
The Outrider

JULY/AUGUST 2004

The View From Above The Close

"Coming to love like a refugee..."

Mark Santucci is Rector of St. Mark's in Mystic. He was the preacher at the Deacons Ordination on June 12 when Michael Spencer was ordained as one of seven new deacons. Mark began his sermon with a quote from a song from Leonard Cohen.

*"Ring the bells that still can ring
forget your perfect offering
there is a crack in everything
the light behind to see."*

There is something in that which speaks profoundly to the journey of faith. So much of the time most of us want to find the "perfect offering"—if we are going to share ourselves with others or the church or even those we love best of all, we want what we bring to be extraordinary, sublime, rare and rich. And, it seems to me, the truth is found not in our attempts at perfection but in the cracks and wounds within us. We are "light bearers" only when we are willing to let the light shine through our flaws and imperfections.

I was haunted by the quote and Malinda Johnson ran down the lyrics to the entire song. They are remarkable as a whole, but I was especially moved by the last two lines: *"Every heart to love must come like a refugee."*

We are always assaulted by the plight of the refugees of the world. The latest statistics indicate that there are nearly 40 million refugees and internally displaced persons in the world. Either in exile or in camps in their home country, refugees are without a country to call "home". Stripped of their national identity, most of their possessions, much of their dignity—40 million people are literally *wanderers on the earth*.

Whatever could it mean to come to love "like a refugee"?

We are called to "love". At the bare bones of the Gospel, down in the marrow of all that Jesus taught—it is to love and love *alone* that we are called. God is Love and we are called to the heart of God. From love, from God's heart, springs Justice and Peace and Truth and Equality and Liberation. Those are some of the fruits of love.

I'm still pondering and praying about the "refugee" part. Where I've gotten so far is somewhere like this: to "come to love" we need to let go of some of the stuff we carry around with us. Our longing for the "perfect offering", for one thing...our need to be self-sufficient and independent for another...and, perhaps most profoundly, our *shame* about our "cracks" and wounds and neediness—those are certainly some places to begin. It brings me back to last month's quote from Rumi: "*Your loving doesn't know majesty, until it knows its helplessness.*" Nobody I know willingly admits to "helplessness".

God loves the "refugee" in us—our lost-ness, our flaws and imperfections. We, on the other hand, cling to our illusion that we are strong and brave and don't need any help, thank you. It's a tough nut to crack.... I invite you to join me in trying to crack it....

Shalom,

Jim

The Bells - Leonard Cohen

The birds they sang at break of day
Start again, I heard them say
Nor dwell on what has passed away
Or what is yet to be.

The wars they will be fought again
The holy dove be caught again
Bought and sold and bought again
Until we set them free.

Ring the bells that
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack in everything
The light behind to see.

Add up the parts, not yours the sum
Strike up the march, there is no drum
Every heart to love must come
Like a refugee.

The Guest House

This being human is a guest house.
Every morning a new arrival.

A joy, a depression, a meanness,
some momentary awareness comes
as an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all!
Even if they're a crowd of sorrows,
who violently sweep your house
empty of its furniture, still,
treat each guest honorably.
He may be clearing you out
for some new delight.

The dark thought, the shame, the malice,
meet them at the door laughing
and invite them in.

Be grateful for whoever comes,
because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond

Always check your inner state
with the lord of your heart.

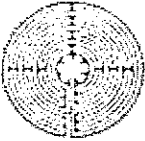
Copper doesn't know it's copper,
until it's changing to gold.

Your loving doesn't know majesty,
until it knows its helplessness.

SUMMER LABYRINTH WALKS

St. John's Labyrinth is "open for business"! You can take advantage of this aid to reflection and meditation at any time.

Should you wish to walk the labyrinth with a group and with some opportunity to discuss your experience with other, there will be four Sunday morning "labyrinth walks" during the summer at 9 a.m. The dates are July 11 and 25, August 8 and 22.



WALKING THE LABYRINTH

The Labyrinth is a "sacred path" - walk it well and walk with great care.

(And, above all, don't make walking the labyrinth too significant. Every path you walk is a "sacred path" - because you are sacred and loved by God, loved best of all. The deepest gift of walking the labyrinth is that: to realize wherever you walk becomes a "holy way"... a pathway to the Lover of Souls. The labyrinth exists to make that conscious and real for you. Wherever your feet fall is holy ground. Acknowledge that and the labyrinth can lead you ever inward, ever outward to the mystery of all your journeys.)

Labyrinths are almost as old as walking upright. They pre-date Christianity by millennia. Christians adopted and "baptized" the labyrinth by using it to symbolize a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Just as Muslims are expected to make a pilgrimage to Mecca sometime during their lives, Christians in the early Middle Ages long to journey to the Holy Land and walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Because such a trip was not always economically or physically possible, Christians began to use a labyrinth walk as a metaphor for a journey to Israel and a sojourn in that holy place.

St. John's Labyrinth is modeled after the one on the floor of the great Cathedral of Chartes (sp.) in France. There are simpler designs which serve the purpose of leading us, in our walk, into the Center of our being.

That opportunity - to visit the quiet and holy Center of ourselves - is the offering and gift of the labyrinth to modern Christians. The world is so much with us that we need to practice journeying to the silent, wordless place within us where the Lover of Soul's dwells and waits, patiently for us to show up.

All that is "required" for walking the Labyrinth is our intention to journey to the center, to fall free into the embrace of God, to be reckless in our longing to "waste time" with the One who loves us best of all.

You can walk fast or slow. You can run. You can skip or dance or turn cartwheels along the circles. Each journey is unique and special and unbridled. All that is necessary is to make your walk a walk of love and intention - love this journey, and by extension, every journey - and intend to walk it hand and hand with God. That is not only enough - it is more than enough.



SUMMER MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S

During the summer we will be blessed by the musical talents of Litchfield Performing Arts who will produce "The Brown Bag Summer Concert Series". Dance, jazz and musical performances will take place in the Close or Sanctuary, depending upon the weather, from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. on the following Tuesdays:

July 27, August 3, 10, and 17th.

KUDOS TO THE KHOIR

(Don't you hate it when people misspell things just to be cute?)



Summer's arrival signals many great things—but it also means that St. John's Choir is taking a well-deserved vacation. (Though the choir's time off is well-deserved, we do miss their contributions during the summer months!)

I hope you'll all take an opportunity to tell one of the choir members this summer how much they mean to our worship and how much you look forward to their return in the fall. Just in case you need it—here is a list of those who have given of their talents to St. John's choir in the past year either as a regular member or by singing on special occasions: Lorene Castle, Dorothy Ferguson, Alice Mancinone, Delmar Nelson, Claire Rundhaug, Pam Toffey, Mary Terrell, Ann Vaccarelli, Richard Harris, Don Pomeroy, Roger Wheeler, Tom Nelson, and Tony Vaccarelli. Thanks be to God for their ministry of music.

MINISTRY OF BEAUTY



A group of parishioners have taken on a new ministry that has greatly enhanced the beauty of our worship. The newly formed Floral Arrangers have been providing remarkable flowers for the altar since after Easter. The arrangements are in some cases stark and minimalist and in other cases lush and traditional—but invariably stunning! Many of the materials come from the arrangers' gardens, adding a personal and seasonal touch to their artistry.

Because of the reduced costs as compared to using the services of a florist, we always have matching arrangements where there has been only one in the past.

We still urge people to make donations to the flower fund on special Sundays to honor or remember those they love. The money will come in handy for Easter and Christmas decorations and your loved one will be remembered during the prayers of the people that day.

Many thanks to Pinki Chillemi for organizing the group and to the other members: Sonja Osborne, Sandra Jellinghaus, Ambler Cantey, Jane Woods, Helen Pritchard and Linda Pomeroy.

The arranger each week will be noted in the Sunday bulletin so you can thank them personally for this ministry of beauty. Want to join in? Call Pinki at 758-4541 for more information.

Congratulations!

Michael Spencer was ordained to the sacred order of Deacons at Christ Church cathedral in Hartford on June 12. The next day he baptized his daughter and served as a deacon for the first time at St. John's.

(Michael is staying with us as he continues his full-time ministry as Chaplain to Taft School in Watertown. He and Amy, Aiden and Katherine Izabel will be away this summer but they'll be back in the fall.)

SUMMER CHURCH



I enjoy "summer church" and the more relaxed atmosphere. Come check it out! If you're traveling this summer, experiment by attending an Episcopal Church wherever you are. Bring bulletin and other things you find back so Malinda, Michael and I can see if there's something we can *steal*...I mean "borrow"....It's always interesting to see what other churches are doing.

SUMMER MONEY



The Finance Council and Vestry have noted that pledges and contributions are down from what was expected at this point in the year. Given the ambitious Five Year Plan the Annual Meeting approved in January, your financial support is more important and vital than ever.

IT'S PARTY TIME AGAIN - JUST SHOW UP!!



Join us at The Mattatuck Museum restaurant for a buffet dinner and wine tasting on Saturday, July 31st from 6-9:00 p.m.

Evan Roeger, Executive Chef and Manager of the Exhibition Café, has put together a fantastic menu for us, along with some of his favorite food-enhancing wines. Just think: a time to relax with your friends from St. John's without Malinda begging you to cook for the masses or dress like a fool!

No party planning, no work, no worries! Just show up hungry for a fun night out with grown-ups. (Well, with people old enough to pass for grown-ups in any case.) The cost will be somewhere around \$20-\$25 per person, and the church will subsidize the wine tasting. (Other non-alcoholic beverages will be available at no additional cost.)

We need at least 50 people to sign up for the evening by July 1st in order to reserve the space. Please let Jim or Malinda know if you plan to attend (754-3116). There will be a sign up sheet on the table in the hall near the church office.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR - WE'RE HAVING A LUAU SEPTEMBER 18TH

Grass skirts, coconut bras (of course for men to wear only), hoola-hoops, a limbo contest...a family event to kick off the new program year. (f you have any ideas or would like to help out, let Malinda know.



Children's Choir

DO YOU KNOW A BOY OR GIRL WHO LIKES TO SING?

St. John's Parish is establishing the Chorister Academy to give young people in the Greater Waterbury area the opportunity to sing in a choir that will be based on the principles of Christian faith and will be faithful to the highest standards of the choral art. The choir will be open to all children, regardless of background, but it is hoped that many children of St. John's will join the choir.

The Choir is open to al young people, 3rd grade through high school for girls and 3rd grade up to the voice change for boys. In addition to vocal instruction, lessons will be offered in music theory, music history, and Christian liturgical practice. Instruction in the Choir will be offered in accordance with programs established and supported by the Royal School of Church Music in America, programs recognized for their excellence in teaching and encouraging people of all ages to sing well.

Rehearsals and lessons will be held twice a week: Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:30 and Thursday afternoons from 4:30 to 8:00, with dinner in between. The Choir will rehearse with the Adult Choir from 7:30 to 8:00.

I am delighted to have been asked to take on this project, one dear to my heart. I look forward to working with Jim and Bob and the entire St. John's staff and congregation. Rehearsals will start after Labor Day. Brochures will appear this summer. Please pick up and distribute as many as you can to any boy or girl who might be a possible chorister. If we get off to a good start, nothing can stop us!

Maria Coffin

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Our Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 20, 2004 and I will be coordinating this year's event. I am trying to start organizing and would appreciate hearing from anyone who is already involved or wants to be. We will needs lots of help, so even if you can't be there that day, we can surely find something you can do prior to. We have many dedicated people who give their time and talents each year. Please, we welcome you to come join us and have a wonderful time. You can reach me at (203) 574-2238.

Donna Gerwickas



COLUMBARIUM NEWS

St. John's Columbarium is available to those within the parish who are interested in exploring the possibility of purchasing niches. To discuss the possibility call the church office for an appointment.

At its June meeting, the Vestry appointed Don Pomeroy as Chair of the Columbarium Committee for a one-year term. Also appointed was Dorothy Raleigh. The committee needs a third member. Anyone interested should contact Don or Dot and they will present your name to the Vestry.

(Kathy Haines has been a member of St. John's since her childhood and has contributed greatly to the life of our community. Agreeing to write a regular column for us while in the Peace Corps is a great blessing....)



ON THE ROAD AGAIN...

In early August I should be shipping out for the country of Benin in French speaking West Africa. Benin has a well known eastern neighbor, Nigeria, and is bordered by Togo in the west and Burkina Faso and Niger in the north. My title will be a Community Environmental Worker with the Peace Corps. So what exactly does that mean? I will be posted in a town or village where I will need to adapt to local customs, learn about the hopes and desires of the community and decide how I can help. Examples of possible projects include promoting organic gardening, conducting environmental education sessions in schools or helping the people create a natural resource management plan. This is a 27 month assignment (3 months of training followed by 2 years of service). We are encouraged to stay overseas for the entire time and to take vacation days learning more about our region.

I have always been interested in both travel and community service and the Peace Corps seemed to be the best way to put the two together. My last semester of Boston University (May 2003) I participated in the study abroad program in Niger. In those four months I fell in love with West Africa but I realized that I gained much more than I gave. I wanted to go back and live there and contribute something. After graduation, I spent six months brushing up on my French and working in Montreal to prepare for the trip. I know that I will be challenged in ways that I can't even imagine right now. I also know that I will miss the friends, family and community that I have at home. But knowing that I have this support system behind me will make the adventure much easier.

The goals of the Peace Corps are threefold - one, to share technical skills with another country, two, to educate others about America (not the America that they probably read about in the news) and the third is to educate Americans about people in other parts of the world. I hope to send monthly Outrider updates about my journey and bring a little bit of the warmth and wisdom of this incredible part of the world to your doors. I look forward to corresponding with you!

*Love,
Kathy Haines*

PICNIC WRAP-UP



Chief Cook, Chris Webber was up at 3:30 AM starting the charcoal to cook the ribs for the picnic. After he started the charcoal, he parboiled the ribs. When most of us saw Chris at noon he was cooking hotdogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers. Chris was supported in this by many other members of his family. John and Melissa Torrance were also instrumental in the picnic preparation. Melissa shopped for food which was delivered to Chris on Saturday. JT was also on hand to help cook. Both Chris and JT looked good in their white aprons. Evanson Dover and Sandra and Richard Knapp was other members of the band of merry men and women who did the extra work that made the day a success.

Holly Hart was one of the folks who volunteered to Chair the picnic event. Holly recently remembered she had other plans this weekend. Her partner Dot Raleigh was left to carry on. Dot was at the picnic grounds early to set up the tents and help prepare the food. I left Dot, John and Melissa Torrance and Chris Webber at 4:30 p.m. when they were delivering the food we didn't eat to the soup kitchen. Dot was still deciding how Holly could pay her back for leaving her with an event she didn't volunteer for. Dot had ruled out going to the opera because Holly would like that and Dot would not.

I have never been involved in planning this event. Until today, I didn't realize that anyone got up at 3:30 a.m. for any other purpose other than to go to the bathroom. Thank you Chris. I will never take what you do for granted again. And to all the committee, thank you, thank you, thank you. A job well done!

After a Eucharist at St. Margaret's -McTernan, and a wonderful meal, the annual softball game began. This year teams were chosen after people lined up by height. The players counted off 1, 2, 1, 2 and the game began. Jim had all the ones and the Warden's Wildcats were all the number 2's. It was the Warden's Wildcats coached by Bob Toffey and the Bradley Bombers (Jim insists that his team was the Bradley Bombers rather than the Bradley Bimbos) coached by the man himself.

The Bradley Bombers were off to any early lead of 4 to 0. The Warden's Wildcats had a very active cheering squad led by former Senior Warden, Pam Toffey and supported by Verdell Bush, Pat and Ted Bojarski and Roger Wheeler. They may have created the energy that turned the game around for the Warden's Coach and player Bob Toffey. The Warden's Wildcats soon scored 4 runs to tie the game. After this the Warden's Wildcat's seized the day with three more runs. The Bradley Bombers scored one more run before the top of the sixth inning when the game ended. The game ended with the Warden's Wildcats victorious over the Bradley Bombers with a score of 7 to 5. A good time was had by all. I've got to say I had an especially good time.

All kidding aside, I am so happy to be part of this church. Some of you know that all my family is elsewhere. Jim, I know we are not a family sized church anymore but I love spending time with the other people at St. John's. Many of you have become my Connecticut family. I think we are incredibly lucky to have the leadership that we have. Jim you are a wonderful priest. It is really OK that you couldn't score any runs today. You have so many other strengths.

Also, my best wishes to Pam and Bob Toffey on their 23rd Wedding Anniversary. They celebrated with us at the St. John's Picnic.

Love, Lorana



JULY

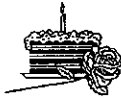
7/1 Eric Beaudoin
7/1 Nicholas Mattson
7/2 Riley Belury-Matos
7/2 Emily Belury-Matos
7/3 Glenn Thompson, III
7/6 Jamie Taylor
7/8 Brianna Longo
7/8 Edna Schneider
7/8 Briana Varrone
7/9 Jeremy Vermette
7/10 Nicholas Longo
7/13 Kiana Livingston
7/14 George Zucca, Jr.
7/14 Donald Regan
7/15 Ena Dover
7/15 Christopher Townsend
7/16 Zashea Nelson
7/17 Sharon McDonald
7/17 Lorraine Barker
7/18 Samantha Sherman
7/19 Ines Rosado
7/19 Michael Sims
7/20 Nelson Tchakirides
7/20 Courtney White
7/20 Malinda Johnson
7/21 Robert Klein
7/21 Nicky Rosa
7/21 Harvey Udell
7/22 Jason Lewis
7/22 Jo-Ann Plunske
7/23 Susan Boucher
7/24 Peter Gervickas
7/25 Elizabeth Frazine
7/25 Robert Farina
7/25 Aye'Jha Punter
7/25 Kyla Walker
7/25 Ana Moore
7/25 Nathan Lyman
7/25 Joaneth Quilles
7/26 Alison Jeannin
7/26 Don Langlais
7/27 Ola Regan
7/27 Brandi McIntosh

7/29 Nicholas Capobianco, IV
7/29 Nicholas Mastropietro
7/29 Crystle Tellerday

AUGUST

8/1 Marina Marques
8/3 Joan Kachergis
8/4 Helen Pritchard
8/4 Eileen Hamilton
8/4 John Kolodziej
8/4 Eugene DiCorpo
8/5 Aida DaSilva
8/6 Jeremy Gambino
8/7 Doris Hollenstein
8/8 Christina Jeannin
8/8 Anderson Tittle
8/8 Edwin Maldonado
8/9 Mitzi Foti
8/9 Larry Tapley, Jr.
8/9 Daniel Gates
8/10 Kenneth Aubrie
8/10 Louise Raleigh
8/12 Pam Toffey
8/12 Toni O'Connell
8/12 Emily Lanoie
8/13 Matthew Mastropietro
8/13 Angela Misurelli
8/13 Jane Yuhas
8/13 Keriann Lamy
8/14 Steven Gordon, Jr.
8/14 Dorothy Raleigh
8/15 Susan Coleman
8/16 Thomas Presbie
8/17 Mario Varrone
8/17 John Champagne
8/18 Marjorie Parker
8/18 Andrew Skipp
8/18 Tom Cook
8/19 Charles Frazine
8/19 Dorothy Reymond
8/20 Amelia Iorio
8/20 Richard Collins
8/22 Stacy Petrosky
8/23 Bill Conda
8/23 Christine Greggis
8/23 Catherine Groshans

8/24 Taylor Eagan
 8/24 Alexandria Greider
 8/24 Sally Harris
 8/24 Justin Mancinone
 8/25 Tiana Umbro
 8/25 Sandra Regan
 8/26 Pinki Chillemi
 8/26 Brandon White
 8/27 Jeanette Carrillo
 8/28 Ryan Caggiano
 8/29 Michael Smith
 8/29 Jetta Slater
 8/31 Dorothy Ferguson
 8/31 Jenna Munson
 8/31 Jennifer Perreault



JULY

7/9 David & Jan Gurniak
 7/16 Donald Anderson, Jr. & Donna Ploski
 7/17 Joe & Rebecca Cipriano
 7/20 Evanson & Ena Dover
 7/20 Thomas & Bonnie Flanagan
 7/26 Donald & Linda Pomeroy
 7/31 William & Laura Breslin
 7/31 Andrew Skipp & Jill Stevenson

AUGUST

8/2 Mike & Marian Carroll
 8/3 Robert & Alice Cook
 8/4 Michael & Sharon McDonald,
 8/5 Frederick & Gina Loomis
 8/8 Ray & Audrey Sperring, Jr.
 8/10 John & Melissa Torrance
 8/15 Lance Belury & Pamela Ulrich
 8/19 Glenn & Anna Decarolis
 8/20 Peter & Laurie Eagan
 8/22 Richrd & Sandra Knapp
 8/23 Michael & Jacqueline Quirici

JULY - AUGUST PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

July 4: Cynthina Hill-Hall, Pamela & William Hinman, Craig & Kristie Holderbach, Doris Hollenstein, Marcia Holroyd, Hanne Howard, Sean Huard & Alycia Martel, Paul & Joan Huggins, Hams Jayarai, and Marcel & Alison Jeannin.

July 11: Darren & Jasmine Jeffrey, Norman & Sandra Jellinghaus, Malinda Johnson & Family, Linda Johnson and Melvin Mack, Juan Jorge, Joan Kachergis, Michael & Susan Kather, Cindy & Robert Kee, Charles & Martha Kellogg, Kelly & David Kerns and Family, and Kenneth & Gloria Kerns.

July 18: Gil & Thecla Kirby, Edith Klein, David Klock, Richard & Sandra Knapp, Bill Knapp & Christine Jewell, Eugene Knight, Marvin & Charlene Knighton, Matthew & Holly Kosky, Brian & Lucylle Ladden, The Lafferty Family, and Edwina Lago.

July 25: Evette & Jerry Lamy, Lila Lange, Don Heidi Langlais, Jason & Cathy Lanoie, Joseph & Kristan Lanoie, Chuck & Chayne Lasky, Frederick Leary & Mary Cox, Dorothy Leavenworth, Christopher & Wendy LeBeau, Richard Lee & Tom Butcher, and Anthony & Tracy Longo.

August 1: Rocco & Vicki Longo, Frederick & Gina Loomis, Dyann LoRusso, Wayne & Alice Lowry, Melita & Michael Lucas, Jeanne Luedke, Andrew and Karen Lyman & Family, Goerge MacDonald, Michael & Debra MacDonald, Earle Major & Jennifer Asklar, and Edwin Maldonado & Evelyn Ferrer.

August 8: Alan & Justin Mancinone, Alice Mancinone, Lisa Mancinone & Family, Jim & Beth Manners, Alexandria Markowich, George & Donna Marlak, Tony and Jennifer Marques & Family, Galo Marriott, John & Michelle Mastropietro, Alex Matolesy & Claudia Medina, and Aida Matos.

August 15: Jill & Vincent Matteis, Greg & Laurie Mattson, The May Family, Andrew Mazzei Michael & Sharon McDonald, Gerard McDonald & Janet Mitchell, Elaine McDonnell, Robert & Diana McIntosh, Michael McKinney & Maricar Cosme, Kathleen McManamy & Sandy Porteus, and Luz Melendez.

August 22: David Miller & Aida DaSilva, Steven and Karen Minkler & Family, The Misurelli Family, Marilyn Mitchell, Richard & Nancy Modeen, Amy Moniello, Stephen & Cheryl Moody, Scott & Ana Moore, James Morgan, Laurie Morgan & Family, and Lois Mraz.

August 29: William & Alice Mullahy, Priscilla Munson, William & Denise Munson, Nessa Murray, Rosanne Myers, Jodi Nelson, The Nelson Family, Gus & Joyce Noonan, Tom O'Brien, Jennifer Ortiz, and Sonja Osborn.



FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST, WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO GIVE THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIVES OF THE FOLLOWING:

July 4: George & Ellen Truelove, Leon & Mary Farr, Larry Sr., Larry Jr., and Lisa Ferrari, and Mary Wheaton.

July 11: Mary Matthew Quigley and Evelyn Stoner.

July 18: John T. Monzani, Sr.

July 25: Olive Sullivan Brown.

August 1: Deceased members of the Altar Guild.

August 8: Alma Bailey Higginbotham, Harold Kenneth Higginbotham, and Hazel Pekrul

August 18: Mary Wheaton.



ST. JOHN'S PRESENTS THE SHAKESPEARE PROJECT ALL STARS IN WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Saturdays July 17th and 24th at 2 and 8:00 p.m.

Sundays July 16th and 25th at 6:00 p.m.

General admission is \$10. For further information, please call (203) 560-7898



ITEMS FOR THE CHAPMAN HOUSE

Packages of Jello or other puddings (no nuts, please)

Packages of brownie mix (again, with no nuts).

The children enjoy making their own desserts! Questions? Call Marilyn Mitchell at (860) 868-2368. Thank you.

MEATLOAF MINISTRY



Each third Sunday of the month a 2 lb. cooked frozen meatloaf wrapped in aluminum foil or 2 lbs. of raw hamburger is needed in the GWIM dining hall. A \$5.00 donation to have a meatloaf made in your name is optional. Thank you.

-- Sarah Haines, GWIM Delegate

CASSEROLE MINISTRY



Hello, I'm Sarah Haines, a delegate with GWIM. For the past couple of years I have been managing the casserole ministry. These casseroles are needed when daily preparation of meals are depleted. The dining hall serves 200 meals daily, six times a week, averaging 1200 meals served in week's time. These casseroles are in great need. I know we have talent - GREAT TALENT. Salads, pasta, vegetables dishes, fruit dishes, the variety is endless. Children can make cookies. Together as a parish we can make the casserole ministry successful. I hope with God's help, we can gather together bringing casseroles in a throw away container the first Sunday of every month. Thank you. God bless you.