please note:

Changes for directory

New email address for
Robert & Jennifer Phillips:
jrpw26@verizon.net

Diane Rozzelle's email is:
Drozelle1@gmail.com



Just for fun....

Mom was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school each day . He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe.

So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance , so he probably wouldn't notice her .

She said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day , the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the two walked and chatted , kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week.

Finally she said to Timmy, 'Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week ?

Do you know her ' Timmy nonchalantly replied , ' Yeah , I know who she is . '

The little girl said, ' Well, who is she ? '

'That's just Shirley Goodnest,' Timmy replied, 'and her daughter Marcy.'

'Shirley Goodnest ? Who the heck is she and why is she following us ? '

'Well,' Timmy explained, 'every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm , it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it !'

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you ; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always.

SAVE THE DATE
ST. MARK'S FALL RUMMAGE SALE
SEPTEMBER 19th and 20th, 2008
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

During the lazy, hazy days of summer start thinking about donations for the Fall Rummage Sale. Remember to tell your family and friends that we are grateful for their donations.

Donations can be dropped off on Monday September 15th through Wednesday, September 17th.

We are unable to accept the following items for sale:

Baby car seats, high chairs, and playpens over 5 years old

Mattresses and box springs

Text book, travel books, periodicals and almanacs.

TV, computers and other electronics over 5 years old

Exercise equipment

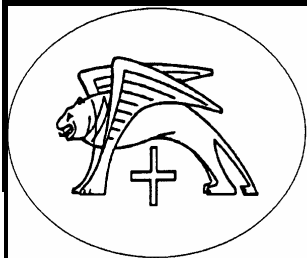
Sporting equipment over 5 years old

Carpeting except area rugs

Incomplete, broken or items not in good condition for sale

Mark the dates for the Fall Rummage Sale in your calendar and consider helping with this important fund raiser. As in the past, we are going to need lots of help with the Rummage Sale. Please consider helping in any capacity possible. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Look out for the sign up sheet in the Narthex. So come and join in the fellowship – we promise to have fun too!!





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Office Closed Independence Day 	5
6 8am Rite I 10am Rite II Eppy Schmidt, Supply Clergy	7 Rev. Joanna returns this week	8	9 Chapel @ 9am	10	11	12
13 8am Rite I 10am Rite II	14 Exec. Finance Meeting	15 Ridge Oak @ 10:30	16 Chapel @ 9am	17	18	19
20 8am Rite I 10am Rite II	21 Vestry Mtg 6:30	22	23 Chapel @ 9am	24	25	26
27 8am Rite I 10am Rite II	28	29	30 Chapel @ 9am Morristown Soup Kitchen	31		

July 2008

<i>Date</i>	<i>Layreaders</i>	<i>Crucifer</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Greeters</i>
07/06/2008				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch John Lyga		Harry Woods	
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch Kathleen Aregood P&Ch Jackie Kahle LR 2 Libby West	West Family	Bruce Woodford Larry Rose	Bruce Woodford Nancy Brangaccio
07/13/2008				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch Doug Post		Paul Chiappetta	
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch Marylea Schmidt P&Ch Bill Schmidt LR 2 Lauren. Corson	Ann Post Kaitlynn Taylor	Bruce Walker Larry Rose	Nancy Wojnar Mickey Ahalt
07/20/08				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch Jackie Kahle		Jack Smythe	
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch Roger Conover P&Ch Richard Aregood LR 2 Nancy Opremcak	Jackie Taylor	Jim Nishimura Bruce Woodford	Barbara Hughes Anne Post
07/27/08				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch Doug Post		Jim DeCoste	
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch Dawn Knill P&Ch Chuck Knill LR 2 Sean Gogerty	Bryan Knill	Jim Nishimura Bruce Walker	Jackie Kahle Annabelle Wilmer

