

The Bellringer

Interim Pastor:
The Rev. Betsy Johns Roadman

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

April 2005

3	<u>The Second Sunday of Easter</u>	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I		Don't Forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour Sunday, April 3
		9:45 a.m.	Sunday School		
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II		
5	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	EFM Class		
6	Wednesday	11:30 p.m.	First Wednesday lunch at Justin Thyme		
9	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II with Joe Kolanko preaching		
10	<u>The Third Sunday of Easter</u>	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I		
		10:00 a.m.	Children's Eucharist (No Sunday School)		
		11:00 a.m.	Festive Coffee Hour to honor Kathleen Hayes		
		11:15 a.m.	Youth Council Meeting		
12	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	EFM Class		
14	Thursday	8:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting in the New Rectory (*a change from the norm)		
16	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II with The Rev. E Perrin Hayes preaching and celebrating		
17	<u>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</u>	with The Rev. Amy Lamborn, celebrant and preacher			
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I		
		9:45 a.m.	Sunday School		
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II		
		11:00 p.m.	Installation of The Rev. David Lee Carlson as Rector at Church of the Good Shepherd, Manhattan, The Rt. Rev. Don E. Taylor, Vicar Bishop of NY presiding with The Very Rev. Robert V Taylor, Dean of St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle preaching.		
19	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	EFM Class		
23	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II and Healing Service		
24	<u>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</u>	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I		
		9:45 a.m.	Sunday School		
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II		
26	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	EFM Class		
30	Saturday	3:30 p.m.	Bible Study in Parish Hall		

St. A's Bible Study will meet on Saturday, April 30 at 3:30 p.m. We will examine Jesus' death and resurrection in the Synoptic Gospels. Reading lists will be available at the back of the church after Easter. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Kolanko (232-1402) or the parish office (271-3501). **April's First Wednesday will be lunch at Justin Thyme while we discuss opportunities for service in our community.** Please call the parish office (271-3501) by April 5 to RSVP.



**St. Augustine's House
April 2005**

Dear friends:

It has been a privilege to experience Lent, Holy Week, and the joy of the Resurrection with you here at St. Augustine's. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes in preparation for the services and parish events that mark this sacred time. I have been truly blessed by the presence, support, and expertise of our wardens and vestry, parish administrator, organist/choir director, choir, altar guild, Sunday School superintendent, teachers, Quiet Day leader, lay readers, lectors, acolytes, ushers, hosts of and participants at Lenten house church gatherings, leaders for Stations of the Cross, those who attend to the ongoing needs of our buildings and grounds, and so many other parishioners who have pulled together to make sure that those things that are important to us as a community happen. I'm deeply grateful to each and every one of you. It's an absolute joy to serve with you.

Easter isn't a day; it's a life – of transformation, of healing, and of growth. This interim period presents a unique opportunity for us to personally experience transformation, healing, and growth as we consider who we are as Christians and who we are as a community of faith. A natural and expected result of the departure of a rector is a shift in the exercise of gifts within the community. This can feel uncomfortable and disorienting, as we try to evaluate what's missing, what we need, and who might step into those places. It can also be very exciting and fulfilling.

One of the goals of the interim ministry period is the development of lay leadership within the parish. St. Augustine's is a community that is bursting with capable, creative lay leaders. Some of those leaders have been exercising their gifts in particular ministries within and outside of the parish for years, and they're doing exactly what's needed and what feeds their souls. Others may be ready to move out of areas of ministry for which they've long been responsible to something brand new. Still others are just realizing their unique giftedness and are eager to be of service but are not sure how to jump in or how to fit in.

Please speak to me, or to a member of the vestry, if you are recognizing a call from God to live out your baptismal vows in a new way. Having had discussions with some of our members who are deeply engaged in the study of Scripture and its implications for our lives today, I've asked them to preach in the coming weeks and months. Some would like to start a "caring committee" that would attend to the needs of parishioners in times of stress – for example, organizing the provision of meals when someone is sick or when a new baby has arrived. A couple of people have approached me about being Eucharistic visitors – taking communion to those who are not able to worship with us on Sundays. Some have already taken responsibility for the ongoing life of our First Wednesday program. To all of this, I say an enthusiastic, "YES!!" This is the time for all of us to pursue the desires of our hearts in terms of our ministries.

May we wholeheartedly join God in the work that God is already doing among us – bringing about transformation, healing, and growth.

Blessings –

Betsy +

Bishop Mark Sisk will be visiting our parish on Sunday, October 23. Adults and children who have undergone preparation for confirmation will be confirmed by the bishop at the 10 a.m. service. Please speak to Betsy Roadman, or leave a message in the parish office, if you or your child would like to take part in confirmation classes. We hope to begin with a class or two in the late spring, work on a couple of assignments during the summer, and continue with a few classes from mid-September to mid-October.

Traditionally, children tend to be confirmed at St. Augustine's when they are 12 or 13 years old. The most important factor, though, is their genuine desire to enter into adult membership in the church.

Baptized adults who have not been confirmed, or who have been confirmed in another Christian denomination and would like to become members of the Episcopal Church, are invited to take part in our adult confirmation classes.

The Children's Lenten Offerings that were collected in the blue Mite Boxes will be sent to St. John's Church, Randfontein, in the Diocese of Johannesburg. St. John's is working to alleviate the suffering of children orphaned because of AIDS. Please return your Mite Boxes to the church during the Sundays in April. Thank you!!

Vestry Notes from the March meeting:



- ◇ Treasurer's Report - After speaking to the Diocese, Treasurer Holly Anzani recommended to the Vestry that the 2005 budget be revised, due to all the changes resulting from Father David's departure. The Vestry approved Holly's recommendation.
- ◇ Finance Committee - Holly, Jenn Latham and Dana Garrett attended the Financial Leadership Conference sponsored by the Diocese, and Dana reported that it was very helpful. As a result of the Conference, St. A's will now participate in the Parish Endowment Management Service program, which will help to manage our assets. If anyone has any questions about this, they should feel free to talk to Holly, Dana or Jenn.
- ◇ Long Range Planning - Ty West reported that the application process for listing St. A's on the state and national Historic Registry has now officially begun.

- ◇ Buildings and Grounds - The Dance-on-Hudson school reported that there were fumes in the Parish Hall. After an intense investigation, it was found that the church is in dire need of a new boiler. Mark Anzani will be getting estimates on having the heating system revamped.

- ◇ Youth Council - The election results for the Youth Council are as follows:
Amy Cobb – President, Chelsea Westphal - Vice President, Sophie Spring – Secretary, Caroline Spring – Treasurer

It was decided at the last Youth Council meeting that Amy Cobb will be the liaison for the Search Committee from the Youth Council.

- ◇ Mark Anzani, Chairman of the Search Committee, submitted a detailed report to the Vestry on the activities of the Search Committee to date, as well as an estimated budget for the search and an outline of the search schedule. The budget for the search process was approved by the Vestry.

- ◇ Terri Huntington will be running the committee to find an interim organist, and has asked some other parishioners to join her. Anyone with any information on local musicians who might be interested in the position, or in playing on a substitute basis, should contact Terri.

- ◇ The need for expanding and maintaining the St. A's web site was discussed by the Vestry. This is especially important now, when we are searching for a new Rector, because priests looking for new positions are constantly "surfing the web". Anyone who is interested in helping St. A's with this important project is asked to call Jenn at the parish office.

- ◇ Father David's installation as Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd takes place on Sunday, April 17 at 11:00 am. The Vestry will be looking into the possibility of renting a bus or carpooling for parishioners who want to attend and won't be driving to Manhattan that day.

Betsy Roadman will be at the University of the South at Sewanee, School of Theology (TN) from April 14 -17. Betsy has just been appointed Diocesan Coordinator of the Education for Ministry program by Bishop Sisk and will be meeting with other diocesan coordinators.

Dear Parish Family,

It is with much sadness that I write to inform you that I will be resigning from the position of organist/choir director of St. Augustine's. When Fr. David left, I promised the members of the vestry and choir that I would play at least through Easter, and I had hoped I would be able to stay on until you called a new rector. However, working full time at Bank Street College, consulting for the Soros Foundation, and driving 180 miles each week to St. A's is too much. For some time, a little voice has been telling me I'm not superwoman and something had to give! So, my last Sunday as your organist will be April 10.

I realize that my leaving makes this time of transition even more difficult. But I know members of the vestry are actively seeking an interim organist, and I'm confident that the music in this parish will continue to thrive. You have a dedicated group of musicians who will continue to sing and support the music program of this parish.

Please know that I have loved being a member of this parish. My time here has enabled me to share my gifts with the parish, to grow as a musician, and to have come to know so many of you. You are a lively, flourishing congregation that I am honored to have been able to serve. May your search process for a new rector, and a new church musician, be a speedy and fruitful one.

Know that all of you will be in my prayers through this time of transition.

Kathleen

We are so thankful for Kathleen's ministry among us. Please join us at a festive coffee hour at 11:00 a.m. on April 10 as we express our gratitude to her and celebrate with her as she embarks on this next season of her life.

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The Rev. David B. Wayne

2005 VESTRY MEMBERS

Senior Warden:
Treasurer:

Kim Westphal
Holly Anzani

Junior Warden:
Clerk:

Ty West
Chris Moore

Class of 2005

Cathie Elliott
Dana Garrett
Mark Anzani

Class of 2006

Terri Huntington
Betsy Joslyn
Gerald Ardito

Class of 2007

Ellen Irvine
Louise Levey
Chris Moore

Meeting Schedule: Vestry, 3rd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.

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