



St. John's Messenger

July, 2014

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

SABBATICAL REPORT: Holy Cross Monastery

The first major piece of my sabbatical leave is a week long individual retreat at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, New York. A four hour drive from Lancaster, the monastery is situated on twenty six acres on the shore of the Hudson River about ninety miles north of New York City. Consisting of two guest houses, the Monastery Church of St. Augustine and the Monastic Enclosure, Holy Cross is one of the largest monastic centers in the Episcopal Church. They estimate hosting 5,000 guests each year.

Founded in 1884 by the Rev. James Otis Sergeant Huntingdon the Order of the Holy Cross began its life among the working poor of New York City's Lower East Side. The Order's threefold vows of obedience, stability and conversion to a monastic way of life follow the Rule of St. Benedict. One of the first Anglican monastic communities established since they were disbanded by Henry VIII, the Order has three other houses: Mount Calvary Monastery in Santa Barbara, CA; Holy Cross Priory in Toronto, Canada; and Mariya uMama WeThemba Monastery in Grahamstown, South Africa.

These traits match well with us at St. John's. We share with the Order of the Holy Cross a similar origin in our founding commitment to living in community with a neighborhood's working poor. We have a vision of mission that embraces a global perspective. We are part of the Anglo-Catholic tradition which finds inspiration in the spiritual disciplines and prayer practices of the past. We value the place of liturgy in our Christian life and faith as a vital element of what forms us as persons in Christ and as a people of God.

Liturgy shapes the daily life of the monastery in the offering of five services of worship: Matins (Morning Prayer) at 7 AM, Holy Eucharist at 9 AM, Diurnum (Order for Noonday) at noon, Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 5PM and Compline at 8 PM. All of these services are found in the Book of Common Prayer. They are our prayer connections as a parish church with our monastic spirituality and heritage. They remind us of our roots in a life of contemplative prayer.

In addition to prayer, I will be meeting for spiritual direction with Brother James Dowd. (You may recall Brother James's visit to St. John's and preaching on Sunday about a year ago). Brother James is one of fifteen members of the community. Following a twenty five year career in theater and TV in New York, Brother James entered the monastery in 2006 and took vows in 2009. Along with overseeing the guesthouse, Brother James directs the Outreach and Peace Ministries of the monastery.

The focus of my reflection with Brother James will be the book, *Falling Upward: A Spirituality of the Two Halves of Life*. Written by Richard Rohr, a Catholic priest of the Franciscan Order, the book offers guideposts for self assessment in determining where one is in the second half of life. My goal is to gain insight on the developmental tasks that accompany the retirement stage of life. I anticipate that this will help me to evaluate my options and to make good life choices. To get there will entail some prayerful and spiritual digging on my part.

I hope this report gives you a taste of my sabbatical. It is not a sabbatical that follows your typical academic model. Rather it is intentionally personal and vocational. I genuinely believe that this is coming at exactly the right time for me and for my ministry at St. John's. I am grateful for the opportunity to reflect on my eight years with you at St. John's and my thirty five years as a parish priest, and to discover how that can inform my last years of service with you.

John+

MDG CHALLENGES FOR JULY

I Am, We Are.....One World

Turn on your TV, read the newspaper or depending on where you eat or shop, the World Cup Soccer has been in your face. Whether or not you are a soccer fan, notice what is happening - teams from all over the world coming together, in team fashion, playing their national anthem, spectators of all ages, often families, shaking hands, helping each other off the ground, to come together to "play" together. They all have a goal to be the winners of the game. Use your imagination, and we are playing in a "world cup" of coming together, varied backgrounds, varied talents and gifts, aware that each of our gifts, pulled together, can make a huge difference in so many places.....believing you can do it, then doing your part can result in a "win" for our brothers and sisters, God's children.

MDG Challenge for July 6th

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:13-14 *í* ..and my neighbor is? How can I love them more?

MDG Challenge for July 13th

"If everyone gives a thread, the poor man will have a shirt."
Russian Proverb

If everyone brought a food item, or donated a dollar each week for the food bank, imagine how many without food could eat.

MDG Challenge for July 20th

"While I know myself as a creation of God, I am also obligated to realize and remember that everyone else and everything else are also God's creation."
Maya Angelou

80% of Lancaster City children qualify for National School Breakfast and Lunch programs....if the vision of a hungry child or adult is a painful thought, help it go away.

MDG Challenge for July 27th

"We are all meant to be mothers of God for God is always needing to be born."
Meister Eckhart

Regardless of our ages, we at St. John's are constantly giving birth to new ideas, new relationships, new opportunities from the youngest among us to those with ageless ideas. Special prayers that our appreciation of community and demonstration of caring be extended to those familiar in our presence and those with extended reach and caring be born over and over.

THE REV. JENNIFER E. LOOKER

It's the only St. John's ministry that happens out of a closet.....and it's been going on for at least 25 years..... did you guess it? The St. John's food pantry ministry has been quietly feeding and sustaining families and individuals for over 25 years. It is a clear example of Jubilee ministry at its best. *“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me”* Matthew 25:35

Like many St. John's ministries, our food pantry has grown over time. This has been particularly true during the last few years as individuals and families have struggled to make ends meet during a difficult economy. The number of individuals and families receiving food from St. John's has increased significantly. The past year alone has seen a 30% increase.

Almost 40 families and individuals were served just this past month alone. This is a significant accomplishment given the limitations presented by our food storage, which really is a pantry, a little more than the size of a closet. What makes our food pantry unique, however, is our ability to give without any requirements. The established norm of our food pantry ministry is that families and individuals can receive a box of food from St. John's once a month. But unlike some food banks, which are regulated by outside agencies, St. John's has the freedom to give more if and when needed. We can respond to those in need without requests for paperwork or documentation. We don't have to turn anyone away.

Our food pantry ministry is supported in a variety of ways, principally, by our Sunday morning food collections. The food pantry is always in need of basic food items, particularly things like peanut butter and tuna fish. Sunday morning food collection is what keeps this ministry going. The pantry has also been supported by special collections like the Church School food drive and celebratory events, like birthdays and anniversaries where a special offering is given in thanksgiving. Equally important is a small budget that allows people like Debbie Carter and Bill Cater, our food pantry angels, to go shopping for the food pantry when needed and ensuring that our shelves are always full. The occasional gifts and donations to the food pantry help to keep this ministry afloat.

A recent and exciting initiative has been the development of a St. John's garden, under the leadership and on the property of Doug Brown and his family. This enormous garden has already produced spinach, swiss chard, kale, lettuce and strawberries, with potatoes and garlic on the way. Anne Labat-Gepert and Beth Mollard have been leading an effort to supplement our food pantry with fresh produce, either purchased or from our church garden. Aaron Spicher, our Verger, together with Anne Labat-Gepert, combine fresh produce and basic food items that are given to those who request food at the Becker House every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

How can you help? You can give: of your time and your resources. The garden can always use a few willing hands and the food pantry is constantly being depleted. And if you haven't visited the pantry yet, feel free to take a peek on a Sunday morning. On Sunday morning, August 17th, we will celebrate our food pantry ministry, which will include an official *ōtourō* of the pantry between the services.

We will use this occasion to thank the many people involved in our food pantry ministry, including Doug Brown, Debbie Carter, Bill Cater, Karen DiPace, Anne Labat-Gepert, Beth Mollard and Aaron Spicher. They are offering a remarkable ministry of love and service, a ministry that requires the larger support of our church community. I hope you will join me in celebrating this vitally important ministry of St. John's.

Jennifer+

SENIOR WARDEN

Summertime!

One of my clearest memories from graduate school — over 40 years ago — was a course in the Old Testament book of Amos, the third of the twelve "Minor Prophets" (so-called because of their relatively short length). That course was memorable in part because the entire thing was taught from the Hebrew Bible, and I was a New Testament Greek student. And so I found myself working much harder than the rest of the class to keep my head above water. But what I remember especially is what we discovered about the writing style of Amos, the author. He made his point by shocking his readers, taking images from their everyday world and from their cherished national memories and morphing those images into sharp, often sarcastic barbs. It was from Amos that I learned — somewhat to my surprise — that some ancient Israelites had summer homes as well as winter homes.

Ah, summertime. Memories from my childhood do not include a summer home, but they are rich in other things — pick-up ball games, bicycle riding (on a borrowed bike), swimming almost every day, and picnics, especially a big community picnic in a nearby park to which the kids were transported in a farmer's haywagon. These were days when life slowed down, the burdens of school had been suspended, and we wiggled our shoeless toes in the grass.

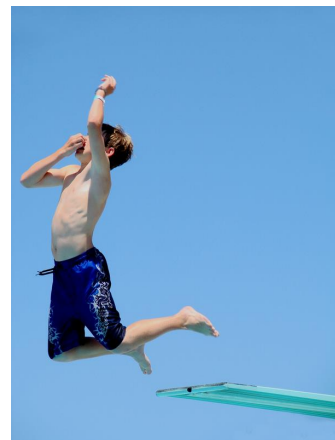
Summertime at St. John's Vestry meetings is not quite like that, but we do seem able to relax at a somewhat slower tempo. We expect some members to be away at times and the workload itself to be a bit lighter. Our focus tends to move forward toward new things that are being planned for the fall. We also ask ourselves if there are better ways of being leaders at St. John's.

One of the challenges that we brought back from the Diocesan Convention was the notion that the first task of church leaders is to take care of their own spiritual lives. This task takes planning just as other tasks of leadership — self-care does not happen automatically. And this is a good idea for everyone who devotes themselves to serving at St. John's in some way. Perhaps the slower pace of summertime (if indeed we ever slow down!) might give us all the occasion to make some plans about our personal growth or to readjust our life priorities.

Maybe that's a good use for summer homes.

Submitted by,

John Herzog
Senior Warden



VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

VESTRY MEETING: JUNE 16, 2014

VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolve, that the St. John's Vestry commend and support the Properties Steward and Committee for the action that they took to address the situation created by the failure of the AC system, both in securing repairs and in appropriately funding the expenses incurred.
2. Resolve, that the St. John's Vestry approve the release of an amount from the Brian Wiker Memorial Fund, not to exceed \$2,857.00 to be paid to Tudbink's Landscaping/Dream Ride Projects for services performed in connection with "Phase Two" of the "Resurrection of the Betty Finney House HIV/AIDS Memorial Gardens." The payment will be made upon completion of the project.

144TH DIOCESEAN CONVENTION

“A Time For Everything”

The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania held its 144th annual convention at the Ramada Conference and Golf Hotel in State College, Pennsylvania.

Three (3) items were to be voted on and all were accomplished in a reasonably short period of time.

1. The election of a Provincial Bishop until a new Bishop is called and consecrated was accomplished on Saturday morning with the Rt. Rev. Robert Geper as Bishop.
2. The approval of the budget of 2014-2015 was approved.
3. The passing of two (2) resolutions were accomplished in a short period of time. The second resolution had an amendment that was approved.

St. John's was represented by our clergy and lay delegates, and two youth delegates (Amelia Dissinger and Joanie Kilhefner). The elections proved to be beneficial for St. John's members as David Kilp was elected a delegate to the 2015 National Church Convention and John Gouveia was elected to the Council of Trustees. Fr. John Morris also attended from his sabbatical which was greatly appreciated by our delegates.

To learn more, visit: <http://www.diocesepa.org/>

TREASURER'S REPORT

As is so often the case at this time of year, my report delivered to Vestry for the period ending May 31, 2014 was a mixture of better news and less better news. On the better news side, our pledge contributions were up in May and are currently 105% of budget for the year. This is desirable position as we enter the summer doldrums of church attendance/contributions. On the less better news side, our non-pledged contributions continue to be lower than anticipated. Compared to last year, our non-pledged contributions are \$9000 lower.

On the better news side, our expenses continue to be managed extremely well. All of the ministry categories are under or within tolerance of their budget targets. On the less better news side, our expenses continue to exceed our income. The result is that we have to delay paying invoices as long as possible, but without encountering a late fee penalty. We needed to take our 2nd quarter draw on investment earnings earlier in the quarter than planned in order to cover outstanding invoices. At the end of the month, we were unable to pay the total catch-up for the Diocesan Fair Share. We hope to be able to catch-up by the end of June, but this will be dependent upon the magnitude of the invoices received during the month. We are also hoping that we can delay taking the 3rd quarter draw until at least mid August. This will be dependent upon the contributions received during the months between now and then. Below are the contribution and expense numbers for the month of May:

	May Budget	May Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Total Budget
Pledged Contributions	\$29,437	\$27,750	\$145,502	\$138,750	\$333,000
Non-pledged Contributions	\$2,346	\$3,333	\$12,756	\$16,667	\$40,000
Total Income	\$42,914	\$42,511	\$247,679	\$245,808	\$576,640
Total Expenses	\$52,763	\$58,574	\$284,881	\$301,328	\$715,389

Beginning next month, the income numbers will be printed in the church bulletin on the second Sunday of the month. This action is being taken in order to provide you with better information regarding the income status of the parish.

I mentioned last month of the action taken by Vestry to approve the position of Assistant Treasurer. We are basically looking for someone with some financial and/or account training who will be willing to fill in for me when I am not available and would be the primary contact with our Financial Investment Advisor regarding the church investments. If you would be willing to serve the church in this capacity, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thanks to everyone for their continued support of the church.

Submitted by,

Steve Latshaw, Treasurer

STEWARDSHIP

Ministry Opportunities Survey:

“Sharing Our God-Given Gifts”

Each person has a unique set of God-given gifts. God trusts us, as good stewards, to find ways that we can joyfully share our talents to do God’s work.

The Stewardship Committee is conducting a **Ministry Opportunities Survey** to help us find new ways that we can share our gifts through the ministries at St. John’s. This 3-page survey lists most of our parish ministries, including some that are new or expanding, and provides boxes for people to check to indicate which ministries they would like to explore.

You may submit the survey online or on paper, whichever you prefer:

Online: www.websurveymaster.com/s/StJohns_Ministries_Survey_2014

Paper: Copies are available in Parish Hall. Look for a stack of surveys next to a blue box, fill one out, and place your completed survey in that box. (You may also hand it to an usher or mail it to the church office.)



The new **Ministries Catalog** is a great companion document to the survey. While you’re looking over the list and deciding which ministries you’d like to explore, you can find more information about each one in the catalog. If you attended our June 15 parish mini-meeting, you were given a copy of this publication. A stack of Ministries Catalogs is also beside the blue survey box in Parish Hall. (The catalog will also be available online and may already be there by the time you read this.)

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW

The Evangelism Committee invites you to share your personal reflections on faith, spirituality and St. John’s in a new section of our blog: **REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW**. Submissions may be written pieces and/or images (with permission from those pictured). Please send to Julie Gittens at jagwriting66@gmail.com. If you don’t have access to the internet, contact Julie at 717-606-9294.

This new blog category is among six others created to keep parishioners and visitors up to date on: Events & Activities, Pastoral Messages, Service Times, The Messenger, The Mission Fields, and Worship. All postings may be accessed from St. John’s website: www.stjohns-lancaster.org.

Have you signed up to receive email notifications when a new blog entry is posted in any or all of the categories? If not, go to: <http://www.stjohns-lancaster.org/blog/> and view the section at the top left to “SUBSCRIBE”.

WEEKLY SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

If you'd like to remember a loved one(s) with an altar flower or give thanks for a special occasion, please be sure to stop by the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and add your name to the Flower Chart. Details and donation envelopes will also be available at the chart. Please be sure to mark your check accordingly and a \$30 donation is appreciated.

If you are unable to travel to church but are interested in signing up, please contact our Parish Secretary, Patti Means. We are encouraging two (2) remembrances per Sunday. Following is the information we have received for the time-frame **July—September, 2014**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting this ministry at St. John's.



SUNDAY DATE	(1)	(2)
JULY 6	Kilp Family	Faith DøUrbano
JULY 13	Faith DøUrbano	Scott & Sherry Qualls
JULY 20	Fr. Emmert Trust	
JULY 27		
AUGUST 3		
AUGUST 10	Carolyn Maxey	
AUGUST 17		
AUGUST 24	Gross Family	
AUGUST 31	Alvena Kuser	
SEPTEMBER 7		
SEPTEMBER 14		
SEPTEMBER 21		
SEPTEMBER 28		

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

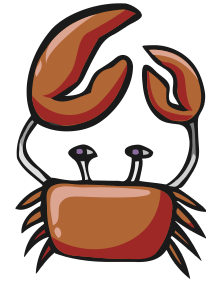


The annual Cape May Retreat, sponsored by the diocesan ECW Board, will be held from September 26 to September 28. The theme of ***“Healing Waters”***, especially appropriate for a seaside study location, will be led by The Rev. Elaine Thomas. (Pastor Jennifer highly recommends her.) The registration fee of \$25 per person will be paid by our ECW funds. Detailed information is located on the bulletin board or contact Sue Martin.



Go surfing through Scripture during this year's Vacation Bible School.....

BEACH PARTY !!!!



When: July 13th-17th

Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join us for a Beach Party Cook-Out on July 13th at 5:00 p.m in the Courtyard. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt and bring a dish to share!

Please return registration forms (available in this Messenger and Parish Hall) to the parish office. Volunteers will be needed to make this a successful event. Please let Pastor Jennifer or Karen DiPace know if you want to join the fun!

YOUTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS: 2014

July 5	Diocesan Youth Conference/Camp Mount Luther
July 5-12	EYE Event
July 13-18	Vacation Bible School
August 23	Blueberry Festival



“Surfin’ Through the Scriptures!”



ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Sunday, July 13th—Thursday, July 17th
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

(Kick-Off Supper – Sunday, July 13th at 5:00 p.m.)

Please send your completed registration form to:

St. John’s Episcopal Church . Vacation Bible School
321 West Chestnut Street Lancaster, PA 17603
or email jennifer@stjohns-lancaster.org if you will be attending

Please Register No Later than July 6th and there is no fee to attend VBS.

Child’s Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Gender: M F Grade Level Entering: K 1 2 3 4 5 Age _____

6th- 8th Counselors in Training _____ 9th- 12th Grade Teen Counselors %lifeguards+ _____

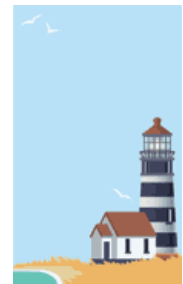
Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Phone Number (Home) _____ (Work/Cell) _____

Best Person/Number to Call in Case of Emergency _____

Emergency Backup Contact Person/Number _____

Please note any special medical or dietary needs: _____



In the case of an emergency, I authorize any medical care deemed necessary by an accredited physician, nurse, paramedic, or hospital while my child is involved in this church activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Health Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____

Do you give permission for your child’s picture to be used in newsletter publication? YES NO
(name will not be printed along with the picture)

T-SHIRTS: Please check which size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

Karen DiPace, Sunday School Director



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Join us for a **BEACH PARTY** cookout on **July 13 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Courtyard as we kick-off this year's VBS: **"SURFIN THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES!"** Children through grade 5 are invited to join us, older youth are welcome to be helpers. We will need **MANY** adults and youth to help. Please see our sign-up in the Parish Hall, or contact **Karen Di Pace** or **Pastor Jennifer** to see where you can help! The registration form is located in this newsletter and in the Parish Hall. They can be returned to the church office.

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors

Congratulations to **Amelia Dissinger** and **Joanie Kilhefner**, who both served as official youth presence at this year's Diocesan Convention. Both Amelia and Joanie were invited to stand with the bishop (with other teens) during communion at the table. Please ask them about their experience- you will be impressed!

Please pray for **Emma DiPace**, who will be representing St. John's and our diocese at EYE, Episcopal Youth Event, this month in Philadelphia at Villanova University. EYE is a gathering that occurs every three years for teens and young adults in the Episcopal Church. Emma will also be attending this year's **Diocesan Summer Youth Conference at Camp Mount Luther**.

It's not too late to help out with this year's **Vacation Bible School!** We are bringing back a favorite VBS from previous years, **"Beach Party!"** Our Beach Party VBS will be offered from July 13th to 17th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each night. There will be many ways to help. We will need middle-school CITs (counselors in training), High School counselors and adult group leaders/volunteers. Please speak with Pastor Jennifer or Karen DiPace if you are interested in helping out. It is going to be an awesome experience!

Finally, save the date for this year's **Blueberry Festival, on Saturday, August 23rd, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** This year's festival will include a **live jazz ensemble in the courtyard** (weather permitting) with a variety of homemade blueberry treats to enjoy- including ice cream with fresh berries! See the flyer in this "Messenger" for more information. All proceeds will go towards the J2A pilgrimage- every little bit counts!



~Blueberry Festival~

Saturday, August 23rd
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

“Don’t miss an evening of jazz music
in our beautiful Courtyard
while feasting on all-things blueberry!”

Music by:
Members of the 78th Army Band
& Bradley Mattson on trumpet.

Tickets:
\$5 per person

All proceeds will benefit the J2A pilgrimage.

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

I want to thank all of you who have made a contribution to our Jubilee efforts this year. Whether it was your time, your talent or your treasure, we could not have carried out all of our ministries without you. I am going to keep asking you to do more because all of the needs have not been fulfilled. We will keep on trying. There is always a "but." This is no exception. Our Food Bank/Door Ministry is changing its name to Food Pantry. This is being done as it is actually a better descriptor of what we are. The real point is that except for a few people, it is not receiving much support from our fellow parishioners. We think this is an important ministry, but the present level of support is not sustaining us. There will be a meeting of the folks who are most involved with the Pantry in late June. you may be receiving an update before the Messenger comes out. We can accept financial support if you want to write Food Pantry on the memo line. Any checks need to be made out to St. John's.

On a far brighter note, thank you to those listed below who are preparing lunches for the Fulton Elementary School Leadership Academy. The funds are coming from the Mary Lou Higgs Memorial Fund that is designated for student assistance as needed.

We are brainstorming for new ministry ideas. If you have a suggestion, please see me or better yet e-mail me. My address is johnandfran1@gmail.com

Submitted by,

John Gouveia

LEADERSHIP LUNCHES As of Messenger mailing this project is about half way over. It has been greatly appreciated by the staff at Robert Fulton and the students in the Summer Academy who wonder each day what will be in their special plastic lunchbox. We have provided interesting and new flavors in summer foods (think hummus on a cucumber sandwich) as well as the traditional favorites. It's been an amazing group project and we appreciate the use of the St. John's kitchen. Thanks to these planners and packers: **Carolyn and Bill Archer, Debbie Carter, Bill Cater, Fran Gouveia, Barbara and John Graeter, Sue Heilman, Cricket Johnson, Anne Labat-Gepart, Jane Lee, Sue and Dave Martin, Wayne McKee, Debbie and Ken Smith, Sue and Alan Tobie, Jeannie Zeller.**



CONGRATULATIONS TO A VERY SPECIAL McCASKEY GRAD We should all be proud of the achievements of **Denuel Jarba** who came to St. John's with her family from Liberia approximately 11 years ago with the support of our Refugee Resettlement Committee.

As a second family member to graduate from high school (sister Tina in the class of 2012), Denuel soared to one of the highest honors possible that of a graduation speaker at commencement. Hopefully, you saw Danuel's picture on the front page of the Lancaster Newspaper recently. (See following page). Her message was about the pride she saw in her new alma mater of the "beautiful" diversity mix and she is so much a part of that! Prior to this commencement honor, Denuel was awarded the highest level of scholarship (\$6,000) from the Martin Luther King, jr. Scholarship Fund. How wonderful to be able to take some small part of this pride!



Speakers applaud gifted individuals, diversity at McCaskey

BY SAM JANESCH | Staff Writer, Lancaster Online

For Desiree Grajales, the first student speaker at the J.P. McCaskey High School commencement ceremony, speaking publicly in English used to be "frightening." But on Wednesday, the 17-year-old graduate who moved from Puerto Rico when she was nine spoke in front of thousands as she represented her fellow international students.

"There are so many people in this country who come from all over the world to start a new and more successful life, and I am honored to be their voice," Grajales said.

While the ceremony at the Lancaster County Convention Center symbolized the journey to adulthood for the students, it represented the end of the school year for one of Lancaster County's highest ranked schools — something that Superintendent Pedro A. Rivera didn't hesitate to mention.

McCaskey High School was recently ranked the 20th most rigorous high school in the state by The Washington Post and the only school in the county to make the list.

Rivera said when he's advocating for the school district, he often hears about what's wrong with public education.

But for members of one of the largest graduating classes "in recent history," Rivera said they prove those negative arguments wrong.

"You are proof of what is right in public education," Rivera told the Class of 2014.

Denuel Jarba, another student speaker at the school's 80th commencement, spoke of how the perception of the school doesn't often match what it's really about and who the students are who make it up.

"We are constantly harassed by the idea that McCaskey is an institution inhabited by delinquent students who contribute to a broken system," Jarba said. "People hear the name McCaskey and automatically see drug dealers and gang members. But when I hear the name McCaskey I see a school with a mass population of gifted individuals who embrace the beauty of diversity."

Receiving one of the highest honors among all the members of the Red Tornado, graduate Luke Harnish was recognized with the Hall of Honor Award.

Principal Bill Jimenez described Harnish as "a true student athlete" who participated in a number of clubs, honor societies and sports.

Harnish, who will attend Vanderbilt University, also received the John Piersol McCaskey Award, which is the highest honor from the English Department, and also played the piano and sang in an emotional duet of "Go the Distance" from the Disney film "Hercules."

In another special segment of the ceremony, almost 30 members of the McCaskey Class of 1964 were recognized 50 years after their own commencement.

Assistant Principal Anthony Marulla noted that this class "welcomed the Beatles" and graduated in the year of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

"This particular class were the products of change, and they became the agents of change," Marulla said.

JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

MARTHA'S MINISTRY (Contact: Jeannie Zeller)

Summer knitting! And some are not. Come join us on any or all Tuesdays, from 2-4 p.m., this summer in our beautiful, air-conditioned Parish Hall for some cool knitting. We will provide a variety of yarns and some really adorable hat patterns for your knitting or crocheting pleasure.

Coming Events: Watch your bulletin for announcements of several Saturday work sessions as we get in gear for our St. Nick's Knit Sale. Workshops will focus on small, innovative and new items, some of which will be sewn or quilted. We need your help.

July 12th Sacred Stitches, hosted by St. Andrews, Shippensburg. We have invited residents of the Episcopal Home to join our group as we re-discover all things prayer shawl. There will be patterns you haven't seen before and other interesting things you may not have heard before about the ministry of prayer shawls. We will carpool from St. John's. Please consider joining us for a really great day of sharing and learning.

GROCERY CARDS (Contact: Cynthia Minnich)

Total sales for May gave \$511.00 to Jubilee. That was a great month. Let's hope that we can keep up the good work through the summer months. Show Jubilee that we really care! Our regular buyers and irregular buyers are doing well! Now, the rest of you need to participate. Everyone has to eat something. Let's make purchasing grocery cards the òñò thing to do! Don't forget: It's easier to use a grocery card at the store than to peel out cash or write a check. Your using one of our cards gives 5% of its value to our Jubilee missions. Remember that a \$100 card can be used as often as it takes to use it up. You don't have to spend it all at one time.

AND YOU ARE NOT LOSING ANYTHING. YOU ARE GETTING FULL VALUE FOR YOUR CARD. THE STORE SELLS CARDS TO US AT A 5% DISCOUNT.

Participating Stores:

Darrenkamp's, Giant, John Herr's, Oregon Dairy, Stauffer's, & Weis

DOOR MINISTRY & FOOD PANTRY - (Contact: Debbie Carter & Bill Cater)

Non-perishable food donations can be delivered to the church office or given to the Ushers on Sunday. Weekly food bags/boxes are organized for families or single people and are distributed from our church office on Tuesday and Thursday to those in need.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, JULY 19**—A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, cereal, and pastries will be served to the downtown community at **First Reformed United Church of Christ**, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster. Volunteers are always needed to help prepare and serve the breakfast.

ROBERT FULTON SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP - If you shop at a Turkey Hill store and purchase any of their milk items, **BE SURE TO SAVE THE "MOO" MONEY BOTTLE CAPS** and bring them to church on Sundays. There is a collection container at the Eagle's Nest area of the Parish Hall. We're also collecting Box Tops for Education, Printer Cartridges, and Campbell Soup Labels.

FOOD PANTRY REPORT

During May, our food pantry gave out food packages that were worth about \$946, a significant increase over previous months this year (and even more than last year). And from April 1 to mid-June, the church spent over \$1200 to fill the gaps in food donations (nearly \$1900 this year). In addition to food donations, we would welcome monetary donations towards this effort; you may write a check to St. John's Episcopal Church and write *Food Pantry* in the Memo line. Traditionally, donations have fallen off in the summer, just when children aren't getting free lunches at school. Thank you for your continuing support of our efforts to end hunger in Lancaster. (See a list of staples on page 16.)

Submitted by, *Debbie Carter and Bill Cater*



Food Pantry Distributions: MAY, 2014

	Single	Family
No. of Packages:	31	29
Approx Cost Each:	\$12.75	\$19.00
Subtotal:	\$395	\$551
TOTAL:		\$946

PROPERTY CORNER

While St. John's schedule may slow down a bit over the summer, property matters remain as busy as always.

Exterior maintenance, including grass cutting, shrubbery pruning, mold control, and storm water drainage, is in full swing.

A **basement door** on Concord Street will be replaced.

Maintenance and repair work on our **air conditioning system** was recently completed.

Three office **computers have been replaced** to accommodate the Windows 7 operating system.

Repair of the sidewalk on Mulberry Street, and subsurface water damage in front of the church, is ongoing.

Trouble-shooting and repair work is underway to address **water damage** caused by leaks in the auditorium, breezeway tower, and downstairs handicapped bathroom.

A **new cleaning service**, Jan-Pro Janitorial Services, has been selected to clean the church and parish house. They begin work on July 3rd.

Painting of the sacristy and rental properties on Concord Street is planned for this month. Thanks to Janice Henry for her expertise with color selection.

Submitted by,

Bill Gross, Property Manager

A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN

A Celebration of Women: 40 Years Ordained / 2000 Years in Ministry

Hagar thought, “Have I really seen God and lived to tell about it?” Genesis 16:13

On Saturday, July 26th, in Philadelphia, PA, the Episcopal Church will be celebrating the ministry of all women.

There will be a morning symposium at Temple University. It will begin at 9am with the sign-in starting at 8:30am. The registration cost is \$40 before July 1st and \$50 between July 2nd and July 25th. All information for registration can be found at this website: <http://40yearsordained2000yearsinministry.com/>

There will be a Holy Eucharist at the Church of the Advocate at 1801 West Diamond Street, Philadelphia, PA 19121. Our Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Kathleen Jefferts Schori will be presiding and preaching. This will be free and there is free parking nearby.

Lastly, there will be reception and ministry following from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

All the details can be found on page 18 of this publication.

Please contact me at 717-606-9294 or at jagwriting66@gmail.com, if you're interested in attending the symposium. If you're interested in only attending the Holy Eucharist and the reception, there will be a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall so we arrange rides to Philly.

Submitted by,

Julie Gittens

FOOD PANTRY STAPLES

*Food items can be placed at
the rear of the church on
Sundays or delivered
to the church office.
Thank you for your support.*

FOOD PANTRY STAPLES

Peanut butter and jelly, pasta noodles, pasta sauce, canned tuna, Spam, boxed macaroni & cheese, “Helpers” (hamburger, tuna, etc.), rice, boxed rice mixes, canned soup (not packaged such as Ramen), canned vegetables, canned fruit, and cereal.

Cardboard boxes are also needed for the distribution of the food.

40 Years Ordained

2000 YEARS IN MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday July 26, 2014

Celebrate the Ministry of All Women
on the occasion of
The 40th Anniversary of Women's Ordination

Symposium: (register online)

Held at Temple University in Philadelphia, the Symposium will begin at 8:30 am with registration & continental breakfast followed by the Keynote Address by seminary professor, author and scholar of Anglican theology and history, Dr. Fredrica Harris Thompsett, a Panel Discussion, Buffet Lunch, and Meditation led by The Rev. Dr. Nancy H. Wittig.

\$40 per attendee - Register by July 1 and SAVE

(A limited number of full & partial scholarships are available. Submit an inquiry with your online registration.)

or \$50 per attendee - Register July 2 through July 26

Holy Eucharist: (all are welcome)

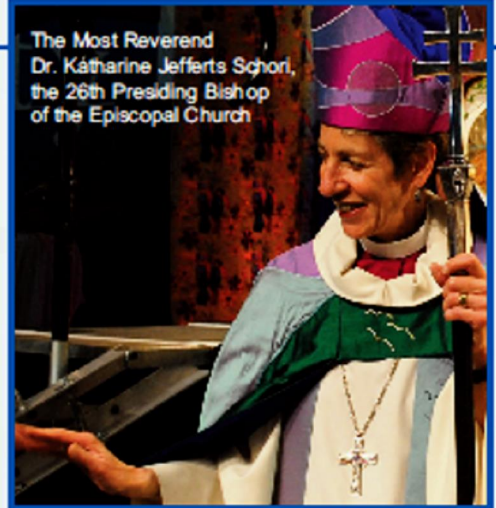
3:00 pm service will be held at Church of the Advocate, the site of the original 1974 ordinations. The Most Reverend Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori presiding and preaching.
1801 W Diamond St, Philadelphia, PA

Reception & Ministry Exposé:

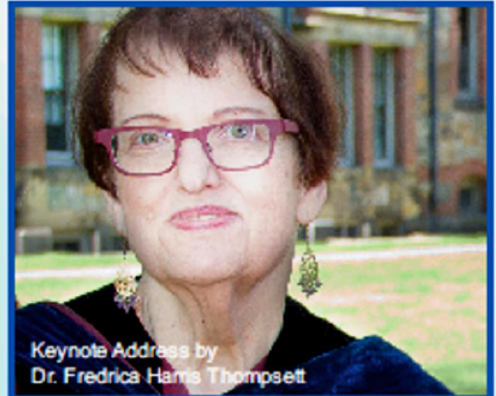
4:30 - 6:30 pm, Church of the Advocate campus
All are welcome to participate and display their baptismal ministry work. Please sign up online to reserve your space.

Questions? Please contact the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania by phone 215.627.6434 or Email The Rev. Beth W. Hixon at bhixon52@gmail.com.

The Most Reverend
Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori,
the 26th Presiding Bishop
of the Episcopal Church



Keynote Address by
Dr. Fredrica Harris Thompsett



The Rev.
Dr. Nancy H. Wittig



Register & More Information: www.40yearsordained.com

PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please contact the church office and that particular person will be prayed for, for four (4) weeks. Continued prayers for that person necessitates another contact with the church office.



*Darlene Bentley
Vera Clarke
Nelson Craige
Faith D'Urbano
Fr. John Emmert
Linda Frederiksen
Elisabeth & David Gelzer
Sherry Gray
Lois Kelley
William Maloney
Shirley McGee
Glenn Miller
Mary Power
Gray & Ellen Sellers
Fiore Simeone
Ricky Smith
Christian Stigelman
Mark
Kate*

*For Our Homebound Parishioners
and
For Those Suffering from Addictions*

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Please remember those who are serving in our armed forces. If you would like to add or delete anyone from this list, please be sure to contact Patti Means in the church office.

*Michael Briggs, Laurel Hobbins,
Matthew James, Howard Kane, III,
Alex Kelly, Kyle Kulka,
Joseph Lombardo, Nicholas Lombardo,
Sean McCormick, Jamie Olejniczak,
John S. Waltz, Joshua Watkins*

If Your Personal Information Changes...

**Please be sure to contact the church office
with changes to your personal information:**

change of address, telephone, or e-mail.

"Thank you for your cooperation!"

***Patti Means, Parish Secretary
717-299-1188 or patti@stjohns-lancaster.org***



**Copies of the Messenger are in
the Welcome Center at the rear
of the church.**

**Copies of the Vestry reports are
posted on the bulletin board in
the Parish Hall.**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Archer, Bill	5
Blevins, Susan	9
Brown, Doug	12
Brown, Jean	28
Bush, Fred	3
Clark, Foster	29
Craige, Nelson	8
Davis, Paul	5
DeLeo, Faith	13
Di Pace, Nicholas	31
Ehrhart, Toni	8
Freeman, Aidan	3
Gbur, David	14
Glazier, James	24
Gouveia, Fran	12
Hansel, Grant	25
Hansel, Joan	20
Hasircoglu, Selena	9
Heider, Max	22
Hurlburt, Sue	21
Jackson, Sandra	19
Keller, Ellen	10
Landis, Dale	2
Lawrence, Nelson	26
Meikrantz, Marlana	6
Moffatt, Emily	30
Myers, Lorraine	14
Naegele, Jane	20
Nolan, Lorraine	5
Rich, Barbara	3
Snyder, Hallie	26
Tobie, Sue	9
Way, Campbell	2



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Carroll, Andy & Anne	07/25/2000
Di Pace, Nick & Karen	07/15/1995
Fields, Bob & Amy	07/17/1971
Hollinger, Amy & Jason	07/16/2005
Largent, Karen & Todd	07/02/2006
Lovett, Don & Ann	07/25/1953
Morgan, Bruce & Leslie	07/04/1998
Novosel, Peter & Shore, Linda	07/15/2006
Tyson, Alan & Mary Jane	07/14/1943



**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT
ARTICLES FOR THE
AUGUST, 2014 "MESSENGER":**

JULY 21, 2014

SERVING SCHEDULE – JULY, 2014

FOR ALL THOSE SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S: PLEASE NOTE!

If you are unable to fulfill your serving duties, it will be your responsibility to find a replacement. Once you have located a replacement, please be sure to call the Church Office with your name, the name of your replacement, and the date you were scheduled to serve. If you reach our voice mail system, **simply dial "0"** to leave your message. If you call the Church Office after working hours, your call will still be received by a staff member prior to the Sunday service.

Please avoid contacting Aaron Spicher, personally, with this type of information. Aaron will receive your information through the Church Office. *"Thank you for your cooperation!"*

JULY 6	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	Katie Mausolf, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman, Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Sue Tobie	Phil Purdy
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	James Woolson
Torch Bearer	ô	Miriam Lester, Kylie Stone
Crucifer	ô	John Waskowicz
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Amelia Dissinger
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	ô	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour/Lemonade	Carroll Family	TBD
Nursery	ô	Janelle Stone

JULY 13	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Sibyl Freeman, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin
Lector	Fred Bush	Paula Wolf
Server	ô	Michael Hreben
Torch Bearer	ô	Sean Cliff, Max Lester
Crucifer	ô	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Tierza Mendez
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	ô	Dave Martin
Coffee Hour/Lemonade	Brenton Family	Brenton Family
Nursery	ô	Leslie Morgan

SERVING SCHEDULE – JULY, 2014 (CONTINUED)

JULY 20	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Eaton	Judy Arnold, Barbara McGraw
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	Julie Gittens, Peter Novosel, Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Laurie Eaton	Tom Bond
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Dylan Stone
Torch Bearer	ô	Conor Brenton, Kylie Stone
Crucifer	ô	Bob Kilp
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Max Lester
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	ô	Peter Novosel
Coffee Hour/Lemonade	Morgan Family	Sue Heilman, Garth Alexander
Nursery	ô	Elsbeth Moffatt

JULY 27	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	James Glazier	David Dissinger, Katie Mausolf
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Don Durand, Phyllis Gbur
Lector	Bob Lee	Jeannie Zeller
Server	ô	Amelia Dissinger
Torch Bearer	ô	Kendall Morgan, Natalie Visco
Crucifer	ô	Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Lynn Hayford
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	ô	Leslie Morgan
Coffee Hour/Lemonade	Sauder Family	Toni Ehrhart
Nursery	ô	Marla Lester

LOOKING AHEAD TO: AUGUST, 2014

AUGUST 3	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	Brad Moyer, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin, Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Ricky Smith	Frank Cummins
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Aaron Hasircoglu
Torch Bearer	ô	Max & Miriam Lester
Crucifer	ô	John Waskowicz
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Garth Alexander
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	ô	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour/Lemonade	Lester Family	Glenn Miller
Nursery	ô	Courtney Rhodes



INTERESTED IN SERVING?

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BECOME INVOLVED IN SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S:

For **Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Crucifers, or Torch Bearers:** Contact the Church Office.

For **Eucharistic Visitors:** Contact one of the clergy.

For **Altar Guild:** Contact Cynthia Minnich

For **Ushers:** Contact Mike Gbur

For **Greeters or Coffee Hour Hosts:** Contact Bruce & Mary Waskowicz

- Contact telephone numbers for these people can be found in the Parish Directory and copies are available in the Welcome Center at the rear of the church.