



# Open Doors

The Newsletter of St. James Episcopal Church

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FROM THE



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Yesterday, I had the privilege of worshipping with the people of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in upstate New York. St. Andrews is a large

Victorian church (physically twice the size of St. James) in a once wealthy area, now struggling. There's a restaurant across the road that turns over every couple of months – no one can quite make a go of it – and the storefront church down the street that looks like no one's been in it for a couple of months. Among the congregation yesterday were a young couple who work for a local drug store, a woman who teaches English to new immigrants and helps guide them through the complexities of life in America, a former academic who had a breakdown and now paints watercolor icons, an auto worker man who was just this week laid off, a couple of university professors, a homeless guy. It's a very different place from St. James.

I was there to preach at Evensong, the final preacher in a series that has run five years and included preachers from all over the world. The series is ending because the parish is in a time of transition. They can no longer afford to keep their building open. And so next month they'll have a work day to clean the building, then close it down for the winter.

They'll keep worshipping, but in a small rented space where they don't need to heat the rafters or plow the parking lot.

After Evensong, we all went downstairs for a reception and silent auction. They've cleaned out their basements and closets, wiped off the cobwebs, and are selling off the things they don't need – three thuribles (the things we put incense in), a chalice, some icons, half a dozen chasubles, some copes, a small processional cross. All part of their history, but they don't need them as much as they need to pay their bills.

It's been a difficult process. It's difficult to let go of their history, and of the things that make that history tangible. But they're slowly coming to a new understanding of themselves, and a new vision of their life together. They're coming to know what is really important to them, and what God calls them to be: a witness in a down and out part of town, a family that loves one another, even the most broken among them, and loves worshipping God passionately.

We might be having budget issues at St. James, but we're nowhere near where St. Andrews is. For a start, our buildings are in better shape, we're in a safe neighborhood, and we have personal resources most of their members couldn't imagine. But I think we can learn from St. Andrews. They have asked

questions that we all need to ask – and keep asking – as we grow and adapt to life in the twenty-first century. Who are we at St. James? Why are we here? What is really important to us? Where is God calling us? And what are we willing to do, even to give up, to follow where God leads us?

As we continue to explore these things, I invite you to pray, for us as the community of faith at St. James, and for St. Andrews, as they embark on a new and uncertain journey, but a journey in which they know they have the company of Christ.

- Raewynne

### **GET YOUR *OPEN DOORS* ONLINE!**

Beginning with this issue, we will be emailing a link to the online copy of *Open Doors* to those parishioners whose email address is in our files - you can read it online or print out a hard copy!. This will result in significant savings in both postage and office time (it takes much longer than you would expect to print, collate, address, and mail 130 copies each month). If we do not have your email, please send it to us at [stjamesc@optonline.net](mailto:stjamesc@optonline.net).



### **A WORD FROM THE WARDENS**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to work at our booth on St. James Day. It was overcast and very muggy, but still the streets were crowded and it was good for us to be a part of it.

The Pig Roast was a lot of fun and the food was the best ever. Thanks go to all who assisted with the set up, cooking, serving, and clean up – especially our head chef, Art Gureck, and our head shopper, Arlyne Gureck.

The Harvest Festival is quickly approaching and we ask that you get involved. If you can be with us on October 18<sup>th</sup> ~ GREAT! If you are unable to be there on that day there are still many ways to get involved beforehand. Bake, price, donate, help get prizes for the raffle, create a raffle basket, sell raffle tickets ....

We do not have a chairperson for Children's Activities for the Harvest Festival, so unless someone steps forward there will be none. That means no pumpkin decorating, no face painting, no games.

As always, we need many strong people for set up the morning of the Festival, and at the end of the day to put everything away. Please contact us or Ron Tebbutt if you can help.

At the September Vestry meeting we continued our study of Philippians. Raewynne also led us in a discussion involving parish history, relationships, and community. At each meeting the Committee chairs make either a written or verbal report. These reports are included in the Vestry minutes, which can be accessed in the binder outside the Rector's office.

We are very concerned about the deficit, and we will continue to explore options. Please speak with us about your concerns and/or ideas. We all need to work together.

The Vestry held a special meeting on Saturday, September 27, to discuss the sale of 493 North Country Road (the small house across the street from the church). There have been many difficulties with this sale (as we have reported in past articles). We are continuing to try and bring this to closure.

*- Pat and Jeff*

### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE OCTOBER 5**

St. James annual Blessing of the Animals service will be held on Sunday, October 5 at 10 A.M. All animals are welcome, but must be caged or leashed. Each pet will receive an individual blessing from the Rector.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL NEWS**

Our Harvest Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. All parishioners are encouraged to participate, sharing their time and talent to make this a successful fundraising event. There are many opportunities for each of you to become involved. Please volunteer to help, or say yes when asked to contribute in some way.

**Bakery Table** - Make simple home-baked breads, cakes, pies, brownies, cupcakes, muffins and cookies. Donations may be brought to the table early on the morning of the festival. Ann Tebbutt (751-7408) is

heading this table.

**Book Nook** - donations of gently used books (no encyclopedias, condensed books, or magazines, please) are needed. We ask that you check your books and donate only those in good condition. Books must be delivered by Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, so they can be sorted and priced. Donations may be placed in the lobby of the Christian Education building. Contact Stephanie Coleman (689-0663) or Donna Austin (499-6050).

**Bottle Table** - Donations of bottles of any size, filled with items valued from one to ten dollars are needed. Be creative and fill a bottle yourself, or donate one already filled (such as wine, salad dressing, bath salts, etc.). Give your bottles to Les and Joan Bengtson (656-5850).

**Craft Table** - Donations of any kind of new craft or needlework is being sought for this table. Since it will be fall, perhaps mittens or hats for kids would be appropriate. Fancy socks seem to be all the rage. If anyone is "into" jewelry making, some interesting pieces would sell. A few of us are making tote bags to encourage the use of reusable packaging. Fall and winter decorative items are always welcome. Pat Kregler is available to answer your questions. Call her at 863-1113.

**Gold Elephant** - Good quality gift and decorative items, and gently used "treasures" are needed for this table. Contact Sue Krall (862-6563) or Joan Mercep (724-4457).

**Jam Table** - Jam making sessions have been going on since August, but your help is always welcome at any time. Please join us at any of the sessions listed on the monthly calendar. If you cannot participate, but would like to help, we can always use donations of new 8 oz. or

12 oz. canning jars, or \$10 to purchase a case of jars. Call "Jam Queen" Nancy Rasmussen (724-2083) for more information.

**Jewelry** - Your no longer worn jewelry can find a home with someone who will love it! Donations of jewelry in good condition are needed for sale. Give your donations to Polly Neysen (751-8451) or bring it to the office by Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Raffle** - The Dexter family has generously donated our Grand Prize: a two-night stay at their bed and breakfast, the Henry Farm Inn in Chester, VT in memory of their beloved mother, Kathleen. We are looking for additional prizes to entice ticket purchases. If you can secure gift certificates from local restaurants or merchants, or other suitable gifts, contact Debbie LaMano (584-3545) or Jack Schultheis (689-9467).

Our gift basket raffle also creates interest among fair goers. We have many baskets to be filled! They will be available during coffee hour, or at the office during the week. Pick a theme, and fill a basket with new items. Wrap the basket in cellophane and bring it to the church office. Contact Laurie Mannix at (584-5560).

**Silent Auction** - Donations of big ticket items such as wooden furniture, exercise equipment, and up-to-date electronic equipment are being sought for this new addition to the Festival. Contact Debbie LaMano (584-3545) before making your donation.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE BOOK NOOK**

Once again this year, the Book Nook will be open on two days: Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 A.M. until 4 P.M. on both days. Volunteers are needed to keep the books in good order and to assist customers during those times. If you are able to help for a few hours either day, please contact Donna Austin (499-6050) or Stephanie Coleman (689-0663).

Additionally, help is needed to move the books from the Education building to Mills Hall on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6 P.M. NO STAIRS this year, as the books are being kept in an upper floor room of the Education building. Just hand trucks or dollies will get the books up and down the ramps on each building.

On Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 9 P.M. each evening, volunteers are also needed to arrange the books on tables and get the hall in good shape for the beginning of the sale on Friday morning. PLEASE contact either Donna or Stephanie if you can help with any of these tasks. Response to our requests for help has been poor this year, and there is much work to be done. Last year the Book Nook was a great financial success—but it takes many helping hands for it to run smoothly.

*- Donna Austin*

**THE TIME IS NOW  
2008 Budget Deficit**

As discussed at the mid-year parish meeting, the Finance and Stewardship committees have met and estimated the 2008 budget deficit. Three deficit areas were identified:

\*Income from donations other than pledges, current year: \$13,150 deficit.

\*Facilities income (other than 493 N. Country Rd.): \$3,297 deficit.

\*Fuel oil costs: \$3,890 over budget.

These three items result in a total estimated deficit of \$20,337 for 2008. The plan of action will be a parish-wide appeal for a one-time donation to close the deficit. The average per family amount to overcome this deficit comes out to \$250.

We call upon those who can give more to do so, because due to the current state of the economy, many households in our parish family will not be able to donate at this level.

**The need is real, and the time to act is now!** With your help, we can continue to build "His Kingdom here on earth."

If you have any questions, please speak with a member of the Finance or Stewardship committees, the Vestry, or our Wardens, Pat Westlake and Jeff Smith. Thank you and God bless us!

- Chris Mauro  
Chair, Stewardship Committee

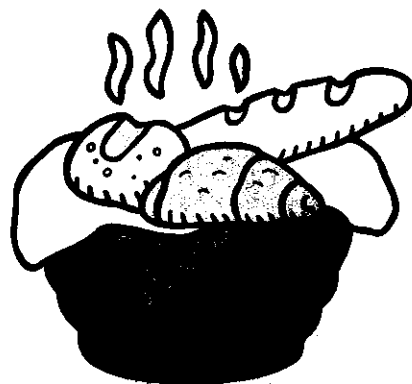
**BREAD FOR THE WORLD  
ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP DINNER  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>  
5:30 P.M. - MILLS HALL**

St. James will again host the BFW Annual Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner the day after the Harvest Festival. As hosts, we will be responsible for serving the meal and providing dessert and beverages. We are looking for volunteers to help serve and also for donations of dessert. Please contact Ann or Ron Tebbutt in church or by phone (751-7408) if you can help in any way.

This year's program will feature the Rev. Thomas Goodhue, Executive Director of the Long Island Council of Churches, who will speak on "Why are our neighbors hungry? What can we do about it?" Also, Derrick Boykin of Bread for the World will briefly speak on the 2009 offering of letters.

St. James is a proud covenant church for Bread for the World, and has hosted this dinner since its inception in 1993. Please lend a hand or provide a dessert and join us for an interesting evening.

- Ron Tebbutt  
St. James' BFW Representative



## **HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT THINGS ARE LOOKING BRIGHTER?**

At the request of the Vestry at the Annual Meeting this year, a Committee was formed to assess the condition of our stained glass windows, determine what work was necessary, solicit proposals for such work, and recommend a course of action to the Vestry. It was immediately apparent to the Committee that the protection for our windows was inadequate and its efforts and attention were concentrated on soliciting proposals for a safe and cost-effective solution to this problem. Some windows had no coverings and some had coverings that were actually harmful to the stained glass.

About 25 years ago, many of the windows were sealed behind unvented, 1/4" Lexan, the method and material of choice at the time. It has since been determined by the professionals that this Lexan installation is actually destructive to the stained glass, because these protective coverings were not vented. Consequently, significant heating occurred in the space between the window and the covering and caused excessive expansion of the lead comes, and damage to the Lexan itself. The lack of adequate ventilation trapped moisture from condensation and contributed to the deterioration of the stained glass and of the window frames and sills. It also caused the discoloration of the Lexan itself and this resulted in a loss of light penetration through the stained glass windows.

The Committee began its work by soliciting proposals from three stained glass studios for work each studio deemed necessary on each window to adequately protect without causing any damage. The range of prices obtained was between \$16,000.00 and \$21,000.00. Besides being prohibitively

expensive for us to undertake, much of what was recommended by these studios was more than what was needed to assure sufficient protection without any deterioration.

So, the attention of the Committee then turned to simple, cost-effective solutions, beginning with the removal of the existing window coverings. Six required removal by a professional glazier, and all of the others that needed to be removed were removed by the Window Committee members. With the completion of this step, further deterioration of the windows was halted and everything in the church looked brighter.

While the old coverings were off, each window was inspected for damage, repairs were made, and the frames were primed and painted with two coats of paint.

Committee members made new side framing pieces, which were cut, primed, painted, and installed on each window prior to the installation of new, vented, protective coverings. To date, 10 of the 19 windows that required new coverings have the new coverings installed. A few more work days and this phase of the work will be completed. Our treasured windows will all have coverings that provide excellent protection and air circulation, are securely in place yet easy to remove, and allow light to penetrate the beautiful stained glass pieces.

The estimated cost of this work and the materials involved was \$3,280.00. The Committee received a generous donation of \$1,000.00 towards this work and thus far has kept within their approved budget. The Vestry is kept updated with regular progress reports from the Window Committee.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the members of the Window Committee for all of their hard work

over the past seven months: Donna Austin - Chair, Tony Bastin, Bob Scott and Barbara LoPresto. Any one of them will be happy to answer any questions you might have about the work currently being done on the windows.

While this is all good news, it is only the first phase of the work needed. Restoration is required for a number of the windows and may include any or all of the following: cleaning, releading, resoldering, recementing, flattening of bulges, and repairing broken pieces of glass. Restoration work is very expensive. The Window Committee has received a pledge from one family to cover the cost of restoration for the James Clinch window – the window that is most in need of restoration.

A fund will be established to undertake the other restoration work and donations of any amount would be greatly appreciated.

*- Pat Westlake, Jeff Smith  
& the Vestry*

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The PR group has been busy – last week I dropped off the placemats for the Harvest Festival (500 pieces) at Country Kitchen. They give them out to every table (we used this option for the Strawberry Festival – Nancy Rasmussen advised it is available for free). Your business/ non profit agency drops off placemats advertising the business or special event, and they are put on the tables for customers to use. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Laurie for her Harvest Festival placemat creation.

As we are part of the Smithtown Food Pantry, I submitted a letter to the Smithtown News, which they printed with a few type changes. They did a good job, even including one of the pictures that were sent. I also submitted articles to a few of the other local papers, but am not sure if they were included or not. If you see articles in any papers, please let me know, as I do not get copies of every edition of local papers.

The Smithtown News “Focus on Religion” section has been updated with the new church schedule and Sunday School information.

Harvest Festival information was sent to Our Town paper, along with the new web site information and the change in our schedule, as they print a month in advance. The article looked GREAT! I hope you got to see it!

I know many of you get a copy of The Dominion, and have asked when St. James will be in it. Articles and pictures were sent from the Strawberry Festival as well as the Youth Car Wash, and they replied that they were not able to get them into the paper, but they put some pictures on the web site, [www.dioceselongisland.org](http://www.dioceselongisland.org), so keep an eye out for it, for things that have been submitted there. I also submitted information about “Look what we changed” - our new service times along with the time for Sunday School and Adult Christian Ed; “Look what we are about to do” - our annual Harvest Festival, but are not sure if they made the paper.

Worked with Edna Rousseau on St. James Day, trying to get families, children, and individuals to guarantee at least one hour of their time for that day to hand out flyers and sell raffles.

Harvest Festival information was submitted to News 12 “What’s Happening” section and is

posted on their web site, as well as on the news station commercials. It was also submitted to Craig's List and LI Business News. These are all on their web sites, along with a picture of the church. I also sent information to Newsday and also the New York Times, which will print if sent three weeks in advance. Also sent, was a picture of the church for the Harvest Festival. I would love to hear if anyone sees the information in those papers, as I do not get copies of them. I have prepared an article, same as above, for the local papers. This will be sent two weeks prior and the week of the Festival for print in those papers.

I know I love to see our church and the happenings in the local papers, with all our great families, but I would love to receive some pictures that YOU have taken at these affairs. So, if you can help me with some pictures – a few captions, maybe – that would be GREAT! If you have any time, and would like to assist any further, please let me know, I would love to hear from you!

- *Debbie LaMano*

### **SMITHTOWN FOOD PANTRY**

November is St. James' month to staff the Food Pantry. Please volunteer to help out at least one morning (9 - 12) during that month to serve the clients at the Pantry. A sign up sheet will be in Mills Hall during the month of October. The Pantry assisted 64 families in August, and the shelves are pretty empty. We need all the essentials, and volunteers to help out during November. Please sign up today!

- *Claudette Plaschka*

### **SMITHTOWN FOOD PANTRY**

As parents, we try to teach our children right from wrong; we try to give them everything we can – sometimes it isn't as much as we would like to, but we try. Maybe we want to give them things we did not have when we were growing up. We try to teach them that money isn't everything. We try to teach them to be happy with themselves as they are, not how others want them to be. We try to give them vacations throughout the school year – even just one during the summer, so they have something special to talk about when they go back to school, or to keep as a special childhood memory.

This year during the summer, as we do most summers, we took a caravan of motor homes on our vacation. This year we had three motor homes – not as many people, but still three motor homes. We went to Canandaigua NY, (near the Finger Lakes), Jamestown (need to see "I Love Lucy"), and Cooperstown (Baseball Hall of Fame). The kids, as well as the adults, loved it. We are also blessed to have access to a vacation home in Skytop PA; it is at an unbelievable resort. We to there in the summer several times, as well as in the winter. The kids rock climb, play paint ball, swim, bike ride, golf, tennis, hike, downhill ski, sled, cross country ski, among many other things.

Anyway, when my boys went to school, my son, Michael, had to talk about what they did over the summer, what was the most fun, what was the best time, what they were most proud of. Well, as from the above there is a list of things he could have chosen, so I thought. The thing was, he did not choose from that list. This was such a proud and unbelievable time as a mother for me! What I did not mention was that I took the boys, all three,



Thomas 14, Michael 12, and Joseph 11, to the Smithtown Food Pantry the week before school started. They needed help rearranging the shelves and bringing food from downstairs up on this narrow flight of stairs. It was hot, so we brought water. They stopped to rest, as the boxes were a little heavy at times. We were there for a few hours; not too long, but long enough to make an impression. My son told his teacher that the place he went with the most fun/had the best time/and was most proud of was to the Smithtown Food Pantry. A place he was able to help people who needed help. It was not a place where he needed to be entertained, a place he needed a computer, a place with anything special. It is a place where he was able to help someone else. As a parent, I do not really know the words that can describe what a great and proud feeling this was.

While we were there, a woman with two small children, aged about 4 and 5, came in. This was a family like any of us, except they needed assistance to put food on the table. I am so glad that I took my boys there. My boys realized that there are people just like us who do need help, our help. It put many things in perspective for them, and for me, and I did realize it immediately. Those little boys did not care what type of food it was, what flavor it was; it did not make a difference. They were getting food that no one had to worry about, because the Smithtown Food Pantry was there for them.

You may not always be able to buy an entire extra bag of groceries, but even if it is just a few items that you can drop off, that is one more item that could help another family.

I am going to take the boys there again to the Food Pantry. I believe it will help them keep things in perspective. Not everyone has

everything that they need. If we can help to provide food, or help at a place that can provide food, then please volunteer there. Many people think food on the table is so automatic, yet for some, it is not!

We may not always have what "WE" want, but WE do have what WE "need". Let's make that possible for another family. Your help and kindness is always appreciated.

May God Bless,  
- *Debbie LaMano*

*Donations of non-perishable food for the Food Pantry can be left in the shopping cart in the hallway of the Christian Education building, or brought directly to the Pantry at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church in Smithtown.*

### **ALL SAINTS' DAY PARISH POTLUCK DINNER**

Attention saints of St. James! Please join your fellow parishioner saints on Saturday evening, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 P.M. for a celebration of one of our important church holy days. It would be fun if each one of you would come dressed as a favorite "saint" and perhaps share a story about the saint you have chosen. Take a look at hymn #293 to come up with ideas for saints other than the usual Biblical saints.

There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex each Sunday on which you can also list the type of dish(es) you will prepare and share with us. You may also call the office to have your name added to the list. Any questions, contact Theresa Euler (941-1157), Arlyne Gureck (751-2614), Kelly Lally (584-3205) or Ruth LeCluse (588-1176).

- *Ruth LeCluse*

## **GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER**

*(A new column that will let us learn about the people with whom we worship)*

Most people who attend the 10 A.M. service know Fjeril Deal, our greeter extraordinaire. Her husband, Claude, does a mighty amount of work in the Biblical Garden, and can be found working at the Plant Table at our Festivals.

Fjeril was born in Chicago, grew up in Larchmont, and went to Mamaroneck High School. She then attended Endicott Junior College in Beverly, Massachusetts, and went on to Boston University, graduating with a teaching degree. Fjeril taught kindergarten in Massachusetts for two years.

Claude was born in Paris, France, and came to the United States in 1947 at the age of 9. He lived in Queens and went to Brooklyn Technical High School. He attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, receiving his Bachelors and Masters degrees in Electrical Engineering.

Claude and Fjeril met her senior year in college when her friend, Lois' (who lived on her floor in the dorm) brother broke up with his girlfriend. He, Claude, and two other fellows took Fjeril and Lois bowling. Fjeril was not exactly a star bowler, with most of the balls going into the gutter. Her top score that night was 44, but still Claude called her and asked her out to a Boston Pops concert.

Claude and Fjeril were married at St. John's Episcopal Church in Larchmont in 1963. They moved to Long Island where Fjeril taught school in Oyster Bay and Claude worked at Hazeltine. Two years later, Claude took a job at Grumman and worked there for the next 40 years.

Their oldest son, Robert, was born in 1965. In June of 1966 the family of three moved into their home in Hauppauge. Robert was eight months old and Claude watched him while Fjeril went to church. As soon as Robert gave up his morning nap, Fjeril took him to the baby group at church. Their daughter, Barbara, was born in 1967, and their son, Richard, was born in 1971. All three children were Baptized, went to Sunday School, and were Confirmed at St. James. For a number of years, Fjeril was a Sunday School teacher.

Today, Robert is a CPA and lives in Albany. Barbara works for Nassau BOCES in Hicksville and lives at Nob Hill Condominium. Richard is a geography professor at Edinboro State University in Edinboro, PA.

For their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Claude and Fjeril went to Hawaii and visited four islands. After Claude retired they traveled to the Grand Canyon, meeting up with a group from M.I.T. They also visited the Sedona area, Hoover Dam, Las Vegas, Bryce and Zion Canyons, Mount Rushmore, and the Gateway Arch in St. Louis. In total they drove 7,000 miles in one month. This past April they had a wonderful trip to Prague, where they stayed for nearly a month.

Claude is a bridge player, and plays once a week. He does a lot of gardening at their home, growing flowers and bushes, but there is too much shade to attempt a vegetable garden. He is one of the few people in the neighborhood who mows his own lawn and trims the bushes. Fjeril proudly states that she thinks their lawn looks better than the lawns taken care of by a service. Fjeril likes to swim and enjoys doing crafts at the Homemakers in the Hauppauge Day Unit. She enjoys being a greeter and has brought many people over to

coffee hour after church. Fjeril also makes arrangements for the Lunch Bunch which meets the last Tuesday of every month. She welcomes everyone to join in.

About thirty years ago Claude bought boxwood at one of our June Festivals. A parishioner (Fjeril thinks his name was Mr. McKinley) used to grow them. There are still many boxwood plants in Fjeril's and Claude's yard. Nancy Rasmussen noticed that Claude was rooting the boxwood and was donating many plants to our fairs. She asked if he could grow some boxwood to be put around the four flower beds in the Biblical Garden. It took about four years to complete the beds. Today they not only continue to look after the boxwood, but they take care of the beds, prune overgrown plants, and weed. Take a walk out to the Biblical Garden to enjoy the surroundings. You will be surprised how many times you will find Claude and Fjeril out there.

- Pat Westlake

*How about someone volunteering to interview a member of the parish that they would like to learn more about? Write up a short (ed. note: short!) article for next month's Open Doors. Let me know. It will be fun to have an article every month.*



## CEMETERY NEWS

This past week we have completed the fence project along the eastern portion of our churchyard behind the parish house and Mills Hall, and continuing down beyond the cutting garden. While we have experienced only a limited amount of disturbances, problems, or vandalism in our cemetery, there has been continuing evidence of "partying" along the eastern side of our property. I have mentioned before that this partying also appeared last spring in the maintenance area beyond the new cemetery. This has also been eliminated through contact with the high school principal, and discussions with neighborhood teenagers. We hope the new fence will also deter people cutting through our church property.

Look for a clean-up date and brief cemetery meeting later this month.

- Ken LeCluse

## CROP HUNGER WALK Sunday, October 19

CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) advocates local solutions to local problems and empowers those in need. The Town of Brookhaven will hold a walk on October 19 at the Mt. Sinai Heritage Park on Rte. 25A in Mt. Sinai. Registration starts at 1 P.M.; the walk starts at 2 P.M. Of all the funds raised, 25% will go to alleviate hunger in the Town of Brookhaven. For more information, call Kathy Lahey at 473-1582 or 255-3144; or go to [www.churchworldservice.org/CROP/](http://www.churchworldservice.org/CROP/).

- Sue Krall  
Chair, Outreach Comm.

## LI LUTHERAN-ANGLICAN-ROMAN CATHOLIC DIALOGUE

Every other year, the Long Island Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue has held a major gathering of pastoral leaders to celebrate and renew the bonds that link our three communions, and to look ahead in faith to the work that still needs to be done to bring us into closer communion with one another.

Clergy, pastoral leaders and parish members are invited to gather with three bishops for an afternoon of fellowship, discussion, and prayer to reflect on the state of Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic dialogue. This will be held on Wednesday, November 5, from 12 Noon to 4 P.M. at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church in Dix Hills. The program will feature lunch and a panel discussion followed by responses by Bishop William Murphy of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, Bishop Robert Rimbo of the Metropolitan Synod of the Evangelical Church in America, and Bishop Orris Walker of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. A service of Evening Prayer will conclude the event.

Register by November 1 at (516) 732-0045 or [saintignatiusmar@yahoo.com](mailto:saintignatiusmar@yahoo.com). The \$20 cost to cover lunch and administrative expenses is due at the door.

## NEWS OF THE PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into the extended parish family Elaina Payton Wall, daughter of Jacquelyn and Todd Wall and granddaughter of Diane and Kurt Rettig, who was born on September 8. Elaina will be Baptized at St. James on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our congratulations and best wishes to the happy family!

Congratulations to Kelly Warren and Sean Mullady, who were married at St. James Church on Saturday, September 27. We wish them many years of love and happiness. In addition, Kelly successfully defended her Ph. D. thesis at SUNY Stony Brook. Her work focused on Rhatt syndrome, a neurological disorder. Great work, Kelly!

We were saddened to hear of the passing on September 22<sup>nd</sup> of Carl Fritz, a former parishioner. Our condolences and prayers go out to his wife, Chris, and family. Messages of sympathy may be sent to them at 5 Lantern Circle, Columbus NJ 08022.



## OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 2 Bible study 10 A.M.  
Jam making 4:30 P.M.  
Yoga class 5:30 P.M.  
Choir rehearsal 8 P.M.
- 4 Bishop/Kicinski wedding  
3 P.M.
- 5 **Blessing of the Animals**  
10 A.M.
- 6 Stewardship Committee 7:30  
P.M. - Webster room
- 7 Yoga class 5 P.M.  
Recovery group 7:30 P.M.
- 9 Bible study 10 A.M.  
Jam making 4:30 P.M.  
Yoga class 5:30 P.M.  
Choir rehearsal 8 P.M.
- 13 **Columbus Day** - office closed
- 14 Protestant Campus Ministry  
Board meeting 12:30 P.M.  
Yoga class 5 P.M.  
Finance Committee 7:30 P.M.  
Recovery group 7:30 P.M.
- 16 Bible study 10 A.M.  
Jam making 4:30 P.M.  
Yoga class 5:30 P.M.  
Choir rehearsal 8 P.M.
- 18 **Harvest Festival**
- 19 Bread for the World dinner  
& meeting 5:30 P.M.
- 20 Vestry meeting 7:30 P.M.
- 21 Yoga class 5 P.M.  
Recovery group 7:30 P.M.
- 23 Bible study 10 A.M.  
Yoga class 5:30 P.M.  
Choir rehearsal 8 P.M.
- 26 **Commitment Sunday**
- 28 Yoga class 5 P.M.  
Recovery group 7:30 P.M.
- 30 Bible study 10 A.M.  
Yoga class 5:30 P.M.  
Choir rehearsal 8 P.M.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Art Gureck  
Jean Fitzhenry  
Theresa Euler  
Cynthia Bennett  
Jean Matheson  
Anna Rung  
Leslie Price  
Sue Krall  
Sean Glogg  
Alexandra Euler  
Werner Brack  
Thomas LaMano, Jr.  
Ian Van Praagh  
Emily Mauro  
Ryan Grigoletto  
Kurt Rettig  
Paul Cozzolino  
Tony Mercep  
Alex Moleti

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Donna Guinaw  
Bill & Amelia Bowden

