

CLOSE CALL

MAY 2011

A Newsletter of
Christ Episcopal Church,
New Brunswick NJ

A 'close' is the precinct or space around a cathedral or a church.

From the Rector

Beloved in Christ,

Christ is risen! Our Lenten fast has ended, and even this cold and dreary spring seems suddenly to have burst forth into warm sunny days and blossoms. We, too, are called to blossom; we are charged with the task of practicing resurrection—of seeking out and fostering new life wherever we may find it: in our hearts, in our families, in our work, in our ministry, in the cold and barren places where we have long since ceased to hope.

But we are not tasked to do this work alone. In our baptism, God gives us the gift of community; we are part of the church, whether we wish to be or not, whether we come each week or whether we never open the doors. The question we face is not whether we belong, but how we are to make community fruitful. It is the issue which presses, not only upon the church, but upon our nation as a whole, as we wrestle with fiscal priorities and try to determine what we owe to one another and what we need to do, not



just to survive, but to thrive. Difficult times like these can tempt us to put our own interests first and to let others fend for themselves, but that is not the path which God lays out for us. The God who seeks out the lost sheep, who urges us to stop by the side of the road to tend the injured foreigner, this God does not give us permission to discard one another, not even the weakest among us. (Especially not the weakest among us!)

At the foundation of our faith, we need to recognize that community—life with other people—is

a gift from God, and it makes us whole. Nora Gallagher writes of a day on which she was administering the communion chalice although she had just received bad news. Standing there at the altar rail, she had a sudden flash of insight: "Holy Communion was a web, a web of people who were being stitched together. And tomorrow, we would need to be stitched together again. Over and over. One person to the next...I needed to be stitched together myself. It was not the kind of stitching that

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Book Study:

Paths of Grace—Sundays, 9:30 am, Nicholas Room



—*Mother Deborah*

“Jesus calls us o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea,” but the paths we take to reach Christ and walk with him are as varied as our individual lives and circumstances. As early as the last chapter of

the Gospel of John, disciples were already comparing themselves with one another, trying to discern which (one) way was best, but Christ replied: “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!”

Our final Sunday morning offering for adults this season will be a study of two spiritual memoirs, both written by contemporary Episcopalian women

living in California. Both examine issues of faith, conversion, the strength and precariousness of grace, ministry with the poor, human sexuality, and lifelong spiritual growth (both traditional and less so). *Take this Bread*, by Sara Miles, is the sometimes-gritty story of a radical activist who experiences a radical conversion and dedicates her life to helping the poor of San Francisco. *Things Seen*

and *Unseen*, by Nora Gallagher, is the story of one year lived in the life of a parish (which makes it sound dull; it isn’t).

I have ordered fifteen copies of each book, for a combined price of \$22. (If you wish to get them used, they are readily available through Amazon.com.)

The class will begin on May 8th and will conclude on Pentecost (June 12th).

MEN’S MINISTRY

—*Deacon Pete Cornell*

The Men’s Ministry met for Bible study on April 10th at 9:30, as we continued our study on the Sermon on the Mount (as found in Matthew). We are using a guide from the Lifeguide Bible Study, which has 12 sessions of reflection and questions on this very familiar story. We continued to study chapter 5, verses 17-20. The study today began with examining how Jesus restated his support of the Old Testament prophets. He makes the dramatic observation that he would not allow even the stroke of a letter to be changed by his leadership. We discussed the need for rules in

our lives, and in many cases policy or procedures are written for specific situation, and true leadership supports the intention over blind obedience. We agreed that we must always interpret the teachings of scripture, not with an eye to change what has been recorded, but filtered through the guidance and love of Jesus. We must remember that we are secular beings attempting to model divine leadership. Jesus’ instruction in this passage reminds us that all that has come before is from the Father, and therefore we cannot pick and choose from among the teachings to support our preconceptions.

The next meeting of the Bible Study group is scheduled for May 8th and we will continue with Matthew 5:17-20. Please feel free to read the passage, and you can contact me if you would like the questions we will address ahead of the session.

Special note: the Men’s Ministry has been ‘challenged’ by the Special Events Committee to put on a dinner event to support the efforts of the congregation in the community. We’ve accepted the challenge and will be planning an extravaganza for a date in September.

Stay tuned for details!

..... we must always interpret the teachings of scripture, not with an eye to change what has been recorded, but filtered through the guidance and love of Jesus.

All men of the Parish are invited and encouraged to attend, we always have lively and interesting discussions as we explore who we are and how we can be better Christians in the role we play as men. Please contact Deacon Pete Cornell if you want more information or have any suggestions about how to improve this Ministry within the Parish.

HOLY WEEK 2011—THANKS!

Our Holy and Beautiful House



—Sally Edwards

Even empty, Christ Church is holy and beautiful. And then comes Holy Week, seven days during which parishioners transform our sanctuary for every major service. This year **John Fleming** harvested bamboo for us. Palm Sunday's fresh greens were gathered by Maundy Thursday and gnarlier still on Good Friday.

On Holy Saturday **Beverly** and **David Briggs** dressed the windowsills; **Phyllis Clarke** arranged roses for the Clarke Chapel and hung wreaths



on the tower doors; **Liz Gloyn** and **Allie Graham** decorated the lectern and assisted in countless other ways; **Robin Jess** arranged bulbs in the pulpit

corner, decorated the Annunciation window with lilies and decorated the font. And **Eric Sanders**, whose genius inspires

all of us, decorated the pulpit, and both crosses. Then at the end of a long day he made a sweet arrangement of roses for me to take to Barbara Clarke, whom we all missed this year.

Many Thanks!!!

—Mother Deborah

Many thanks to all who helped with Holy week and Easter services: the **Marion B. DeVoe Altar Guild of Christ Church**, who spend so much time behind the scenes preparing the Altar; the **Adult and Youth Choirs and the St. Cecilia Ensemble** for offering glorious music at all our services; to **Sally Edwards, Eric Sanders**, and all our flower volunteers; and to the small army of **lectors and acolytes** who participated in the services, and finally, to **Brian Breen** for keeping our facility beautiful.

Amazing Acolytes

—Sally Edwards

Getting their names in leaflets is nice, but it doesn't cover the thanks we owe to the acolytes who so graciously served us during Holy Week: **Kendall, Caroline, Helena, Chioma, Oluchi, Alexandra, Adam, and Joanna.**

Even though they aren't acolytes, on Easter **Catherine** and **Raven** carried crosses and **Pete**

and **Sam** carried banners. And the five who served during the Vigil service: **Rebecca, Graig, Kabir, Helena, and Thalia** were especially amazing, learning their roles with barely any rehearsal time just before the service.



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VESTRY MINUTES

—*Chizoba Nwankwo, Clerk*

April 12, 2011

The regular vestry meeting was held April 12, 2011. The meeting was called to order with prayer at 7:34 p.m in the Ross Room.

Minutes of the February 8, 2011 regular meeting were on motion approved as distributed.

Minutes of the March 11-12, 2011 special meeting were on motion accepted with the following correction: Art Erickson did not abstain from the vote on the approval of the parochial report.

Correspondence: Rev. Lianne G. Finston, the Executive Director of Elijah's Promise, sent a letter thanking Christ Church for its donation of \$403 from the Ash Wednesday service.

Treasurer and Finance Committee Report: Finance Chair Donald Edwards presented a combined written report. He noted that he will be meeting with an accountant, Lisa Keenans, to discuss the possibility of retaining her to coach the Audit committee through the process of carrying out an "Assisted Committee

Audit". He informed the members of the vestry that if a decision is made to retain her then there will be a need to draw on funds to pay for her services. After meeting with her, he will email a budget to the vestry for their approval. Vestrymember Gwen Greenberg moved that the vestry vote on retaining Ms. Keenans be conducted via email. The motion was passed.

Property Committee Report: Property Chair Arthur Erickson presented a written report. Rector Meister expressed profound gratitude for all that the committee is getting done with very minimal fuss. She made a request to the committee for \$100 to plant bushes to help deter people from walking on the grass in the area next to the food pantry. She also reminded the vestry members that if anyone wants to have a meeting of any sort on the property, they have to email her and Julia to reserve rooms in an effort to avoid the confusion of having events improperly scheduled in the same room.

Evangelism and Communications Report: A written report was presented by Gerri Callahan, Steve Caruso and Donald Edwards. In addition to the items covered in the

report, it was also noted that the committee was looking into the possibility of adding a feature to the church website that would allow people to make contributions online and by credit card. They also mentioned the need to work on the consistent branding and messaging of the church. The committee is hoping to find a way to streamline the process so that timely decisions can be made and agreed upon around branding and messaging. The committee was asked to find out if we can add an online calendar for the church to the website. Lastly, it was suggested that we use a voice chat system during vestry meetings in lieu of the current teleconference dial in system. The issue was raised by Rector Meister that not all members of the vestry may have the technological capability to use the proposed new system. Therefore, the committee was asked to send out an email to the all the members of the vestry explaining what type of technology will be needed to use this new system and also to take a poll of who has it.

Rector's Report: Rector Meister presented a written report.

Old Business: *Exterior Restoration Project:* War-



den Paul Ambos reported that we are going to be getting back the Tiffany lights. He also mentioned that the downspouts were not as specified so they are waiting to find out what the company is going to do. The roofs are done except that some caulking work is remaining. The gutter was also not built exactly as specified but it should last for quite a while, and the subcontractor offered to extend the roofing and gutter warranty. The final walkthrough has been rescheduled; the final payment will not be due until after the walkthrough is completed. Rector Meister and Warden Ambos authorized an additional \$5,000 for the mason to cut and replace a crumbling keystone at the top of one of the windows on the south side of the nave in order to prevent further damage and any possible injury. The replacement of the retaining wall by the food pantry has been postponed for now. Gwen Greenberg will work with the property committee to see if they can help with replacing the rail by the food pantry with the new one that Gwen is having made.

VESTRY NOTES, CONTINUED

Parochial Report: A copy of the parochial report was circulated along with a summary of key statistics from previous years (2007-2010). Rector Meister thanked the Treasurer Kathryn Brennan and the Bookkeeper Irene Fialkowsky for putting together the financial data that was reviewed.

Under New Business, Implementation of Vestry Retreat Items: Members of the vestry identified various upcoming community events at which the church might be able to show a presence.

New Sign: The Evangelism and Communications committee is working on finding a new sign. They will coordinate this exercise with the Property committee.

Planning for further Vestry retreats: The regular September 13 meeting was replaced with a special meeting of the vestry on September 10, which will serve as a working session for the vestry to work on various visioning topics. A subcommittee consisting of Gwen Greenberg, Andrea Hawkins and Donald Edwards was created to work on developing a plan for the session.

Planning for Episcopal Visitation: The Bishop will be visiting the church on June 5, and there are lots of activities planned for that

day, including confirmations, consecration of new church vessels, the Living Stones celebration, and a reception. It was suggested that in order to allow for the proper recognition of all these events, we will ask the Bishop to bless the building first followed by the service and then the reception.

As part of the preparation for the living stones celebration Rector Meister will get a final list of names from the committee of those church members that have not yet contributed to the campaign and provide them to the members of the vestry so that they can call them as a reminder. Donald Edwards will put together a script that the members of the vestry can use when calling.

Ordination recommendation for Jonathan Thomas: Members of the vestry signed the form endorsing Jonathan Thomas for the diaconate ordination scheduled for June 18.

Gwen Greenberg reported that as part of the charge to reach out to parishioners in need, she identified people from the food pantry who could do with some encouragement, and she has requested that other food pantry members should informally reach out to them via notes of support or phone calls. She appealed to the other members of the vestry

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Food Pantry Calendar

CHRIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION AND VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE MAY 2011

May 8 (Sunday)
12:30-2:30M—Bagging

May 10 (Tuesday)
8:00AM—Unloading truck(s) from Hillside
NEED HELP TO UNLOAD THE TRUCK

May 11 (Wednesday)
AM—MCFOODS pickup
6-7PM—Distribution

May 15 (Sunday)
12:30-2:30M—Bagging

May 18 (Wednesday)
AM—MCFOODS pickup
6-7PM—Distribution

May 19 (Thursday)
6-8PM—Bagging **NEED HELP**

May 20 (Friday)
9-10AM—Distribution

May 21 (Saturday)
9:30-10:30 AM—Bagging
10:30-11:30AM—Distribution

May 22 (Sunday)
12:30-230M—Bagging

May 25 (Wednesday)
AM—MCFOODS pickup
6-7PM—Distribution

May 26 (Thursday)
6-8PM—Bagging **NEED HELP**

May 27 (Friday)
9-10AM—Distribution

May 28 (Saturday)
11:30-1PM—Bagging
6-7PM—Distribution

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Music Notes



—John Sheridan

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Two months ago in this space I wrote about our having to bury the Alleluia during Lent. I am so pleased that a group of very talented and intrepid youngsters were able to locate that Alleluia again at the 10:30 Eucharist on Easter Sunday morning, thus enabling us to sing Alleluia again with great abandon.

And what a joyful noise it was! As I sat at the organ console, playing those great Easter hymns, I often could barely hear our magnificent Richards Fowkes organ over the enthusiastic singing. And

I was thrilled by the magnificent music-making of our choirs and instrumentalists.

As you all know, the preparation and observance of Holy Week and Easter places great demands on many of us in the parish, including those who provide leadership in our music. Many parishioners gave a great deal of time and effort to ensure that the music in these services would be the best it could be to help us all contemplate and celebrate the sacred story remembered that week. I hope you will join me in extending thanks ...

To Canticum Novum for a splendid and rousing rendition of “The Palms” on Palm Sunday morning.

To our Youth Choir, and their director, Renata Koumendouros, and also to the St. Cecilia Ensemble, who prepared and sang both at our Maundy Thursday observance and on Easter Day; also thanks to Renata for her beautiful chanting on Maundy Thursday evening.

To our Parish Choir for their leadership on Palm Sunday; in the beautiful Tenebrae service on Good

Friday evening; at the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday night and at both Sunday morning services on Easter Day.

To Benny Barksdale and Wilfredo Coriano for their soulful rendition of Duke Ellington’s “Come Sunday” during the 10:30 Eucharist on Easter Day.

To Cathy Whitener, who stepped in at the last moment as assistant conductor, keeping all the musical forces in the chancel, the chapel, and the gallery together during the Great Vigil and the Easter morning services.

To Leslie Pruess, who also conducted the prelude to the 10:30 service and served as our “contractor” to find the talented instrumentalists who joined us on Easter Sunday morning.

To Paul Ambos, who as always so capably cantored chants and responses at several services; and also Cathy and Diana Whitener, Giulia Utz, Wilfredo Coriano, Karl Manger, and Fred Fischer, who cantored the psalms during the haunting and beautiful Tenebrae service.

To Giulia Utz and Diana Whitener who sang such beautiful solos during the services on Palm Sunday.

To Bruce Bush, a friend of the parish, who has provided a much-needed extra voice to the bass section in the Parish Choir for the last several weeks and now leaves us.

To Eric Sanders, Paul Ambos, Wilfredo Coriano, Diana Whitener, and Walter Zimmerman, who were at the church very late on Holy Saturday night helping me muscle the portable organ into place for the Sunday morning services; and to Dave and Ginny Keil and Walter Zimmerman who the next day helped me muscle it back.

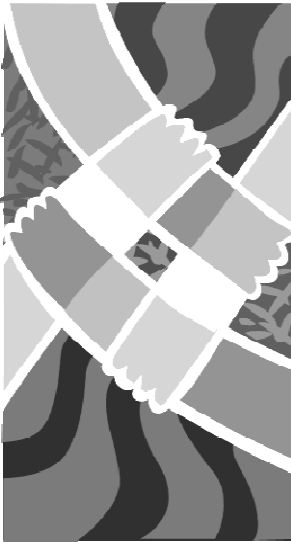
To all of you who gave special donations to the Music Endowment Fund, so that we could hire the special instrumentalists that graced our Easter Sunday worship services.

And last but not least, to all of you in this parish who raised your voices in praise and thanksgiving during all the services of this week.

From the Rector (Continued)

would last forever. It was more like what my father said when he did a job that was only temporary: 'That's Scotch tape and baling wire, but it will do for now.'¹ In Gallagher's image, Communion joins us one to another, and it also holds each of us together, knitting us up around our struggles and losses into one person who is being healed.

Both are necessary: our own individual healing, and our bonds to one another. The German theologian and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes, "Let him who cannot be alone beware of community. He will only do harm to himself and to the community. You cannot



escape from yourself, for God has singled you out...But the reverse is also true. Let him who is not in community beware of being alone...If you scorn the fellowship of the brethren, you reject the call of Jesus Christ."²

Since I came to Christ Church, strengthening and deepening our relationships

with one another has been a primary focus for me. The educational and spirituality groups, *agape* supper groups, and parish picnic; the teams in which we serve together in ministries as diverse as youth formation, the food pantry, and the altar guild; as well as our parish's traditional celebrations (such as the Black Heritage Dinner and International Night)—all are places in which we can connect with one another.

These bonds are essential if we are to continue to grow and thrive; they break down the potential anonymity of a large congregation and draw us into the doors each Sunday eager to see one another. They also help us to support one another when

we need a little help or encouragement, and to rejoice together when blessings come into our lives.

This Easter season, we will have three special opportunities to come together as a parish family. On May 22nd, we will have our second Rite 13 ceremony, in which we rejoice in the gifts of our

young people who are beginning to be adults. June 5th, Bishop Councill will be with us for our triennial visitation, confirming youth and adults and also helping to bless our sanctuary after its renovation. (Please plan to attend festive receptions after both events!) June 12th is Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples and brought the church into being.

My friends, what we are doing now is a continuation of that Pentecost work: bringing the church into being every day, in each place that we go, carrying with us the grace and reconciliation of Christ. God gives us this great privilege of helping to sustain the ongoing work of Creation. It is not a matter of sending money, but of giving ourselves. It is the work of opening ourselves to the holy and life-giving Spirit of God, and then going out into the world in trust and in joy. Sister Wendy Beckett (yes, the Art Nun!) writes, "You are not a saint because you keep the rules and are blameless; you are a saint if you live in the real world, going out and loving the real people whom God has put into your life."³

Blessings and grace,
Deborah

Close Call Article Deadlines

Below are the deadlines for submission of articles to be included in the Close Call for the rest of the year.

May 20
(June edition)

June 17
(July edition)

July 22
(August edition)

August 19
(September edition)

September 23
(October edition)

October 21
(November edition)

November 18
(December edition)

December 16
(January 2012 edition)

*Holy Eucharist with
Music
and Mediation
is offered every Wednesday
from 12:15-12:45 p.m.
in the Clarke Chapel. This
service is fully accessible
for parishioners and
community members who
use walker, canes, or
wheelchairs.*

All are welcome.

¹Nora Gallagher, *The Sacred Meal*, pp. 6, 8.

²Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*, p.77.

³Sister Wendy Beckett, *In the Midst of Chaos, Peace*, p.21.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Call Sally Edwards (609-395-1467) and Julia Utz (732-545-6262) when you have made a substitution.
Please note the deadline for names changes in the Sunday Leaflets is noon on Wednesdays.

	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29	June 5
8:00 AM					
EM	Bruce Rydel	Kevin Stansbury	Joan Borden	Jose Castillo	Peter Clarke
L/P	Jonathan Clark	Pat Warren	Sheila Cooper	Jonathan Clark	Sheila Cooper
CB	Austin Cooper	Syl Pratt	Sheila Cooper	Rosalyn Sugihara	Austin Cooper
U	Elfrida Gooding	Don Braun	Beverly Briggs	Evangeline Guy	Sheila Cooper
U	Debra Lowe	Sarah Braun	David Briggs	Pat Lowe	Elfrida Gooding
10:00 AM		<i>Teaching Sunday</i>			
EM	Chizoba Nwankwo	Chris Davies	Penny Gordon	Andrea Cunnell	Sally Edwards
L	John Brockett	Liz Roberts	Catherine Ambos	Tom Brown	David Burns
I	Emma Chant	Cathy Whitener	Paul Ambos	Chris Brennan	C Calvimontes
CB	Molly Newling	Allie Graham	David Heinlein	Mary Nelson	Molly Newling
U	Joseph Ambrosio	Thelma Fergusson	Molly Newling	Wendy Benjamin	Mel Garber
U	Matthew Ambrosio	Mel Garber	Peggy Smith	Chris Davies	Martha Golfphin
U	Pete Murphy	Martha Golfphin	Kenreic VanLoo	Laurel Evans	Hansford Kilkenny
U	Sam Murphy	Hansford Kilkenny	Marva VanLoo	Thelma Fergusson	Peggy Smith
G	Judith Kuldinow	Chizoba Nwankwo	Marie Thompson	Robin Brown	Annette Johnson
Acolytes	***	***	***	***	***
S	Sam Kuldinow	Graig Fergusson	Joanna Kuldinow	H La-Porte-Burns	C LaPorte-Burns
C	Emma Chant	Kabir Golfphin	Chioma Egekeze	Adam Hess	Ashlinn Stansbury
T	Ali Van Kuiken	Audrey Orford	Rebecca Chant	Kendall Beckles	Amelia Wilkerson

Eucharistic Minister Lector Psalmist Intercessor Chalice Bearer Usher Greeter Server Crucifer Torchbearer

St. Alban's Episcopal Church is Celebrating its 90th Anniversary

You are Welcome to Celebrate Our 90th Anniversary With a Festival of Events:

Thursday through Sunday
June 23 - 26, 2011

Thursday, June 23, 2011, 12:00 Noon
Food & Drinks

Health Fair & Open House

Sponsored by St. Peter's University Hospital
FREE 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM at
St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Friday, June 24, 2011
10:00 AM

Fish Fry

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
\$7.00 take out only

Saturday, June 25, 2011
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Banquet & Silent Auction

Marriott Bridgewater
Tickets: \$75.00

Sunday, June 26, 2011
11:00 AM Holy Eucharist

4:00 PM Concert

Tickets: \$25.00
Soloist: Deborah Ford, Soprano

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VESTRY NOTES, CONTINUED

to make an effort to reach out and not to be wary about encouraging people.

It was mentioned that St. Alban's Episcopal Church is celebrating their 90th anniversary in June. Warden Ambos undertook to email to the vestry details of the celebration.

The members of the vestry were reminded to put their name tags when they come for Sunday services.

The Rector asked the members of the vestry to send her an email containing all upcoming committee church events so that she can look at the calendar and try to fit them in.

The vandalism of the church that occurred on the night of April 5 was discussed. There was some graffiti placed on the door of the Parish house which was reported to the police and subsequently removed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on consent at 9:45 p.m. and closed with prayer and a blessing by Dr. Meister.

The next regular vestry meeting is scheduled to be held Tuesday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ross Room. Interested parishioners are welcome to attend.

Special Services in Abundance this Spring at Christ Church

—*Mother Deborah*

This spring, we will be hosting three very special celebrations in our community.

- The 10:30 service on Sunday, May 22nd will be our Rite 13 ceremony, in which we celebrate and uphold the gifts and maturity of our youth who are completing the 7th and 8th grades.
- Sunday, June 5th, at 10:30, will be our episcopal visitation, when Bishop Cuncell will come to Christ Church to worship with us and to confirm and receive parishioners. We will also be celebrating the completion of our current preservation work at a festive reception following the service.
- Sunday, June 12th is Pentecost!

Please plan to join us for these three joyous occasions!

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Register online at newjersey.anglican.org

KEY: E for Everyone, C for Clergy, L for Laity, Y for Youth, YA for Young Adults, O for Other

E and L: Contact Ms. Sarah Paige, spaige@newjersey.anglican.org or 609 394-5281, ext. 10

C: Contact Ms. Cecilia Alvarez, calvarez@newjersey.anglican.org or 609 394-5281, ext. 22

Y and YA: Contact the Reverend Debi Clarke, Deacon, dclarke@newjersey.anglican.org or 609 394-5281, ext. 37

January–June 2011

ONE BOOK! *Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers is Telling the American Church* Across the Diocese
By Kendra Dean

January 2011

12	<i>Calling All Clergy: The New Ministry Portfolio</i> (C) (2 sessions on same day)	Diocesan House, Trenton
15	New Testament 2 (E) (8 weeks; School for Deacons; open to laity)	Trinity Cathedral, Trenton
20	Epiphany Clergy Day	Trinity Cathedral, Trenton
22	<i>The Almost Christian: A Wake-Up Call for the Church</i> Christian Educators' Day with Bishop Councill (E)	Trinity Cathedral, Trenton
28	52 nd Bishop's Ball (Y)	Trinity Cathedral, Trenton

February 2011

9	Adults who Work with Youth Workshop: <i>Bullying</i> (E)	Diocesan House, Trenton
12	Discerning a Call to the Priesthood	Trinity, Princeton
12	Acolyte Festival (E)	Trinity Cathedral, Trenton
13	Absalom Jones Service of Witness to Black Ministries (E)	Trinity Cathedral, Trenton
16	<i>Calling All Clergy: The New Ministry Portfolio</i> (C) (2 sessions on same day)	Diocesan House, Trenton
19	Living into the Millennium Development Goals (E)	St John's, Somerville
25–27	Deacons Retreat (C; Deacons)	Stella Maris Retreat Center, Elberon
26	Sexual Misconduct Awareness Workshop (E)	St Mary's, Burlington

March 2011

5	227 th Convention of the Diocese (E) (not a MI event)	Collingswood
6–8	Clergy Lenten Retreat (C)	Stella Maris Retreat Center, Elberon
11	Discovering Your God-Given Gifts for Service (E) (six weeks)	St Luke's, Metuchen
12	Lenten Retreat: The Experience of God in African Spirituality (E)	All Saints', Princeton
12	Sexual Misconduct Awareness Workshop (E)	Christ Church, Woodbury
26	A Retreat for Young Adults: Reviving the Weary Heart (YA)	Christ Church, New Brunswick
26	A Day of Godly Play (E)	St. Matthew's, Pennington

April 2011

2	Clergy, Wardens Vestry and Finance Officers Day (E)	Trinity Cathedral, Trenton
3	Annual Diocesan Recovery Sunday Service (E)	Trinity Cathedral, Trenton
8–10	Senior Retreat (Y)	Convent St. John the Baptist, Mendham
9	Living into the Millennium Development Goals (E)	Holy Spirit, Tuckerton
9	Sexual Misconduct Awareness Workshop (E)	Christ Church, Toms River
13	Adults who Work with Youth Workshop (E)	Diocesan House, Trenton
14	Renewal of Vows (C) (not a MI event)	Trinity Cathedral, Trenton
29–May 1	Analyzing and Understanding Systemic Racism: <i>Introductory Training</i> (E)	Grove Hall, Ocean Grove

May 2011

5–6	Radical Welcome Evangelism Conference (Province II)	Doubletree Inn, East Syracuse, NY
7	Sexual Misconduct Awareness Workshop (E)	Trinity, Red Bank
8	Passion & Purpose Sunday (E)	Everywhere
13–15	Spring Youth Event (Y)	Camp Lebanon, Lebanon
14	Discerning a Call to the Priesthood (E)	St. John's, Salem
14	Sexual Misconduct Awareness Workshop (E)	St. Paul's, Bound Brook

June 2011

9	Clergy Day at the Beach (C)	Holy Innocents', Beach Haven
11	Sexual Misconduct Awareness Workshop (E)	St. Thomas, Glassboro

WEEKLY SCHEDULE**Sunday**

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Music, Rite I
 9-9:30 a.m.—Youth choir rehearsal
 9:15-10:20 a.m.—J2A
 9:30-10:20 a.m.—Education Hour
 9:30 a.m.—Men's Ministry (2nd Sunday)
 9:30 a.m.—Parish Choir rehearsal
 10:30 a.m.—Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II,
 followed by Coffee Hour
 12-12:30 p.m.—St. Cecilia Ensemble rehearsal

Monday through Friday

7:30 a.m.—"Open" AA meeting for men and women in the Auditorium.

Monday

7:15 p.m.—Lyme Disease Support Group
(first and third Mondays of the month)
 7:30 p.m.—Canticum Novum Choir
 Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m.—Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday

7:30 p.m.—Vestry *(second Tuesday of the month)*

Wednesday

12:15 p.m.—Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m.—Food Pantry *(last three Wednesdays of the month)*
 7:30 p.m.—WomenSpirit
 7:30 p.m.—Property Committee *(first Wednesday of the month)*

Thursday

8:00 p.m.—Parish Choir Rehearsal

Friday

9:00 a.m.—Food Pantry *(last two Fridays of the month)*

Saturday

10:30 a.m.—Food Pantry *(last two Saturdays of the month)*
 1:00 p.m.—ESL

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***Close Call* deadline is:**

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