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May 2007

Rector:
The Rev. Bradley C. Dyche
Priest Associate:
The Rev. Betsy Johns Roadman
Deacon:
The Rev. Deacon Keith McKenna

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

May 2007

1	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	EFM Class
2	Wednesday	12:00 noon	First Wednesday
5	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II
6	<u>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</u>		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
		10:00 a.m.	Children's Eucharist, Children's Choir performs
		9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Blood Drive at Croton-Harmon High School
		4 – 5:30 p.m.	Adult Inquirer's Class – <i>Introduction to the Bible</i>
7	Monday	7:30 p.m.	Outreach Committee Meeting
8	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	EFM Class
12	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II and Holy Baptism
13	<u>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</u>		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
		9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
		4 – 5:30 p.m.	Adult Inquirer's Class – <i>Introduction to Church History</i>
15	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	EFM Class
16	Wednesday	8:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
19	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II
20	<u>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</u>		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
		9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
		11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Lunch and Appreciation Day
		4 – 5:30 p.m.	Adult Inquirer's Class – <i>Introduction to Theology</i>
21	Monday		First day to drop off White Elephants and Rummage for Junefest
22	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	EFM Class
26	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II
27	<u>The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday</u>		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
		4 – 5:30 p.m.	Adult Inquirer's Class – <i>Introduction to the Liturgy</i>
28	Monday		Memorial Day Holiday – Parish Office Closed

First Wednesday, May 9: We will gather on the second Wednesday of the month (hoping for warm weather) to enjoy a barbecue together. We'll start at 12:00 p.m. with Noonday Prayer. The church will provide things for the grill, we ask you to bring something to share. Call the parish office if you will come so we may plan accordingly, 271-3501.



Rector's Letter, May 2007

A Happy and Blessed Easter to you all! If you did not know, Easter lasts 50 days (even if the Easter bunny only comes once); therefore, the message is still appropriate! And during this Great Fifty Days, I keep recalling what I was doing this time last year. I was preparing to move, thinking about St. A's, and dreaming big dreams of being a Rector. I also, in the spirit of Easter, got to magically appear for a brief time here. I felt a little like Jesus in that sense. I preached; I broke bread. I even got invited to a tea, which I do not believe even Jesus had! Messiah complex aside, in retrospect, it all seems like a whirlwind. A year later, as things begin to slow for my first academic year here (aside from the final push toward Junefest) I find myself looking back over this year and saying, "WOW!" And I say, "Wow!" because we have accomplished a great deal in the past 9 months. We have created a sustained, organized Outreach Committee. 23 parishioners have gone on a Mission Trip. We have extended our Sunday School program to five classes. We have hosted new events and pledged to support the Carpenter's Kids program to help AIDS orphans in Tanzania over the next five years. We are also in the early stages of forming a committee to address our growth of the past few years with Mark Anzani and Greg Kaebnik as co-chairs. This is on top of the normal events of being a parish: Easter, Christmas, Installations, baptisms, and funerals.

To be theologically in tune with the liturgical season of Easter, I might be tempted to say that something has come out of nothing, or at least life has come out of death here. And yet, my words would ring hollow if that were the case. The fact is, we have worked very hard this year. We have made strides forward in the life of this church. We have focused ourselves. We have attempted to discern what is important for this parish and our faith community, and we have done the life and work of the church. And all of us bear responsibility for that. All of us are participants in this parish. I hope that we all feel proud of our new relationship and our work together. Though there are always some things to do differently, we are doing remarkably well. And I have to believe that this is the true message of Easter. God gives us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet when Jesus breathes the new life of God. We get to take that

love to our community and our world to show them this heavenly banquet. I believe that we have helped in that endeavor.

Of course, there have also been some not-so-heavenly parts. But those too have pointed us in the right direction. We have sometimes seen what we cannot do. At last month's Outreach Committee meeting, we decided to nix our plans to help with an Americares program which would help refurbish homes of elderly people in our community. The reason that we did this was frankly that after so much work, a mission trip, and raising funds for the Carpenter's Kids, we felt that the parish could use a break. We have worked hard, done a great deal, and like God we need something of a Sabbath.

But we are still carrying on that message of a heavenly banquet. We are planning a trip for Middle and High School Students for September 14-16th to go to Heifer International's Overlook Farm in Rutland, Massachusetts to learn about issues of developing nations and how Heifer International works to eradicate poverty. If anything is Easter-esque, learning how to help feed the hungry on a sustainable basis is certainly that. Also, Mary Ellen O'Neal has started planning new and amazing things for the Youth Council for this year and next. This includes the possibility of an overnight retreat in the next month to plan for the next year. And High School students, beginning in the Fall, will also be invited to take on a mentor role for Sunday School Students by becoming "class angels" and assisting, as able, throughout the year. This is on top of an already evolving curriculum for next year's Sunday School!

The reason that I believe in institutional churches is because we can do more for the love of God by working together. It helps us give the message of God's love that we saw in Easter to the world. At our best, we help shine that light. And I sincerely believe that we are evidence of that good. We are shining our light. During these Great Fifty Days of Easter, I sincerely hope and pray that the Easter message of God's unending, undying love for us washes over all of our lives. The events and especially the people here have helped me see and feel that message all over again. And I cannot wait for next year!

Brad

Get ready for June Festival! HELP WANTED

St. Augustine's June Festival is the Village of Croton's longest ongoing event. This year it will be held on **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 1st, 2nd and 3rd** to coincide with the village Summerfest.

Rummage and white elephant run on Friday from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. On Saturday the **rummage, white elephant sales continue from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** We'll also have a battle of the bands, children's games, gourmet food, homemade baked goods, and a snack bar with hamburgers, hot dogs, beer and wine. The day will conclude with cocktail s and a delicious dinner. The dinner is the venue for our annual fun-filled auction featuring some wonderful and imaginative services and prizes. We will offer a sumptuous buffet including a variety of specialties made by St. A's talented gourmands. No one will be turned away! The cost will be \$10.00 for adults and \$5 for children for the buffet. No advance booking required. On **Sunday we'll be back with more from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.** for the same activities as Saturday (except the battle of the bands). From 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday you can find a deal at the rummage/white elephant sale for \$4 per bag.

We need help in all areas, even during the week before, especially: sorting and pricing white elephants, children's games, set-up on Friday night and early Saturday morning, clean-up after the dinner and clean-up on Sunday afternoon. **Please either sign up on the posters that will be available in the parish hall, or call Betsy Joslyn (271 -9591) or Regina Hertl (271 -1348)** to let them know how you will help. If you don't sign up or call, we will be phoning you because this is our most important (and fun) fundraiser of the year, and we need everyone's special talents to make it a success. **The message is this: better to volunteer early rather than later.**

- **Grill:** We need a new chairperson for the grill. Please call Betsy Joslyn if you are interested 271-9591.
- **Toys:** We need a chairperson for the toys. Please call Betsy Joslyn if you can help 271 -9591.
- **White Elephant:** Gather together "white elephants," **please only in good condition:** toys, games books, records, tapes or CDs, items of any kind and set them aside. Please drop off donations between Monday, May 21 and Wednesday, May 30. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANYTHING AFTER WEDNESDAY, MAY 30.** If you are planning to donate, please plan on

doing it sooner rather than later so we can organize and price it before the sale begins.

- **Baked Goods:** We need all bakers to start making goodies to sell at our Baked Goods table. These items can be frozen so you can start baking now!
- **Auction:** Saturday evening will include our popular auction. Do you have a special service you would like to offer for auction? Please contact Meaghan Shawcross (271-9406) Meaghan.shawcross@verizon.net.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR JUNEFEEST

Mon. 5/21 – Wed. 5/30	Bring your items for rummage and white elephant
Wed. 5/30 & Thurs. 5/31	Help price and sort rummage and white elephant
Fri. 6/1, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm	Sales help needed
Sat. 6/2, 10 am – 3 pm	Help needed in all areas
Sat. 6/2, 6:00 p.m.	Dinner and Auction
Sun. 6/3, 1 pm – 5 pm	Help needed in all areas

The next Community Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, May 6, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. at CHHS. This pre-summer drive is scheduled before the Memorial Day weekend because donors are scarcer when summer holiday activities divert even the most dedicated donors. Won't you please set aside only one hour to save lives. For appointments and/or information call Mary Ellen O'Neill, 271-1307.

Class Angels: Class Angels is a program that we will begin next Fall. Who are class angels? Class angels are high school students who help out, from time to time, in Sunday School Classes. If you are a high school student and interested, you could be assigned to a particular class and help that class, as much as you are able, throughout the year. This is a great community service, a time to help foster the faith of young kids, and a chance to take an active, adult role in the church. And everyone will look up to you for your efforts! While Sunday School teachers come and go throughout the year, you could be a mainstay. For more information, please contact Father Brad.

High School and Middle School Students: Save the dates of September 14 -16th. 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 Friday night, September 14th after school and be back on Sunday, September 16th. We will also need parents willing to participate. Please contact Father Brad in the parish office for more information or to sign up.

St. Augustine's in Croton is currently in the process of searching for a new Part -Time Parish Administrator. For a job description please contact the parish office, 271 -3501 or august@bestweb.net. Preference will be given to non-parishioners.

Sunday School Appreciation Day: Our Sunday School year concludes on May 20, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School Appreciation Day, at which students and teachers will be honored. All children who have attended Sunday School during the year will receive participation awards. Join us for a picnic on our lawn afterward during coffee hour. St. A's will provide a hero sandwich and a cake, but we ask you to bring side salads and drinks to share.

After the Sunday School Picnic, in preparation for June fest, we will need help moving chairs and tables into the back of the church and setting up tables for the white elephant sale Please lend a hand! See you at the Fair!

Vestry Notes from the April meeting:

- ☛ Outreach: Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the Carpenter's Kids program - St. Augustine's is now linked to a group of AIDS orphans in Tanzania.
- ☛ Buildings and Grounds: We are in need of volunteers to help Mark Anzani re-channel drainage behind the church. We're also seeking assistance in reworking parts of the brick sidewalk that are raised, due to root growth.
- ☛ Suzanne Smith is now finalizing our Columbarium contract. A new price for niches was

agreed upon: \$1,000 per niche, plus the cost of a plaque, noting that parish funds are available if someone is in need of financial assistance.

☛ The Vestry has founded a "Discernment Committee" to explore long -range planning for the church. Greg Kaebnick and Mark Anzani were appointed chairmen.

☛ Betsy Roadman is now officially our Priest Associate.

☛ The Vestry approved funds to allow for the overlapping of Parish Administrator Jenn Latham with her replacement.

*Respectfully submitted,
Chris Moore, Clerk of the Vestry*

Treasurer's Report:

Financial Operations through 3/31/07

	<i>Expenses</i>		<i>Revenues</i>
	<i>Paid</i>		<i>Received</i>
Administrative	\$(13,782.39)		
Clergy	\$(19,790.67)	Fundraising	\$ 742.54
Service/Program	\$(5,464.40)	Plate	\$ 5,649.56
Diocese	\$(4,843.00)	Pledge	\$37,704.00
Outreach	\$(150.00)	Space	\$ 910.00
Property	\$(7,241.08)	Investments	\$ 2,004.73
TOTAL	\$(51,271.54)	TOTAL	\$47,010.83
(deficit)/surplus	\$(4,260.71)		

The Church's financial operations are off to a good start for the first quarter of our fiscal year. Expenses were generally in line with expectations. Property expenses came in lower than expected due to the relatively mild winter to date. Priest also came in lower, since we have not yet hired the Assistant Priest. Outreach is also behind budget, but this is solely a timing issue. Revenues were stable and in line with expectations for the most part. The only area of significant shortfall was Space Use, with revenues much lower than budgeted. As a result, our current operating position is better than contained in the budget, with a smaller than budgeted deficit for the first quarter of the year.

Submitted by Holly Anzani, Treasurer

Call Regina at 271-1348 or e-mail rh@bestweb.net to place your order or to contribute a food item.

All items will serve at least 6 to 8 people and are scheduled for delivery at a mutually agreeable date from June of 2007 through May of 2008. The food is served as "take-out".

Food Fest winners will be awarded on Tuesday, May 15th and payment is due at the church office no later than Sunday May 20th.

Note: If you wish to improve your chances of winning at least one dinner or dessert, please submit at least 7 choices in your order of preference and indicate how many you would like to win.

New items this week start with # 1

1. Glazed Pear Shortcake by:	Chris Moore	\$20
2. Rice Krispie Treats by:	Regina Hertl	\$20
3. Apple Pie by:	Madeline Holland	\$20
4. Apple, Peach or Blueberry Pie by:	Wayne Bedenbaugh	\$20
5. Lemon Cake or Sour Cream Chocolate Chip Cake by:	Kathy Lawton	\$20
6. Key Lime Pie by:	Louise Levey	\$20
7. Key Lime Pie or Key Lime Cheesecake by:	Terry Wright	\$20
8. Homemade Organic Ice Cream/Frozen Yogurt/Sorbet by:	Jenn Latham	\$20
9. Rich Chocolate Bundt Cake by:	Mary Ellen O'Neill	\$20
10. Crater Cake Coffee Cake by:	Regina Hertl	\$20
11. Fruit Crumble Dessert with Berry of your choice by:	Holly Anzani	\$25
12. Fruit Pizza Dessert by:	Cathie Elliott	\$25
13. English Trifle Dessert by:	Jill Mader	\$30
14. English Summer Pudding by:	Carol Collins	\$30
15. Flourless Chocolate Cake with Whipped Cream Topping by:	Kate Kyle	\$30
16. Refrigerator Cake by:	Carol Nelson	\$30
17. Chicken Pot Pie by:	Mary Ellen O'Neill	\$60
18. Meat Lasagna with Homemade Sauce Garden Salad by:	Penny Sickenius	\$60
19. Meat Lasagna and Garlic Bread by:	Becky Haynes	\$60
20. Chili & Corn Bread by:	Chris Newton	\$60
21. Chili & Corn Bread by:	Meaghan Shawcross	\$60
22. Shepherd Pie & Home Made Fudge Brownies by:	Emma Wixted	\$60
23. Greek Mousakka by:	Phyllis Harrison	\$60
24. Tourtiere & Salad by:	Denise Bessette	\$60
25. Roasted Chicken, Yellow Rice & Vegetable Platter by:	Regina Hertl	\$60
26. Beef Bourguignon and Salad by:	Dana Holland	\$60
27. Jambalaya (spicy sausage & shrimp over rice) by:	Betsy Joslyn-Mitchell	\$60
28. Four Cheese Turkey Casserole and a Salad by:	Andrew & Susan Kane	\$60
29. Shepherd or Cottage Pie with Bread by:	Holly Anzani	\$60
30. Mushroom Soup, 3 Bean Salad & Mango Fool Dessert	Terri Huntington	\$60
31. Fish Chowder, Green Salad & Bread by:	Laura Seitz	\$60
32. Red Sauce Pasta Bolognese by:	Dana Garrett	\$60
33. Vegetarian Ziti, Homemade Sauce & Garden Salad by:	Laura Shea	\$60
34. Portuguese Pork with Clams by:	Gerald Ardito	\$60

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- 35. Swedish Meatballs, Chantilly Potatoes & Spiced Carrots - Julie Nord /Erik Thielking \$60
- 36. CalMex Spicy Pork Enchiladas by: Brandt Irvine \$60
- 37. Homemade Crepes with Salmon, Salad & Stuffed Eggs by Anya Steger \$80
- 38. Chicken Satay, Yellow Rice, Salad & Bread by: Cathie Elliott \$80
- 39. Meat Lasagna, Eggplant Parmegian & Choice of Salad or Garlic Bread by: Mary Ann Van Hengel \$80
- 40. Barbeque Brisket with Cornbread, Baked Beans and Choice of Vegetables by: Bradley Dyche \$80

<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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2007 VESTRY MEMBERS

Senior Warden:	<u>Duncan Cleary</u>	Junior Warden:	<u>Dana Garrett</u>
Treasurer:	<u>Holly Anzani</u>	Clerk:	<u>Chris Moore</u>

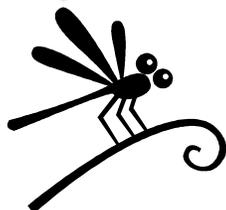
<u>Class of 2007</u>	Jeff Lawton	<u>Class of 2008</u>	Laura Seitz	<u>Class of 2009</u>	Holly Anzani
	Louise Levey		Suzanne Smith		Ed Godek
	Chris Moore		Loren Zack		Greg Kaebnick

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

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