



# SAINT JOHN'S JOURNAL

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Dear Friends,

Spring is in the air, and the cycles of new creation and the renewal of old creation are visible in the natural world. On a spiritual level, the Easter season, ending with Pentecost, also shows forth new birth and rebirth; the Church is constantly being made new by the Spirit of God. We are ever trying new things or trying to reawaken the joyful spirit of old things that have become tired or tedious. Historically, church leaders around the world have repeatedly sought to connect with what church was like in the earliest days following the first Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

In our own way, St. John's is going to do the same thing with the annual parish evening at Killam's Point in Branford. This year, we are rearranging the evening schedule to focus on meditation and healing prayer at the beginning (with a children's component built in). Then, following the pattern of the earliest disciples, we will combine worship and fellowship into one meal, blessing the bread at the beginning of the potluck supper, and blessing the wine at the end, making the whole meal into a Eucharist. (See the article inside for details)

Following the meal, there will still be plenty of day light for people who want to explore the grounds or take a swim, or simply soak up the quiet, continuing the spiritual retreat. Because this year's Killam's Point gathering will have a more structured, spiritual focus than in recent years, you are also invited to an informal picnic at the Kearneys' house. See inside for more details!

Another way that St. John's supports us in spiritual renewal is through the healing prayer ministry. On the first and third Sundays of each month, members of the healing prayer team are available to pray with you during communion, for your healing or any other concerns you have. (There is also a healing service on Wednesday evenings at 7:30) On Easter, we

moved the location of that ministry to the narthex (the church foyer). This affords greater privacy and a quieter, calmer setting for this more private form of prayer. This move was very enthusiastically received. More people have been participating than were previously, and they have told me and the healing ministers how much they prefer the new arrangement. If this change of location has caused you to think you might want to try it, but you still hesitate because you're not sure about what you're "supposed to do," here's a little primer: Go back to the narthex, either before you receive communion or after. The usher may direct you to one of the healing ministers, or ask you to wait while they pray with others. The healing minister will be waiting for you, standing on the other side of a kneeling desk (or *prie-dieu*). You may kneel there, or remain standing, if you prefer. The minister will invite you to name the concern for which you would like prayer, and you can be as specific or as general as you like. The minister will not tell anyone else about your request, but will keep it confidential. Then the minister will say a prayer, while laying a hand or both hands on your head or shoulder. You can invite them simply to hold hands with you, if you prefer. At its root, this human touch helps us to know that God wants to "be in touch" with us. In Christ, God came to us in human form, and the Holy Spirit continues to bring new life and the renewing of life to us in this world and through our physical being.

Please make sure to read about all the other opportunities for creation and re-creation inside!

Peace,

The Reverend Matthew R. Lincoln

## Adult Bible Introduction Continues

Although the Children's Sunday School program is off for the summer, the adult class that has been meeting in the Great Hall will continue for the time being. This class, led by the Rector, is an introduction to the Bible. Because there is so much to introduce, each session starts from scratch. Please feel free to come if you haven't come before!

## PRAY...

For those who are ill or have other problems: Clara Guevara, Donna Piercey, Alyssa D'Eugenio, Adrienne Chapman, Don, Nancy Kearney, Fred Maichle, Don Johnson, Alice Kossack, Lorraine Asmus, 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 Shamsky, The Douglas family, Madelyn Prata, Linda Masto, Allen & Gloria, Mitchell Johnson, Cristina Russo, Debbie Graziosa, Michael Connors, Sherry Boulion, 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, Patricia Schneider, Marge Barina, 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 Player, 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 - will resume September 19th**

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, and John Horn.

## Church Tag Sale Coming Soon!

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.

## Time for a Cup of Tea!

It's time for High Tea with the Ladies of St. John's! Mark your calendars and plan to attend from 3 - 5pm on Sunday, June 27 right here at St. John's in the Great Hall. Details are still developing, but if you'd like to help out please call Lynn Fredricksen at 203-239-9358.

## Have You Heard?



By the grace of God  
the Right Reverend Ian T. Douglas  
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut  
will ordain

Victoria Evelyn Baldwin

to the Sacred Order of Deacons  
in Christ's One Holy Catholic  
and Apostolic Church,

Saturday, June 12, 2010  
at 10:30 in the morning  
in Christ Church Cathedral  
Main and Church Streets  
Hartford, Connecticut

*Your prayers and presence are requested.*

*Clergy: red stole.*

*Reception will follow.*

## Thank you...thank you to:

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew for the delicious Mother's Day Breakfast. The aroma was very enticing as you walked into the Great Hall last Sunday between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. Families enjoyed a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, orange juice & coffee and a nice time to visit with one and other. Thank you again Carlos, Joe, Don and Al.

All those who have helped with coffee hour, fondly referred to as the "eighth sacrament." It is a ministry of fellowship that is enjoyed by everyone.

Thank you to all for making it happen!

## 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.

## 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 Division, 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.

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

*More "Have You Heard" on page 4*

# Youth News

by Michele Kearney, Director of Children's Ministries

## Summer Gospel Time

During the 10:00 a.m. service we will be continuing the Children's Gospel. Throughout the summer we will be telling Bible stories that coordinate with the day's readings and the children will participate in creative ways to respond to them. For the summer, this program relies on adult volunteers to conduct lessons. It is a simple lesson plan and all materials will be provided. No prior teaching experience is necessary. If you're interested in helping, see Michele Kearney or sign up for one Sunday in the Great Hall.

## 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 FOLLOWing 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!

## Summer FUN at Camp Washington!!!



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.or](http://www.campwashington.or), or contact Michele Kearney. Financial is available if needed.

*"Have You Heard" continued from page 3*

What: St. John's Family Pot Luck Picnic  
When: Sunday, June 13th at 1:00 p.m.  
Where: 54 Breezy Court, Hamden

A time to gather and enjoy a warm summers afternoon together. People of all ages are invited to this event which is being held in the Kearney family's backyard. You will need to bring a swimsuit, towel, and food to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. We are asking those whose last name begins with A— L to bring a side dish or salad, and those whose last name begins with M— Z to bring a dessert. Hope to see you there!

## Save the Date



Let's help keep people warm next winter by having a good time in September. 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.

Foursomes are starting to come in. Don't forget to add yours! Pick up a flier, fill it out, hand one out to your friends. Everyone will have a marvelous time.

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## 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.

During the month of June, here are ways you can support Abby and JT in their fund raising efforts to offset the cost of this mission trip:

- Come to a mission trip fund raiser car wash on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at Candid Cleaners on Washington Avenue between 9:30-2:30.
- 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/coffee hour. Abby and JT will be calling St. John's parishioners to ask for baking assistance, so help them if you can!
- If you missed your chance to sign up to be a sponsor of their trip, 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.

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

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## Congratulations Graduates

College graduates this year were:

- Chris Ceballos graduated from Marist College with a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in Spanish & Communications. Chris is going to the southern region of Spain in September to teach English in a public school.
- Thomas DiLella graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in Political Science & History. Tom is taking a year off before going back to graduate school.
- Jimmy Dauster graduated from Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology. He hopes to pursue organic farming.

### High School Graduates

Graduating from Hamden High School:

- Amanda Devoe who will attend Springfield College to study Psychology and Occupational Therapy.

Graduating from North Branford High School:

- Angela DiLella who will attend Eastern Connecticut State University to study English with the hope of one day becoming a High School English teacher.

Graduating from North Haven High School:

- Michael Buckley who will attend the University of Connecticut Honors Program to study English.
- Michael Bosco who will attend Eastern Connecticut State University. Course of study undecided at this time.

Graduating from Sheehan High School, Wallingford:

- Kevin Fornal who has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

We wish all these young people well as they continue on their journey through life.

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## Vestry Highlights *by Nancy Ceballos*

The May Vestry meeting began as all do, with the recitation of St. John's mission statement.

This was followed by sharing joys and concerns, and then it was on to the business at hand! Minutes from the March meeting were approved and are on the bulletin board across from the Guild Room for parishioners to view.

The treasurer was pleased to report that we are operating close to budget and that, adjusting for seasonality, we're in good shape. She asks that we remember to keep up our pledges so we can continue this positive trend.

Father Matt shared thank you notes he received from Hamden, North Haven and Wallingford Fuel Banks, and the Christian Community Action Food Bank. Thanks to the Golf Tournament and the 30 Hour Famine, St. John's was able to make donations to these agencies in support of the important work they do.

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We are happy to report that Vicki Baldwin will serve as Deacon at St. John's on the Sunday following her ordination to the Deaconate, which will take place Saturday, June 12th.

Plaques and plants will be purchased for the memorial garden, which has become a beautiful place for remembrance and reflection.

The newly formed Stewardship Committee reported on their plans to operate on a year round basis, and members are looking forward to exploring stewardship with a new twist!

A meeting held on Sunday, May 2nd to reflect on survey responses regarding the ECW was well attended. Barbara Casey facilitated the discussion and visioning process.

Dates for two upcoming activities were announced: The Spring Tag Sale on Saturday, June 12, and a Tea on Sunday June 27. Look for details elsewhere in this month's journal.

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## The Annual Killam's Point Healing Service Will Take Place Wednesday Evening June 30<sup>th</sup>.

New This Year! We are refocusing our time at this beautiful seaside retreat center. As an alternative to the picnic with a healing service later in the evening, we will begin our evening with the healing service and then proceed to break bread together in a loose interpretation of the ancient practices of the early disciples of Jesus. All are encouraged to come to receive prayers or to join in prayer and support for all those in need of healing. Children are welcome, and will have the opportunity to join the adults, or learn about healing prayer in their own interactive group.

There will be a sign up sheet in the Great Hall. Those who are contributing food are asked to bring something that requires no onsite preparation other than keeping a dish warm in the oven. We are encouraging everyone to join in the service instead of being stuck in the kitchen.

Our approximate time line for the evening is as follows:

5:00-5:45 PM arrival and setup

6:00-7:30 PM Healing Service & dinner combined

7:30 PM until dark: cleanup and free time

### 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.*

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## Women's Ministry Redevelopment Committee Update:

The gathering of the women of Saint John's on May 2 to share the results of the survey was enormously successful. The group of 29 women in attendance, led by Barbara Casey, consultant, was forthcoming with questions, suggestions and concerns. While enjoying lunch and fellowship the women shared :

- A bit of the history of past ECW events
- The activities of the many other women's ministries of Saint John's
- Thoughts and ideas for the future of women's ministries at Saint John's

The committee, and many of the women in attendance, are quite pleased with the openness and sharing of ideas for the future of women's ministries at Saint John's. The outcome of this meeting is a giant first step toward the goal of developing a structure that will be meaningful to women of all ages and a multitude of interests.

Following a hiatus during the summer months the committee will reconvene. Next steps will include:

- Age specific focus groups to obtain additional input from age-groups that were not represented by completing the written survey.

- Publishing the information gathered at the May meeting in the September newsletter in preparation for the next group meeting.
- An early fall meeting to begin the planning process for women's ministries events for the year.

Fr. Matt, David, Jane, Laura and I are truly appreciative of the efforts of those in attendance and the expressed support of many more women of the parish who could not attend. We especially thank Barbara Casey for her contributions to this important initiative.

Prayerfully,  
Debbie Borisjuk

Please note: Inspired by the energy of the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, Lynn Fredricksen is orchestrating a tea for the women of the parish which will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. We expect that this will be the first of many different kinds of opportunities for women to gather and celebrate the wide variety of women's ministry and fellowship at St. John's.

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## The 129th Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of Connecticut



From left to right around the table: Ilene Saulsbury, Rev. Agnes Johnson, Vicki Baldwin, Jane Davis, Eunice Murphy, Susan Ransom, Kay Warren, Dorothy Fredricksen and Lynn Fredricksen. The empty chair belonged to Fr. Matt who took the picture.

The meeting took place at the Aqua Turf in Southington. Over four hundred people attended this meeting. There were a variety of displays with information available from many agencies and organizations within and beyond Connecticut. The guest speaker was Marcia Himes, President of the National ECW Board. Her topic was "Stepping Forward Together."

It was a special time for renewing friendships and making new ones as we shared in worship and the work of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese.

## Coming Events You Don't Want to Miss:

Friday, June 11th— French Horn Concert at 7:00 p.m. in church.

Saturday, June 12th— St. John's Tag Sale from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 12th — Vicki Baldwin's Ordination at 10:30 a.m. in Hartford

Sunday, June 13th — St. John's Parish Family Picnic at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 27th — a Bake Sale to benefit the two young people who are going on a mission trip with youth from the North Haven Congregational Church.

Sunday, June 27th — High Tea in the Great Hall from 3-5p.m.

Wednesday, June 30th — Healing Service and Supper at Killam's Point, Branford

Monday August 9th through Friday August, 13th — Vacation Bible School

Friday, August 13th— Vacation Bible School Closing Ceremony here at St. John's at 6:30 p.m.

Every Friday (except June 11th) Community Supper at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 30th — 8th Annual St. John's Golf Tournament

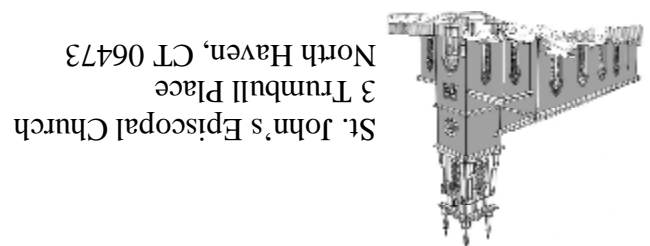
*More information about these events can be found inside this newsletter.*

The deadline for the July/August Journal is Wednesday, June 16, 2010  
Please have all articles for the Journal handed in on or before that date.

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