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October 2005

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The Reverend Betsy Johns Roadman

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

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| 1 | Saturday | 11 a.m – 4 p.m. | Oktoberfest at St. A's |
| | | 4:00 p.m. | The Blessing of the Animals in observance of St. Francis' Day |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | Holy Eucharist II, Gerald Ardito preaching |
| 2 | <u>The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Gerald Ardito preaching)</u> | | |
| | | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist I |
| | | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist II |
| | | 11:30 a.m. | Confirmation class in St. A's house |
| 4 | Tuesday | 7:30 p.m. | EFM Class |
| 5 | Wednesday | Noon | First Wednesday Lunch at Croton Diner |
| 7 | Friday | 5:30 p.m. | Cooking for Croton Caring Committee Luncheon in Hall |
| 8 | Saturday | 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., | St. A's hosts Croton Caring Committee Luncheon for Seniors |
| | | | (in the Municipal Building) |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | Holy Eucharist II |
| 9 | <u>The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost</u> | | |
| | | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist I |
| | | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist II |
| | | 11:30 a.m. | Confirmation Class |
| | | | Youth Council Meeting |
| 11 | Tuesday | 7:30 p.m. | EFM Class |
| 14-16 | Fri. – Sun. | | Youth Council trip to Salem, MA |
| 15 | Saturday | 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | “Doing Church” Conference at the Cathedral |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | Holy Eucharist II, The Rev. Gerald Keucher preaching |
| 16 | <u>The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost (The Rev. Gerald Keucher preaching)</u> | | |
| | | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist I (followed by coffee hour) |
| | | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist II |
| | | 11:30 a.m. | Confirmation Class/rehearsal in the church |
| 18 | Tuesday | 7:30 p.m. | EFM Class |
| 19 | Wednesday | 8:00 p.m. | Vestry Meeting |
| 22 | Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | Holy Eucharist II |
| 23 | <u>The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost</u> | | |
| | | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist I |
| | | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Service of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist II, The Rt. Rev. Mark Sisk celebrating and preaching |
| 25 | Tuesday | 7:30 p.m. | EFM Class |
| 28 | Friday | 7 - 9 p.m. | PARISH HALLOWEEN PARTY in the Parish Hall |
| 29 | Saturday | 3:30 p.m. | Bible Study in Parish Hall |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | Holy Eucharist II and Healing Service |
| 30 | <u>The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</u> | | |
| | | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist I |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Children's Eucharist and recognition of All Saints Day |

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Dear friends:

In our denomination, one of the developmental tasks of the period between rectors is to renew the relationship between the parish and the diocese. Our diocese has been actively involved with us as we've been moving through the search process. The Rev. Canon Tom Orso met with the Vestry early on, consulted with the newly -formed Search Committee as they began their work, and continues to provide guidance, insight, and information along the way.

We'll have more opportunities to connect with the diocese, especially this month. The Rt. Rev. Mark S. Sisk, our diocesan bishop, will preach, celebrate, and confirm four adults and six young people at the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, October 23. Bishop Sisk will spend some time with the confirmands before the service; meet parishioners, addressing their questions and concerns at a festive coffee hour; and talk with the Vestry about how St. A's is doing and how the diocese can be most helpful to us.

On Saturday, October 15, the diocese will sponsor "Doing Church," a bi-annual, one-day conference held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Between worship at 9 a.m. and the "celebration and sending forth" that closes the day from 4 – 4:30 p.m., eighty workshops will be offered on topics related to administration, finance, and property, altar guild, church growth, communications, mission, music and liturgy, stewardship, youth, Christian education, and more. There is truly something for everyone. What an opportunity to meet people from all over our diocese and to "discuss challenges with people who share them" (from the *Doing Church* catalog). Information and registration are available online at www.diocesenyc.org. If you're interested in attending and do not have access to this information via computer, please contact Jenn Latham in the parish office (271-3501).

At all three services the weekend of October 15 and 16, The Rev. Jerry Keucher, Controller and Acting Chief Administrative Officer of the diocese, will preach as part of our annual stewardship conversation. Jerry is passionate about the topic of proportionate giving and will be sharing his experience and expertise with us.

On Saturday, October 22, several of our parishioners will attend a diocesan-sponsored lay readers' seminar in Yonkers, led by The Rt. Rev. E. Don Taylor. On October 25th, The Rev. Canon Tom Orso will again be at St. Augustine's, this time facilitating a gathering of interim pastors in the diocese. Tom meets with us regularly for support and resource sharing.

And that's just October! We're blessed to be part of an active, diverse, exciting diocese with amazing people who have a multitude of gifts. Let's stay connected.

Faithfully -

Betsy+

On October 5 The Rt. Rev. Mark S. Sisk, Bishop of New York, will make an official Visitation

to St. Augustine's. During the liturgy Bishop Sisk will confirm St. A's class of teens and adults as they make a public affirmation of their faith.

Members of the 2005 confirmation class have been meeting with Betsy Roadman since May. In class and through assignments, we've been considering questions related to the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, the church, and our own lives of faith. Our confirmands are: Duncan Cleary, Meg Collins, Caren Evans, George Holladay, Maddie Holland, Natalie Holland, Gordon Haynes, Dorcas Owiredua, Bennett Rosenow and Katherine van Hengel. Please support them in prayer, in your participation with them in worship on October 23, and by making their food fantasy come true at the reception following the 10 a.m. service. Each confirmand has indicated the food item that he/she would most like to enjoy at the reception. Parishioners (NOT the confirmands' families) are invited to prepare those specific items. See the list on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

First Wednesday on October 5 – We will meet at the Croton Diner at Noon for lunch and fellowship. Please call the office (271-3501) by October 4 to RSVP.



The study of John , led by parishioner Joe Kolanko, continues on Sat 10/29 at 3:30 p.m. We will review chapters 5

through 8 in his *The Book of Signs (1-12)*.

Session one covered Jesus' gathering of disciples and the story now moves to disputes over his deeds and words (Is he from God?), interestingly following in the order of the Jewish lectionary. Joe will assign specific chapters to those who regularly attend and offer great sources for additional reading text commentary for all who are interested. Please call Joe at 232-1402 for more info.

Croton Caring Committee Luncheon: On Saturday, October 8th, the Croton Caring Committee hosts a luncheon prepared by the good parishioners of St. Augustine's. This is an opportunity for elderly and frail citizens of Croton to get together and enjoy each other's company over the course of a hot meal. On this particular day St. A's is sponsor, which means we decide on the menu, purchase the food, cook, set up, serve and clean up. This year we are serving chicken pot pie with vegetables and brownies with whipped cream and chocolate sauce. We need many volunteers to make this happen and it is truly an enjoyable time for all involved. Please consider giving a couple of hours to help make this day the success it has always been.

Sign up sheets will be posted in the Parish Hall.

Vestry Notes from the September meeting:

- **Stewardship** - November 6 is Stewardship Sunday, and the Vestry decided to have the talks from parishioners delivered during the service, replacing the Sermon for that day. The children will still be in Sunday School at that point, and it will mean that no babysitting will be necessary after the service, as is usually the case. After the service, everyone can just go into the Hall for the Stewardship Brunch.
- **Outreach** - Cathie Elliott and Kathe McBride are sending the contents of the Thrift Shop down to the Gulf states, to help out in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The Thrift Shop will be changing over to winter clothing in mid-October, and will re-open then. Ty West said that St. A's has collected some \$3400 for the "Katarina Winnebago" fund! Cathie Elliott reported that the town is holding an "All Town Meeting" on Thursday, September 22, to discuss the town's future role in assisting those hit hardest by the recent hurricanes, and representatives of all political parties and houses of worship are being asked to attend. Cathie will be attending for St. A's.
- **Parish Education** - Betsy Roadman announced that Education for Ministry classes are starting up again, as are confirmation classes.
- **Fundraising** - Oktoberfest is fast approaching, and much needs to be done. Cathie Elliott and Kim Westphal reported that the necessary permits have been filed, and that tents will be lent by some Vestry members for food booths. An announcement will be made in church asking for



volunteers to help with the various activities and to sell food. Some are in place, but more are needed.

- **Buildings and Grounds** - Ellen Irvine and Ty West reported on various estimates we have received for the replacement of our boiler. We are awaiting further estimates, and the job will have to be done soon, as cold weather is fast approaching, and the boiler we have is no longer safe.
- **Youth Council** - Louise Levey reported on the success of the Great Adventure trip in August, as well as the acolyte training session of the previous Saturday. There was a meeting after the training session at which volunteering for Oktoberfest was discussed, as well as the dates and activities planned for the annual Youth Council trip to Salem (October 14-15, and visits to two haunted houses, shopping, and Sunday service, respectively).

Respectfully submitted,

~ Chris Moore, Clerk of the Vestry

Treasurer's Report – August report
Financial Operations - 8/31/05

Financial operations remain strong at the close of the summer months. Overall, revenues have exceeded expenditures for the first eight months of the year, as was anticipated in the budget. Pledges are behind budget by over \$6,000, reflecting the lower attendance during the summer months. Expenses are in line with expectations, and revenues remain stable despite the dip in pledges. It is expected that attendance (and pledges) will pick up during the fall months as we move back into the church and recommence Sunday School.

~submitted by Holly Anzani, Treasurer

Parishioner news: We mourn the death of parishioner Bruce Eswein on July 30. His funeral was held in the Parish Hall on August 2. Bruce will be remembered for his sense of humor and fine cooking.

Max Latham Epstein, nephew of Mike and Jenn Latham, was born to Mike's sister, Jules and her husband Mark on July 31.

St. Augustine's would like to announce the birth of its newest member, Grace Mahoney, on September 1, born to Margaret and Chris Mahoney.

Fall Clean-up Day: A team of over 40 enthusiastic parishioners scraped, swept, painted, organized, raked, pruned, scrubbed, dusted, and polished everything imaginable inside and outside of our buildings on Saturday, September 2-4. A delicious lunch was provided by Jack Cooper and the Zack family. We had fun; we looked awful and were exhausted at the end of the day. Thanks so much to all who helped. (Check out the photos on the board in the parish hall.)

Save the dates: Saturday, December 10th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. will be our Advent Quiet Day led by Brother Rick Loreno. That same evening, we will have a book reading and signing by parishioner Robert Ellsberg, with wine and cheese reception in the parish hall.

Search Committee Update: The parish profile is finished and is being mailed with a report detailing the results of the survey parish members completed this spring.

Youth Council will be heading to Salem, MA for the weekend of October 14-16. On the itinerary for the trip is a visit to the House of Seven Gables, the Witch Museum, Nathaniel Hawthorne's birth place as well as a church service at the local Episcopal Church in Salem. For more information call Lon Westphal (271-3781) or the parish office (271-3501).

The Katrina Winnebago project update: A note from Cornelia Cotton who went with Carl Grimm with the Winnebago to the Lutheran Episcopal Services of Mississippi base camp in Long Beach:

"We arrived here last evening (Sunday) after stopping in Huntsville, Alabama, for 2 days, waiting for Hurricane Rita to calm down. Weather was still rather iffy, with strong gusts and occasional thunderstorms, but no tornadoes. First glimpse of Katrina's wrath -- the moment we crossed into Mississippi -- was sign welcoming visitors. It was bent and broken. From then on, evidence mounted: collapsed billboards, roofs covered with tarps, destroyed houses, uprooted trees, snapped off limbs and trunks. Gradually, the sides of the roads were heaped with fallen trees and debris of all kinds. The closer we got to the Gulf, the more devastation was to be seen on all sides.

Our destination, the Coast Episcopal School, has a large campus with a good-sized gym -- the latter being the headquarters of the Long Beach Katrina relief effort by the Episcopal and Lutheran Synod. We were welcomed warmly by the site director, an Episcopal priest. Other priests, both male and female, are active here, and most of the volunteers are Episcopalians; a few are Lutherans. People are incredibly friendly, and

always cheerful and courteous. Good meals, prepared in a mobile Viking field kitchen, are served in the hall, where many volunteers also sleep at night. Bathrooms for men and women have been built quickly. A large tent houses the donations of food, bedding, cleaning supplies, household goods, baby stuff and grooming items. A medical tent, staffed by doctors, nurses, emergency medical personnel and pharmacists, ministers to peoples' health needs and prescriptions. There are generators to provide electricity and air conditioning, and a special internet trailer provides computers.

All this has been set up and is being run in the most harmonious, kindly way. There is no red tape, and there is hardly any hierarchy -- the priests work alongside everybody else, and volunteers pitch in wherever they are needed.

The purpose of this group is not to house or clothe the victims of Katrina, but to supply them with food and the things they need in their daily lives. Cleaning and rescuing their houses, if possible, is also on the agenda. People of Long Beach -- many of whom have lost everything -- simply come to the center and take what they need, and get medical attention if that is indicated.

The Winnebago got a lot of attention. People are very impressed that it came all the way from New York, and that it is a gift. The immediate use, after we leave, will be as a residence for a local priest whose house was washed away. Ten parish churches along the Gulf Coast have disappeared. Eventually, it will become a home for a family.

This letter is getting pretty long. Part of the reason is that the internet trailer is air-conditioned, which is quite a relief. Southern Mississippi in September is fiercely hot and humid. This takes some getting used to. Other than the weather and those black flies we are having one of the most rewarding times of our lives."

PARISH HALLOWEEN PARTY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 7 - 9 P.M.

Costume Judging
Prizes

Games

Arts & Crafts
Food

COME ONE COME ALL DON'T BE SHY!

It's Gonna Be F U N!

Volunteers Needed: Set-up, Games, Food, Clean-up
Please Call Kristi and Ed Godek 271-0843

ALL TREATS!

NO TRICKS!



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

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

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