

The Arimathean

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As I write this greeting we find ourselves as a parish and as a nation in a time of transition. At St. Joseph's we are in the early stages of calling a new pastor, while as a nation we are in the late stages of electing a new president. In addition here in the US and indeed globally we face an uncertain period of financial and economic transition—a period that has moved faster and been more turbulent than anyone could have imagined mere months ago. Challenges abound. How we handle the challenges confronting us will reveal whether we are a parish and a nation in renewal or decline. If we are in decline we will let fear, inertia and fuzzy thinking guide our actions and we will cling to the errant belief that if we do what we have been doing, but try just a bit harder and do it just a bit better things will somehow return to "normal".

What is required of us especially at this juncture of our parish and national life is a steady purpose of doing God's work despite the obstacles that face us. We should strive to be instruments of God's providence and be grateful for the opportunity to do so. Our efforts must be thoroughly grounded in prayer and a deep-seated faith that God will provide the inspiration and resources needed to accomplish His purposes. We can be confident that our strivings will be fruitful if we meet our challenges with enthusiasm not fear, energy rather than inertia, focus not fuzziness and ingenuity rather than the same old stuff.

Life is change. Growth, however, is optional. We must choose wisely. And as the old hymn reminds us: "No arm too weak but may do service here".

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Rick Ewen



A Call for Eucharistic Ministers

On Saturday, January 10, 2009 at St. Andrew's Church located at 101 N. Central Ave., Hartsdale, NY 10530 is offering Basic and Advanced training. ANY Lay person in the Episcopal Diocese of NY who wishes to be licensed as a Eucharistic Minister is welcome to attend the Basic training.

ANY Lay person in the Episcopal Diocese of NY who is licensed as a Eucharistic Minister, has attended the Basic program and would like some advanced training is encouraged to attend.

Pastor Claire has said she would love to see at least three new Eucharistic Ministers in St. Josephs. So please, pray on this request and if you are interested, please contact Pastor Claire, Monday thru Thursday during Church office hours. The cost for this program is \$20 for each workshop and St. Joseph's will cover this fee. Registration is limited to 25 people; the cost covers lunch, materials and other resources. Won't you answer the call?

**Tuesday,
November 11th
November 27 & 28th**

Church Office Closed

A Special Date to Save

The Cathedral
Church of Saint
John the Divine
1047 Amsterdam
Ave. at 112th
Street
New York, NY 10025

First Sunday of Advent, November 30th at 11am and 4pm. A Service of Re-dedication will be at 2pm. There will be an Open House in the afternoon at 4pm. A Service of Choral Evensong: prayers for the City and the Diocese of New York.

The Cathedral is preparing a celebration: the final stage of a 7 year post fire interior restoration is upon us. We will begin with a Service of Rededication, a once in a lifetime event. And that is only the beginning! Watch closely as one of New York's most beloved institutions – this great Cathedral – unfolds new and ongoing programs rooted in liturgy, discourse and advocacy.

The Great Rose Window will glow and sparkle once more, the famed Aeolian-Skinner Organ will again be heard, and the legendary tapestries will be proudly in place.

Visit:
www.stjohndivine.org for news and updates.

With Deepest Sorrow

Please keep a special place in your heart for Billie-Ann Grant and her family. Her beloved mother **Veronica Hewling** passed away in her homeland of Jamaica on Tuesday, September 30, 2008

Our thoughts and prayers are with Billie- Ann and Louis, and their children: Bianca, Jordan, Corey and Justin.

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It is with deep sorrow we share the passing of a long time parish member – **Gordon A. Hecht**.

Gordon passed away on Monday, October 13, 2008, surrounded by his family, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He served his country proudly in the Army in field artillery and the Air Force as a helicopter pilot from 1954 to 1966, attaining the rank of Captain.

Gordon will be remembered for his passion for life, love of family and friends, and a can-do attitude that dominated his existence. His idea of a relaxing afternoon was a 20+ bike ride, a hike in the mountains, or a ride to Croton on his boat with his grandkids. He loved to ski and was thrilled when he turned 70 and his lift tickets at Mad River Glen became free.

He was an active member of the White Plains Ski Club, the Tarrytown Boat Club, and St. Joseph Episcopal Church.

Gordon is survived by his wife Betty, his children Andy, David and Barbara, and his grandchildren, Alex, Austin, John and Christopher.

For those who wish, in lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions in Gordon's memory be made to the Cancer Support Team of Mamaroneck: www.cancersupportteam.com PH: 914-777-2777.

Gordon will be deeply missed.

**Wednesday,
November 19 & 26**

Sandwich Brigade
9:30 a.m.

Helpful Hints

ICE – “In Case of Emergency”

We all carry our mobile phones with names and numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends.

If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call.

Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence the “ICE” (In Case of Emergency)

Campaign.

The concept of “ICE” is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell (mobile) phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during an emergency under the name “ICE”.

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He

therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, emergency service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as ICE.

For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2, ICE3 etc.

A great idea that will make a difference! Please share this concept with your family and friends.

ICE will speak for you when you are not able to.

**Monday,
November 10th**

Vestry Meeting
7:30 pm

Prayer List

Brenda Letford, (Billie-Ann Grant's friend), the Udogwu family, the Barnaby family, especially Zach, Alexander (Alla Borzova's father), Arianna Fujimoto Harris, Phyllis Shwedo, Jane Dunne & Carol Vanecek (friends of Mary-Carol Miller) Merlene Chambers (Charles White's sister), Dottie Cunningham & Linda Dralle, (Barbara Brown's co-workers), Sheila White (Charles White's niece), Maggie Jensen, Elizabeth Graves, (friend of Jennifer Larrow), Grace Anderson-Smith (daughter of Althea Serrant) the Carpenter's Kids in Mbabala, Tanzania



Dates to Remember

- November 2 Remembrance Service 10:30am
- November 4 Women's Workshop 10am
Meat Order Due
- November 9 Search Comm. after the 10:30am Service
- November 10 Coordinating Committee Meeting 6pm
Vestry Meeting 7pm
- November 11 Church Office Closed for Veterans Day

- November 14–15 Diocese Convention in Mahway NJ
Carpenter Kids Fund Due
- November 16 Valhalla Dinner
- November 18 Women's Workshop 10am
- November 19,26 Sandwich Brigade
- November 24 Coordinating Committee Meeting 6pm
Hymn Committee 7pm

November 26 Thanksgiving Service at Woodlands Temple, honoring Pastor Addie 8pm

November 27,28 Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December 5th Next Sundae on Friday Night Concert Series at 7pm

Which Arimathea Do You Choose?

Please check one and return it to us ASAP. Or if you'd prefer, call the office and tell us how you would like the Arimathean delivered to you: 914-592-7163, 914-592-7166. Remember if you wish to receive it as an email, please send us your current email address. Thank you!

I would like to have the Arimathean delivered to me:

_____Regular Size 7"x 8.5"

_____Large Print 8.5"x 11"

_____Email _____

_____I will be reading the Arimathean online, no need to mail me anything.

***Sunday,
November 16th***

Valhalla Dinners

What is the Project Manager doing Now?

By the time this issue is in your hands, the Bake Sale on Oct. 25 will be over. Either we will have made a little money for St. Joe's or I'll be a bit fatter than before!

The weeks before the Bake Sale saw me in many different hats. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. John Caley who came when we left a message that there was no heat in the McNeely room. Needless to say it was brisk for the ladies in the Woman's Workshop. Mr. Caley worked tirelessly to replace a sensor in the boiler room. Now the rooms are toasty once more. He also fixed a very

leaky toilet in the upstairs restroom, and then walked outside with me to look at a puddle that I am to keep an eye on. We hope it is overflow from the leaking potty! If not, I have no doubt Mr. Caley will return and help again. Many thanks for his service!

During his regular walk around the property to see what may be in need of repair. Zibby discovered a post on one of the bridges over the stream needed care. He could not have found this at a better time, since as many of you already know, we offer our stream to Woodlands Temple during the High

Holy Days. Zibby made the repairs in no time. Many thanks to him!

You may have noticed the four new rather large flower pots beside the walkway, near the bench and bird house and near the chapel/office sign. I found huge mums in gold and a wine color. However, planting them in the pots turned into a challenge when I found several bugs and spiders had come home with me from the store. I'm sure the neighbors are still wondering about the shrieking they heard and why that woman was vaulting around the church property!



**Day Light Savings Time –
Fall Back an hour on Saturday night,
November 1st.**

Culinary Corner

Thanksgiving is my family's favorite holiday. Fall the favorite time of year. The trees look like paintings, sweaters are pulled from the cedar chest, and fireplaces begin to warm the home.

This pie recipe has become a mandatory tradition for us. It simply is not "officially" Thanksgiving without:

Paradise Pumpkin Pie

Pastry for 1 crust about a 9" pie
You can make your own, or look in the frozen food section of your grocery store for frozen pre-formed crust.

1 – 8 oz pkg cream cheese, soften
¼ cup sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla
1 egg

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1 ¼ cups canned pumpkin
1 cup evaporated milk
½ cup sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground ginger
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
Dash of salt
Good Maple Syrup
Pecan Halves – optional

Combine cream cheese, sugar and vanilla, mixing at medium speed on electric mixer until well mixed, add eggs and blend until smooth. Spread into bottom of pastry shell.

Combine all remaining ingredients except syrup and pecans; mix well. Carefully pour over cream cheese mixture.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Cool. Brush with syrup, top with pecans. I make a circle of pecans around the edges, or just in the middle. Of course my children just pick them off and put them on my plate!

Enjoy!

**December 5th
7 pm**

Sundaes on Fridays
Music Series

Did you know there are benefits to going to church?

In a 1999 study tracking 20,000 Americans, researchers found that white people who regularly attended church lived an average of 7 years longer than non-church goers and black people lived 14 years longer.* So give a boost to your spirit as well as your life and we'll see you on Sunday.

**Article by Dan Buettner, author of The Blue Zone: Lessons for Living Longer from the People Who've Lived the Longest, in AARP Magazine, November/December 2008, p 37.*

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**No dreamer is ever too small;
no dream is ever too big.
- Unknown**

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 ...

11/02	Mary Jo Tuttle
11/04	Deborah Cooke
11/05	Elizabeth Walker
11/07	David Owens
11/08	Grady Jensen
11/10	Amelia (Amy) Forbert
11/11	Corey Grant Justin Grant Anna Geraldine Haus
11/18	Alex Ewen
11/19	Nancy Cooper
11/22	Joseph Benomar
11/26	Ben Dann

