
The Outrider

JULY/AUGUST 2006

The View from above the Close

*"In the summertime, when all the leaves and trees are green,
I'll be blue, 'cause I'm without your love..."*

Lyric running around in my head

For this two month, summer edition of the Outrider I've always tried to write something light and airy, *apropos* of the season. I've always loved the summer—the informality and laid-back-ness of it all, even the heat and sudden thunder storms, all the riot of life summer brings to New England, even, in my most hospitable moments, even the bugs.

But this year is different. For one thing, I'm writing this on the night of June 8 and when I went to the choir picnic at Alice Mancinone's house, I wore a sweater and kept my coat on (though I did have on sandals—I'm going to "be bigger than the weather" in some way....) This year I'm approaching summer with more urgency than ever before.

It might be a factor of age. I plan to see 30 more summers, but I can't say that with the same swagger I could 18 summers ago when I came to be your Rector. But it is also a factor of growth. Growth is measured in many ways—the annual rings within a tree, how much weight you've gained recently, how the grass grows, watching a puppy become a dog, being around children whose shins show from pants that last year covered their legs, needing a haircut, noticing a bud from a day or so ago is now full flower. And growth is what St. John's has been experiencing.

Eighteen years ago, the average Sunday attendance at St. John's was pushing 100. This year, enlivened by the noon Eucharist in Spanish, we're pushing 300. Eighteen years ago, the Soup Kitchen was feeding 75 a day, now (not all growth is longed for) 275 is a slow day. Eighteen years ago, the buildings were open, at best 50 hours a week; now it is 89 hours a week. Eighteen years ago, our budget was around \$200,000; this year it is over \$600,000. The staff, when I arrived in 1989, numbered 5; today it is 14, plus a weekly cleaning crew. Eighteen years ago, we had, if we were focused, a "five day plan"; here in the summer of 2006 we are in the midst of a "Five Year Plan" for mission and

ministry.

In 1989 we had the option of relaxing for the summer and taking it easy. In 2006 we are a year-round church.

On some of the many trips I made to Bennington, Vermont, taking my daughter back and forth to and from school, I would pass a charming little Unitarian Church somewhere in Massachusetts, along Rt. 8, that would put up a sign in June that said: CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER. I always chuckled as I drove past that place. But for us, today, that simply isn't possible.

So, don't take the summer off. Church is year-round at St. John's. We have a seat for you a little closer to the front during July and August, but the seat needs you to fill it nonetheless. Enjoy the summer, but don't leave us "without your love"...or your presence.

No time off. There's too much to do and be. A bit of urgency is appropriate, even in July and August.

Shalom, *Jim*

RECTOR'S SABBATICAL PLANS

Both the Vestry and the Bishop have approved Jim Bradley's plan for sabbatical time during 2006-2007. Full time clergy in the Diocese of Connecticut are granted 3 months of sabbatical time after each 5 years of continuous service in a parish. Jim took a sabbatical in 1995 and a second one in 2000. Plans for a 2005 sabbatical were delayed due to his surgery and radiation treatment. He will be away October 2006, the last week of January and three weeks of February 2007 and in May 2007. His plans are to work on writing projects during those times. Malinda Johnson will be priest-in-charge in Jim's absence and Michael Spencer, Mike Carroll and Armando Gonzalez will be available for liturgical and pastoral needs.

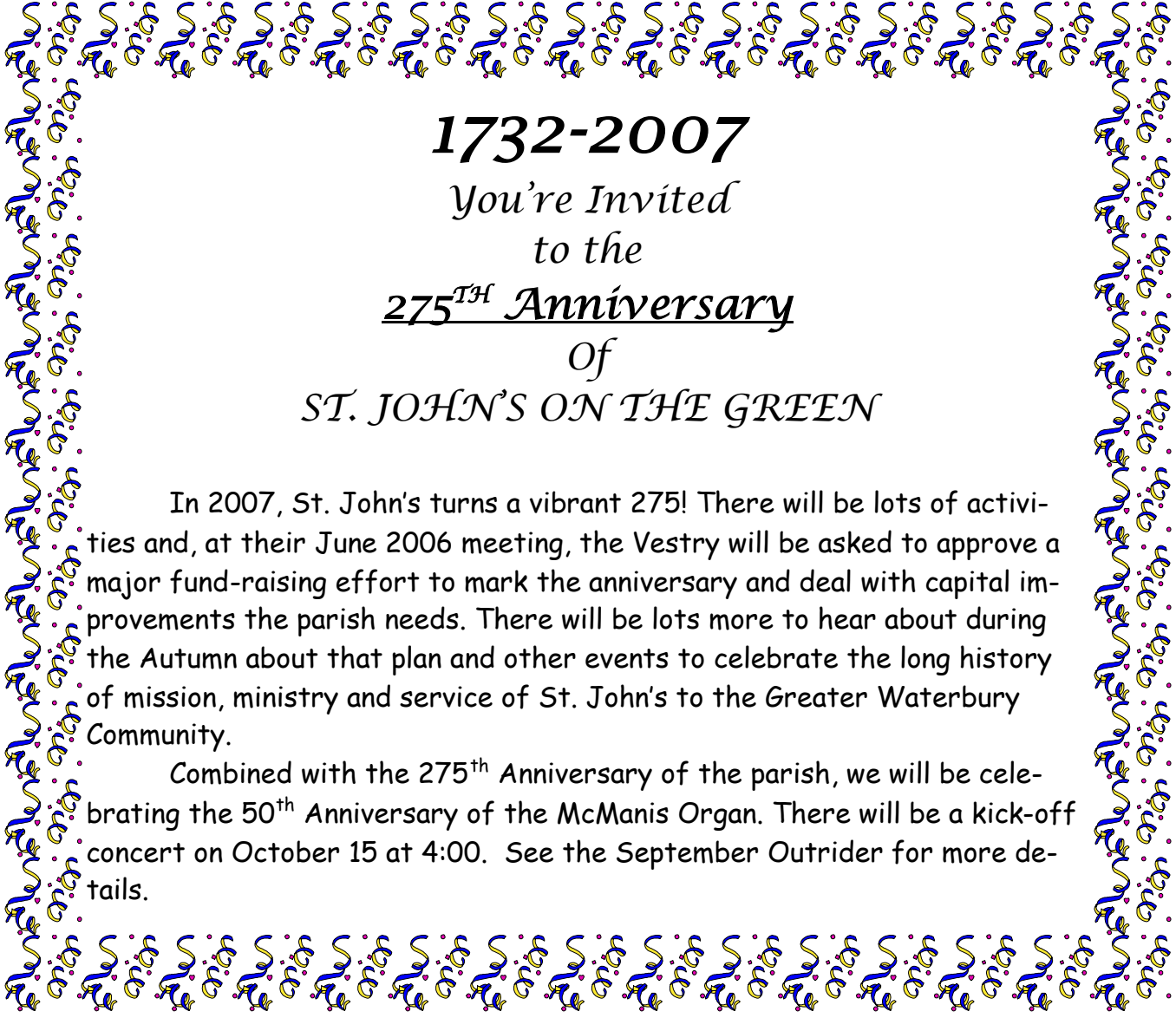


Exciting Position Available!

Seeking a vibrant and energetic person with a heart for children to be our Director of Christian Education. Anyone interested (or if you know of someone who might be) in this position, please let Jim, Malinda, or Harriet know.

Come as you are....

Summer Church at St. John's is less formal but still spirit-filled and worth the visit! We plan to do some of the 8 a.m. services outside and there are several St. John's folks who will be providing music for the 10:15 service. All summer we'll be using "Enriching our Worship" Eucharistic Prayers at both those services. And summer might be a good time to brush up on your Spanish by attending the noon mass! So, come as you are and come as often as you are in town.



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You're Invited
to the
275th Anniversary
Of
ST. JOHN'S ON THE GREEN

In 2007, St. John's turns a vibrant 275! There will be lots of activities and, at their June 2006 meeting, the Vestry will be asked to approve a major fund-raising effort to mark the anniversary and deal with capital improvements the parish needs. There will be lots more to hear about during the Autumn about that plan and other events to celebrate the long history of mission, ministry and service of St. John's to the Greater Waterbury Community.

Combined with the 275th Anniversary of the parish, we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the McManis Organ. There will be a kick-off concert on October 15 at 4:00. See the September Outrider for more details.

The Chorister Academy has a blog!!

<http://sjpchoristers.blogspot.com>

That's the home page.

You can post info, thoughts, interesting tidbits on this page. Send an email to sjpchoristers.home@blogger.com and it will publish on the web.

If you have a longer announcement, e-mail a snippet to the home page, then send the entire announcement to the news page sjpchoristers.news@blogger.com.

You can post lyrics to the music page or do music history or whatever. Here we can put sound. E-mail music posts to sjpchoristers.music@blogger.com.

Happy posting,
Maria Coffin, Director Chorister Academy

NEWS FROM KATHERINE HAINES

Greetings to all! I hope that everyone is doing well. I am doing well as I have been blessed with a beautiful village full of friendly people that I love very much.

For the first year and a half of my Peace Corps service, I tried to focus on non-funded projects, to show my village that I am a human resource and not just a financial one. However, as Alan Weisman states in his book "Gaviotas" about development in an experimental village in Colombia,

"It's very romantic to build out of local natural materials, but it's dumb to be purists all the time. And impractical. The future will need nature and technology. We can't make solar panels out of whole-wheat bread.."

In other words, there is only so far you can go in the development world before you do need some financing. From the beginning, my village has expressed the desire to construct a concrete building with a tin roof-basically a barn. This building would:

Protect the yearly harvests from destruction by rain and insect damage, enabling the farmers to keep more money in their pockets,

Provide a location to safely store pesticides to prevent poisonings in the home,

Enable farmers to more efficiently distribute their fertilizer stocks.

My belief in this project has led me to request a time extension in my village. I have been asked by several people how they can help support my efforts here in Benin, West Africa. Peace Corps has a wonderful program known as the "Peace Corps Partnership Program" where volunteers, with the assistance of their communities, can write grant proposals. These proposals are placed on the Peace Corps website and friends and family interested in supporting the projects of volunteers may contribute directly. Unlike donations to large organizations such as UNICEF or Save the Children, you know that your donation is going to this specific project that I am overseeing in my own village. One hundred percent of the donations go directly to the specific project you choose. If you would like to donate to my barn project, please check out

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=resources.donors.projdetail&projdes...>

If you have trouble with the link, please go to

<http://www.peacecorps.gov>

click on "donors"

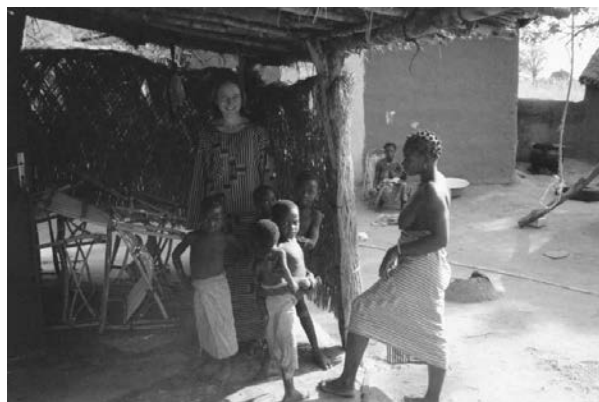
click on "volunteer projects"

under the country heading "Benin" you will find my project listed as "Storage Facility Construction" by "K. Haines" from "CT"

The website has a more detailed summary of my proposal. You can pledge your donation online and then submit by check, credit card or money order and yes, all donations are tax deductible. The sooner the project is funded, the sooner construction may begin! I would hope to have the building funded and completed for the upcoming harvest season, this fall, 2006.

So in advance, thank you for all of your support, emotional and otherwise, and thank you to those who contribute to this project. On behalf of the inhabitants of Tahongou, I ensure you that my village grandma, who looks as if she is 70 but is as spry as a 20 year old, shakes your hand firmly, sends a huge "nay where-ah koo" or just "thank you" and dances around you in joy!

Katherine Haines
Environmental Action Volunteer
Peace Corps Benin, West Africa



Chorister Academy Summer Choir Camp

The Chorister Academy will hold it's second annual choir camp at the church from Monday, August 21 to Friday, August 25 and Sunday, August 27. The camp will run from 9a.m. to 11.45 each day and from 9.30 to 11.30 on Sunday. The campers will spend the week learning music for the Sunday morning Holy Eucharist. At the end of the week, on Friday, they will celebrate their week together with a pool party at the home of Mrs. Alice Mancinone.

All children and young people entering grades 3 through 12 are invited to sign up. Registration forms can be found on the table in the entry.



Swimming to Waterbury



June 3rd was like most of the other days this past spring: chilly, dark and damp - like living in a cave -- with on and off downpours. I had a wedding rehearsal at 5:30 and I gave myself an hour and a half for a 45 minute commute to St. John's. The minute I got onto Rt. 8 I knew I was in trouble as the traffic was creeping and the rain kept falling harder and harder the farther north I drove. At 5:25 I was still a good 20 minutes away from Waterbury and I decided to get off the highway and try the back roads. The fact that I don't know my way around the back roads beyond my hometown didn't faze me. I figured it was better to move quickly in some vague direction north than sit still and drown on Rt. 8. This strategy failed because the back roads weren't moving either and they were just as wet. My anxiety level began to rise like the water all around me. I imagined an hysterical bride (is there any other kind the day before her wedding?) and an irritable groom waiting for me at the church. I called the groom's cell phone to explain my dilemma and though most of the wedding party was already there, everyone was in unexpectedly good spirits and I could hear lots of laughter in the background. They said they'd sit tight and wait for me, and then someone suggested I try another possible short cut to church.



It required getting back on Route 8 for one more exit. The minute I got back on, I realized what the horrendous traffic was about and I felt a huge wave of panic wash over me (no pun intended). Route 8 had flooded so much that there was only a very narrow strip of dry road to travel. Water was pouring down in a torrent on both my left and my right and there were cars abandoned all over the place. The only possible way out was through this great rush of water that was parted up and down in the middle very slightly like a miniature Red Sea. Any attempt to move even a foot left or right would've been incredibly foolish at best. I finally made it through the worst of the flooding, the traffic thinned out, and I was approaching the parking lot of St. John's - hugely relieved -- within the next 10 minutes.



However, as soon as I turned right onto West Main Street, I saw yet another rushing river that had somehow broken loose. Water was wrapped around the church towards the green, more cars were abandoned in the street, and it was impossible to get into the parking lot without driving through water (at that point) up to my hood. I quickly turned left onto higher ground, parked behind the funeral home, and started worrying for a whole new reason about everyone stuck inside of the church. How were they going to get their cars out and failing that, how was I going to get my body in? I called the couple again and suggested they try to get out before the water rose higher but they weren't the least bit concerned. "We all have four wheel drive", they said. I did, too, but since when does four wheel drive make a car amphibious? In any case, they didn't care about the water, they just wanted to practice getting married, so I decided if I was going to get into the church at all, I'd have to wade in. I rolled up my pants, took off my shoes, and huddled under my perfectly useless umbrella. I then dodged my way through soggy traffic across West Main and entered the river in front of the parking lot. Standing at the back door of the church, the groom and his best man waved me on, all smiles and encouragement, as if I were a marathon runner in need of cheer-





ing, rather than a tardy priest in need of a brain.

In all seriousness, the water was frightening it was so powerful, and by the time I had waded into it past my knees, I turned around. It was too muddy to see where I was stepping and I was afraid if I got in too deep, I'd get swept off my feet by the current.

I got back in my car, drove up to Grand Street and figured I might have better luck trying to get into the church through the close. I finally made it around to the front doors, though the water was aggressively lapping the steps. By this time I looked like a drowned rat. There was not a dry stitch of clothing on me, I was barefoot, and my hair was plastered to my face like Squeaky Fromes'. (I would have passed for a presidential assassin far more easily than for an Episcopal priest.

Not only that, as I was battling my way in, water had started to pour through the electrical system in the church basement and John Svehlak told me that if the lights suddenly went out we should get out of the building as fast as possible...drama upon drama, capped finally by the groom rescuing one of the bridesmaids from her sinking car. Apparently, she was late and had decided to try getting into the parking lot. Her car stalled at the entrance and began filling up with water fast. The water was up to her windshield by the time the groom got to her, and when they finally pried the car door open, water gushed out of the car's interior. The groom and another friend pushed the car to dry land, where the totaled car sat for the next few days.

The rehearsal was pretty uneventful after that, and the wedding, too, as it turned out. However, there was a black out in downtown Waterbury for the 12 or so hours immediately before the wedding. The lights came back on in the nick of time, about a half hour before guests started to arrive.

All's well that ends well? Perhaps. But since weddings are a beginning, not an end, I think the best part of this particular series of unfortunate events is that it was very good preparation for married life. Flash floods and black outs and narrow escapes...that's pretty much how it goes from time to time. And then there are those long, dull dry spells that can be every bit as challenging. Maybe the trick is to hang loose with it all, and keep laughing, just as this couple did during these two stormy but strangely lovely days.

-Malinda Johnson



SAVE THE DATE—WOMEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST

There will be a Women's Communion Breakfast on Saturday, September 23rd from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Details will be announced in the September Outrider and in future Sunday bulletins.

-Lorraine Barker & Malinda Johnson

IMAGES FROM ST. JOHN'S PICNIC—JUNE 11, 2006

(The Annual Softball game was won by Jay Anthony's Senior Warden's Team (we need a name for next year!)—But Jim vows a Comeback next year)

Many thanks to Holly Hart and Dot Raleigh and their team for another successful and wonderful picnic.



The morning of Sunday, June 11 dawned bright and beautiful, a perfect day for a picnic! Well over 100 parishioners joined together for our annual gathering at Chase Collegiate Academy. The food was abundant (once we ran out for more burgers!) as was the camaraderie. Our Senior Warden Jay Anthony won bragging rights for the year as his team won the softball game although Pastor Bradley insists he cheated! Special thanks go out to all those who helped with the set-up, (Scott, Jim, Evanson, Dave and Beth) the cooking (Chris' ribs and chicken were awesome and Vinnie can flip a mean burger), and the clean-up (everyone pitched in!). We hope to see more of you next year!

Holly Hart and Dot Raleigh





CONFIRMATION 2006

St. John's had 17 young people confirmed at the combined Deanery service on June 10. Many thanks to Mike Carroll and Shirley Chouinard for providing the preparation and education. Keep these newly confirmed members of St. John's Confirmation in your prayers.

Antonia Irene Monthero Shelburne McKee
Kiara Jacqueline Ortiz
Argentina Altagracia Ortiz
Susette Hernandez-Torres
Diana Hernandez
Cherry Marsi Terrero
Jose Guerrero
Marlene A. Hernandez

Marina Ageeva Marques
Scottie Efren Ortiz
Ricardo Hernandez-Torres
Diani Carmin Hernandez
Carmen Torres
Nathalia Guerrero
Thalia Ortiz

St. John's Web Page

Pam Toffey, who has been producing the *Outrider* for the last - months, has also taken over as St. John's Webmaster.

Our Web Page (address) was set up by Steve Minkler and has gotten raves from people who visit it. Pam has begun major updates and expansion of the information on the Web Page. Soon she will be adding a backlog of sermons that you can listen to again—or, for the first time if you missed them live. In addition, the Rector's reports from General Convention will be available.

Go to the Web Page and check out the new additions!



Summer Brown Bag Concerts.

Thursdays in July, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at St. John's on the Green

July 6--Fireworks! American Organ Music for the 4th of July. Maria Coffin on the organ.

July 13--Mario Pavone Ensemble

July 20--Members of the CT Accordion Association

July 27--Steve Minkler on the piano

Bring a lunch and join us in the church or in the Close each Thursday.

The first Brown Bag Lunch concert is entitled **FIREWORKS: A Recital of Organ Music for the Fourth of July**

The recital will feature works that represent the diverse musical cultures found in the U.S.A. and will include compositions inspired by "America the Beautiful", a Puerto Rican Carol, a Korean folk song and "Lift Every Voice and Sing". The concert will end with the rousing variations on "The Star-Spangled Banner" by the Portland, Maine composer John Knowles Paine. Bring a lunch and join us the in church.



Happy Birthday!

7/1	Eric Beaudoin	7/15	Ena Dover	7/23	Jo-Ann Plunske
7/1	Nicholas Mattson	7/15	Jerry Sooklall	7/23	Susan Boucher
7/1	Ana Halligan	7/15	Christopher Townsend	7/23	Ashlee Gurtowski
7/2	Riley Belury-Matos	7/15	Kayla Bellavance	7/24	Peter Gervickas
7/2	Emily Belury-Matos	7/16	Zashea Nelson	7/24	Hollis Hart
7/3	Raymond Barker	7/16	Nardane Mamudi	7/25	Ana Moore
7/3	Glenn Thompson	7/17	Lorraine Barker	7/25	Elizabeth Frazine
7/6	Jamie Taylor	7/17	Sharon McDonald	7/25	Robert Farina
7/7	Lee Bossio	7/19	Michael Sims	7/25	Kyla Walker
7/8	Edna Schneider	7/19	Ines Rosado	7/25	Joaneth Quiles
7/8	Brianna Longo	7/20	Malinda Johnson	7/25	Nathan Lyman
7/8	Briana Varrone	7/20	Courtney White	7/25	Aye'Jha Punter
7/9	Jeremy Vermette	7/20	Scott Petrosky	7/26	Alison Jeannin
7/10	Nicolas Longo	7/20	Nelson Tchakirides	7/26	Donald Langlais
7/11	Rebecca Cipriano	7/21	Robert Klein	7/27	Colin Bossio
7/13	Carla Cinquegrana	7/21	Harvey Udell	7/29	Crystle Tellerday
7/13	Kiana Livingston	7/21	Nicole Rosa	7/29	Nicholas Mastropietro
7/14	Donald Regan	7/22	Jason Lewis	7/29	Nicholas Capobianco



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER OUTFRIDER

The deadline for submitting articles for the September 2006 Outrider is August 11, 2006. Please submit all announcements and articles via e-mail to OUTRIDER@stjohnsonthegreen.org or mail them or deliver them to the church office, attention OUTFRIDER. You can also give them to Pam Toffey.

I'd like to continue the "Recipes from the Parish" column, so if you have a recipe you'd like to share, please submit it. I'd like to put in one recipe every month. I'm also looking for pattern submissions for knitting and crocheting hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, ponchos and shawls.

PARISH PRAYER CYCLE FOR JULY

7/2/06

Jennifer Aufiero , Anna Bakun, Barbara & Bob Balch, George & Lillian Baldwin & Family, Robert Baranoski & Family, David & Shawna Barata & Family, Renee Baril, Lorraine & Ray Barker, Cindy Barnes & Family, Wonder Barratt & Family, Anthony & Sheila Basile & Family

7/9/06

Charles & Dawn Beaudoin & Family, Pam Behrman, S. Bellavance & M. Dwyer & Family, Kimberly & Nelson Belury -Matos & Family, St. Claire & Gertrude Benjamin Family, James Benson, George & Carol Bequary & Family, Kay Bergin, Clara Bigelow

7/16/06

Laura Bird & Family, Rick & Linda Blais, Merry Blantin, Rick & Lisa Blaszczyk & Family, Charles & Donna Bock & Lila Lange, Evelyn Bodor & Family, Ted & Pat Bojarski, Christine & Gertrude Boroch, Jack & Delores Bossio & Family, Susan Boucher & Family, John & Josephine Bozzuto

7/23/06

James & Bern Bradley, Edna & Christopher Bragg & Family, Jeffrey & Betsy Brown & Family, Lillian H. & Louis Brown, Linda Bruce, Adamay & Justine Budhram, Stephanie & Cortland Budin & Family, William Burr & Crystal Cormier, Verdell Bush, M. Butkevich & C. Cinquegrana, Robert & Diane Caggiano

7/30/06

Robert & Maureen Caggiano & Family, Robert Buel & Juan Rojas, Mark & Donna Cambigue & Family, William & Norma Cambigue, Ambler Cantey, Nicholas & Lisa Capobianco/Umbro & Family, Charlotte & Thomas Corporale & Family, Cathy Caraballo & Kim Hunter, Lisette Caraballo & Family, Theresa Caraballo & Family, Michele Carrano



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- 7/9 David & Janet Gurniak
 - 7/16 Donna Ploski & Donald Anderson
 - 7/17 Joe & Rebecca Cipriano
 - 7/20 Evanson & Ena Dover
 - 7/20 Thomas & Bonnie Flanagan
 - 7/26 Don & Linda Pomeroy
 - 7/31 Andrew Skipp & Jill Stevenson

SATURDAY NIGHT LITURGY

Saturday Night Liturgy will not be celebrated over the summer. Services will resume in September.



Happy Birthday!

8/1	Marina Marques	8/12	Antonia O'Connell	8/23	Christine Greggis
8/3	Joan Kachergis	8/12	Emily Lanoie	8/23	Catherine Groshans
8/4	Eileen Hamilton	8/13	Jane Yuhas	8/24	Sally Harris
8/4	Helen Pritchard	8/13	Angela Misurelli	8/24	Judith Rose
8/4	Eugene DiCorpo	8/13	Matthew Mastropietro	8/24	Alexandra Greider
8/4	John Kolodziej	8/13	Keriann Lamy	8/24	Justin Mancinone
8/5	Aida DaSilva	8/14	Steven Gordon	8/24	Taylor Eagan
8/5	Andrea Roscoe	8/14	Dorothy Raleigh	8/24	Nicholas Weis
8/6	Rhonie Tyson	8/15	Susan Coleman	8/25	William Weiler
8/6	Suleika Cabrera	8/16	Thomas Presbie	8/25	Sandra Regan
8/6	Jeremy Gambino	8/17	John Champagne	8/25	Tianna Umbro
8/7	Doris Hollenstein	8/17	Mario Varrone	8/25	Krystal Barnes
8/7	Robert DeSouza	8/18	Thomas Cook	8/26	Pinki Chillemi
8/8	Edwin Maldonado	8/18	Andrew Skipp	8/26	Brandon White
8/8	Gabrielle Tittle	8/19	Dorothy Reymond	8/26	Olivia O'Connell
8/8	Anderson Tittle	8/19	Anthony Angurio	8/27	Rory Healy
8/8	Christina Jeannin	8/19	Charles Frazine	8/27	Jeanette Carrillo
8/9	Mitzi Foti	8/20	Amelia Iorio	8/28	Ryan Caggiano
8/9	Larry Tapley	8/20	Richard Collins	8/29	Michael Smith
8/9	Michelle Castro	8/21	Joshua Martinez	8/29	Jetta Slater
8/10	Louise Raleigh	8/22	Stacy Petrosky	8/31	Dorothy Ferguson
8/10	Kenneth Aubrie	8/22	Stefanie Flores	8/31	Jenna Munson
8/10	Justin Aloia	8/23	William Conda	8/31	Jennifer Perreault
8/12	Pamela Toffey				



8/2	Michael & Marian Carroll	8/10	John & Melissa Torrance
8/3	Robert & Alice Cook	8/15	Lance & Pamela Belury
8/4	Michael & Sharon McDonald	8/19	Glenn & Anna Decarolis
8/5	Marvin & Charlene Knighton	8/20	Peter & Laurie Eagan
8/5	Frederick & Gina Loomis	8/28	Anthony & Theresa Foti-Angurio
8/8	Ray & Audrey Sperring	8/23	Michael & Jacqueline Quirici

PARISH PRAYER CYCLE FOR AUGUST

8/6/06

Jaime & Amy Carrillo & Family, William & Sara Carrillo & Family, Michael & Marian Carroll & Family, Lesa Castillo & Family, Lorene Castle, Patrick & Phyllis Catuccio, Karen Sue & Drew Cavanaugh, Ron & Ruth Cebik, John & Elsie Champagne, Joyelle Chandler & Daniel Rae & Family, Patrick Charles & Family, The Chernesky-Banisaied & Family

8/13/06

Pinki Chillemi, Shirley Chouinard, Maria Cinquegrana, S. Cinquegrana & R. Knapp & Family, Luisa Cintron & Family, Joe & Rebecca Cintron & Family, Jennifer Clarkson & Family, Vincent Clementi, Maria Coffin & Family, Dorothy O. Cole & Family, Virginia Cole

8/20/06

Susan Coleman, Lisa & Richard Collins, Kenneth Colson & Leila Noujaim, Lisa Commo & Family, William Conda, Mary Conklin, Norma Connor, Jaime Conway & Michael Mrazik & Family, Janet Conway & Earl Riley, Cristin Cook & Cook, Robert Cook

8/27/06

Tom & Jessica Cook & family, Joseph & Barbara Corbin, George & Martha Coulson, Cathy Coviello & Frank McCusker & Family, Philip Coyle, Eleanor Crean, Rebecca Crispi & Stanley Mickett & Family, Nick Crocco, Michael & Kimberly Culkin & Family, Barbara Curry, Raymond J Curry

The Outreach Committee

Through the blazing hot or damp chilly spring the Outreach Committee has continued to work within the community to serve those in need of our ministry. In May Americares and St. John's brought collective talent together to refurbish a home in the North End of Waterbury. A new bathroom was installed, significant improvements were made to the kitchen, the yard was cleaned up, and the home made more handicapped accessible. The elderly and handicapped resident was very grateful.

Two schools in Waterbury have been recipients of grants. The Enlightenment School has received a \$500.00 donation to help those students who cannot afford proper school attire. This alternative high school and middle school program is our next door neighbor, and serves several hundred "at risk" youth. In her thank you note to the committee teacher Susan Skipp-Tittle mentioned how she was able to help one young man buy needed clothes and help to get his teeth fixed with the money we donated. The Children's Community School is receiving a \$525.00 donation to help finish off a new kitchen that will help the school to provide their elementary students with a better hot breakfast and lunch.

Waterbury Baptist Ministries, across Main Street from St. John's, asked for some assistance in purchasing long tables that can be used for their daily homework clinic, and their distribution of food to the needy on Friday's, through their Jubilee Harvest program. WBM also teams up with Sharon House, the garden that grows fresh produce for Jubilee and for the GWIM Soup Kitchen located at St. John's. Sharon House has just received a donation of \$787.00 to purchase seeds and a new watering system, and to buy row covers that will extend the growing season by a month. This latest purchase, along with helping to buy planting beds last fall has made a major difference in the quantity of produce that will be provided by Sharon House to the needy of Waterbury.

And it is just in time...because the needy and poor continue to stream in the doors of the Soup Kitchen in

ever increasing numbers. While the Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministry has been stretched, they will finish this year with a smaller debt than expected. The great challenge for GWIM is to try and get other member parishes to help contribute to the operating expenses. There will be a change in the GWIM status with regard to St. John's, as the Soup Kitchen moves on Sundays to accommodate the parishioners needs at St. John's. With increasing numbers of folks going to the 10:15 service and the Misa en Español at 12:00noon, our facility has been getting too crowded.

Lastly, the Outreach Committee was contacted by The Peace Corps, who wanted to tell us of a project that Katherine Haines (yes...the one in the same Katherine Haines, who has been in Benin for almost two years) has been working on. The village of Tahongou, where Katherine has worked, needs a central grain and fertilizer storage facility. The total cost of the project is \$4,466.10, and the community will support the project with \$1,193.00, leaving \$3,273.10 to be raised by other sources. The committee voted to contribute \$800.00 toward the \$3,273.10. While Katherine has contacted others in the community, including some folks at St. John's, there is still more money needed for this worthwhile project. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Jim Morgan at church or at (203) 266-6714, or see Katherine's appeal on page ____ of this newsletter.

The Outreach Committee is successful because of the hard working efforts of a few. Most of our funding comes from endowment funds. We are always looking for more volunteers and more money. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Jim Morgan through the church office or by the phone number listed above. You can help us to help those in the local community, and people in Louisiana or Benin. You can help us with our endeavors to make the lives of children and elderly and homeless and hungry just a bit better.

Thank you all for your support.

Jim Morgan, Chair

LABYRINTH WALKS

Between the 8 and 10:15 services each Sunday is a good time to walk the Labyrinth. We will be planning three "directed" walks to introduce folks to the spiritual exercise of walking the labyrinth. They will be announced in the bulletins.

HOSPITALITY AT COFFEE HOUR

During the Summer, feel free to bring munchies to share for coffee hour (lemonade hour, perhaps!). We are looking for folks to head up a Hospitality Committee for the fall who would contact people regarding providing finger food for coffee hours. Want to volunteer? Contact Jim or Malinda.

VACATION CHURCH

When you're away this summer and go to church, be sure to bring a bulletin and any written material you can from the parish you attend. The clergy love to steal ideas and see what other folks are doing. And, just so you don't forget—you can mail in your pledges or donations during the summer. The bills keep coming even as we are traveling....

Altar Flowers

St. John's Flower Ministry has modified the way altar flowers are dedicated on each Sunday. Altar flower offerings of nature's beauty are acts of worship that enhance the liturgical seasons, provide beauty to God's altar, and express our love of God's creation in all seasons.

The Flower Ministry has issued an "open call", if you will, for anyone to have altar flowers donated in memory of a loved one, regardless of the amount donated.

On this page are three forms to fill out: one form if you just want to make a general donation to the altar flower fund, a second form for those who wish their loved one(s) to be remembered in the Prayers of the People, and a form for Communion Bread and Wine offerings.



I wish to make a donation to the flower fund:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount Donated: _____

In Memory Of: _____

In Thanksgiving For: _____

Requested Sunday: _____

Communion Bread and Wine Offering

If you would like to have Communion Bread and Wine offered in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for someone or something, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection plate or mail into the Church Office (Donation is \$10):

Name: _____

Address: _____

In Memory Of: _____

In Thanksgiving For: _____

Sunday you wish Bread & Wine celebrated for: _____

Prayer List Requests

All names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks. If you need to have that time extended, please contact the church office at 203-754-3116. Names can be added to the prayer list by phone or you can fill out this form and return it to the office.

Please add the following name(s) to the prayer list: _____

Submitted by: _____

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