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September 2005

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

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3	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer, led by Joe Kolanko
4	<u>The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, The Rev. John Lloyd preaching and celebrating</u>		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
5	Monday		Parish Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday
7	Wednesday	12:00 Noon	First Wednesday lunch and ice cream
8	Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Sunday School Teacher Orientation Meeting
10	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer, led by Mike Latham
11	<u>The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, The Rev. Amy Lamborn preaching and celebrating in Special Service for September 11</u>		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
		9:45 a.m.	Sunday School begins a new year
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
17	Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Acolyte Training
		12:00 Noon	Youth Council Pizza Lunch
		5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II
18	<u>The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u>		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
		9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour after 8:00 a.m. service
		10:00 a.m.	Children's Eucharist and Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers
		11:15 a.m.	Sunday School Picnic
20	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	EFM Class starts a new year
21	Wednesday	8:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
24	Saturday	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Church Clean up Day
		5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II
25	<u>The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u>		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
		9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II and Holy Baptism
		11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
27	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	EFM Class

The Labyrinth will once again be available to walk in prayer on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. beginning with Tuesday, September 6.

St. Augustine's House September 2005

Dear friends:

Unbelievably, we are already past the halfway mark of what we have anticipated will be our interim year together. For me, these months have gone quickly as we've built relationships and worked together to nurture our faith community. Our dedicated search committee has led us through the hard, yet satisfying, process of exploring and honoring St. Augustine's past, and in thoughtfully and prayerfully considering who we are now and who we want to be in the years to come.

As we gear up for the next phase of the interim period together, with all of its responsibilities, I see a potential scheduling conflict as an example of a major challenge that we continually face.

We have designated Saturday, September 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., as a parish-wide clean up/spruce up day – an opportunity for all of us to take a good look at our buildings and grounds through the eyes of potential candidates for rector. What do our worship, office, meeting, and outdoor spaces convey about us? Do we have closets that ought to be cleaned out, corners that should be scrubbed, or space use that needs to be rethought? Having experienced too many chaotic moments before worship services begin, as altar servers frantically try to find clean albs that fit, I'm inspired to commit to washing the albs, arranging them according to size, and coming up with a labeling system. Jenn Latham says that the parish house attic keeps her awake at night. What is an area of our sacred space for which you'd gladly give a couple of hours of time and energy to clean, weed, organize, or paint?

It is appropriate that we focus on ourselves – on the day-to-day life of this parish – as we prepare to call a new rector. AND, we can't ever forget that the church doesn't exist for its elf. Our reason for being is to do the work of Christ in the world, and there's a lot of work to be done. Habitat for Humanity in Westchester is sponsoring a "Building on Faith" week from September 10 -18, giving individuals and parishes a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of people in need. (More information is available elsewhere in the newsletter.)

Can we attend to the very real physical needs of our own church as well as offer our time and our gifts in service to the larger community? Is the balance between our private and public selves as a community worth exploring? It's a constant balancing act and never easy, but I believe that we're up to it.

Blessings,



First Wednesday on September 7.

We will gather at Noon for Noonday Prayer, to make ice cream and to share a BYO lunch. St. A's will provide drinks and the ingredients for ice cream. Come

join our celebration of the end of summer. All are welcome!

Acolyte Training and Youth Council

Kick-off: On Saturday, September 17 at 10:30 a.m. all current and new acolytes are invited to St. A's for the annual training session and pizza lunch.



Any girl or boy entering 4th grade this fall, or older, is eligible—and welcome—to become an acolyte. Following the training at Noon will be our first meeting of Youth Council of the new school year. A pizza lunch will be served. Please call or email to RSVP ASAP to the parish office at 271 -3501 or august@bestweb.net.



St. A's Bible Study will meet on September 24th and every last Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m. This year's topic is the Gospel of John. Come and explore one of

the most eloquently written, yet at times very controversial gospels of the New Testament. Indeed, it's the one gospel that almost didn't make it into the canon. Although arguably the latest written of the four gospels (likely penned as many as two generations after Mark), learn paradoxically why it may contain some of the most accurate information on historical Jesus. Find out why it differs significantly from the synoptic gospels (studied in last year's class). "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God." Become re-acquainted with the Word, over and above what is read from the Bible during the church year. For more information (including a listing of suggested additional commentary readings on the subject) call Joe Kolanko at (914) 232-1402. Copies of the reading list will be at the back of the church.

St. Augustine's Déjà Vu Thrift Shop

will open again after Labor Day. Our hours are Tuesdays and Saturdays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. We always welcome new volunteers. Call Kathe McBride at 271 -6187 if you'd like more information. Volunteering is also a great idea for students needing community service hours.



Vestry Notes from the July meeting:

- *Youth Council* - YC liaison Louise Levey reported on the Youth Council trip to NYC on Sunday, July 17, saying it was a great success. The group went to Father David's church in the city for the 11:00 service, had a pizza lunch at the church, and then took "The Beast", a 45 mph boat ride to the Statue of Liberty and back. A wonderful time was had by all.
- *Diocesan Convention* - Vestry member Gerald Ardito has volunteered to be St. Augustine's delegate to the Diocesan Convention at St. John the Divine on Saturday, November 19, with Kim Westphal volunteering to be the alternate.
- *Buildings and Grounds* - Some parishioners have expressed frustration with the fact that there are no railings at the entrance to St. A's House, and at the front and kitchen entrances to the Parish Hall. The Vestry is now working on both temporary and permanent solutions to the problem.
- *Search Committee* - Chair Mark Anzani said that the rough draft of the Parish Profile is finished, and that the final version will be completed very soon. A copy of the Profile will be available to every family in the parish.



Respectfully submitted by Chris Moore, Clerk of the Vestry

On September 24 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. will be Parish Clean Up day.

Please save the date to help us prepare our gathering places for a new rector. We will have many projects and opportunities to share your special gifts, be it painting, organizing, gardening or just energetic cleaning. Sign up in the Parish Hall and be sure to note what things you see around the property that need tending to. There will be a notebook next to the sign-up sheet where you can jot down your suggestions of things that need attention. Call Jenn Latham at the Parish Office if you have any questions.



Dates to remember in October

October 1 – 2nd Annual Oktoberfest followed by The Blessing of the Animals

October 23 – Confirmation at St. Augustine’s by The Rt. Rev. Mark S. Sisk

October 28 – **ST. A'S ANNUAL SPOOKY HALLOWEEN PARTY**

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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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