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# *The Outrider*

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DECEMBER 2001/JANUARY 2002

## Christmas Worship at St. John's

*The Eve of the Nativity – Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*

*4:00 p.m. – The Children's Service-Christmas Pageant and  
Holy Eucharist*

*8:00 p.m. – The Christ Mass – Festive Eucharist with Choir*

*The Feast of the Nativity – Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>*

*9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Rite 1) with Carols*

*Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> – 12 Noon - Feast of St. Stephen*

*Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. Feast of St. John*

*Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup> – 12 Noon – Feast of the Holy  
Innocents*

(Last Christmas Eve fell on Sunday and by necessity, St. John's had an earlier than usual Festive Service. It was so well received to have the major service earlier in the evening, that after discussing the question with the Liturgical council, Parish Staff and others, I decided to hold the service at 8:00 p.m. again this Christmas. I felt the earlier time should be tried another year. Shalom, Jim.)

### *Advent Emmaus Event*



The Emmaus Event is a two day retreat experience that invites and encourages the participants to examine their own spiritual journey and reflect on the role of community in our journeys to the Lover of Souls. The experience was designed by the Rector and seven members of the parish as part of Jim's Doctor of Ministry Project for Hartford Seminary.

This will be the sixth event. Over 65 people in the parish have participated in the previous five. This is your turn!

**Friday, November 30 – 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, December 1 – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Cost is \$10 which includes a light dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday. Call the Church Office at (203) 754-3116 to reserve a place – limited to 15. Those who have participated before are also welcome to review.

### *Greening of the Church for Christmas*



**Hanging  
of the  
Greens**

Following the 10:15 a.m. Eucharist on Advent IV (December 23) we will be decorating the church for the celebration of Christmas. Lots of hands make the work go quickly. A light lunch will be provided for those who help in the Greening and we'll sing some of the familiar carols while we work. It's lots of fun. Sign up or call the church office (754-3116) to let us know if you'll be helping out.....

A form will appear at the end of this Outrider; please fill it out if you would care to donate towards the Greening of the Church, decorations, and poinsettias.

### *Toy Sunday – December 9<sup>th</sup>*



The collecting of new toys (leave the price tag on them!) for the Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministry Christmas Toy Sale will be on Sunday, December 9. The Toy Sale, held annually at St. John's, enables some 500 families who are nominated by social service agencies and local churches to purchase toys at 10% or less of their price. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to bring joy to a child you'll never know this Christmas. Bring your toys to Church with you or drop them by the Church Office between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. the week of December 3-7.

### *Sunday Afternoon Service*



**The  
Eucharist**

Beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, St. John's will add a third service to our Sunday schedule. This third service will be a Holy Eucharist celebrated on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. This service will not simply replicate what we do on Sunday mornings. Our hope and intention is that this will be a quieter, more contemplative service. The music will be simpler and more contemporary. We also hope that the form of this service will grow out of the needs of the community gathered. Please join us. Bring a friend who may not have a church home.

## *A View Since the Advent of Terror*

**“True Maturity is being able to live with ambiguity indefinitely.” --Werner Erhart**

One of the uses of the word “advent” is as a synonym for “beginning.” For Christians, the liturgical season of Advent is the beginning of the Church Year. Unlike the secular calendar that begins on New Year’s Day, the Christian calendar begins on the first Sunday in Advent—this year, December 2. And, unlike the secular year which is ushered in with loud celebration and raucous parties on New Year’s Eve—Advent begins in solemnity and quiet and restraint. But both the secular and the Christian “new year” share two things—expectation and hope.

“*New Year’s resolutions*” are expressions of expectation and hope—that we can begin anew, start over, take a new path in the coming year. “Things will be different now,” we can all tell ourselves as we make our optimistic resolutions, “things will be different *beginning* today....” Our cultural “advent”, the beginning of a new year, is full of hopeful expectations which we promise and resolve to start *immediately!*

The Christian Advent is different. Advent is about **waiting**. Advent is about **preparing**. Advent is about **getting ready**. Advent is about deferring our expectations and delaying our gratification. Advent is a season of silent and somber waiting. The thing we hope for is not yet. We must wait with patient anticipation for the One who is to come....

September 11, 2001 was the beginning—the *advent*—of a time of fear, depression, sadness and rage. Feelings of such enormity cannot be soon passed through. I have only begun to process the impact of the terrorist attacks and resulting military conflict on my heart and mind. I need to let my emotions ebb and flow for a season before I can begin to sort them out. And, thankfully, Advent is precisely the “season” I need right now. A time of reflection and quiet. A time of waiting and wondering. A time to rest and a time to prepare. A time to sit in the darkness and wait—hopefully, expectantly—for the Light to come.

Yet all around me I hear voices clamoring, in every rising volume, to move on, to defeat this unseen enemy rapidly, to return to “normal”, to have some resolution and clarity. As Nature abhors a vacuum, *human beings abhor ambiguity*. We want “answers”. We want “action”. We want “resolution”. We want to see clearly and know beyond doubt. Like Sgt. Friday in the *Dagnet* TV show of my youth, we want “the fact’s ma’am. Just the facts.”

What I hear from self-help gurus and most religious authorities are *ways to get past the effects of September 11*. I don't want to "get past" what has happened in the last two months. Instead, I want to "be present" to what is going on...I want to sit with it...I want to feel my feelings and acknowledge them and become friends with them. And all that requires waiting. All that requires being patient. All that involves being willing to live with the ambiguities all around me and within me indefinitely. I don't want to be like a child crawling into bed and pulling the covers over my head and pretending there are no monsters in the closet, no terrifying things under my bed. I want to "grow up" in ways that will lead me to a mature and transformed understanding of who I am and what the world is like and how I am called by God to be ME in such a world.

Such growth and realization takes time. There was an ad campaign for some headache relief product a few years ago that used the rock song "***I haven't got time for the pain***" as it's jingle. Just as the Christian approach to Advent differs so greatly from our culture's approach to New Year's Eve, the Christian understanding of PAIN differs radically from the society's understanding. Those who seek to follow Jesus *must have time for the pain*. Christ always had time for the pain of the world around him and transformed the world's pain through his own. The worst thing to do about pain is to mask it, pretend it doesn't exist, act like it doesn't hurt.

This time of year about a decade ago, I had a serious lung infection. My doctor gave me steroids and an antibiotic. After a few days, the steroids made me feel so much better that I got careless about taking the antibiotics and ended up with a pneumonia that kept me from being in church on the first Sunday of Advent. *Feeling better fast* worked against my truly being healed. I won't make that mistake again. I pray that we Americans won't take the *steroid-like* advice about "moving on" and neglect the deep down healing we need. And, in my opinion, we aren't even sure how dire our condition is yet. We don't know how ill we may be. We have to have time for the pain. We have to be patient and learn to wait. And that time of "seasoning" can be the beginning of true healing.

People rushed to church the first few weeks after September 11. But now most all churches are experiencing below average attendance! The first few weeks were the spiritual steroid—the deep down pain needs a regular and extended course of antibiotic spirituality. And there's no better time than now. Advent is that time of deep down solutions rather than short term resolutions.

Come wait with us. Come share in the time of preparation and reflection. Come prepare your heart for the healing of the One who is to come....

Shalom,

**Jim**

## December Parish Prayer Cycle

**December 2:** John and Susan McNair & family, Steven and Karen Minkler & family, John and Alison Mirando & family, Michael and Elizabeth Misurelli & family, Leroy Mitchell, Marcia Monagan, Stephen and Cheryl Moody, Emily Moran, Paulette Morris, Mildred Morrone, Lois Mraz, William and Alice Mullahy, and N. Terry Munger.

**December 9:** William and Denise Munson & family, William and Priscilla Munson & family, Rosanne Myers, Thomas and Delmar Nelson, Bruce Neville, and Sarah Newland.

**December 16:** J.P.A. & Joyce Noonan & family, Florence Normand, Thomas O'Brien, Chad and Margaret Oliver, Sonja Osborn, Mae Osborne, Vivian Ospalek, Jack and Marjorie Parker, Carol Parker, and Sue Parker.

**December 23:** Willis and Gertrude Payne, The Rev. William Penny, Kim Pernerewski, Daniel and Melissa Perreault & family, Tammy Perreault, Bryan and Stacy Petrosky.

**December 30:** Gertrude Pettinicchi, Tyler and Jessica Plaster, Jo-Ann Plunske and family, Michael Plunske, Donald and Linda Pomeroy, Agnes Pracny, David and Helen Pritchard, Vincent and Zenith Punter & family.

## January Parish Prayer Cycle

**January 6:** Michael and Jacqueline Quirici & family, Dorothy and Louise Raleigh, Elizabeth Rao and Jeremy Vermette, Moe and Sandra Redzep, Jeanne Reed, Donald and Sandra Regan & family, Ola Regan, Loretta Rey, Dorothy Reymond, and J. Alan Rice.

**January 13:** Lynn Riemer, James and Alicia Roach, Karen Rodgers & family, Alice Rosado & family, Christian and Theresa Rouelle, Judy and Philip Rowley, Lisa Ruocco & family, James and Tracey Russo & family.

**January 20:** John and Roseanne Sabol & family, Jeffrey and Heidi Salzer & family, Arlene Santa Maria & family, David and Elizabeth Santa

Maria & family, Salvatore and Roberta Santa Maria & family, Thomas Santopietro, and Elizabeth and Paul Santoro.

**January 27:** Victor and Paula Saverino, Ernest and Linnea Savoy, Edna Schneider, Mabel Schuster, Genevieve Scott & family, Jeffrey Scott, William and Gina Serrell, Tiffany Sevas, Jason Sevas and Donna Kelly, Roseanna Shea and Wayne Levandoski.



### December

12/2 Kay and Francis Bergin  
12/20 Bob and Kelli Willis  
12/26 Howard and Nina Hallock, Jr.  
12/29 Anne and Ackley Shove

### January

1/6 Molly and Ralph Sherman  
1/20 Peter and Sharon Taylor  
1/23 Stephen and Lisa Greider  
1/28 James and Eunice McCarrison



"Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low."  
-Luke 3:5



## December

12/2 Louis Warren  
12/3 Molly Sherman  
12/4 Flora Young  
12/5 Matthew Aubrie  
12/5 Catherine Gannon  
12/5 Dorothy Wineglass  
12/5 Mary Gates  
12/5 Albert Gambino, Jr.  
12/7 Richard Grandpre  
12/7 Conrad Normann  
12/9 Ray Sperring, Jr.  
12/10 Bill Knapp  
12/12 David Pritchard  
12/13 Alice Mancinone  
12/13 Jim Costello  
12/14 Natalia Loomis  
12/15 Elaine Garretson  
12/15 Jason Caggiano  
12/16 Norma Connor  
12/16 Delmar Nelson  
12/16 Jim Matteis  
12/17 Carol Bequary  
12/17 Lucille Ryczer  
12/17 Wendy Thomas  
12/17 Lisa Ruocco  
12/17 Michael Zeno  
12/19 Marcia Holroyd  
12/19 James DeCarolis  
12/20 Salvatore Spinella  
12/20 Bryeanna Lewis  
12/21 Jamelle Layne  
12/22 Gale Hamilton  
12/22 Alice Rosado  
12/24 David Smith  
12/24 Desrine Wineglass  
12/25 George MacDonald  
12/25 Edna Dumschatt  
12/25 Evanson Dover  
12/26 Christopher Adomavicia  
12/27 Thomas Nelson  
12/27 Kristen Maloney  
12/27 Sandra FitzPatrick  
12/27 Cassie Salzer  
12/29 Janet Mitchell  
12/29 Christian Daniels

12/30 Emily Gates  
12/30 Ryan White, Jr.  
12/31 Diane Caggiano  
12/31 William Mullahy

## January

1/1 Rosemary Minkler  
1/2 Howard Hallock  
1/3 Mary Terrell  
1/3 Claudine Vaccarelli  
1/6 James Benson  
1/7 Sharon Taylor  
1/7 Jennifer Marques  
1/8 Margaret Worden  
1/9 Russell Foti  
1/9 Toai Truong-Dorr  
1/10 Joanne Frazine  
1/11 Ernest Savoy  
1/11 Ann Mantzaris  
1/12 Angela White  
1/12 Laura Varrone  
1/12 Brian Vaughn  
1/13 William Breslin  
1/13 Justin Feliciano  
1/13 Peg Normann  
1/14 Paula Saverino  
1/14 Jeffrey Mann Jr.  
1/15 Gert Payne  
1/16 Francine Smith  
1/16 Jason Sevas  
1/16 Erik Inkster  
1/17 Suzanne Willis  
1/18 Eugene Knight  
1/18 Susan Friez  
1/19 Gina Tartaglia  
1/19 Dick Rose  
1/20 James Garretson  
1/21 Nicole Dover  
1/22 Ryan White  
1/23 John Woodruff  
1/24 Cassandra Bequary  
1/24 Marie DeRiso  
1/25 Jeanne Luedke  
1/25 Gerard McDonald  
1/26 Maryann Chesnas  
1/26 Mary Ann Logue





**In Memory Of...**

**December 2:** Evelyn Conda and Nancy Parker Santopietro.

**December 9:** Deceased members of the Schofield Family, and May and Henry Vollers.

**December 16:** Helen Sarah Norton Parker.

**December 23:** Ethel Chase Hurlbut and Gordon Buckland Hurlbut.

**January 6:** Annie Gorham Callan, William Herriot Callan, Henry Everett, Loraine Allen, C. Chatfield Cole, and Starr W. & Sue M. Oldershaw.

**January 13:** John T. Monzani and Ed Jefferson.

**January 20:** Samuel A. and Dorothy Budde.

**January 27:** Emily Dexter and Martin L. and Agnus L. Martus.

Many parishioners (or families and friends of parishioners) choose to mark the anniversary of a loved one's death by donating \$25.00 toward the purchase of flowers for the altar. We list the names in the bulletin for the appropriate Sunday and, for those who are unable to attend church that day, we also list the names in the Outrider. We have a form in the Outrider that you can complete and send to the church office along with your check. Gert Payne also maintains a list of those who wish to purchase flowers every year. Gert can be contacted at 203-757-8481.



Another way to mark important dates (such as birthdays, anniversaries or just thanksgivings) is to donate \$10.00 toward the Bread and Wine for a given Sunday. We include a form for that purpose on the last page of this Outrider and list the donation in the appropriate Sunday bulletin.

**Thought for the Day**

**Cat's Prediction**

T'will be less to none  
perhaps a snowless year  
those whom dislike snow  
stand up and cheer.  
so says the long hair  
cat,

Thin as its fur may be  
don't forget your flu shot  
you'll be glad you did  
the warmer the day  
more M.D.'s get paid.  
maybe rain and ice  
can't really say  
fewer hair balls  
to swallow,

Less fur to shed  
green instead of white  
guess that's life.

Perhaps next round  
snow will lay upon the  
ground,  
but the cats have predicted  
a balmy winter.

--Sarah Haines





## RENEW, REJOICE, RETURN!

As we enter the season of Advent, we are reminded to use Advent for a time of reflection and to acknowledge our gift of salvation through God's son, Jesus. Advent is also a time to renew our commitment to our faith.

Join us in church school as we share the stories and music and use our creativity to experience the story. Rejoice in the traditions of St. John's, whether you are new to the parish or not. For children, rituals and traditions are reassuring. We will practice the traditions of creating and lighting Advent wreaths. The children of the Church School will sing during the first Sunday of Advent at the second service. They will also participate in the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. The children will be part of the lessons and carols.

If you have not enrolled your child in church school yet, the door is **ALWAYS** open. Please join for some or all of the reasons of Advent. May the peace of the season be with you.



## Church School Information

**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Advent wreaths and breakfast. Everyone is invited to make an Advent wreath for your home. The cost will be \$5 for supplies, and you need to sign up on the Church School bulletin board or call the office. Volunteers are needed to cook breakfast and assist with clean-up. Please contact Diane at the Church Office if you can help. We will meet following the first service at 9:00 a.m.

**There will be no Church School on December 2<sup>nd</sup>; however, the children will sing at the second service.**

**Sundays, December 9, 16, and 23<sup>rd</sup>** – We will have Sunday School from 9:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. to prepare for Christmas eve and have Church School classes.

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** – We will meet at church at 3:30 p.m. to get into costumes for the 4:00 p.m. service.

– Diane Platt

## NOMINATIONS INVITED



The **Annual Meeting** of St. John's will be held following the 10:15 a.m. Eucharist on **Sunday, January 27, 2002.**

Reports are requested from all Parish groups and committees by January 10.

At the 2002 Annual Meeting, we will be electing 5 Vestry members (4 for 3 year terms; one to complete an unexpired term), a Junior Warden (3 year term), and 2 Delegates to Diocesan Convention (3 year term).

To be nominated, a candidate must be an active member of the parish, at least 18 years old and confirmed, or received into the Episcopal Church.

Nominations should be submitted in writing to the Rector by Sunday, January 6, 2002. Please make sure the person(s) you wish to nominate for these positions is/are willing to serve if elected.

Jim Bradley



My favorite hymn(s) are:

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The next **Augmented Choir** Sunday will be on the first Sunday of Advent, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We'll sing "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings To Zion" from Handel's MESSIAH. Come and sing with us. **The rehearsal will be on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**

My name (optional):

Bob Havery

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Fill this in and place it on the collection plate on Sunday or deliver to the Parish Office.



### WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HYMN?

We have such a diverse parish, it's often difficult to know what hymns people enjoy the most – We'd like to know what you like.

The selection of hymns for services is always connected to the lessons of the day, so we don't just pick favorites; but there are often occasions when there are choices between two appropriate hymns, or a hymn may be included that is not concerned with a specific reading. My own personal favorites include "Come Down, O Love Divine" and "Be Thou My Vision". Jim Bradley's favorites run the gamut from "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" to some of those Baptist revival meeting hymns – although our congregational singing of them pales before his spirited renditions (ask him some time – he doesn't require too much encouragement to break into song!) I always appreciated it when Sue Parker tells me she likes a hymn we're practicing in choir rehearsal. I often know this without her telling me because she takes on such a beatific countenance when she sings a favorite – a beautiful thing to behold. Another choir member has said that she likes too many hymns to choose just one. She actually is disappointed when we don't sing all 8 verses of a hymn.

What do you like in hymns? Make your voice heard. We'll see if we can include your hymn some time in a service.

Bob Havery



I wish to thank everyone who gave me money for the purchase of turkeys to use to make sandwiches for our luncheon at the church bazaar.

Many thanks to all of you who helped in the kitchen for our church bazaar luncheon.

Gert Payne



## Episcopal Church Women

While sorting through recently donated jewelry (for next year!), Sarah Haines and I came on a gem – a magnetic rectangle displaying a quote from Bette Davis – “If you want a thing done well, get a couple of old broads to do it!” We chuckled (and worked) all day, supported by this phrase, our many customers and the friendly visits of other members of the ECW.

For years St. John’s Parish has depended on the slowly dwindling members of the ECW. Now the ECW needs St. John’s Parishioners to consider joining our group of “women in their prime”!

What do we do? We hold bake sales (and cutlery sales) that allow us to contribute to worthy causes (such as Thanksgiving turkeys, camp scholarships, gifts for ordinands, GWIM, retiring staff, etc.) Our pot-luck Christmas Lunch provides no grab bag gifts – but another way to contribute cash (instead of gifts) to the Food Bank. We end our season of work with a June lunch-out to send us off to a leisurely summer.

The highlight of the church year for us, however, is our spring annual CT ECW lunch at Aqua Turf. Her is where we learn what other women in the diocese are doing, shop at the Christ Church Cathedral table, listen to an always interesting speaker, sing hymns together and celebrate the Lord’s Eucharist with CT’s bishop. Of course, all year round we contribute (and collect for St. John’s Parish). The White Envelopes Fund and the United Thank Offering.

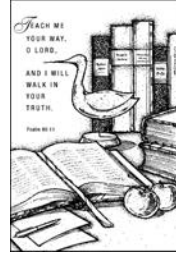
Please help us fill St. John’s Library every third Wednesday at 11 a.m. See you there!

Phyllis Catuccio



Thank you to Sandy Allard, Ted and Pat Bojarski, and Willis and Gert Payne for your assistance in delivering **Day By Day** booklets to St. John’s parishioners who are “shut in”.

Henry Friez



A reminder: If you wish to borrow books to read, please sign the log book found on the movable cart located near the piano in the library. Check off your name when returning books and place them in the bin on the lower shelf of the car.

Donated books are always welcome. Please place them in the section next to the return bin.

For your Advent reading, two books are recommended:

**A Coming Christ in Advent** by Raymond E. Brown. Essays on the Gospel Narratives: Preparing for the Birth of Jesus: Matthew 1 and Luke 1: The Liturgical Press. “Advent is the season when we await ‘the one who is to come’. These gospel stories, in identifying clearly for us this expected one as Son of David and son of God, relive poetically the expectations of Israel from the Old Testament, inviting God’s Christian people to do the same.” (quoted from book cover)

**Awaiting the Child:** An Advent Journal by Isabel Anders: Cowley Publications. These are meditations for each day in Advent.

**Preparing for the Birth of Jesus: Matthew 1 and Luke 1:** The Liturgical Press. “Advent is the season when we await ‘the one who is to come’. These gospel stories, in identifying clearly for us this expected one as Son of David and son of God, relive poetically the expectations of Israel from the Old Testament, inviting God’s Christian people to do the same.” (quoted from book cover)

Note: These books and two daily meditation booklets will be placed on the library cart for your convenience. Marcia H. Holroyd



Thanks to everyone who contributed jewelry and accessories to the Bazaar. We had a fantastic layout.

I can’t thank you enough for the wonderful accessories. God Bless you. P.S. At this time I’m not accepting any more jewelry; I will let you know when it’s needed again. Thank you.

Sarah Haines



"COME, FOLLOW ME."  
 JESUS SAID.  
 "AND I WILL MAKE  
 YOU FISHERS OF MEN."  
 MATTHEW 4:19

Dear Friends,

One of the best kept secrets in the Episcopal Church is MEEP. People ask, "What is MEEP?" Since I have recently become a "meepster", I would like to tell you about this program.

The Ministry Exploration and Education Program is a two year study program that is run by the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut. There are four components to the program: discernment, practicum, spiritual, and education. We are the 5<sup>th</sup> class of MEEP. There are 15 people in this year's class. We meet every other Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., here at St. John's (somebody up there likes me). The people in this class come for all over Connecticut.

Along with the classroom study, there are required reading assignments and a short reflective paper due for each class meeting. We are required to meet with our spiritual advisor once a month for one hour. We are required to form a discernment group and met with our group once a month starting in January. We are required to complete the Safe Church Training Program and to attend all quiet days with our group. We are also required to design and set up a practicum. The practicum has to be a new ministry to us and must be done outside of your own parish in the community. Four of the people in this year's class have chose n to work in a hospital chaplain ministry. Two will be at Waterbury Hospital, one at Griffin, and one at Hartford Hospital.

For my practicum, I have decided to work for Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury. I will be working with the shelter in a different capacity than I have in the past. This will be a new ministry for me and will challenge me in new ways.

By now you are probably asking, "Why would anyone in their right mind want to do this?" The reason is you! As the title implies, the focus of this program is exploration and education. Regardless of what discernment uncovers, all roads lead to ministry. My hope is that through this process, I can grow in knowledge and skills

and be better able to serve "the servants of God". You, as a parish and as a community, have given me the love and support, the courage and the desire to pursue this program. My hope is that whatever I might gain through this program, I might give back to you in the future. Thank you for being St. John's.

Sincerely,  
 Diane Caggiano

## FOOD BANK NEEDS



The Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries (GWIM) needs the following items: canned fruit, canned juices, cereal; baby food (all stages);

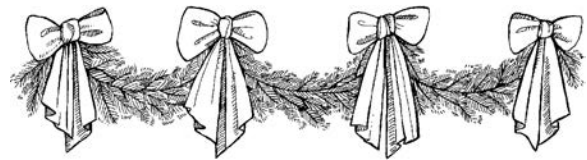
pasta; hash, chili, canned vegetables, beans – whatever you can provide to the Food Pantry, we are grateful.

## MEATLOAF MINISTRY



The third Sunday of the month a 2-lb. cooked, frozen meatloaf is in need for the GWIM dining hall, wrapped in aluminum foil or a 2-lb. cooked casserole. Please bring your meatloaf or casserole to St. John's and leave it in the basket in the foyer or bring the casserole to the kitchen. A \$5 donation to have a meatloaf made in your name is optional. Thank you.

Sarah Haines.



**OUTREACH – TEAM 2000  
SAFE HAVEN NEWS**



Dear Friends:

We thought you might like to see what your generosity has accomplished. From January 2001 thru November 1<sup>st</sup>, you have provided to Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury:

Personal Care Items

- 140 bars of soap
- 23 toothbrushes
- 12 toothpaste
- 163 shampoo
- 1(each)powder/lotion/mouthwash
- 7 hairbrushes
- 5 bags of cosmetics
- 5 bags of toiletries
- 21 pairs panty hose
- 94 new pairs of women's underwear
- 35 new pairs of children's underwear
- 42 new pairs of women's socks
- 32 new pairs of children's socks
- 3 hair spray
- 2 body wash

Household Items

- 1 pk. kitchen wipes
- 1 pk. bathroom wipes
- 15 rolls of paper towels
- 9 rolls toilet paper
- 15 bottles dish detergent
- 7 large bottles laundry detergent
- 6 boxes Kleenex

Bed/Bath Items

- 11 new pillows
- 2 blankets
- 14 sheet sets
- 28 bath towels
- 14 hand towels
- 6 face cloths
- 2 pillow cases

Baby Needs

- 668 diapers
- 19 packages wipes
- 8 baby shampoo
- 17 baby powder
- 15 baby bath
- 10 baby lotion
- 1 baby oil
- 10 tub toys
- 1 shopping bag of baby toys
- 8 diaper/bottle bags
- 9 packages onzies
- 38 baby sleeper/nightgowns
- 12 sleep/play sets
- 32 baby blankets
- 1 crib sheet
- 34 stuffed animals
- 37 jars baby food
- 1 baby juice
- 5 baby cereal
- 1 box teething biscuits
- 1 Similac

Plus, children's clothes, hats, mittens, two lunch boxes, school supplies, crayons, etc., and \$240 cash.

Thank you all. You are a treasure to God and a blessing to us.

Sincerely,  
Jan Gurniak &  
Diane Caggiano



***His name shall be called...  
Prince of Peace.***

*Isaiah 9:6*

## Annual Team 2000 List



One toothbrush **or** one tube toothpaste **or** one bar soap.



One stuffed teddy bear **or** one small baby blanket.



One baby bath **or** baby lotion **or** wipes **or** disposable diapers.



One new bath towel **or** one new wash cloth **or** one bar of soap.



One new pair of women's or children's socks **or** one new hair brush.



One new pair of women's or children's (all sizes) underwear **or** one dish detergent.



One roll of paper towels **or** one laundry detergent **or** one package of disposable diapers.



One bottle of shampoo **or** one bar of soap **or** one new bath towel.



One new pillow **or** one new package of pillow cases **or** one bottle of shampoo.



One baby bath **or** one baby lotion **or** one baby powder **or** baby wipes.



One new pack of twin sheets **or** women's or children's winter hat **or** one bar of soap.



One new pair of women's or children's mittens (all sizes) – they make wonderful Christmas gifts.

\* Please place your item in the basket in front of the altar table on the second Sunday of the month. Please mark your donations Team 2000.

\* Thank you for your continuing kindness and generosity.

Jan Gurniak  
Diane Caggiano

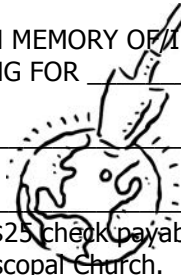
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The season of Advent is here and once again we look forward to celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace, however, is not at hand as we have gone to war to find it. But there is a new initiative being tried on the African continent following the leading of nature.

We humans have been called "political animals" and our tracks can be seen on every map. These are the lines marking out the artificial boundaries we have drawn on the surface of the earth. In many places the lines are barriers that separate one people from another, lines that say, "this is ours, that is theirs. A lot of human history has been spent drawing and redrawing those lines at tremendous cost to both people and land.

Members of non-human-kind do not know such limitation. Both plant and animal move as their lives require, plants where soil and climate are friendly, animals where food and shelter and temperature and birthing-area are available. There are now places where human-kind is listening to that needs, adjusting their politics, and, after centuries, once again sharing space with their migrating relatives. Fences have come down at some national political borders to allow the free migration of wildlife according to its natural bent.

This is happening in Africa. Nelson Mandela has pointed out "transfrontier conservation", the linking up of adjoining conservation centers between two or more countries "restores the natural parts of Africa and enables animals to move in a greater area than before. The concept of transfrontier parks sends a powerful message that countries are ready to live in peace and solidarity."

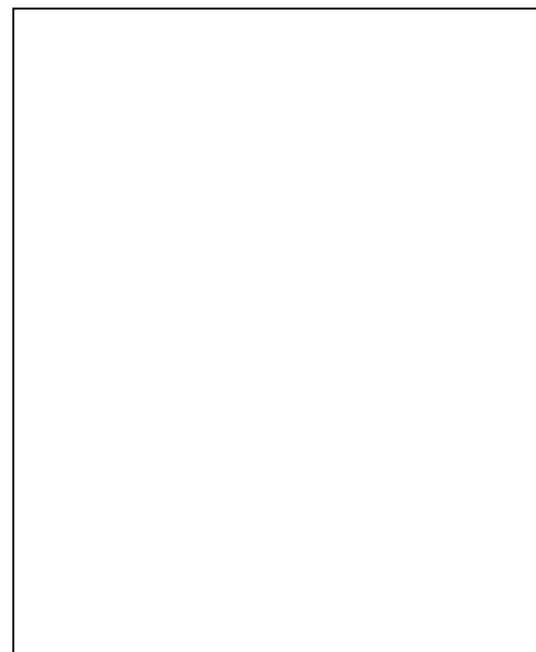
The Peace Parks Foundation came into being. Last year a national park in Botswana was united with one in South Africa. It is to be

managed jointly as a single ecological unit, and a visitor entering one park can pass freely into the other and back again. Three others are in process; two between Zimbabwe and Mozambique, and a third between Mozambique and Swaziland. Present emphasis is on wildlife protection and sustainable community development; but the hope is that these communities working together on ecological problems may in the long run bring about a culture of peace. As the people work together on tangible material goals it is expected that trust will be developed, that trust that is basic to peace between tribes and nations.

All those involved recognize the high risk and the high reward potential of this innovative approach to conservation. Ecologists and peace-loving people around the planet will be watching with interest and concern and (hopefully) with envy. Like love, peace cannot be sought directly, but it comes about as a gift, the outcome of a happy (read also "blessed") combination of trust, patience, forbearance, and luck.

There is a new advent of peace, and may this peace of the earth be with us all.

Jack Parker



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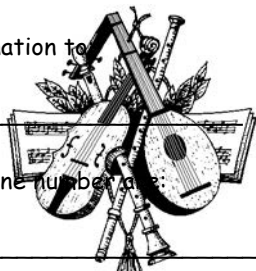
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Dela La Riviere, another anonymous 15<sup>th</sup> century carol, or sung dance. This one is a

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Angelus Ad Virginem, a 14<sup>th</sup> century anonymous song, telling the story of the Annunciation.

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