



# The Bellringer

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Interim Pastor:  
The Reverend Betsy Johns Roadman

June 2005

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

## June 2005

1	Wednesday	12:00 Noon	First Wednesday	
			Last day to drop off White Elephant items for Rummage Sale	
3	Friday	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	June Fest Rummage Sale	
4	Saturday	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	June Festival and Rummage Sale	
		5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	
		5:30 p.m.	June Festival Dinner and Auction	
5	<b><u>The Third Sunday after Pentecost</u></b>			<b>Attention Sunday School</b>
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I	<b>Children:</b> Those who were not
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II	able to attend the Sunday
		1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	June Festival continues	School awards ceremony can
7	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	EFM Class	pick up their pin and certificate
11	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II	any Sunday in the sacristy, or in
12	<b><u>The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</u></b>			the parish office during regular
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II	weekly office hours.
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II and report from the Search Committee	
		11:30-12:30	Confirmation Class	
15	Wednesday	8:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting	
18	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist II, The Rev. David	
		7:30 p.m.	Lee Carlson preaching and celebrating	
			<i>Concerts in Croton</i> featuring A Few Good Women (in	
			church)	
19	<b><u>The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost,</u></b> The Rev. Carole Johanssen to preach and celebrate			
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I	
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II	
25	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II and Healing Service	
26	<b><u>The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</u></b>			
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I	
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II	
		11:30 – 12:30	Confirmation Class	



On June 18, *Concerts in Croton* (held in St. Augustine's church) will be presenting the last of this season's concerts with a performance by A Few Good Women at 7:30 p.m. The group is made up of our own Terri Huntington, joined by Wilma Messenger, Ann Foster and Erica Denler. Terri resurrected *Concerts in Croton* this year from a series started several years ago by Fr. David as a fundraiser for St. Augustine's. Tickets are \$10 with half the proceeds going to the church and half to the performers. *Concerts in Croton* is also producing mini-concerts during June Fest, Saturday, June 4, from 1:00 to 4:00. Tickets will be \$5.00 each and all the proceeds go to the church. For information about these concerts contact Terri at 271-1173."

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

Dear friends:

I never remember.

I always forget that May and June are, actually, the busiest months of the year. I gear up for September as programs and academic schedules begin, and I'm not surprised by the whirlwind of activity around Christmas. But May and June wipe me out every time.

So here we are again – tearing off the May calendar page and facing June. And so much good stuff is going on – June Fest, of course, and end-of-the-year concerts, recitals, sports tournaments, awards assemblies, final exams and papers. Projects, classes, and programs that take place during the academic year are coming to an end, with the critical closing and farewell events associated with each. There are so many good things that fill our lives, but in May and June, doesn't it seem like there just are a few too many? As much as we value all of these good things, doesn't it feel like it takes every ounce of our energy to “get through” these weeks?

And then, throw one unexpected situation into the mix – an illness, a crisis on the job or in the life of a family member or friend, the death of a beloved pet – and the whole package feels completely unmanageable.

I don't know what the answer is, if there is one. I do know that at the center of all of the good things is God, whether our activity reflects that reality or not. God is the creator, the redeemer, and the sustainer of all of it; and if and when any of the pieces come crashing down around us, the center holds.

We need to remind ourselves of that. I do it by repeating a (desperately) short prayer when I'm feeling the tension rise: “Let me trust You.” I do it by glancing over at the small, framed print that's on the wall by my computer – a child, looking in wonder at a flower that she's holding. It's symbolic of my inner child, and it reminds me that all of these good things that fill my life are supposed to be enjoyable, not burdensome. And I do it by taking a twenty-minute walk when my shoulders are tight and my stomach is in knots – to get outside of myself and into the beauty of the world that God has created.

Every day is, truly, a gift. Let's try to breathe deeply, hold the schedule lightly, and trust God that all will be well.

Blessings -

**St. A's welcomes its new interim organist:** Laura Ravotti received a BFA from Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA and a MM from Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH. She has been in the NYC area for seven years playing and teaching. Currently she is a faculty member at the Academy of Mt. St. Ursula, Bronx, NY and the Bennett Conservatory, Croton, NY. Prior to St. Augustine's, she was the organist at St. Paul's Episcopal Church for five years in Yonkers, NY.



**Join us for a picnic in Croton Gorge Park. First Wednesday fellowship meets on June 1.** Bring your own picnic, we'll provide the drinks. We'll

meet to discuss our innerparish outreach opportunities.

**St. A's has a new website address!** Our new URL is [www.stacroton.org](http://www.stacroton.org) We also have been adding lots of useful links and information to the site such as, lay reader, acolyte, altar guild and usher schedules, announcements from Sunday bulletins and lots more! Be sure to check it out. And be sure to thank Ann Harbeson for ongoing her hard work keeping it up to date!

**Vestry Notes** from the May meeting:

- ◇ A permanent sign was ordered for the Thrift Shop to be hung in front of St. A's house.
- ◇ EFM is concluding for the year and will start up again in the fall.
- ◇ A meeting was held for teenagers/adults interested in confirmation/reception into the church- 4 adults and 6-8 young adults will be taking the class.
- ◇ A fundraising concert will be held Saturday 21 @ 7:30 in St. A. church.
- ◇ Plans for June Fest are moving along. New items for children's area - popcorn machine, helium balloons. The children's games area is in desperate need of help especially on Sunday. Free concerts in the church will be given on the half hour on Saturday, June 4 with a donation box present. The dinner will be the same venue as last year - we are checking into the availability of the Municipal Bldg. in the event of rain. Youth Council will be making the hanging bottle candle holders Memorial Day Weekend- available for sale.
- ◇ Buildings & Grounds - wainscoting is up on the altar- will be stained to match the wainscoting on the sides soon.



- ◇ First Wednesday is in the process of setting up a new committee for outreach. The purpose of this group is to offer services to those in need within our membership. A sheet will be available for parishioners to fill out as to their availability to help out in many different categories.
- ◇ Ty West succeeded in obtaining a certificate of eligibility for Landmark Status for the church. (The actual process to get the church to be landmarked, takes about 2 years.) Having the certificate allows us to apply for grants.
- ◇ We will attempt to hold Sunday services in the Church this summer rather than move into the Hall.
- ◇ Youth Council members joined some CHHS students and went into the city on Sunday, May 15 for the Heifer International Walk- a future trip to visit Fr. David is being planned.
- ◇ Search Committee met with Tom Orso, Diocesan deployment officer. The self-study process is proceeding well with 46% of members covered - search committee members are continuing to seek input. Parish survey is completed and will be mailed out to the congregation soon. Search committee has begun to compile elements for the Parish Profile- hope to have it prepared within a month. Search committee report will be given by a member of the committee at the end of all services on June 12 .

*~ submitted by E. Irvine for Chris Moore, Clerk of the Vestry*

**Treasurer's Report** - Given the major changes we experienced with David's departure, the need to fund a search effort and with the shortfall in pledges, Vestry voted to approve a revised 2005 Operating Budget last month. April's operating results were strong when compared to budget, with expenses coming in close to budget and revenues a little stronger than expected. Pledges are behind budget for the first four months of the year, but other fundraising results have been strong, and have covered the shortfall.

*~submitted by Holly Anzani, Treasurer*

# June Fest 2005

## June Fest Weekend:

**Friday, June 3, 9:30am – 12:30pm:**

**Special Rummage Sale!** (books, toys, bric-a-brac, household items, furniture, etc.), Plant Sale and Baked Goods

**Saturday, June 4, 10am-3pm:** Rummage, grill, baked goods, gourmet foods, plants, children's games, 5:30 p.m.: Dinner and Auction

**Sunday, June 5, 1pm-5pm:** We join with Croton's Sumerfest continuing Saturday's activities with the new addition of a steel drum band. As always, the money tree raffle drawing will be at 4pm and from 3pm-5pm rummage sale is \$4.00 per bag

**Come Join the Fun!**

## Looking Ahead to the Summer:

- ◇ Summer Sunday School - Beginning June 12, we will be continuing with our tradition of summer Sunday School. Class will meet for the first half hour of service (10:00 to 10:30) outside if the weather is nice, or inside the parish house if it is not. Each session will consist of a Bible story and a simple activity or craft. We need one volunteer per week for this program. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall; please consider if you can give just one Sunday over the summer to this important parish activity. If you have questions, or to volunteer, call Agnes Leyden at (914) 737-5338.
- ◇ We are planning a Newcomer's Brunch on July 17. Mark your calendars to save the date.
- ◇ Betsy will lead a summer Adult Education Forum, to meet in the Parish Hall on July 12, 26, August 16 & 30 at 8:00 p.m. Look for more information in the July/August Bellringer.

### ***"SMOKE ON THE WATER"—***

**What does it mean? Something weird?**

**Or just *Holy Smoke!***

A Haiku by Doris J. Weller, May 13, 2005

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Rector Emeritus:                The Rev. David B. Wayne

#### 2005 VESTRY MEMBERS

Senior Warden:            Kim Westphal            Junior Warden:            Ty West  
Treasurer:                Holly Anzani             Clerk:                      Chris Moore

<u>Class of 2005</u>	Cathie Elliott	<u>Class of 2006</u>	Terri Huntington	<u>Class of 2007</u>	Ellen Irvine
	Dana Garrett		Betsy Joslyn		Louise Levey
	Mark Anzani		Gerald Ardito		Chris Moore

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

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