

The Arimathean

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In the fall of 2008, the vestry selected members of the Search Committee to go through the process of calling a minister. The journey began when the members met to introduce themselves to each other and to review the timeline to accomplish this task. We set a date for Canon Orso, the Canon of Deployment, to address the committee. He met with the committee members who represented the various constituents of the church for over two hours to explain the steps we had to take. The Canon assured us that the process would take about a year and it would be successful if we took our time, and followed the guidelines in the package he gave us with an emphasis on confidentiality while being transparent to the congregation.

The members were: Suzette Atkins, Jennifer Larrow, Mary-Carol Miller, Ben Alexander, Clive Brown, Donna Rosengren, Charles White, Sharon White, and Althea Serrant. The task seemed daunting at first but with the talent of each member, it became evident that it wasn't so daunting after all.....it was attainable. As the chairperson of the committee, I found that by acknowledging and respecting each member's strengths, I was able to divide the tasks so that everyone had an equal input in the success of the team's functioning.

The committee members worked like 'trojans'. We solicited the help of other members of the church to create the church brochure, this included preparing the graphics, committee members writing about the various programs in the church and editing the brochure. We could not have done this without the help of all the parishioners. Finally our web master placed the finished product on the churches website, The next task was to create a Survey that was mailed to all the members of the church. Once the surveys were returned the search committee members collated the information one cold, icy afternoon after church. Not only did we solicit ideas via the survey, we held a 'café session where we spoke to parishioners about their wishes for a minister. Most importantly, we had informal conversations with members as to what they wanted in a priest. This was a great learning experience for us all.



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What's Happening in Sunday School?

The new year is off and running for the Sunday School. Children, grade 3 and up have been meeting with Richard and Catherine as they explore their faith with the help of the new SPARK curriculum. Many thanks to the new cadre of Sunday School teachers for our children Pre-K to

grade 2. Rick and Warren have already held classes while Paige, Suzette, Jennifer, Randy and Mary-Carol are waiting for their turn. There is lots of excitement, thank you all for your time and support!



New Address and Phone Number

Pastor Addie Clark has moved and is all settled into her new home. She would love to hear from you! You can send a letter to:

**Pastor Addie Clark
48 B Miami
Monroe, Ohio 45050**

The original phone number we posted was incorrect, her correct new phone number is: 513-360-0315
We wish Pastor Addie all the best! Keep in touch!

**Sunday,
October 4th**

Blessing of the
Animals

2009 Christmas Card

St. Joseph of Arimathea is a Church with many wonderful traditions. One of these is the parish Christmas card, a different one each year featuring a drawing, painting or photograph of our beautiful church.

Do you have a picture that would make a lovely card for 2009? Would you like to create a picture for the card? Please submit pictures to Patty Young. The Coordinating Committee will be selecting the picture for this year's card later this fall.



**St. Joseph of Arimathea
Christmas Card
2008**

Cover letter: Search Committee

**Monday,
October 19 th**

Coordinating
Committee 6 pm
Vestry Meeting
7 pm

The Church Profile was created based on the Survey responses. This profile was used to advertise the position. The Profile was sent to Canon Orso for review and advertisement. Six months into the process, the position was posted. We received twenty five applications from priests who wanted to work with us. We each read the applications and resumes to select the candidates that matched the profile.

Once we reduced the numbers to ten possibilities, we received approval from the Bishop's office to proceed with the chosen applicants. However, we lost four of these approved candidates to other parishes. The process continued

where the committee members checked references, visited churches, read the candidates' sermons and interviewed the candidates. Finally, we submitted three names to the Vestry in August 2009. Once the candidate was chosen, the name was submitted to the Bishop for clearance and approval.

Parishioners, the search committee members worked as hard as you commissioned them to do. We met every second Sunday after church for about six months. The next six months, we met as often as three times per week for two hours or more as needed. Our family members worked with us and we were very appreciative of their support. You, the parishioners were extremely supportive by

your questions and words of encouragement.

On behalf of the members of the search committee, "thank you for putting your trust in us" we know that if we all continue to work together as a congregation we will continue to grow under our new leadership.

Let us pray that we do find the best suited priest for our church very soon.

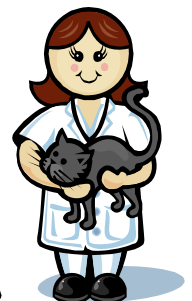
Submitted by
Althea Serrant

Blessing of the Animals—October 4th

Sunday October 4 at the 10:30 service. All reasonably well behaved animals will be welcome in church so long as they are on a leash, in a cage or carrier. Blessings

will also be available for animals that are not able to attend, be they your pets at home or animals in the wild, at the zoo or farm or wherever.

Beloved stuff animals are welcome too!



The Cup of Blessing

Last month the clergy in the Diocese of New York received a letter from Bishop Sisk and Roskam about healthcare concerns and liturgical practices. The letter came in response to questions they'd received about the spread of the H1N1 flu virus. This is a matter that we at St. Joseph of Arimathea addressed last spring and I am very pleased to see that the changes we put in place are in keeping with the guidelines put forth in this letter.

In addition to their specific recommendations the Bishops wrote about the meaning of the cup and I thought it important to share their reflections with you.

"We offer some reflections on the Cup of Blessing. In addi-

tion to the symbolic weight borne by the contents of the chalice, the chalice itself is a powerful, indeed essential, symbol of our communion one with another. Just as there is "one bread" so too there is "one cup of blessing which we bless". This symbolism remains powerful even if we do not use one physical loaf of bread (as some liturgists encourage) and even if large parishes and cathedrals often have more than one chalice for the distribution of communion. The Book of Common Prayer explicitly calls for "only one chalice on the Altar" because this symbolism is so central to our identity and liturgy. References to the "cup" run through the language of both rubric and prayer, because the iconography of the cup is powerful. Early Christian art portrayed the cup held by an angel to collect the blood and water streaming from the wound in Christ's side, and one of the most potent symbols of

Western Christendom has been the Holy Grail.

The Cup of Blessing has been a major focal point of symbolic reflection; and we recall the fact that the return to its common usage was a hard-won victory for the reformers. We believe the sacramental significance of a common cup receives even more emphasis in our time because we do not normally drink from common vessels; this is a potent and robust reminder that this is no ordinary meal, but is, in fact, an anticipation of the Heavenly Banquet."

The full text of the Bishops letter is posted in the McNealy room, it is also available on line at:
http://www.diocesenyny.org/news_items/84-bishops-issue-healthcare-memorandum

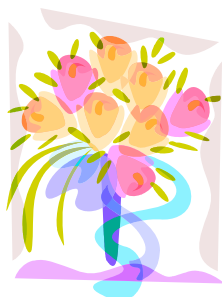
Pastor Claire



Monday, Oct. 12th

Church Office Closed

Altar Flowers



October Altar flowers were given by:

- October 4 Sis Fortune in loving memory of Boice, Ed and Phil
- October 11 Mary & Obie Clifford
- October 18 Mary & Obie Clifford
- October 25 Nancy Platt in memory of Melville A. Platt MD

With love and heartfelt thanks.

Save the Dates!

October 4 The Blessing of the Animals

October 12 Columbus Day – Church Office is Closed

October 18 Coffee Hour will be in the Cutler Room

October 19 Coordinating Committee Meeting 6pm

Vestry Meeting 7pm

Women’s Workshop Tuesdays; 10/6, 13, 20, 27 at 10am

Sandwich Brigade Wednesdays; 10/21,28 at 9:30am



Thank You!

By now just about everyone has tried out the beautiful wing backed chair sitting next to the fireplace. Unfortunately he had a pretty large rip in the front of the seat cushion. We want to send a very special thank you to **Matilada Scheib** who stitched and repaired it beautifully! Many, many thanks!

Plug: You know, you can practice your own stitching with Matilda on Tuesdays

at the Women’s Workshop starting at 10am – hint, hint!! Bring a bag lunch!

Thanks must also go out to:

Dom’s Pizza & Pasta for providing dinners during the interview process as we search for our new Rector. You can visit Dom’s yourself at:

336 Saw Mill River Rd, Elmsford NY 10523 914-592-2118 – tell him Patty

sent you! Dom is located right across the street from Sam’s Club.

Special Thanks to **Duro Electricians** who have brightened the beauty of St. Joseph of Arimathea at night. If you haven’t driven by in the evening, please do so – the two new spotlights do a magnificent job of lighting up the front of the church as you travel northbound, and the bell tower as you travel southbound.

What's the Project Manager Doing Now?

Just an update of what we are working on now.

- There will be a new shed built by Jim Jensen around the back of the building. Jim is the gentleman carpenter who created the beautiful children cross in the chapel, as well as made repairs to the woodwork. He also built a small table to be used in the kitchen area of the Sunday school room, and managed to make the folding doors in the McNealy room function properly. This shed will be used to protect and hide our numerous garbage cans, recycle cans, as well as some outdoor equipment. We hope the project beings by the middle of the month.
- At the same time we will address a drainage issue that causes rapids to form during rain storms! A catch basin will be installed at the top of the driveway where a large pile of donated lumber is sitting right now. Henry Hudd will begin work on this drain also around the middle of the month. A pipe will be run under ground and empty at the creek. We hope this saves the land from washing away, as well as parish members when they try to navigate through the rapids on their way to the building!
- Of course I mentioned the spot light work is complete – as well as some pruning of the trees near the entrance, removal of the overgrown pine that blocked the entrance of the chapels red doors, and before the first frost the beloved Japanese maple will be propped for the duration of the winter months, to make sure its double trunk stays strong and true.
- Our Sexton Zibby put a coat of sealer to the bridges crossing the creek just in time for WCT and Rabbi Billy to enjoy during their Holy days. Zibby is also refurbishing the Sunday School foyer.

Save the Date!
Friday, Oct. 23rd

Sundaes on Fridays

*Watch for further
details!*

So as you can see, we've been busy and productive! Many thanks to all those who help both physically and with prayers; those who give advice, donate funds, make calls, make appointments and really care about keeping this beautiful place beautiful.

Wish List

Do you have one of the following items you are no longer using, or perhaps you have two and can only use one. We would sincerely appreciate:

- * A leaf blower
 - * Birdhouses
 - * A wheel barrel
 - * A strong back!
 - * A sturdy outdoor broom
 - * 2 large log holders
 - * Funds to purchase decomposed granite
- We would like to schedule a work party to put decomposed granite under the sidewalk slates to raise and level the sidewalk.

Change Your Thinking

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of the wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had vacation...

Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for these one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their

model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline that could be seen in the distance...

As the man by the window described all



this in exquisite details, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine this picturesque scene. One warm afternoon, the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band – he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days, weeks and months passed. One morning the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died

peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed.

It faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

Epilogue: There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled.

Culinary Corner

I love bread – yep, I can make a meal from a warm loaf of bread and rich creamy butter – or how about fresh vine picked tomatoes, sliced thick or with just about anything! So when I saw this recipe for one of my favorite breads, I thought YOU might like to try it.

Challah Crowns – While Challah is traditionally eaten on the Jewish Sabbath (in fact the Sabbath begins with a blessing over Challah), it's a fantastic all-purpose bread, great for sandwiches or French toast.

Prep Time: 25 minutes
 Inactive Time: 3 hours
 Cook Time: 25 minutes
 Level: Intermediate
 Serves: 2 round loaves –
 about 12 - 16 servings



Ingredients:

- * 4 cups all-purpose flour, plus up to $\frac{3}{4}$ cup more for kneading
- * 2 tablespoons sugar
- * 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoons rapid rise yeast (1/4 ounce package)
- * 1 cup warm water, about 110 degrees F
- * $\frac{1}{3}$ cup honey
- * 2 whole large eggs
- * 3 large egg yolks
- * $\frac{1}{4}$ cup extra virgin olive oil
- * 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- * 1 tablespoon poppy seeds (optional)

Directions:

Whisk the flour, sugar, and yeast together in a large bowl and make a well in the center.

Whisk the water and honey with 1 whole egg, all the yolks, olive oil, and salt in a small bowl and pour into the well. Stir the wet ingredients in to the dry ingredients with a wooden spoon to make a soft, shaggy, moist dough. Turn the dough out on a lightly floured surface and knead by hand, adding up to $\frac{3}{4}$ cup more flour as needed, until the dough is soft and supple, about 8 minutes. Shape the dough into a ball.

Brush a large bowl with oil and turn dough around the bowl to coat lightly. Cover bowl with a clean kitchen towel and set aside until dough doubles in size, about one hour. Turn the dough onto a lightly floured surface; knead briefly to release excess air, re-shape into a ball and return to the bowl. Cover and set aside until doubled in size again, about one hour.

Line 2 baking sheet pans with parchment paper. Divide the dough in half. Lightly dust hands with flour and roll each portion of dough into a 30 – inch-long log. If dough resists, then cover and let rest for 5 to

Prayer List

Lillian Malloy – John Scheib’s sister, **Cynthia Billings**, **Oliver Simco**- Patty Young’s friend, **Sydney White** – Charles White’s brother, his niece **Sheila White**, and the **White** family, **Rick Merrill**- classmate of Camele White, **Alexander Borzova** – Alla Borzova’s father, the **Barnaby** family – especially **Zach**, **Jamal Benomar**, **Arianna Fuhimoto Harris**, **Debbie Gillette Hermansen**, Jamie - **Carol Rohl’s** friend, The **Carpenter’s Kids**, **Brenda Letford**, Billie-Ann’s friend, **Lloyd** – Louis Grant’s father, **Rolo Miller**, **Marcy Malone**, Donna Rosengren’s niece, the **Udogwu** family, **Jane Dunne & Carol Vanecek**, **Elizabeth Graves**, Jennifer Larrow’s friend, **Dottie Cunningham**, Barbara Brown’s friend, **Connie Barrett**, **Grace Anderson-Smith**, Althea Serrant’s daughter, **Missy Carvin & Trish Abruzzese**, Marion Hellthaler’s friend, and **Marsha**, Warren Stramiello’s mother.



Those Who Have Passed

Robert Lockwood’s grandmother, Donna Rosengren’s mother **Dorothy Scrivano**. **Ruth Spaulding** from the Women’s Workshop. **Maggie Jensen**, **Carol Caroll**, **Carl Gmoser**, **Gordon Hecht** and **David Cooper**

Contribution Envelopes

On November 1st contribution envelopes for 2010 will be available for pick up on the table under the window in the McNeeley room. If you have not used envelopes in the past and wish to start, please call the office at 592-7163. If you’d like information about the easiest way to make your contribution, please see Donna about e-pledging.

Culinary Corner, cont.

10 minutes longer before shaping. Spiral each length of dough around itself to form a coil round loaf on the prepared pans. Lightly stretch the end of the coil and moisten it with water; gently press the end of the side of the round to seal the coil in to a loaf. Press down on the loaf gently, cover with a kitchen towel and set aside until doubled, about one hour.

Position a rack in the center of the oven and preheat to 450 degrees F. Beat the remaining egg with a tablespoon of water and brush loaves evenly with it; sprinkle with poppy seeds if desired. Put the loaves in the oven and immediately turn the oven down to 400 degrees, and bake until golden brown and an instant-read thermometer inserted into the center of the crown registers 190 degrees F, about 30 – 35 minutes. Enjoy!

ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA

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(October 2009)

**It is our choices...that
show what we truly are,
far more than our abilities.
- J. K. Rowling**

The Reverend Claire Lofgren, Interim Pastor
Rick Ewen, Sr. Warden

Vestry: Ben Alexander, Joan Cameron, Catherine Gmoser, Jennifer Haus,
Chris Larrow, Donna Rosengren, Katie Saliba, Althea Serrant, Sharon White,
Donna Rosengren, Treasurer * Patty Young, Clerk

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Glad Tidings!

10/06	Abigail Rose Tuttle
10/07	Prosper Udogwu
10/09	Charles White
10/11	Meredith Ewen Camele White
10/13	Joan Cameron
10/25	Doreen McDermott
10/28	Tara Caley
10/29	Jennifer Larrow

