



Dear Friends,

What a joy it was to be gathered with people from throughout the diocese and around the world for the consecration of Ian Douglas, the new bishop of Connecticut. The event itself was delightful—a feast for the senses with beautiful music and colorful pageantry. The Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori presided. The preacher for the occasion was Nobel Peace Prize laureate, the Most Reverend Desmond Tutu, who spoke inspiringly, with humor and passion. Our own Amanda Devoe read the lesson from Isaiah, and Jim Shumway represented us in the choir.

But to top it all, we now have a new bishop. I am personally very pleased that the Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas is our new bishop in particular, but Archbishop Tutu reminded us that the addition of a new bishop, a new chief pastor, a new representative of the mystical unity of the Church, is a source of joy in itself. Perhaps a little history and background is in order.

In the earliest years of the Church, Jesus' Apostles were the leaders. As the Apostles needed to add to their own number or replace themselves after they died, these new Apostles were called *Episcopé*, that is, overseers or Bishops. (Their assistants were called Deacons. Priests only came along later, as an afterthought. But that's a story for another time.) So bishops link us back to Jesus' first and closest disciples. Also, because our bishop has a relationship with us as a parish, and also with other bishops across the country and around the world, bishops link us to the rest of the Church in our own day. So bishops, functionally

and symbolically, connect us to the whole Church and help us understand that all of us are part of the one Body of Christ, that we need each other and are needed by each other.



The Right Reverend Ian Theodore Douglas, 15<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Connecticut on the day of his consecration, April 17, 2010

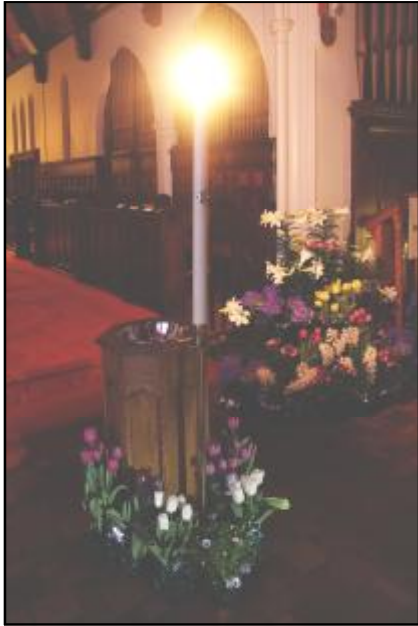
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As you might have guessed, the Episcopal Church derives its name from the Greek word, *Episcopé*, and you would be right if you then concluded that bishops are important to our organizational structure. Just as each congregation is the basic organizational unit in the Congregational Church, the bishop (and with the bishop, the diocese) is the basic organizational unit in the Episcopal Church. The culture of the Episcopal Church is not very authoritarian, so we don't regard the bishop as the chief boss, but as the chief shepherd, that is teacher, leader, and celebrant of the sacraments. The bishop reminds us that we are one with each other and with God.

So it is certainly cause for celebration when we add a new bishop to the ranks of the Apostles, just as it is a joy beyond words every time a new Christian is baptized, reminding us that God's Spirit is our spirit, that each of us has died with Christ and risen to the new life of grace to be his loving hands in the world.

Peace,

The Reverend Matthew R. Lincoln



## PRAY...

For those who are ill or have other problems: Alice Kossack, Windsong Blake, Gail Shell, Matthew Clarke Bourne, Lisa Kisho, Kay Claiborn, Inez Meade, Colin Westbrook, Kevin Powers, John Fiorillo, Earl Williams, Cedarn Jaquish, Bonnie Buick, Leslie Meade, Elizabeth Hindinger, Donna Goettler, Pam Walgren, Carol Goedert, Sterling Jewett, Stacy Sarro, John Kastokevich, Anthony Zimbardi, Chris Tillson, Ethan Riley, Jacob Robert, Penny, Janet Spering, Kevin Powers, Echo Clairmont, Lesley Wooden Knife, Arva Nora King, Adah Stalnaker, LuAnn Bruno, Louis Bradinini, Bruce Sparks, Nancy Glaser, Bill Dunham, Terry Shamansky, The Douglas family, Lillian Falko, Madelyn Prata, Linda Masto, Allen & Gloria, Mitchell Johnson,

Cristina Russo, Debbie Graziosa, Michael Connors, Sherry Boullion, Eric Victor Bryant, John Ryan Walker, Phil Palmisano, Davida Foy Crabtree, David Hindinger, Brian Kaufman, Carolyn Paul, Caesarea Lombroso, Effie Jerrett, Marshall Antonio, Allison Fisher, Kelly Gaudio, Billy Palmisano, Robert Moore, Kevin D'Andrea, Michael Lombardi, Andrew Davidson, Madeline Simone, Judy Tassisto, Dorothy Barth, Paul Lemke, Barbara Allen, John & Paul Balog, Ryan Mead, Randy Wandiak, Helen Simpson, Louis Kravitz, Pete Thomas, Agnes Grace, Ruth McCall, Debbie Ward O'Brien, Patricia Wiedemann, Maria & George Fava, Ron Maynard, Ilene & Bob Saulsbury, Lester Reynolds, Clara Guevara, Patricia Schneider, Marge Barna, Betty Condon, Joan Piercey, Rick & Kathy Morgan, Henry Benz, Ros Stevens, Jonathan Narducci, Paul Munson, Lori Esposito, Anthony Adinolfi, Conni Fedeyko, Attica Meade, Edward DePino, Stefan Fedeyko, Don Davidson, Jennie Bosco, Shirley Payer, Joseph Cecarelli, Betty Creamer, Sherman Squires, Dorothy Chouinard, Augusta & Don Allen, Sr., Priscilla & Walter Kenney, Dorothy Fortier, Parker Small, Margaret Davis, Art Fredricksen, Susanne Davis-Wolfer, Sandra Fatta, Ron Hagobian, Lois M., Gary Turbert, Charles Joseph Moore, Richard Rozanski, Ruth Reed, June Talbot, Shirley Turbert, and Aurea Caban.

## *Worship is at the heart of all we do...*

### **Sundays**

#### **Saturday Evening**

##### **5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist**

A brief, quiet celebration of the Lord's Supper, in traditional language and with homily.

#### **Sunday Morning**

##### **8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

The traditional service (with homily) largely untouched since the Episcopal Church was formed.

##### **9:00 a.m. Christian Education**

During the school year, there are Sunday School classes for children and discussion groups for adults between the two services.

##### **10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

The main service of the week, designed for people of all ages, with organ music and hymn singing. Children are invited to leave the service for a Bible activity during the sermon, and return at the peace to receive communion with their parents.

#### **Wednesday Evening**

##### **7:30 p.m. Healing Service**

This service is for those who wish healing prayers. The service is conducted by our Healing Ministers.

The church doors are open as often as possible. They are always open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For those called to serve our country:

Daniel Siaumau Bower, Kyle Hannon, Gordon P. McCall, Justin Rubino, Frank L. Kane IV, Gregory Alex, Tony Smith, Adam Smith, Robert Fichtner, Chanda Choun, David Earle, Walter McElrath, Matthew Hannon, Frank DellaCamera III, John DellaCamera, Todd Savage, George Wayne Daniel, Matilda M. Markham, and Hamilton Markham, Walter Gradzik, Chris Beckwith, and John Horn.

We pray for the newly baptized:

Matthew Morgan Mondene  
Mattison Marie Mondene

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## The times they are a'changing!

By the time this newsletter goes to print, John Graef will have merged John Henry's Printing and Copy Shop with a printer in Wallingford. He is closing the doors on Washington Avenue the end of April. He will be at R. Frank Printing, 184 Center Street in Wallingford. There he will be taking care of his own customers, but no longer selling grocery cards.

For those of you who buy your grocery cards from John Henry's store, you will now have to buy them from him following the 8:00 a.m. Sunday service. You may also buy them from Alberta following the Saturday service at 5:00 p.m., Owen following the 10:00 a.m. service, or the church office.

Thank you John for extending your business for so many years to sell grocery cards for us. I know your regulars will miss you, but hope they will get used to buying their grocery cards at a different location, or from you in church.

Good luck as you venture into semi retirement...maybe...and to Nancy as she goes into full retirement. We will miss you being close by and helping out with those last minute jobs that we needed yesterday!

## Have You Heard?

### Church Tag Sale Coming

It's time for Spring Cleaning. The Church Tag Sale will be held June 12th starting at 8:00 a.m. So...clean out you attics, basements and cupboards and bring your clean, gently used tag sale items ( no furniture ) to the Great Hall starting June 1st. All those lovely trinkets that you are tired of...bring them in and have fun buying news ones...here of course! We will also take books, and children's toys .

Volunteers are needed for this event . Please look for the sign-up sheet and sign up to help at a time that is convenient for you. If you have any questions please speak to Kristen Moore or Jane in the church office.

## Save the Date



Mark your calendars for this one now! The Eighth Annual St. John's Golf Tournament is scheduled for Thursday, September 30th at Lyman Orchards Golf Course. Save the date now and watch for further announcements...but start planning your foursomes!

## Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew cordially invites our parish families to a Pancake Breakfast in celebration of Mother's Day. The breakfast will be held between services at 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 9, 2010. If you plan to attend please indicate the number attending on the sign-up sheet posted in the Great Hall. If you wish to attend, but have transportation needs; please call the church office at 203-239-0156. There is no charge but donations will be gratefully accepted.

## Only Three Sundays Left.

This is your last chance this Spring to host a Coffee Hour. As you enjoy your coffee on Sunday, stroll on over to the "Coming Events" bulletin board and sign-up. It can be as simple or as fancy as you want. Invite someone to do it with you. If you have any questions about this ministry please call the church office 203-239-9717.

## Lemonade Servers Needed for the Summer Months!

We will continue to serve lemonade in the Great Hall during the summer months. It was brought to our attention that people like to chat a little after the 10:00 a.m. service and that it is more conducive to do so inside. With that said, the sign-up sheet for "Lemonade" is posted on the "Coming Events" bulletin board in the Great Hall. Lemonade is very simple to do and all the instructions are on the sign-up sheet. Thank you in advance for your help with this ministry.

## Some more dates for your calendar:

**What:** St. John's Family Pot Luck Picnic

**When:** Sunday, June 13th at 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** 54 Breezy Court, Hamden

Swimming, games, fun, fellowship and food. Watch for further announcements...but save the date now!

**Killam's Point Healing Service and Supper**

Wednesday, June 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Killam's Point, Branford

Watch for further information about this event. It's one you won't want to miss!

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# Youth News

by Michele Kearney, Director of Children's Ministries

## Church School

Classes will be held as usual each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. through May 16<sup>th</sup> with the exception of May 9<sup>th</sup> when there will be a Mother's Day Breakfast hosted by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The breakfast will take place in the Great Hall and children will have the opportunity to make cards for the "mothers" in their life.

## Annual Bishop's Fund 5K for Kids



Saturday, May 15, 2010

Webster Hill School, West Hartford

Check in starts at 8; starting gun at 9:30

This event benefits the Bishop's Fund for Children which enhances awareness about the plight of children at risk throughout Connecticut and raises funds to underwrite social service programs that aid children in our urban, suburban and rural neighborhoods. The race was started by Kate Smith and the Rev. Amy Fallon in 2001 to benefit the Bishops' Fund for Children. Runners and walkers from all over the state come to run, walk, partake in the children's field day or just enjoy a day of fun

Come and enjoy a morning of field day competition for children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

- Half mile race
- One mile race
- Softball toss

Register your children at the race for \$10. Children will get an official Bishop's 5K for Kids t-shirt and prizes will be awarded. A wonderful way to encourage our children to get out there and get moving! For more information go to <http://www.ctdiocese.org/bf5k>

## Vacation Bible School August 9th to 13th

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School, a five-day summer program which runs from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., will take place at St. John's & North Haven Congregational Churches August 9th to 13th.

The great baobab tree in the expansive African savannah is the setting for this year's VBS. This exciting get together has something for everyone in the community to LOVE. Kids will be creating, running, jumping, and FOLLOW-ing with action-packed games; singing amazing new songs; and SHARE-ing the good news with everyone they meet. TRUST us, this is the VBS you don't want to miss! It's all about being part of a community, CARE-ing for others, learning about the Bible, and having fun, of course!

Sign up early! Space is limited. Take an extra form and bring a friend!

## Youth Talent Show-Trinity Church Wethersfield

Trinity Church in Wethersfield is looking for performers for an evening of fun and fellowship. Performers between the ages of 11-17 (or brave youth leaders, teachers or mentors) are needed. They are looking for acts including but not limited to:

- Poetry
- Singing
- Juggling
- Piano, Violin, Guitar, Drums, etc.
- Bands
- Dance, Drill, Step
- Skits, Scenes From a Play
- Comedians



Tryouts: Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:30-5:00, Rehearsals: May 16<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:00, Show: Friday May 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30-8:00

If you are interested in participating, contact Michele Kearney.

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## Summer FUN at Camp Washington!!!

### OPEN HOUSE Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1 - 4 PM

Camp Washington is the picturesque center for outdoor ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut. This 300-acre woodland retreat, in the heart of Litchfield County, has been an idyllic spot for children & families for almost 100 years. Here, campers can take a break from their summer routine, make new friends, deepen their faith, enjoy the beauty of the area, have fun, learn new skills and return home with memories that will last a lifetime! Camp Washington is small enough that campers form lasting friendships not only within their cabin groups, but with the camp community as a whole.

At Camp Washington you will find:

- A caring community centered on Christian values and beliefs
- A strong commitment to helping each camper grow in faith
- A professional well trained staff focused on the needs of campers
- An active, fun & challenging program with something for everyone
- A healthy & safe camp

If you are interested in more information you can go to [www.campwashington.org](http://www.campwashington.org), or contact Michele Kearney. Financial is available if needed.

## St. John's Youth Going on Another Mission Trip to the American South

This July, two more of our youth, Abby Vasas and JT Lincoln, are heading South on a mission trip. Abby and JT will be joining 11 other young people from the North Haven Congregational Church who are organizing this trip. This is the second consecutive summer St. John's has had youth go out into the world, to effect change and help the needy in the name of the Christ.

Abby and JT will leave on Friday July 9<sup>th</sup> and return on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. The mission group will be working with YouthWorks in New Orleans, LA. YouthWorks' core purpose is to help the church be the church by providing life-changing, Christ-centered resources for ministry. The mission group will partner with local ministries who are still working on the recovery efforts from the devastating effects of hurricane Katrina. They will help wherever they are needed most, through work projects, children's ministry and more.

Between now and July, there are numerous ways you can support Abby and JT in their fund raising efforts to offset the cost of this mission trip:

- Sign up to be sponsors of their trip. Any amount, small or large, is welcome! Abby and JT will have sponsorship forms at coffee hour beginning Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you don't regularly come to the 10:00 service, you can call Jane

in the church office to let her know you'd like to sponsor one or both of them. She will pass the word to them and Abby and/or JT will call you back.

- Join our neighbors in Christ across the green at a post-church breakfast at the North Haven Congregational Church on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Abby and JT along with the other mission group youth will be serving eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, potatoes and more for \$5.00 a person, \$20.00 cap per family.
- Buy tickets and come to a mission trip fundraiser car wash on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at Candid Cleaners (rain date is Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at the North Haven Congregational Church). Tickets will be available in late May.
- Help JT and Abby bake and/or buy at the Youth Mission Trip Bake Sale on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> which will be held during our lemonade and coffee hour. More details to follow.

Thanks for your support! It's great to have our kids venturing forth "...in peace to love and serve the Lord!"

## Vestry Highlights *by Janice Kahre*

Kudos to:

Kris Jensen, our Easter Sunday saxophonist, who is going in studio with the Allman Brothers to record an album.

And to Vicki Baldwin, who has received final approval for ordination to deaconate on June 12.

According to St. John's financial report our year to date budget is \$1,167 ahead.

On May 2 after the 10am service, Barbara Casey will lead a discussion on the redevelopment of the ECW, based on the survey results.

A stewardship committee is being formed and is to be an ongoing venture throughout the year. Heading it up are Nancy Ceballos, Jennifer Bassett and David Hazall-Farrell. Any interested volunteers are asked to contact a new committee member.

## Women's Ministry Redevelopment Survey Review: *Time to Move Forward*

On Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the coffee hour will be replaced by a light lunch served as part of a seminar for reviewing the survey results. Following this we will have a discussion on going forward moderated by Parish Consultant, Barbara Casey. Whether or not you have been involved before, we want to hear your voice! Please come share a delightful lunch and companionship with your fellow parishioners in this conversation,

AND go into action..... Several definitive and recurring wants and needs of the women of St. John's came out of the survey process. To share a few:

- The desire for the group to provide varied activities
- The need for activities to appeal to women of all ages
- The need for a welcoming and inclusive/accepting (women's) parish organization.

With these criteria and the incorporation of the other comments and suggestions from the survey, we have a wonderful starting place for adding to the robust women's ministries that have supported St. John's through the years and into the present.

## The Deacon Says:

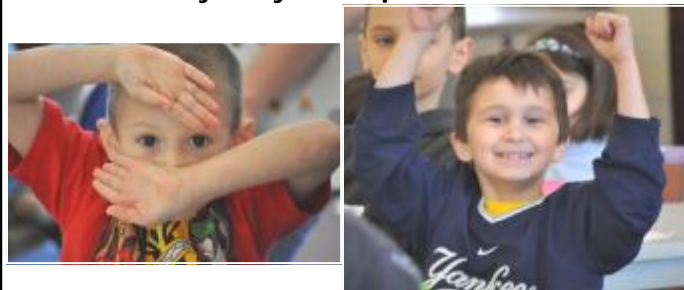
Our "New System" of including our home-bound parishioners in the Joys of Easter was a success.

A sincere thanks to all participants who took time to remember those who are not able to worship with us in person, by visiting and bringing them greetings with a card and Easter plant.

A special thanks to Joan Hunt who addressed all the cards and to Jane Davis who arranged the greeting cards on the bulletin board and also made and posted the sign that explained our "System."

Deacon Agnes and the Pastoral Care Team

## Good Friday Day Camp



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## Save the Date – Saturday, May 15.

Sleeping Giant Build and Amity Cares are joining together to bring you a wonderful benefit concert to raise money for our third Habitat for Humanity house.

Come hear Amanda Kaletsky sing and lead performances by special guests, including the Community Choir and students from Amity Middle School singing selections from Beauty and the Beast. Check her out at <http://www.amandakaletsky.com/blog/>. Jocelyn Maminta of WTNH Channel 8 news will be the Master of Ceremonies.

This is a great way to have fun and help raise money for a worthy cause. Here are just some of the ways you can participate:

- Buy tickets (\$12 adults, \$7 students, under 5 free)
- Buy no-show tickets (\$10) – you don't want to not go alone – buy 2!
- Buy an ad or encourage your favorite business to buy an ad for the program (from \$35 to 250, depending on size)
- Make a basket of goodies or services for the silent auction
- Join the community choir to sing at the concert – music will be distributed ahead of time, practice provided
- Buy goodies at the silent auction

You can buy tickets (or no-show tickets) from Marjorie Dauster or Jan Naegele. We will have forms for buying ads and for signing up for baskets. Keep your eyes open for further announcements about deadlines and additional attractions.

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## Sandwich Ministry

Another successful year for the Sandwich Ministry! To the women who have come so faithfully to make sandwiches and bag up all the treats...we thank you. To all of you who have donated peanut butter and jelly, tuna fish, mayonnaise, snacks and treats...we thank you. To Peggy White, a teacher in the Play School, who co-ordinates the Midnight Run from St. Barnabas Church and delivers all this food rain, or shine...we thank you. To all of you who have given a monetary donation to help with purchasing the bread (21 loaves are

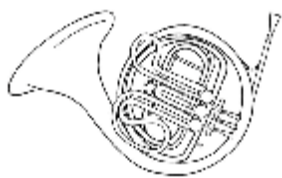
used weekly)...we thank you. And last, but not least, to Joe Carafeno who is instrumental in making sure that all the clothing and warm blankets get delivered to St. Barnabas the third Wednesday of every month...we thank you. Please, please come back the first Wednesday of October when this ministry will start up again. If you are wondering what the Midnight Run is, it is a group of people who every Wednesday (October through April) leave St. Barnabas Church at 7:30 p.m. and travel into New Haven to deliver

food, warm clothing and spread the Good News to the homeless on the Green and those in the shelters. Yes, they give out Bibles when they have them and try to spread the gospel to those less fortunate who have fallen on hard times. If you are unable to join the "Sandwich Ladies" or go out on the run, please consider giving a monetary donation to this cause. Checks can be made payable to St. John's and earmarked in the memo line for the Midnight Run.

### Community Supper

Great Hall of St. John's every Friday night at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!  
*Please note: due to the St. John's Tag Sale Saturday, June 12th, there will be no Community Supper Friday, June 11th.*

## Spring Horn Recitals



**June 4, 2010 – The Half Valley Horn Quartet of the Hartt School Community Division, with special additional performances by their teachers.**

Four high school juniors and seniors: Hannah Fitzgerald from Bristol, Emma Staudacher from Canton, Brendan Sullivan from Simsbury, and Emily Tassinari from New Hartford, are coached by Susan Spaulding at the Hartt School Community Division in West Hartford.

**June 11, 2010 – The Hartt Brass Quintet and the Dolce Horn Quartet.**

This is the second appearance at St. John's by the Brass Quintet of the Hartt School Community Divi-

sion, which last year performed as a quartet. Tuba player Dan Whitney of West Hartford joins Brendan O'Donnell of Tariffville and CJ Tomasevich of Madison on trumpets, Jackie Schober of Somers on horn, and Maddie Stocker of West Hartford on trombone.

The Dolce Horn Quartet is happy to give their first public recital, having been together only since September. The members are Bethany Franklin of New Hartford, Becky Biklen of Hartford, Catherine Preysner of West Hartford, and Emily Gregonis of Columbia. Both ensembles are coached by Susan Spaulding.

Each concert will be at 7:00pm, and run approximately one hour. A light reception will follow each performance.

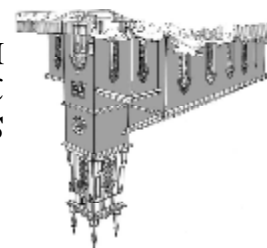
The deadline for the June Journal is Wednesday, May 19, 2010  
Please have all articles for the Journal handed in on or before that date.

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