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# THE LION'S ROAR

## ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



### St. Mark's Leads Bridgebuilders in Stamford Project

Having completed construction of five houses in Bridgeport in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, the Episcopal Bridgebuilders coalition is setting its sights on Stamford for its next project. Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County broke ground July 24 on a six-unit condo project in two buildings on the corner of West Main and Spruce Street in Stamford. The Stamford project provides an opportunity for Episcopal Bridgebuilders to reformulate the coalition and focus its attention on Southern Fairfield County.



The coalition got a big boost from St. Mark's Outreach Commission on September 18 when it unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed for vestry approval a proposal to commit \$20,000 toward sponsorship of a three-bedroom unit in the Stamford project. Of that amount, \$5,000 is already funded with an Outreach grant approved last year, and the balance would be paid over the next two years. Bob Stephan, St. Mark's liaison to the coalition, said, "This leadership grant will be very helpful in recruiting other churches to join the coalition and meeting our goal of raising \$100,000 by February so that we can start work early next Spring. This is an ambitious goal, but with the enthusiasm already building at St. Mark's, I am confident we will get there."



Nineteen Northern Fairfield County parishes formed the Episcopal Bridgebuilders coalition in 1999 with the common mission of "addressing the need for affordable housing in our area and the problem of racial, ethnic and socio-economic division among our people." The program gives parishioners the opportunity to personally witness their Christian faith and fulfill their baptismal covenant "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ."

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**Blessing of the Beasts**  
**Sunday, October 7**  
**6:00 p.m.**

#### A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

*Amen.*

To my brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Mark's,

*"The desert wil lead you to your heart where I will speak." Hosea 2:14*

Greetings from the land of the Saguaro cactus - an extraordinary sight. The retreat center I am staying at (The Hesychia School of Spiritual Direction) is adjacent to the Saguaro National Forest, so I've had the opportunity to do some hiking in this stark and unforgiving landscape, unlike anything I have ever seen. It has been a great gift to be in such a different setting, in every way, removed from the comfort of the familiar.

The week has been a good balance of

1. Quiet retreat time - There is a silent retreat center across the street, also run by the Redemptorists, called the Desert House of Prayer, which has contemplative prayer at 6:30 every morning



in their beautiful chapel, windows on three sides open to vistas of the mountains, followed by chanting of psalms and morning prayer, followed by a Eucharist. I have been going over there with a couple of classmates every morning; it is a lovely start to the day, walking over as the sun rises (which is facilitated for me by the time difference; getting up at 6 is actually 9 a.m. Connecticut time, which my body clock finds quite comfortable!). We get back just in time for 8 a.m. breakfast.

2. Classroom work - We have class from 9 to 5:30 every day, with a long lunch break, from 12 to 2:30. The first week consisted of introductory presentations on the nature of the spiritual journey, spiritual practices, the formation of spirituality, history of spiritual traditions, as well as methods of spiritual

direction. Each day ends with a couple of hours of practicum, doing spiritual direction one on one, with observers who critique. Today is the start of our second week that is focusing on different spiritual traditions (Zen Buddhism, Islam, Jewish, etc.) with presentations by practitioners in those traditions.

3. Community - There are 18 students in the program, from all over, an interesting mix of backgrounds and traditions, with some surprising life stories to share. I had not foreseen what an opening would come from interacting with 'the other' who has such different experience and perspective to share, yet all on a common faith journey. The one fellow Episcopalian in the class lives here in Tucson and was kind enough to pick a couple of us up on Saturday morning and take us hiking in Sabino Canyon, on the other side of Tucson, with very different vistas and terrain quite beautiful.

I am enormously grateful to be here. Thank you all for this sabbatical opportunity and for the lovely send-off on September 9th, a day that will always be memorable in its intensity and meaning. Thanks to the hands and hearts who worked so hard to feed us all so well. Thanks to all who contributed to the very generous gift check. Thanks for the beautiful heartfelt notes and cards and pictures that filled that unique wooden box.

That will always truly be a treasure chest for me. And thanks be to God for the years and the relationships we have been blessed to share. I have been praying for St. Mark's while in the desert. May God bless and keep you, now and always.

Faithfully,  
Mother Davis+



## Newcomers Coffee With the Clergy

Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:15

Newcomers are invited for an informal fireside chat with the clergy following the 10:00 service on October 28 in the library. Get to know what St. Mark's is all about and how you can be part of this spiritual community. Newcomers will be welcomed on All Saints' Sunday, November 4 during 10:00 worship. Call the church office if you cannot attend on the 28<sup>th</sup> and other arrangements can be made.



### 30 Days: Enchantée!

I've just passed my one-month anniversary here at St. Mark's, and I'm pleased to report that I'm making (slow but steady) progress – learning names, locations, procedures and parish lore. I'm hoping to wean myself from my St. Marks' directory – and my Fairfield County maps – over the next few weeks. (Feel free to quiz me; just walk up to me and ask, "What's my name?" or "Where's the Food Emporium?")

A series of "firsts" has come and gone: first sermon, first Sunday-morning Eucharist, first children's service, first Taizé Eucharist, first Confirmation Class, first EYC meeting, first Nursery School chapel, first wedding, first night helping out in the Food Pantry... Coming soon: First choir rehearsal(!) and first EYC off-site trip.

Bottom line: I am *delighted* to be here with all of you, and I thank you for the warm welcome, for your hospitality, and for your forgiveness (in the short-term) if your name hasn't quite made it onto my "girl hard-drive." It's been a great month; I look forward to many more.

*The Rev. Carol Hoidra*

### Episcopal Bridgebuilders

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St. Mark's joined the coalition in 2002 and participated in the construction of the fourth and fifth houses. Last year over 25 St. Mark's parishioners and friends participated on various levels—from raising money to hammering nails. Working side-by-side with members of other churches, Habitat volunteers, and the families hoping to occupy the houses, parishioners feel the joy that comes from building relationships and working directly with others to improve the lives of families in our communities.

Further information on the Stamford project and the Episcopal Bridgebuilders coalition can be found on the St. Mark's website: [www.stmarksnewcanaan.org](http://www.stmarksnewcanaan.org). There you will find a copy of the September 18 presentation to the Outreach Commission, Habitat for Humanity's Stamford project description, and the Mission and Goals of the Episcopal Bridgebuilders coalition.

You are encouraged to attend a presentation after the 10:00 service in the library on Sunday, October 14 to learn details of this exciting project and talk about how you and your friends can participate. Please come and show your support. To get on the contact list for participating in this program, please call the church office 966-4515 or Bob Stephan 972-5800, [rmstephan@optonline.net](mailto:rmstephan@optonline.net).

*Donations to the Episcopal Bridgebuilders/Habitat for Humanity project can be made by sending your tax deductible check, payable to "Habitat for Humanity CFC" with "Episcopal Bridgebuilders" in the memo line, to Habitat for Humanity CFC, 1470 Barnum Avenue, Bridgeport CT 06614.*

### Waveny Land Sale Update

In consultation with our treasurer and wardens, the Rev. David Rider has appointed a new team of parish volunteers to represent St. Mark's over the next 60-90 days as we negotiate a comprehensive agreement with Waveny Health Care Center. Earlier this summer, St. Mark's retained attorney Steven Russo of Fogarty Cohen Selby & Nemiroff, LLC of Greenwich, to advise this effort.

Our new St. Mark's team includes Chris Gruseke, convener; Tom Berardino; Amy Carroll; Paul Reiss; and Phil Restifo. As treasurer, Chris has been involved in our campus development discussions from the start, and he brings extensive finance experience with capital markets. Tom buys and sells companies for a living, and he provides financing for selected New Canaan residential real estate deals. Amy works professionally in the financing of continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs). Paul is a local architect and developer and Phil works in commercial real estate. Together, they bring critical skills to this initiative, along with their love of St. Mark's Church.

This committee is advisory to our vestry, will keep our vestry apprised of developments, and will strive to negotiate a master agreement for vestry approval. Consistent with any negotiation's need for confidentiality, the committee will update us on its progress in the coming weeks.

### October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month



**St. Mark's Welcomes  
The Rev. Anne Richards  
Priest Associate**

St. Mark's welcomes the Rev. Anne Richards as Priest Associate for the



duration of the interim period.

Anne began at St. Mark's on Sunday, September 16 and will continue

to be with us on Sunday mornings preaching, celebrating, leading the Children's Eucharist and teaching during the 9:00 slot. She is leading an 11-week class: *Toward God—A Theology of Prayer*, in the Outreach Center.

Anne Richards graduated from Smith College and earned an M.A. in English literature from NYU, and then later a Masters of Divinity from General Theological Seminary. She has worked as a parish priest, a hospital chaplain, served on the diocesan staff (as administrator of the ordination process in the Diocese of New York), and currently as Chaplain at Grace Church School in Manhattan, an Episcopal school for grades pre-K through 8.

She is married to the Rt. Rev. Richard F. Grein, 14th Bishop of New York (retired). They have two sons, Matthew, age 29, graphics manager at Robert Stern Architects in Manhattan; and Jeffrey, age 26, architect at Skidmore Owings and Merrill in Chicago.

**Eighth-Grade Confirmation Class:**

*A New Way to Tell the Story*

We Christians are a people who are shaped by a story. The great biblical narrative forms and *informs* our ideas about the world, about God, God's plan for salvation, and our place in this created and redeemed cosmos. Making disciples involves telling our world-altering story to new generations of believers, and we can tell it compellingly – although, all too often, we do not.

Jesus knew how to tell a good story. It's one of the things that made him such an effective teacher. One of Jesus' most frequent and vivid "teaching aides," the parable, was an already-popular narrative/didactic technique in the first century. The parable has an engaging narrative flow, it has drama – listeners are encouraged to see themselves as actors in the story – and it has elements of mystery or uncertainty. Parables are not simple allegories, in which Character A is definitively "X" and Character B is definitively "Y." Parables are nuanced and complex – a lot like real life, which is why they are so riveting to people who live in the real world.

This year we're taking a leaf from Jesus' teaching notebook and telling the great Christian story in a style that's popular in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: the format of "The Daily Show" (Jon Stewart's evening "news" broadcast on Comedy Central – just in case you've been a little out of touch lately). We will begin each hour of class time with the presentation and discussion of a religion-focused story that the instructor will have selected from the mainstream media – newspapers of record, magazines and network news broadcasts. The students will be sent out as "correspondents" to find additional stories – on blogs, in song lyrics, school newspapers and, of course, the MSM (mainstream media). Students will be provided with personal journals that may also serve as reporters' notebooks.

The didactic part of our time together will focus on an element from the "Outline of the Faith" (a.k.a. catechism) from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, e.g., the doctrine of God, the doctrine of human nature, salvation, the Church, the Sacraments. We will explore a range of theological approaches, noting similarities with and differences from the Episcopal/Anglican tradition.

As regular viewers of "The Daily Show" know, the program ends with a segment announced as "Your Moment of Zen." Our "Moment of Zen" will be the prayer office of Compline, a guided meditation, prayer before an icon, or simply quiet time for reflection and journaling.

Each week, a day or two before class, parents of prospective confirmands will receive an e-mailed "Dinner Table Question." The question will be relevant to the catechetical section of the upcoming class, and the purpose of the question is to spark discussion within the student's family. The journey of faith is a lifelong – and joyous – one, and it is always pleasant to have companions alongside.

Confirmation classes begin promptly at 7:30 on Wednesday evenings; dismissal is at 8:30. If there is an eighth-grader in your household, he or she is welcome to our show! (Please call or e-mail the Rev. Carol Hoidra for additional information, or to register a new student. 966-4515, ext. 102; [choidra@stmarksnewcanan.org](mailto:choidra@stmarksnewcanan.org).)

*Reminder: The 2008 Confirmation date is Saturday, May 17 in the afternoon. Specific time and venue will be announced later in the semester.*

## SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3

We celebrate our common bonds with an all-parish dinner in parishioner homes at 6:30 culminating at 8:30 p.m. in Morrill Hall with champagne, desserts, and entertainment organized by our one and only B-P Thomas.

This gathering begins with informal suppers at the homes of parishioners, offering a delightful way to get to know one another. Please put it on your calendar and call Wendy Hilboldt (972-3459) or Margot Thorsheim (914-641-3329) with questions or offers to help.

RSVP to the church office (966.4515) by October 30 so we can assign you to a home for supper. Newcomers are especially welcome.



All-Parish  
Fall Dinner

## MUSIC NOTES

### *New Choir Room Piano*

Our music rehearsal room, where music is learned and practiced 6 or 7 days a week is now home to a beautiful, brand new grand piano. The model chosen is a C2, part of Yamaha's Conservatory series, well-known for their rich sound and extreme durability over time. Families directly involved with the music program and other

generous parishioners made this wonderful gift possible with one-time contributions independent of their on-going support of St. Mark's church. B-P Thomas has been showing the new piano to all who pass by, and is extremely grateful for the resources this wonderful instrument provides.



### *Save These Dates:*

#### **Sunday, November 18 at 5pm – Rutter's Gloria**

St. Mark's presents a spectacular pre-holiday concert for eight-part brass, two percussionists, chorus and organ. The featured choral work is Rutter's exciting *Gloria*. The concert includes music for brass, organ and percussion.

#### **Friday, December 14 at 8pm – Handel's Messiah**

Back by popular demand is the St. Mark's Chorale presentation of Handel's *Messiah Part I*. Tickets for this very popular event will be available after Thanksgiving.

### **Sunday Morning Education Classes**

9:00 a.m.

**Theology of Mission and Outreach**...provides a 7-week exploration of the ways we serve Christ in the world as individuals and as a parish. We focus on the biblical basis for mission; the connection between action and contemplation; evangelism and spiritual hunger; the difference between charity and social justice; and new models being sponsored by our Outreach Commission at St. Mark's. Join David Rider Sundays in the Education Center from 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

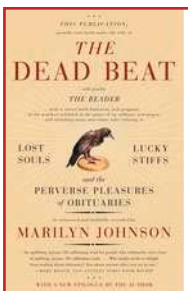
**Toward God - A Class on Prayer**...explores the centrality of prayer in the Christian life. For 11 weeks, we talk about what prayer is, how to deepen (or begin) one's prayer life, and various forms of prayer. We also discuss practical topics related to prayer, such as how we imagine God; the effects 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.

## What's in Store at the Bookstore...

### Dead Beat Author Reads Selections

November 4 at 4pm

Marilyn Johnson, author of *The Dead Beat: Lost Souls, Lucky Stiffs, and the Perverse Pleasures of Obituaries*, will read selections from her book Sunday, November 4 at 4 pm in the St. Mark's library followed by a book signing. Briarcliff resident, Marilyn Johnson has been a staff writer for *Life* and an editor at *Esquire*, *Redbook*, and *Outside*. She has written obituaries for Princess Diana, Jackie Onassis, Katharine Hepburn, Johnny Cash, Bob Hope and Marlon Brando. Find out more about her at [www.marilynjohnson.net](http://www.marilynjohnson.net). Books may be purchased or reserved in the Lion's Den, 966.3838 or [mmandler@stmarksnewcanaan.org](mailto:mmandler@stmarksnewcanaan.org).



Obit writer Marilyn Johnson visits St. Mark's on November 4.

Ms. Johnson was enthralled by the remarkable lives that were marching out of this world – so she sought out the best obits in the English language and the people who spent their lives writing about the dead. She surveyed the darkest corners of internet chat rooms, and made a pilgrimage to London to savor the most caustic and literate obits of all. In *The Dead Beat*, she leads us on a compelling journey into the cult and culture behind the obituary page and the unusual lives we don't quite appreciate until they're gone.

"A beautifully written, funny and fascinating tour through the unexpectedly lively world of obituaries. Vital reading for anyone who knows a dead person or is likely to become one."

Lisa Grunwald, editor of *Women's Letters: America from the Revolutionary War to the Present*

### Lion's Den is the November Business of the Month

Do you have an account at The Bank of New Canaan? If so, check your November statement carefully as you will find a coupon Good for One Candle at The Lion's Den. Our store has been chosen the Bank of New Canaan's November Business of the Month. Be sure to stop by either of the two branches in town to see our display of beautiful spiritual books, bibles and gifts.

### Volunteer Needs

If you have a public relations background or are a graphic artist, the Lion's Den could use your knowledge and help. Volunteers also needed to work in the store, don't be shy. Playing store is fun! Give us a call, 966.4515x123.

### Moses the Bear

Our recent Name the Bear Contest concluded with the award winning name: Moses, submitted by Ben Thorsheim, age 6. Close favorites among the 63 suggestions were Mark, Snowy, Molly and Honey. Moses, our wise old cuddly bear, sits outside the book store greeting passers by. For submitting the winning entry, Ben was given a \$10 gift certificate to the Lion's Den.



Ben and Moses share a hug.



The St. Mark's May Fair Ferris Wheel is featured as a board token in the just released **New CanaanOpoly** game. Players may move the St. Mark's Ferris Wheel around the board to many of our favorite town merchants and other community organizations. The game is attractive and is a great gift idea for family and friends having a New Canaan and/or St. Mark's connection.

New CanaanOpoly is available through the Lion's Den. Or, you may place your order with Anne Grieves at [alebgrvs@aol.com](mailto:alebgrvs@aol.com) or 801-5288. The cost per set is \$40. All proceeds benefit the capital campaign

at New Canaan Mounted Troop, ([www.newcanaanmountedtroop.org](http://www.newcanaanmountedtroop.org)), a 501(c)(3) organization and New Canaan "hidden treasure".

### 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. From a customer review, "In his career, Danforth

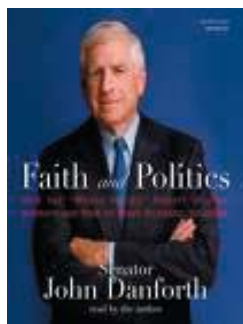
has mostly been a lawyer and a politician -- both professions that generally reward aggressive, adversarial stances. Yet in this book, Danforth's thinking draws more on the accommodating, uniting position that most would associate more with his third, much more peripheral career as a priest. Tying those three viewpoints together in a thoughtful, personal discussion on a variety of issues makes for a book that is a pleasant but important read."

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



### 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 Group has a long standing tradition here of random groups of about ten who meet at each other's homes every two months or so for informal dinner and conversation. The host usually provides the main course, and the guests are usually assigned side dishes and desserts. Not too late to sign up, groups will be organized and contacted by October 12. Call the church office, 966.4515 or email: [tmcgee@stmarksnewcanaan.org](mailto:tmcgee@stmarksnewcanaan.org).



### September Captain and Hospitality Team

Thank you to the September Coffee Hour Captain, Lori Wyckoff, and the team of hosts she assembled who prepared tasty and healthy goodies under the arcade: Christine Blythe, Amy Crane-Morris, and Brenda Mahoney. In addition, thanks again to all those who set up, helped, grilled and cleaned at the Welcome Back Holy Smoker Picnic, it was a fabulous way to kickoff the year.



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.

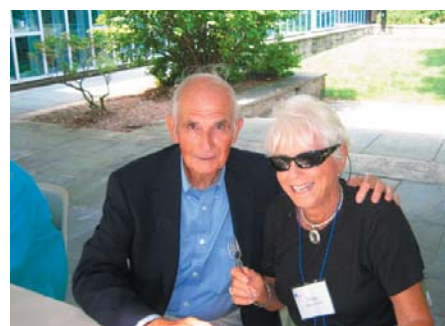
- September: Lori Wyckoff
- October: Judy Webb
- November: Margot Thorsheim
- December: \_\_\_\_\_
- January: Rachel Ranieri and Amy Reid
- February: Eleanor Lisher and \_\_\_\_\_
- March: Melanie Mandler & Lion's Den
- April: \_\_\_\_\_
- May: Middle & HS Youth
- June: \_\_\_\_\_

### New Day Grief Support Group

When your hopes and dreams for tomorrow have been changed by the loss of a loved one, please sign up for our program, which has been successful in helping people to find a "New Day". This is an ecumenical 8-week program to the women of the community by local churches. We gather in the parlor of the Presbyterian Church at 7pm on Mondays. Not too late to participate; call 966.0002 for more details or just come.



Welcome Back  
 Sunday  
 September 9  
 Holy Smoker Picnic





## Christmas Pageant

Our annual Christmas Pageant will be presented 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 16<sup>th</sup>).

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 October or early November (before the season is upon us). Call Rhonda to let me know when you can help, 966.4515.



*Mother Carol blessing the 4-year old's stuffed animals during nursery school chapel on Tuesday morning. Both 3s and 4s attend a simple chapel service on Tuesdays throughout their school year.*

## Have You Noticed ...?

*Good things are happening at St. Mark's!*

- **Coming Attractions** are posted in the Narthex and Morrill Hall.
- **Ministry Opportunities** are displayed with sign-up sheets nearby. Find what interests you both in the church and the community.
- **Name tags** are being used to help us get to know one another.
- **Blessing of the Animals** will be happening Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. (Notice anything unusual in the Narthex?)
- **All Parish Dinner** is in the works. *Save the Date: Nov. 3.* (Remember how much fun it was last year?) What will B-P do this year to entertain us?
- **Join in -- spread the joy!**

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



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**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

 <p>Learn About St. Mark's</p> <p>October 28 at 11:15</p>	<p>1</p> <p>12:00 p ACOA/AI-Anon 1:00 p Staff Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00a AA 12:00p AI-Anon</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9-1:00p Bookstore /Coffeehouse 9:30a Eucharist &amp; Healing 10:00a Bible Study 10:00a AA 4-5:00p Choristers 7:30p Confirmation</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9-1:00p Bookstore 7:00p CaTS (StM) 7:30p Adult Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9-1:00p Bookstore 10:00a Senior Men</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10-12:00p Bookstore 3:00p Memorial Service- Irene Warnk 4-5:30p Adult Choir</p>
<p>7 <i>St. Francis Sunday</i></p> <p>8:00a HE I 9-1:00p Bookstore 9:00a Adult Ed (2) 10:00a HE/No Children's Program 11:15 Coffee Hour 6:00p Taize HE w/Blessing of the Animals</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>COLUMBUS DAY</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00a AA 12:00p AI-Anon 12:30p Book Group 4-4:30p Joyful Noyze</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9-1:00p Bookstore /Coffeehouse 9:30a Eucharist &amp; Healing 10:00a Bible Study 10:00a AA 4-5:00p Choristers 7:30p Confirmation</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9-1:00p Bookstore 7:30p Adult Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9-1:00p Bookstore 10:00a Senior Men</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10-12:00p Bookstore 4-5:30p Adult Choir</p>
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## Lunch Has Been Served

Kit Devereaux and Judy Webb are leading a round of applause and grateful thanks to September's Helping Hands who served lunches to the seniors at Lapham Community Center during the month of September. Churches in town share this ministry by helping out for one month.

Our wonderful volunteers were:  
Charlene Berardino, Joan Brode, Molly DePatie, Jill Ernst, Louise Goodridge, Catherine Holstein, Joan Johnson, Holly March, Amy Reid, Liz Schmidt, Jennifer Taraz and Teri Wagner.



## ST. MARK'S PARISH REGISTER SEPTEMBER 2007

### WEDDINGS

Tara Claire Hurst and Graham James Chynowetz

### 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.*

*Clean Air - Cool Planet of New Canaan*

*Invites the Community To*

*A Discussion on Climate Change*

*At The New Canaan Country School*

*On October 18th from 6-8pm*

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*<http://www.cleanair-coolplanet.org/>*

*(203.966.5427)*



# *All - Parish Fall Dinner*

*Saturday, November 3*

*Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Parish Homes*

*Desserts & Entertainment  
8:30 p.m. at the Church*

*rsvp 966.4515*

## 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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