



# Bellringer

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April 2006

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

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1	Saturday	3:30 p.m.	Bible Study		
		5:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer, Homily by Joe Kolanko		
2	<b><u>The Fifth Sunday of Lent, The Rev. Amy Lamborn celebrating and preaching</u></b>				
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I		
		9:45 a.m.	Sunday School		
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II		
4	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	EFM Class		Don't Forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour Sunday, April 2
5	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Taizé Service at Mariandale		
7	Friday	6:30 p.m.	House Church at the Maders'		
		7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross		
8	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist II		
9	<b><u>The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday</u></b>				
		8:00 a.m.	The Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist I		
		9:45 a.m.	The Blessing of Palms in the Parish Hall & Procession to the Church		
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II, Congregational reading of the Passion narrative, special children's program in parish hall		
13	<b><u>Maundy Thursday, Larry Roadman preaching</u></b>				
		7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II, foot washing, procession to the Altar of Repose, stripping of the Altar		
		8:00 p.m.	Vigil through the night begins		
14	<b><u>Good Friday</u></b>				
		9:00 a.m.	Vigil concludes with Morning Prayer		
		Noon - 3 p.m.	Good Friday Liturgy; Seven Last Words of Jesus from the cross; communion from Reserve Sacrament		
15	<b><u>Holy Saturday/Easter Eve</u></b>				
		11:00 a.m.	Church decorating		
		7:00 p.m.	The Great Vigil of Easter and Holy Baptism*, The Rev. Tom Orso, Deployment Officer of the Diocese of NY, preaching		
16	<b><u>Easter Day</u></b>				
		9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II*		
		11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II*		
		12:30 p.m.	Children's Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn		
17	Easter Monday		Parish Office closed		
18	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	EFM Class		
19	Wednesday	8:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting		
23	<b><u>The Second Sunday of Easter</u></b>				
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I		
		9:45 a.m.	Sunday School		
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II and Holy Baptism		
25	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	EFM Class		

\* Childcare available at these special services (as well as Sundays at 10:00 a.m. service)

29	Saturday	3:30 p.m.	Bible Study
		5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II and Healing Service
30	<b><u>The Third Sunday of Easter</u></b>		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
		9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
		11:00 a.m.	Festive Coffee Hour to celebrate The Rev. Betsy Johns Roadman's ministry at St. A's

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Dear friends:

After almost two years of searching for a townhouse in Ossining with a river view to which to downsize from our home in Briarcliff, we found the place a few weeks ago. We're about to sign a contract on our potential new home at Mystic Pointe - a development five minutes south of St. A's on route 9. We've just put the house where we've lived for fourteen years, and where we've raised our two sons, on the market.

During our first visits to the Mystic Pointe property, I focused on the possibilities and was quite excited. Now, as we're about to officially move forward with the contract, I'm terrified that we're making a mistake, and I'm filled with anxiety. For almost two years, I've looked at our current living space thinking, "I will be so ready to move." Now that it's actually going to happen, I've become nostalgic and possessive about it. I'm second-guessing everything about which I thought I was sure.

Transitions are really, really hard. But there's no way through them except through them. And God is present, even (and maybe especially) in the turmoil of major change.

St. A's is going through its own very major transition. As I write this, the Vestry is in the final stage of prayerful consideration about the decision to call a new rector. This is an exhilarating time – the climax of months of meetings, discussions, deliberation, interviews, and prayer. It's also quite terrifying. Those charged with making this decision are likely experiencing an overwhelming sense of responsibility. Those awaiting the decision may be feeling uncomfortably out of the loop. All of us are aware of the fact that the relationship that you and I have built together over these many months must soon change as well.

Anticipation, confusion, relief, sadness, gratitude, anxiety, joy, disappointment, fear, hope - all of these emotions are part of our collective experience right now. It's a lot for a community to absorb and contain. But God is very much with us, in and through all of it.

May we look for and expect to discover the wisdom, the peace, and the love of God in and through each other during this time of major transition. May our dealings with each other be especially gentle and caring in the coming days and weeks. Together, may we bring to a close this particular chapter of the life of St. A's with renewed commitment to God and God's work, and with deep gratitude to God for each other.

Blessings -

Betsy



**Easter Flowers:** The Flower Guild depends upon gracious donations from parishioners and friends of St. A's for Easter flowers. If you wish to contribute, use the enclosed envelope or please call the parish office, 271-3501. Envelopes will also be available in the pews, which you can put in Sunday's collection plate. All contributions, of what ever size, are greatly appreciated. Please submit names to the office no later than Palm Sunday, 4/9, to ensure they appear in the Easter bulletins.

**St. A's Bible Study of the Gospel of John will meet twice in April.** The first meeting, April 1 at 3:30 p.m. is March's gathering rescheduled. The topic for discussion is John's Passion story. April 29<sup>th</sup> will be the last meeting of the year. The topic will be the Resurrection. Reading lists for both dates are available online at [www.stacroton.org](http://www.stacroton.org) or at the back of the church. Please contact leader, Joe Kolanko, with any questions:

**Easter food donations** are being sought by the Croton Caring Committee. Donations of canned hams, and dry and canned goods can be dropped off on the patio at 38 Penfield Avenue, Croton by Saturday, April 8. Fresh items can be dropped on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, April 9, 10 and 11.

The foods will be included in baskets to be distributed to needy families at Easter. Shopping cards are also gladly accepted. They can be dropped off at the parish office or put in Sunday's offering plate in a clearly marked envelope as to their purpose.

**Vestry Notes** from the March meeting:

The Vestry met on March 22 to deliberate and vote on the candidates for our new rector. The next Bellringer will have more information announcing who they have chosen to lead St. A's.

**Outreach** – The Vestry voted to use the proceeds from Children's Games at Junefest to sponsor two children from Mississippi to go to camp this summer. This is hopefully only a beginning, they hope to be able to do more.



**Treasurer's Report: February Operations**

Financial operations for the first two months of the year are strong. Expenses are in line with expectations and revenues have been strong, especially pledges and plate (there have been no fundraising efforts to date). Due to the mild winter thus far, our monthly maintenance expenses are lower than average. We experienced a small dip in 'Current Year Pledges' in February, possibly attributable to the Sunday 'snow day'. 'Last Year Pledges' have come in stronger than expected, however, offsetting that shortfall.

**Acolyte Scheduler needed:** A person is needed to create the acolyte schedule. The volunteer would need to make the schedule two or three times a year and should coordinate with the Lector/Eucharistic Ministry schedule and the babysitting schedule. If you want to volunteer for this important job, please call or email the parish office: [august@bestweb.net](mailto:august@bestweb.net) or 271-3501.

**New Parish Directory:** Volunteers are needed to team up to work on the creation of a new parish directory. Our scheduled dates for photos are: May 11, 22 and 23. If you can help with coordinating, can take candid photos, or help with a few pages of layout, please contact Loren Zack by email at : [zackhome@optonline.net](mailto:zackhome@optonline.net), or 962-1254.

**On Sunday, April 23, at the 10:00 a.m. service, St. A's will honor parishioner, Julie Dumper, who turns 100 on April 18.** Sunday School students will be making birthday cards to give to Julie that morning. Please join us as we celebrate with Julie and her daughter, Laura Seitz.

**Also on April 23, we will join in "the flowering of the cross"** – a lovely tradition of decorating the wooden cross of Good Friday with flowers symbolizing the resurrection. Please bring short-stemmed flowers from your garden.





**Please join us for the services of Holy Week.  
See the calendar for the schedule.**

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2006 VESTRY MEMBERS

Senior Warden:  
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Holly Anzani

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Chris Moore

Terri Huntington  
Penny Morgan  
Dana Garrett

Ellen Irvine  
Louise Levey  
Chris Moore

Duncan Cleary  
Loren Zack  
Laura Seitz

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

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