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THE LION'S ROAR

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Special Parish Meeting

June 10 at 11:30

Over the past year and a half, journey metaphors have served our Parish well, whether in the form of the Roadmap to Transformation and Transition, the train that has left the station, or the stewardship engine telling itself "I think I can, I think I can". We believe another journey metaphor works well again now to describe the point of decision and discernment that is now at hand for our parish. The key words this time are "cross roads."

At a June 10th special parish meeting, we will act on our vestry's proposal to sell a rear parcel of land to Waveny Care Network. The choices before us without a doubt represent the most significant and critical crossroads in our parish's recent past and foreseeable future. One road will lead us forward towards hope and a promise-filled future. The other leaves us mired in the struggles of our past.

For more than a decade St. Mark's has struggled unsuccessfully to come out from under an annual budget deficit. For years, different vestries in good faith have explored all possible options and acted upon them where viable. Our budget is as lean as it can possibly be. Further reductions would require that we cut programs and program staff, thereby cutting the heart and guts out of parish life and sending us into a downward spiral. At the same time, our parish has worked extremely hard and made progress to strengthen our community and our programs. Most recently, we made meaningful gains in our stewardship during the 2007 every member canvas. Despite our progress, we still are not out of the tunnel financially, and the light at the tunnel's end is not bright enough to believe that we can emerge before we run out of fuel. We cannot afford to continue down this road. At its April meeting our vestry passed a 2007 budget including a \$170K deficit which the members of the Vestry deemed responsible only in the context of a proposed land sale.

So while the discouraging news is that we still face financial challenges, the very good news is that we have the

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Five Years Priested

It was five years ago, on Saturday (of Memorial Day week-end), May 25, 2002, the Feast of Bede the Venerable, at 11 o'clock in the morning, that I was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests here at St. Mark's by The Rt. Rev. Wilfrido Ramos-Orench (now the bishop of Central Ecuador). It seems like yesterday, and at the same time so much has transpired and I have been afforded the opportunity to grow into my priesthood in so many ways here in this parish.

I have sitting framed on the shelf, in my range of vision when I am at the computer in my office, a special card I received at the time with a quote by William Shakespeare from Twelfth Night, "I can no other answer make but thanks, and thanks and ever thanks." That pretty much sums it up. I am so grateful for my time here, especially for the wonder and grace of that occasion - from the processional hymn, "Lift High the Cross" to Fr. Bird's chanting

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the assets at hand needed to correct that situation. We are a parish which is land rich even as we are cash poor. We have a serious imbalance between our property assets and our cash assets. By rebalancing that equation, we can set ourselves on a secure course for the future. We are not talking about a band-aid, to get us by for another year or two, but a wisely and carefully structured financial plan that will sustain us and support our visions for the future.

For over two years, our Vestry and several committees have undertaken the due diligence and discernment to assess all our assets and determine how to be responsible stewards of them. It has been exciting to envision being free of the annual drain of energy and time caused by budget struggles and being able to focus on becoming all we can be in the way of a dynamic parish and spiritual home. When Waveny responded with an enthusiastic “yes” to our inquiry about whether they would be interested in purchasing land, our vision transformed into something even greater.

Under the proposal that our Vestry is recommending, St. Mark's can address its financial needs for the foreseeable future. Additionally, we have the opportunity to serve our town by participating in the creation of a project that will provide housing and a continuum of care for seniors. As your wardens, we strongly believe this is a unique opportunity that we cannot see being matched in the future. The benefits are significant. Waveny Care Network is a known and trusted partner. Working with them we are assured of an attractive integrated campus. By participating in this transaction, we will be able to place ourselves on solid financial footing and have the satisfaction of helping to provide a much needed service to our community.

Our vote on June 10th also will have a critical impact on our rector search. It will signal to candidates whether we are a parish that, as our Roadmap work has suggested, is proactive and capable of embracing a bold vision for our future, or whether we are mired in doubt and insecurity and expect the next leader to somehow miraculously pick up the pieces.

Please join us at one of our three remaining pre-meetings discussion (June 3 at 11:30, June 6 at 1:00, and June 10 at 9:00) to deepen your understanding of these critical issues. Invite a vestry member to coffee or make a phone call. This resolution is the culmination of two year's careful due diligence and discernment on the part of our vestry and several committees. As your lay leaders we believe deeply that an “aye” vote is in the best interest of our parish from the standpoint of our long-term financial health, our rector search and our community involvement. We ask that you attend the June 10th meeting prepared to cast your vote for the future of our parish.

Faithfully,

Katie Roach
Senior Warden

Steve Wyckoff
Junior Warden

The Rev. Dr. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop suffragan-elect

June 30 Consecration at Cathedral

Saturday, June 30 at 10:30 a.m., Woolsey Hall, Yale, New Haven will be the site of the Ordination and Consecration service of the Reverend Dr. Laura Ahrens, elected bishop suffragan of Connecticut on March 10 on the fifth ballot from an initial slate of seven candidates. Dr. Ahrens, 44, has served as the rector of St. James' Episcopal Church in Danbury since 2000.



In accordance with Episcopal Church rules, a majority of bishops with jurisdiction as well as the Standing Committees of the other 109 dioceses in the Episcopal Church must now give their consent to this election. If received, Ahrens will be consecrated as a bishop. The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, will be the chief consecrator and has been invited to preach.

Show Us Your Best (Photo) Stuff

Believing that one picture speaks a thousand words, I invite you to join a summer 2007 photo contest to capture ministry in action at St. Mark's.

Selected images will populate our parish website as we reach out to potential new families in late summer. We know that St. Mark's is a faithful and happening place—now we want to beam this reality into cyberspace with our website that will experience a summer makeover.

Here are the guidelines for our contest and photo submission:

- Photos must be digital and be submitted by email to Rhonda Morrill (rmorrill@stmarksnewcanaan.org) by July 15;
- We solicit both action shots of people and imaginative capturing of our buildings and grounds. People photos should cover the range of our ministries: liturgical, fellowship, pastoral care, outreach, church school, youth group, all ages. Using normal internet guidelines, children's photos will contain no identifying information and must have parental consent for website use.
- Seemingly everyone has a favorite May Fair photo, but we can use only 3-4. Remember that to a stranger (potential newcomer), candid/action photos are more inviting than posed.
- Photo entries will be judged on a name-blind basis, using technical criteria like creative depth of field, lighting and frame composition. Photos should be composed in landscape (horizontal) mode (not portrait/vertical mode) and at a high quality resolution (at least 300 dpi).
- Three judges recruited by me will choose the top four photographs, with bookstore gift certificates awarded on September 9 (renewal Sunday). These four photos will be downloaded onto the front page of our website. In addition, a dozen honorable mentions will be added to our website sub-pages (e.g., outreach, church school, youth, music).
- All submitted photos will be included in a special rotating montage display for our welcome center TV, running September 9 and periodically thereafter.

Let's have some fun, get our competitive juices flowing for a good cause, and put our best foot forward for newcomers we hope will join us in autumn.

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Mother Davis' 5 Year Anniversary

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of the Litany for Ordinations as I lay face down on the floor, to the laying on of hands after "Come Holy Ghost" to the exuberant hymn at the end "Lord of the Dance" (which I had to get special permission from the Bishop to use).

The Venerable Bede was a monk at Jarrow in England, in the 8th century, a scholar best known for his work *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*. The last paragraph of the Author's Preface to that work expresses my own sentiments and requests with respect to my work and time here, and reads as follows:

"I earnestly request all who may hear or read this history of our nation to ask God's mercy on my many failings of mind and body. And in return for the diligent toil that I have bestowed on the recordings of memorable events in the various provinces and places of greater note, I beg that their inhabitants may grant me the favour of frequent mention in their devout prayers."

Faithfully,
Mother Davis+



Mother Davis surrounded by her children, Clara, Ian and Catherine on her Ordination, May 25, 2002.

MAY FAIR 2007— A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

What a glorious day Saturday, May 12 was! What a glorious week just ended—May Fair Week. It wasn't just the weather, but the atmosphere, the happy faces, old friends getting together again, the reunions, new friendships forming, nursery school children pointing in anticipation to the rides—picking out their favorite colors.... May Fair proving once again that it is all about community. And what a wonderful community we have here at St. Mark's. Truly this is a community of love!

During the ten days leading up to May Fair, we saw good people coming together—starting with the moving crews of at least 20 each on Friday and Saturday hauling furniture, books and other treasures from the volunteer storage places to the church. Then we had drop-off Sunday with parishioners bringing their White Elephants and crews of volunteers helping with unloading and set-up tasks. All week was a beehive of activity—women and men sorting and pricing White Elephant treasures, the electronics wizards bringing new life to old gear, the Plant Tent ladies, the Book Gang, the Holy Smokers, and individual volunteers willing to help out on a moment's notice who respond to your call by saying, "I've been waiting for your call."

And the fair itself, with the St. Mark's community reaching out and embracing the New Canaan community...expressions of joy were everywhere...on the faces of the children, the young people on the rides, people having a good time together...the great food, the children's games and face painting, the sand art, Old Faithful fire truck rides, the music—the courtyard was a full house for the "Pippin" preview performed by New Canaan High School students. The St. Mark's Earth Ministries and the Lion's Den Bookstore tables each did very well in their May Fair debuts. The crowds cleaned out most of the White Elephant merchandise by mid-afternoon. It's hard to say how many people attended May Fair this year—clearly thousands from New Canaan and surrounding communities enjoyed the day.

Heartfelt thanks and praise go to all the volunteers who make May Fair a reality each year—at least 500 volunteers gave their time and energy this year, including about 100 who are not members of St. Mark's. Special thanks go to the more than 25 activity heads for taking on the additional responsibilities of recruiting and directing the volunteer teams necessary for their activity's smooth performance and for their valuable feedback and ideas for next year. Singled out for special recognition this year are Francie Thompson and Amy Carroll. Francie chaired the huge White Elephant sale, including many hours during the year picking up and storing donations—her thoughtful, selfless and tireless approach each day showed us what "leadership by example" is all about. Amy was the volunteer coordinator—what a bundle of energy—quick to respond to everyone's needs for volunteers, "hands on" support, and always thinking of good ideas for improving May Fair.

May Fair is also about St. Mark's outreach programs. Once again, your efforts this year raised a substantial sum to fund these programs. Gross revenue raised May 12, was approximately \$192,500. After all the bills are paid, net profit should be in the range of \$100,000. Don't ask if this is a record amount. The record to strive for is the amount of joy produced by May Fair, and no doubt there was a record of joy again this year!

You are left with a challenge. Find ways for us as a parish to live the May Fair spirit throughout the year. Create new programs that fulfill our mission as Christians that harness the energy and joy we witnessed during May Fair week. Present your ideas to the Outreach Commission—help them put the May Fair money to good use. We are called and empowered to do God's work.

Faithfully yours,
Bob Stephan, May Fair Chair 2007

Parish Meeting, Sunday June 10

11:30 in Morrill Hall

This special parish meeting convenes Sunday, June 10, at 11:30 a.m. to authorize sale of a campus parcel. Read the vestry's May 17 letter that has been emailed or mailed. Copies are available at each of our entrances or on our website at www.stmarksnewcanaan.org under What's New. Join us for the following pre-meetings: Sunday morning, June 3 at 11:30; Wednesday, June 6 at 1:00; and Sunday, June 10 at 9:00 a.m. All Sunday meetings convene in Morrill Hall; the Wednesday meeting gathers in our library. Sunday childcare extends its hours to accommodate meeting times.

We do not allow for absentee votes, so those eligible to vote must be present to cast a vote. If you have a question about your voting eligibility, refer to the voting eligibility guidelines on the website (under the What's New tab on the welcome page) or posted outside the music room or in the church office.

Time to Say Au Revoir and Bid Adieu

June 17 at 10:00

Rita Powell concludes her ministry at St. Mark's on June 30. She is taking our youth group on a mission trip to South Dakota in late June, so her final Sunday is June 17, when she preaches at both morning services.

On June 17, we will thank her formally during our 10:00 worship and at a special social hour afterward. We are giving Rita a gift in appreciation for her creative work as youth minister, preacher and teacher. If you would like to contribute toward this, please send a check payable to St. Mark's with "Rita Powell gift" in note field (have it in by Friday, June 15). We will include names of contributors in a card given to Rita.

Dear St. Mark's.

Is it really June already? As I enter my last month here at St. Mark's and watch a wonderful group of eighth graders get confirmed, a dedicated bunch of seniors graduate from high school, last year's seniors back from their first year of college, and nursery school give me good-bye hugs while they sing a Taizé chant, I suddenly hate the thought of leaving! My two years of ministry here have been filled with warmth and exciting challenges. Teaching bible studies, preaching, working with the children, planning the Maundy Thursday foot washing, organizing the Messiah reception- all of these wonderful memories!

This fall, I will enter the life of the community at Taizé in Taizé, France. My life there will be very different! My living quarters will shrink from a lovely cottage down to a single room that I will share with a roommate. I will have to leave lots of things behind- my cats, my car, and many of my favorite pairs of shoes! Although I will be living in Europe, I will not be traveling much or sipping tea at cafes. I will be living as part of a monastic community, praying three times a day and working to make the Taizé hospitality mission happen, from teaching bible study to scrubbing pots and pans!

The Taizé community lives a mission of reconciliation, giving vision to the church through hospitality and prayer, making brilliant use of the special spiritual gifts of teenagers. Places like Taizé may come to serve more and more important roles as counterpoints to local parish ministry. The Taizé witness has been so important for so many teenagers right here at St. Mark's and all over the world. I am excited about imagining our life as the church in new ways, exploring youth ministry on a different scale, and living in a multi-cultural community.

All of this is part of my formation as a priest in the Episcopal Church. This project has the support of the Bishop here in Connecticut and I remain in the ordination process towards the priesthood (which should happen the winter of 2008-2009.) I could not have imagined such a daring plan without the love and support of St. Mark's. In fact, without St. Mark's, it is doubtful that I ever would have gone to Taizé! This parish has given me the courage to dream big, for the future of our church and for the future of the young people in our church, in our world. So thank you and God bless.

Look for letters from me next year right here in the Roar!

*With deepest gratitude,
Rita Powell*

OUR TEENS KEEP ON KEEPING ON

Senior Sunday

June 10 at All Three Services

On June 10, the seniors of St. Mark's parish and EYC will be celebrated in several ways. Parish seniors (Gus Hobbs, Robby Bitting, Alexandra Markiewicz, and John Downes-Angus) will preach at all three services on Sunday, (8:00, 10:00, and 6:00). At the 10:00 service, seniors and EYC members will be the lectors, ushers, ministers of communion, and acolytes. Parish seniors will be recognized at this service with best wishes for their continued growth as they leave St. Mark's. If your child is a senior, make sure we know what their plans are for next year! E-mail rpowell@stmarksnewcanaan.org.

EYC seniors will be recognized at a festive banquet at church following the 6:00 Taize Eucharist. The service will close with an informal Taize-sing-along, and the dinner will be attended by the Rev. Vicki Davis, Organist-Choirmaster B-P Thomas, and Youth Minister Rita Powell and will be hosted by the Bitting and Downes-Angus families. ALL EYC members, including newly confirmed 8th graders, are encouraged to take part in this evening.

Sleepover to Welcome Newly Confirmed

Saturday June 2

EYC underclassmen will host a fun-filled overnight event to welcome the newly confirmed 8th graders into the EYC. Look for sleepy teenagers at the 8:00 service on Sunday morning! Contact Rita Powell with questions.

South Dakota Trip

June 22-29

Keep us in your prayers as the youth group embarks on a final trip with youth minister Rita Powell to South Dakota. The group will combine education with outreach, visiting the historic Niobrara Convocation (gathering of Lakota-Episcopal churches in SD), and leading worship at the diocesan summer youth camp in the Black Hills.

Part of the 2nd Grade Communion Class**5th Grade Completes Year of Church and Mission in the World**

The 5th Grade curriculum continued to develop as the year went on. What started out as a textbook series of lessons turned into a hands on exploration of mission. Under the tutelage of Kathy Salvo and Jarvis Cromwell, a study of church history and the Book of Common Prayer led to a look at saints and then performing “saintly” activities. These eager children helped with the Food Bank, baked goods for a Valentine’s Coffee Hour, and collected a record amount - over \$300 - for the Souper Bowl of Caring.

As the winter progressed, the class looked at Bible verses about God’s love for the earth, which naturally led to discussions about present day caretaking of our planet. The class jumped at the opportunity to run a sale of compact fluorescent light bulbs, both during Coffee Hour and at the Earth Ministries table at May Fair. They educated parishioners about the benefits and even calculated household’s carbon footprints. This group sold over \$1600 worth of bulbs and will donate the proceeds to a diverse portfolio of needy organizations (which they decided by class vote):

Environmental Cause: Organization to preserve rainforest in Costa Rica

Health Issues: Episcopal Relief Development which provides mosquito netting to ward off malaria in Africa

Poverty/Hunger: Heifer International – providing farm animals to needy farmers

Children/Education: Camp Hand-in-Hand, the gift of summer camp to a needy child

Congratulations to this group on an amazing year!



8th Grade Confirmation Class on May 19 at St. Stephen's, Ridgefield.

Hospitality Chair Gets a Standing Ovation

Last September, Margot Thorsheim, relative newcomer to St. Mark’s took on the seemingly daunting task of heading up Sunday morning hospitality this year. Not a Sunday went by that our tables weren’t overflowing with goodies and beverages, welcoming faces, and hands to help clean. She involved and recruited hosts and helpers for the past ten months and made it seem effortless. On behalf of St. Mark’s, let’s be sure to thank her for this year’s gracious hospitality.

Next fall, is not that far off and we need another eager person(s) to head up this vital ministry. The task entails finding monthly captains responsible for Coffee Hour for a given month. Margot Thorsheim or Rhonda Morrill will gladly give you more specifics – call the office: 203.966.4515.

4th Grade Bible Class

Thomas K. Barber
Avery Katherine Bachman
Henry Oliver Blythe
Carroll Antoinette Cuoco
Kristin Addison Davis
Aidan Henry Donovan
Elizabeth Conger Growney
Alexander W. H. Ellsworth
John M. Horstmeyer
William Wilder Landis, IV

Sarah Winslow Lovejoy
Henry Linton Marshall
Katherine Broecker Means
Christian A. Megherby
Abigail Catharine Morley
Olivia Cathryn Park
Eliot Carothers Pierpont
William Weber Reid
Steve Ressel
Margot Waters Tucker

Help Spread the Good News!

There are so many wonderful things happening at St. Mark's! But our whole congregation and the larger New Canaan community are not necessarily always aware of them. Rhonda Morrill and I are putting together a Communications Committee to help remedy this situation.

Doesn't it make you feel good when you open up the newspaper and see an article about St. Mark's? Especially when you are involved! The primary effort of the Communications Committee will be to provide articles for the newspaper (with pictures!) every week. Rhonda will continue to send them in at the end of the week when the Advertiser does the layout for the following week.

About half the weeks in the year have obvious topics, such as Christmas, Easter, Taize trip, confirmation, May Fair, etc. The committee will determine other topics of interest for the remaining weeks, choosing from all the activities taking place at church. We would like to have each member write an article periodically to spread the workload.

If you want to see more about St. Mark's in the newspaper, be part of the solution! Rhonda and I look forward to having a good time doing this with you and we would like you to join us.

Jill Ernst
 jill.ernst@gmail.com
 Vestry Member



Bookstore Takes a Summer Hiatus

The Lion's Den wraps up its fabulous debut year with an end of season sale on selected items beginning Sunday, June 3 and continuing through Father's Day, Sunday, June 17. Music, Christmas items, candles, children's books, cards, etc., are discounted so be certain to stop by and do some early holiday shopping. Put together your summer reading list now. We're still open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sundays, 9-1 and Saturdays, 10-12. The shop closes on June 17 (it will be open on the four Courtyard Concert evenings from 5 pm to 8 pm) and reopens Sunday, September 10.

Thank you to the parish and community for your interest and enthusiasm all year. Thanks to the staff of St. Mark's who provided support on every level. Thanks to the original Bookstore Advisory Committee – *Mother Davis, Molly DePatie, Ken Jayne, Kim Matthews, Chris Gruseke, Pete Luke and Sara Walker* - whose vision and careful planning almost 2 years ago is visible today in a working, thriving business.

And a very special thanks to the best volunteer staff – you are the ones who made it possible to open our doors all year long:

The Lion's Book Store wishes everyone a full and intriguing summer.

Faithfully,
 Melanie Mandler,
 Bookstore Manager

Bookstore Volunteers

<i>Jan Annunziato</i>	<i>Eleanor Lisher</i>
<i>Katch Cerow</i>	<i>Pete Luke</i>
<i>Susan Cotter</i>	<i>Joy C. Luke</i>
<i>Molly DePatie</i>	<i>Jan Maynes</i>
<i>Jill Ernst</i>	<i>Randy Meadows</i>
<i>Louise Goodridge</i>	<i>Cathie Pike</i>
<i>Wendy Hilboldt</i>	<i>Sara Smith</i>
<i>Linda Hurst</i>	<i>Jennifer Taraz</i>
<i>Ken Jayne</i>	<i>Margot Thorsheim</i>
<i>Eloise Killeffer</i>	<i>Lori Wyckoff</i>
<i>Edith Linger</i>	

Pastoral Care Reminder

Please call one of the clergy if you would like a pastoral visit – whether you are experiencing a crisis or have an ongoing concern or challenge, or a need for conversation. Especially if you would like a clergy visit in the hospital, please let us know. Sometimes we are able to get information regarding hospital admissions, but given current privacy regulations (HIPAA), we are not always privy to that.

In addition, when you call the church office (966-4515) outside of office hours, the recorded message says that “If this is a pastoral emergency, dial extension 103.” If you dial x103, the call goes directly to either Fr. Rider or Mother Davis. (**Note:** If you should get our voice mail, please leave a message, with pertinent information to return the call – or make a hospital call, and your call will be answered quickly.) If your call falls short of a pastoral emergency, if you simply want to leave a message for or ask a question of one of the clergy or the staff, please dial the respective extension to leave a message which will be returned in due course. Extensions are noted below. Please do NOT dial x103 (especially late at night) for non-urgent questions or messages.

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| Fr. Rider: 101 | Mother Davis: 102 |
| Dick DePatie: 112 | B-P Thomas: 113 |
| Rhonda Morrill: 117 | Thea McGee: 111 |
| Nadia Cwiach: 115 | |

UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS

Musica Leonis presents. . . Bach, Motet: Jesu meine freude and Choruses from Handel's Messiah Part II

Sunday June 3, 2007 at 5:00pm

Nicholas Cotellessa, Tenor Mary Petro, Soprano
Brian-Paul Thomas, Director

Selections from Handel's *Messiah part II* and Bach's *Jesu, meine freude* will be performed by the Choir and Chamber Ensemble of St. Mark's on Sunday June 3 at 5:00 p.m. The middle section of Handel's oratorio is more familiarly known as the Easter portion and includes the famous *Hallelujah* chorus. Bach's motet will be sung in German. The orchestration for the concert includes strings, oboe, trumpets and timpani.

St. Mark's organist and choirmaster, Brian-Paul Thomas will conduct the performance, which involves some 40 volunteer and professional musicians including tenor Nicholas Cotellessa and soprano Mary Petro. A suggested donation of \$15 is requested for the performance.

Father's Day Men and Boys Choir

June 17 – 9:00am Rehearsal – 10am Service

Brian-Paul Thomas invites all the men of the parish - boys, dads, grandpas, uncles - to be a part of this wonderful annual tradition on Father's Day. You don't have to read music or even be able to sing to partake; a one hour rehearsal at 9:00, will get you singing befitting hymns and anthems at 10:00 to the delight of the parish.

Courtyard Concerts 2007

Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. preceded by Carillon Serenades at 7:30 p.m.



June 19

Chamber Music in the Courtyard
Carillonneur: Marietta Douglas

June 26

Opera Arias & Broadway Ballads with Mary Petro & Doug Jabara
Carillonneur: George Matthew – Middlebury College and Norwich College, VT

July 3

John Rose, pianist playing works by Mozart, Bach & Liszt
Carillonneur : Jonathan Lehrer (Netherlands) – Carillonneur at Arlington Cemetery, VA

July 10

Classic Jazz
Carillonneur: Julia Littleton – Bristow VA

May Fair Memories...are coming together with a collection from parishioners young and old. The first photos are posted on the bulletin board outside Morrill Hall. You can add your May Fair memories to the collection by contacting Lisa Bonarrigo at (203) 979-7272 or by emailing her at Lisabonarrigo@nyu.edu. Photos and reflections may also be sent to Rhonda Morrill, rmorrill@stmarksnewcanaan.org.

Special Sunday Notes

June 3

Trinity Sunday

4th Grade Bible Sunday

Join with us as we celebrate Trinity Sunday. 4th Grade Church School Class receives personalized Bibles, a Parish Potluck Brunch follows the service.

Campus Development pre-meeting discussion at 11:30
Evening concert at 5:00 p.m.

June 10

Senior High Sunday

Senior High School Students lead the service and give us the opportunity to congratulate and wish them well as they take their next steps.

*Parish Meeting about
Campus Development at 11:30
Pre-meeting at 9:00*

Meeting to respond to issues in upcoming vestry letter about campus use

June 17

*Father's Day Men's Choir
&*

Rita Powell's Farewell Sunday

Come sing, come say goodbye,
come wish God speed.

ST. MARK'S PARISH REGISTER MAY 2007

BAPTISMS

Kathryn Patricia Byxbee
daughter of Jennifer and Richard Byxbee

Charles Parker Cushman
son of Susan and Philip Cushman

Sloane Noelle Griffiths
daughter of Jacqueline and Sean Griffiths

Tucker Oliver Growney
son of Tracy and Kevin Growney

Jonathan Robert Ronald Lewis
son of Robina and Jeffrey Lewis

Julia O'Sullivan Murray
daughter of Karen and Dylan Murray

MEMORIAL SERVICES

John Anderson Luke, Sr.

Peter Moller, III

Susan Alice Rehm Richards

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.

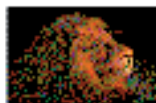
The Photo Directories have arrived and can be claimed in the narthex on Sundays or our parish office



during business hours. Already they proved to be a very useful tool. Please find your name on a directory arranged in alphabetical order. Please, only one directory per household.

Join the CaTS team!

Meeting Dates: June 7 and 21



CaTS is a volunteer organization that helps professionals in job transition and is provided without charge to all attendees. It was started in 1989 when Mac Walker from the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan and Jim Lisher from St. Mark's independently saw a need for support for those in the first wave of corporate layoffs. The two groups were combined and since then, alternate meeting locations between the two churches. While the current unemployment rate is low, we still have 25 professional men and women who come each session for guidance in their job search. No need to reserve a spot, just come to a meeting.

Over the years, Jim and Mac have established a smooth running process with guest speakers who are experts in working with those in transition. We are looking for volunteers to join the team and offer Jim and Mac their help. The greatest skill needed is to be a welcoming host! St. Mark's hosts the group once a month on the first Thursday of the month from 7-9 PM in the education room. First Presbyterian hosts the third Thursday of each month.

Visit the CaTS website, www.newcanaancats.org, to see the job search process and the excellent supporting material provided. Contact us about joining this worthwhile group, (203) 857-4625 or jlisher@aol.com, macmiss2000@yahoo.com, jill.ernst@gmail.com.



- ♦ St. Mark's Nursery School Fall 07. . .has one opening for a 4-year old, girl or boy. Contact Helen Palmesi for more information...203.972.7888.
- ♦ Rental Wanted . . .Tess Pinder, our beloved Sunday morning nursery caregiver/babysitter needs a 2 bedroom apartment, carriage house, or cottage asap. Please call...203.966.5189.

2nd Grade Communion Class

May 20, 2007

Nathalie Bachman
 Brittany Barber
 Philip Brossy
 Madeline Caldeira
 William Francis Curren
 Drew Davis
 Catherine Ellsworth
 Hayley Foote
 Mark Forese
 Eugenie Greeff
 Anne Greer
 Jake Grigsby
 Charles Ronald Hobbs
 James Michael Hobbs
 Trevor Jones
 Kirke LaShelle
 Julia Means
 William Mooney
 Daniel Park
 Mason Parker
 Sloane Pierpont
 Henry Potdevin

Camp Hand-in-Hand

Sessions are filling up, get in your camp application right away! Distinguished by its commitment to diversity, the camp provides a unique opportunity for children from different backgrounds and life experiences to come together and create life-long memories of summer camp. This year the camp offers 3 two-week sessions for children 5-8 years old:

Session 1: June 25 - July 6

Session 2: July 9 - July 20

Session 3: July 23 - August 3

Camp Hand-in-Hand is a Connecticut state licensed day camp operated by Hand-in-Hand Foundation, Inc., and independent Connecticut not-for-profit corporation, sponsored by St. Mark's Parish and Interfaith of New Canaan. While the traditions and values of all sponsors are reflected in the camp culture, the activities do not include specific religious instruction.

Want to learn more? Contact the camp office at 203.966.6920 or visit their website: www.camp-hand-in-hand.org. Camp applications are available in the church office and in the narthex.

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June 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">Parish Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 10</p>			<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tuesday Night Courtyard Concerts</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Carillon at 7:30 p.m. Concerts at 8:00 p.m.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>June 19 and 26 July 10 and 17</i></p>		1	2
<p>3 <i>Trinity & 4th Gr. Bible Sunday</i></p> <p>8:00a HE I 9-1p Book Store Sale 9:00a Adult Ed 10:00a HE II/Children's Ed/ 11:15 Coffee Hour 11:30 Pre-Meeting Campus Development 5:00p Concert No 6pm Taize</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:00p ACOA/Alanon 1:00 Staff Planning</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12p Alanon</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9-1p Book Store Sale 9:30a Eucharist & Healing 10a Adult Ed Class 1:00p Pre-meeting Campus Development Discussion</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9-1p Book Store Sale 7:00p CaTS—St. Mark's</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9-1p Book Store Sale 10a Senior Men's Group</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10-12p Book Store Sale</p>
<p>10 <i>Senior High Sunday</i></p> <p>8:00a HE I 9-1p Book Store Sale 9:00a Pre-Meeting Campus Development 10:00a HE II/ 11:15 Coffee Hour 11:30 Parish Meeting 6p Last Taizé HE 7:00p EYC Dinner</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12:00p ACOA/Alanon 12:30 Staff Luncheon</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00a Food Bank 12p Alanon 5-7p St. Frances year end dinner</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9-1p Book Store Sale 9:30a Eucharist & Healing 10a Adult Ed Class</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9-1p Book Store Sale 6:00p Food Bank</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9-1p Book Store Sale 10a Senior Men's Group</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10-12p Book Store Sale</p>
<p>17 <i>Father's Day Rita Powell's Last Sunday</i></p> <p>8:00a HE I 9-1p Book Store Closes/Sale 9:15 Father's Day Choir Rehearsal 10:00a HE II 11:15 Coffee Hour/</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12:00p ACOA/Alanon</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12p Alanon 7:30p Courtyard Concert</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30a Eucharist & Healing 10a Adult Ed Class 11:15 Wavenny Service</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00p CaTS—FPNC</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10a Senior Men's Group</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>8:00a HE I 10:00a HE II</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00a Camp HIH opens 12:00p ACOA/Alanon</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00a Food Bank 12p Alanon 7:30p Vestry Mtg. 7:30p Courtyard Concert</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30a Eucharist & Healing 10a Adult Ed Class</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00p Food Bank</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10a Senior Men's Group</p>	<p>30</p>

Confirmation Class



2007

Morgan Hickman Boston
Liam Flynn Bowers
James Francis Gough Burton
Charlotte Carver Buchanan
Donnelly Murphy Carroll
Elizabeth Anne Donovan
Julia Rose Duray
Wesley Donaldson Eifler
Charlotte Scott Fager
Catherine Ann Fleming
Christopher O'Brien Freeman

William Hackney Greer
James Brewster Gruseke
Robert Brewster Hamill, Jr.
Nicholas Franklyn Howard
Edward Richard Graham Hurst
Brian Michael Lobdell
Carter Gilbert Lovejoy

Samuel Maddox McCardell
Peter Meadows
Richard Maclellan Pivrotto
Melanie Taylor Silverman
Lucas Carroll Stopper
Lauren Martha Sweitzer
Lindsey Hulme Sweitzer
Stewart Mills Taylor
Samuel Bradford Tingley, III
Carolyn Cooper Uhlein
Marissa Vandervoort

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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