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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Celebrating All Saints' Day Together

On November 4, we celebrate the great feast of All Saints. With but a moment's reflection, it becomes obvious why we baptize and remember the Great Cloud of Witnesses—some famous, others lost to history—who have shaped us as Christians.

This festival dates back to the fourth or fifth century, which makes it among the oldest of the Church year, perhaps as old as the celebration of Christmas itself. From the earliest days of the Church—especially the pre-Constantine Church under the threat of martyrdom for its belief—Christians celebrated the witness of individual martyrs on the anniversaries of their deaths. As a practical matter, that gave the Church more and more anniversaries sprinkled—and perhaps dissipated—throughout the year. By the 7th century, a centralized feast day came to aggregate many heroes of the faith, whether or not they had suffered martyrdom. Eventually the date migrated to November, a time after the harvest that assured sufficient food on hand for joyful celebration of the Great Cloud of Witnesses that shaped the Church, past and present. For centuries, therefore, we have known that it takes a village—no, it takes the Great Cloud of Witnesses—to raise a child and shape our identities as beloved gifts from God.

Each year, we recognize that we have saints in our blood and skeletons in our closet. We remember before God all those who have so shaped our lives, whether it be the wise ones, the overbearing ones, the broken ones or the whole ones, the lay or ordained mentors who have left their mark on us. We give thanks to God for their witness, even if we also ask for reconciliation and forgiveness with those for whom it has not gone so well.

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*John Rutter's
Gloria*

For Choir &

Festival Brass

Sunday, November 18

5pm at St. Mark's

All The Saints

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Remembering the full depth of human witness, All Saints' Day remains a fun and joyful celebration of all who have come before us, our fellow saints today, and those we baptize and nurture to become faithful disciples in their own day.

So please join us as we give thanks for those who have come before us, baptize new disciples and give thanks for the very community we find at St. Mark's. I love the fact that All Saints' and Stewardship Season take place in November. Each flows from a sense of gratitude to God for the blessings and relationships that give life so much meaning. In Christ, we get by with a little help from our friends.

DMR

Mother Carol Participates in Diversity Discussion at New Canaan Country School

On October 29, the Rev. Carol Hoidra joined several other local clergy in a lively discussion of religious and cultural diversity issues at the New Canaan Country School. The event was organized by Paul Mayo, the school's director of diversity, as a way of exploring how (and whether) religion might be introduced into the curriculum at NCCS.

Also serving on the panel were the Rev. Lindsay Curtis (Grace Baptist Church, Norwalk), the Rev. Deacon Lou Howe (St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church, New Canaan), the Rev. Thomas Nins (First Baptist Church, Greenwich), and Gurcharan Singh (Sikh Temple, Norwalk). A rabbi and a representative from the local Muslim community had been scheduled to participate, but they were not available owing to last-minute schedule conflicts.

The panel members were asked to comment on a range of issues, including which traditions could and should be honored and celebrated by NCCS, a non-sectarian school with a diverse student population. The audience, largely composed of NCCS faculty and staff, declared themselves pleased with what may well be the first of many such thoughtful discussions.

Sunday Morning Education Classes

9:00 -9:45 a.m.

Calling a Rector 101

On November 4 at 9:00 a.m., David Rider provides an overview of calling a rector in the Episcopal Church. Our vestry is moving toward extending a call (close, but not yet) so now is the time to discuss the way it actually takes place. Later this month, our wardens hope to share particular details about its call, but this Sunday explains best practice regarding the ways in which our search committee, vestry and diocese conduct final discernment. We'll have plenty of time for Q&A, so join us in the Education Center.

Toward God - A Class on Prayer

Explore the centrality of prayer in the Christian life. For 11 weeks, we talk about what prayer is, how to deepen (or begin) one's prayer life, and various forms of prayer. We also 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 is Michael Casey's *Toward God: The Ancient Wisdom of Western Prayer*, available in our Bookstore. Join Anne Richards in the Outreach Center Sundays from 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.



My Dear St. Mark's,

First of all let me just say thank you, thank you, thank you to each and every one of you who contributed to making this time here at Taizé possible for me. It is a truly unusual and formative experience available to so few Americans and I very simply could not be here without you.

Living in a monastic community is somewhat different than I expected. Every week, I receive a new slate of work assignments for the week that all revolve around the steady rhythm of the three daily prayers.



The ministry of the place is complex. Through an intricate web of stories, tasks, and songs, the community here attempts to create a space where young people can have a real experience both of God and of community. The idea is that peace and reconciliation is not an abstract theological idea, but a lived experience of choosing harmony even in the face of discord.

And I admit, the beauty of the hilltop in the French countryside helps. The trees are full of ripening apples and pears, the sheep and bunnies and cows are all white and adorable, and the air smells of cider and wood smoke. There is no I-95 traffic in sight!

I imagine that much of what I am learning here will only become clear to me when I return to the states. I hope to share more as it all develops. But mostly I want to share how often St. Mark's is present to me here, and how truly grateful I am to be here with the sustenance of your help and prayers. I miss you all! And thank you, thank you, thank you!



*Yours in Christ,
Rita Powell*

Thanksgiving Eve Services

St. Mark's 9:30 a.m. Eucharist

St. Mark's celebrates our regular Wednesday morning 9:30 a.m. Eucharist in the spirit of Thanksgiving on November 21. Please join us as we thank the Lord for our many blessings.



St. Michael's Lutheran Church

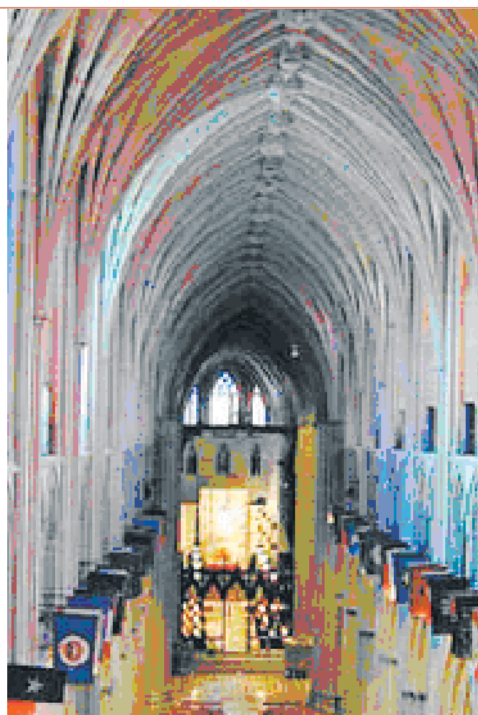
Share your blessings as we gather with the community for a Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. Michael's Lutheran Church at 5 Oenoke Ridge on November 21 at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Kenneth DuBose of Community Baptist Church will be the preacher and choirs from the United Methodist Church, Community Baptist, and St. Michael's will be singing.

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Love liturgy?

Join the Altar Guild!

In anticipation of the changes to our liturgies during the season of Advent, Mother Carol will meet with current and prospective members of the Altar Guild for a discussion of Holy Eucharist, the liturgical seasons, and other "Episcopaliana" in the library on Saturday, November 17th from 10:30 AM to noon.

Good coffee and excellent treats will be served. Please join us! RSVP (or ask questions) to the church office: 966-4515.



CONNECTICUT
MAJOR STATE DAY
AT

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

Sunday, November 11, 2007

As a *National House of Prayer for All People*,
the Cathedral invites people of all faiths and denominations to come
together and join in prayer for the people and elected officials of
Connecticut

[Register online](#)
[to attend Connecticut State Day](#)

The 10 am Sunday Forum and 11:15 am service are webcast live.

On Sunday morning, a link will appear
at the top center of our [home page](http://www.cathedral.org/cathedral/index.shtml): <http://www.cathedral.org/cathedral/index.shtml> .

Featuring:

- The Right Reverend Dr. Laura J. Ahrens, bishop suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, guest presider
- Invited Connecticut elected officials
- An opening procession featuring colorful banners carried by acolytes and youth from Connecticut churches and houses of worship
- Guests of Connecticut serving as bearers of the communion elements and gifts to the poor

Book Group Selections for November through January

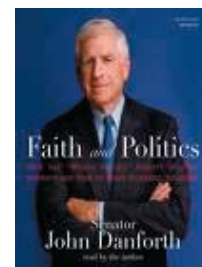
2nd Tuesday of the Month, 12:30-2p.m.

We continue to meet from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. in the Education Center. All are welcome – you do not need to come to all the meetings. Come when you can; bring a lunch. The schedule alternates fiction and non-fiction. The meeting dates are the second Tuesday of each month. Each month's selection will be available to order in the Lion's Den Book and Gift Store. Any questions, call the church office, 203.966.4515.

Tuesday, November 13:

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

Faith and Politics written by John Danforth, an ordained Episcopal priest and onetime Bush administration ambassador to the United Nations. Danforth served in the Senate when Republicans were outnumbered and outmaneuvered by Democrats. Describing himself as a "a Republican for the old reasons," Danforth, 70, is promoting a new book that describes religion as a divisive force in the United States today and accuses the religious right and its political supporters of creating a sectarian party.



Tuesday, December 11:

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 Rel



Parents of EYC are invited to meet with the Rev. Carol Hoidra in the library after the 10:00 service on Sunday, November 11. Youth group plans for the 2007-2008 school year will be presented; feedback and alternative suggestions are most welcome. Get your coffee in Morrill Hall and join us for this brief but important conversation.



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ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Sunday, December 2 following 10:00 Worship



The origins of the Advent wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic peoples who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed light. In Scandinavia during winter, lighted candles were placed around a wheel, and prayers were offered to the god of light to turn "the wheel of the earth" back toward the sun to lengthen the days and restore warmth.

Christians kept these popular traditions alive, and by the 16th century Catholics and Protestants throughout Germany adapted these symbols to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light. The tradition of the Advent wreath spread to other parts of the Christian world. Later, Eastern European Christians adopted this practice. By the sixteenth century, they were making Advent wreaths much as we know them today.

An advent wreath traditionally contains four candles—three purple and one rose, but four white candles or four violet candles may also be used. Purple dyes were once so rare and costly that they were associated with royalty. The three purple candles in the Advent wreath symbolize hope, peace, and love. These candles are lit on the first, second, and fourth Sundays of Advent accompanied by a short prayer.

The rose candle, symbolizing joy, is usually lit on the third Sunday. Each day at home, the candles are lighted, perhaps before the evening meal-- one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until December 25th. Sometimes a fifth candle is placed inside the Advent wreath. This candle, the Christ candle is lit on Christmas Day. It is white, the color associated with angels and the birth of Jesus.

Join us this year on Sunday, December 2 at 11:15 for Advent Wreath Making. Evergreens and wreath trim will be here for you; please bring gardening cutters. Hunt through your yards now to collect pinecones, rosemary, lavender, laurel, hydrangea blossoms, ivy and other natural ornaments to share and decorate the wreaths. If you have a wreath form from last year, please bring it with you.



It's the most wonderful time of the year.....



Yes, it's that time and over the next few weeks, The Lion's Den will be fully decked with creches, advent calendars, ornaments and unique gifts for everyone on your list.

Once again we are featuring the heirloom quality Hestia Nativity with limited production pieces. The figures in the set are hand-dressed and crafted in Marblehead, Massachusetts and are approximately 7" tall. Figures can be bought separately. Each year Hestia adds new companion figures; our newcomers are: Avi, a cloth merchant, Anna, a prophetess, and a calf.

Sweets for your sweet:



Scripture Candy – "Reaching the World One Piece at a Time!"

Old Fashioned Hard Peppermint

Faith Pops – An assortment of fruit flavored lollipops with the patented looped safety handle

...4th Grader Claire Ressel says, "The Faith Pops get an A+!"

Fish Mints – Assorted Sour Fruit and Spearmint mints shaped like little fish

Coming in December..... Peppermint Candy Canes wrapped in three Bible verses



The Lion's Den offers a number of gift items from members of Fair Trade Federation. These companies are dedicated to supporting indigenous people through the private enterprise system and buy directly from the artesanos who make the products. The merchandise is produced in an environmentally sound manner and is made from high quality natural materials by native crafters. A portion of their profits help the Parish of Santo Thomas and the children of Santa Ana near Lima, Peru.



This year we are carrying a new line of candles made in Austria by The Austrian Atelier. Shapes include stars and Christmas trees and are 100% natural, made out of palm wax (stearin). They are hand made, drip resistant, long burning and environmentally friendly.

Come see the beautiful gifts and peruse our selection of books as Christmas nears. And don't forget to stop by The Bank of New Canaan on either Cherry Street or Elm Street to take a look at our displays. The Lion's Den is their November Business of the Month.



A recent and happy discovery has been National Public Radio's program Speaking of Faith, hosted by Krista Tippett. Speaking of Faith is a weekly conversation about religion, meaning, ethics and ideas, produced and distributed by American Public Media. Speaking of Faith does not always have "religion" itself as a subject. Week after week, it grapples with themes of American life – asking how perspectives of faith might distinctively inform and illuminate our public reflection. If you listen carefully, you will hear The Lion's Den mentioned as one of the sponsors of the program. Speaking of Faith is aired Sundays, 7 to 8 a.m. (Encore presentation Sunday, 4 to 5 p.m.) on the following stations: *WPKT – 90.5 FM WEDW 88.5 FM W258AC 99.5 WNPR – 89.1 WRLI – 91.3*

Extended Holiday Shopping Hours are Thursdays 4 p.m. to 7:30p.m., and Sundays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning December 2nd through December 23rd. Check our newly revamped web pages....www.stmarksnewcanaan.org/lionsden.asp; phone, 203.966.3838.



**The beloved church mice are back and wish everyone
a blessed Thanksgiving.**

**October Captain and Hospitality Team,
We Thank You!**

Much appreciation to October Hospitality Captain, Judy Webb, and the team of hosts and greeters who warmed up our October Sunday mornings with savory and healthy treats and welcome smiles. Special thanks to our hosts: Marge Bruno, Tish Frothingham, Sonsie Overlock, Rachel Ranieri, Gwen Reiss, Pam Shea, Sara Smith, Judy Stephan, Allison Totaro; and greeters: Charlene and Tom Berardino, Shelby and Jarvis Cromwell, Helen and Don Douglas, Anne and Neale Hutcheson, and Pam and David Shea.

The slate of monthly captains is almost filled, just a few more months remain unspoken for at this time. Give a call to the office or to Lori Wyckoff if you can take on one of these months.

- November: Margot Thorsheim
- December: The Church Growth Group
- January: Rachel Ranieri and Amy Reid
- February: Eleanor Lisher and Joy H. Luke
- March: The Lion's Den
- April: Still available
- May: Middle & HS Youth
- June: Still available



**Blessing of the
Animals
Sunday, October 7**

A Poet Among Us

Congratulations to our own



Louise Besson on her prize-winning poem, *Robins in January*.

Last spring, Connecticut Community Care, Inc. (CCCI) sponsored a poetry contest for beginner or advanced poets age 65 or older; Louise was awarded third prize among the 400 plus entries. Her inspiration was sparked when a party of robins visited the New Canaan Inn last January.

**Mother Carol to speak
at New Canaan Inn**

On Monday, November 26, the Rev. Carol Hoidra will present "Prayer in Advent" at the New Canaan Inn. Themes of "watchful waiting," expectation, and penitence – all appropriate elements of prayer and worship in the season of Advent – will be addressed.



**Robins in January
by Louise Besson**

They were just suddenly there
Sitting all over our waterfall
Dozens of birds
Outside the dining room
Sipping, sipping, sipping the
sparkling water.

Beaks into water – heads up in the
air

Forty times for one bird.
There were so many of them
And they flashed around so much
From one rock to another
It was very hard to count them.

On one flat rock
Robins sat side by side
Close together
About seven of them
All sipping away
Those forty times.

Those who had slaked their thirst
Hopped away on the ground
Or flew up into the nearby trees;
Those on the ground seemed looking
For bugs at the edge of the snow
Or under the bushes.

They were not quite the same
As our summer robins.
Their colors were more intense,
Red breast redder
Brown back darker
Charcoal cap almost black
Yellow beak startlingly yellow.

They carried themselves more like
conquerors

Than our summer robins
Who are listeners.
It was a flashing blue day
And the robins brought a glory to it.
Where had they come from?

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p><i>4 All Saints' Sunday</i></p> <p>8:00a HE I 9-1:00p Bookstore 9:00a Adult Ed 10:00a HE/Children's Yoga/ Baptisms/ New- comer's Welcome 11:15 Coffee Hour 4:00p Book Signing 6:00p Taize HE 7:00p EYC</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12:00p ACOA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00a AA 12:00p Al-Anon 4-4:30p Joyful Noyze</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>9-1:00p Bookstore Coffeehouse 9:30a Eucharist & Healing 10:00a Bible Study 10:00a AA 2:00p Staff Meeting 4-5:00p Choristers 7:30p Confirmation</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9-1:00p Bookstore 7:30p Adult Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9-1:00p Bookstore 10:00a Senior Men 7-10p 7th Grade Lock-In</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9-11a Daddy & Me, NS 10-12:00p Bookstore 4-5:30p Adult Choir</p>
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Christmas Pageant

Our annual Christmas Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 23 during the 10:00 a.m. service – save the date. The beloved rehearsals will take place during Church School on December 9 and 16 (speaking parts will rehearse at 9:30 on the 16th).

The costumes have seen many a pageant and could use a bit of freshening and repair work. I am looking for a few crafty hands to organize and mend during early November (before the season is upon us). Call Rhonda to let her know when you can help, 966.4515



MUSICA LEONIS presents

George Frederick Handel's

Messiah

*Part One &
Hallelujah*

Friday, December 14
8:00 p.m.

*Tickets go on sale in
late November*



Altar Flowers

Get a jump on the busy holiday season, call now to request altar flowers/plants either for Christmas or for other Sundays. Call 966.4515 or email Thea (tmcgee@stmarksnewcanaan.org)

in the church office to place your order. To request Christmas poinsettias, please contact the office by December 19 to have your dedication acknowledged in the Christmas Eve bulletin.



Person - To - Person Christmas Doves

This holiday season, St. Mark's once again joins with 18 area churches in support of Person-to-Person's Christmas Dove Program. Through this program, we provide nutritious Christmas meals for families and seniors in our community who might otherwise have a hungry and bleak holiday.

Doves will be distributed starting Sunday, November 18 in the Narthex and for the next few Sundays and also available in the church office. Families who choose a White Dove contribute \$15 for a meat voucher and fill a box with food for a needy family or senior (instructions are included with each Dove). Or, families can make a financial contribution to Person-to-Person's Scholarship or Emergency Assistance Fund by choosing a Green Dove or by calling the Church.



Last year, St. Mark's parishioners helped make Christmas a happier time for over 50 families. Be an angel and pick up your Dove early – they fly right off the table!

**We could use a few drivers with SUVs or station wagons on December 16 to deliver the boxes to a central point in Stamford. If you can help, please call Rhonda Morrill in the church office.



Doves should be brought to the Church House parlor and foyer the week of December 10 -15. We must have them all by Saturday, December 15.

St. Mark's Choir Welcomes New Choral Scholars

Members of the St. Mark's Choir are enjoying the talents and support of two new section leader/soloists this fall. Our choir, composed mostly of many enthusiastic, talented and energetic volunteers, rehearses with the same diligence as professionals. In recent years we have added stipendiary positions in each section of the choir for the purpose of providing support for our very busy membership. These individuals also provide professional caliber solo work to the enjoyment of all who hear them.

Our new tenor is Lawrence Jones. Mr. Jones, originally from Amherst Massachusetts and now living in Riverdale comes to us from Boston, where he was tenor soloist at Trinity Church Copley Square. With degrees from San Francisco Conservatory of Music and Boston University he has performed with Glimmerglass Opera, Sarasota Opera, the BU Opera Institute, the Aldeburgh Festival in England and at Tanglewood. In concert Mr. Jones has appeared as soloist with the Harvard-Radcliff Chorus, the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, the Back Bay Chorale & Orchestra, at Carnegie Hall and with the Boston Pops Orchestra. We are very happy to him with us.

Mezzo-Soprano, Renee Tatum joins our Alto Section. With degrees from California State University Fullerton and the Manhattan School of Music, Ms. Tatum is presently involved in the Juilliard Opera Center Artists Diploma Program in NYC. In addition to her singing at Juilliard, she performed at the Chautauqua Opera, Manhattan School Opera, Utah Festival Opera and National Symphonic Prague. In addition to Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions (NY District Winner) Ms. Tatum has won numerous other awards and has performed with the Queens College Orchestra and the New England Baroque Soloists. We have already had the opportunity to hear her solo work during our church service and look forward to many more.

Green Tips from Earth Ministries....

100 billion plastic bags are what Americans use to tote home groceries and other purchases each year; this translates to 12 million barrels of oil and 500 plus years for them to break down in our over- filled landfills. Some city governments are considering passing a ban on plastic bags.

How to combat this? Recycle, reuse, or better yet bring your own totes when shopping. Several stores sell their own canvas or mesh bags; other stores are offering credits for reusing bags. St. Mark's has a receptacle for grocery bags and plastic containers (with in the church house foyer. The Good Shepherd House in Norwalk is the beneficiary of these and uses them to give send home "doggy bags" to needy residents.

St. Mark's still has compact fluorescent light bulbs for sale: 60, 75 and 100 watts for \$2 each. (Contact the church office.)



- ♦ 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.
- ♦ 2 loving middle-aged cocker spaniels looking for a loving home. Contact Rhonda Morrill if you are interested: rmorrill@stmarksnewcanaan.org.

St. Nicholas Tea

Thursday, December 6, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Share a peaceful moment this season and stop by St. Mark's for the long standing traditional St. Nicholas Tea on Thursday, December 6 at 3:00 p.m. Set up in the library will be a traditional Victorian tea replete with scrumptious holiday delights and perfectly brewed English tea amidst candlelit tables of linen and lace and a toasty fireplace.

Children, friends, neighbors and guests are always welcome to enjoy this beloved tradition.



St. Nicholas Tea

St. Francis

Sunday



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MEMORIAL SERVICES

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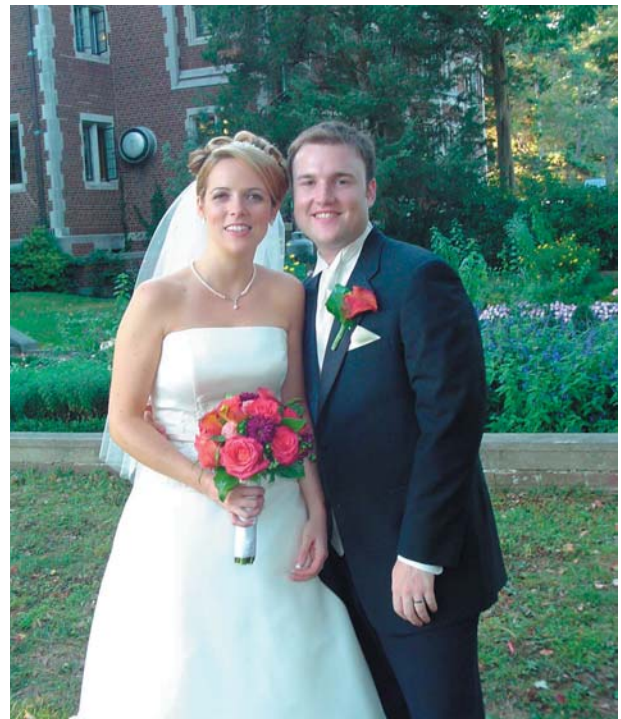
Irene Warnk

Harriet Root Schneider

Upcoming Baptism Dates:

- † All Saints Sunday, November 4 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.



Former EYC member and acolyte, Tara Claire Hurst married Graham James Chynoweth at St. Mark's on September 29. Tara and her family, Linda and Rodney Hurst have been members of St. Mark's since 1992; the new couple resides in Manchester, New Hampshire.

5th Grade Church School Class Food Drive

Please fill a grocery bag with unexpired groceries and supplies for the New Canaan Food Pantry
Bring it back to church by Sunday, November 11th!

We need . . .



Canned Vegetables & Fruits,
Canned Meats & Fish, Boxed Meals,
Rice Products, Cold Cereal Boxes,
Coffee & Tea, Healthy Children's Snacks,
Plastic Juice Bottles & Juice Boxes



Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Razors, Shaving Cream,
Shampoo & Conditioner, Soap, Toilet Paper,
Cleaning Products & Paper Products



Share Our Blessings This Thanksgiving



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

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