



The Bellringer

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St. Augustine's Episcopal Church ♦ 6 Old Post Road North, Croton on Hudson, NY 10520 ♦ 914-271-3501 (Office)

Rector:
The Rev. Bradley C. Dyche

Priest Associate:
The Rev. Dr. Beth Glover

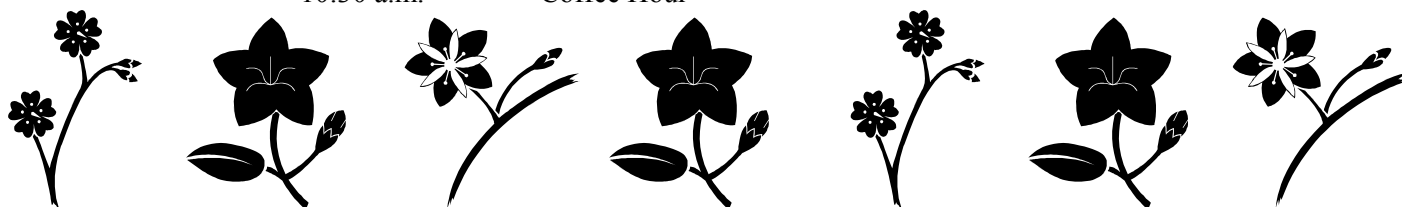
Deacon:
The Rev. Deacon Keith McKenna

JUNE 2009

- 5 Friday 9am – 12 pm JUNEFEST! RUMMAGE ONLY
- 6 Saturday 10 am – 4 pm JUNEFEST!
- 4 pm – 7 pm JUNEFEST BBQ for Parishioners
- 7 **The First Sunday after Pentecost**
 - 9:30 a.m. Rite II with music
 - 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
 - 1 pm – 5 pm JUNEFEST!
- 14 **The Second Sunday After Pentecost, The Rev. Deacon Keith McKenna officiating**
 - 9:30 a.m. Rite II with music
 - 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 17 Wednesday 8:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- 19 Friday 6:30 p.m. Parish Pub Quiz
- 21 **The Third Sunday after Pentecost, The Dr. Rev. Beth Glover officiating**
 - 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer with music
 - 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 28 **The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
 - 9:30 a.m. Rite II with music
 - 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
 - 10:30 a.m. Meeting to discuss painting murals in the Sunday School classrooms

JULY 2009

- 5 **The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Chris Jones officiating**
 - 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer with music
 - 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 12 **The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost, The Rev. Deacon Keith McKenna officiating**
 - 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer with music
 - 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 15 Wednesday 8:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- 19 **The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**
 - 9:30 a.m. Rite II with music
 - 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 26 **The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, The Rev. Deacon Keith McKenna officiating**
 - 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer with music
 - 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour



AUGUST 2009

- 2 **The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, The Rev. Deacon Keith McKenna officiating**
 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer with music
 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9 **The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**
 9:30 a.m. Rite II with music
 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 16 **The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**
 9:30 a.m. Rite II with music
 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 19 Wednesday 8:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- 23 **The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**
 9:30 a.m. Rite II with music
 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 30 **The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
 9:30 a.m. Rite II with music
 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

TREASURER'S REPORT –
 Financial Operations through 4/30/09

Assessment, priest's pension, property insurance, etc.). This slow down in pledges was attributable to two factors: (1) the budget assumed receipt of \$130,000 in pledges, as compared to the less than \$120,000 we actually received, and (2) the monthly payment of the \$120,000 in actual pledges had been lagging expectations (it has since improved, and we are slightly ahead of expectations for the quarter).

Of more concern, however, is the outlook for the remainder of 2009, especially as we head into the slower summer months. The \$130,000 in pledges in the 2009 budget still resulted in a reduction in programs and services offered during 2009. Each employee experienced a cut in hours or salary, including Father Brad. With cuts in salaries, hours, and programs, as well as the use of another \$5,000 from the Memorial Fund for operations, we were finally able to present to Vestry a balanced budget for 2009, with pledges anticipated at \$130,000. With actual pledges of less than \$120,000, however, we will need to either raise an additional \$10,000 above and beyond the revenues contained in the budget, or cut another \$10,000 of salaries, hours, programs and services. In the meantime, we will be faced with many challenges as we attempt to operate the church we love with less financial resources than it takes to keep our employees employed, to keep our church insured, warm and lit, and to fund our music, education and outreach programs.

~submitted by Holly Anzani, Treasurer

	<i>Expenses</i>		<i>Revenues</i>
	<i>Paid</i>		<i>Received</i>
Administrative	\$ (11,349.60)		
Priest	(29,407.23)	Fundraising	\$ 1,670.50
Service/Program	(9,223.74)	Plate	5,639.24
Diocese	(10,938.50)	Pledge	55,412.02
Outreach	(1,121.90)	Space	2,370.00
Property	(11,871.47)	Investments	3,974.44
TOTAL	\$ (73,912.44)	TOTAL	\$ 69,066.20
(deficit)/surplus	\$ (4,846.24)		
budgeted deficit	\$ (14,337.90)		

Treasurer's Report through 5/31/08:

We have ended the first four months of the year with a deficit smaller than the one contained in the budget. Although at first blush this seems like good news, it is partially attributable to the fact that we had begun to slow down our payment of invoices, resulting in the appearance of improved financial operations. The situation has improved since last month, when the lag in pledge income prevented us from making timely payment on some of our larger quarterly bills (Diocesan

SATURDAY & SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

During the months of June, July and August, we will have only one service on Sundays, at 9:30 AM. The 9:30 AM service will be similar to the normal 10:30 AM Sunday service, with full lessons, psalms and music - just an hour earlier.

Although we have traditionally gone to a single service schedule during the lower attendance months of July and August, we were forced to start that schedule a month earlier this year, as part of our severe budget crunch and our consequent need to cut costs wherever possible. Dropping to one service means that we will pay less to our organist and thus will drop our expenses: although the move was deemed necessary by the Vestry, it is also an acknowledged hardship for both us and for her.

During the months of June, July and August we have found that our attendance dips a bit, due to the travel schedules of our parishioners, meaning that a single service is able to accommodate all comers. In addition, the early timing of the service means that we are able to use our Sanctuary before the heat of the day makes the space too uncomfortable. Please contact the Rector if you would like to discuss these plans.

PUB QUIZ FUNDRAISER



Next Parish Fundraiser: June 19th, **PUB QUIZ**. Clear your calendar. Doors open: 6:30 pm. Quiz begins: 7:30 pm. Suggested Donation is \$10/person. (includes burgers/hot dogs/dessert/quiz fun). Please bring a side dish to share. See the flyer in the back of the church for complete details or contact Suzanne Smith hortonsmitt@verizon.net with your group name and members.

Spectators are encouraged to come and share in the fun.

ART FOR PARISH HOUSE



Art for Parish House: Calling all artists! Come to an organizational meeting on **Sunday, June 28th** to discuss the possibility of painting murals in our Sunday School Classrooms. We know that there are many artists with many talents at St. A's, and we would like your help. Please bring a portfolio or samples of your work. Father Brad and others will then be organizing us around themes based on our Sunday School Curriculum. If you would like to be involved but cannot attend the meeting, please speak to Father Brad.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL, 2009

High School and Middle School Students: Save the dates of October 10th – 12th. You are invited to go Heifer International's Overlook Farm in Rutland, Massachusetts. While there, we will be participating in an amazing outreach project. Heifer International is a program that provides working animals for many developing countries. Many youth groups go there to help work on the farm and care for the animals and at the same time learn about world hunger. Over the course of the weekend, we will be hiking, helping out around the farm, and learning what we can do to help eradicate poverty. This adventure promises to be both a great deal of fun and an amazing learning experience. We will leave on Saturday, October 10th and be back on Monday, October 12th, Columbus Day. We will also need parents willing to participate. Please contact Father Brad in the parish office for more information or to sign up.

ST A'S ANNUAL RUN/WALK T-SHIRTS

All sizes are available for \$5.00. Contact Kim in the Parish House.

FOODFEST RESULTS:

FoodFest raised over \$2,700. Thank you to the chefs and the buyers for another successful year. A complete list is available in the back of the church, online and enclosed.

Please send in your check as soon as possible with the number of your winning item and FoodFest in the memo section of your check.

JUNE FEST THANK YOU'S

Thank you to all who participated in all the events both on the selling and the buying side for our annual fundraiser.

There are too many people to name, but especially a large hug to Regina Hertl and Mark Mitchell and crew for putting in the hours and hours of organizing the rummage sale. Also, who once again have proven to be the ultimate sales people.

Much time is spent before the actual event in planning and organizing and getting the proper paperwork so our day can run smoothly. Thank you to Mike Kelly and Betsy Mitchell for all the running around and they did on behalf of St A's.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Rev Bradley Dyche will be away from June 10th through June 21st.

The Rev Bradley Dyche will be away from July 5th through July 17th. He will be attending the 2009 General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Anaheim, CA.

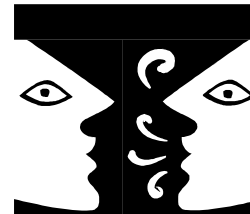
In case of a pastoral emergency please contact Duncan Cleary, Senior Warden

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Thank you for another successful year in the education of our younger parishioners. Anyone who has not already received their Sunday school appreciation gift can pick one up from the basket in the back of the Church.



THANK YOU - ANGE MLINKO



Thank you to Ange Mlinko for her successful poetry fundraiser. All participants had a great time and left the discussion better informed about the current state of poetry.

JUNE FEST RESULTS

We are on course to having our best year yet. We raised over \$26,000 before expenses (by comparison, we raised over \$27,000 last year, but that number included the proceeds from the dinner and auction, which we did not have this year). We will not know the final results until all expense reimbursement requests are received in the office. Once these expenses are accounted for we will publish the official results.

**PUB QUIZ – FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH
 6:30 PM – DOORS OPEN
 7:30 PM - QUIZ BEGINS
 SPECTATORS ARE WELCOME**

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN UP YOUR TEAM, OR SHOW UP AND BE PLACED ON A TEAM.
 TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF TRIVIA AGAINST
 THE SMARTY PANTS AND THE PUB-A-DUB-DUB'S AND THREE YET UNNAMED TEAMS.**

<u>Rector</u>	<u>The Rev. Bradley C. Dyche</u>				
<u>Rector Emeritus</u>	<u>The Rev. David B. Wayne</u>				
<u>Priest Associate</u>	<u>The Rev. Dr. Beth Glover</u>				
<u>Deacon</u>	<u>The Rev. Deacon Keith McKenna</u>				
<u>2009 VESTRY MEMBERS</u>					
Senior Warden:	<u>Duncan Cleary</u>	Junior Warden:	<u>Jen Brehl</u>		
Treasurer:	<u>Holly Anzani</u>	Clerk:	<u>Greg Kaebnick</u>		
<u>Class of 2009</u>	Holly Anzani	<u>Class of 2010</u>	Cathie Elliott	<u>Class of 2011</u>	Elizabeth Hoffman
	Ed Godek		Anya Steger		Laura Seitz
	Greg Kaebnick		David Wixted		Amber Wylie
<u>Meeting Schedule:</u> Vestry, 3rd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.					



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 FOOD FEST RESULTS**

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