
The Outrider

OCTOBER 2004

The View From The Cloud....

I live with eleven other living beings. Three of them, our unnamed fish, are outside in the back yard in pools for now. But they'll come back inside for the winter months—those harsh and freezing times—and live with me.

So I live with three unnamed fish (anyone who has had fish will explain why not to name them—it's just obvious) except these three have lived here so long they deserve names beyond "Big Fish" and "Little Fish" and "Middle Fish".

Then there are the four cats—Millie and Chuck, both of whom I hate because they are despicable creatures, even for cats; and Katherine and Luke, both of whom I love desperately because they represent all that is good and wondrous and lovely in creation, besides the fact that, as cats, they have a special mystery about them that only cats can have.

And Sadie, our 14 year old dog, deaf as a doornail (though I never imagined a doornail ever heard anything...) growing blind, who is prone to wander off if you don't watch her or end up in the dead end of the front porch seeking a door to the inside. She is simply "goodness" incarnate; "sweetness" as well. God love her and bless her and give her more life and a painless death.

Bern and I, of course, we live here. For 34 years—with some gaps in there—we've lived together and here we live. That's nine, by my count.

The other two are Josh and Mimi—who haven't actually lived here for years now, but their shades and presence is always around me. I see Mimi's art work or Josh's picture or look in one of the bedrooms where they used to sleep or touch something they once touched and they are "there"—I mean it, really there.

All in all: a crowded house.

My life has been crowded lately by the wondrous love and concern of a great cloud of witnesses. I thank you all for your care for my well-being. I truly understand the concept of the "communion of saints" because so many saintly people have wished me well as I deal with my health issues.

The nameless fish are just as much a part of my household as Sadie, much loved dog. And I would be diminished if the much and understandably despised Millie and Chuck weren't there as well. And though Josh and Mimi are physically absent, they are part of the household in a real and tangible way. So the Unnamed, the Outcasts and the Absent are always in the cloud where I live.

My surgery is scheduled for October 4. I know you will pray for me because you are part of my household. And I expect to be back to celebrate the Feast of All Saints and All Souls on November 7 with you. That feast, of all feasts, reflects how everyone—present and absent, living and dead and yet unborn, outcast and insider, named and unnamed—are gathered at the Lord's Table.

I'll meet you there—hopefully in the flesh, but if you aren't physically there, you will be there...part of the great cloud of witnesses of the remarkable, inconceivable, illogical and slightly loony inclusiveness and hospitality of God.

(I suspect God will welcome even the unpleasant and flawed—oh, like all of us—and Millie and Chuck and the unnamed fish as well....That's just the way God is.)

Shalom,

JIM

The Feast of All Saints



November 7 will be the Feast of All Saints and All Souls. And on that day we will inter the ashes of children who have died at birth or before birth or shortly after birth. There are a large number of ashes to be interred in the Close. This is a time of remarkable holiness and completion. Save the date and be with us for worship that day that is so important to our shared lives and to the souls of those we will inter and to those who loved them....



EDUCATION HOUR ON SUNDAYS AT 9:00 A.M.

On Sundays at 9:00 a.m. there is a forum...a place to learn and speak and debate...in the Library for all those interested in such an opportunity.

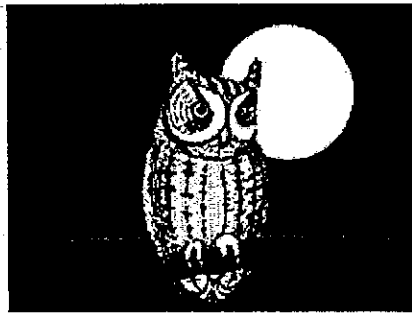
The first few weeks of GOD 101—have been an introduction to the concept and reality of the Holy One.

Jim, Malinda and Michael will be the leaders—however, those who show up will design and execute the class.

GOD 101 will be the beginning of a year of remarkable opportunities and possibilities at 9 a.m. every Sunday. Be there. Join us. Plan your week around it...you won't regret that plan.



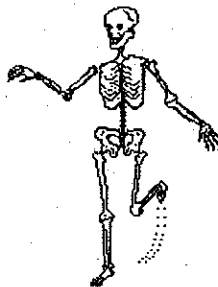
JOIN US FOR ST. JOHN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY
AND HAUNTED HOUSE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST AFTER THE 10:15 A.M. SERVICE



COSTUMES ARE WELCOME
THERE WILL BE A FESTIVE "POT LUCK" COFFEE HOUR ON THIS DAY -
PLEASE BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE



SEE YOU THERE...IF YOU DARE.....





THOUGHTS
FROM THE
HEART

A Thought From Our Deacon, To Be Priest, Michael Spencer

Barn-Razing Michael E. C. Spencer

Zen Buddhist monks are frequently given a *koan*, or meditation problem. It defies rational explanation; it is a vehicle for mindful meditation. There are many *koans* assigned by the Zen masters, with varying levels of difficulty. What is the sound of one hand clapping? Does a dog have a Buddha nature? If you meet the Buddha, kill the Buddha. The point of these *koans* is not to think through them, but to bring them into meditation so that normal thinking can recede into the background of consciousness.

Koans are usually embraced during hours of stark Zen meditation. My *koan* confronts me each morning as I reach for the coffee and the cream: "Barn's burnt down, now I can see the moon." The small *koan* magnet stares me in the face every time I head to the fridge. The Zen masters certainly did not intend such groggy-eyed contemplation over morning coffee and a bagel. Yet, it is hard to be fully mindful with the kids screaming, the dog jumping, and the school day looming on the horizon. So, I take my moments of *koan* consciousness whenever I can, and usually in the most un-Zen-like places. Between hurried sips of morning coffee, during the rush of the school day, and now during the ease of summer, I contemplate the smoldering embers of a moonlit barn. There are some obvious questions: Did the animals get out? Was anyone harmed? How did the fire start? These questions of *why* are really not the point.

Sometimes you might need to lose the farm in order to gain the world. Enlightenment is not an easy path. Someone usually gets burned or burned out. Yet, fire is not utterly destructive. Any western forest-fighter will quickly point out the wisdom of conducting 'controlled burns' as a way of avoiding a catastrophic conflagration. The Native Americans recognized this centuries ago. To live with fire is to live in the tension between that which keeps us warm and that which might destroy us as well.

In his poem, "Little Gidding," T. S. Eliot declares, "From wrong to wrong the exasperated spirit/ Proceeds, unless restored by that refining fire/ Where you must move in measure, like a dancer." Similarly, the prophet Isaiah, refers to "a furnace of adversity" (Isa. 48:10) that has refined the soul of Israel. In Sufi mysticism the goal is *fana*, the annihilating moment when the self is lost in the love of the other. The Sufi whirling dervishes twirl as a means of praise, meditation, and *fana*, burning away those things that distract the soul from the divine.

During the summer months, we can appreciate the barns we have raised around precious things. The Zen masters and Sufi dancers might have something to say about this reflective admiration. If the barns of our security prevent us from seeing the truth of reality, if they become impenetrable fortresses against the world's harsh landscape, if we have become no more than shackled prisoners in a Platonic cave, then perhaps those barns need to come down.

Spiritual conflagration can burn away our barns of worldly grain. What we have is meant to be shared, if we store it up despite the hunger of the world, it will be released one way or another. There is more than enough ideological kindling in our world today. The choice is ultimately ours: will we start a small healing fire, or be burned up by someone else's inferno?

Summer is a time for lazing and lounging. It can be a time for spiritual barn-razing as well. There is a dark night in the world, it is often cold, and shadows may play with our fears, but the moon is still shining. The moon is in the starry sky. The moon is in our beating-broken hearts. We can dance. We can dance in the fire under the moon.

Celebrations

By Lorene Castle

Last Sunday, Jim gave a funny account of what he said to his young children before he took them to a parishioner's home for dinner. Jim was talking about a time before his children were sufficiently civilized to go to dinner *with parishioners*. The account included words of warning about not spitting, not making negative comments about the yucky food, not making negative remarks about the host's nose, ears, hair, body shape, or worst yet nose hair (actually, the latter came from a real life encounter with my own grandson). You get the drift. Everyone who has children has been there and done that.

Then Jim explained what the host would have done if his young children were really welcome at the table. The host would have served his children hot dogs or hamburgers instead of yucky food. The host would have escorted his children to a separate room where they could have spit out yucky food or say, exactly what they thought. His children could have acted like children.

Jim said that our Lord is the ideal host. Each time we gather our Lord invites us to the table as we are. We do not have to change, become perfect, or even become Episcopalian.

I stayed away from the table for about 25 years for a variety of reasons. I had not changed sufficiently. I could not imagine a God who would accept me where I was. Now, I know that God did not ever give up on sending me messages that continually said that I was welcome at the table. I did not hear those messages for 25 years. Then, one day I heard. I remember the time. I remember the place. I am continually thankful that God did not give up on me during those 25 years. Many of you have shared your stories with me about your own journey to the table. I know that you are grateful that we can come to the table with our imperfections, our failures, and our successes. We can come just as we are.

We come to the table each time we gather for a Sunday service, a wedding, a funeral, a women's breakfast, or a Healing Service on Wednesday. This would not be possible without the people that I celebrate this month.

St. John's has a cadre of folks who prepare the host and the wine. They wash the linens and wash the cup. They learn the sacred traditions about this part of our worship. They treat the bread and wine with reverence. They are there before we are for each time we come to the table. They stay after we leave to take care of the consecrated wine, the consecrated host and the linens. They are in that little room working while we are having coffee. The comment that summed it up for me was when Alice Mancinone said, "I consider it a privilege to be part of this ministry".

They do not let it end with their reverence for the bread and the wine. They take care of each other. I have heard stories about how Elaine McDonnell started driving Doris Large when she could no longer drive at age 90. The members of our congregation, who prepare the table each time we gather, bring more than the simple act of washing a cup. They bring love for God, love for each other and love for you.

I want to take this opportunity for thanking Gert Payne- leader of the cadre, Eileen Hamilton, Lila Lange, Lois Mraz, Alice Mancinone, Linda Pomeroy, Elaine McDonnell, Jane Woods, Diane Caggiano, Christine Stolfi, Patricia Daniels, Donna Gervickas, Eleanor Crean, Virginia Cole and Donna Bock.

Please seek out the folks who perform this ministry and thank them. Our worship experience would not be possible without them. Please contact Gert Payne (203) 757-8481, if you would like to become part of this ministry. In the meantime, thank you.

MEAL MINISTRY



Last May 24th I received a phone call from my sister that turned my life upside down. If it turned my life upside down, you can imagine what it did to hers. Peggy called to tell me that the biopsy she had on a lump in her breast was malignant. How did this happen? There was no history of breast cancer in our family. Well, I guess history has to begin somewhere.

Peggy is two and a half years older than I. She has lived in Minnesota for the past 30 years. Having her halfway across the country made the news that much more difficult to deal with. I just wanted to be with her. I was fortunate that I was able to take time off from work to be with her a few weeks later when she had her surgery, a lumpectomy. All seemed to go well until her surgeon called a couple of days later to tell her that cancer was found in two of the lymph nodes and there was another small lump. She had to go back in for another surgery less than a week later. I wasn't able to be there because I couldn't change my ticket, but I knew I was leaving her in very good hands. Her support system, from her husband and adult children, to her wonderful friends, to her fantastic church, was going to take very good care of her.

It's the church meal ministry that I want to tell you about. I expected that part of my job when I was in Minnesota would be preparing meals. Peggy told me that wasn't going to be necessary because she called the "Meal Ministry". Dinner was going to be provided for as many days as was needed. When Peggy got the news that she'd have to have another surgery, she called the church again to set up a couple more dinners.

I was so impressed by this that I immediately knew I wanted to get something similar going at St. John's. We do a lot of outreach at our church, but I thought that this could be considered "inreach". No such word, but you know what I mean. I am willing to be the coordinator/contact person. If anyone would like to join me in this worthy endeavor, please call or e-mail me. My phone number is (203) 756-1890. My e-mail address is fermata@hotmail.com.

Peggy has just had her second round of chemotherapy. She has six more to go. Then radiation. Her hair is falling out, but her spirits are very good. Please keep her in your prayers. *Marian Carroll*



ST. JOHN'S HOLIDAY FAIR - NOVEMBER 29, 2004

St. John's Holiday Fair will be held Saturday, November 29, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., featuring home made cooking at Gert's Tavern, Henry's Famous Apple Cider, Cheese & Apples, St. John's Bake Shop, and that's just the food. Visit and shop at Beth's Jewelry Boutique, Books Galore, Arts & Crafts Unlimited. Take a picture and/or visit with Santa and Luke the Reindog. We have magic for the children and lots of door prizes will be given out. Please plan on attending our event for a wonderful time!

In addition, volunteers are still needed for the day to help out at the various tables and for the set up on Thursday and Friday - both day time and night. We also need volunteers to take down and clean up after the fair. If you can help out, please contact Donna Gervickas at (203) 574-2238 or see her after 10:15 service.

Important - support the work of Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries by taking out a personal or business ad in the Fair booklet! For \$25 you can have a business card ad, \$50 gives you a half page, and \$75 will buy a whole page to advertise your business, give good wishes to folks or acknowledge the outreach ministry. If you would like to place an ad, please contact Donna Gervickas at (203) 574-2238 no later than November 1st. All of the proceeds of the Fair go to the GWIM Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry and Resource Center.

HOLIDAY FAIR

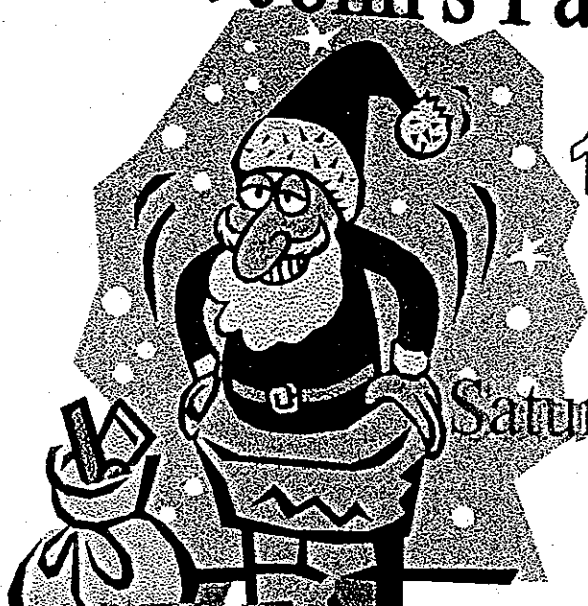
St. John's Parish on the Green

16 Church Street

Waterbury, Ct.

Saturday November 20, 2004

10am-3pm



PICTURES WITH SANTA

Gert's Tavern

MAGIC!!!
MAGIC!!!

Arts and Crafts

BAKED GOODS

BOOK SALE

Jewelry Sale





ROADWAY ON THE GREEN

SHOWER ONLY SINGER? WE WANT TO TALK TO YOU!

If you or your family have ever had the show biz bug, but have been too nervous about performing on stage - we can help.

The director, cast and crew of Broadway on the Green invite you and your family to a behind-the-scenes musical introduction and workshop October 9 from 11-2 in the St. John's Choir Room. An informal lunch will also be provided. The October 9th workshop is the group's initial rehearsal for its 2005 production, being held at the church March 11-12.

You and your family will be able to talk with folks just like you - children and adults, who, through their Broadway involvement, are motivated to develop aspects of their artistic and leadership abilities they weren't fully aware were present.

No drama or musical training is required. What is required: a love of music, a willingness to pitch in, and a commitment to try your best. That's all you need to participate in Broadway, which is beginning its 11th year at St. John's.

The best way to get involved in performing is to do it regularly in a non-threatening, supportive, friendly environment. Broadway on the Green is that place.

So, Moms and Dads, no more excuses for not getting your children on their feet, creating and performing. How many times have you said, "I can't motivate my kids to do that", "We've never taken any music classes", or "I couldn't possibly ask my kids because I'm afraid to perform, too. It's not fair to ask them to do what I can't do myself!" The best way to get your kids involved is to get involved yourself. We hope to you see you there.

For more information, please contact:

Bill Roberts - wjroberts99@hotmail.com

Kerri Eannarino - k2b2@charter.net

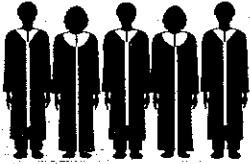
*In addition, Broadway is also seeking parishioner/volunteers who can help direct magic act, juggling, tumbling, or a clown act. In addition, Broadway needs two volunteers to assist with the children's portion of the show. Volunteers would be asked to stay on from January to March 26th. In you're interested, please call Kerri at (203) 775-1050 or email her at: k2b2@charter.net.



MEATLOAF MINISTRY

The third Sunday of the month is Meatloaf Sunday. A 2-lb. cooked, frozen meatloaf wrapped in aluminum foil or 2 lbs. raw hamburger are needed in the dining hall at St. John's Parish. Please bring to the kitchen. A \$5.00 donation to have a meatloaf made in your name is optional. Thank you.

Sarah Haines, Delegate to GWRM



Yale Camerata To Sing Concert At St. John's
Proceeds To Benefit Chorister Academy

DON'T MISS THIS!

The Yale Camerata and Pro Musica
Marguerite Brooks, Conductor
Sunday, October 24th - 4:00 pm - St. John's Church

The highly respected Yale Camerata, a 60 voice chorus sponsored by the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University in New Haven, will sing a concert at St. John's on Sunday, October 24th at 4:00 p.m. The proceeds of the offering will benefit the newly formed Chorister's Guild at St. John's. The suggested donation will be \$5 per person.

The Yale Camerata and its chamber choir, the Pro Musica, are directed by Marguerite Brooks. The Yale Camerata has been invited to sing at conventions of the American Choral Directors and the New York State Music Festival, and Pro Musica was choir in residence at St. Paul's Cathedral in London for a week in March of 2000. Their guest conductors have included some of the great choral conductors of recent years, including Sir David Willcocks and the late Robert Shaw. They regularly sing concerts at Yale; this will be their first appearance in Waterbury.

The program will be mixed, including music from the 16th to the 21st century. Some of the highlights will include several pieces of Lassus, sections of *Dixit Dominus* by Handel, music in praise of Mary by Bruckner, Greig, and others, recently written music by Yale composers and lighter fare such as the spiritual *I'm Gonna Sing* and *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*.

Three members of Camerata have St. John's connections, including Bob and Bonnie Havery and Jan Gurniak.



CHORISTER ACADEMY UP AND RUNNING

The Chorister Academy of St. John's began its rehearsals on Tuesday, September 7th with 7 members. At the third rehearsal on Tuesday, September 14th, there were 12 children enrolled, a significant increase in only one week. We have reason to believe that such growth will continue for the next few weeks.

We have begun working on sight-reading and counting and learning how to interpret a choral score. Along with that, we are getting acquainted with the 1982 Hymnal, learning some standard hymns, learning how to find a certain kind of hymn (i.e., Christmas), and learning the difference between the "S" section and the main section of the Hymnal. Of course there is the singing part - the major part of each rehearsal. We have had early lessons in proper posture, breathing, and finding the head voice. We're well on our way, with 12 eager and ambitious singers.

The Choristers will sing in church for the first time on Sunday, October 3rd, when they will be introduced to the congregation.

We are still accepting new Choristers, so if you know of any girl in 3rd through 12th grade or any boy in 3rd grade up to voice change, encourage them to join the Chorister Academy. We accept anybody who loves to sing and who will commit to our rehearsal and Sunday schedule.

Yale Camerata will present a concert to benefit the Chorister Academy on Sunday, October 24th at 4:00 p.m. Don't miss this wonderful event - you'll both hear great choral music and be supporting St. John's own pioneering youth choir.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR



The Creative Church School meets Sunday morning from 9-10:00 a.m. on the third floor. New students are always welcome.

October 3rd: Class will focus either on the faith of Abraham or Luke's Gospel and the story of the mustard seed. We probably all wish we had stronger faith, but wishing or just asking won't make it happen. Faith grows when we start to do things that people of faith do, not when we think or talk about it. What actions can we take together to grow our faith.

October 10th: Classes will focus either on God's promise to Sarah or Luke's Gospel on returning thanks. In our story of Sarah we learn how God needed both Abraham and Sarah to bless the world. The Episcopal Church has a long history of being blessed by the ministry of strong women of God.

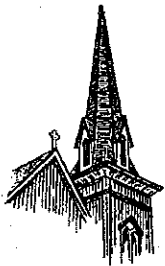
October 17th: Classes will focus on The National Observance of Children's Sabbath. This is an opportunity for people of all ages and all faiths to learn about urgent needs of children and the need to nurture and protect them. Through worship services, education classes, and outreach, people of faith learn more about the problems facing children and commit to responding to them.

October 24th: Classes will either focus on the story of Jacob or Luke's Gospel. With Jacob, we will explore God's presence with us. In Luke's lesson, we will explore prayer and how prayer is more than just saying the right words.

October 31st: Class will focus on the story of how Rachel and Leah chose to join God's people or in Luke's Gospel, how Zacchaeus chose to join God's people. Halloween fun will follow the 10:15 service, so come dressed in your costume!

Diane Platt

HOUSE COMMITTEE



With so many new families coming to St. John's, the House Committee has wondered if there were people (men or women) with interest and possibly aptitude for things material - that is gardening, building maintenance, light construction, or maybe even giving advice in these areas.

The Committee is charged with the oversight of the Church property - buildings and yards - to recommend to the Finance Council and Vestry whatever is necessary in the safekeeping and preservation of or "plant".

We would welcome new people to assist us in these tasks. If you are interested, please give your name to Harriet (in the Church Office) or Dick Harris (860) 274-8185. There are no tests for entry, no formal interviews, just an interest in serving in this way.

Normally, the House Committee meets the third Monday of each month throughout the year, and in the summer months if need be.

Of special note: There will be a clean-up day October 16th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Church. Gardens and lawns will be put in shape for winter. Also we plan to have a cleanout of accumulated "treasures" from the basement. There will be a variety of work sufficient to satisfy all tastes. Please come!



DOUCEMENT By Kathy Haines

Let me tell you about the hands down best \$1.20 I have ever spent. No, it wasn't on a shrunken head (that's a common stereotype that is based on traditions in the Amazon) but rather on a little plastic green pot with a lid, made in Nigeria - known as a chamber pot. Basically, a bed pan. Mine is green.

It may sound funny, but when it is late at night, its raining, the secret society is out patrolling your area and you've seen the size of the bugs that crawl out of your latrine - you'd better run out and get one too!

I realize that this introduction to my everyday life may seem a little bit shocking, but I believe it leads nicely into my next topic - the word "doucement".

A bicycle rides too close to you and you yell, "Hey, doucement!" Walking down a sandy path my neighbor reminds me, "doucement!" Cutting an orange with a sharp knife requires that one act "doucement". Hands down the most frequently heard word, or rather, a close second after "Bonjour" is "doucement!" It normally means "softly" or "slowly" but here is a common interjection for "easy now" or even "excuse me". It is a fairly basic concept, but at the same time one I find the need to remind myself of constantly.

I am coming into this experience with so much energy and so much impatience that I need to remind myself "hey, doucement!" So much of my first month of training reminds me of my four month study abroad experience in Niger that I keep looking for things that are different. There is so much personal reflection and growth that I hope to go through - but again "doucement!" I want to begin my work as an environment volunteer with the incredible people of this beautiful country but attention! Doucement. Development, whether of a nation or a single human being is a dynamic, ongoing process that doesn't happen overnight.

We were recently assigned our posts, so for the next two years I will be working in a village called Tayakou in the northwest corner of the country near Togo and Burkina Faso. There are about 8,000 people and the language is called Nateni. It is in the Attacora mountain chain. I have the opportunity to visit in late September and I am excited to learn more about what I will be doing so that I can share it with you, but "doucement". For now I must continue with my three months of technical training in French, local language and environment (focus on reforestation).

Passing this over to everyone back in the states, where life can be a bit harried. Just remember to take a deep breath and go "doucement". Try not to drive so fast, to be so hard on other people (including yourself), or ignore the beauty of the natural world around us. Life will send us challenges but we would be well to follow the examples of the slow changes in the natural world and the words of my Benin country hosts - "doucement".

Maybe I didn't act very "doucement" in starting out my mass emails with my chamber pot story, but please be patient. I'm learning to act more "doucement" and I hope that you will do the same.

Kathy Haines - Peace Corps Trainee in Benin, West Africa.

Katherine Haines, PCT

Corps de la Paix Americain

Cotonou, Benin

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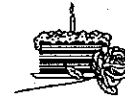
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10/23 Sarah Gould
10/23 Joshua Gould
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10/27 Richard Lee
10/28 Elizabeth Vermette
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10/29 Matthew Kosky
10/29 Larry Tapley, Sr.
10/29 David Miller



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10/8 Paul & Jan Figlia
10/10 Wayne Levandoski & Roseanne Shea
10/12 Anthony & Sheila Basile
10/12 Paul & Mitzi Foti
10/15 Donald & Sandra Regan
10/16 Gil & Thecla Kirby
10/17 Gus & Joyce Noonan
10/19 Henry & Mary Friez
10/19 Michael & Cindy Saindon
10/20 John & Michelle Mastropietro
10/21 Richard & Lisa Blaszczyk
10/23 Robert & Sarah Haines
10/23 Peter & Donna Gervickas
10/26 Marcel & Alison Jeannin, II
10/28 Patrick & Phyllis Catuccio
10/29 Ryan & Angela White

OCTOBER PARISH PRAYER CYCLE

October 3: Margaret Sauvageau, Susan Sauvageau, Victor & Paula Saverino, Ernest & Linnea Savoy, Mabel Schuster, The Scott Family, Jason and Donna Sevas & Family, Sarah Shatney, Roseanna Shea & Wayne Levandoski, and Virginia Sheehan.

October 10: Cathy Shelburne & Mark McKee, Molly & Ralph Sherman, Michael & Judy Sims, Andrew Skipp & Jill Stevenson, Warren & Cynthia Skipp, Christopher & Anna Slater, David & Francine Smith, The Snyder Family, and Michael and Amy Spencer & Family,

October 17: The Spinella Family, Dwight and Karin Steisel & Family, Mrs. Maude Stevenson, Christine Stolfi, Pam Strassner, Gail & Mark Szantyr, Mark & Ann Tabaka, Greg & Erin Tani, Montgomery & Renee Taylor, Peter & Sharon Taylor, and J. Peter Tchakirides.

October 24: The Tellerday Family, Mary Terrell, Mary Beth Thompson, Monica Tiso, Shawn and Susan Tittle & Family, Bob & Pam Toffey, John & Melissa Torrance, Carmen Torres & Family, Elizabeth Trzcinski & Jennifer Moniello, and Harvey Udell.

October 31: Diego Urena, Anthony & Anne Vaccarelli, Claudine Vaccarelli, Charlotte Vanasse, Laura and Mario Varrone & Family, Carlos Velazquez & Minerva Echeandia, Elizabeth & Jeremy Vermette, Vincent & Elena Viega, Arlene Wallace, The Webber Family, and Leo & Brenda Webber.



FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO GIVE THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIVES OF THE FOLLOWING:

October 3: Albert Lange and Ralph Petrocione.

October 10: Rev. Samuel & Dorothy Budde.

October 17: Walter & Daphne Matthews, Isaac Parsons, Sara Munson Kellogg, Stoddard Munson Kellogg, Thomas Parsons Kellogg, Frederic Rice Kellogg, and Lucy Kellogg.

October 24: H. Wesley Leavenworth.



CENTERING PRAYER

The Centering Prayer group meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Columbarium. Please feel free to join them.

GOT ACORNS?



Sarah Haines could use acorns if you have any in your yards that you don't want. Please bring them in on Sunday mornings to church - at 10:15 a.m. Thank you. *Sarah Haines*



GWIM FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR OCTOBER

The Food Pantry needs cereal (hot/cold), soups, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, chili, hash, and Sloppy Joe mix.

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GWIM HUNGER WALK

The annual GWIM Hunger Walk will take place on Saturday, October 2nd. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. on The Green and the Hunger Walk will begin at 11:00 a.m. Joggers and strollers are welcome. Please no bikes, rollerblades or skateboards. Apples and bottled water will be provided. Lunch will be served at St. John's dining hall after the walk. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Sarah Haines, Delegate to GWIM



CASSEROLE SUNDAY

The first Sunday of the month is casserole Sunday. Meat, vegetables, pasta or beans would be most welcome. Children can make cookies or a salad. Please bring to the kitchen in a disposable container.

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