

# The Arimathean

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Dear friends in Christ,

On the day before Palm Sunday, March 8, "our" sixty Carpenter's Kids in Mbabala, Tanzania, gathered to receive their school uniforms, new shoes and books, and their first breakfast. Can we even imagine never having had those things? All week I thought about how excited they must be, and maybe a bit scared about going to school for the first time. What must be going through their minds? Are they even able to think about how this program may change their future? A member of the vestry generously agreed to be our contact person so that we can e-mail and receive e-mail from "our kids". We will receive more information about them so that we can pray for them.

Another group of "kids" visited on Monday, March 10, a group of about 30 seventh graders from Woodlands Temple came for about an hour and a half, to learn about St. Joseph's. We gathered in the chapel and I explained Holy Communion and Baptism, what the various parts of the church are, and answered their questions. This happens every year, for each new class who are preparing to become Bat Mitzvah and Bar Mitzvah. Each year I am so impressed by the quality of their questions. We are one of several churches they visit, including the Church of the Nazarene across the street, and Lutheran and Catholic churches. "Bar Mitzvah" literally means "son of the divine law" and Bat Mitzvah, "daughter of the divine law".

We also welcomed our new program manager, Patricia (Patty) Young who began her work with us in March. We are already seeing the results of her skills and energy! Just look around the church at the new more usable and attractive furniture arrangements. Patty is working on "English as a second language" classes that will meet at St. Joseph's, as well as the labyrinth project, and welcoming the community to use our space, as well as many other projects.



## Don't Be Alarmed

For those of you who may not frequently use the church office door.



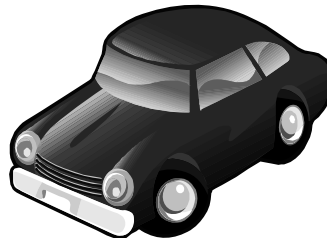
You might be surprised to hear a new song as you enter. It is not a doorbell, it is a door alert chime, alerting those of us who work and serve in the building that a

visitor has entered. It is our hope that this adds an inexpensive safety feature in our church.

## We Need Your Help!

We would like to organize a car pool service to our members who would really like to attend service(s) during the month. Even if the individual would only like to attend once per month, isn't it our pleasure and a privilege to do

what we can to make our members feel welcome and wanted? If you would like to



volunteer, or if you would like to be picked up, please call and speak to Gretta or Patty, or leave a message and we'll give you a call back. Please help.

**Monday, April 13th**

*Vestry Meeting  
7:30 pm*

The topic will be the music program

## Pastor Addie's Letter, continued

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By the time you receive this, Holy Week and Easter will have come and gone. Easter was one day later than the earliest it can be so the weather was still chilly, but there are signs of spring all around,

robins, pussy willows, the forsythia beginning to bloom, and bulbs coming up at church and at our homes. We give thanks for the yearly reminder of new life offered us through the Resurrection of Jesus. We give thanks also for

the signs that the Spirit is alive and well at St. Joseph's, helping us to love and serve the world in Jesus' name. May God richly bless you all!

## Rest In Peace

It is with sadness that we report the deaths of members or friends of St. Joseph's.

**Alfred Cooke**, father of Debbie Cooke. The Cookes were long time members of St. Joseph's before they moved to Bedford. They own Cooke's Florist Shop. David died on March 12. Please keep Debbie in your prayers. Cards may be sent to Ms. Debbie Cooke, 1 Washington Ave., Bedford, NY 10506

**Nancy Cooper** was a long time member of St. Joseph's. She served as Senior Warden and a member of the Committee that raised over \$1,000,000 for

the addition including the Cutler Room. Pastor Addie remembers Nancy's kindness in helping her find a place to live when she first arrived at St. Joseph's. Please keep her daughter Susan in your prayers. Cards may be sent to Ms. Susan Cooper, 444 East 20th St., Apt. 3F, New York, NY 10009

**David Corley**, husband of the Rev. Kathryn Corley who was our sabbatical pastor in 2005.

David died suddenly on March 12 of a massive stroke. Kathy was much loved at St. Joseph's and appreciated for her good work during the sabbatical period. Please keep Kathy and her two sons in your prayers. Cards may be sent to The Rev. Kathryn Corley, 97 Underhill Road, Ossining, NY 10562

**Richard Fornges**, son of Evelyn Fornges, died in his sleep in February. Evelyn has attended the 8:30 AM service faithfully for many years and is a long time valued member of the Women's Workshop. Please keep Evelyn in your prayers. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Evelyn Fornges, 84 Carlisle Ave. Thornwood, NY 10594

**Helen Katz**, dear friend of Joan Cameron for 51 years, who died on March 11. Please keep Joan in your prayers. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Joan Cameron, 13 Pond Lane, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

### Save the date!

Sunday, April 6 Join us for dialogue and lunch following the 10:30 Service. The Topic is "Worship".

## Knitter's Retreat Weekend

By: Barbara Brown

Knitting and prayer go together very well. If you are working on a simple repetitive pattern that does not require concentration your mind is free to wander as it will, and therefore this is a wonderful time to spend in prayer - talking to God and listening for his answers to our questions. So last month I went on a retreat weekend at the Linwood Spiritual Center in Rhinebeck, NY. that combined the two perfectly.

Susan Jorgensen, one of the authors of the book *Knitting Into The Mystery: A Guide to the Shawl Knitting Ministry*, who is also a spiritual director, led our group of Into the Mystery of Knitting and praying for others. I had found the book shortly after it was printed and I wanted to meet the

author, having knit a shawl following the guidelines, but not the full intent of the ministry. The basic premise is to knit shawls to be given to others who may have specific needs [illness, grief, pregnancy, weddings] or just as gifts. Each shawl has been prayed over by the



knitter as he/she works on it, and then by the entire group when they come together to share their work and prayer time. This can be once a month, every week, once every other month or whatever is convenient for the group that has formed.

Of the 12 women in our group; one belongs

to a shawl ministry in her church in Cornwall and who wanted to learn how to enhance the group and give it more meaning; five women belonging to one church in Kingston wanted to start a shawl ministry and were knitting together to be the nucleus of their new outreach; yet another is a Sister of Saint Ursula who lives and used to be the finance manager at Linwood and has been knitting for years.

Some of us had started our shawls in advance, others who had not knit in years needed some help remembering how to cast on and the difference between knitting and purling, still others wanted to perfect knitting skills and also to possibly crochet a shawl instead of knitting it. By the time the weekend was over we had

**Lunch for Valhalla Residence, April 20th.**

**Sign up at the pass through to the kitchen.**

## Knitter's, continued

the beginnings of some beautifully knit shawls that had amazing colors due to the yarn that was suggested for use.

[Lion Brand "Homespun" yarn changes colors as you knit it and the colors blend and/or stripe in ways that are wondrous to behold.] We spent time in prayer, and talking about how and when we first learned to knit - who taught us and inspired the knitting bug. I brought with me the shawl that I had knit earlier as well as the hand knits that I usually wear. Susan, our facilitator, brought many examples of

shawls with her as well as a mini library of knitting books, music for meditation, and her own hand knit garments and socks too.

When I arrived, I planned on spending a weekend knitting and reflecting without the interruptions of daily life, but I came away with far more than that. I became inspired to spend more time [even 10 or 15 minute breaks during the day] knitting and praying. I also thought about our outreach programs here at Saint

Joseph's and how this might fit in with some of the programs that are already in place. Many of our people knit and have done charity knitting before. This may be a wonderful way to involve the community around us in a knitting ministry. It can be for the Seaman's Institute, as we have done before, or chemo caps; lap robes; shawls; premie caps; sweaters for the Guideposts children's sweater project; or any of many other knitting projects that help others in the world.

## Prayer List

Veronica Hewling (Billie-Ann Grant's mother)  
 the Udogwu family, the Barnaby family, especially Zach,  
 Alexander (Alla Borzova's father), Arianna Fujimoto Harris,  
 Jane Dunne & Carol Vanecek (friends of Mary-Carol Miller)  
 Gordon Hecht, Merlene Chambers, (Charles White's sister)  
 Dottie Cunningham & Linda Dralle,  
 (Barbara Brown's co-workers), Sheila White, Joyce  
 Sanguinetti, Luise Farfalla, Maggie Jensen, Mary & Obie  
 Clifford, and Brenda Letford, (Billie-Ann Grant's friend)



## Who is Our New Program Manager... ... and what is she doing?

First of all, I just want to take this opportunity and thank everyone at St. Joseph. I have never been welcomed so warmly and sincerely as I have been since coming through those red doors. I will serve you to the best of my abilities.

My focus here will be to take the ideas and projects from the members and follow them through to completion. At present, as I get my feet wet, I have done a variety of small projects as well as begin plans for projects in the Spring. For example, I did some research on sheds to store our



garbage cans and any outdoor equipment in. I compiled a report of various size sheds and their costs. I also put together a material list with plans to build a shed. After reviewing this work, it was decided that Zibby will build one to whatever specification we wish at a fraction of the cost. The shed will not only be more attractive than having garbage cans lined up, but functional and raccoon proof!

At present I am excited to work on the Labyrinth as well as looking into new signs with better outdoor lighting, to help others find their way here. I will of course keep everyone apprised of my progress.

My background is based in a degree in education. I have worked as a

fifth grade school teacher in Bayside, Queens, I was training coordinator at Loral Electronic Systems which was a government defense industry, as well as the owner and operator of The Giving Tree Day Care for 15 years, until my mother became ill and I closed the day care to care for her these last two years.

My husband Warren is a Sr. electrical Engineer for BAE Systems in Wayne NJ, and has been for 32 years. We have been married for 21 years and have two beautiful daughters, Aprille who is 18 and a freshman in Purchase, and Arielle 16 who is a sophomore at Alexander Hamilton High School.

I also have two step-children, Shakira 32 who is

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### **Breakfast Club**

*9:15 am*

*April 6th  
April 20th*

## Consumer Tip

Do you know it costs you more to purchase 'snack size' products? If you wish for example, to have



chocolate chip cookies to take in your bag lunch during Woman's Workshop, consider buying a large package, but place the larger amount of cookies in a zip lock bag to keep them fresh. Then take out the amount you wish for a serving and

place them in a snack size, or sandwich size zip lock bag. You are not only saving money, but you do not have as much package waste to add to our earth. If you'd like more information, check Channel Two News online for consumer tips.

## New Project

It is with great excitement that we are working on hosting the BOCES organization to have an instructor teach English as a Second Language. 125 ESL programs are now offered at 18 locations throughout

Westchester's churches, schools and community centers. St. Joseph can be the 19th location! We'll keep you posted on when the classes would start, our hope is to begin in early

April thru June, then pick up again in the fall. Please spread the news if you know someone who could benefit from this type of program. Thank you Eliza Jenson for this innovative idea!

## New Program Manager, continued

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married and lives in Texas, and Clayton who just turned 30 and lives in Tuckahoe. Warren once told me if we had children and they were ugly, it was my fault

because he had a portfolio!!

Thank you so much again for making me feel at home. I am looking forward to the near future to stand back and say, "Look what we

did"!  
Breathe Deep,  
Think Peace  
Patty

## Culinary Corner

I was so pleased everyone enjoyed the meal at Sunday's luncheon on March 2nd for Ms. Roberta and Ms. Jane. I was asked if I'd share the Eggplant Gratin recipe. Of course I would! It was suggested we do a monthly recipe to

share with everyone at St. Joseph. However, we need YOUR help, please share a favorite recipe or two with us so they too can be published. If there is a story to share as a side dish – please do! You can email them

to me: pattyyoung@optonline.net or fax it to the church at: 914-592-7175, mail it to the church, or stop by yourself and meet me in the corner of the Cutler room! I'm looking forward to getting some yummy recipes!

### **April 6th**

Dialogue & Lunch  
after 10:30 service

### **Sunday April 6 and 20**

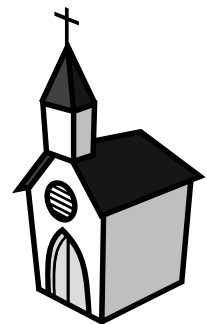
Everyone welcome at "Breakfast Club!"  
Our adult education group continues to read *The Good Book* by Peter Gomes. We will Discuss Chapter 13 on the Bible and Temptation.

## **Doing Church!**

Sign up right away for Doing Church Conference at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in the city.

Members of our church who have attended in the past, found it a great experience!

Information is on the large table in the McNeely Room. Sign up by April 4!!!!

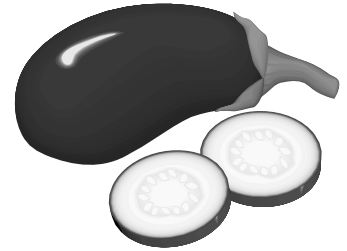


## Eggplant Gratin

Prep. Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 30 minutes

Yield: 2 servings



Good olive oil for frying

$\frac{3}{4}$  pound eggplant, unpeeled, sliced into  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup ricotta cheese

1 extra large egg

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup half and half

$\frac{1}{2}$  plus 2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup good bottled marinara sauce

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Heat about  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch of olive oil in a very large frying pan over medium heat. When the oil is almost smoking, add several slices of eggplant and cook, turning once, until they are evenly browned on both sides and cooked through, about 5 minutes. Be careful, it splatters! Transfer the cooked eggplant slices to paper towels to drain. Add more oil, heat and add more eggplant until all the slices are cooked.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, mix together the ricotta, egg, half and half,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup Parmesan,  $\frac{1}{8}$  teaspoon salt and  $\frac{1}{8}$  teaspoon pepper.

In each of 2 individual gratin dishes, place a layer of eggplant slices, then sprinkle with Parmesan, salt and pepper and spoon  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the marinara sauce. Next, add a second layer of eggplant, more salt and pepper (personal note: I did not add more salt, I found the Parmesan was plenty salty), half of the ricotta mixture and finally 1 tablespoon of grated Parmesan on top.

Place the gratins on a baking sheet and bake for 25-30 minutes or until the custard sets and the top is browned. Serve warm. Enjoy!

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(April 2008)

"I am not afraid of storms,  
for I am learning how to  
sail my ship. "

~Louisa May Alcott

The Rev. Adelaide S. Clark, Rector  
Rick Ewen, Sr. Warden  
Connie Barrett, Jr. Warden

Vestry: Ben Alexander, Joan Cameron, Catherine Gmoser, Lucy Knight,  
Chris Larrow, Donna Rosengren, Althea Serrant, Sharon White, Richard Wisniewski  
Donna Rosengren, Treasurer \* Grady Jensen, Historian

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Glad Tidings!

**Happy Birthday to ...**

04/04 John Scheib  
Patty Young  
04/06 Nancy Platt  
04/08 Catherine Gmoser  
04/08 Ann Owens  
04/15 Elizabeth Benomar  
04/28 Kamron Larrow  
04/29 Christopher Larrow, Jr.  
04/30 Danielle Marryshow

