



Dear Friends,

A widely cherished belief about church life is that people go church-shopping in the fall on the strength of all the energy that flows at the beginning of the school year. The assumption is that people who are not affiliated with our church will visit when the choir is singing and the church school is in full swing, to see what programs and activities we have to offer.

One of the many blessings of serving as your rector for nearly twelve years is that I have had the opportunity to observe our life together more deeply, and see when such assumptions are not accurate. As it turns out, summer is the time of year when the most visitors attend worship at a regular Sunday or Saturday evening service. Already, we have welcomed several new visitors in June.

Years ago, I found myself apologizing to visitors when they came to St. John's and found a hot building with a smaller congregation and a simpler Sunday morning routine. I worried that we weren't putting our best foot forward. To my surprise, the visitors rarely seemed to share my disappointment! In fact, they clearly enjoyed the opportunity to chat after the service in a quieter, more leisurely way. Many of "them" continued attending and became "us!" In this age of "too much information," perhaps it is easier to visit a church for the first time during the quiet months of the summer.

Perhaps there is another reason as well. Perhaps, it is on these first weekends of the summer, when the busy pace of the school year is over, that people feel they have a moment free to pay atten-

tion to the deeper, more mysterious needs of their souls. The Biblical prophet Elijah famously experienced the "still, small voice" of God in silence, rather than in the whirlwind. Perhaps visitors – and the rest of us as well – experience summer's change of pace as an invitation from God.

Let me reiterate and expand that invitation. Summer is a great time to go to church on a Sunday morning, and focus more simply and directly on being in the presence of God. Surely there will be Sundays when you will be away or occupied with a summer activity that cannot be scheduled at any other time. But there will also be Sundays when it will be possible for you to go to church. I urge you to do so for two reasons. The first is that invitation from God. God really does call us to come together to offer our praise and thanks, and to receive his sacramental promise of love and grace. The second flows out of the first: Be at St. John's to welcome the people who are coming to your church seeking God's blessings. It is a profound joy to share our blessings in the simple, direct way of summer worship at St. John's.

## Visiting Season

Peace,

The Reverend Matthew R. Lincoln

## PRAY...

For those who are ill or have other problems: Barbara Daly, Ron Maynard, Jaiden Drayton, Evelyn Gilmore, Mary & Michael Ames, Clara Guevara, Donna Piercey, Alyssa D'Eugenio, Adrienne Chapman, Don, Nancy Kearney, 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, Pam Walgren, 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, Bill Dunham, Terry Shamansky, The Douglas family, Madelyn Prata, Linda Masto, Allen & Gloria, Mitchell Johnson, Cristina Russo, Debbie Graziosa, Sherry Boullion, Eric Victor Bryant, John Ryan Walker, Phil Palmisano, Davida Foy Crabtree, David Hindinger, Brian Kaufman, Carolyn Paul, Caesarea Lombroso, 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, Ilene & Bob Saulsbury, Lester Reynolds, Patricia Schneider, Marge Barna, Betty Condon, Joan Piercey, Rick & Kathy Morgan, Henry Benz, Ros Stevens, Jonathan Narducci, Lori Esposito, Anthony Adinolfi, Conni Fedeyko, Attica Meade, Edward Depino, Stefan Fedeyko, Don Davidson, Jennie Bosco, 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.

For those who have died:

Fred Maichle - *father of Robin Freeman*  
Effie Jerrett - *mother of June Roberts and Linda Krasko*

The Rev. Paul Munson

**Please note:** If you are hospitalized, please make sure you call the church office and let us know. Due to confidentiality concerns the hospital is no longer making general information available to churches. Information is only available when requested specifically by name.

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## Tag Sale

This year's tag sale was again a great success thanks to Kristen Moore and her band of merry markers and sellers. Things started pouring in after June 1st and continued to do so until the night before the sale. Even though many of the usual helpers went to Vicki Baldwin's Ordination to the Deaconate in Hartford the day of the sale, there were still plenty of people to help.

Many, many thanks to all who made it possible and thank you to everyone who made the rest of "the stuff" go away to Goodwill, including John & Susan Tibor from the North Haven Congregational Church who very cheerfully took the last lot of boxes for us.

All in all, another successful fundraiser to help support the mission and ministry of St. John's.

## Congratulations to

Stephanie Laudano and Ron Heusser on the birth of their daughter. Braelyn Rose Heusser was born April 8th. She weighed 7lbs 4oz and was 20ins long. She was welcomed home by her grandparents Cheryl & Frank Laudano and her great grandparents Nancy and John Graef.

## Lost...Wandered Away From Home

Please check the bottoms of your ironing baskets to see if any of the smaller pink tablecloths have taken up residence there. If they have, please return them to the church kitchen. Thanks!

## 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. *Sign up and let's keep it going!*

## Have You Heard?

### New Sign

Have you noticed the new sign at the bottom of the town green? It is located in the corner close to the traffic lights. Many thanks to Joe Carafeno and his family who donated it, and to Joe and Rob Baptie for hanging it up.

### Memorial Garden Update

Progress is being made on the signs for the Memorial Gardens. The signs and plaques have been ordered for both the front and back gardens and should be in place before the end of the summer.

Thanks to Marjorie Dauster and her band of "merry weeders" weeds have been pulled from the front garden and progress is being made on the back. Watch for further dates to help with this endeavor!

## Rosebud Reservation

This year a number of people from St. John's will be travelling to the Rosebud Reservation to help run a Vacation Bible School for the Lakota Indian children along with Christ Church, Bethany. Michele Kearney is driving out along with her children and Marvin White, and Joyce Davis, Joan Hunt and Father Matt are flying out. The school takes place July 25<sup>th</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup>. We are asking for donations of Walmart gift cards so supplies can be purchased in South Dakota. We are also looking for financial support to help defray the cost of sending these people to South Dakota. They are volunteering using their vacation time to make this ministry happen.

If you would like to make a donation toward this please make the check payable to St. John's Church and mark Lakota Indian VBS in the memo line.

Thank you for assisting with this ministry. I am sure they will all have wonderful tales to tell when they return.

## Wanted

13 oz metal coffee cans with lids, and used candles. These items will be turned into wonderful creations and used for the Church Fair in November. You can give them to Terri Langley, or leave them in the church office. Thank you in advance for your donations.

**Community Supper  
Great Hall of St.  
John's every Friday  
night at 6:00 p.m.  
All are welcome!**

# Youth News

by Michele Kearney, Director of Children's Ministries

## Summer Ideas for Families

### "Thank you, God" Photo Album

During the summer months families can create a photo album of pictures of things, places, experiences that they are thankful for. Use stickers or sticker paper to cut up and write a thank you prayer for each picture. When families gather for the Pancake Breakfast you can share your "Thank you Albums" with other children and families.

### Special Times Post Cards

As you and your families go on special outings or vacations and send postcards to family and friends remember to send one to the church. We will have a "Special Times" bulletin board featuring all the postcards from everyone's summer times!

## 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!

## Vacation Bible School Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers for Vacation Bible School. If you can spare a few hours the week August 9th—14th we would be happy to have you help. Vacation Bible School runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you can't stay the whole day, or are only available a

couple of days, that's o.k., we can work around your schedule and would be happy to have your participation. No prior experience is needed. We have many kinds of opportunities available: helping with crafts, games, snacks, leading a class or just helping a teacher supervise students. Please contact Michele Kearney or call the church office 203-239-0156 if you are interested in helping.

## 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.

## 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. Please talk to Michele Kearney about helping with this ministry. Everything you need will be provided.

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## Update on St. John's Youth Joining North Haven Congregational Church Mission Trip to New Orleans

Thank you, St. John's Parishioners who have supported Abby Vasas and JT Lincoln in their fund raising to go on the Mission Trip to New Orleans! You have given "sponsorships," bought raffle tickets, purchased baked goods, and now they ask for your prayers as they join their fellow travelers in Christ to go to New Orleans. Your support is invaluable!

The group will leave early in the morning on Friday, July 9th. They will spend a few nights on the road staying first at the United Congregational United Church of Christ (Greensboro, NC). Saturday they will drive to the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Philip (Atlanta, GA) where they will worship on Sunday morning. Then they will head to New Orleans, staying at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. While there, they will work partnering with local ministries in New Orleans on a variety of service projects with other youth groups from many different denomination across the country. Included in the week's activities is attending a worship service at the Greater Antioch Full Gospel Baptist Church on Wednesday night, so it really will be an ecumenical experience!

Thank you St. John's for supporting these two and the other youth from North Haven Congregational Church. You have helped make this trip possible.

## Volunteer at Connecticut Hospice

If you or someone you know is looking for an opportunity to serve others in your community, we would like to hear from you. Our patients and families are in need of your care and support. As a CT Hospice Volunteer, you can fill your hours (weekdays/evenings or weekends) by assisting in an administrative capacity or offering direct care as a friendly visitor, providing pastoral or bereavement care, helping in the arts or meeting transportation needs. You can also use your volunteer work to acquire new job skills and experience; volunteer work is a good addition to your resume. For more information, please call Pat Corradino, Director of Volunteer Services at 1-203-315-7510 or you can e-mail [pnowak@hospice.com](mailto:pnowak@hospice.com).

## Wheels for the World

Wheels for the world is a ministry that gathers metal canes, collapsible walkers and wheelchairs, then distributes them throughout third world nations. Most of these countries have very little or no medical health programs for their people. When a person becomes lame or disabled, they must rely on family and friends to do the most basic daily functions for them that require mobility. WIHS radio station in Middletown, CT collects all local donations, then delivers them to a regional distribution center which ships them overseas each July. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew at St. John's Church takes donations of these items throughout the year. Contact any member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew or the church office. The information will be passed along to Joe Carafeno who will arrange for pickup and storage of all acceptable items. Wheelchairs must be in working order.

Sincerely,

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

## Can St. John's Offer a Community Playgroup for Babies, Toddlers and Their Caregivers?

Now that our Friday Night Community Suppers are established, Father Matt, Jane, Michele and I are considering other ways that St. John's can be a resource to the community. I would like to explore whether there is a need for a Community Playgroup for Babies/Toddlers and Their Caregivers that will meet in the Guild Room on Monday mornings. I am looking for members of the parish who would be willing to help brainstorm ways to spread the word then help to distribute flyers. *You don't have to commit to attending the Playgroup*, so anyone can assist, whether you are a caregiver of a young person or not! If you would like to help, please email me at [mrlandccl@cshore.com](mailto:mrlandccl@cshore.com) or call me at home at 203-239-0178. All we need is two or three people to meet to brainstorm once or twice; agree to distribute flyers, and we can give it a try!

--Catherine Lincoln

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## Vestry Highlights

For the last several months, the vestry has devoted part of its discussion to leadership development, the dynamics of how large groups like churches behave, and the strategic issues that are important to us, and the theology of what it means to be the church. At the June meeting, we took a light-hearted look at some of these issues, prompted by a video clip that came to Fr. Matt's attention a few weeks earlier when it was Pentecost. We would like to share it with you.

If you are looking at this newsletter on line, you should be able to click [here](#) to go to Youtube.com and see the video:

## Who Helps Make the Service Tick?

Have you ever wondered who gets things ready for church on Saturday night and Sunday? Yes, Father Matt picks the hymns and prepares a sermon. Jeremy chooses an anthem, prelude and postlude. The choir rehearses the songs. Jane and John prepare the bulletins. A group from ACES comes in and folds them. But who sets up the communion? Who makes sure the flowers are on the altar? Who makes sure we have wafers and wine? Who cleans up afterwards? Who makes sure the flowers are delivered to those designated each week? Why...the Altar Guild, of course!

The Altar Guild is made up of a dedicated group of people who come in on a rotating basis to ensure that everything that is needed for the service is cleaned, polished, and set up in the appropriate manner. At this time there are four teams consisting of three people and one team that has four people. They share the responsibilities amongst themselves and



If you are reading the actual paper newsletter, you can find the video by going to Youtube.com and searching on the phrase, "it's Pentecost". Click on the item with that title. You'll know you have the right one if it begins with a little white square in the middle of a black screen.

We reflected on the old cliché about thinking outside the box. It might be good for you to reflect on it, too!

each one covers one of the services. It is our dream to have at least four people on each team and add an extra team. That means we are looking for eight good women or men to join the ranks.

It really is a very rewarding ministry that does not take up an extreme amount of time. It can be equated to getting God's house ready for company. It gives you a sense of satisfaction knowing that you have helped make the Saturday or Sunday service a welcome place for friends and strangers alike! Please take a moment to prayerfully consider helping with this ministry and either speak to Father Matt or call the church office 203-239-0156 to say, "Yes, I'd

like to find out more and give it a try."

*As an aside, please notice that all the vases have been re-brassed. Many thanks to Susan Ransom for making sure that this happened. The chalices have been re-silvered inside. Thanks go to Bob and Lorraine Martin for getting this done. And, thanks to all the dedicated Altar Guild members who diligently do their assignments from week to week.*

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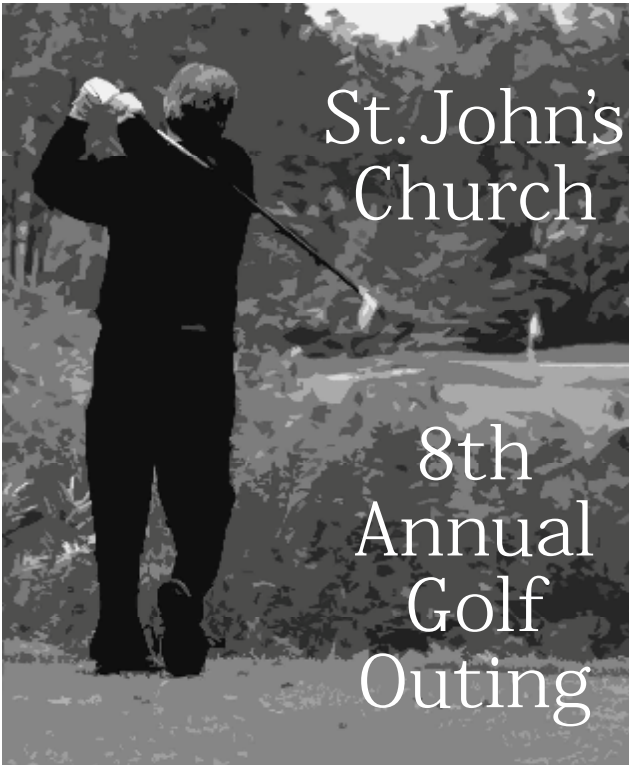
## Calendars and Schedules

In a never ending quest to try to conserve on paper and energy we are no longer going to print the schedules and calendar with the newsletter. For those of you who visit our web page [www.stjohns-northhaven.org](http://www.stjohns-northhaven.org) you will be able to

find that information posted with the Journal. For those that do not have access to the internet, copies of the calendar and schedules can be found on the table just inside the Guild Room door.

All those who are scheduled on a routine basis, i.e. Lectors, Liturgi-

cal Assistants, Acolytes, Ushers, etc., will continue to receive their assignments on a monthly basis either by picking them up from the bookcase opposite the Rector's Office door or in the mail. You can also check the weekly bulletin for coming events and meetings.



## As the summer rolls on.....

St. John's 8th Annual Parish Golf Tournament will be here before you know it! The tournament is again being organized by Bob Fers and will be held on Thursday, September 30th at Lyman Orchards Golf Course in Middlefield. The scramble format is still in effect with a shotgun start, and greens fees at \$140.00. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. with the scramble starting at 9:30 a.m. We will then remain at Lyman Orchards for a fantastic meal afterwards, with an auction, and "Anglican Opportunity." Prizes for the "Anglican Opportunity" will be gratefully accepted. They can be handed in to the church office or given directly to Bob Fers. If you are new to the parish, ask around and you will hear that this is an event that shouldn't be missed. Please contact the church office at 203-239-0156 for tournament or sponsor information and four-some forms or Tee/Green Sponsorships. Help make this our most successful year ever!

## St. John's Golf Tournament Sponsorship

"You don't have to chase that little white ball to help."

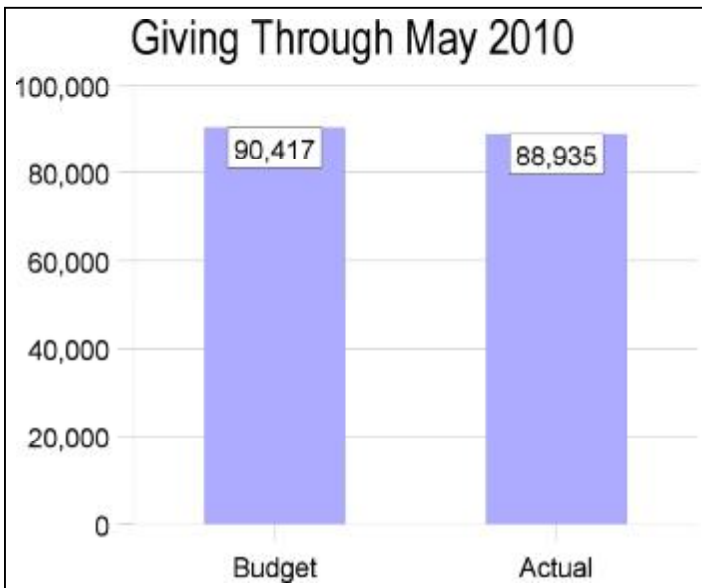
Are you interested in sponsoring this year's golf tournament or know someone who is? We are accepting donations of varying levels, including Memorial Donations for loved ones.

These are the different levels:

Platinum Level Sponsor \$1000 — Gold Level Sponsor \$750 — Silver Level Sponsor \$500

Bronze Level Sponsor \$250 — Memorial Sponsor \$100 — We Care Sponsor \$50

Net proceeds to benefit the emergency assistance programs of the Towns of North Haven, Hamden, North Branford, Wallingford, and St. John's Episcopal Church. These programs supplement the federally funded Energy Assistance Program, providing funds for home heating oil or other heating utilities to qualified residents on an emergency basis during the cold weather months. These supplemental programs are funded only by donations from churches, civic organizations and private individuals. St. John's is committed to meeting this need in the coming winter. By participating in the tournament as a golfer, you are working with St. John's and the tournament sponsors to make a real difference in people's lives.



## Summer Giving (and some aren't ;-)

As you can see from the graph, we enter the summer on the strength of faithful support from you and fellow parishioners. At the end of May, our giving as a group was only a little behind schedule. In June, we have seen the overall rate of support slow down.

Although Sunday mornings feel slower in the summer than during the school year, the needs we meet and the ministries required go on all year long. Your continued support is essential for the ministries that you care about.

Please buck the trend and keep up through the summer!

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## Ten Reasons To Buy Grocery Cards From St. John's

1. The Church gets up to 5% of every dollar spent, helping us do the mission, ministry and outreach we are called to do.
2. Studies have shown that food purchased with grocery cards, not only tastes better, but is also richer in essential vitamins and minerals.
3. It's fun to swipe the cards.
4. If you're ever stranded on a desert island without any cash, you can use the cards to---naw, forget that---bad idea!
5. The cards make great emergency ice scrapers for your car windows.
6. You can start your own collection of cards. Imagine having a complete set of all denominations from both Stop & Shop and Big Y. How about holding a swap meet with your friends and neighbors? It doesn't get more fun!
7. Forget about having an American Express Gold or Platinum card. Nothing can compare to the pride you'll feel as you slowly pull your grocery card out of your wallet knowing that your fellow stand-in-liners are in awe, knowing that they're in the presence of someone quite special.
8. It's a great joke when you present the wrong cards to the wrong store. Everyone loves it when this happens. It's a good laugh all around!
9. It makes the treasurer happy and when the treasurer is happy we're all happy!
10. It helps St. John's build-up God's Kingdom here on earth. It helps us do what we're called to do as faithful disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. To put in very simply, "it's the right thing to do!"

See you in fresh produce! Owen

**Reminder: Gift Cards are being sold after every service. During the week you can buy them from the Parish Office.**

The deadline for the September Journal is Wednesday, August 18, 2010  
Please have all articles for the Journal handed in on or before that date.

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