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October 2011

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

October 2011

1		12:00	Croton Caring Committee Luncheon
2	<u>The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u>		
		9:00 a.m.	Rite II with music
		9:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour
		10:30 a.m.	Children's Service/ No Sunday School
		11:30 a.m.	Adult Confirmation Class
		11:30 a.m.	Sunday School Block 2 Teacher Training
		4:00 p.m.	Blessing of the Animals
4	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	EFM Class
5	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	A Service of Light and Prayer
8-10	Saturday	10:45 a.m.	Heifer International Weekend
9	<u>The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: The Rev. Deacon Keith McKenna preaching</u>		
		9:00 a.m.	Rite II with music
		9:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour
		10:30 a.m.	Rite II with music/ Sunday School begins
		11:10 a.m.	Sunday School ends, children join service
11	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	EFM Class
12	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	A Service of Light and Prayer
15	Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Harvest Moon Dinner Dance & Silent Auction
16	<u>The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: The Reverend Beth Glover preaching</u>		
		9:00 a.m.	Rite II with music
		9:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour
		10:30 a.m.	Rite II with music/ Sunday School begins
		11:10 a.m.	Sunday School ends, children join service
		11:30 a.m.	Harry Chapin Run Against Hunger – St. A's team
	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	EFM Class
19	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	A Service of Light and Prayer
		8:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
23	<u>The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: The Reverend Bradley C. Dyche preaching</u>		
		9:00 a.m.	Rite II with music
		9:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour
		10:30 a.m.	Rite II with music/ Sunday School begins
		11:10 a.m.	Sunday School ends, children join service
		11:30 a.m.	St. A's Bookgroup – "Lit: A Memoir"
		5:30-7:00 p.m.	St. A's Youth Group Meeting
25	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	EFM Class
26	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	A Service of Light and Prayer
27	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Soup Kitchen offering
30	<u>The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</u>		
		9:00 a.m.	Rite II with music
		9:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour
		10:30 a.m.	Rite II with music/ Sunday School begins
		11:10 a.m.	Sunday School ends, children join service
25	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	EFM Class
26	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	A Service of Light and Prayer
29	Saturday		Convention to Elect a Bishop Coadjutor

November

6	<u>The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</u>	<u>The Right Reverend Bishop Mark Sisk</u>	
			9:00 a.m. Rite II with music
			9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
			10:30 a.m. Rite II with music/ Sunday School begins/visitation by Bishop Sisk
8	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	EFM Class
9	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	A Service of Light and Prayer

From the Rector:

October 2011: The Election of a Bishop!

Have you ever watched your new boss get interviewed and hired? If you did not know, right now, we in the Episcopal Diocese of New York are in that very situation... together. In the Episcopal Church, we elect our bishops. We are democratic. Clergy and lay people have a voice and vote. And on October 29th, the Diocese of New York will elect a new bishop. Laura Seitz, Penny Morgan and I will be your deputies. We will, hopefully, prayerfully elect an able bodied and prayerful person to be the next Bishop of New York.

But let's be honest! This is an election. We are human beings, and there is everything that you would expect as such. There are thoughtful candidates. There are those who are ambitious and shamelessly politic. And there are people who are genuinely prayerful. And there is representation from many different groups. Of the seven current candidates, two are African-American. One is an openly gay woman. Another is already a bishop somewhere else. There is another woman. Two are already in this diocese. And that's merely the tip of the iceberg. See more at www.diocesenya.org.

Mostly, I write to commend the diocese and the St. A's contingent to your prayers... because we need them. This diocese has over 200 congregations with many and different needs. Many, like us, have faced serious financial difficulties in the past few years. Many are fairing more poorly than we. There are questions of whether we can sustain this many congregations. There are questions about how to prepare ourselves to be relevant to the needs of our surroundings, which range from Manhattan to Dutchess County. In other words, the person to be elected has a difficult and complex but important path ahead.

If you didn't know, the word Episcopal means "overseer" or "bishop". In other words, we are electing our namesake, someone to shepherd and in many ways define who we are as a group. Which means this is of utmost importance. I realize that with our government as it is, not to mention churches, many have given up on the concept of leadership well exercised. But I invite you to daydream for a minute, about what a good bishop could mean for us, about what good leadership could mean for everyone. It is like having a good, caring, and challenging boss.

There is much going on around St. A's right now. We are planning for another weekend at Heifer International. We have kicked off Sunday School with the help of Marie Fabian and great teachers. We have said goodbye to Chris Jones as a fellow parishioner. We are organizing for a capital campaign and applying for grants. And Bishop Sisk is coming in November. And I know that everyone is running around like squirrels before winter. But even in the middle of these activities, I invite you to help us pray for a good overseer. I don't know about you, but I hope that church is a place that inspires us, consoles us, transforms us, and challenges us, all in the name of God. And that vision should be present in our pews (as it is here), at the altar, and even in our elected bishops. We live in hope.

In God's Peace,



Treasurer's Report:

Financial Operations through August 31, 2011:

	Expenses Paid	Revenues Received
Administrative	\$ (21,410.65)	Fundraising \$ 21,143.68
Priest	\$ (58,879.48)	Plate \$ 11,673.25
Service/Program	\$ (17,871.36)	Pledge \$ 74,671.50
Diocese	\$ (11,767.43)	Space \$ 4,580.00
Outreach	\$ (2,585.70)	Investments \$ 5,952.31
Property	\$ (24,185.68)	\$ -
TOTAL	\$(136,700.30)	TOTAL \$118,020.74
(deficit)/surplus	\$ (18,679.56)	
budgeted deficit	\$ (5,044.08)	

Treasurers Report: Our operating performance for the first eight months of 2011 reflects the slowdown in revenues we typically experience during the summer months; our actual shortfall of revenues over expenditures is in excess of -\$18,000 v. the -\$5,000 contained in the budget. This means that the revenues we have received to date were not sufficient to pay all of our bills, and we have had to dip into our reserves. Expenses have been slightly lower than expected in most categories as we continue to operate our church and other buildings and programs as prudently as possible. Revenues, however, have fallen short of the budget due mostly to (1) Pledges, and (2) Fundraising. Current Year Pledges are behind budget by over \$18,000, but that is mostly attributable to a lag in pledge receipts during the summer months as well as timing issues in receipt of some pledge payments. Hopefully we will experience a resurgence in Pledge receipts once school is back in session and attendance on Sundays is more stable. Fundraising's shortfall of over \$4,700 is due to a slight underperformance of JuneFest versus the budget, a delay in finalizing the FoodFest results, as well as a lack of other fundraising events as compared to this time last year, when we had already hosted a Pub Quiz and a Chili Cook-off. August saw a very successful BBQ on the lawn, and hopefully we can plan more fun and affordable fundraising events in the near future, which would help us reach the budget for Fundraising.

Education

Bookgroup



The St. Augustine's bookgroup will read at least four books over the coming year. Please mark the dates and join us. If you have trouble locating a copy of one of the books, let us know. All are welcome to join, even if only for one particular book. We generally meet after the 10:30 service for about an hour. If you have other book suggestions, the list is negotiable!

For October 23rd: "Lit: a Memoir" by Mary Karr

For Advent in November...: "A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions That Are Transforming the Faith" by Brian D. McLaren:

For March 5th: Lenten Gothic Tales: "The Swimmer" by John Cheever and "A Good Man is Hard to Find" by Flannery O'Connor

For May 6th: "The Same Kind of Different As Me: A Modern-Day Slave, an International Art Dealer, and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together" by Ron Hall.

Adult Education offering - Nov. 20th

Everyone over the age of 40 remembers hearing verses, recited or intoned aloud, from the King James Version of the Bible. Charlton Heston comes to mind. Very little of what is heard nowadays comes from that version of scripture, except in the Evangelical churches, but in fact, for some of them, the KJV is the only authentic Bible; all others are held to be unworthy or even heretical. That includes the one we use, the New Revised Standard Version.

The KJV, also called the "Authorized Version", was commissioned by King James the First in 1604, and was published in 1611. 60 or more scholars were involved in the work. We will examine the KJV, its history, its political origins, its language, its difficulties, and, in particular, the rules the translators were required to follow in the process of producing a Bible that would, by royal decree, officially replace all Bibles previously in use in England. We'll examine key passages as they appear in the KJV and, by contrast, in other versions.

One source in particular will be used in preparation: God's Secretaries, by Adam Nicholson, published by Harper, 2003. But Note: This is not a Book Group project, and purchase of this book is not a requirement for participation. On the other hand, it would be good to search out Grandmother's KJV from the shelves at home, and even any old Concordances or other commentaries on the KJV that may have survived.

The St. A's Youth Group

We got off to a good start last year, and this year we are even more organized! Catherine Riedel and I are leading the youth group again, with Brad's counsel and participation. Here's how it works:

SUNDAY SCHOOL is for 6th – 8th graders weekly from 10:30 – 11:10 in the parish house. At 11:10 the class will join the congregation in church. The kids have the option of sitting together (we reserve a pew for this purpose) or with their families. I am teaching the first block. If you are interested in teaching a block, please let me or Marie Fabian know.

YOUTH GROUP is for 6th through 9th graders. It will meet twice a month: once during the regular Sunday school time (the children's service weeks), and once on a Sunday evening from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. These evening meetings will incorporate dinner. Sometimes we'll be at church, and sometimes we'll go do something. Here are the youth group dates:

October 2	During Sunday school
October 23	5:30 – 7:30
November 6	5:30 – 7:30
November 20	During Sunday school
December 4	5:30 – 7:30
January 8	5:30 – 7:30 & Youth group pageant
February 5	During 10:30 Service
February 12	5:30 – 7:30
March 4	During 10:30 Service
March 11	5:30 – 7:30
April 22	During Sunday school
May 6	During 10:30 Service
May 20	5:30 – 7:30

A Look Ahead in Adult Ed

On December 4th and 11th after the 10:30 services, come to a discussion on the Gospel of Mark. With the beginning of Advent, we will begin a year of Sunday readings mostly from the Gospel of Mark. Come hear about the history and tradition of the Markan Community. Hear about the earliest Gospel, the one without the Christmas story, and the one without Resurrection appearances.

Bishop Sisk coming to St. A's - On November 6th, All Saints' Sunday, Bishop Sisk will be at the 10:30 service for visitation and Confirmation.

Outreach/Parish Events

Intercession List

October 2 we will create a new Intercession List. If there is a friend or family member on the current list that you would like to continue to see listed, please tell us.

Croton Caring Committee Luncheon

Saturday, October 1st - St. A's is hosting our annual luncheon to benefit the Croton Caring Committee seniors coordinated by Laura Seitz and Denise Bessette. It is an important social outing for the seniors. Please sign up to help with this special event, call, 271-3501.



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, Oct 2nd - 4:00 p.m. - In honor of St. Francis of Assisi and all who love creation, we invite you to bring your animals for a quick blessing by Father Brad in front of the church.

Heifer International, 2011

October 8th -10th - Heifer International, 2011 for Middle and High School Students. You're invited to go to Heifer International's Overlook Farm in Rutland, MA. While there, we will participate in an amazing Heifer International outreach project. The program provides working animals for many developing countries. Many youth groups help work on the farm, care for the animals and at the same time learn about world hunger. Over the weekend, we will hike, help out around the farm and learn 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 leave Saturday, October 8th and return Monday, October 10th, Columbus Day. We also need parents willing to participate. Please contact Father Brad in the parish office for more information. Sign up on the bulletin board.



St. A's Halloween Party!

September provided a few wonderful opportunities to gather in celebration after the 10:30 service. Sunday, October 30th we are planning another fun gathering - a Halloween themed party (costumes welcome!) to provide another great opportunity for St. Augustine's Episcopal Church's fellowship after the 10:30 service. Pizza and limited sweets will be provided - we ask parishioners to contribute drinks, fruit, or veggies.



Harvest Moon Dinner Dance

Auction items needed for the Harvest Moon Dinner/Dance/Auction. Our annual Harvest Moon Parish Dinner, Dance & Auction will be held Saturday October 15th at Half Moon Bay Clubhouse. We're calling on all parishioners for creative donations of time, talent or treasures to be auctioned off at the gala. Successful items from past auctions have included personally catered meals; tickets to sporting or entertainment events; home improvement services; time at vacation homes; personal services such as photography, baby-sitting, plant-watering or computer-tutoring, and much, much more! Please call Auction Chair with your best offer: and remember, if you don't call us, we will call you!

For more details see flyer on last page

St. A's Christmas Album

We're underway! Parishioner, Emily Cunningham has proposed recording a St. A's Christmas Album with St. A's congregation. Her husband, Joe, is donating recording studio time necessary. Laura Ravotti, our Music Director, will head this project with the projected goal of having our Christmas Album ready for sale after Thanksgiving. We need and welcome as much involvement from the congregation as possible. Please, contact Laura, (914)736-9015, laravotti@gmail.com if you are interested in helping with this exciting project in any way, musically or otherwise.

Chapin Memorial Run Against Hunger

On Sunday, October 16th, everyone in the parish is invited to join our Sunday School Classes for the Harry Chapin Fun Run, a short mile walk or run that raises money for charities that provide relief from hunger. It is an outreach project undertaken by the Sunday School program. Registration will be offered through the parish, and we will walk over to the site together after church on that day.



Save the date! - St. A's Pub Quiz

On Saturday November 12th, at 6 p.m. come to a much anticipated event: St. A's Pub-Quiz. Chris McColl has, perhaps, had too long to think up and reflect on his ideas for our next pub quiz. This event hails from England, where trivia quiz within trivia quiz will excite, delight, and for many of us frustrate greatly! Sign up sheets will be in the Parish kitchen soon.

Out of Work and Discouraged?

Come to the Between Jobs Support Group at the Church of Saint Barnabas, Irvington and share your experience with others. Being out of work for an extended period of time can bring an assault on one's sense of self. There is loss: of structure to one's day, of a sense of being productive and to one's sense of value. Some withdraw and isolate. Many struggle with discouragement or depression.

This will be a confidential place to talk about your feelings-what gets you down, what keeps you going as well as what sustains you through this difficult time. Hear how others cope and get motivated. Share the spiritual experience of exile, discouragement and hope.

The group will meet each Thursday morning at for twelve weeks, from 10:00 to 11:00, beginning October 13 through January 12. After October 27, group members will be asked to commit to regular attendance for the duration of the series. The group will not meet on Nov. 24 or Dec. 29.

Meetings are at The Church of Saint Barnabas, 15 North Broadway, Irvington, NY. Check at the Office for directions to the meeting room.

Facilitator-Alan Chisholm is a psychotherapist and an Episcopal priest. There is no charge for the first three sessions, continuing participants are encouraged to make a contribution for the next sessions. RSVP: The Church of St. Barnabas, [\(914\) 591-8194](tel:9145918194)

Mid-Hudson Celebration for Bishop Roskam

October 7th, 7 pm - A special celebration of the ministry of The Rt. Rev. Catherine Roskam. The Mid-Hudson Region will gather for a Choral Evensong at Christ Church in Poughkeepsie. We will present a purse to Bishop Roskam as a token of our appreciation. Please make checks payable to the Diocese of New York- note in the memo "Roskam Purse." Mail to: Diocese of New York, 30 Pine Grove Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401-5408. *The Purse for Bishop Roskam is intended to be a surprise.*

A catered reception follows. Please rsvp to the Parish Office at 271-3501 if you or your family plans to attend.

Parking is available in the parish park at 20 Carroll Street. The building is handicap accessible. For additional information: www.christchurchpok.org or 845-452-8220



Flowers

Flowers may be donated in memory of or in thanksgiving of loved ones. If you would like to donate flowers, please choose a date on the new flower sign up sheet on the Parish bulletin board

St A's Needs You!

There are so many opportunities to participate in our worship support teams...

St. A's choir – contact Laura Ravotti at 914 736-9015, laravotti@gmail.com

Lector or Lay Eucharistic Minister – contact Debbie Ramsey at 914 862-2209, houndhugs@gmail.com

Ushering – contact Elizabeth Hoffman for 9am at 914 923-0364, stabweb@optonline.net or Lon Westphal for 10:30 at kl.westphal@yahoo.com, 914 419-5556.

Acolyte: Contact Caroline Curvan at caroline.curvan@verizon.net, 914 923-7223.

Altar Guild - Contact Jen Brehl at 914 945-0667, jenbrehl@yahoo.com

Peekskill Soup Kitchen! - Contact Myrlyn at 914 271-3501, august@bestweb.net

Coffee Hour 2012! – Contact Laura Seitz at lauraseitz@optonline.net, 914 271-3265,

These are but a few of the opportunities to help bring our congregation together to create new and vibrant worship experiences.



Clothing donations

As usual at the turn of the seasons we are asking for donations of men's and women's clothing suitable for job interviews and office dress. All donations go to Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison, a ministry we have supported for many years. Drop items off in the parish house on Sundays or during regular office hours.

Dear St. A's Family,

I was once again overwhelmed by your love last Sunday. Thank you to each and every one of you for your expression of support through your love in prayer, music, thoughtful comments, hugs and the joy of a really fantastic party (as only St. A's can party??).

I am so grateful for your gift of money. I am so moved by your generosity when I know the precious consideration of every financial decision at St. A's. As it happened, the next day I had to order a cassock and did it with the delight of knowing that this first purchase of my official vestments would come from you.

You remain forever in my heart and daily in my prayers...

*...with much love and gratitude,
Chris [Jones]*

Sunday School Calendar 2011-2012

St. Augustine's Church

BLOCK 1: WHO WE ARE

October 2 nd	Children's Service (No Sunday School)
October 9 th	Regular Sunday School – (8 th , 9 th & 10 th at Heifer International)
October 16 th	Regular Sunday School (Chapin Run)

BLOCK 2: STEWARDSHIP and THANKFULNESS (Outreach Project: Heifer Project Fund-Raiser)

Teacher Training for Block 2 on Sunday, October 2nd after 10:30 service, in Parish House

October 23 rd	Regular Sunday School
October 30 th	Regular Sunday School
November 6 th	Regular Sunday School
November 13 th	Regular Sunday School
November 20 th	Children's Service
November 27 th	Regular Sunday School

BLOCK 3: CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (Outreach Project: Toy Drive)

December 4 th	Regular Sunday School (Christmas Pageant Rehearsal)
December 11 th	Regular Sunday School (Christmas Pageant Rehearsal)
December 17 th	Saturday Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant
December 18 th	Christmas Pageant Performance – Children's Service
December 25 th	No Sunday School

BLOCK 4: JESUS' EARTHLY LIFE

Teacher Training for Block 4 on Sunday, January 8th after 10:30 service, in Parish House

January 1 st	break
January 8 th	Children's Service for Epiphany
January 15 th	Regular Sunday School (MLK Weekend)
January 22 nd	Regular Sunday School
January 29 th	Regular Sunday School (Annual Meeting)
February 5 th	Children's Service (No Sunday School)
February 12 th	Regular Sunday School

BLOCK 5: LENT (Outreach Project: Mite Boxes for Carpenter's Kids)

Teacher Training for Block 5 on Sunday, February 12th after 10:30 service, in Parish House

February 19 th	Regular Sunday School – Presidents Weekend – Group SS
February 26 th	Regular Sunday School - First Sunday in Lent
March 4 th	Children's Service (No Sunday School)
March 11 th	Regular Sunday School
March 18 th	Regular Sunday School
March 25 th	Regular Sunday School

BLOCK 6: EARLY CHURCH (Outreach Project: Letters to Prisoners at Sing Sing)

Teacher Training for Block 6 on Sunday, March 5th after 10:30 service, in Parish House

April 1 st	Palm Sunday – Group Sunday School
April 8 th	Easter: Children's Activity but no Sunday School
April 15 th	Regular Sunday School
April 22 nd	Regular Sunday School
May 6 th	Children's Service (No Sunday School)
May 13 th	Mother's Day – Regular Sunday School
May 20 th	Appreciation Day, Last Day of Sunday School

Harvest Moon Dinner Dance and Silent Auction

The Harvest Moon Dinner Dance and Silent Auction will take place on Saturday, October 15th at the Half Moon Bay Clubhouse. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with drinks and appetizers. Dinner and the Auction are at 7:00 p.m. followed by dessert, music and dancing at 8:30 p.m.

Babysitting will be available in the Parish Hall beginning at 5:45 p.m. until 9:45 p.m. The cost is \$10 per family. This includes pizza, juice/water and age appropriate activities. Please register in advance as space is limited.

The cost for tickets is: \$30.00 per couple, \$15 individual, \$15 children 12 years and older. We ask that families with children under 12 years take advantage of the babysitting provided.

We are looking for assistance with the following items:
shopping (for paper goods)
donations of food (appetizers, dinner, desserts)
donations of time to help set-up, decorate, clean-up
auction items

If you would like to get involved or donate auction items, please contact: Elizabeth Hoffman at cornwellhoffman@optonline.net

RSVP

Dinner, Dance & Auction – Saturday, Oct 15th, 6:00 p.m.

Family Name: _____

Number attending: _____ @ \$15.00 each

Total \$ Enclosed: _____

Children, regardless of age, will need a ticket to attend

A cash bar will be available.

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2011 VESTRY MEMBERS

Senior Warden:	Elizabeth Hoffman	Junior Warden:	David Wixted		
Treasurer:	Holly Anzani	Clerk:	Tom Eshoo		
Class of 2011	Lisa Cohen	Class of	Holly Anzani	Class of	Richard Olver
	Laura Seitz	2012	Kelly Jackson	2013	Chris McColl
	Leigh Anna		Meaghan Shawcross		Thomas Eshoo
	Harken				

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

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