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# THE LION'S ROAR

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## Welcome Back

With the lazy days of summer behind us, we begin an action-packed autumn over the next two Sundays.

On September 9, join us in Morrill Hall at 9:00 a.m. for a welcome-back forum to share progress on our search process, campus development and autumn ministries. Our nursery opens, we register children for church school, and Godly Play grades gather. Our adult choir returns, and we open the Lion's Den bookstore. Perhaps most poignantly, we celebrate the Rev. Vicki Davis' ministry and bid her Godspeed as she begins a transitional sabbatical. Bring your favorite side dish to share at the Holy Smoker barbecue in Mother Davis' honor, held outdoors after 10:00 a.m. worship.

On September 16, we settle into the full rhythm of church school and children's worship, adult education, coffee hour, 6:00 p.m. Taize Eucharist and EYC led by the Rev. Carol Hoidra. Also, we welcome the Rev. Anne Richards as preacher and teacher. Anne will be with us on Sunday mornings for the duration of our interim period.

I especially invite your participation in three adult formation classes to help us build community and grow in faith. On Sundays at 9:00 a.m. beginning September 16, Anne Richards leads an 11-week class, **Toward God: A Class on Prayer**, to help us connect with God and use prayer as a prism for our entire life. Also at 9:00, I lead a 7-week discussion on the **Theology of Christian Mission and Outreach**, exploring the moral underpinnings of our individual and common discipleship in the world. On Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m., Carol Hoidra and I co-teach a 15-week class on **Paul's Letter to the Galatians**, including a careful reading of the epistle's six riveting chapters. By design, our adult classes seek a happy mix of experience in the Christian faith, so first-time participants are especially welcome.

Let me end by thanking our new church growth committee that has been meeting weekly over the summer to help enrich our parish life while extending a hand to newcomers in our midst. Read about their work and the other activities that make St. Mark's so special.

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See you on Sunday,  
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## Search Committee Report

*Fall 2007*

All members of St. Mark's Parish Search Committee remained hard at work over the summer months. At present, the committee is considering a slate of six candidates having worked through a prayerful and thoughtful process that began in June with a list of some twenty-five aspirants who responded to St. Mark's "call".

The committee gathered considerable information on each candidate, held telephone conference calls with them, and gradually reduced the number of individuals to the current half-dozen. During late July and August, all the remaining candidates visited St. Mark's campus and toured New Canaan, meeting at length face-to-face with search committee members.

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*My Friends,*

*Good-bye and thank-you – those are the two hyphenated words that define what this piece of writing is to be, and both are so small and inadequate at this juncture. These last several months have been very full, with the awareness that my days here were winding down.*

*On September 9<sup>th</sup>, I will preach for the last time, and we will celebrate the six plus years of ministry we have lived together. Remembering so much, from my first sermon, as a newly-ordained transitional deacon, delivered on July 8, 2001 – about not carrying a purse, as the Gospel commands! – to my ordination to the priesthood by Bishop Ramos on May 25, 2002, (the Feast of St. Bede the Venerable), to the months of services out in a revival tent on the Great Lawn, Children's Eucharists, not to mention the special occasions of baptisms, weddings, funerals, blessing of the animals on the Feast of St. Francis; and there are the hospital visits, services at Waveny, vestry meetings, community life, book group, classes, the women's luncheon, women's retreat, Camp Hand-in-Hand, Outreach, the Lion's Den Book and Gift Shop, travel to Taizé, spiritually walking with so many faithful folks.*

*This parish has formed me as a priest, and I take with me indelible memories of people and place and holiness and beauty, challenge and fortitude and courage and the abundance of God's grace in the face of adversity.*

*Thank you all for the care and love you have showered on me through these years, the patience, forbearance and forgiveness. It has been my great privilege to serve here. I pray, hope and trust that God has good things in store for St. Mark's and for me. Churches by design live on – you all are the church – and clergy will continue to come and go, for a time and a season, offering their particular gifts for ministry.*

*As I do not yet have a new call, I will be taking a "transitional sabbatical". I am enrolled in the Hesychia School for Spiritual Directors at the Redemptorist Renewal Center, located in the desert outside Tucson, Arizona – a four week residential program, two weeks in September and two weeks in November. I have some tentative travel plans in October, but will have to see if they fit with the rhythm and pace of my ongoing job search. When I know the details of my next call, I will make sure to pass them along in The Lion's Roar. I ask you to keep my journey in your prayers, as I will always keep St. Mark's in mine.*

*Using the Shakespeare quote on one of the ordination cards I received, which has sat on my book shelf for these six years: "I can no other answer make but thanks, and thanks and ever thanks."*

Faithfully,

Mother Davis+

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## **Search Committee Report** (continued from page 1)

We are pleased with the quality of those clergy who remain committed to our mutual "search journey". On Tuesday, September 11, the committee will meet to review this roster of candidates and plan for visits to them during the upcoming weeks; and the selection decisions that must follow.

As always, we are doing our best to strike the appropriate balance between moving forward quickly, and moving forward faithful to our responsibility of nominating for vestry selection the person who best meets the requirements and needs of St. Mark's Parish.

We look forward to continued dialogue with any and all interested parishioners.

Faithfully,

Brandon Sweitzer and Cynn timer Thunem,  
Search Committee Co-Chairs

## Church Growth & Communications Steering Committee

St. Mark's is an active group of parishioners where so many give their talent and time to make our church a spiritually nourishing place. However, not everyone is necessarily aware of the comprehensive ministries that exist here – that is the purpose of the Communications Steering Committee. Several parishioners, Jill Ernst, Sue Hudson, Gloria Major-Brown, Dave Muessel, Ann Rae, David Shea, Carlyn Tiefenthaler, Francie Thompson and Judy Webb have been meeting over the summer to determine how best to let people know what their church is doing and how newcomers and not so newcomers can get involved and feel welcome.

As we learned in the Roadmap discussions, fellowship in smaller groups is an important way to become connected in a Program Church. So when you are welcomed enthusiastically at the door on Sunday mornings, are helped to find your name tags, see the diverse and lengthy list of ministry opportunities posted, spot a display board with Coming Attractions, you will see the first actions of the group to make St. Mark's a warmer and welcoming place.

See what ministries interest you and talk to one of the steering committee members about how you can join in. There is much to be done starting this new program year, and we want to have things rolling along when the new rector arrives.



*Communications Steering Committee members, Francie Thompson, Jill Ernst, Judy Webb, Anne Rae and David Muessel tackling church growth issues over the summer.*

## St. Mark's Welcomes

**The Rev. Carol Hoidra,  
New Assistant to the Rector**

On September 1, 2007, The Rev. Carol Hoidra arrived at St. Mark's as the Assistant to the Rector for the program year. In



addition to preaching, celebrating the Eucharist, providing pastoral care, and officiating at baptisms, weddings, and funerals, Carol will lead the St. Mark's EYC program for high school youth, teach the eighth-grade confirmation class, coordinate the Sunday-evening Taizé Eucharists, and the annual high school youth trip to Taizé, France.

Mother Carol was ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Connecticut on January 20, 2007. She is a graduate of Yale Divinity School and holds a Diploma in Anglican Studies from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. A "second-career" priest, Carol was, for many years, involved in publishing and advertising in New York and London. She has served in senior staff positions and as an independent consultant with a client list that includes Newsweek, Times-Mirror Magazines, and Pfizer.

As a lifelong devotee of the opera and "early" music, theater, and the fine arts, Carol is very happy to be within easy commuting distance of New York City again. We welcome her to St. Mark's and New Canaan. Mother Carol may be called at 203.966.4515 or emailed at: [choidra@stmarksnewcanaan.org](mailto:choidra@stmarksnewcanaan.org).

**Taizé SERVICE RESUMES SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 16 AT 6 P.M.**

## **Autumn Adult Christian Education at a Glance**

*Sunday, September 9 at 9:00 a.m. in Morrill Hall*

### **Welcome Back Overview: How We Spent Our Summer and Hope to Spend Our Autumn**

David Rider, vestry representatives, and search committee leaders speak informally about ministry at St. Mark's over the summer and into autumn. Join us for Q&A as we kick off an important program year for St. Mark's.

*Sundays 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. beginning September 16*

### **Theology of Christian Mission and Outreach (David Rider, 3 weeks)**

In our Christian conversation, we often use words interchangeably like outreach, mission, community service, evangelism and charity. Are these words synonyms, or do they stem from different theologies of Christian service? Depending upon our assumptions, we can end with differing priorities for St. Mark's. In this discussion, David Rider and Outreach Commission members engage you in conversation about our parish's past and future vision for mission on and beyond our campus.

### **Toward God: A Class on Prayer (Anne Richards, 11 weeks)**

In this class, we explore the centrality of prayer in the Christian life. We will talk about what prayer is, how to deepen (or begin) one's prayer life, and various forms of prayer. We also will discuss practical topics related to prayer, such as how we imagine God, the effects of prayer on the rest of one's life, the place of the cross in prayer; meditation; sin and prayer, and the prayers of Jesus. The text for the class will be Michael Casey's *Toward God: The Ancient Wisdom of Western Prayer* (Liguori/Triumph, 1996, available in our bookstore after Labor Day).

*Wednesdays 10:00 – 11:15 a.m., beginning September 12*

### **Paul's Letter to the Galatians (David Rider and Carol Hoidra, 15 weeks)**

This Bible Study engages Paul's most polemic Epistle, one Martin Luther once said he loved more than his wife. The civilized Paul engages the barbarian Galatians who epitomized the outsiders of the biblical world as they washed their warrior hair in lime and screamed terrifying battle cries, dispatching the heads of their enemies. In the first verses, Paul invokes divine authority for his identity as he articulates a new teaching on justification by faith, a theme fatefully invoked again during the Protestant Reformation. Our class addresses Paul's overall theology (especially justification and grace) and shares our individual approaches to Scripture as we read the Epistle together.

## **Invitation to Confirmation:**

*7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-Grade Classes Begin*

*Wednesday, September 12, 7:30 PM*

The mature profession of faith is an important milestone on our Christian journey – but there's no law that requires confirmation preparation to be dull, rote or un-fun. On Wednesday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m., interested 7<sup>th</sup>-graders should meet with Nancy McSorley in the Undercroft; 8<sup>th</sup>-graders (and their parents) are requested to meet with the Rev. Carol Hoidra in the Education Center.

Please join us for this important first session to hear about our plans for a challenging, engaging and (we hope) occasionally amusing year-long exploration of our faith, ourselves, and our relationships with God and with each other.

Call Thea McGee in the church office to register (966-4515), or fill out the confirmation registration form on the St. Mark's web site ([www.stmarksnewcanaan.org](http://www.stmarksnewcanaan.org)) and mail or fax it (203-966-0439) to the church.

## Book Group Selections for October through January

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 12:30-2p.m.

Can you believe that Mother Davis' Book Group has read 41 books since its inception? Between *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver, our first book, and *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion, which we read last May, we have explored together some of the greatest books, both fiction and non-fiction, discovering along the way that all books raise issues of religion and faith in one way or another. It has been a great group that I have enjoyed immensely. I have learned so much from our lively conversations together whether we're discussing St. Augustine or Dante or Father Tim in Mitford.

I had agreed, in conversation with the core faithful group last spring, to suggest books to at least launch this new program year, which you could continue to meet and discuss. I would suggest at your first meeting to pick discussion leaders for the ensuing months – and you can all prepare as leaders for the first book! Here is my list of suggestions – I'm sorry I won't be there discussing them with you – but I assure you I will be reading them! Happy reading – keep growing and knowing! Mother Davis+

We return to meeting the second Tuesday of each month, 12:30-2:00 p.m., in the Education Center. Bring a bag lunch. Each month's reading selection is available in the Lion's Den Bookstore. Any questions, call the church office, 966.4515.

Here's the schedule, kicking off with a fiction selection:

Tuesday, October 9, 2007: *Little Dorrit* by Charles Dickens was published in monthly installments between 1855 and 1857. It contains numerous subtle criticisms of the government and society of Dickens' time: notably in the so-called "Circumlocution Office" that satirizes government bodies in the Victorian age whose officials did nothing, slowly, and are represented in the character of Barnacles. William Dorrit is a man who has been imprisoned in the Marshalsea prison for debtors for so long that he has gained the nickname 'The Father of Marshalsea'. His suffering and indignity in the prison is made less painful by the adoration of his youngest daughter, Amy (the "Little Dorrit" of the title), though less so by daughter Fanny and son Tip. The hero of the tale is Arthur Clenham, a middle-aged man for whom Little Dorrit feels a great passion that he does not immediately requite. The story follows their luck in receiving a fortune and becoming affluent and - with the clear exception of Little Dorrit - arrogant. It also shows how outside prison walls there can exist equally confining prisons of our own making, particularly due to aspiration.



Tuesday, November 13: *Faith and Politics: How the "Moral Values" Debate Divides America and How to Move Forward Together* by Senator John Danforth

Tuesday, December 11, 2007: *Shepherds Abiding: A Mitford Christmas Story* by Jan Karon

Tuesday, January 8, 2008: *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote . . . One School at a Time* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin



## Calling All Acolytes

(And Anyone Interested in Becoming One)

Members of the acolyte corps, as well as recent (and not-so-recent!) confirmands, are invited to meet with the Rev. Carol Hoidra from 4:30 to 5:30 PM on Sunday, September 16 for a training/refresher course in this important ministry at St. Mark's. Serving at and around the altar is a wonderful way in which we live into our faith and its historic but wonderfully vibrant worship traditions. (And there's nothing like proximity to The Holy Hot Spot!)

We will gather in the church beginning promptly at 4:30; please e-mail Mother Carol to let her know that you plan to attend ([choidra@stmarksnewcanaan.org](mailto:choidra@stmarksnewcanaan.org)), or, if you have questions, call her at 966-4515.

## First Taize Service and EYC Meeting of the New Program Year

Sunday, September 16, 6:00 PM

Our tradition of early-evening Taize Eucharists continues! Please join us in the chapel on Sunday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m. A special fall "welcome back" EYC meeting begins immediately in Morrill Hall after the service.



## SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



At St. Mark's we look at Christian Education as a lifetime journey. Our programs start from infancy and continue through adulthood. We work to bring you engaging and resourceful ways to develop a deeper understanding of our life with God. Our programs this year will examine our role at St. Mark's within the greater Episcopal Church.

Sunday School starts for the younger grades (3s-2nd grade) on **September 9** at 10:00 a.m. Older grades resume on the 16th. Please make note of your child's classroom on opening day - room assignments may change depending on class size. All classes will

join families in church for communion on the 9th.

### Room Assignments

Nursery Care: Nursery School Room C  
(Children under 3 years old)

3 Year Olds: Undercroft

4 Year Olds: Undercroft

Kindergarten: Undercroft

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Undercroft

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Nursery School Room E

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Education Center  
(former double classroom)

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Room I

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Blue Room (upstairs in Church House)

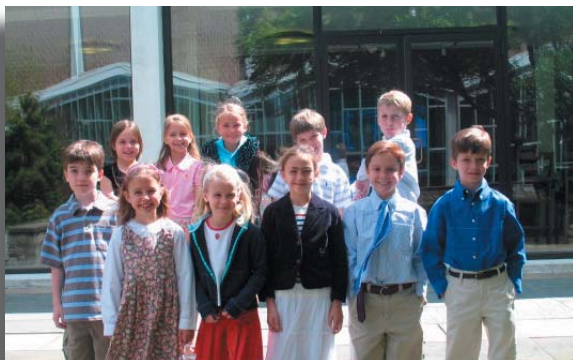
6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Conference Room (make left when entering Church House)



Pre-school through second grade, uses *Godly Play*, a Montessori based curriculum. This method teaches liturgical language and tradition through Bible stories and an opportunity to respond to the lesson. In addition, every Sunday, this group of children attend their own age appropriate Eucharist before their Church School lesson.

Third grade through sixth grade will be working with the *Episcopal Children's Curriculum* and augmented resources. Following their lesson, this age group joins their family in church for Communion. This year we have restructured the curriculum to offer a more thorough understanding of the Bible and the Episcopal Church. Each grade will also have an Outreach component as part of the curriculum.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – studies the Old Testament
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – studies the Life and Teachings of Jesus. At the end of the program year these youngsters are presented a Bible in church
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – studies the History and Formation of the Episcopal Church, Saints, Sacraments and conducts an outreach project
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – studies the Nicene Creed, the statement of belief for Christians and a comparative world religion study.



Teaching is a wonderful way to meet children and families at St. Mark's while learning more about our faith. We encourage the newly confirmed to the most seasoned parishioner to be a part of Church School. Even if you feel you are not well versed in your Bible verses, teaching is the finest way to learn. Schedules are flexible; teachers may lead a class for either a unit or alternating weeks to allow for church attendance. Please contact, Rhonda Morrill, 966-4515 x117 for more information on this rewarding ministry.

Children must be registered to participate; forms are available in the church office, or on our website under church school: <http://www.stmarksnewcanaan.org/churchschoolregistration.asp>.

# Holy Smoker Potluck Brunch

Sunday, September 9

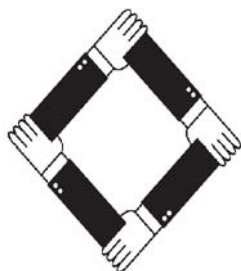
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Famous May Fair

Brisket & Chicken

Burgers & Dogs

Please Bring a Side or Salad



*“So what did you think about that sermon?”*

*“Are you folks new here, let me introduce myself...”*

*“How’s the job search progressing?”*

*“Is your mom feeling better?”*

Sounds familiar doesn't it? This is the typical conversation during fellowship time following worship. It's a precious but fragile 15-30 minutes after the service that may be the only time during a busy week that you connect with your St. Mark's family. And what better way to chat than over a cup of coffee and muffin.

There are approximately 30 Sundays during the program year that we have coffee hour. All we need are two families each Sunday to set an inviting and friendly table. Even simpler, 10 monthly captains needed to recruit a month's worth of coffee hour hosts. Folks, this is really worth the effort – contact Rhonda Morrill, she'll give you the full scoop on what it takes to set the table. ([rmorrill@stmarksnewcanan.org](mailto:rmorrill@stmarksnewcanan.org)).

Our fall captains are: September  
October  
November

Lori Wyckoff  
Judy Webb  
Margot Thorsheim

## Property Report

Summer time provides the Property Committee an opportunity to catch up on a few projects that have been postponed for one reason or another. While not of the magnitude that occurred over some of the latest past summers, this year's work has been meaningful. Here are a few of the projects that were addressed these last few months:

- There were a number of potholes and areas of deterioration in our roadways and parking lots. We have repaired these problems and assisted the New Canaan Inn in fixing their roads as well.
- We had some major work done in our boiler room. First the two heating pumps were rebuilt, then the shut off valves were replaced and finally the boiler itself was fully cleaned. In addition the pneumatic controls were serviced.
- With the departure of Rita Powell and the arrival of The Rev. Carol Hoidra, the Cottage needed some work. A newer A/C was installed, several rooms were painted and a general clean-up of the grounds done.
- In the Education Wing, after Camp Hand-in-Hand finished their session, a top coat of paint was applied to the hallways and the rugs were cleaned.

The grounds were well maintained throughout the summer. All in all, we accomplished much this summer. We should all be mindful that St. Mark's continues to be asset to this community, with our beautiful grounds and structures.

## Lapham Community Center

Calling a few helping hands to serve lunch to seniors at the Lapham Community Center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in September (starting on the 5<sup>th</sup>). Each church in the area helps for one month, and St. Mark's month is September. We report for duty at 11:00 am and usually are done by 1:00 pm. We have the pleasure of seeing older friends, helping a good cause while enjoying a wonderful lunch. Call Kit Devereaux at 972-7801 to help with this rewarding ministry.



**Lunch is Served**

## The Lion's Den Book and Gift Store

The bookstore proudly opens its doors for a second year on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Stop by and wish us a Happy Birthday. Browse through our new selections of books, gifts, music, cards, jewelry and lots more.

### BOOKSTORE BITES

**Wednesday Coffee House**...starts up September 12 from 9-1 with complimentary beverages and tasty treats. It's a time to catch up with friends and browse through our new selections.

**Children's Storytime**...Calling all folks under 4 feet to The Lion's Den! Stop by the bookstore after the service and join Delaney Davidson and the store bear for a cozy reading. Bring your favorite bear with you. The Lion's Den will be hosting readings every month throughout the year and we hope to see you there.

**Name The Store Bear Drawing!** We have the sweetest, fuzziest smiling bear who lives in the store. Unfortunately he does not have a name other than "store bear." Help us give him a name, drop a suggestion at the store.



*Bookstore volunteer Cathie Pike stocking the shelves for opening day.*

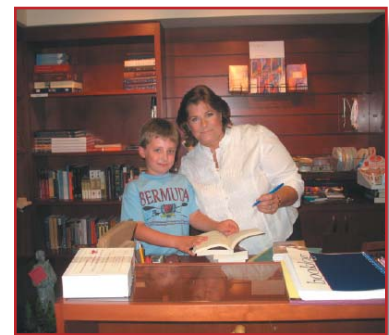
**Store Hours**...are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday 9 – 1, and Saturdays 10 – 2. Store hours will be extended for the holiday season. Please watch for special events including book signings, presentations by authors and other unique programs. Please call 966-3838 for more information.

**The Perfect Gift?** Simple! A Gift Certificate from The Lion's Den.

**Our Newest Volunteers**.... Joan Brode, Beth Keith, Laurel Mason, Cornie Nelson and Edward Willett join our existing staff, Katch Cerow, Susan Cotter, Jill Ernst, Louise Goodridge, Wendy Hilboldt, Linda Hurst, Ken Jayne, Beth Keith, Eloise Killeffer, Edith Linger, Eleanor Lisher, Laurel Mason, Cathie Pike, Sara Smith, Margot Thorsheim, and Lori Wyckoff in welcoming the community.



*Delaney Davidson reading to the store bear.*



*Laurel Mason, bookstore volunteer, and helper Nicholas Wyckoff looking through new books*

## St. Mark's Supper Group



St. Mark's is blessed to have this lay led group set up purely for parishioners to get to know each other. The Supper Club has a long standing tradition here of random groups of about ten who meet at each other's homes every six weeks or so for informal dinner and conversation. The host usually provides the main course, and the guests are usually assigned side dishes and desserts. Sign up time for this is September in church or by calling/emailing the church office.

## St. Mark's Choirs

This fall is the perfect time to get involved in one of our great Choirs. At St. Mark's we have choirs for all ages. Our **Joyful Noyze** is for youngsters who are pre-K/ Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. This group uses movement



and musical games, and in addition gives the children the opportunity to begin learning notes and music as they begin to read. Our advanced choir for children is the **Boy and Girl Choristers**. Young people in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade until voice change learn to read music and sing songs and anthems of all levels of difficulty. Of particular interest is St. Mark's association with the *Royal School of Church Music* whose training scheme is designed to encourage young people to acquire a greater level of expertise both in music and knowledge of our Anglican tradition using a graded course with testing at the end of each segment. The **Youth Choir** which meets on Wednesdays from 6-7pm includes all young adults from changing voice (eighth grade) through senior high, and sometimes includes a few enthusiastic adult sponsors. The **Youth Choir** sings a wide range of songs and anthems drawn from the 'classics,' gospel, contemporary, and spends time preparing and singing music from Taizé. We encourage their role as music leaders at our regularly scheduled 6pm Eucharist with music of Taizé and look forward to their monthly participation at our 10am Eucharist.

Our growing **Parish Choir** sings every Sunday and for all major holidays of the church year. This diverse and enthusiastic group sings choral music from all periods and also performs extended works with instrumental ensembles at concerts twice a year. (Weekly attendance at one rehearsal is mandatory.) Last summer members of the **Parish Choir** toured East Anglia in England assuming the responsibilities of *choir in residence* at Norwich Cathedral following a weekend in London enjoying services at Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral. We extend an opportunity to other parishioners and friends who are unable to sing in the choir weekly to sing with the **St. Mark's Chorale**.



Interested persons attend six or seven rehearsals and join with the Parish Choir in a grand performance. (To sing for Christmas and Easter one must be a member of the Parish Choir on a regular basis.)

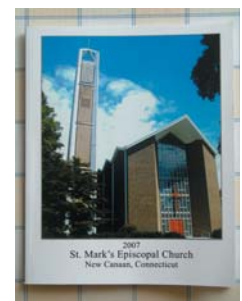
### Rehearsal Schedule (Children's choirs start rehearsals the week of September 10)

Joyful Noyze:	Tuesdays	4:00-4:30pm
Boy and Girl Choristers:	Wednesdays	4:00-5:00pm
Youth Choir:	Wednesdays	6:00-7:00pm
Handbell Choir:	Thursdays	6:15-7:00pm
Parish Choir:	Thursdays	7:30-9:30pm
	Saturdays	4:00-5:15pm (starting October)
St. Mark's Chorale & Schola Sacra Chamber Choir:	TBA	

Registration forms for children's choirs may be found on our website, please fill one out and mail/bring/fax to the church office: <http://www.stmarksnewcanaan.org/choirregistration.asp>

**Photo Directories** have arrived and can be picked up in the office or in the narthex on Sundays. There are lots of fun candid shots and it's a great way to get to know the parish. Please, only one directory per household.

An online directory can now be found on our website ([stmarksnewcanaan.org](http://stmarksnewcanaan.org)) under Parish Life. Call the church office for the simple instructions to access it.



## NURSERY SCHOOL CORNER

St. Mark's Nursery School officially opens on September 11th. Prior to the beginning of another exciting year, they will host their annual picnic on Saturday, September 8th from 11:00-1:00p.m. There will be food, pony rides, games and rides on "Old Faithful". The parent orientation will be held on Thursday, September 6th from 7:00-9:00p.m. in Morrill Hall. Children will meet their teachers and find their cubby on Monday, September 10th from 11:00-noon. Tuesday marks the first day of school for the 3's and the 4's. We are looking forward to another wonderful school year at St. Mark's.



We welcome some new faces to our existing staff this September. Amanda Dec from Aberdeen, Scotland joins Peg Roedel as an assistant 4-year old teacher. Peg Roedel is starting her 12<sup>th</sup> year as a head 4-year old teacher.



Diane Landri in her 11<sup>th</sup> year is moving up to the 4 year old program as head teacher and will be working with assistant teacher, Dorriann Markham who is starting her 10<sup>th</sup> year.

Joining us from Lima, Peru is Patricia Amerquita as an assistant to Cornelia Marder, who starts her 6<sup>th</sup> year at St. Mark's and is the head teacher in a 3-year old class.



Helen Palmesi will be the temporary head 3-year old teacher this fall with Nellie Chang as assistant. Nellie has been a teacher at St. Mark's for 14 years and Helen Palmesi has been the nursery school director for 17 years. Helen is currently looking for a 3 year old teacher to head up this class, if anyone is interested in this position, contact her at 203.972.7888.



Scenes from  
the Matt Rae  
Courtyard  
Concert





## Baptisms on Pentecost



## ST. MARK'S PARISH REGISTER SUMMER 2007

### WEDDINGS

Katherine Leonora Wendell and Benjamin Colin Bryce

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

John F. Peruzzi

Clark Wilson

Louise Vanderbilt Quarrier

Marcella Shea

### Upcoming Baptism Dates:

†	All Saints' Sunday	November 4, 2007	10:00 a.m
†	Baptism of Our Lord	January 13, 2008	10:00 a.m.
†	Easter Vigil	Saturday March 22, 2008	8:00 p.m.
†	Pentecost	Sunday, June 7, 2008	10:00 a.m

*At St. Mark's, we celebrate Baptism on the feast days listed above. For information, please call the church office and if you want to schedule a baptism be sure to call several weeks before the desired date.*

## The Bulletin Board

♦ St. Mark's Nursery School Fall 07... has 1 opening in the 4-year old class. Contact Helen Palmesi for more information... 203.972.7888.

### Help Restock Food Bank Shelves

Many thanks to all who continue to donate unexpired items to the Food Bank. Donations may be left in the church house foyer. Please contact Wendy Hilboldt (972-3459) if you wish to volunteer.

Updated needs for the pantry . . .

<i>canned fruits and vegetables</i>	<i>bottled juice and juice boxes</i>
<i>mayonnaise</i>	<i>ketchup</i>
<i>peanut butter</i>	<i>pasta sauce</i>
<i>instant coffee</i>	<i>toiletries</i>
<i>cleaning products</i>	<i>dish and laundry detergent</i>
<i>paper products (PT, TP, napkins, and kleenex)</i>	
<i>milk products (instant, evaporated, pudding packs, boxed milk)</i>	

**Saturday, September 22**

**Time 7-9pm**

*Church & Nursery  
School  
Parents  
Get~Together*



**At the Home of  
Cindy & Christian  
Stewart  
27 Turning Mill  
Lane  
New Canaan, CT**



St. Mark's Invites Our  
Church School & Nursery School  
Parents  
(those with children 12 & under)

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RSVP by

Wednesday, September 19  
Church Office 203.966.4515 or  
[tmcgee@stmarksnewcanaan.org](mailto:tmcgee@stmarksnewcanaan.org)

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Adults only please



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><i>September 9</i>                      11:15                      Welcome Back  <b>Bar-B-Q!</b></p>				 <p><i>Lion's Den Coffeehouse</i>                      Wednesdays 9-1</p>		1
2 8:00a HE I 10:00a HE II  Welcome Mother Carol Hoidra	3  <p><i>LABOR DAY</i>                      Office closed</p>	4 9:00a Food Bank 10:00a AA 12:00p Alanon	5 10:00a AA	6 6:15p Food Bank 7:00p CaTS (St. M) 7:00p NS Parents Orientation 7:30p Adult Choir	7 10a Senior Men's Club 2:00p St. Frances Meeting	8 10:30 Altar Guild Meeting 11a Nursery School Picnic 
9 Welcome Back/ Goodbye Mo. Davis 8:00a HE I 9:00a Update Forum 9-1p Bookstore Opens 10:00a HE II & Mo. Davis Farewell 10:00a Church School 3s-2nd 11:15 Holy Smoker Potluck BBQ	10 9:00a Nursery School Opens 12:00p ACOA/Alanon 1:00p Staff Meeting	11 10:00a AA 12:00p Alanon 4:00-4:30p Joyful Noyze Choir 8:00p Outreach Meeting	12 9-1p Book Store/Coffeehouse 9:30a Eucharist & Healing 10a Adult Ed Class 10a AA 4-5:00p Choristers 6-7:00p Chapel Choir 7:30p Confirmation 7:30 Stewardship	13 9-1p Book Store 7:30p Adult Choir 7:30p Vestry Meeting	14 9-1p Book Store 10a Senior Men's Club	15 10-2p Book Store
16 Welcome Anne Richards 8:00a HE I 9:00 a Adult Ed (2) 9-1p Bookstore 10:00a HE II/ Children's Ed/Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour 4:30p Acolyte Training 6:p First HE w/Taize 7:00p First EYC	17 12:00p ACOA/Alanon 1:00p Staff Meeting	18 9:00a Food Bank 10:00a AA 12:00p Alanon 4:00-4:30p Joyful Noyze Choir 7:00p Cubscouts	19 9-1p Book Store/Coffeehouse 9:30a Eucharist & Healing 10a Adult Ed Class 10a AA 4-5:00p Choristers 6-7:00p Chapel Choir 7:30p Confirmation	20 9-1p Book Store 6:15p Food Bank 7:00p CaTS (FPNC) 7:30p Adult Choir	21 9-1p Book Store 10a Senior Men's Club	22 10-2p Book Store 7-9p Young Family Party 
23 <i>Autumn</i> 8:00a HE I 9:00 a Adult Ed (2) 9-1p Bookstore 10:00a HE II/ Children's Ed/Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour 6:00p HE w/Taize 7:00p EYC	24 12:00p ACOA/Alanon 1:00p Staff Meeting	25 10:00a AA 12:00p Alanon 4:00-4:30p Joyful Noyze Choir	26 9-1p Book Store/Coffeehouse 9:30a Eucharist & Healing 10a Adult Ed Class 10a AA 4-5:00p Choristers 6-7:00p Chapel Choir 7:30p Confirmation	27 9-1p Book Store 7:30p Adult Choir	28 9-1p Book Store 10a Senior Men's Club	29 10-2p Book Store
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Farewell to  
Mother Davis

9:00 a.m.  
Fall  
Overview



WELCOME BACK SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 9



Holy Smoker  
Potluck Brunch  
(bring a side or  
salad)

Bookstore  
Reopens

## Weekly Service Times

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Rite I Holy Eucharist
	10:00 a.m.	Rite II Choral Holy Eucharist
	10:00 a.m.	Children's Eucharist
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II with Taize Music
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II with Healing

The  
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