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# Patrick's Pages

## Too Big to Fail

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Damn. I just tipped over my little marble-topped table, and the marble top broke into three big pieces, together with a goodly number of tiny marble shards and chips of the semi-precious stones with which it was inlaid. It was a lovely thing, all right, made in the same way and in the same place as the Taj Mahal. Imagine: we brought it all the way back from India, only to have it meet its sudden and tragic end in New Jersey. What a way to go.

I would have thought it might have been a little stronger than that. It was marble, after all: like the Parthenon, for heaven's sake, which has stood for more than 2500 years, or the Taj itself, built in the 17th century. It's a stone. But down it went, a distance of about 18 inches, and that was that.

Lead crystal is like that, too. A Waterford wine glass and a matching tumbler both went home to Jesus over the holidays: solid, gorgeous, hefty things, they were. They look like they'd be impervious to just about anything. But just because something is solid and hefty doesn't mean it's sturdy. I myself might be described as solid and hefty, for instance, by someone who didn't mind getting on my bad side, but there have been times in my life when I have been quite delicate.

Some things can look pretty strong and still be in need of some serious protection. Most things, maybe.

I suppose some people would see the breaking of a beautiful piece of furniture as tragic, and be so consumed by the loss, they might not

see the potential of re-using the broken pieces..

I see it as an opportunity to re-use the broken pieces to make something else better. Using the pieces of the broken marble to decorate the top of a scratched and marred coffee table is one way to do just that. One could also make a trivet, or even make some tchotchkes as keepsakes. So did the table really fail? Or was it just time for a re-purposing of the material?

Several years ago, when we had the glass-block windows installed in the church, Dennis Grzywna took many of the pieces of the original windows and used them to make Jesus and the Apostles that hang below the altar at a variety of times during the year. That is a fine example of taking something "broken" and no longer of much use, and making it into a beautiful piece of artwork for many to enjoy. The original windows didn't really fail... they still fulfilled their purpose of blocking the elements, but it was time for them to become something else. Sort of like shape shifting.

The oak panels on the rear of the church wall are also re-purposed pieces from the former narthex that  
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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.

**...Fail**

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was immediately inside the entrance of the church many years ago. Those panels now serve to insulate the back of the church, and enhance the sounds of the choir. We also have re-used the doors that led from that same narthex into the church proper... those doors are now on the office in the lower part of Hannah Hall. I, for one, think of when they were in the church, nearly every time I walk through them. But did the doors fail? No. They were no longer needed, so for a time they were stored away until someone with a "bright idea" thought to re-purpose them to a different space. They still do the same as they always did – they let people in and out – they just do it in a different part of the facility.

Last summer, we re-purposed a basketball court, and now have parking for about 30 more vehicles. Praise God that He helped us to realize that dream of many years. Did the basketball court fail? No, it was still able to be used as it was designed. It just wasn't. And now it is used for something totally different than sports.

What else can we re-use to make something better, "new", or different? We live in a re-use world, one where nearly everything we have can be recycled to make something new. Diane Basinski wrote an article in the last newsletter about this... sneakers can be recycled to make playgrounds safer and running tracks softer. Broken crayons can be recycled to make new crayons for churches and daycare centers.

The crayons make sense, but who knew that old stinky sneakers could be put to good use? The sneakers and crayons did not fail, they just needed to find a different way of being used. And to the grace of God, he filled his people with creativity to find those ways.

We re-use a lot of things around our church... from broken glass to metal cabinets to wood panels... these are good things. Where do we get the inspiration to do all this recycling and re-purposing? From God, of course! Who else could have put a vision of a hanging piece of art into Dennis' head? Did you know that Dennis had never worked with glass in such a way before he had that vision?

Let's not fail God by not seeing what He has in store for us. We need to open our hearts and minds to His words and His visions so that we can see what He wants us to do with those things that are "Too Big to Fail".

\* Editor's note: The second portion of this article was written by Sue Stanislawski who felt inspired upon reading her "Daily e-Mo". If you would like to receive these wonderful inspiring stories through your e-mailbox, please check out [www.geraniumfarm.org](http://www.geraniumfarm.org) and sign up directly there, or talk with Sue, and she'll forward you a current posting so you may see for yourself!

We held our Annual Meeting on Sunday January 17 at 9:00 am. We now have three new Vestry members, who were elected to three year terms: Cheryl Rohde, Carole Zajac and Jeremy Rajewski. Along with Cheryl, Carole, and Jeremy, I was re-elected Warden which brings with it a two-year term, and Karen Gengo was elected to the position of Delegate to the Diocesan Convention, which is a three-year term. Karen will have the privilege of participating with CarolLynn Gryzwna and Katelyn Koziel at the annual convention in October, and at the Bishop Election Convention in November. Wendy Schumacher and I will serve as "back-up" alternates to our elected delegates. Congratulations to all.

During the meeting Karen Gengo presented a slide show full of pictures and highlights from the past year. Thank you Karen! You always do such a great job and seem to really capture the spirit of our ministry work. Sue Stanislawski and Joe Verdaasdonk offered some comments on our financial picture for 2009 and 2010. Their reports, along with all other ministry and committee reports were made available to the parish at the meeting. If you have not received them and would like a copy, please notify a warden.

Lastly, Wendy and I asked the congregation to participate in a Dream Session. We asked "What would be your dream for the future of St. Patrick's Church?" Since our long-standing, seemingly out of reach, goal was real-

ized last July – an expanded and paved parking lot, the task at hand now is to keep moving forward. What can you envision, or what would you love to see happen, at St. Patrick's? This is what those in attendance came up with as our new wish list (in no par-



ticular order or preference):

- Draw more people into our parish, particularly from the community
- Create a bigger kitchen with more work space
- Improve and increase Sunday worship attendance
- Replace walls in the lower hall that have been damaged – upgrade
- Update and replace overhead lighting in Hannah Hall
- Replace ceiling tiles in Hannah Hall, possibly with a different ceiling
- Remove tree stumps and landscape the parish grounds
- Replace windows in rectory and Hannah Hall
- Make Hannah Hall bathrooms wheelchair accessible
- Create and complete a "Memorial Garden"
- Remove and replace the carpeting in the church
- Remodel and replace stairwell ceiling leading to Hannah

Hall from Link

- Upgrade and improve St. Patrick's audio/visual capabilities
- Install a drop down movie screen in church (for movie nights/visual aids during worship)

We hope to have a survey ready for distribution in February so the entire parish can assist with the discernment process to determine priority. The Vestry will then commission a team to establish the next steps to achieve the goals to move them onto the "accomplished" list. Please consider how you might be put to use to get St. Patrick's to the next "big dream". The team cannot be made up of just Vestry members. To accomplish the goals set forth by the "parish", the "parish" needs to be wholly involved.

We have all seen that St. Patrick's is alive and well. We need to reach out to the community to show it!

\* Editor's Note: Sally was just elected to a consecutive term. She is most eager to continue the good works at St. Patrick's.

# WNY Migration Ministries—Friendship Partnership

by CarolLynn Grzywna

As we stretch and challenge ourselves to see how we can be of service to our community and neighbors, let me pass along some information in the form of Questions & Answers concerning Friendship Partnerships making a difference in our community:

Q: What would a Friendship Partnership with Journey's End Refugee Services entail?

A: It would be run as a consortium by representatives from each participating parish in the Deanery, and be expected to:

- Prepare and stock the refugee's apartment as best you can.
- Greet the family at the airport, perhaps with small gifts and appropriate clothing as needed (think Winter!).

- Prepare a "welcoming meal" for them.

- Set up a modest social schedule for them to see items of interest in the WNY area, or to help mentor them as they acclimate to their new society and culture.

Q: Would it require any monetary commitment?

A: Yes, any monies it would take to stock the apartment with appropriate food and essential items. And the Partnership generally pays for the first month's rent for the family as well. It is suggested that you have a free will offering throughout the deanery for this purpose.

Q: What if we can't supply everything that is needed?

A: Journey's End is responsi-

ble for everything else- securing the apartment, paying the rent, setting up social services appointments, providing items of furniture, etc.

Q: How long is our "sponsorship" for?

A: Generally for six months. It is expected that the family fully strive to be self-sufficient after that time. However, social contact doesn't necessarily need to stop after that time.

Q: How can we get started?

A: Contact Deacon Tom Tripp, through CarolLynn Grzywna (our parish coordinator) to state your interest. Tom is willing to meet with our parish to help get organized, lend advice, and answer any questions we may have.

## Friendship Partnership Update

by Deacon Tom Tripp, St. Peter's Eggertsville

Christmas came to our "adopted" Burmese family a few days ahead of time, as we had a computer and printer installed in their home, and are underwriting the cost of a year's internet subscription.

The generosity of time and materials from Bill Bates of St. Peter's and Adam's Apple Too, made it all happen. Bill supplied the hardware (and software) and the installation instructions on the Saturday morning prior to Christmas. He worked patiently and expertly with Lian, the oldest son, who will be serving as the "administrator" of the setup for the family.

To say the family was thrilled would be an understatement. The

children were already downloading pictures from their camera, but will be able to do most of their homework, and learn English, from the computer programs. I hope to get them a Rosetta Stone program to help translate Burmese into English and back.

The parents were also thrilled to know that via the internet, and the attached camera, they should be able to communicate with relatives left behind in Burma and Indonesia.

They were so appreciative, they provided Bill and I with lunch and some presents- all in the Christmas Spirit.

This will effectively close the book on our 8 month venture into the refugee resettlement arena-

and make it an unbridled success!

We will look forward to working with the other churches of the Eastern Erie Deanery during the Lenten season, as we connect with Journey's End again for our second effort in refugee sponsorship.

Thanks to everyone that contributed in any way to this effort, and for all the prayers offered up on behalf of those efforts, and for the successful assimilation of the Za Mang family. We look forward to the day they become American citizens.

At the last Eastern Erie Deanery meeting, it was agreed to begin proceedings for a second Friendship Partnership with Jour-

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## ...Update

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ney's End, as a collective Deanery outreach project. Our focal point this time around will be the Lenten Season, beginning February 17, 2010 (Ash Wednesday), with the hope to receive a family around Easter.

During St. Patrick's Lenten Dinners this year we will be having a 50/50 drawing on each day with the proceeds going to Friendship Partnership to help with the expenses. In addition, if anyone has any furniture or household items that they are thinking of replacing, and the items are still useful, please bring them to church. If necessary, contact CarolLynn Grzywna to make arrangements to pick up larger items for delivery to St. Patrick's. CarolLynn can be reached at 897-3420 or [mom-mag1027@verizon.net](mailto:mom-mag1027@verizon.net). From here we will take all of the items to St. Aidan's as they will remain the main storage facility until needed. Below you will find the Friendship Partnership Needs List. There will be a box or two in the link for items donated.

## Friendship Partnership Needs List

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### Kitchen

All purpose cleaner & Sponge  
Broom & Dust Pan  
Bucket & Mop  
Clothes Line & Pins  
Cooking Utensils  
Cutting Board  
Dish Strainer  
Dish Washing Soap  
Folding Shopping Cart  
Kitchen Clock  
Kitchen Table & Chairs  
Paper Towels & Napkins  
Kitchen Trash Bags  
Kitchen Trash Can  
Plastic Wrap & Foil  
Large Pot (for soup & stock)  
Scouring Pads & Powder  
Sharp Knives  
Shelf Paper  
Vegetable Strainer  
Tea Pot

### Bathroom

Brush & Comb  
Deodorant  
Disposable Razors  
Feminine Hygiene Products  
First Aid Kit  
Hand Soap  
Toilet Bowl Brush  
Toilet Paper  
Toothpaste & Brushes

### Living & Dining Room

Coffee Table  
Couch/Loveseat/Chairs  
Dining Table & Chairs  
End Tables  
Lamps & Light Bulbs  
Wall Pictures  
Rugs (if needed)  
Telephone  
Television  
VCR/DVD Player  
Vacuum Cleaner  
Alarm Clock  
Beds & bedding (no queens or kings)

### Optional

Bicycles & helmets  
City maps  
Dictionary  
Coffee maker  
Computer  
Desk

If you have any questions about how you can help, please contact CarolLynn Grzywna.

## Dining OUT or IN During Lent

by CarolLynn Grzywna

Now that the winter holidays and celebrations are past us, we need to start working on our Lenten Dinners. The dinners will start on Ash Wednesday February 17 and continue every Friday during Lent including Good Friday, April 2. We will be serving the same items as last year: Fish Dinner (Full and Half), Shrimp Dinner, Scallop Dinner and the Seafood Platter. All of the dinners can be ordered fried or broiled this year and they come with a

choice of two of the following: Macaroni and Cheese, Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Cole Slaw or French Fries. We will also be serving Chicken Fingers with French Fries in a basket and macaroni and cheese dinners.

While waiting for your dinner to be served, you may enjoy a tossed salad with Ranch or Italian dressing, bread and butter/margarine, coffee, tea, cold beverage or, even better, pick out your dessert which is also in-

cluded in the price of the dinner. The desserts will include an assortment of pies, cakes, cookies, Jell-O™, pudding—can you say yum?

The sign up sheet to give of your time and to help work at the dinners, or to make food donations, is provided in the Link.

Further questions can be directed to CarolLynn Grzywna (897.3420 or mommag1027@verizon.net)

## Clowning Around at St. Patrick's

by Sally Jakielaszek

We will have some clowning around at St. Patrick's during Lent from the "Fools for Christ". They will visit St. Patrick's on Saturday, March 27 at 7 pm. Our youth group is hosting an event that night, so I am hoping that together with their parents, the teens and young adults will all stay and experience the "Fools for Christ".

Just who are the Fools for Christ? They are a group of Christians that have been called to spread God's word and love through mime. The ministry of clowning began in the Diocese of Western New York in 1978 when it was brought to our Diocese by Fr. Hank Junkin, (a former priest at St. David's in West Seneca.) The group functions with the consent and support of the Bishop of the Diocese.

The clowns do not perform religion - they attempt to create an environment which will allow others to participate. The "Fools for Christ" come to us as "transformers" not performers - to

take the common and simple and raise it up to new heights of possibility and meaning. The church is called to create an atmosphere by which the community and the world are transformed by the



Grace of God. The clown ministry is built upon their faith and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Clowning begins and ends with prayer.

Clowns are very colorful and each one is unique. The white face represents death...death to self as the word expects us to be. The color represents resurrection....new life as the clown. The clown points out that it doesn't

matter what you wear or what you look like - what matters is WHO YOU ARE...and we are all children of God. Knowing this, we try to express the joy of our faith and who we are and the Love of Jesus Christ. The foolishness of God is greater than the wisdom of mankind. God works through comedy - the first to profane what is seen as sacred, than make sacred what is seen as profane - and raise it to a new level.

Many years ago, I was a member of this group and at heart, I still am that clown, that Fool for Christ. It is a time of my life in Christ that I will never forget, the growth that I experienced over those few years will never end. And each time I see them, I see something new, I see the love that God has for us and how profound that love is.

If you have never experienced the "Fools for Christ" ministry, please consider doing so this year. You will not regret it, and how often can you actually clown around in church?

## Look Out! Drama Ahead!

by Sally Jakielaszek

Once again this year during Lent we will be visited by the JPS (Jerusalem Parcel Service) Man. This year he is trying to deliver a crown, but cannot find the rightful owner.

“Whose Crown Is It, Anyway?” is the sequel to “Whose Cross Is It, Anyway?” In the original series, a deliveryman (played by Joe Verdaasdonk) attempted to deliver a cross that no one wanted to accept. People made excuses for denying the cross and not wanting it in their lives. Jesus ultimately accepted the cross that no one else would take.

In a surprising twist, the JPS Man in this drama is plagued not by characters rejecting the delivery, but wanting the crown for

themselves for a variety of reasons, including power and prestige. Fulfilling his duty, the JPS Man promises to persevere, to



deliver the crown to its rightful owner. Without an address, he's not certain to whom the crown belongs. In an unexpected rouse with soldiers, the crown is stolen.

This drama contains a quirky blend of familiar biblical charac-

ters, with contemporary themes and language, humor, satire and truth.

To find out how all this plays out, please plan on attending the 10am Sunday morning services. The drama will start February 21, the 1st Sunday in Lent and continue through the last Sunday in Lent. I assure you all that you will meet many characters, with a capital “C”.

I have also chosen several more dramas for throughout the year. We may even upgrade to dinner theater, or should I say potluck theater!

## Lent Tradition: Stations of the Cross

by Sally Jakielaszek

Stations of the Cross will be offered once again this year during Lent beginning Wednesday, February 24 at 7:30 pm in the church. Each week I plan on doing something a little different. Please consider joining me in my Lenten Tradition and maybe it

will become your Lenten Tradition! Revisiting the Stations on a weekly basis is a wonderful, spiritual discipline. Other services offered for your 2010 Lenten Journey include: Clown Liturgy, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Consider at-

tending all of them—and see how you feel on Easter Sunday.

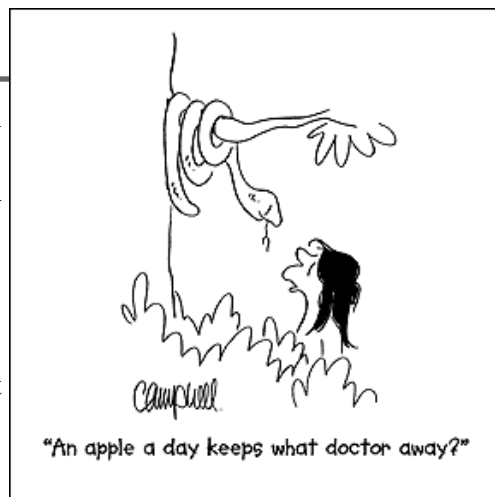
\* Editor's Note: For questions on any Lenten services or traditions, please chat with Fr. John or Sally Jakielaszek

## Adam & Eve Antics

During Lent, our youth group raises money to support their activities, camp attendance and mission by holding a “coin contest”. Each gender is provided the opportunity to make a “plea” each week which often ends up being very entertaining and funny. One never really knows what Adam might do – or how Eve will re-

spond! So save your coins and get ready for an exciting fundraiser to benefit our children and young adults.\*

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## Gain Weight in 2010!

by Sue Stanislawski

I know it sounds crazy, but that is my 2010 GOAL and I invite you to join me when I "Gain Weight".

I want to gain "paper" weight in the Paper Retriever bin. How can we do this? Well, we can't do it by eating holiday snacks and watching football. We can Gain Weight by:

- Asking your neighbors to bring their paper to the bin
- Inviting local stores to divert

their paper waste to our bin

- Contacting local businesses to deliver their paper and unused catalogs to your bin
- New 2010 product catalogs and calendars are now out. Ask your local businesses to deliver the pallets of old catalogs to the bin, or to the local processing plant in our area. We will receive the credit.
- Organize a catalog and magazine drive

- Alert the local paper to do a story about the positive impact that we are having on the environment
- Reminding all of our members and the community that it is a fund raiser and to bring their paper to our bin...it is important.

## Volunteer Cleaners

by Diane Basinski

For the past year, I have brought in five to six special needs individuals to clean the church. Some are very helpful with vacuuming, while others like to dust the window sills, wash windows, and help take out garbage. On occasion, I have brought in a few people who are wheelchair bound, and who are able to

just observe their peers help clean the church.

We have come consistently every other Thursday throughout the past year. Most of the individuals that I bring really enjoy coming to St. Patrick's to volunteer their services to help tidy up the church. One of the gentlemen has also had a volunteer bring

him to several of the services, and he especially enjoyed Father John's 50<sup>th</sup> celebration. He also celebrated his birthday with us during our Thanksgiving Feast.

## With My Stinkin' Thanks

by Diane Basinski

Thank you to everyone who supported the Nike recycling program with the donation of old sneakers. We have another 6-7 weeks to continue this program, as sneakers will be collected in our parish through March 21, 2010. To date, the Transit Road Day Hab has collected over 220 pairs of stinky sneakers for this

recycle program. We truly appreciate each and every sneaker donated.

Also, please accept my sincerest thanks for all the broken crayons that many gave to the Lockport Day Hab program to make crayons for "The Little Fingers." This outreach project takes broken bits of crayons which are then

melted and molded into funky looking "new" crayons for children to use.

Without your help, these two programs wouldn't happen - Thanks once again!

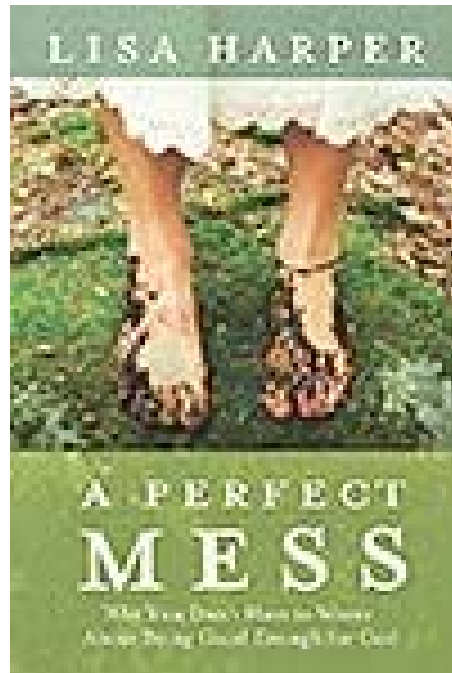
The concept of the Prayer Fence is a particular favorite of mine that has come from our Worship recommendations from Fr. John. I will be the first to say that in my opinion my prayer life is sorely lacking, so I decided to read a book by Lisa Harper that I picked up at the Women of Faith Conference. You may ask who is Lisa Harper?

"Lisa Harper is one of my favorite writers (and favorite people), and this is my favorite book she's ever written! I love how she connects words and connects our hearts. She makes old truths so today. I feel safe with her. I think this might be how Jesus would talk if He were walking around in our lives, in our times. I sense His presence in the middle of my mess. This book is a gift. Give it to yourself." --Lisa Whelchel, author of bestseller "Creative Correction" and "The Facts of Life and Other Lessons my Father Taught me".

That's a strong selling point and excellent review to the book, dished out by Lisa Whelchel, the child actor who from the series "The Facts of Life", when she was speaking at the Women of Faith Conference last June. We learned that Lisa Whelchel is a minister's daughter who married a minister herself. Funny how that happens.

Lisa Whelchel relayed that when growing up blowups came from when she wasn't perfect –

so of course perfection was the only goal. If you do above what is expected of you and you do it with a big smile on your face, they will love you. So fitting of the character (Blair) she portrayed on the show. But she talked about how she would do things over and



above everyone's expectations and because acceptable would be okay with others when she didn't hit her mark it was still higher than others and no one would realize the imperfections she saw in herself.

In her book, Lisa Harper talked about how the Psalms spoke to her in particular and how they taught her to give grace to herself. You can join in discovering what happens when we stop trying to hide our inadequacies

and doubts and instead trust God with our anger, frustrations, flaws, and regrets, by reading her book "The Perfect Mess". As Ms. Harper talks about those who wrote the Psalms and the journey through the desert to find their milk and honey in the promised land, you can see why she relates to it so well.

I would like to invite you on a "Space of Grace" weekend to examine who you think you are compared to the way others see you, and possibly realign you to neither of those images but instead prayerfully consider the way God sees us and all we can be. If you are interested let me know; we can use my sister's cabin and arrange a weekend when it is most convenient for all who would like to be a part of the weekend. We can pattern the weekend after the chapters Lisa Harper writes about and discuss her reactions and how we would react ourselves; examine parallels in our lives and of course help each other gracefully through these personal reflections.

A possible result can be your acceptance of God's loving invitation to exchange your junk for His joy. You'll find the imperfect pieces of your life shaped into a glorious pattern of divine grace and hopefully you'll return to those around you having found out you delight His heart in a million ways.

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## Reaching Out to Food Bank

by Sally Jakielaszek

One way St. Patrick's can reach into the community of Cheektowaga, Depew and Lancaster is to make donations to the Western New York Food Bank. Our local Food Bank drop off lo-

cation is St. Barnabas Church, our neighbor just east of Dick Road. I have been in contact with the individuals running that collection and will be meeting with them shortly. The goal is to see

how we can reach the WNY Food Bank right in our neighborhood, so we can pass along the many blessings we have received. More information will be forthcoming.

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## Look Who's Talkin'

by Karen L. Gengo

The Diocese is sponsoring a special seminar on Saturday, March 20, 2010 entitled Communicating Faith in the 21st Century in which the keynote speaker will be Father Matthew Moretz from Christ Church in Rye, New York. Father Matthew is an outspoken and engaging Episcopal priest who has produced and posted many different "youtube" videos

about faith from an Episcopalian's point of view.

There will be eight communications-faith inspired workshops for you to attend. Karen Gengo and Sue Stanislawski will lead and teach a workshop about print newsletters. We will be given the opportunity to share our editing and publication experiences to others.

Everyone, from parishioner to leader, to writer to reader, should attend this conference. Not only does it sound interesting...it's free! Whether you come and listen to Sue and me, that's your choice—but the day's activities are something you do not want to miss!

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## Wouldn't Want to Miss It

All wardens, Vestry members, clergy, convention delegates and leaders of the Eastern Erie Deanery are encouraged and invited to attend the Deanery Vestry Day on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at St. Paul's Harris Hill from 2 to 5 pm. There is no fee to gain knowledge on the role of the Vestry, discus-

sion on New York State Religious Corporation Law and Canon Law; Strategic Planning and Visioning; Mutual Ministry Review, Music Alternatives and Media Presence.

Following the workshops, there will be a U2charist to benefit the Millennium Development Goals, at St. Paul's beginning at

5:30 pm, which will last approximately an hour.

What an opportunity to learn more about your vestry role and experience this unique worship service. Did we mention it's FREE? See you there!

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## With Sadness...

Thomas H. Burton, Sr. from Cheektowaga, New York, died on January 26, 2010. He was the beloved husband of Betty Jane (Safe) Burton; dear father of Patricia (Thomas) Halbert, Donna (Thomas) Nagle, Thomas (Linda) Burton Jr., Richard (Laurie) Burton, Robert (Cara) Burton, Sharon (Donald) Moreland and Mehrl F. (Linda) King. Tom was also sur-

vived by 20 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was the brother of Jeanette (late George) Beatty. Tom was in regular attendance at our 8 am worship services (before he was too ill); a member of the Ismailia Shrine Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 358, Pond Chapter No. 853, Order of the Eastern Star and Past Patron.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Shrine Travel Fund or the Shrine Hospital in Erie, PA or St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

## St. Patrick's Ministry Schedule

Date	Altar	Sun Lay Reader		Old Testament	Counters	Greeters	
	Guild	8 AM	10 AM			8 AM	10 AM
1/31	Kathy/Katelyn	Cheryl H	Kathy	Wendy	Pat/Karen	Cheryl H	Diane
2/7	Belle/Cheryl R	Karen	Dennis	Joe	Carol Z/Jayne	Karen	Carol Z
2/14	Dennis/CarolLynn	Wendy	Sally	Dennis	Jayne/Karen	Wendy	Dennis
2/21	Sally/EJ	Kathy	Cheryl H	Katelyn	Cheryl H/Joe	Kathy	Cheryl R
2/28	Kathy/Katelyn	Dennis	Karen	Sally	Karen/Carol Z	Dennis	Katelyn
3/7	Belle/Cheryl R	Sally	Wendy	Kathy	Pat/Joe	Sally	Diane
3/14	Dennis/CarolLynn	Cheryl H	Kathy	Karen	Jayne/Karen	Cheryl H	Joe
3/21	Sally/EJ	Karen	Dennis	Cheryl R	Carol Z/Joe	Karen	Carol Z
3/28	Kathy/Katelyn	Wendy	Sally	Wendy	Joe/Pat	Wendy	Jeremy
4/1	Sally/Grzywna		Kathy	Dennis	n/a	n/a	n/a
4/2	Sally/Grzywna		Karen	Sally	n/a	n/a	n/a
4/4	<b>ALL</b>	Cheryl H	Kathy	Karen	Jayne/Carol Z	Cheryl H	Sally/Wendy

## Mark Your Calendar

### February

- 2/7 Youth Outing: Science Museum
- 2/10 Team Meeting: Parochial Report
- 2/13 Bishop's Ball, Holy Apostles, Tonawanda
- 2/14 Vestry meeting, 11:30 am
- 2/17 Ash Wednesday, worship
- 2/17 First Lenten Dinner, 4 -7 pm
- 2/19 Lenten Dinner, 4 -7 pm
- 2/20 Vestry & Leadership Retreat, St. Paul's Harris Hill, 2 pm
- 2/20 U2carist at St. Paul's Harris Hill, 5:30 pm
- 2/21 Adam & Eve Contest Begins
- 2/21 Youth Commission, 2 pm
- 2/26 Lenten Dinner, 4-7 pm
- 2/27 Youth Event: 7 pm

### March

- 3/3 Stations of the Cross, 7:30 pm
- 3/5 Lenten Dinner, 4-7 pm
- 3/7 Youth Outing: Niagara Falls Ice Park, noon
- 3/10 Stations of the Cross, 7:30 pm
- 3/12 Lenten Dinner, 4-7 pm
- 3/14 Vestry Meeting, 11:30 am
- 3/17 Stations of the Cross, 7:30 pm
- 3/19 Lenten Dinner, 4-7 pm
- 3/20 Communicating Faith Workshop, St. Mark's Orchard Park
- 3/24 Stations of the Cross, 7:30 pm

- 3/26 Lenten Dinner, 4-7 pm
- 3/27 Fools for Christ, 7 pm
- 3/27 Youth Event: 7 pm
- 3/28 Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins
- 3/31 Stations of the Cross, 7:30 pm

### April

- 4/1 Maundy Thursday worship, 7:30 pm
- 4/2 Lenten Dinner, 4-7 pm
- 4/2 Good Friday worship, 7:30 pm
- 4/4 Glorious Easter Morning!  
Worship 8 and 10 am
- 4/11 Vestry Meeting, 11:30 am
- 4/16 Happening Weekend begins
- 4/18 Adam & Eve Victory Lunch, 11:30 am
- 4/24 Youth Event: 7 pm

### June

- 6/27 Senior High Camp begins

### August

- 8/8 Junior High Camp begins
- 8/18 Sleep Away Camp begins

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9:45 am—Church School

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## Church Leadership

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### **Vicar**

Rev. John A. Russell

### **Rector Emeritus**

Rev. Abuid S. Sam

### **Wardens**

Sally Jakielaszek  
Wendy Schumacher

### **Clerk**

CarolLynn Grzywna

### **Treasurer**

Sue Stanislawski

### **Vestry**

Diane Basinski  
Dennis Grzywna  
Nicholas Hurd  
Jeremy Rajewski  
Belle Kozak  
Katelyn Koziel  
Cheryl Rohde  
Joe Verdaasdonk  
Carole Zajac

## 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.