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Patrick's Pages

Time to Gather as a Parish

by Sally Jakielaszek

Once again the time of our Annual Meeting is fast approaching. This year the meeting will be held on January 17, 2010. We will have one service that morning, at 9 am, so please plan on attending. It is an opportunity to gather as a parish and discuss our needs, wants and prayers for the new year.

This meeting marks some substantial changes and some good-byes. I would like to thank Sue Stanislawski for her six years of vestry service. She now has earned a year off. Thank you, Sue. Also leaving the vestry this year are Pat Rehburg and Kelly Stutz. Both of these ladies have served on the vestry for three years and have both decided that due to personal reasons and family obligations, they cannot run for another term at this time. Sincere thanks to you both, for your time and efforts. In addition, EJ Grzywna, serving as a convention delegate for the past six years, has earned a year off. Thank you EJ.

To fill out the vestry, we will need to elect three vestry members, one warden and one delegate to the annual diocesan convention. All of these positions are important, and the delegate will be able to cast one of our parish's votes for the new bishop in 2010. Any candidate not so elected as our delegate will serve as an alternate to the conventions being held next October and November.

As of this printing, the following individuals have offered themselves as candidates for leadership roles at St. Patrick's:

- For vestry: Jeremy Rejewski, Cheryl Rohde and Carole Zajak

- For warden: Sally Jaekielaszek
- For delegate: Karen Gengo

If you are interested in running for any of these leadership positions, please see Sally Jakielaszek, Wendy Schumacher or Rev. John Russell.

At the annual meeting, we will also be asking the question: What large or small projects would you like to see happen at St. Patrick's? During the past four years, we have "knocked" off quite a few of our dreams and needs: a new roof, a new and paved parking lot and new windows in the church sacristy and hall restrooms.

We would love to hear your ideas, your vision, your passion for the future of St. Patrick's. We know that dreams do come true and we'd like to know what is in the hearts and minds of our parish now! Please mark your calendar and join your parish family at the annual meeting and potluck lunch on Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 9 am.



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**St. Patrick's
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This publication tries to include something for everyone, therefore if you find a mistake be assured we intentionally published it. It is put there for all the folks that are always looking for a mistake.

Advent Preparations Continue by Dennis Grzywna

The Altar Guild would like to invite you to join us in fellowship as we prepare St. Patrick's for the celebration of Christmas. Listed below is the Advent Schedule:

November 28, 10 am

Saturday prior to the First Sunday in Advent

General cleaning, change hangings to blue and set out Advent Wreath

December 5, 10 am

Saturday prior to the Second Sunday in Advent

Continue general cleaning and set up Christmas tree

December 12, 10 am

Saturday prior to the Third Sunday in Advent

Prepare and hang wreaths, decorate the top of the Columbarium

December 19, 10 am

Saturday prior to the Fourth Sunday in Advent

General cleaning, polish the silver, set up the basics for the Nativity scene

December 20, 11:30 am, after coffee hour

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Change hangings to white, change out the candles and decorate the Advent wreath, hang bows, arrange the Christmas plants

If you can come one weekend and help—you will find out that getting ready for Christmas is almost as special as being in the midst of Christmas.

** Editors' note: If you would like to contribute to the Christmas flowers, please place your gift in a specially marked envelope in the weekly collection, or see Dennis Grzywna.*

Advent Begins a New Church Year

by Sally Jakielaszak

Advent begins on November 29 and continues through December 20. Sunday services are held each Sunday of Advent at 8 and 10 am. Each week a short explanation of the particular candle being lit will be provided, with a prayer.

On Christmas Eve we will hold two services: 7 pm worship which is traditionally the family service and the blessing of the crèche and a 10 pm service dubbed "A Six String Christmas Service". If you are wondering what this is all about you will have to attend the later service and find out. It will not disappoint you!

Our annual tradition of refreshments and fellowship following each service will continue. We hope you will join us.

The Meaning of the Advent Wreath

by Sally Jakielaszek

Advent is the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Eve. During this time we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child. It is a time of penitence. A time of preparing ourselves, our homes and our church for Christ's coming. It is also the beginning of a new church year.

The beginning of Advent is a time for the hanging of the greens in church and many of us start to decorate our homes inside and out. We will start to decorate the church on Saturday Nov. 28th. The advent wreath will be placed in its holder and the candles will be placed around it.

There will be five candles in all. Four candles circling the wreath, three blue and one pink, and one large white candle, in the center of the ring, which is called the Christ candle. The outer candles represents the four weeks of waiting and preparing. They also symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ.

The circle of the wreath reminds us that God is the Alpha and Omega; He is the beginning and the end. Yet he is endless, as a circle has no beginning or end. Many wreaths are decorated with evergreen branches. The evergreen, like the circle, is a symbol of eternity - but also of life. Holly is sometimes used instead of - or with - the evergreen. The sharp points of the leaves of the Holly remind us of Christ's crown of thorns. The red berries remind us of his blood. There is a story that holly berries were white until Christ's blood fell on them - causing them to be red ever since.

On the first two Sundays of Advent we will light blue candles. The first Sunday is a Sunday of HOPE. It reminds us that we always have HOPE because God is faithful to us and will keep the promises that He made to us. Our HOPE is in God.

The second Sunday is a Sunday of PEACE. It reminds us that



Jesus comes to bring PEACE to the world and our hearts. There is no PEACE in the world without Christ.

The third Sunday is a Sunday of JOY. It is the Sunday that we light the pink candle, the candle of JOY. It reminds us that we can only find true JOY on earth through Christ. It is the time to remember the JOY of our baptism in Christ. We also have the JOY of anticipating Christ's coming.

The fourth Sunday is a Sunday of LOVE. The last blue candle will be lit. This is the Sunday that we remember Mary and the LOVE that she had for her child, the Son of God. We remember that God sent His only Son to earth to save us, because he LOVES us, and his LOVE is the perfect LOVE.

On Christmas Eve all the candles will be white, with the large Christ Candle in the center. The

Christ Candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless Lamb of God, His birth was for His death, and His death was for our birth. The PROMISE of His birth has been fulfilled. His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. He is also called Emmanuel, for in Him, God is with us.

May you have an Advent that will open your heart even more to the love that God has for us. I pray that you may also have a truly blessed Christmas, and that God's love will continue to sustain you through the New Year.

God's peace be with you.

www.stpatrickswny.org is the domain name of our church website. It's the same as the old one, but it is truly a new and much improved site. We, the Communications Team, worked for several weeks and months to get it where it is now. We are very proud of the work we did to make it a vibrant and easy to navigate site. We had a lot of help from Laurie Wozniak the Diocesan Communications Director, and her "go-to guy", Bill. Between Laurie and Bill, the guts of the site were developed, with a lot of input from our team. Once the guts were ready, we went to work designing the "parent" pages and then the "child" pages. The calendar took a lot of work... we're quite busy, apparently.

We decided to provide a lot of information on the site for newcomers to get a feel for us, and for the folks who know us quite

well, to see what is up & coming, or to maybe learn something they didn't already know. In fact, Nick Hurd had this to say about the site:

"the website is phenomenal! [sic] I actually learned quite a bit about my own parish... Who knew.... I am very impressed! Great job!"

This comment is from someone from outside the parish:

"having a way to contact and search on the internet helps with the youth group and teens who are looking to be involved. Also, with the calendar- it's easy to post youth activities."

There are several more comments on our guestbook page... from across the state and country! Check them out!

We will do our best to keep things updated, but we can only do that if we know about it beforehand. Please notify this team

of any calendar items that need to be added or changed. If you'd like to see other things on the site, please let us know. We're always looking to make additions and improvements when necessary.

The more people who see our site, the more people that may walk through our doors... and maybe stay! Pass the site link to all your friends and family... get their opinions, pass them back to us or ask them to sign the guestbook and leave a comment or two. If anyone would like to receive our newsletter via email, simply note that in the text of the comment and we'll be sure they receive it.

If you have any questions on how to become a contributor, please see Sue, Karen or EJ. They are the editors/administrators of the site as well as Patrick's Pages.

Traveling in Circles?

by Karen L. Gengo

Did you ever feel like you were traveling in circles? Imagine how the Israelites felt when they were wandering through the desert for over 40 years! God gave them directions – and now your children can learn all about those travels at St. Patrick's Sunday School.

Each week, the children of our parish are learning about the characters involved in the Old Testament of the Bible. The class, which often consists of only one child, gets Miss Belle's full attention each week. To keep families connected that are not in church, weekly mailings have been sent

out with a much abbreviated description of the weekly lesson and often a quiz to test their knowledge. It is our hope that even when the families are not in church—they are getting something to connect them to us.

Bible topics to be discussed in December and January include:

Numbers and Deuteronomy, books 4 and 5 of the Bible, filled with stories about Moses, Aaron, Miriam, Joshua and Caleb.

Joshua, book 6 of the Bible, celebrates the arrival into the Promised Land.

Judges, book 7 of the Bible,

maps out the struggles of the Israelites.

We continue to be excited about this Sunday School Program—"Route 66: A Trip through the 66 Books of the Bible" by Christian Ditchfield. We hope that you will encourage a young person you know to travel with Miss Belle each week. Without direction, these young Christians will just be spinning around in circles.

As of January 17, I will once again be leaving the Vestry. I have completed two terms, and following our by-laws, I must take some time off.

I was first elected to the Vestry in 1996 and resigned in March of 1997, when I moved to Florida for 10 months. Shortly after my return in 1998, I was re-appointed to the position I had vacated a year earlier. I served out that term, after being held-over by the then Bishop, David Bowman, and was re-elected in 2000 for a consecutive 3 year term. When that term ended in 2002, I took a few years off to relax and just serve St. Patrick's and the vestry as the Financial Secretary. In 2005 I was elected to a 2 year term, due to a parishioner/vestry member, moving away. I was also appointed Treasurer at that time, and have been handling the checkbook faithfully since then. I was re-elected in 2007, for a 3 year term on the Vestry, and it is time, once again per the by-laws, to bid adieu to my fellow Vestry members. I will remain the church treasurer, until such time as I am either unable, unwilling or unwanted, so they won't get rid of me that easily.

Some might ask why I have served so often, and for so long. It is partly due to a desire to serve my church, my parish, my 'family'. It is also partly due to the lack of other interested individuals in the parish, willing to serve. When I was first asked to consider the vestry I was told to pray about it before I made a decision. So I did. I had never really prayed like that before. And I

don't know if I did it right. I just kept thinking about what I was asked to do, and asking God to guide me in a decision. I assumed He wanted me to serve when I couldn't think of a reason not to! So I agreed to being put on the ballot, and one vote led to another, and soon I was a newly elected leader.

I have been blessed in serving with many good people. We have accomplished a lot in the last decade plus that I have been actively serving in some capacity or other. About 10 years ago at the annual meeting we put together a wish list of what the parish was looking to achieve in the next decade. The top 2 items have been accomplished: a new church roof and a beautiful paved parking lot. Item #3: wheelchair access to both levels of the parish hall, is still a ways off, but with the appropriate focus, dedication, and money (of course), we can get that done too. But is it now the #1 desire of the parish? Should that item be moved to the top? Or should we make a new list this January at the annual meeting? Yes, we should. And we probably will. It just makes sense. Please start thinking now about what you would like to see us do over the next few years, so come January we can make a new list.

If we are to grow as a parish, we need more people to step into some leadership positions. Getting more people involved makes it a lot easier to get things done in a timely manner. We've all heard the saying "many hands make light work", and it is so true. If everyone was to step up at some

point in their churchly life, to help out as a vestry member, a committee chair, or even a helper, then we all win. This is a win-win situation folks. How better to get to know the people you worship with, than to serve with them in some capacity?

One more thing...and I'm sure you've heard this at least once. If you believe something is being done wrong, or that something needs fixing, bring a solution to the table. Don't just complain about it and not make a suggestion on how to right it. If the leaders don't see a problem, how can they possibly see the solution?

I guarantee that you will learn something every time you help... whether it is by serving on the vestry, at a fish fry, or on some other committee or event. Please consider joining the vestry as a committed, dedicated, faithful servant. You'll be glad you did.

Father John Celebrates 50 Ordained Years

by Sue Stanislowski

On Sunday, October 25, 2009, Reverend John A. Russell, current vicar of St. Patrick's, celebrated 50 years of being an ordained minister. Father John was joined by The Right Rev. J. Michael Garrison, The Very Rev. Canon Barbara Price, Reverend Judy Burrows, Reverend Russell Newbert, Reverend Deacon Patricia Guinn, Reverend Deacon Daniel Fournier, Mark Pearce, Esq. as Master of Ceremonies, along with other clergy, several current and former parishioners, family, and friends.

The worship service was a joyful, music-filled celebration of 50 years of service to God and his fellow men and women. Reverend Price gave the homily, which not only inspired, but left people laughing, too, with a few of her anecdotes about Father John. The folks from St. Philip's - Buffalo, St. Martin's - Grand Island, and St. Patrick's were recalling the many times he had told the same stories.

Following the service, Father

John appeared in Hannah Hall dressed in costume, as Saint John the Lion-Hearted, complete with a cape and tee-shirt designed and hand-crafted by the Youth of St. Patrick's. His fun-loving spirit certainly showed through then, and again when the "roasting" began. There were a few folks



who regaled the crowd with stories of Father John when he was in their midst. He also had a story to tell about a "ghost" in the rectory of St. Martin's. There was some damage done to a door, and Father blamed the "ghost". He then presented the parish a donation to their window fund as a sort of reparation for said damages.

The evening ended on a high

note, with Father John handing out "mass cards" with a mini biography, along with a prayer on the back, which was made for him by the folks at Pacer Funeral Home. He joked that if they didn't all go that evening, his family would be one step ahead when his time comes to join the Lord.

The following was taken from Fr. John's Thanksgiving letter to the parish:

".....I am overwhelmed with gratitude for being able to serve as God's priest for fifty years. Your wonderful expression of love and support at the 50th anniversary celebration on October 25, at the loving presence of Bishop Michael and so many clergy and friends from parishes where I've been privileged to serve caused my heart to swell with thanks. I feel a surge of energy that may, God willing, allow me another ten years of service."

* Editors' Note: This was such a joyful celebration at St. Patrick's we hope you have many more.

Recycling Stinks—Or Does It?

by Diane Basinski

Throughout the few years that I have been part of St. Patrick's, I have seen the "passion" for outreach and helping the community.

I am now asking for your support, and this should be an easy one. I need your old worn sneakers that are ready to be thrown out. Nike has a recycle program that uses the rubber from the sneakers to use for playgrounds and for running tracks. What a great way to give to the community and get rid of your old stinky

sneakers.

Also, I have another one....recycled crayons. I am asking that everyone save old, broken, ready to be thrown out crayons. We will melt them down and they will be used for the "little fingers", and then be redistributed to churches and daycare centers.

There will be a box for the sneakers and for the crayons in the link. Thank you for your participation and for helping our community...again!

Music is a key component of the 10 am worship service at St. Patrick's and some might wonder how the hymns and songs are chosen, and who does the choosing, who sings in the choir. So to answer those unasked questions, please keep reading.

Sally Jakielaszek and Edmund (EJ) Grzywna sit down every couple of months and review the lessons that will be read during the upcoming worship services. They use *The Episcopal Musician's Handbook*, which recommends certain hymns from the 1982 Hymnal for the lessons, and other sources, to find songs that might fit in with the service. They then listen to the music they selected and start to pick out the individual pieces that seem to fit the best. They typically start with the opening and closing hymns, and then work their way around the rest of the service. Keeping the same music for each 'season', year to year, is one of their goals, so that the congregation is familiar with the music and can join in on the singing. The list of music is then shared with the choir, and is open to changes. Sometimes a choir member knows of a different song that may fit better with the occasion, or Father John makes a request based on his up-

coming sermon.

Sally and EJ use several music sources because our congregation enjoys a wide variety of music types. We hear traditional, contemporary and praise music, on any given Sunday. Some of the sources for these other types of music are: *Wonder, Love and Praise*, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, *Voices Found*, *Enriching our Music I and II*, *Songs of Praise*, *Glory and Praise*, and many other songbooks. If someone makes a suggestion for a song that is not in any of these, EJ will make every attempt to locate the music and lyrics to use the song in the service.

As you are, or should be, aware, we do not have an organist, but we do have Synthia! Synthia is a music synthesizer that connects to a keyboard, and contains arrangements for many of the songs we use. It's library is limited, however, and did not have some of the seasonal songs, such as those used at Christmas. A computer program, *Music Write Maestro*, was purchased, which allows us to enter the scores to songs which previously we wouldn't have had the opportunity to sing with music.

We also have some very talented instrument players who

sometimes join the choir to make beautiful music together. We have several guitarists, a flautist, and a keyboard player. In the past we have also had a horn blower join in the "joyful noise". When all these folks are in the choir, it is sure is full!

The choir, mostly made up of adults in prior years, has grown to include several younger members and they are all outgrowing the current choir loft. Plans are taking shape to increase the loft size to better accommodate everyone who wishes to be up there.

The choir and instrumentalists include the following people: EJ, Sally, Dennis, Joe, Cheryl, Kathy, Katelyn, Mike, Andrew, Matthew, Zachary, Sarah, Michelle, Emily, Zackery, RJ and Jaylin. Did I miss anyone? If I did, I apologize.

It's funny... I've heard several times through the years how the choir might be bigger than the congregation at some point, and we just might be on our way there!

** Editors Note: We have a duly registered license to reproduce the music in the service bulletins and the gray binders.*

Cookies Provide "Dough" for Outreach

by Kathy Parkhurst

It is almost cookie time! Our annual Christmas Cookie Sale has begun! Orders will be accepted until Sunday, December 6 and will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, December 20. We typically make around 300 dozen cookies

each year, so early orders are most appreciated! All proceeds fund our various Outreach projects throughout the year. Order forms can be found in the link.

If you like to get your hands dirty with flour, consider joining

the baking process. See Carol-Lynn Grzywna or Kathy Parkhurst to volunteer. The fun doesn't start until the flour starts flying!

Nominations and Applications for 11th Bishop of Western New York Now Open

by Laurie Wozniak

The Bishop Search Committee has announced the opening of its application process for the Eleventh Bishop of Western New York. The Profile, Nomination Form, and Application Forms are **a v a i l a b l e** at www.wnybishopsearch.org. The deadline for completed applications is December 31, 2009. A third-party nomination is required for every application.

The Profile identifies a sense of balance as key to the character of the next bishop of Western New York: balance between being an administrator and pastor, a person of prayer and a community leader, a good listener and a bold speaker.

"While we are looking for a person whose leadership is

grounded in a deep relationship with God in Christ," states the Profile, "we are also looking for someone who will laugh with us, who will find joy in our presence, who will be so awed by the mysteriously surprising work of God in and among us that s/he will remind us not to take ourselves too seriously, and who is so passionately committed to building up the Body of Christ in this place that s/he will take risks with grace and faith."

The central image of the Profile is a bishop walking a tight-rope across Niagara Falls, a balancing pole in hand. This image conveys both humor and awe at the challenges facing us and the abundance of grace that sustains us.

"That figure walking a tight-rope across Niagara Falls," concludes the Profile, "is a humble visionary, a realistic optimist, artist and prophet, bold and cautious, someone who can see in one glance the awesome grandeur of God's creation and the small, fragile spot where we stand. But that figure does not walk alone. We have made the promise to walk with our bishop along the path that God has called us to share."

Members of The Episcopal Church are invited to study the profile prayerfully and to nominate any Episcopal priest they believe qualified to lead the Diocese of Western New York as diocesan bishop in the coming years.

On the Inside

by Karen L. Gengo

On October 31, 2009, I was appointed as a member of the diocese's Transition Committee. With the help of God, a committee of twenty and many other yet-to-be named individuals will work hard over the coming year. We will all assist our diocese in the transition from the old "status quo" to the new.

The bishop search is underway (see article concerning nominations) and by the summer, candidates for the next bishop of Western New York will be announced. I will be available to anyone to answer questions and help explain the process. In other words, I'm on the "inside" and as I continue to learn the process and

work through this transition, I am here for all of you.

Feel free to see me or e-mail me to discuss the current status of things. In the meantime, know that the diocesan staff and Bishop Garrison are still doing the work they have done for the past twelve years—that I know without being on the inside!

Bishop Garrison's Convention Address available Online

Bishop Garrison's address to the 172nd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York on Friday, October 30, 2009, acknowledged challenges

and highlighted the encouraging work that is being done. You can view a 12-minute video of his entire address and read the text online at:

www.episcopalwny.org/09conventionaddress

Theme Tray Auction is a Success

by CarolLynn Grzywna

Our annual Theme Tray event was a huge success! That success can be measured in a few different ways. First we were able to auction off 208 prizes. We solicited support by sending out over a hundred request letters to different companies within the area, and several responded that they could not support our event at this time. In all, we received twenty-four gifts from these outside sources with the rest of the baskets being put together by our parishioners and friends. Pushing

the basket/gift count up to 208, they made the event worth coming to! I would like to thank everyone who donated items to make up several of the baskets or who brought in completed baskets for use at this event.

The other measure of success is the funds we raised. We made a profit of \$2,425 –all of which goes into our Capital Campaign fund to help pay off the balance of the parking lot expense. With these funds, we dwindle down our debt against the lot.

I would again like to thank everyone who worked, donated and supported this event. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

In the spring we will hold another auction for the benefit of the American Cancer Society and our Relay for Life team. If you would like to contribute to the spring auction, or have questions, please contact CarolLynn Grzywna at mommag1027@verizon.net or at telephone number 716.897.3420.

Fish in the New Year!

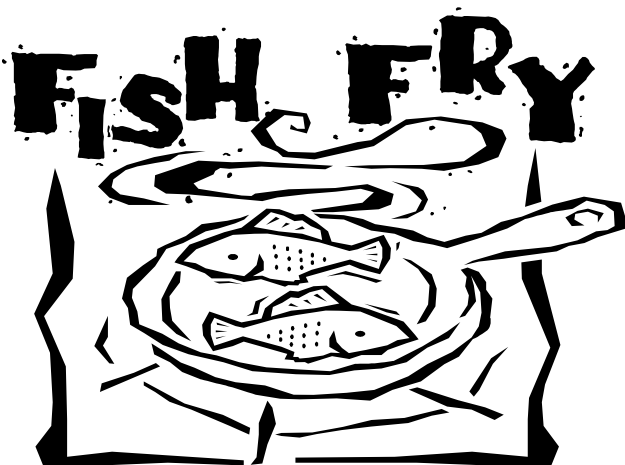
by CarolLynn Grzywna

Shortly after the holidays, we will start working on our Lenten Dinners. The first Lenten dinner begins on Ash Wednesday (February 17) and continues every Friday during Lent including Good Friday (April 2). We will be serving the same fabulous items as last year: fish dinner (fried or broiled—in full or half), shrimp dinner, scallop dinner and the ever-filling seafood platter. All of the dinners come with a choice of two of the following: macaroni and cheese, potato

salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw or french fries. We will also be serving chicken fingers with fries, in a basket. While waiting for your dinner to be served, you may enjoy a tossed salad with ranch or italian dressing along with bread and butter or margarine, coffee, tea or a cold beverage. As a dinner guest, you may pick out your dessert that is also included in the price of the dinner. The desserts will include an assortment of pies, cakes, cookies, jell-o, and pudding, to name a few of the many

items that are donated throughout the season.

At this time of year, you have an opportunity to help with our Lenten Dinners. Please pick up frozen pies or cake mixes when they are sale, if you can afford them, and donate them to the parish. We can store frozen desserts in the freezer at the church. Any questions can be directed to CarolLynn Grzywna (897.3420 or mommag1027@verizon.net)



Christmas Gift Idea

Purchase 2010 Lenten Dinner Tickets

Get \$1 off [Pre-Sale Only]

Get yours now!

See CarolLynn Gryzwna

or

any Fish Fry Team Member

for more information or

to purchase tickets!

Know the Difference between a Cold and H1N1 Flu Symptoms:

Symptom	Cold	H1N1 Flu
Fever	Fever is rare with a cold.	Fever is usually present with the flu in up to 80% of all flu cases. A temperature of 100°F or higher for 3 to 4 days is associated with the H1N1 flu.
Coughing	A hacking, productive (mucus-producing) cough is often present with a cold.	A non-productive (non-mucus producing) cough is usually present with the H1N1 flu (sometimes referred to as dry cough).
Aches	Slight body aches and pains can be part of a cold.	Severe aches and pains are common with the H1N1 flu.
Stuffy Nose	Stuffy nose is commonly present with a cold and typically resolves spontaneously within a week.	Stuffy nose is not commonly present with the H1N1 flu.
Chills	Chills are uncommon with a cold.	60% of people who have the H1N1 flu experience chills.
Tiredness	Tiredness is fairly mild with a cold.	Tiredness is moderate to severe with the H1N1 flu.
Sneezing	Sneezing is commonly present with a cold.	Sneezing is not common with the H1N1 flu.
Sudden Symptoms	Cold symptoms tend to develop over a few days.	The H1N1 flu has a rapid onset within 3-6 hours. The flu hits hard and includes sudden symptoms like high fever, aches and pains.
Headache	A headache is fairly uncommon with a cold.	A headache is very common with the H1N1 flu, present in 80% of flu cases.
Sore Throat	Sore throat is commonly present with a cold.	Sore throat is not commonly present with the H1N1 flu.
Chest Discomfort	Chest discomfort is mild to moderate with a cold.	Chest discomfort is often severe with the H1N1 flu.

“Fun”draising for Capital Improvements

by Sally Jakielaszek

The Rada Cutlery fun“d” raising is off to a running start. We have earned \$126.15 after just one month of selling. If you would like a catalog please call or see me and I will be sure that you receive one. I need a minimum order of \$20 to send in an order for the church. That figure is after our profit has been deducted.

In the very near future you will be able to excess the fundraising site online. This will make the process that much easier and we will then be able to expand our sales base to family and friends that may not live in the area. Orders made in this fashion will be shipped directly to the purchaser's

home.

This is an easy way to raise funds for our Capital Campaign and those that receive the knives get something great for their money. Rada Cutlery price are very reasonable--starting at \$4 for paring knives and as high as \$86 for an oak butcher block with seven utensils. They also sell gift sets, stoneware, soy wax candles and quick mixes for breads, dips, soups, and more.

Listed below is the guarantee that is issued with each and every purchase. All knives are made in the USA and keep America's people working.

Rada's Lifetime Guarantee:

Rada Mfg. Co. will replace any products manufactured by our company returned to us due to defects in material or workmanship. Like all fine cutlery, please protect the cutting edge of the knife by storing the knife carefully in its gift box or blade sleeve. We recommend only washing our aluminum handle cutlery by hand and drying it immediately. Our stainless steel resin handle cutlery may be hand washed or placed in a dishwasher. Proper washing and care will maximize the beauty and performance of our cutlery.

St. Patrick's Ministry Schedule

Date	Altar	Sun Lay Reader		Old Testament	Counters	Greeters	
	Guild	8 AM	10 AM			8 AM	10 AM
11/29	Sally/EJ	Sally	Wendy	Karen	Karen/Jayne	Sally	Nick
12/6	Kathy/Katelyn	Katelyn	Kathy	Joe	Joe/Carol Z	Katelyn	Diane
12/13	Belle/Cheryl R	Cheryl	Cheryl	Kathy	CarolLynn/Cheryl	Cheryl	Kelly
12/20	Dennis/Carolynn	Karen	Dennis	Wendy	Dennis/Pat	Karen	Dennis
12/24	ALL	Wendy (7 pm)	Karen (10 pm)	Joe/Dennis	n/a	Joe/ Wendy	Karen/ Sally
12/27	Sally/EJ	Wendy	Sally	Katelyn	Jayne/Carol Z	Wendy	Katelyn
1/3	Kathy/Katelyn	Kathy	Katelyn	Sally	Joe/CarolLynn	Kathy	Jeremy
1/10	Belle/Cheryl R	Cheryl	Cheryl	Karen	Cheryl/Karen	Cheryl	Cheryl R
1/17	Dennis/Carolyn	Dennis	Karen	Joe	Carol Z/Jayne	Dennis	Joe
1/24	Sally/EJ	Sally	Wendy	Kathy	Dennis/Joe	Sally	Nick
1/31	Kathy/Katelyn	Katelyn	Kathy	Wendy	Pat/Karen	Katelyn	Diane
2/7	Belle/Cheryl R	Cheryl	Cheryl	Sally	Carol Z/Jayne	Cheryl	Carol Z

Mark Your Calendar

December

- 12/5 Godly Play Christmas Pageant at Cathedral, TBA
- 12/6 Second Week of Advent
- 12/13 Third Week of Advent
- 12/13 Vestry Meeting
- 12/19 Youth Event: 7 pm
- 12/20 Fourth Week of Advent
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Services, 7 pm, Reception follows
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Services, 10 pm, Reception follows

- 1/17 Annual Parish Meeting, 9 am
- 1/17 Potluck Fellowship Lunch, 11 am
- 1/24 Youth Outing: Lasertron

February

- 2/7 Youth Outing: Science Museum
- 2/17 Ash Wednesday, worship
- 2/17 First Lenten Dinner, 4 -7 pm
- 2/19 Lenten Dinner, 4 -7 pm
- 2/26 Lenten Dinner, 4-7 pm
- 2/27 Youth Event: 7 pm

January

- 1/3 Happy Birthday Jesus Party! 11:30 am With potluck lunch
- 1/10 Vestry Meeting
- 1/16 Youth Event: 7 pm
- 1/17 Combined Worship Service, 9 am



Who Am I?

So did you figure out who I am yet???
How about a little hint... I have been "back"
since 1989. Figure it out yet? If you ask me
directly, I'll tell you the truth!

Sunday Services
8:00 am & 10:00 am
9:45 am—Church School

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Sue Stanislawski
Kelly Stutz
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Our Mission

We are a
community-
oriented Christian
Church guided
through prayer to
serve God and all
His creation by
demonstrating
God's love and
fostering others
on their journey
by invitation,
service and
encouragement.