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From The Desk of The Dean



What an amazing collection of people we have at St. Paul's Cathedral, and what a wonderful collection of liturgies did they do December 23-25!

When I was in my post-Christmas Day reflective mode I could hardly believe the variety and the quality of the music that I heard in St. Paul's Cathedral over these days. From the Jazz Evensong for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, to the Christmas Pageant, to the Sudanese Christmas Eve with great enthusiasm and joy, to the Charpentier Midnight Mass for Christmas Eve, to the simple yet beautiful service on Christmas Day, every service was different and every service was done well. I felt as if I had been on three different continents for Christmas!

My thanks goes out to John Rohde, Laurie Beth Pestle and Kerri Aitken, the Sudanese singers and drummers, Jim Potts and the Cathedral Choir for all of the beautiful sounds of Christmas.

That we have so many ways of making music around the same feast is similar to looking at a diamond at various angles. Each angle is different and shows a different quality, yet each is a view into to the diamond.

We celebrate that the Word has become flesh in all of humanity through Jesus of Nazareth. Having so many ways of looking at and understanding that one truth, helps this priest rejoice in this feast. One way compliments the other ways and all lead to a singular truth, "And we have beheld His glory!"

Yours in Christ,

The Very Reverend G. Thomas Luck





The Bulletin Board Cathedral News

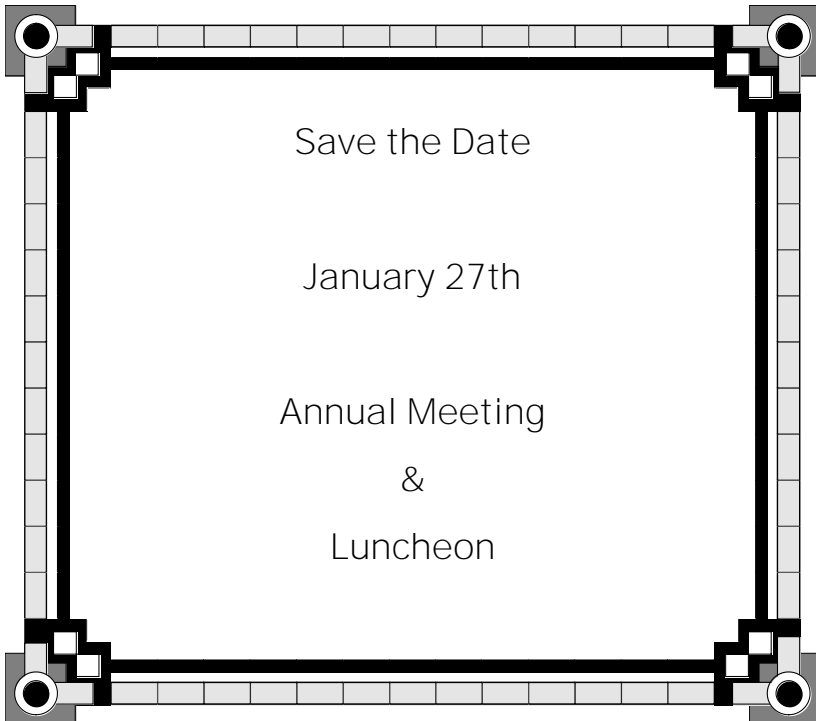


Congratulations!!!

Mrs. Dale Johnson has completed her studies to become a Registered Nurse at Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital. Graduation was held on Wednesday, December 19th. She will become an employee in the Cardiology Unit at the Hospital after January 2nd.

Birthdays in January

John Mawut	01/01
Newton Wiley	01/02
Nancy Vogt	01/03
Serenity Baxter	01/04
Bruce Irvine	01/04
Cooper Boots	01/05
Brenden Broadwell	01/06
Elizabeth Diefendorf	01/06
Katherine McLaughlin	01/07
Charles Boniti	01/08
Nan Dorr	01/08
Christine Hofmann	01/08
Thadd Felton	01/10
George Anderson III	01/11
Cole Doupe	01/13
John Pizzi	01/15
Laurie Sanderson	01/17
Susan Schueler	01/17
Lindsay Weekley	01/18
Heidi Stevens	01/19
Brian McLaughlin	01/20
Patricia Freyberger	01/21
Dylan McAndrew	01/21
Gretchen Nettle	01/21
Leah Nettle	01/21
Betsy Elkins	01/22
George Cordary	01/23
Elizabeth Brown	01/25
Shawn Doupe	01/27
Dorothy Shoudy	01/30
Robert Trendell	01/30
Amanda Aitken	01/31



Save the Date
January 27th
Annual Meeting
&
Luncheon

Children & Family News

by Jeanne Avery

Annual St. Nicholas Celebration

The St. Nicholas Celebration was so enriched this year. The children gathered in the Brewster Room and decorated popcorn balls provided by Mrs. Beverly Bolton. An enormous amount of sugar was inhaled by the children along with very sticky hands and smiling faces. Laurie Beth Pestle and her girls cooked two delicious homemade soups and Kerri Aitken provided another favorite soup among the children. Kerri Aitken made some well-received changes in the worship service, the youth choir led us in worship. Joan Sammons provided the story of St. Nicholas. All this followed by the treats in the shoes and hot chocolate. For some the hot chocolate is the highlight of the evening.



It was reported that the children had a bit of trouble settling down to sleep! (this is one of the joys of not having one of your own children in the program)

The Jesse Tree on display in the Sargeant Foyer is the Heritage of Jesus. The children drew the symbols of each Old Testament Reading.

The Christmas Pageant

The children and families were extremely busy preparing the Christmas Pageant again this year. This is the first year in many years that each child only had one part to play. We extend our deep appreciation to the children, the parents, Laurie Beth Pestle (the director) and Kerri Aitken (the music). We thank Laurie Beth and Kerri for their sense of humor and gentleness with the children.



The Children's Enrichment Committee chose a time for the pageant that was new to St. Paul's, 11:00am Christmas Eve morning. Much to our delight many people attended that were from outside the parish and with no direct connection to us. Parents from outside the parish brought their children to see a traditional Christmas Pageant. We were delighted with the number of people that attended.

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by Jeanne Avery

The Diocesan Nickel & Dime Project for El Salvador

Just before Christmas the children were contacted by a member of the parish who was willing to match the funds that the children collected. Oh, were they excited. The church school had been gathering nickels for school supplies and dimes for nutritional food. We had to change to a much larger

container. On December 23rd the children counted the money \$76.00 in change and with the matching funds they have \$150.00 to donate to the project. On Sat. Jan. 5 we will gather at St. David's, Dewitt, for the ingathering of all the coin that the children have collected throughout the diocese. it is very exciting, a special thank you to our anonymous benefactor.



Daycamp Reunion

On January 6th the counselors and campers will gather at a diocesan Fun and Fellowship afternoon at St. Matthews. This event will bring our campers together with the children of the diocese for FUN. We are very excited. The children will have been in school for a few months. At the ending of camp all they could say was "HI". We are looking forward to seeing their progress in the adjustment to life in America.



January 6th- Life will be back to Normal Services at 8:00am; 9:30am; 11:00am

Church School at 10:15am Youth Choir at 10:45am

We are so ready to return to normal!

We are in denial that Lent could be right around the corner.



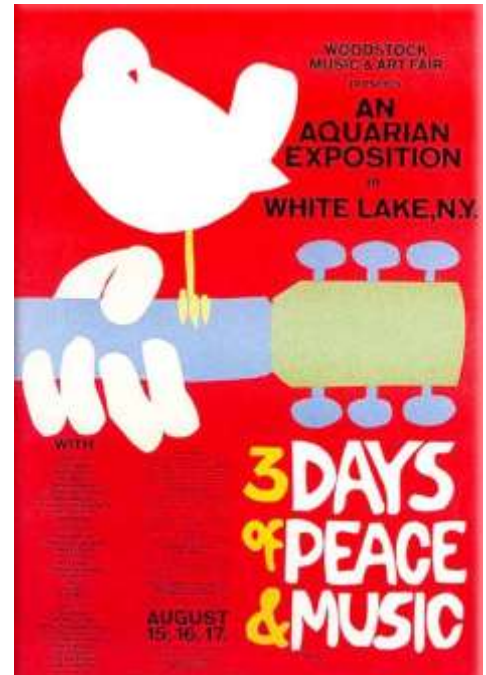
DON'T MISS the SERMON on the MOUNT!

New Bible Study Begins Sunday, January 6th

by Sue Wright

Most people agree that if there is any single event that best characterizes the counter-culture of the sixties and the hippie movement, it was the Woodstock Music and Art Fair held at Yasgur's farm in Bethel, New York on August 15th to the 18th, 1969. Those lucky enough to attend claim it was a conscious raising experience. My uncle, a true hippie, missed Woodstock because he was backpacking in Europe that summer, something he laments to this day.

For many Christians, the event that best characterizes Jesus' counter-culture would be the Sermon on the Mount.



Jesus offered such an extraordinary vision of God's Kingdom, it had the power to raise the people's conscious, by transforming their understanding of God and redemption.



Usually in Year A during the Sundays following Epiphany we read the Sermon on the Mount contained in Matthew 5:1-7:29. However, since Ash Wednesday is early this year (February 6th) we will only read the Beatitudes, the first part of Jesus' sermon.

You don't have to miss out. On January 6th we will begin an extended study of the Sermon on the Mount. Join us Sunday mornings at 10:15 during Christian Formation. All are welcome!

Regular Sunday Schedule: 8:00 am Meditative Holy Communion
 9:30 am The Discovery Mass
 10:00 am Cathedral Choir Practice
 10:15 am Christian Formation
 10:45 am Youth Choir rehearsal
 11:00 am Traditional Choral Mass
 12:30 am Morning Prayer in Dinka

January 2008

Sun Mon Tue Wed

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6 The Epiphany	7	8 Vestry 5pm Brewster Room	9	
13	14	15 B & G 5:15 Finance Meeting 5:15	16	
20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22 MDG Task Force 7:30 Brewster Room	23	
27 Patronal Festival 10:00 am followed by Annual Meeting & Luncheon	28	29	30	

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10	11 Faith & Film Movie "The Girl in the Café" 7:00 pm	12
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24	25 The Conversion Of St. Paul	26
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You Did It!

Thanks to your support, we have received a \$1000 matching grant from the Diocesan Global Mission Committee to fund John Dau's clinics in Southern Sudan. We are waiting to hear as to whether our matching grant application to the Diocese to fund poverty relief in El Salvador will also be approved. In addition we have raised \$1000 to contribute to the Samaritan Center's fundraising campaign.



\$1000 for the Samaritan Center



\$2000 for Southern Sudan



\$1000-2000 for El Salvador

The Millennium Development Goals Task Force would like to thank all those who contributed by attending our First Friday Dinners, the U2charists, and by dropping your small change in our collection jar. Your contributions have gone a long ways.

We would especially like to thank Carol Decker and all those who helped out with the First Friday dinners. As well as our grant writers: Doug Mouncey, Jennifer Owens and John Shaffer.

Keep up the good work St. Paul's!

Coming Soon to a Theater Near You!
Faith and Film Movie Series
At St. Paul's



Friday, January 11, 2008 7:00PM

Looking for something to do on Friday Night? Enjoy a thought provoking movie and a cup of tea or organic fair trade coffee.

ONSITE CHILDCARE provided: \$2 per child (come a little early).

\$5 donation goes to the Millenium Develoment Goals

Help End Poverty by 2015!

Room at the Inn: The Samaritan Center serves a nutritious hot meal every day of the year, no questions asked, to hungry and homeless men, women and children. There is always room at this inn for the emotionally disabled, the lonely, those trapped by substance abuse, the elderly, throw away youths, the working poor ... the poor among us. It is supported by your donations. The Center is in the midst of its Annual Appeal. Even as little as a dollar will purchase the raw materials for a meal. Please consider how important your gift to the Samaritan Center will be to those who depend on it for a dignified subsistence.

The Samaritan Center is located in downtown Syracuse at 310 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, New York 13202. For more information, visit their website www.thesamaritancenter.com or call 472-0650.

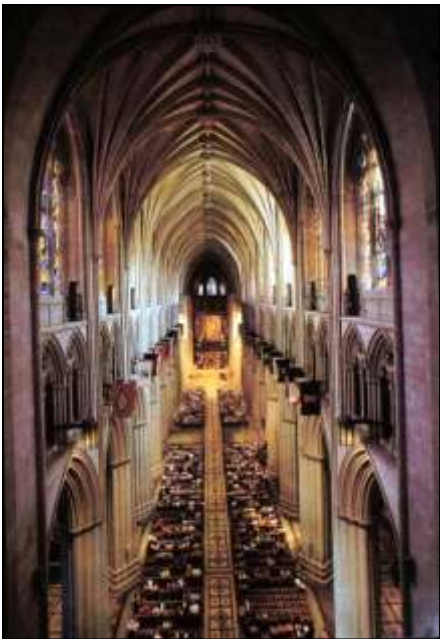
It's the kids who really get to you....

It seemed surreal to see him in line for food. Here was a young man from what most would consider a "good family", dressed in "name brand clothing" standing in line at the Samaritan Center waiting to be served his evening meal. What you couldn't see was that his parents had divorced. Each had remarried and the boy didn't fit into either of the new households. He was lost, staying at the homes of friends, trying to find a safe place to finish growing up. We only saw him a few times at the Samaritan Center. He is like so many "throw aways" today who find us when they are hungry.



The Washington National Cathedral celebrated New York State Day.

On Sunday, Dec. 16th, the Washington National Cathedral celebrated New York State Day. Representing the National Cathedral Association from the Diocese of CNY were Ruth Brown-St. Paul's Cathedral, and Ann Merrill-St. James Skaneateles. The presider was The Right Reverend Dr. Orris G. Walker, Jr. Bishop of Long Island. The preacher was The Very Rev. Samuel T. Lloyd III, Dean of Washington National Cathedral.



A continental breakfast was held in the Sayre House for those New Yorkers attending. Ruth was asked to carry the bread in the ciborium, and Ann presented the wine. Other New York State people were Ministers of Communion.

After the dismissal coffee & cookies were served at the West End for all those attending the service.

A special tour of the Cathedral was offered to the NYS attendees. Many of the Chapels were viewed & their history discussed. The Rose window and a piece of the moon were highlights of the tour.



Candidate slate for Vestry.
We will be electing new Wardens and 5 new Vestry members.
The slate is as follows:

Sr. Warden: Dale Johnson
Jr. Warden: Doug Mounicy

Vestry:

Hal Brown III
John Doughty
Walley Francis
Barry Pickard
Dick Pilgram
Marilyn Sharron
Bob Tyldesley



Profiles on each candidate will appear in the SPP the two Sundays prior to our annual meeting to be held after the single service at 10:00 AM on, Sunday, January 27, 2008.

We give thanks that these candidates are willing to place themselves up for election to this critical ministry at SPC.

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