

The Arimathean

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As the Chaplain for the Daughters of the King, Province II, I attended their annual retreat last Friday and Saturday, at the Convent of St. John the Baptist, in Mendam, New Jersey. The National President of the Daughters of the King, Grace Sears, joined us for the event and she was our Guest Speaker for two sessions. She focused on symbols and images, specifically "The Sign of the Cross: Love and Forgiveness."

President Sears talked about the meaning of crucifixion at the time of Jesus Christ and the impact that it had on all of the people and the various cultures during his time. She explained that it was very unusual for a Jew to be crucified since it was forbidden by Jewish Law.

The use of crucifixion, as the means to execute someone convicted of a crime, was not popular among the cultures that utilized it: Romans, Persians, Greeks, etc. The Roman Empire ended crucifixion when Constantine, the emperor, converted to Christianity.

For years and years the memory of seeing someone tortured and dying as they hung on a cross continued to horrify people. The image of the cross was so depressing that no one would have been seen wearing a necklace with a small cross attached.

Over time, as more people became followers of Jesus, and began to study Scriptures and hear the stories of Jesus they began to realize the impact and meaning of his willingness to sacrifice his life for our salvation. The crucifixion of Jesus was a colossal event that exploded two thousand years ago and continues to thunder through our world today. The cross is now a sign and symbol of the pain and death of Christ, and also of the love and forgiveness that emanates from the new life of our resurrected Savior.



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Front letter, cont.

Signs and symbols are important in our everyday lives, as we pass through the world moving from home to work, to school, to A&P, etc. We have to

acknowledge stop signs, traffic lights, roadside signs and car blinkers. Signs and images impact our daily lives in many ways. When we see the image of the cross we are

coerced to focus on Christ. We often stop what we are doing at that moment and begin to pray.

Peace,
Horace+

How Can That Be?

Yes, you are seeing clearly – this is a Sept/Oct issue. How can that be? What happened? Well, in all honesty, I must take full responsibility for this new formatting of the months.

Most of you already are familiar with the summer combination issue – which makes sense when things slow down, people find themselves on vacation – events of the past season are being reviewed, and events of the fall and winter are being discussed.

However, most people are waiting for the full issue to begin in a timely manner – such was not the case and I do apologize.

You see, this summer found me literally and figuratively on my back. Although I had been aware that when one has surgery, one can expect to recover afterwards – it did not occur to me my recovery was going to be eight weeks in length! Now please know, I am fine – in fact, I feel great! I returned to St. Joe's ready to jump right into the thick of things – but as my mom would have said, "I ran out of day light".

I must take this opportunity to send a special thank you to all of you who sent cards, emails and well wishes. If I ever had any doubt that the folks at St. Joe's cared about me – it was washed away in



the summertime rains.

So, it is my hope that I'm now back in the saddle, to catch up with the crowd – start writing the November issue to get out on time and hopefully get my organizational skills back up and running!

Thank you ALL for your patience and understanding.

Once again I invite you to write your thoughts, share your stories and reconnect with the St. Joe's family.

Happy Autumn!
Patty

**Monday,
October 18 th**

Vestry Meeting

Vestry Corner

Many thanks to Katie Saliba who volunteered to keep the church office running while I was away! She also prepared this NEW section called Vestry Corner to keep everyone updated on the Vestry meeting minutes.

Here is an abbreviated version of the minutes from the Vestry meetings.

The full version is always available on the bulletin board in the McNeely room and in the church office.

Vestry Meeting
August 9, 2010

Fr. Choate opened the meeting with a prayer. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Grounds: The hedges have been trimmed back to reveal the old fence.

We will look into grants from the historical society to have it restored. A landscape architect came to give suggestions about the grounds. He advised removing a tree near the entry that is covered in poison ivy and is blocking the view of the church. We will contact ConEd and the city of Elmsford to see about taking it down. We hired a

crew to remove the bamboo from the hillside. We will chain off the upper and lower parking lots during the week because we've had trash dumped there. The circle will be left open.

We need to set aside money to better maintain the building and grounds. We will start doing a separate collection on the first Sunday of each month to fund these projects.

Treasurer: Donna reviewed the comments from our audit. Overall, we did well, and we will be working to implement the suggestions made.

Labyrinth Committee: The contractor selected by the committee was approved by the Vestry.

Tag Sale: The tag sale will consist of a boot sale, a standard tag sale, and bake sale. We

will be running ads to attract vendors for the boot sale soon.

Sundaes on Fridays: Fran McKendree will kick off our concert series on September 24th, we will have Caribbean night with Marion Hellthaler's band playing on November 12th, and we will have Las Posadas on Saturday, December 4th. The concert should be at 7:30 pm to allow people from the city to come.

Father Choate closed the meeting by leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

Vestry Minutes: Goals Meetings (part 1 & 2)

The Vestry met to set our goals for the next year. The goals that came out of the meeting were to better maintain the building and grounds, to improve Christian formation to provide "cradle to grave" opportunities

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There's a Mouse in the House!

Okay, perhaps not in the 'house' but in St. Joe's? Yes! Well, there was, but he moved out!

You see, we did have a mouse at St. Joe's, I'm not sure if there was just one, or if he indeed had family or at least distant cousins that also learned that the Sandwich Brigade closet, along with crumbs on the McNeely room floor, or goodies left on the counters in the kitchen was easy pickings'!

The good news is the Sandwich Brigade closet is now organ-

ized in wonderful storage containers – it keeps things neat, clean and tidy. We try very hard not to leave any munches on the counters of the kitchen, which just leaves us with the McNeely room.

Thank you to all those doing Coffee Hour or lending a hand after Coffee Hour that take the time to vacuum or use the cordless battery operated swivel sweeper to gather up the crumbs. I cannot tell you how much

little efforts like this help in big ways.

I haven't seen a mouse in St. Joe's house for a while.

Now with cold weather coming I would not be surprised if some did indeed consider moving back in. Yet if we all take the time to lend a hand, wipe a table, and vacuum up crumbs, these little field mice might consider an alternative living arrangement.

Prayer List

Alla Borzova's father **Alexander**, Patty Young's friend **Oliver** Simco, **Debbie** Gillett-Hermansen, **Clive** Brown, Billie-Ann Grant's friend **Brenda** Letford, Louis Grant's father **Lloyd**, **The Carpenter's Kids**, Paige Lockwood's friend **Jack** Demers, **Connie** Barrett, The **Udogwu** Family, Charles White's brother **Sydney** and niece **Sheila**, Mary-Carol Miller's friends **Jane** Dunne & **Carol** Vanecek, Jennifer Larrow's friend **Elizabeth** Graves, Barbara Brown's friend **Dottie** Cunningham, Carol Rohl's friend **Jamie**, Althea Serrant's daughter **Grace** Anderson-Smith, Marion Hellthaler's friend **Janet** Aurrigemmma, Warren Stramiello's Grandmother **Shirley** Wurst, **Robert** Ewen and **Gary** Jerolman .



Vestry Corner, cont.

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for worship and education, to improve our presence in the community, and to create a culture of stewardship that will allow us to remove our dependence on the endowment.

Suzette agreed to handle the process and the Vestry will be meeting again to provide the subgoals and timelines for achieving them.

These timelines will be on display.

The Labyrinth at St. Joes

Greetings from the Labyrinth Committee!

I'm pleased to announce that we have selected a contractor to build the labyrinth. The contract will be signed on October 5th, and we will have a ground breaking ceremony shortly thereafter. Many thanks to the Labyrinth Committee for all their hard work and to Gary Jerolman who graciously donated the designs for the

Labyrinth to the church.

Godly Play

I am so excited that we will be starting the Godly Play curriculum for our children's Sunday school program.

Developed by Jerome Berryman, Godly Play provides a way for children to interact and contemplate the great stories of the Bible. To create the "sacred space" that Godly Play required, the Sunday school room has gotten a new floor, a fresh coat of paint, and new furniture to hold the Godly Play supplies. If you haven't already seen a demonstration of Godly Play, come to the blessing of the room in October or go to youtube where a number of videos are available. This curriculum is one of the most beloved and advocated methods for teaching children and will be such an

asset at St. Joes.

Caribbean Night

Want a vacation to the Caribbean, but life's getting in the way? Then come to St. Joe's Caribbean Night. It will start with a plate dinner of either jerk chicken, curried goat or fried chicken with rice, peas, and salad. Then Steel Passion, the steel drum band featuring our own Marion Hellthaler, will perform, and the night will conclude with the traditional ice cream sundaes (including rum raisin ice cream to keep us in the Caribbean spirit).

There will be a bake sale, door prizes, and plenty of good times. We hope to see you there!

Culinary Corner

Do you enjoy vegetables? I do! Once I found out how easy it is to roast vegetables, I serve them often. So when I saw this easy recipe, I knew it was destined to become one of those go to recopies I can prepare just for myself or for my entire family.

Enjoy!

Big Sweet n Spicy Veggie Pot

Ingredients:

2 cups cubed butternut squash about half a squash

1 large eggplant, stem removed, peeled and cubed

½ head of cabbage, cored and cut into chunks

1 zucchini, sliced into ¼ inch coins

1 large onion chopped

1 cup chopped carrots

1 15oz can pure pumpkin

1 6oz can of tomato paste

1 ½ tsp brown sugar – not packed

1 tsp chopped garlic

½ tsp cinnamon

½ tsp salt or more to taste

¼ tsp cayenne pepper or more to taste

¼ tsp ground ginger or more to taste

¼ tsp ground cumin or more to taste

¼ tsp chili powder or more to taste



Directions

Cut all veggies in an extra large bowl and set aside.

In a medium bowl combine all other ingredients and thoroughly mix. Spoon this mixture over the veggies and stir to coat.

Transfer mixture into a crock pot with a capacity of four quarts more if needed. Pack it in tightly, it will cook down.

Cover and cook on high for 3-4 hours or low for 7-8 hours until veggies are tender.

Stir well and serve! Makes approx. 10 servings.

Save the Dates!

- Women's Workshop on Tuesdays at 10am.
- Sandwich Brigade the last two Wed. of the month, except Nov. when we will meet on 11/10 & 11/17.
- Valhalla Dinner Oct. 17th and Nov. 21st.
- Tag Sale Nov. 6th from 10am-4pm.
- Sundae's on Friday night concert series presents Caribbean Night on Friday, Nov. 12th – Come join us for a fabulous dinner of Jerk Chicken, Curried Goat, Rice & Peas and more! Dinner is \$10 in advance – served at 6pm, music from the steel drum band Steel Passion begins at 7:30pm.
- 12-Step Programs offered on Sundays at 4pm, Mondays at 6pm.
- Note: Church office closed on Oct. 11th and Nov. 25th & 26th.
- St. Joe's is hosting the Interfaith Thanksgiving Wed. at 8pm.
- Thanksgiving Day service at 11am.
- NEW! The Men's Group will meet for breakfast on Sat. 10/16 at 8am.
- Thursday evenings supper & bi-lingual service, dinner served at 6:30pm, Holy Eucharist to follow at 7:15pm.

Reminder to ALL volunteers! Please check your assignment schedules available right outside the McNeely room! Many thanks!

Altar Flowers

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| Oct 3 | In loving memory of Don & Kay Bутtenheim by their children. |
| 10 | By Peter, Hedy and Bill Ruth in loving memory of Caroline and Albert Ruth. |
| 24 | By Nancy Platt in loving memory of her husband Melville A. Platt. |
| 31 | By Madana P. Fuller in loving memory of Louisa Cartaina and by Katie Saliba & Warren Stramiello in celebration of his Parents 40 th wedding anniversary. |
| Nov 7 | By Joseph E. Rogers in loving memory of Sally D. Rogers |
| 14 | By Nancy Platt in celebration of the birthday of her grand Daughter Kristen. |
| 21 | By the Patterson family in loving memory of Frank C. Patterson and baby Lynn Patterson. |
| 28 | From the Altar Guild – Happy Thanksgiving! |

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(September/October 2010)

Always remember that
the future comes one
day at a time.
~Dean Acheson

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Glad Tidings!

Happy Birthday to:



09/03 Howard (Bunkie) Harmon

09/04 Ramon White

10/06 Abigail Rose Tuttle

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10/07 Prosper Udogwu

09/07 Bianca Grant

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