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June/July/August 2008

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

Rector:
The Rev. Bradley C. Dyche
Priest Associate:
The Rev. Dr. Beth Glover
Deacon:
The Rev. Deacon Keith McKenna

JUNE 2008

14	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II
15	<u>The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost</u>		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
18	Wednesday	8:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
21	Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Registration begins for 1 st Annual SummerFest 5K Run/Walk
		9:00 a.m.	1 st Annual SummerFest 5K Run/Walk starts
		5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II
22	<u>The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</u>		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
28	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II
29	<u>The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, the Rev. Dr. Beth Glover preaching and celebrating</u>		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II

JULY 2008

4	Friday		Parish Office Closed for July 4 th Holiday
5	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II
6	<u>The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, the Rev. Dr. Beth Glover preaching and celebrating</u>		
		9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
12	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II
13	<u>The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, the Rev. Dr. Beth Glover preaching and celebrating</u>		
		9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
16	Wednesday	8:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
19	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II
20	<u>The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</u>		
		9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
26	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II
27	<u>The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost,</u>		
		9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II

A BIG ST A'S WELCOME TO THE REV. DR. BETH GLOVER, WHO WILL BE PREACHING WHILE REV BRAD IS AWAY ON VACATION.

AUGUST 2008

1	Wednesday	8:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
2	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II
3	<u>The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</u>		
		9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
9	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II
10	<u>The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u>		
		9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
16	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II

17	<u>The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u>	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
23	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II
24	<u>The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u>	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
30	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II
31	<u>The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u>	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II

FROM THE RECTOR:

Judgement Day is here! Actually, your judgement day is here. No, the second coming has not happened. Jesus is not returning, though I certainly hope he is always here. Rather, the Discernment Committee, after tireless.... tireless hours of work, has presented its suggestions and research based on the survey's sent to the Vestry. The Vestry devoted Saturday, June 7th toward discussing the future of the Church. Drum-roll, please. After prayer, discussion, and searching, we have a decision. ***Beginning September, this will be the new Sunday schedule for church services:***

Sundays:	9:00 AM Rite II service with Music
	9:45 AM Coffee Hour Begins
	10:00 AM Sunday School Begins
	10:30 AM Rite II service with Music, especially appropriate for children
	11:00 AM Sunday School Ends, with children whose families are at the 10:30 service joining the service before communion.
	5:00 PM Rite II service, without music (Saturday service is eliminated)

A few notes: There will be music at both *morning* Sunday Services. There will also no longer be a Saturday evening service, instead favoring a Sunday evening service with a slightly new format. Unfortunately the five o'clock Saturday service has become unsustainable and seems unlikely to grow, while a slightly different service on Sunday evening seems better placed. Also, the Sunday morning community will join together around a common coffee hour, thereby keeping the vital sense of community that we all feel here. As children will be participating in Sunday School, adults will also have time to converse with other adults, free of chasing after the younger members of the congregation. Adult education programs will be offered from time to time for adults between the two morning services, and babysitters will be at both services. Finally, this should not mean that any one person or family is asked to make a significant additional time commitment to the parish, which simply reflects a need because of weekend time constraints. In all this, I say, ***“Try it; you might like it.”***

Of course, some people will be upset by this new pattern. This is understandable and expected. Churches in our area that have tried similar plans have initially experienced such pain, but things there, at least, have settled and grown. But this plan is new. This is change, and even good change is stressful and sometimes scary. Therefore, beginning in September, with the implementation of the new schedule, we will begin holding monthly meetings after church to discuss how the new schedule is proceeding. As we firm up dates for these meetings, they will be announced. But we have committed to this schedule for at least six months, realizing that it might take that long, perhaps even longer, to truly assess its merits and difficulties. The Vestry is also willing to consider changes if changes to our new schedule need to be made.

To be frank, one of the changes implied for a new service schedule is money. No matter what decision we made, the issue of money was going to be a concern. If you notice, we are going to provide music for both services. This will mean almost doubling our musical budget. For the first few months, we hope to be able to fund this endeavor through our operating budget, with our memorial funds used as a back-up. Hopefully, pledges will improve and make this more permanent, or there might be grants available to help us in this endeavor. Ultimately, this is an act of faith in our community.

Finally, I want to say again, that the Vestry and Discernment Committee looked at potential parish growth. We did so, not because we are desperate for numbers or because we just think it is good to grow. The Vestry and the Discernment Committee spent a lot of time analyzing what was positive about St. A's, and both our committee work and your input seem to suggest that just by us being whom we are, we are in a position to welcome new members, to help them find a sense of community and intellectual challenge here. And our research suggests that this is what many of us need and desire. We hopefully will help the world in that vein to see a peaceful, non-violent, loving God. Being here certainly helps me see that on a regular basis.

God's Peace,



Bradley+

JUNE FEST THANK YOU'S

Thank you to all who participated in all the events both on the selling and the buying side for our annual fundraiser.

There are too many people to name, but especially a large hug to Regina Hertl and Mark Mitchell and crew for putting in the hours and hours of organizing the rummage sale. Also who once again have proven to be the ultimate sales people.

Much time is spent before the actual event in planning and organizing and getting the proper paperwork so our day can run smoothly. Thank you to Mike Kelly and Betsy Mitchell for all the running around and they did on behalf of St A's.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR JULY AND AUGUST

During the two low attendance months of July and August, we will have only one service on Sundays, at 9:00 AM. There will still be a service alternative at 5:00 PM on Saturdays. And the 9:00 AM will be similar to the normal 10:00 AM Sunday service, just an hour earlier. This, hopefully, allows for three things: First, combining the services addresses the fact that both services dwindle during the summer months (people are away, etc.). Secondly, this allows people to have a majority of the day for other family or Sunday activities. Finally, as the service is earlier, we hope that it might be possible to have services in the sanctuary instead of in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact the Rector.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Financial Operations through 5/31/08

	<i>Expenses</i>		<i>Revenues</i>
	<i>Paid</i>		<i>Received</i>
Administrative	\$ (16,636.68)		
Priest	(39,012.71)	Fundraising	\$ 7,600.06
Service/Program	(8,932.93)	Plate	3,056.91
Diocese	(10,048.00)	Pledge	68,604.57
Outreach	(300.91)	Space	2,831.25
Property	(11,914.82)	Investments	4,131.20
TOTAL	\$ (86,846.05)	TOTAL	\$ 86,223.99
(deficit)/surplus	\$ (622.06)		
budgeted deficit	\$ (9,020.14)		

Treasurer's Report through 5/31/08:

Expenses are in line with or better than expectations for the first five months of 2008. Revenues have continued to improve since the end of the first quarter, resulting in an operating deficit of (\$622), which is significantly better than the roughly (\$9,000) contained in the budget. Some of this improvement in revenues is due to a portion of JuneFest revenues being deposited during May. Pledge income continues to exceed the amount contained in the budget, which is good news as we approach the typically slow summer months. Given that pledges made by parishioners were less than contained in the budget, together with the significant shortfall we experienced through the first quarter, the Vestry and Finance Committee will need to continue to monitor our

revenue situation throughout the year. June results will include the remainder of JuneFest revenues. At the moment we are still awaiting submission of requests for reimbursement for expenses incurred in connection with JuneFest. We will not have a fundraising total until all of those requests are received. As it stands now, it looks like we will do better than contained in the budget, and that this year may exceed results for JuneFest 2007!

~submitted by Holly Anzani, Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI MISSION TRIP

Update from Ty West :

The good work begun on the Gulf Coast by St A's three years ago is expanding to include the six Episcopal churches between Croton and Tarrytown: St. Paul's on the Hill & Trinity (Ossining), St. Mary's (Scarborough), All Saint's (Briarcliff) and Christ Church (Tarrytown).

The return to Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi is again being planned for Christmas Week, Dec 26, 2008- Jan 2, 2009. It is once again open to those 16 and older. Younger volunteers may come if they bring along a parent or guardian.

Total costs are currently expected to run between \$550-\$600 per person. More details to follow. All those interested in more information should send Ty an email at Westt@thirteen.org

EFM – EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY, - Submitted by Penny Morgan

Did you ever wonder what it meant in Genesis when the author writes about creation, “God said, “Let *us* make man in *our* own image”?

Did you know that at the end of his career, after seeing “the clouds open” when he baptized Jesus, and seeing all of his “signs and wonders”, etc., John the Baptist still had to ask Jesus if he really was the Messiah?

Did you know that Jacob, Jesus’ brother headed up the powerful Jerusalem Jewish church after Jesus died, despite what some of the gospels tell us that his own family considered Jesus “mad” and “out of his mind”?

Why did some early house church members actually “curse” the name “Jesus”, as Paul references in one of his letters?

And these are just a few questions from only the Biblical studies section of the weekly agenda in our *Education for Ministry* (EFM) classes.

EFM to me has been some of the most thought-provoking, creative, reflective and satisfying hours that I spend each week away from the rush of the everyday routine. Some classmates minister in hospitals, some to prisoners, others to their immediate and needing families. We have members whose careers have aided the rural poor in legal matters, who work for worldwide organizations promoting peace and development and others on their way to becoming deacons promoting outreach. God forbid, we even have a Republican in our group!

EFM involves reading scripture, reflecting on commentary, discussing philosophy, leading worship, offering prayer and listening to others. We write our own creeds, share our spiritual autobiographies, and prepare our own liturgies. There’s humor, dissention, individuality and genuine care amongst our classmates.

For those who are serious about their spiritual being, their relationship to God and their living the Good News, EFM is the vehicle to explore and challenge. I urge anyone who is so moved, to inquire about this great program. We start up again next fall.

Please contact me at 271-9325 and e-mail penelopemrgn@yahoo.com for more information or to register.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL, 2008

High School and Middle School Students: Save the dates of October 11th – 13th. You are invited to go Heifer International’s Overlook Farm in Rutland, Massachusetts. While there, we will be participating in an amazing outreach project. Heifer International is a program that provides working animals for many developing countries. Many youth groups go there to help work on the farm and care for the animals and at the same time learn about world hunger. Over the course of the weekend, we will be hiking, helping out around the farm, and learning what we can do to help eradicate poverty. This adventure promises to be both a great deal of fun and an amazing learning experience. We will leave on Saturday, October 11th and be back on Monday, October 13th, Columbus Day. We will also need parents willing to participate. Please contact Father Brad in the parish office for more information or to sign up

FOODFEST RESULTS:
FoodFest raised over \$2,400. Thank you to the chefs and the buyers for another successful year

ST. A'S 5K RUN/WALK SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 9:00 A.M.



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

Pre-registration Entry Fee must be postmarked by June 14th or pre-register online until June 14.

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 June 14th: \$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 Party: Refreshments

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

Directions:

From the South: Taconic Parkway to Exit for Rte. 9A/100. Take Rte. 9A through three traffic lights and proceed to exit for Rte 9A/Rte 129. Make a right at end of exit ramp. At first light turn left onto 9A/Riverside. Make your first right hand turn up Grand Street. Follow to stop sign at Old Post Road North. Church will be on your left hand side on the corner of Old Post Road North and Grand Street.

From the North: Taconic Parkway to Underhill Road Exit. Turn right onto Underhill Road. Follow to first stop sign. Turn right onto Rte. 129. Follow Rte. 129 to first traffic light (several miles). Turn right onto Old Post Road. At next traffic light (small old-fashioned light in the middle of the street), make a left onto Grand Street/Old Post Road North. Go straight, church will be on the left hand side #6 Old Post Road North.

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St. A's 5k Run/Walk, Saturday, June 21, 2008 • 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



Results of June Festival 2008!

Auction	\$7215	Baked Goods	* \$587	Rummage	\$5346	Gold Fish	\$622
Games	\$1399	Gourmet Food	\$855	Grill	* \$1465	Plants	\$809
Dinner	\$846	White Elephant	\$4020	Toys	\$570		
Pub	\$343	Face painting	\$347	Bar	\$130		

GRAND TOTAL: (a record) \$ 23,150 (after general expenses to date, this may change as expenses come in)

* estimated expenses taken out

<u>Rector</u>	<u>The Rev. Bradley C. Dyché</u>		
<u>Rector Emeritus</u>	<u>The Rev. David B. Wayne</u>		
<u>Priest Associate</u>	<u>The Rev. Dr. Beth Glover</u>		
<u>Deacon</u>	<u>The Rev. Deacon Keith McKenna</u>		
<u>2008 VESTRY MEMBERS</u>			
Senior Warden:	<u>Duncan Cleary</u>	Junior Warden:	<u>Dana Garrett</u>
Treasurer:	<u>Holly Anzani</u>	Clerk:	<u>Elizabeth Hoffman</u>
Asst Treasure:	<u>Suzanne Smith</u>		
<u>Class of 2008</u>	Laura Seitz	<u>Class of</u> Holly Anzani	<u>Class of</u> Cathie Elliott
	Suzanne Smith	<u>2009</u> Ed Godek	<u>2010</u> Anya Steger
	Elizabeth Hoffman	Greg Kaebnick	David Wixted
	<u>Meeting Schedule:</u> Vestry, 3rd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.		



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