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April 2009

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| 5 | <u>Palm Sunday</u> | 9:00 a.m. | Rite II with music |
| | | 9:45 a.m. | Coffee Hour |
| | | 10:15 a.m. | Liturgy of the Palms |
| | | 11:30 a.m. | Adult Education: Holy Week, the events and the liturgies |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | Rite II service |
| 7 | Tuesday | 6:45 p.m. | Evening Prayer with Stations of the Cross |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | EFM Class |
| | | 7:30 p.m. | Recessionistos! |
| 9 | <u>Maundy Thursday</u> | 6:00 p.m. | Seder, hosted by Kate O'Brien |
| | | 7:30 p.m. | Maundy Thursday Liturgy |
| | | 9:00 p.m. | Overnight vigil begins |
| 10 | <u>Good Friday</u> | 12:00 p.m. | Good Friday Liturgy |
| 11 | <u>Holy Saturday</u> | 7:00 p.m. | Easter Vigil |
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| 13 | Monday | | OFFICE CLOSED |
| 14 | Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | EFM Class |
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| 19 | <u>The First Sunday after Easter, Rev. Dr. Beth Glover preaching</u> | | |
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| | | 11:10 a.m. | Sunday School ends, children join service |
| | | 11:30 a.m. | Adult Education: Jesus' Resurrection, led by Joe Kolanko |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | Rite II service |
| 21 | Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | EFM Class |
| | | 7:30 p.m. | Recessionistos! |
| 22 | Wednesday | 8:00 p.m. | Vestry Meeting |
| 25 | Saturday | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Parish Work Day | |
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April, 2009, From the Rector

A Recipe for Resurrection!

One of my favorite magazines is *Cook's Illustrated*. I love its recipes because they always include a written article, describing the chemistry for each recipe that they present. What other cooking magazine would describe exactly how proteins interact with acids or how gluten affects a recipe. I love it! It not only asks the "how" of cooking, it answers the "why." And so, in the vein of *Cook's Illustrated*, and in preparation for the feast of Easter, I offer my humble recipe for Resurrection. It is probably not exhaustive, and there might be more paths to yield this lovely delight, but this is my offering, and I hope you enjoy!

If there is anything that I could wish for the world, it would be Resurrection. What the world needs now... is Resurrection. There would be joy. There would be a wiping away of fear, a blotting out of past wrongs. Death in all forms, biological to financial, would yield to new life, and life would be strawberry shortcake. But resurrection is an elusive recipe. It seems simple enough, but it often goes awry. It is the *souffle* of the spiritual world.

As I began my search for the perfect recipe, I went to the *Bible* of recipes. Actually, I went to the *Bible* itself, where it is concocted at least four times. Each version is subtly different, but the ingredients are mostly the same. Resurrection usually consists of bits of heartbreak, hints of betrayal, death, an empty tomb, fear, forgiveness, and GOD. And, each recipe for resurrection takes time, at least three days.

Of course, as I go to the test kitchen, also known as my life, I realize that this particularly unique combination of ingredients is difficult to have on-hand. I often have heartache and pain in my pantry of life. We all do. We have all suffered debilitating blows. But forgiveness, on the other hand, is rarely readily available. It is a seasonal fruit at best. And God, I know, is usually around, but God is often like that bottle of cumin in my pantry. I know the cumin is there, but I have to go through every other spice to find it. Even the ingredients for resurrection can be elusive.

And so, my first observation in working with these ingredients is that Jesus might have only had three days to produce resurrection, but I will need longer. After a painful experience, to produce resurrection I will need to find a place of solace, an empty tomb, to reflect and to pray. Sometimes, that will take years. And I will need to ask God to help me forgive, which, again, could take years. And I will have to work through my anger and bitterness. I will have to learn to value God's forgiveness more than I value anything else. Did I mention that this could take years.

But there have been times in my life when all of those ingredients have come together, topped off with grace. I remember the first times of being happy after a bad break-up or a fight with a friend. I honor the sense of new life and direction that my family experienced years after my Mother's death. I value spring after a long hard winter. And I have experienced a new value in the God's unending love, even as money has lost its value. There is new life out there.

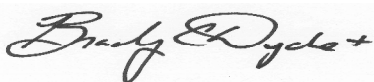
And ultimately, my recipe for Resurrection is a life's work. It cannot be reduced to a simple recipe. But the point is that I try. I show up in the kitchen. I take out the ingredients. I put them all in the mixing bowl that is my soul, and I turn them over to God. And like *Cook's Illustrated*, though I cannot always answer the "how" of a this recipe, I can answer the "why." We make resurrection in our lives because there is no other choice but death and despair, the same choices Jesus confronted. To not forgive, to hang onto pain will only kill and hurt ourselves.

We need resurrection in this world. We need a way to confront pain with love and new life and forgiveness, rather than more pain. We might not have an easy no-fail recipe, but we have our lives, and we have the life of Jesus. And it is up to each of us as Christians, to be open to this process, to be transformed by it, and to be resurrected, again, and risen, like good bread.

And so whenever you find that your pantry is stocked with defeat and pain, search through your spice rack to find God. Search your soul and your empty tomb for forgiveness, pray for grace, and whip up some Resurrection. It is the best dish I know, and it is the road to new life.

Happy Easter,

Bradley



Treasurer's Report:

Financial Operations (1/1/09-2/29/09):

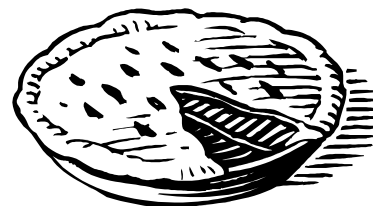
	<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Revenues</u>
Administrative	\$ (5,216.06)		
Priest	\$(14,366.64)	Fundraising	\$ 776.00
Service/Program	\$ (5,733.94)	Plate	\$ 2,759.12
Diocese	\$ (5,469.25)	Pledge	\$18,411.02
Outreach	\$ (327.24)	Space	\$ 1,030.00
Property	<u>\$ (3,757.20)</u>	Investments	<u>\$ 1,987.22</u>
TOTAL	\$ (34,870.33)	TOTAL	\$24,963.36
(deficit)/surplus	\$ (9,906.97)		
Budgeted deficit	(7,596.82)		

Treasurer's Report through 2/28/09:

We have ended the first two months of the year with a deficit smaller than the one contained in the budget. Although at first blush this seems like good news, it is attributable to the fact that we have begun to slow down our payment of current invoices, resulting in the appearance of improved financial operations. In fact, pledge revenue has been significantly behind schedule, making it difficult to pay in a timely fashion many of the large quarterly bills (Diocesan Assessment, insurance premium, pension, etc.) that arrive early in the year. This slow down in pledges is attributable to two factors: (1) the budget assumed receipt of \$130,000 in pledges, as compared to the less than \$120,000 we actually received, and (2) the monthly payment of the \$120,000 in actual pledges has been lagging expectations.

Of more concern, however, is the outlook for the remainder of 2009. The \$130,000 in pledges in the 2009 budget still resulted in a reduction in programs and services offered during 2009. Each employee experienced a cut in hours or salary, including Father Brad. With cuts in salaries, hours, and programs, as well as the use of another \$5,000 from the Memorial Fund for operations, we were finally able to present to Vestry a balanced budget for 2009, with pledges anticipated at \$130,000. With actual pledges of less than \$120,000, however, we will need to either raise an additional \$10,000 above

and beyond the revenues contained in the budget, or cut another \$10,000 of salaries, hours, programs and services. In the meantime, we will be faced with many challenges as we attempt to operate the church we love with less financial resources than it takes to keep our employees employed, to keep our church insured, warm and lit, and to fund our music, education and outreach programs.



Food Fest 2009

Our annual Food Fest fundraiser is a delicious way to help the church and help yourself. Parishioners commit to making a dinner or dessert, those items are raffled off, and the winners of the raffles purchase them for a set price. If you have a favorite recipe and would like to offer a dinner or dessert, please contact Anya Steger at (736-9422) or anyasteger@earthlink.net. A complete list of items for purchase and instructions about how you can participate will be put in the back of the church and on our website (www.stacroton.org) in the coming weeks.



Carpenter's Kids Pledges

Pledges for 2009 are past due. If you have not yet returned this year's payment, a letter will be included with your first quarter Contribution Report. Place your pledge in the offering plate with **Carpenter's Kids 2009** in the memo section of the check. If you need to know the status of your pledge please contact the Parish Office. A thank you to all who have supported this great effort.



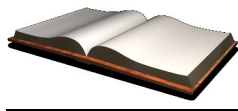
Easter Flowers

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, 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 all names appear in the Easter bulletins, payment and information must be received in the Office by Sunday, April 5.*



SS Teachers Needed

We are in need of 2 Sunday School teachers, Pre-K and Grades 4-5, for Block 6 which begins April 5th and ends May 17th. If you are interested, or can only teach a few of the Sundays, please contact Rachel Norfleet at thenorfleets@gmail.com.



Book Group Resumes

The St. A's Book Group will meet on Sunday May 3rd, following the 10:30 am service. The group will begin its discussion of *The Shack*, in which the

protagonist of author William P. Young's novel meets God in person.

Adult Education Continues

Joe Kolanko will lead a session on **April 19th**, following the 10:30 service, which will guide the participants in an investigation of the five very different accounts of Jesus' resurrection in the New Testament. Why the discrepancies? *Please see final chapters of each gospel and 1 Corinthians, Chapter 15 for the various stories.*

Deacon Keith's final Adult Ed. program for the year is scheduled for **April 26**, following the 10:30 am service. **Sanctity, Sainthood, and the Saints** will be a comprehensive investigation into the curious Christian custom of naming individuals as specially recognized by God. The Episcopalian way of doing this, the Roman way, the Orthodox way, and the Protestant way will all be discussed and dissected.



Run/Walk to Squash Hunger

The second annual St A's 5K Run will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, with the proceeds benefitting the Peekskill Soup Kitchen. Volunteer sign-up sheets are posted in the Parish Hall. Online registration has begun at www.active.com, and paper applications are available in the back of the church. Start training now!! If you'd like to help on race day or in the days leading up to it, please email Jenn Latham, jennlatham68@yahoo.com, or sign up on the volunteer sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall.



Parish-wide "Work on St A's Day"

On Saturday April 26th, from 9 am to 3 pm, we invite you to participate in our Parish-wide "Work on St A's Day" where we will all pitch in to complete much-needed repairs to our church buildings, eat yummy food, and have fun! We are looking for all types of volunteers:

- Handy Men and Women to help with general repairs like cleaning, painting, replacing lightbulbs, moving furniture, light carpentry, etc
- Green-thumbs to help prepare the garden for another year
- Culinarily-gifted parishioners to bring sandwiches, soups, and treats to keep the workers going
- Baby-sitters to look after children
- Anyone else who is enthusiastic and wants to pitch in

In the past, this has been a very fun day that has yielded significant improvements in our facilities. Please consider joining us this year! More information will be coming soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions, speak to Amber Wylie, Laura Seitz, or Father Brad.

Hope to see you there!



FOOD BASKET: There is an ever increasing need for canned food at local Food Pantries. The canned food in the basket that is presented at the Altar during the offering is donated to the Cortlandt Emergency Food Bank. Children are invited to

bring one can each Sunday, and all parishioners are welcome to donate to this weekly ministry.

ON A RELATED FRONT – we have learned that the Peekskill Soup Kitchen now feeds nearly double the number of people each day that it did one year ago. As a consequence, the food our church has been delivering for the once-monthly lunches that we supply must be increased to meet their current level of need. Anyone who would like to prepare monthly dishes as part of this effort should contact Jill Mader at 271-4216. Recipes are provided and cooks can choose to participate as frequently or infrequently as they like.



JUNEFEST KICKOFF

The April 26th 10:30 service will be devoted to a spirited Halleluiah Chorus in praise of the Almighty Junefest. As we all know, our church's pressing financial needs mean that we are more dependant than ever on a successful and lucrative Junefest Extravaganza. Plans are afoot to improve our already wonderful offerings and add a bit of new energy to the event. Event chairs will share their plans, explain their needs, and begin the process of involving the full parish in this mammoth but rewarding fundraiser. Please join us to learn about the opportunities for your participation and to add your thoughts and voices to the mix, as we strive to make this the best Junefest on record!

Bread for the World:

On Sunday, April 26th, St A's Outreach Committee will be handing out letters to help BFW. Bread for the World's Offering of Letters 2009 calls on Congress to rework U.S. foreign assistance to make it more effective in reducing poverty. To learn more about the issue and take action, visit www.bread.org/OL2009.

As you clean out your closets and begin planning your Summer, we ask you to remember and plan for:

JUNE FEST 2009: June 5th-7th, 2009!

Junefest is our largest fundraiser of the year. It is a time to help the parish thrive, to have fun with our parish family, and it is the time when most lasting parish friendships are made.

AND We need you! Dates of help needed: May 22nd through June 7th

THINGS WE NEED!

YOUR TIME:

Sign up to volunteer. Sign-up sheets will be in the parish hall during coffee hours. Help is needed to prepare for the festival that begins on Friday, June 5th and goes until Sunday, June 7th. Help is needed for the most menial of tasks to... the directors.

AND In order for Junefest to run smoothly we also need **Three Directors** this year who will be in charge of the following areas:

- 1) Kids' Games
- 2) White Elephant Sale (inside the Parish Hall)
- 3) Outside Rummage Sale

If you are up to the challenge please contact the parish office. This year is planned as a transition year. The parishioners who have manned these areas have graciously agreed to pass on their hard won wisdom to the next generation.

YOUR STUFF:

Donations will be accepted beginning on May 22nd. Please attempt to have your items donated during the week of May 22nd, so that we can begin organizing and pricing. See below for what is appropriate.

Gardeners: Each year we sell a large amount of plants at our Plant station. Please pot up and label perennials in early May for donation.

SUPPLIES REQUESTED for the festival:

Market Tents
 Large Tarps
 Tent stakes/Poles
 Shopping/Plastic/Clear Bags
 Newspaper/News print for wrapping
 Packing/duck tape
 Plastic jars with lids for toys display
 Plastic storage bins
 Twine

Please let the parish office if you have any of these items that we can borrow.

DONATIONS SOUGHT!

We DO need:

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| ☺ Kids Clothing | ☺ Small Furniture |
| ☺ Jewelry | ○ Lamps |
| ☺ Glassware | ○ Art |
| ☺ Toys, | ○ Tools |
| ☺ Dolls | ☺ Sports Equipment |
| ☺ Games | ☺ Working Lawnmowers |
| ☺ Books | ☺ Gardening supplies |
| ☺ Records | ○ Flower pots |
| ☺ CD, DVD, VHS | ○ Planters |
| ☺ Bic-a-brac | ○ Shepherd's hooks |
| ☺ Small working appliances | ○ Trellises |
| ○ Clock radios | ☺ Camping Equipment |
| ○ Stereos | ☺ Clean Rugs |
| ○ Coffee Makers | ☺ Baby Items |
| ○ Working Air Conditioners and TV's | |

WE DO NOT NEED OR WANT:

- ✘ Computers
- ✘ Printers
- ✘ Faxes
- ✘ peripherals
- ✘ rotary dial phones

!! R E M I N D E R !!

Please take the time to clean and present your items as best you can before you donate them. You can save our volunteers a HUGE amount of time and effort if you clean the spiders out of your Granny's picture frame, and dust out the finger holes in the bowling balls.

FIRST TIME THIS YEAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH THE BAR/GRILL WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 7:00 PM.

THE ANNUAL AUCTION/DINNER HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO THE FALL.

BABYSITTING DURING JUNEFEEST

Many parents complain that they are unable to help out with Junefest because there is no one to watch their children during the time they would be at work. We are going to try something new this year—offering babysitting during Junefest. The St. A's babysitters would supervise your children on the grounds of the fair while you are working there—the sitters would accompany the children while they are playing games, eating, or shopping at the tag sale (you, of course, would provide your kids with spending money!) Children would stay on St. A's grounds the entire time. The babysitters would volunteer their time for this event, and there would be no charge to you. If you would be interested in this service please e-mail Agnes Leyden, Babysitting Coordinator, at aleyden@optonline.net. We will organize it if there is a demand for it.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 5th

- 9:00 am Rite II Eucharist
- 10:15 am Liturgy of the Palms in the Church
Children's Event will be held during the service.
- 9:00 am Rite II Eucharist
- 11:30 am A discussion and reflection on Holy Week, the events of Jesus' last days on earth, and the liturgies that remember them.

Tuesday, April 7th

- 6:45 pm Evening Prayer with Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday, April 9th

- 6:00 pm Enjoy a Seder with host Kate O'Brien, The Rev. Dr. Beth Glover's partner. *Signup sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen.*
- 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy: the Rev. Dr. Beth Glover will be preaching.
- 9:00 pm Overnight Vigil beginning at 9:00 PM: Following the Maundy Thursday Liturgy, parishioners will keep vigil in the sanctuary all night long, in one-hour shifts. *A sign-up sheet for participants is posted on the kitchen bulletin board.*

Good Friday, April 10th

- 12 Noon Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 11th

- 7:00 pm Easter Vigil: the holiest liturgy of the year, complete with candles, a bonfire, and incense. During this service, we commemorate the passing from death to life.

Easter Day, April 12th

- 9:00 am Rite II Eucharist
- Easter Egg Hunt will happen BETWEEN the 9 and 11 AM service.*
- 11:00 am Rite II Eucharist
Children's activities will be provided during the sermon.

ST. A'S 5K RUN/WALK TO SQUASH HUNGER SATURDAY, MAY 2, 9:00 A.M.

Registration: online at Active.com, by mail and race day

Pre-registration Entry Fee must be postmarked by April 25 or pre-register online until April 30.

Pre-registration \$20• Race Day Registration \$25

Make checks payable to: St. Augustine's Church

Mail to: St. A's 5k, c/o St. A's, 6 Old Post Road N., Croton on Hudson, NY 10520

Pre-registration guarantees a race T-shirt to participants!

Registration Fee for all entrants after April 30th: \$25

Sorry, no refunds on registration fees. Registration on race day starts promptly at 7:30 a.m. Run/Walk will be held rain or shine.

Awards: Top 3 overall and top place in each age group. Awards to be presented immediately following race.

Post Race Refreshments

Race Director: Jennifer Latham— 914-248-0524 or jennlatham68@yahoo.com

Race will start and finish at Senasqua Park, Croton on Hudson.

Directions:

From the South: Taconic Parkway to Exit for Rte. 9A/100. Take Rte. 9A through three traffic lights (joining with Rte. 9) and proceed to exit for Rte 9A/Rte 129. Make a left at end of exit ramp onto Municipal Place and go straight into Half Moon Bay entrance. Continue straight and follow signs for Senasqua Park.

From the North: Rte 9 South, exit at Senasqua Park and follow signs to the park. OR: Taconic Parkway to Underhill Road Exit. Turn right onto Underhill Road. Follow to stop sign. Turn right onto Rte. 129. Follow Rte. 129 straight to second traffic light (several miles). Turn right onto Municipal Place. Go straight through traffic light into Half Moon Bay entrance and continue straight, following the signs to Senasqua Park.

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St. A's 5k Run/Walk, Saturday, May 2, 2009 • 5k ROAD RACE • REGISTRATION

I know that running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with running in this event including, but not limited to: falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high heat and/or humidity, traffic and the conditions of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these effects and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, St. Augustine's Church and all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims of liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. I grant permission to all of the foregoing to use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose. I understand that bicycles, skateboards, baby joggers, roller skates or blades, animals, and radio headsets are not allowed in the race and I will abide by this guideline.

Please make checks payable to St. Augustine's Church.

Mail applications to St. A's 5k, 6 Old Post Road North, Croton on Hudson, NY 10520

Signature (or parents signature if under 18 years of age) _____ Date _____ \$ Amount Enclosed _____
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ (e-mail address) _____

Male or Female (circle one) Age on Race Day: _____ Birth date: _____

Tel. No.: _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one): Medium Large Extra Large



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<u>2009 VESTRY MEMBERS</u>					
Senior Warden:	<u>Duncan Cleary</u>	Junior Warden:	<u>Jen Brehl</u>		
Treasurer:	<u>Holly Anzani</u>	Clerk:	<u>Greg Kaebnick</u>		
<u>Class of 2009</u>	Holly Anzani	<u>Class of</u>	Cathie Elliott	<u>Class of</u>	Elizabeth Hoffman
	Ed Godek	<u>2010</u>	Anya Steger	<u>2011</u>	Laura Seitz
	Greg Kaebnick		David Wixted		Amber Wylie
<u>Meeting Schedule:</u> Vestry, 3rd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.					

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