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The Reverend Bradley C. Dyche
Deacons:
The Rev. Deacon Keith McKenna
The Rev. Deacon Sharon Manning-Lew

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

April 2011

- 3 The Fourth Sunday in Lent, The Rev. Bradley C. Dyche preaching and celebrating
 9:00 a.m. Rite II with music and Instructed Eucharist
 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School begins
 11:00 a.m. Rite II with music
 11:30 a.m. Sunday School ends, children join service
 11:30 a.m. Adult Education: Reformation: The Individual Before God
- 6 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. A Service of Light and Prayer
- 10 The Fifth Sunday in Lent, Chris Jones preaching
 9:00 a.m. Rite II with music
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School begins
 10:30 a.m. Rite II with music
 11:15 a.m. Sunday School ends, children join service
 11:30 a.m. Adult Education: Protestantism: The Evangelical Explosion
- 12 Tuesday 7:00 p.m. EFM Class
- 13 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. A Service of Light and Prayer
 8:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- 17 Palm Sunday
 9:00 a.m. Rite II with music and Liturgy of the Palms
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
 10:15 a.m. Group Sunday School begins
 10:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms begins in Parish Hall
 10:30 a.m. Rite II with music
 11:15 a.m. Sunday School ends, children join service
 11:30 a.m. Adult Education: God in the Dock
- 19 Tuesday 7:00 p.m. EFM Class
- 20 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. A Service of Light and Prayer with Eucharist
- 21 Thursday 6:30 p.m. Agape Meal
 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy – The Rev. Bradley C. Dyche preaching
 9:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Overnight Vigil begins
 Maundy Thursday Overnight Vigil ends
- 22 Friday 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy
- 23 Saturday 7:00 p.m. Holy Saturday Liturgy, The Great Vigil of Easter
- 24 Easter Sunday, The Rev. Bradley C. Dyche preaching and celebrating
 9:00 a.m. Rite II with music
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
 10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
 11:00 a.m. Rite II with music – Return Mite boxes
- 27 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. A Service of Light and Prayer

May 2011

- 1 The First Sunday after Easter, The Rev. Bradley C. Dyche preaching and celebrating

Celebration of Ministry

The Right Reverend Catherine S. Roskam

as

Bishop in the Church of God

The Right Reverend Mark S. Sisk
Bishop of New York

Requests the honor of your presence

To celebrate the Fifteenth Anniversary
of the Consecration of

The Right Reverend Catherine S. Roskam

as

Bishop in the Church of God

at

The Cathedral of Saint John the Divine
Saturday, the fourteenth of May, 2011

At ten thirty in the morning.

Childcare is provided.

A Reception will follow the Service.

Please R.S.V.P. to the Parish House, 271-3501, by April 18, 2011

Gird your loins! Junefest is coming!

June 3rd, 4th and 5th

Junefest 2011 preparations have begun under the able, dedicated chairmanship of Betsy Jocelyn Mitchell.

We are currently considering applications for White Elephant! & Toy! Chairpersons – If interested, please call Betsy at 271-9591 or the Parish Office at 271-3501. Donations accepted for the White Elephant beginning Saturday, May 29 after Noon. *Nothing may be put in the Parish Hall until that time.*

Clothing Sale - Regina Hertl, our tireless and committed Clothing Chair, is looking for several volunteers to assist her in the two weeks leading up to JuneFest to help sell donations on the lawn. If you are available please contact Regina at 271-1348 or regahe@optimum.net.

Last year the clothing aspect of our outside sale brought in a considerable amount of money and provided an outreach project. This year we will again be selling clothing for \$1 per item. Please keep us in your thoughts as you spring clean.

Treasurer's February 2011 Report

For the year-to-date we are operating at a deficit, but that was expected given some of the larger quarterly bills we receive at the beginning of the year (Diocesan Assessment, Priest Pension, Property Insurance, etc.). With time, as more pledges are received, we expect this deficit to narrow. Overall, expenses are in line with those assumed in the budget we passed back in December. As for revenues, those are slightly behind expectations. Pledges are behind, but that can be explained by the timing of the pledge income we receive (some parishioners opt to defer payment of their pledge until later in the year). Of some concern is the lack of fundraising income for the first two months of the year; when compared to last year, we had already hosted two small fundraising events by the end of February -- the Pub Quiz and the Chili Cook-off. Hopefully we can make up this fundraising shortfall with fun events for the parish in the near future.

Financial Operations through February 28, 2011:			
	<i>Expenses</i>		<i>Revenues</i>
	<i>Paid</i>		<i>Received</i>
Administrative	\$ (5,844.28)	Fundraising	\$ 42.50
Priest	\$ (17,432.47)	Plate	\$ 4,186.25
Service/Program	\$ (4,949.76)	Pledge	\$ 19,478.50
Diocese	\$ (3,922.43)	Space	\$ 2,350.00
Outreach	\$ (165.61)	Investments	\$ 1800.77
Property	\$ (4,194.05)		
TOTAL	\$(36,508.60)	TOTAL	\$ 27,858.02
(deficit)/surplus	\$ (8,650.58)		
budgeted deficit	\$ (7,348.58)		

Education

Adult Education for Lent

History of Christianity, the first 3,000 years starring Diarmaid MacCulloch.

In this Adult Education Program, we will be watching the DVD series based on MacCulloch's well-received book of the same name. The book was listed as one of the best of 2010 by *The New York Times*. MacCulloch excels at telling the story of Christianity by showing many different perspectives, including those you have never heard, especially those outside traditional realms. As a former Anglican Priest, who left the church because of his sexuality, this should be a timely and interesting presentation. During the program, a light lunch will be served. Each session will be about an hour. If you are available to help set up and host, please speak to Father Brad.

Program 4 on April 3rd:
Reformation: The Individual Before God;

Program 5 on April 10th:
Protestantism: The Evangelical Explosion;

Program 6 on April 17th:
God in the Dock

A Look Ahead in Adult Education

During the Easter Season, an Adult Inquirer's Class will begin. This is a class designed to teach the basics of Christianity as we know it and is offered as a preparation for Confirmation or Reception, which can happen when the Bishop of New York visits St. Augustine's on November 1st, All Saints' Sunday. The class will begin after the 10:30 service and will include lunch, finishing by 1 each week. Please speak to the Rector as soon as possible if you are interested in participating.

The Schedule will be as follows:

May 15th: The Scriptures

May 22nd: Church History to the Reformation

May 29th: The Reformation and Beyond

June 19th: Liturgy and the Sacraments

Then, in the fall, if you are interested in being Confirmed or Received, there will be two additional classes on Confirmation and Life as a Baptized Christian.

Parish Events & Outreach

Carpenter's Kids Pledges

March 20th marked the completion of St. A's five year commitment, offering to Carpenter's Kids. \$50 Pledges for 2011 were due. If you need to know the status of your pledge please contact the Parish Office.

Carpenter's Kid's is a program which sponsors children in Africa orphaned by HIV/AIDS. The program provides these children with food, clothing and school supplies.



Baptism

Are you interested in the Sacrament of Baptism for you or your child? Lent is an especially appropriate time to prepare for baptism. If so, please speak with Father Brad following the service, or call the parish office at 271-3501.



Parish Work Day

Date change! - Saturday April 30, 10am to 4pm – We need everyone to help spruce up the Parish for Spring! Food will be provided by Leigh Anna Harken. In past years this has been a rewarding and fun day that has yielded significant improvements to our facilities. Please consider joining us again this year!

March Outreach Report

The Outreach Committee met Monday evening, March 6 in the Parish House. Father Brad called the meeting to order at 7:45. Charlie Sheen was not present. After taking note of the improved financial health of the Parish accounts, the committee is making the following recommendations for immediate outreach support:

Local Outreach:

*Croton Blood Bank, \$500 to cover the location rental and janitorial costs of the annual blood drive.

*Alta Kirton Scholarship, Croton Harmon High-matching funds to meet the \$1000 commitment for annual scholarship funded by Saint A's for a graduating senior interested and involved in social justice issues.

Regional Outreach:

*Hudson Link Prison education: \$400 to cover the tuition for one student inmate @ Sing Sing.

*Rural and Migrant Ministries: \$300 to support one summer camper and one counselor.

International Outreach:

*Sustainable Organic Integrated Livelihoods (SOIL), \$300 to cover the construction cost of a "dry" toilet in Haiti

It was further decided that targets for outreach support later in the year should include:

- *Paul's House (Bronx NY)
- *General Theological Seminary
- *Croton Caring Committee
- *Peekskill Soup Kitchen

Save the Dates

June Fest – June 3rd, 4th and 5th

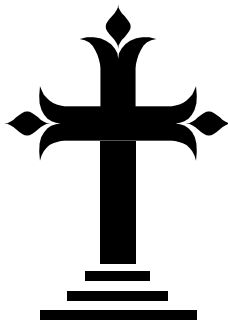
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Saturday, October 16th –

Harvest Moon Dinner Dance & Auction

Children's Mite Boxes

Mite Boxes will be distributed to our Parish's children through their Sunday School classes, and are also available at the back of the church for anyone who did not receive a box or needs a replacement. The children are invited to collect change in these boxes during Lent. All the funds will be used to help purchase socks and soap for our Parish's adopted African AIDS orphans through the Carpenter's Kids program. Children are encouraged to bring the boxes to Sunday School each week where they will be added to a larger container to be counted after Easter so that we can share with the children the total amount they collectively were able to raise.



Easter Flowers

If you wish to donate Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving, your donation can be put in the collection plate, or dropped off or mailed to the parish office. There are envelopes in the back of the church. The suggested donation is \$20, but any amount is acceptable. Please be sure to specify the names of those you wish to remember, as well as your own and write "Altar Fund" on your check. *To ensure inclusion in the Easter bulletins, names must be given to the office by Sunday, April 17.*

Fourth Annual 5K Run

The St. A's 5k Run to Squash Hunger – Note the date change - May 7 - starting and finishing at Senasqua Park. Suzanne Smith, Ty West, Greg Kaebnick and Greg Cohen will be organizing. Sign up sheets will be posted in the parish kitchen. For more information, contact Greg Cohen at Gregory.d.cohen@gmail.com or the parish office. Betsy Mitchell is coordinating cookie bakers for the Run. Please contact Betsy at 271-9591 if you can bake. We're looking forward to another great race. The proceeds this year will, again, benefit the Cortlandt Food Bank.

Lenten Events 2011

Sunday April 3rd, Instructed Eucharist at both services: This second Instructed Eucharist for Lent will focus on the Liturgy of the Table, or Communion, asking the question, "What's so Christian about this? And What's so Jewish?" The service will continue as usual, with different notes of interpretation along the way.

Sunday April 3rd, After the 10:30 Service, Lunch and a *History of Christianity, the first 3,000 years starring Diarmaid MacCulloch*. See Adult Education for Lent for more information. This session will focus on Program 4: Reformation: The Individual Before God. Lunch will be provided.

Sunday April 10th After the 10:30 Service, Lunch and a *History of Christianity, the first 3,000 years starring Diarmaid MacCulloch*. See Adult Education for Lent for more information. This session will focus on Program 5: Protestantism: The Evangelical Explosion. Lunch will be provided.

Palm Sunday, April 17th :

9:45 AM: Liturgy of the Palms in the Parish Hall. Children's Event will be held during the service.

Sunday April 17th After the 10:30 Service, Lunch and a *History of Christianity, the first 3,000 years starring Diarmaid MacCulloch*. See Adult Education for Lent for more information. This session will focus on Program 6: God on the Dock. This session explores some of the successes and failures of Christianity, including Christianity's failure to stop Nazi Germany. Lunch will be provided.

Maundy Thursday, April 21st: Agape Meal and Maundy Thursday Liturgy. Enjoy a meal with friends. The church will provide some mainstays, and invites you to bring some simple, Middle-eastern fair for this traditional meal followed by the service. The meal starts at 6:30. The service begins at 7:30.

Maundy Thursday Overnight Vigil, April 21st - 22nd beginning:

9:00 PM: Following the Maundy Thursday Liturgy, sign up to keep vigil in the Sanctuary overnight.

Good Friday, April 22nd:

Noon: Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 23rd;

7:00 PM Service: **The Great Vigil of Easter; this is the holiest liturgy of the year, complete with candles and a bonfire.** During this service, we commemorate the passing from death to life.

Easter Day: April 24th, Easter Day

9:00 and 11:00 AM services: Children's activities will be provided during the sermon. Easter Egg Hunt will happen BETWEEN the 9 and 11 AM service at 10:30 a.m.

Easter Day: At services, ingathering for Carpenter's Kids Mite Boxes.

<u>Rector</u>	<u>The Rev. Bradley C. Dyche</u>
<u>Rector Emeritus</u>	<u>The Rev. David B. Wayne</u>
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2011 VESTRY MEMBERS

Senior Warden:	Elizabeth Hoffman	Junior Warden:	David Wixted		
Treasurer:	Holly Anzani	Clerk:	Tom Eshoo		
Class of 2011	Lisa Cohen	Class of	Holly Anzani	Class of	Richard Olver
	Laura Seitz	2012	Kelly Jackson	2013	Chris McColl
	Leigh Anna Harken		Meaghan Shawcross		Thomas Eshoo

Meeting Schedule: April Vestry, 2nd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.

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Happy Easter!