



Open Doors

The Newsletter of St. James Episcopal Church

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FROM THE



COMMITMENT
&
COMMUNITY

Two weeks ago, eight members of our parish were confirmed at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City: congratulations to Abby Coleman, Melanie Cozzolino, Catie Douglass, Alex Euler, Thomas LaMano, Paige Lawrence, Lauren Tarantino, and Ryan White! It was a wonderful day of celebration, as they took on the promises of their baptisms for themselves, and formally became adult members of the church. It was also wonderful to see so many parishioners there to support them.

The day following the Confirmation, the CONFIRMANDS spoke in church about what their confirmation means to them. Their reflections are printed below. They are a wonderful testimony to the work of God among us, and encourage us all to think about our faith.

- Raewynne

WHAT DOES CONFIRMATION MEAN
TO ME?

Two weeks ago, Raewynne told us that our Confirmation class had to write a speech to say in front of the church about what Confirmation meant to us. At first I was extremely worried because not only do I absolutely hate public speaking, but I also realized that I never really took the time to think about what Confirmation really is.

I have been doing karate competitively since I was six years old, and I have heard so many people talk about how they will do karate until they get their black belt and then they will be done. When I got my black belt I realized that all of that hard work and time that I put into it was just preparing me to really learn. I realized that getting my black belt was just the beginning. All that I did before was receive the tools to learn. When we were assigned this project I realized that this is the exact same situation. All that we have learned in Sunday school and Confirmation class are just tools to be used to become more involved in the church. We aren't "done", we now have the tools to really be a part of the parish.

I have realized that most of my friends from karate who have made it to their black belt have quit. There is only a small group of black belts that have grown up doing karate like me and stuck around. Most of them

have quit, right after they got their black belt. This also happens to many people after they get Confirmed. I know that this definitely won't be the same for me because not only would my Mom not allow me to skip, but I have made so many friends here and I truly do enjoy seeing you all every Sunday. That is what I learned from Confirmation class.

- Abby Coleman

To me, being Confirmed is a step forward in life. It brings you from the level of a child to an adult. Its like the concept of working your way up to being tall enough to ride a particular roller coaster. You're always too short as a child, but you do your best to stretch as much as possible to get to the minimum height line.

In faith I worked to understand the Bible and relate it to our everyday lives. One thing I've learned is to remember to put God first. I tend to be a teenager and do what I want to do, but being Confirmed taught me that that's not the most important thing. You have to give back and help others in order to move forward in life. I understand that becoming confirmed is a whole set of responsibilities, but I am now ready to take on those responsibilities. From being active in my church I've met so many people that have supported me along the way. Everyone in the church has become my family. Being confirmed is a big step in my life, but it is not the end, it is only the beginning.

- Melanie Cozzolino

Confirmation doesn't mean I am now enlightened and walk the path of God, but it does mean I am on the way to that path. In Confirmation class I have learned that my opportunities in the church have expanded and I have a better understanding of what it means to be a member of God's church. I

have learned that my choices are my own and I can either choose to study the Bible further or not. I also had the choice to be Confirmed or not. By learning everything I did, I have opened my eyes to a more solid religious reality. I no longer view church as a place to come every Sunday and worship, but a place where people continue to lean and strengthen their faith.

I have learned that religious education does not have to be a solitary experience. A person does not have to make their Confirmation alone, and they do not have to continue on in their faith alone. Whether it's a teacher, a priest, or a peer that guides you, there is always someone willing to help. I've learned that studying prayer and truly understanding it is extremely difficult by yourself, but with others to help you, it becomes easier.

To me the class meant a chance to see some of the important things I need to succeed in making the right choices and decisions in the rest of my life. In going over the catechism I saw that religion isn't just about praying and listening to God's teachings, but about thinking about the meaning behind those prayers and trying to understand where it all comes from. Rather than just saying prayers and listening to the sermon I've come to realize there is a deeper meaning behind it all. Not only does God want us to love and serve him, but he wants us to understand why it is we do the things we do.

Confirmation is a chance to officially start building a relationship with God. By being Confirmed I have publically admitted my faith in Jesus. I have also taken my Baptismal vows into my own hands. All this means I am ready to start taking more responsibility over my own religious education. Knowing what I now know, I can further my education by studying or reflecting on my own, especially now that I

have a better understanding of the prayers. However, it always comes back to choice. Confirmation, to me, literally means I can make a mature and well thought out choice about anything that may come along in my religious life.

I know the road ahead will be filled with tough decisions and I may not always do the right thing or make the right choice. I may forget all that I have learned or I may not be able to make it to church, or I could lose faith in God. There are countless number of things that could obstruct the furthering of my faith in God and the church. However, I now have a solid foundation for my religious beliefs which will guide me throughout the rest of my life, and even influence my future decisions in church.

- *Catie Douglass*

The definition of Confirmation is: "a rite administered to baptized persons, in some churches as a sacrament for confirming and strengthening the recipient in the Christian faith." I was very disappointed when I typed the word "confirmation" in at dictionary.com because this does not begin to cover the way I feel about my Confirmation. Not only is my Christian faith reaching a new level and connection with God and Jesus Christ, but I feel like I have more of a responsibility in coming and participating in church and fellowship.

In our Confirmation classes we talked about the Catechism, located in the Book of Common Prayer. Every week we answered the questions and answers that were inscribed for us in the Catechism, and every week my insight and knowledge grew. The Catechism, otherwise known as an outline of the faith, consists of many chapters based on our faith as Christians and Episcopalians. The one chapter that stood out to me the most was God the Son.

God the Son is about how Jesus sacrificed his life to save ours. I especially liked the question: "What is the nature of God revealed in Jesus?" The answer to that being: "God is love."

This journey I have chosen to take within the Church has deepened my faith in a way that is both comforting and reassuring that I will continue to resist evil and love God with all my heart, my soul, my mind, and my strength. I hope to become an example of accountability among the church and my peers as a result of my Confirmation.

- *Alexandra Euler*

Confirmation is a big step in one's life, and in order to climb that step, one will need help from those around him. To me, Confirmation is a mark in my life that traces when I get to a point where I develop an understanding of the world and everything in it. It makes me understand that everything has its reason to be there. The process building up to the Confirmation is really a learning process, and to take it in with your own perspective. The same perspective one has on life. And even when one's perspective is a half empty glass, they have to try hard enough to believe and try to understand that God loves you and always will, no matter what the circumstances may be. And if you truly know and understand that God loves you then it is not possible to have a pessimistic view on life, because life is what it is, it isn't fair, it all happens for a reason. To make Confirmation is to accept that fact, and know when you are down that blaming God is never the answer. You have to move on and keep telling yourself that God loves you and you will always make it through those dark tunnels and rough patches with God right there along the way.

I used to think that making Confirmation was just a label so I can get out of Sunday school and say it was all over. I now can see clearly that Confirmation is just the beginning of my faith, as I now have the rest of my life left to learn what God really is, behind all the perceived golden gates and fluffy clouds, the harp and the feathery wings. I can now try to establish that distinguishing truth of God and my mission to find it all.

- *Thomas LaMano*

As you all know, I too was confirmed yesterday. My experience was slightly different – actually about 15 years or so different. We all had the same teacher – thanks, Chris! We all used the same prayer books, thanks Vestry! And, we all look up to and learn from the same priest – thanks, Raewynne! The real difference was (and is) my age

Until I began Confirmation class, I considered myself in adult in and out of the church community. Then I learned that I was not, in fact, and adult in the eyes of the church. I was not yet old enough to participate in anything and everything I wanted – like being a Lay Eucharistic Minister, for example, or a member of the Vestry – because I had not yet been Confirmed. Thus began my quest to become a confirmed member of our church, and be able to participate in anything and everything I want!

So, what did I learn?

The Apostles' Creed, which uses "I," versus the Nicene Creed, which uses "we;" the traditional Lord's Prayer versus the contemporary version, which we actually used at the cathedral yesterday; what sin is – which is putting my own interests ahead of the interests of others (in other words,

selfishness); the meaning of grace – which is the presence of the Holy Spirit within me (the internal notion of right and wrong); who Christ is – He is my Redeemer and the perfect being to whom I answer and from whom I seek guidance and strength; who the church is – it is you and me...not the walls around us or the roof above us, but you and me together as we join each other in worshiping Christ; the definition of faith – which is that which I know in my heart to be true; and finally, the meaning of sacrament – which is how we experience God.

What does it all mean to me?

Being confirmed means to me that I have strengthened my belief and commitment to God. It means that I am now an adult in the eyes of God, which means that I need to act more responsibly, demonstrate my faith in God, and strengthen my relationship with the church by increasing my participation within the church community (through various activities, such as becoming a Lay Eucharistic Minister and other church-sponsored events) as well as being a strong role model to my daughter and to other young people in my actions, making sure that my way of life follows the way of God's word.

- *Allison Paige Lawrence*

Confirmation is a rite given to baptized Christians to make their own sacramental choice to become a mature adult of their congregation. Throughout my adventures in Confirmation class I have learned about the new choices we have to undertake to become an adult in our church family. Many people in our congregation have guided me and assisted me in numerous ways throughout my youth.

During Confirmation class I have learned countless things I was unaware about. Mr. Mauro and Raewynne have opened my eyes to several new ideas I had never truly given thought to. We looked over and picked apart scripture we say every Sunday, but never truly comprehended. When we all put our thoughts together and came to an understanding of what we were actually saying every Sunday for the last 17 years of our lives, I felt humbled. At this point in my life I have been handed a completely different understanding of church and Sunday school.

As I have been a member of this church for 14 years I have grown a strong bond with many people here. This church has become a second family to me, and has helped raise me, and supported me through the good times and the bad times. Without the friendly, kind, loving faces that are in this congregation, I would never have motivation to come. Although it might not have always been easy for my Mom to get me to church on a Sunday morning, I don't know where I would be without it.

As a child I will never forget how excited I was to become an acolyte, and hold the fire on the altar next to the priest. It was basically a life goal of mine. Finally, when I hit 7, they let me become an acolyte. As a child I thought it was the coolest thing in the world to dump water over the priest's hand, hold fire, and of course, swing the tassel on my robe; but as I've matured over the years I've realized the true meaning of being an acolyte. I'm not just up there to do all the cool jobs and hold fire, but I'm serving the Lord, assisting Raewynne and, when necessary, helping out anyone in the congregation.

While preparing myself to write this essay, I was thinking about the ways I could show how I've matured as a member of this

church. It was actually a very hard process to come up with something, because the more I thought about it, between field hockey, work, and leaving for college in a year, I realized I may not be around as much. But I believe that's the whole challenge in life right now, I have to balance all that and still find a way to come back to my second home and worship with my family.

Although I may not be on the altar every few weekends, or you may not see my face in the congregation, it doesn't mean that I'm not there. No matter where I am on a Sunday I will pray. From this day on I will pray every day for my family, friends, loved ones, and for my church family. I will continue my endeavor to acolyte until I leave for college, and try my best to develop into the mature adult I have chosen to become.

- Lauren Tarantino

To me, when one becomes Confirmed, they become accepted as an adult in the church. One becomes free to decide what they will believe in. I plan to follow the Apostles' teachings throughout my life. I will continue to attend church with my family every Sunday morning. I also plan on reading the Bible from front to back in my life. I feel that the Bible has many great moral values and lessons to learn. I will follow and obey the Ten Commandments, using them as a guideline for continuing to be a moral individual. If I sin, I will make sure to return to the church and ask God for the forgiveness of my sins. To me, to proclaim the word of the Lord means to follow and believe in Jesus' teachings in the Bible. This is very important to me because whenever I am looking for an answer, it is always prevalent in the Bible or with God. Whenever I am unsure of something and follow God's word, I will always end up making the right decision. I once broke up a

fight between two friends of mine. I made them apologize to each other for being so immature. They are now very close friends and both highly respect my decision in stopping the fight. If I did not attend church or read the Bible, I would never have made this decision. God's word has taught me many great lessons and moral values, and I wish to continue attending church to further my understanding of Jesus Christ, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

- Ryan White

SUMMER TIME & THE LIVING IS EASY

*Then followed that beautiful season ...
summer ...*

*Filled was the air with a dreamy and
magical light;
and the landscape lay as if new created in
all the freshness of childhood.*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Going to church was a part of my (Pat) summer childhood. My mother would pack a wicker basket with our bathing suits, blankets and towels, sandwiches, and a big thermos was filled with lemonade. We put on our "dress" clothes, the basket went into the trunk of our car and then off to church we went.

There was no air conditioning then (I even remember fainting one very hot Sunday) but all the women and girls wore dresses and hats, and all the men had on dress shirts and ties (boys could omit the ties) – there were no sandals, no shorts.

After church it was off to Short Beach where we would change into our bathing suits and spend the entire day in the water. We did come out to eat lunch and then had to wait one hour before we could go back in the

water. We would count down until the last minute – my mother being convinced (along with every other mother at that time) that you would get cramps and drown if you did not wait one hour after eating.

"Church" certainly does not cease in the summer. The body of Christ is in constant motion, and ministry. In fact in many ways summer is the "advent" of our church activity this year. Summer is a time of rejuvenation and preparation. During the course of the summer, Bible study will continue, Sunday school teachers will retreat and prepare for another school year. The Stewardship committee will meet to plan the fall pledge drive activities. So many of our parish will begin preparations for numerous fall events like our annual Pig Roast or Harvest Festival. And, of course, we will continue to meet on Sundays to celebrate the Eucharist, as well as our doors being open to celebrate the other sacraments of Baptism, Marriage, and Christian Burial at various times this summer.

So, this summer, consider how you might serve the Church while "the living is easy." And remember, service includes prayer for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

*Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on
the grass on a summer day listening to the
murmur of water, or watching the clouds
float across the sky, is hardly a waste of
time.*

John Lubbock

*Shalom,
Pat & Chris*

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL/YARD
SALE FINANCIAL REPORT**

After all receipts and bills have been tallied, the following are the final figures:

<u>Table</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Profit</u>
Grandma's Attic	\$961.35	—	\$961.35
Grandpa's Attic	\$496.45	—	\$496.45
Baked Goods	\$683.75	—	\$683.75
Food/Lunch	\$396.50	—	\$396.50
Lemonade	\$23.75	—	\$23.75
Plants	\$858.00	—	\$858.00
Strawberries	\$800.50	\$487.18	\$313.32
Jam	\$1874.10	\$291.79	\$1582.31
Total	\$6094.40	\$784.32	\$5310.08

*Art & Joan Strassle
Event Treasurers*

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE
GRANDMA'S ATTIC VOLUNTEERS!**

This year I just wanted everyone to know what a GREAT time everyone at Grandma's Attic had. The sense of togetherness, the laughs and jokes, and yes, even the sweat – made it once again a wonderful time had by all! As many who have been around or who have heard, I do believe there is a bottle of water that is due (if you are not sure, just ask Kurt about it).

Usually it is noted somewhere that I was the chair for this area; I just wanted everyone to know that this is not the case. Grandma's Attic would not have been possible without everyone's assistance, and I mean EVERYONE'S – the help of Laurie Mannix (which I must say goes way above and beyond), Linda Misa, Arlyne Gureck, Louise Harders, Barbara Bastin, Joan Mercep, Polly Neyssen, Donna Austin, Carol Perkins, Alexa Cahill, Marge Cobb - our Eveready

Cashier, and Pat Kregler with crafts. It was a team effort, and the effort is just what made it the success that it was! Year after year everyone pulls together and makes it what it is. So, I just wanted to be the one to THANK EVERYONE!!!

The set up crew was wonderful...many, many laughs happened during that time and the clean up went faster than any other year...THAT WAS WONDERFUL!!!

As always, I do need to thank Tom, Thomas, Michael, and Joseph for their help (I know getting up isn't easy), the quick dinners you had, and the waiting you did to be picked up – shockingly, you all survived. THANK YOU, I love you so much!

Also, thank you to everyone who donated their treasures, because without your donations we would not be able to have Grandma's Attic! It IS a lot of work and it takes a lot of time, but the volunteers are always there, and for many years it has been a joyful way for us to participate in the life of our parish.

Thank you again,
Debbie LaMano

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The numbers are in and we cleared more than \$5300. Not as much as last year, but respectable none the less. We had a wonderful turnout of volunteers and I thank you all for your support. Special thanks to all the individual chairpersons:

- Grandma's Attic - Debbie LaMano
- Grandpa's Attic - Kurt Rettig
- Jams & Jellies - Nancy Rasmussen
- Strawberry Treats - Pat Pawelko
- Plants - Peter Plaschka, Tony DeVito & Claude Deal

Baked Goods - Karen Douglass & Wylie
Hunt

Food - Art Gureck & Ernie Harders

Golf balls - Mike Neysen

Treasurers - Art & Joan Strassle

Also, many thanks to Laurie for her inclusion of timely announcements and general coordination, and to Karen Douglass and her committee for enlisting volunteers for a record-breaking set-up and clean-up.

- *Jeff Smith*
Festival Chair

DO YOU HAVE THE GIFT OF A GREEN THUMB?

The gardens around the church could use some love and care. If your special gift is working with plants, consider spending some time with a family member or church friend and adopt one of the garden areas. This can be done at your convenience.

ST. JAMES FEAST DAY Potluck Picnic Sunday, July 25, 2010 Following the 9:30 a.m. service

Come celebrate St. James!

Bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the wonderful summer weather and join us for fellowship, food, and fun.

Watch for a sign-up sheet in the narthex and Mills Hall. Hope to see everyone there!

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NEWS FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

The future of the Guild will be in excellent hands! Colette Tarantino will be taking over as the Altar Guild Directress. Change is good; and with our change, Colette will put her own spin on our ministry and stewardship at St. James. Colette has been a faithful member of the Guild for many years, and in addition to her dedicated service in the past, she is known as the "stain maven." As you all know, the Altar Guild takes care of all our sacrament linens, including the Fair Linen which adorns our altar, and all the service linens. Occasionally, we have had serious wine spills on the Fair Linen, and at a cost of about \$300, we have to be fastidious about removing the stains; Colette is our person! In addition, she is very organized, kind and caring, and dedicated to the work of the Altar Guild and our parish. We work diligently and prayerfully to create the atmosphere which welcomes you, the people of God, for our liturgy. We launder linens, polish silver, make sure the correct liturgical color is expressed in the hangings, and prepare the bread and wine. We embrace the spirituality of our work! The following is one of the prayers we use when we all gather together to ready the nave and the chancel for one of our high holy days:

"Bless us, O Lord God, in our work and in our worship.

Grant that the colors and metals may remind us of the beauty of our creation;

That the warmth and light of the candles may speak to us of the warmth of your love and brightness of the Gospel message;

And the devotion and zeal of each Altar Guild member may reflect that dedication which befits our high calling. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen."

- *Ann Tebbutt*
Retiring Altar Guild Directress

OUTREACH

The Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry is calling St. James parishioners to serve in August. Please sign up in Mills Hall to help from 9 a.m. - noon on a weekday. Three volunteers each day would be helpful. If you have never served before, sign up with someone who has. Our wardens strongly encourage our various ministries and committees to participate. It is an excellent opportunity for your group to **retreat** and enjoy some **fellowship** while **servicing** our greater community.

The pantry currently needs juice, pork and beans, meat meals, regular soups, peanut butter and jelly. Please check the cart in the Christian Ed. building and transport some of the food when you are headed toward Smithtown.

An Outreach meeting was held on June 20 to decide how to allocate the \$2,000 in St. James Church's budget for outreach. These meetings are open to all. The group voted to send:

- \$1,500 to Protestant Campus Ministry
- \$250 to Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk
- \$250 to Bread for the World

Thank you to all who volunteered at the Strawberry Festival and Yard Sale. Some of those profits go into this outreach budget. At the meeting, Ken LeCluse reported Habitat has built 145 houses in Suffolk County to date, and we are looking for another workday to help out.

Bread for the World will benefit from over 232 letters sent to St. James parishioners' legislators. Thank you to all who took the time to sign the letters.

A Litany for the Gulf Oil Spill was said at church on June 27. Episcopal Relief and Development is supporting the emergency response there. If you would like to assist people affected by this crisis, checks with

"Gulf Coast Crisis" on the memo line may be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development
P.O. Box 7058
Merrifield VA 22116-7058

Backpacks for Habitat from St. James parishioners will help about 21 Habitat homeowners' children start the next school year off right. (Last year we helped 12 children). Thank you to all who contributed your time and your money to this project. I can just see the smiles on their faces when the children are given the packs at the annual Habitat picnic later this summer. And thank you to Ken LeCluse for delivering our gift to the Habitat office.

- Sue Krall
Outreach Chair

THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY SERVICE LEAGUE

The following letter of thanks was received for our "adoption" of a family in May.

Thank you for the recent donation of baby care items such as strollers, car seats, diapers, toys, and blankets collected by congregants under the direction of Sandra Tyler. This contribution will help support Family Service League's Young Family Program. The Young Family Program works with young parents to prepare them to properly care for their child and to provide a nurturing and loving home.

The Family Service League is a nationally accredited human services agency that has taken an active role in strengthening families and empowering the residents of Long Island for almost 85 years. We currently have 46 programs in 15 locations, including 5 Family Centers, designed to help children, families in crisis, senior citizens, people who are homeless, unemployed, or mentally ill.

Family Service League works to give them the resources they need in order to be self-reliant and productive members of our communities.

With the support of people like you, Family Service League will continue in its mission of ... *Restoring Hope. Rebuilding Lives.*

Sincerely,

Karen Boorshtein, LCSW
President & CEO

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS!

In May we did a survey of the gifts that God has given members of St. James. We were overwhelmed by the richness here in this parish, so we decided that, in the summer months, we'll celebrate particular gifts. In July, it's gardening. On July 11, after the 9:30 service (at coffee hour), parishioner Tony DeVito, a professional landscape contractor, will give a short talk about landscaping. On July 18, in the same time period, Katharine Griffiths of Avalon Park in Stony Brook will speak on native plants on Long Island.

In August, we'll celebrate musical gifts of parishioners. If you play an instrument, bring it along and we'll have a sing along after church.

LAND SALE UPDATE

The 4.4 acres of undeveloped land across the street from the church has been up for sale for the past 3 years. Since there has been no recent interest shown in this property, the Vestry voted to remove the property from active sale. The local real estate agents know that we are still interested in selling, but we will not advertise, and the "For Sale" sign has been removed.

- Pat Westlake

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

We're beginning a new, different style Bible study for summer. Join us to look at great men and women of the Bible: Eve, Tamar, Gideon, Rahab, Ruth, Samson, Joseph, and Mary.

We'll be meeting at the Rectory at 7:15 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, and the second and fourth Tuesdays (that's July 7, 13, 21, 27 and August 4, 10, 18 and 24). All welcome to come for one session or all of them.

STEWARDSHIP

On behalf of the entire parish family we would like to thank you for your continued financial support this year. Thanks to your diligent stewardship during these extraordinary times, we hope to meet our budgeted expenses this year. More importantly, as a result of your support we have been able to make the most of our ministries here at St. James.

Please be reminded that while the summer is a time when we often find ourselves away from home, your pledged support is still needed. Your attention to keeping your pledge up to date is appreciated.

Peace be with you.

*The Stewardship Committee at St. James
Chris Mauro, Chair; Jack Schultheis,
Ron Tebbutt, Raewynne Whiteley, Rector*

**"NO ONE STANDS SO TALL, AS
WHEN THEY STOOP
TO HELP A CHILD"**

The St. James Sunday school will be holding a half day afternoon retreat at Little Portion Friary on Saturday Aug. 28th. All are invited to join our returning teachers as we explore the possibilities and prepare for the coming school year. We are looking for individuals and couples to assist our teachers on an occasional basis in our classrooms. We know that your participation will not only enrich the lives of our children, but that of the entire parish family. If you have ever considered reading a story to our pre-K class, or would like to help our elementary school kids with a craft please join us. For more information please contact Kathy Sides, Karen Noack, or Chris Mauro.

**MARK THIS DATE
ON YOUR FALL CALENDAR!**

The St. James family will celebrate the love and commitment of:
Bill & Maria Bataller
Bill & Amelia Bowden
Tony & Barbara Bastin
Ron & June Davies
Art & Arlyne Gureck
Ernie & Louise Harders
Hank & Eileen Hull
Walt & Pat Kregler
Charlie & Marge Kreussling
Ken & Ruth LeCluse
Bob & Lil Moleti
Mike & Polly Neyssen
Chris & Anita Sequino
Harry & Betty Toop

Sharing more than half a century
of married life.

Sunday, September 26, 2010
9:30 a.m. service 11:00 a.m. brunch

LOOKING AHEAD

The Harvest Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 16th, 2010. The Jewelry Table is already looking for donations! If you have jewelry that you no longer wear, we can find it a good home. Please give your donations to Kathy Mauro any time before the big day.

NEWS OF THE PARISH FAMILY

Jerilyn Glogg is delighted to announce the engagement of her daughter, Lorelei, to James Allen. Lorelei and Jimmy knew each other from their years in school. He is an accountant for the Town of Hempstead, and lives in Mineola. No date for the wedding has been set, as yet. Congratulations and much happiness to the happy couple!!!

On Saturday, June 19, the Cathedral of the Incarnation was the scene for the Confirmation of eight of our parishioners: Abby Coleman, Melanie Cozzolino, Catie Douglass, Alex Euler, Thomas LaMano, Paige Lawrence, Lauren Tarantino, and Ryan White. It was a beautiful service that was well-attended. Congratulations to all.

**NOTICE OF SCHOLARSHIP
AVAILABILITY**

The Marcia A. Morrison Future Leader's Academic Scholarship is for young female students. Applicants must be a female student with an intended major in any discipline of Engineering or Business. She must be accepted at a college or university at the time of application and be enrolled by the application deadline of August 5, 2010. For more information, visit the website at www.morrisonministries.com.

SEE A SHOW AND HELP SUPPORT SVEN

Sven Ritter is a four year old diagnosed with leukemia, who is to undergo 3½ years of chemotherapy. His grandmother is a parishioner at St. John's Episcopal Church in Oakdale. They are asking for help with his medical expenses. You can help by purchasing tickets to a performance of *Footloose*, at the C.M. Performing Arts Center on Sunday, August 1, at 2 p.m. The cost is \$22.00 per ticket. All check donations should be made to St. John's Church, 1 Berard Blvd., Oakdale NY 11769, or call 244-3971 for tickets.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Rector and Wardens have announced summer office hours from July 4 through Labor Day. The office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The office will be closed on Fridays.

JULY CALENDAR

- 1 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
N.A. meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 2 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Toastmasters' Group 9:30 a.m.
- 4 Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
- 5 **Independence Day** celebrated
office closed
Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Knitting group 10:30 a.m.
Bible study 7:15 p.m. - Rectory
- 8 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
Buildings & Grounds 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Wiedersum memorial service
11 a.m.
- 11 Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.

- Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
- 12 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
Bible study 7:15 p.m. - Rectory
- 14 Knitting group 10:30 a.m.
- 15 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
N.A. meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
- 19 Finance Committee 7:30 p.m.
Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Knitting group 10:30 a.m.
Bible study 7:30 p.m. - Rectory
- 22 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
- 23 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Toastmasters' group 9:30 a.m.
- 25 Feast of St. James parish picnic
Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m. with
Baptism & picnic
- 26 Vestry meeting 7:30 p.m.
Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Parish trip to St. John the Divine
Bible study 7:15 p.m. - Rectory
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Knitting group 10:30 a.m.
- 29 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
- 30 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 31 Toastmasters' group 9:30 a.m.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Elizabeth DeFilippis
Abby Coleman
Carolyn Westhoff
Nancy Caponegro
Florence Donohue
Larry Wachter
Pat Kregler
Zachary Citron
Ken LeCluse
Jaclyn Brauer
Ariel Rung
Raewynne Whiteley

Barbara Bastin
Joan Bengtson
Carol Perkins
Deidre DeSimone
Jasmine Green
Douglas Rettig
Edie DeFilippis

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Les & Joan Bengtson
Werner & Patricia Brack
Steve & Dara Linthwaite
Todd & Jacqueline Wall
Donald & Karen Noack
Donald & Lisa Scott
Robert & Cynthia Bennett

AUGUST CALENDAR

- 1 Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
Parish Life Committee 11 a.m.
- 2 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Knitting group 10:30 a.m.
Bible study 7:15 p.m. - rectory
- 5 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
N.A. meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
- 9 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
Bible study 7:15 p.m. - rectory
- 11 Knitting group 10:30 a.m.
- 12 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
- 13 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
- 16 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Knitting group 10:30 a.m.
Bible study 7:15 p.m. - Rectory
- 19 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
N.A. meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.

- 21 Toastmasters' group 9:30 a.m.
- 22 Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
- 23 Vestry meeting 7:30 p.m.
Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
Bible study 7:15 p.m. - Rectory
- 25 Knitting group 10:30 a.m.
- 26 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
- 27 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Sunday school teachers' retreat
- 29 Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
- 30 Food Addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 31 Recovery group 7:30 p.m.

August is Food Pantry month!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jacqueline Wall
Sarah LeCluse
David Westlake
Doris Masters
Justin Plaschka
Rachel Linthwaite
Ron Tebbutt
Sarah Pryor
Nancy Rettig
James DeFilippis
Donna Guinaw
Lucas White
Ralph Martinsen
Robert Bennett
Debbie LaMano

