

St. George's Spearhead: to parish, neighbor, and world

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THE HAND OF GOD

In My Utmost for His Highest, Oswald Chambers writes, "We are not sanctified (made holy) for ourselves. We are called into intimacy with the gospel, and things happen that appear to have nothing to do with us. But God is getting us into fellowship with Himself. Let Him have His way." Being a disciple of Jesus changes completely the way we look at life. Nothing is random. Everything is part of God's training program. We learn to expect the unexpected, to plan on having our plans changed. It doesn't mean we stop planning.

In the Christmas story, Mary and Joseph had a plan. They were young, in love, and looking forward to a peaceful life as a "normal" Jewish family. All that came to an abrupt end when an angel named Gabriel showed up with a message. "You have been greatly blessed." Oh really? How? Blessed to be the mother of the Messiah. And to enter into this blessing she would have to endure the gossip of neighbors who thought she was an adulteress. Instead of a normal delivery surrounded by family, she would give birth to her Son in a stable in a strange town, surrounded by farm animals and angels who described this as "glory to God in the highest." Is that really what we mean by "Merry Christmas?"

Returning home, before a baby shower could be planned; they had to run for their lives from the murderous plot by King Herod who for some insane reason wanted her child dead. And even the usually festive occasion of dedicating the child to God at the temple ended on a troubling note, when a man named Simeon appeared with a prophecy about the child, including a warning, "This child will be a sign that many people will speak against, and a sword will pierce your own soul also." Couldn't he have just said, "God bless you" and leave it at that?

The most challenging thing about being a Christian is not combating what the devil throws at you, but accepting what God calls you into.

Oswald Chambers says, "Most of us collapse at the first grip of pain. We sit down at the door of God's purpose and enter a slow death through self-pity. And all the so-called Christian sympathy of others helps us to our deathbed. But God will not. He comes with the grip of the pierced hand of His Son, as if to say, 'Enter into fellowship with Me; arise and shine.'"

The "holiday season" is upon us. It will be filled with parties, shopping, and too much to eat. But if we are listening, it will also be filled with needs, concerns, and heartfelt pleas from friends and loved ones who are struggling to make it through. That too is part of the Christmas story. It is essential to our faith. When we see the needs of others and feel pity, we think that merely feeling sorry for them is enough. But Chambers is right. We need to look deeper and see the hand of God at work. It is then that we meet angels unexpectedly, get called on errands we hadn't planned; make a difference in the lives of people we didn't know before, and see miracles happen.

Fr. Bill

The mission of St. George's Church is to know Christ as our Lord and Savior, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, to love Him, serve Him, and witness His love to the world.

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Wardens:

2010: Barbara Raczynski – Senior Warden
2011: Steve Bauman – Junior Warden

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2010: Bob Seyfried, Bob Richards
2011: Jim Charlton, George Bilyeu, Douglas Wilson
2012: Bruce Eckman, Doug Miles., Chris Palmer

Treasurer: Jan Kwiatkowski
Vestry Clerk: Bev Bauman

Parish Prayer Cycle

Pray each day for revival in the parish, the community, the nation, the world.

Monday: Parish Staff, (Rector, Parish Administrator, Choir Director, Sexton), Vestry, Treasurer
Parish Directory: Albergo-Briggs

Tuesday: The Sunday School, Youth Ministry, Youth Directors, Teachers, Helpers, Nursery and Parents.
Parish Directory: Capobianco-Gomez

Wednesday: Outreach, Evangelism, Alpha, Hospitality Activities, Newcomers Committee, Communications.
Parish Directory: Gray-Lackey

Thursday: Pastoral Care, Prayer Chain, Order of St. Luke, Interfaith Network of Care, Alcoholism Counseling, AA Group, Al-Anon Group, South County Day Care and Prison Ministry.
Parish Directory: Lashomb-Ogden

Friday: Stewardship, Finance, Property, Scholarship Committee, Publicity, use and care of earth's resources.
Parish Directory: Palmer-Simonelli

Saturday: Worship leaders, Choir, Praise Band, Musicians, Lectors, Chalice Bearers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Altar Guild, Ushers, and Greeters.
Parish Directory: Smith-Wilson

Sunday: Come and Worship!



Fall Cleanup

HELP NEEDED!!!!

On Saturday, November 20 around 9:00 / 9:30 we have a *Fall Cleanup* of the property.

We will rake leaves and stain the wood siding and paint the white trim on Ericson Hall. Please see George Bilyeu for more information. Thank you!



Ladies Night Out – Christmas Dinner

Jan Kwiatkowski

Our very special covered dish dinner is scheduled for Friday, December 10th, appetizers at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM, in Ericson Hall. To make it an extra special night, plan to share your special “company best” dish, and, just for the fun of it, let’s “dress for the occasion”. Don’t want to get all dressed up? – that’s just fine – it’s your company that we really desire.

As I “mature”, I am reminded how precious it is to spend time with loved ones. Invite your daughter, mother, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, sister, etc. to this lovely evening. It is always a great time of fellowship and delicious food.

To help with the planning process, in mid-November, signup sheets will be available in the Bell Tower. Help is particularly needed Friday afternoon with set up and decorating.

Men – We need the assistance of 2 able-bodied men willing to handle the clean up. See the sign up sheet in the Bell Tower. Your ministry of washing the dishes and putting them away is a blessing to the Ladies!



annual parish reports

It is time to begin thinking about Annual Parish Reports. All reports will be due to the Parish Office **NO LATER THAN** January 2, 2011. All areas of ministry are asked to submit an annual report. Please note that **no** reports submitted after the 2nd will be included in the booklets. The preferred method for submitting reports is email, but you are welcome to drop off, mail or fax a hard copy if needed.

Our Annual Parish Meeting and elections will take place on Sunday, January 23, 2011. Please watch the bulletins for more details.



**Congratulations to our
New Alpha Graduates:**

**Charles Palmer
Francine Palmer
Pat Toth**



**New Co-Leader:
John Moran**

He Saw You

Once, before the foundation of the world,
Jesus and His Father had a conversation about
the great plan of redemption.

That conversation included you.
Jesus looked down the corridors of time and knew
that you would be born. He saw your needs when
He said to His Father, "I will go."

At the Father's appointed time, Jesus came to
earth so that you would never need to be far from
Him. What an incredible journey He made; what
an overwhelming expression of love He made;
what an awesome purpose He had in mind.

You were on His heart.
When He left his home in heaven,
He saw you; when He became a man on earth,
He was seeking you;
when He stretched out His hands upon the cross,
He was reaching out to you;
when He returned to His Father,
He was preparing a place for you.

You are the sheep He has come to shepherd,
to guide, to feed, to protect, to shelter, and to carry.

You are the one He calls His own.

By: Roy Lessin



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER

- 14 Book Signing with Bettie Linke
- 14 Financial Peace University 6:30 PM
- 15 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm
- 20 Altar Guild Luncheon
- 20 Fall Cleanup 9 AM
- 21 Financial Peace University 6:30 PM
- 24 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:30 PM
- 25 Thanksgiving Day
- 28 First Week of Advent
- 28 Financial Peace University 6:30 PM

DECEMBER

- 4 Boro of Helmetta 55+ Dinner [EH]
- 5 Financial Peace University 6:30 PM
- 9 Vestry Reports due
- 10 Ladies Night Out
- 12 Financial Peace University 6:30 PM
- 19 Christmas Carol and Luncheon
- 20 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Services 6 PM & 10 PM
- 25 Christmas Day Service 10 AM

JANUARY 2011

- 1 Holy Name
- 6 Vestry Reports due
- 9 Financial Peace University 6:30 PM
- 15 Private Party [EH]
- 16 Financial Peace University 6:30 PM
- 17 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm
- 23 Annual Parish Meeting
- 29 Private Party [EH]

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays:

Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 am
Coffee Hour following both morning services
Youth Ministry following the 10 AM service

Monday –Thursday: Morning Prayer at 10:00 am

Tuesdays:

Discipleship Group 1 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 8:00 pm

Wednesdays:

Men's Discipleship Group 8:30 am {Paneras}
Women's Bible Study 10 am
Discipleship Group [Smith] 7:30 pm

Thursdays:

Serenity Seekers (Al-Anon) 1:00 pm
AA Step Meeting 7:00 pm
Choir Practice 7:00 pm
Praise Band Practice 8:00 pm

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE FOR OTHER IMPORTANT
DATES AT WWW.STGEORGESHELMETTA.ORG.

Who wants to live forever?

by Deacon Greg Ventura

Some people spend a great deal of time trying to stop the process of aging. Cosmetics and anti-aging formulas sure make some people rich. Doctors will perform cosmetic surgeries not because someone has a scar that needs removing but because they one to many wrinkles or don't like the shape of their body. Often people want to look younger like they are never going to age or die. You know the celebrities. You can tell that for someone their age, their hair should not be so dark.

The bible talks about old people often. I am reminded of Abraham and Sarah. Both of them were so old that they assumed they were beyond the age for having children. Abraham himself was 100 years old when Isaac was born. While that does not seem like he was very old nowadays, in his time he was ancient!

I have a song I'd like to share parts of with regarding this whole subject of living forever. The song is called 969 by Apologetic. It is a parody of the tune of "The Summer of 69" by Bryan Adams.

*"You got to learn a little history
Oldest man in Bible times
Name was called Methuselah Was 969
We had some guys come close
Almost ran for a thousand yards"*

Before Abraham there were plenty of other guys that lived a long time; Adam lived 930 years, Seth, the son of Adam lived 912 years, Enosh lived 905 years, Kenan was 910 years, Mahalalel was 895 years, Jared lived 962 years, Methuselah lived 969 years (Wow!) and Noah lived 950 years. So Methuselah takes the cake for living the longest in the Bible. He 'almost ran for a thousand yards', so to speak.

*"Ain't no use in explaining
If your gonna doubt the truth
Spend your life doubting the Bible
And that's the fountain of youth Yeah!"*

Now I am not going to tell you that you will live to be 900 years old. It would seem to me that either we count time differently now than we did then, or that God has by design changed how long

we live. Still the Bible is a fountain of youth if you believe that there is more to live than what we do here and now.

*"Standing knocking on your door
He told you you could live forever
I hope you understand
The truth is it's now or never
These are the last days of your life
Oh Ya!
That should be something that sticks in
your mind"*

Today is one of the last days of your life. Have read the bible and believe that Jesus died for your sins? Do you believe that Jesus is the only and eternal son of God? Do you believe that he rose from the dead? Do you believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit? If you believe and have been baptized, you have been marked as his own. You will live forever. Nine hundred and sixty-nine will be nothing in comparison to eternity. I hope that is something that "sticks in your mind."



Did You Know...???

What is the significance of Advent? The name Advent (Coming) originally was used for the coming of Christ in His birth and was thus applied to Christmas only. After the sixth century various preachers and writers expanded its meaning to include the whole preparatory season, in the sense in which the word is now used. In the twelfth century it came to be interpreted as representing a two or threefold Advent of Christ: His past coming, in Bethlehem; His future coming, at the end of time; and His present coming, through grace in the hearts of men.

There actually is a season of the year in which the Church draws our minds and hearts to the second coming of Christ. This season extends over the end of the ecclesiastical year through Advent and up to Epiphany. After having celebrated the events of the Lord's life on earth, (His birth, Passion, resurrection, and ascension), and also the descent of the Holy Spirit and the life of Christ in His Musical Body, the Church finally puts before our eyes a magnificent vision of eternal glory. We see this in the Lord Himself (Feast of Christ, the King), in His members who have already passed

from this world (All Saints), and in the events at the end of time when the remaining elect will be gathered into their glory.

Advent then follows with the thought of our own spiritual preparation for this glorious coming of the Lord at the end of time. With that is the security of our knowledge that His coming will be consoling and joyful, just as His coming and His manifestation was in the first Christmas and the first Epiphany at Bethlehem.



Love Letters

by Kit Rockwell

Dew Drops

Dear Lord,

I sat on my porch this morning and watched the leaves freshly washed by last night's rain. As the leaves rustled in the soft breeze, here and there the sunlight glistened on a dew drop. No diamond ever sparkled more brilliantly. Or, more rarely, a dew drop turned into a deep red ruby.

I knew, of course, they were only drops of dew and the brush of bird wing would destroy them, but their transient beauty drew my eyes to them in wonder.

They reminded me that my soul, having no beauty or even existence without you, can be a thing of beauty when Your grace shines on it and transforms it.

Grant me this precious grace. Let my soul shine for You and draw souls to You, Lord.

May they see that, like the dew drops, I am nothing. It is You, Lord, only You shining through me. Then, together, let us love and praise You.

Love,
Kit



Control

(Part II)

By Peter Cirrotti

Remember the first part where I am in the hospital and recovering from the (COPD) asthma attack. This is where I had to dig deep in my journey of faith, while dealing with my room mate. Here is the rest of the story.

The nurse came over to me after taking care of the man in the next bed. Even with a headset on I could hear him complaining to the nurse. My bed is located closest to the bathroom, so whenever he needed to use the facility, he would flip the privacy curtain in the air, cursing at the inconvenience of it all.

"Do you know why the other patient wants you moved out of here?" the nurse asked me.

It took a second to register in my mind. "He wants me moved?" The nurse replied "Yes he said that you annoy him".

I hadn't said anything to him, except when they brought me into the room. I said hello. Excuse me, but if that annoyed him let him move to another room!

Better yet, if you have a bed available in another room, next to a window, I would be happy to move. I am feeling bad enough already, I don't need another problem (headache).

The nurse said, "Let me check and see what I can do, this way you both will be happy".

I watched as my roomie returned from the bathroom. "You better not be one of those religious nut jobs praying all the time. I don't want to hear you, understand me?" as he glared.

I didn't see that one coming. I asked him, "what you are talking about, I haven't said anything but hello to you."

He was holding onto the railing at the foot of my bed as he said to me "I heard you. You were talking to the food tray after the aid came with your food".

"Mister you didn't hear anything, I was praying silently".

"See, that's what I mean". Shaking his finger at me, he said, "You people annoy me!"

I just got finished turning control of my life over to God. I was feeling relieved and happy that I finally made the decision. Probably, it was truly God filling me with the peace I had wanted for my life.

Elizabeth came later that morning with a change of clothes, my bible, markers and my journal. I felt bad that Elizabeth was taken away from all the things she had to do. I tried to convince her to go back home, but I don't have much luck telling Elizabeth what to do or not do. Ultimately when it was time for her to go, I sat up and gave her a loving hug. She wasn't out the door before the room mate started up again. "You know what? People who go to church are weak" he spit out.

"You got me there, I am weak. That's why I have to go to church. That's where I get my supply of strength to be able to deal with stuff" I retorted.

Later, trying to enter the conversation in to my journal, I was trying to clean up what he had been saying to me. I didn't want to repeat his ranting. Laying there I prayed, asking God to guide my words to this man. I am at my weakest right now and then it hit me. Only minutes ago I surrendered to God and I was feeling relieved. I knew that this was my chance to make a stand for He who saved me.

So many times over the years I wouldn't say anything when someone said or did things I knew were wrong. I didn't defend my faith in Jesus Christ. I should have said something but didn't. I never had a good reason why I didn't speak up, I just didn't. But God was showing me what I have to do from now on. I am not afraid to speak out when I want to. Now I have to speak out and witness what God has done and is doing with my life. Not allowing the negative to silence me, like it has in the past, was giving me a new sense of power. I am positive and proud that I am working at being a better witness to Jesus Christ.

I stopped trying to argue with this man. Instead, I started praying for him. I can't change that man, only God can. That man's voice was muffled from my ears by the silent prayer I was offering up to God for him. He was still standing at the foot of my bed, I could see his lips moving but the mute button was working because I didn't hear him anymore. I thanked Jesus for all He has been doing for me, and I was at peace. I interrupted my room mate and said, "You should stop talking. God is trying to talk to you and you aren't listening".

I can't describe the expression on his face, or wish to repeat what followed. I was at peace even if he wasn't. The nurse came in and said they had a bed available next to a window if I was I ready to move. I said, "Yes thanks, and then I smiled". I gathered up my personal stuff and said good bye to the room mate. I said "listen, God is trying to talk to you!"

I saw him a few times walking the hospital hall past my room. He never spoke to me. I kept him in my prayers because I knew I had new strength that the old Peter never had. I wish I could tell you that something good happened to that man, but I can't because I don't really know. I just have to go on praying for him. When I asked the nurse his name, she replied with a smile and said, "His name is also Peter".

You are right; I can't do it without the support from my church...



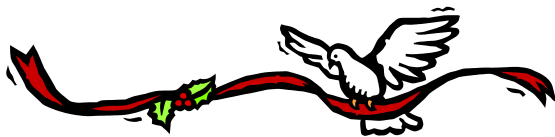
ARE YOU ENJOYING FINANCIAL PEACE?

HERE'S WHAT PARTICIPANTS ARE SAYING ABOUT WHAT FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY AT ST. GEORGE'S HAS MEANT TO THEM:

- \$ "FPU is AMAZING! I highly recommend it for EVERYBODY!"
- \$ "FP means...communicating with each other regularly about our present and our future."
- \$ "FPU has helped me to be aware of my spending habits and how to save for the future."
- \$ "Financial Peace has been a "FUN" and "INFORMATIVE" way to learn how to manage your finances. And to know you are not alone."
- \$ "FPU gave me the courage to pay off my credit card balances, and most difficult of all, to cut up my credit card, and to activate my debit card in its place."

- \$ "FP has given us a new perspective on our finances. We have a plan to be out of debt on everything but our mortgage within a year and we are untied in our approach!"
- \$ "FPU is confirming I'm on the right track"
- \$ "Coming on Sunday s and learning is an opportunity to grow."
- \$ "That we are being responsible and proactive about our finances. FPU means to us that we can teach our children about how to handle money in a mature, educated way."
- \$ FPU has taught us to hold one another accountable concerning spending. Thanks to FPU, we have a plan for the future."

Are you ready to start on the road toward financial peace?



A Little Kindness Can Go a Long Way...

A LETTER FROM ELIJAH'S PROMISE:

Elijah's Promise has been going strong for over 20 years, daily insuring that our neighbors are fed and that no one goes hungry in our central NJ community. Last year we served over 110,000 meals at the Soup Kitchen. One of the reasons we are here is a woman named Jane Betz. Jane was one of the founders and leading forces at Elijah's Promise. From volunteering weekly to serving on the Board, Jane's simple invitation for us to create an atmosphere of hospitality and her vision for a more just community that cares for the poor were threads that have been woven through the fabric of our organization and all that we do.

Jane passed away in mid October after a courageous battle with cancer. Two weeks after her death, I received a call from Donna, a young woman who grew up eating at the soup kitchen as a child. Donna learned a lot from Jane, and the other volunteers at Elijah's Promise. She learned to say please and thank you. She learned how to clear her table after a meal. She learned that you can count on

kindness and caring in a world that is uncertain, and she knew, she would never go hungry. She carried these lessons with her through High School and College and Law School. She called to say she had just given birth to a baby boy and that he has a special name...Elijah.

In a world where promises seem broken more often than they are kept, I am deeply grateful to Jane Betz and so many other wonderful volunteers and donors and supporters who keep the promise daily...and feed and fuel a better world for little Elijah and so many others.

Thank you for all of your support, Lisanne



Dear Lord,
Please heal the hearts, minds and bodies of our veterans.
Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in.
Bless all the soldiers who served in non-combative posts.
Let them all know how much we appreciate them, honor them and respect their service on our behalf.
God bless their families and loved ones.
Lord, give us peace on earth.



ARE YOU READY TO SHARE YOUR GIFTS?

Are you looking for a way to share your gifts with our parish family? Are you interested in Church Life? Helping with the Property? Outreach and Evangelism? Worship? Or maybe you want to help with Administration? Maybe you want to find out what Bible Study is like? Or maybe you are interested in Pastoral Care?

During Adult Discussion on Sunday, November 21st, we will be discussing the different opportunities to share your gifts with the parish. Vestry members will be on hand to answer questions about areas of ministry. Please join us then.

All nominees for parish positions are asked to attend and find out more about leadership at St. George's. The final list of nominees for parish positions will be posted soon.

Christmas Service Schedule

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th:

6:00 pm – Children's Service

10:00 pm – Traditional Service

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th:

10:00 am – Christmas Day Service

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

In the true spirit of giving, we are asking parishioners to help us with a special Christmas Outreach. In lieu of sending Christmas cards to fellow parishioners, we ask that you donate \$2 per card to St. George's to help provide a Christmas meal to our neighbors in need. There will be a special St. George's Christmas card in the back of the church for you to share your Christmas wishes with the parish. Please total up what you would normally spend on cards and postage [we estimate \$2 per card] and write a check to St. George's. Merry Christmas indeed!

A Day Can Beat You Down or Lift You Up

St. Georges recently had a visitor who brought bags and bags of groceries for our pantry to distribute. When asked where they came from, whether it was a food drive or collection somewhere, he simply shrugged and said..."Shop Rite." This young man recounted that he had been helped when in need, by others, without any strings attached. He shared that he knew hunger well from his nine months in a POW camp, in the former Yugoslavian republic, during the Serbian/Bosnian conflict. He felt this was a small way to give back to those that are in need now. That is the picture of those supporting our pantry mission.

On the other hand, what is the picture of a pantry participant? A disabled neighbor suffering the effects of diminished lung capacity associated with the trade Center disaster cleanup. while dealing with social services. Another, struggling with the rigors of a debilitating disease, regular doctor's visits, keeping a roof over head, his vehicle legal, and still finding time to assist others. Then there is the former business operator, forced to close suddenly, while still responsible for young children and a mortgage. The mother and daughter struggling along on small SS payments, which leave little for frills, needing a little extra to get by till next month. Or the guy who just got laid off, again, only this time from the job without the benefits. These are some of the pictures which challenge our strength and faith.

Pantry patrons come because they need a hand and support. Some are new to the experience, while others appear well-traveled. An anchor may feel it is dragging down some, while others are just navigating the rough waters as best they can. Family sometimes appears to be missing from others. Poor personal choices, social instability, domestic problems, drugs and alcohol are many of the underlying commonalities. Others are dealing with the realities of a turbulent economy. Though we might not have answers for all, only suggestions, God continues to give us the strength to continue this important out-reach.

Many are working forward, others fighting the tide, while some simply appear adrift. Hearing the dilemmas (unsolicited), observing the physical

plights, and wondering what to say or do to help in giving some direction can be perplexing. A reassuring word, a simple smile, or the like simply is the answer. I always try to remember we are not standing hear to judge but to encourage others to succeed and share our good fortune to those less fortunate.

We are soliciting gift cards for food stores to share at Thanksgiving. As an additional outreach at Christmas we are planning to supplement our food sharing with gift cards to affordable clothing stores or thrift stores in the area. There is a mutual benefit to supporting area thrift stores for all involved.

Sometimes a day can beat you up, wear you down, or seem to take the wind out of your sails. When all is toughest please continue to remember others, who struggle more than you, with your ongoing charity. Rewards are bountiful to those who give.



It's Parish Election Time!

The Nominations are in! Here is a list of those parishioners who were **nominated and are eligible** for Parish positions. A final list of those who have accepted nomination will be posted following the "Celebrating Our Gifts Sunday" On November 21, during Adult Discussion.

NOMINEES FOR WARDEN

Mary Kipp
Kathryn Hackett-Fields
Rich Capobianco
Nora Kashinsky
Bob Seyfried
Barbara Raczynski

NOMINEES FOR ONE-YEAR VESTRY

Eleanor Levine
George Bilyeu
Sharon Carroll-Ventura

Peter Cirrotti
Mary Kipp
John Moran
Joe Albergo
Bob Seyfried

NOMINEES FOR THREE-YEAR VESTRY

Sharon Carroll-Ventura
Ed Jensen
George Bilyeu
Rich Capobianco
Joan Higgins
Cindy Weiler
Nora Kashinsky
Nick Cenicola
Barbara Raczynski
Ted Alslev
Mary Kipp
Joe Albergo
Elda Alslev
Rich Bennett

NOMINEES FOR DELEGATES TO CANA COUNCIL

Jessica Thompson
Elda Alslev
Nancy Alston
Rich Capobianco
George Bilyeu
Martha Henry
Margaret Lackey
Donna Guerard
Jan Kwiatkowski
Blanche Charlton
Linda Smith
Terry Bennett
Joan Higgins
Melissa Bilyeu
Ellen Merkel
Bob Seyfried
John Moran
Eleanor Levine
Ann Estanqueiro
Connie Haley
Nancy Lashomb



Food Pantry

We are looking for volunteers to help supervise the food pantry on Tuesdays from 9:30 – 12 PM. The protocols are all in place and support will be provided while you learn the ropes. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are willing to help. Please see Douglas Wilson or contact the parish office with any questions.



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Please remember to visit our web site at www.stgeorghelmetta.org to:

- * See all of our upcoming events
- * See pictures from past events.
- * Here Fr. Bill's weekly sermons
- * See what ministries we have to offer
- * Learn more about our parish



Mark Your Calendars:

Holy Name

On January 1, 2011 we will celebrate the Holy Name with a service at 10 am.



Epiphany

On January 2, 2011 we will celebrate the Epiphany



Christian Unity Service

On January 19, 2011 we will hold our Annual Christian Unity Service with Holy Trinity Church at 7:00 pm.



Annual Parish Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 23, 2011. Elections for parish leadership positions will take place. The polls will open at noon.

Merry  *Christmas*