

The Messenger

The Newsletter of
Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal Church
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Lee Jones presenting "The Realm" during the "Annual Parish" Meeting
(Photo courtesy Cyntia Rolle)

New Officers Elected at Annual Meeting

Parishioner's elected new officers on **February 3, 2013** during the annual meeting. Trish Lilley replaced Steve Moritz as the Senior/Rector's Warden while Michael Lutz was elected as the Junior/People's warden. Elected to full 3 year vestry terms were Sharon Sweeten, Cynthia Rolle, Louis Gross and Matt Torpey. Pat Bosch, Craig Keisling and Jason Komanchek voted to unexpired 2 year terms to the vestry. Also chosen were Delegates to Convention Sharon Sweeten, Judy Vahghan-Sterling, and Cynthia Rolle as well as Delegates to Convocation Nancy Hawkins, Carolyn Bausinger, and Sarah Sambenedetto.

A hearty thank you to Steve Moritz and to all of the outgoing vestry members: Denise Brancati, Margaret Doniger, Frank Salvati, Judy Vaughan-Sterling, and Lisa Schwinge for their dedication and service. Lisa however, will continue to serve as the Parish Treasurer.

Holy Week

Holy Week will be here before you know it. We will have the usual schedule this year.

Maundy Thursday March 28: 7:30 pm

Good Friday March 29:

Stations of the Cross: 12:00 noon

Good Friday Service: 7:30 pm

The Great Vigil March 30: 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday March 31: 7:45 am and 10:00 am

Walkabouts Scheduled

"Walkabouts" are scheduled for April 22–24 around the Diocese of New Jersey. The Walkabouts are an opportunity to introduce the Nominees for Twelfth Bishop to the Diocese and for the people of the Diocese of New Jersey to meet the Nominees.

The first of the schedule of the walkabouts is on Monday, April 22nd, at Diocesan House in Trenton, where the Nominees will meet the Diocesan Staff (this meeting is for Nominees and Diocesan Staff ONLY), then at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton (open to all Laity and Clergy alike).

Next on Tuesday, April 23 at Trinity Cathedral (open to CLERGY only) in the morning then in the afternoon at Trinity Church in Vineland (open to EVERYONE: Laity and Clergy).

Finally in the afternoon on Wednesday, April 24 the Nominees will tour various places along the Jersey Shore affected by Hurricane Sandy then conclude at St. George's-by-the River in Rumson (open to EVERYONE: Laity and Clergy).

Complete details for the "Walkabouts" can be found on page 12 of this issue.

The Watch

In mid-March the schedule for "The Watch" that will take place from 9:00 p.m. on March 28th until 7:00 p.m. on March 29th will be posted. Christ asks us to watch just one hour with him. You are invited to be a part of that watch. It is preferable that at least two watchers are on duty during the wee hours of the night and morning (11:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.), so please try to buddy up during this time. Coffee will be available in the kitchen. Feel free to make a fresh pot if you desire. The watch takes place in the chapel of the parish hall (downstairs next to the office). Please observe silence as best as possible if you are in the building. If you are watching, dress comfortably and bring any material you may wish to read or pray over during your time. More than two watchers are allowed, and if you do not sign up and wish decide to drop in for a time, that is fine as well. Please you are encouraged to make sure that there are enough watchers so that Christ is never alone during those hours. When signing up for your shift please be sure to note whether you are signing up for an a.m. or a p.m. shift.

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Family Matters at St. John's

A community-based platform and discussion forum addressing family-oriented topics that stimulate growth, strengthening, and understanding for the seeds of our community

Family Matters is hosted by St. John's Episcopal Church in Chews Landing, and meets monthly. The purpose of Family Matters is to provide a platform for the community to address common issues, topics and situations that arise in family life by bringing subject matter experts to educate the audience.

Family Matters Dates & Topics for 2012-2013

March 23, 2013 Money Matters

April 27, 2013 Family Addiction & Substance Abuse

May 25, 2013 Eldercare

June 29, 2013 Blended Families

July 20, 2013 End of Life Issues

Duration: Hour and a half

Location: St. John's Parish Hall, 1720 Old Black Horse Pike, Blackwood; ample parking is available beside the parish hall

Noisy Sunday

Noisy Sunday continues each month. The amount we collect varies, but no matter the amount, the South Jersey Food Bank and the Almost Home Animal Shelter always appreciate it. Thank you for your participation and let's keep it up. Bring in your loose change and let's make some NOISE!

Parish Prayers for Joys and Concerns

Pray for those in Special Need

Bp. George Cuncell, John Worsham, Dallam E. Blandy, Eric Quintavalle, Donald Ivins, Esther Chando, Stan Wojciechowski, Robert Hamilton, Jon Howard, Pamela Davis, Harry Collins, Matthew Sterling, June Goodman, Arthur Rudolph, Helen Buss, Bill Cox, Bob Brown, Martha Gumenek, Louis Tabasso, Anna Collazo, David Ambler, Roger Maro, Carole Tatem, Alan Acuri, Nancy Ashton, Jim Rogers, Kathy Cooper, Bill Peters, Kathy Barbagallo, Claire Koreck, Patrick & Sheila Koreck, Phillip Covelli

Pray for our Shut-In and Home-Bound

Arline and Alex Potts, Kay Taylor, Betty Knipe, Dorothy Sabot, Anna Scalise, Doris McLoughlin, Karen Street, Gwen Welker, and Mary Molineaux.

Pray for those serving or entering the military

Sammi Jones, Mark Jones, Ed Orr, Stacey Droll, Adam Miller, Hillary Getz, Henry Yang, Amanda Collazzo, Henry Yang, Michael Helfrich, Frank Vanore, Jr., Steven Barhmaier and Anthony Moss.

Vestry meetings are held in the Parish Hall on the 4th Tuesday evening of each month 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.



From the Rector's Desk

It may be cold and dreary outside, but we know that spring will be upon us soon. Some of the early bloomers are already pushing up the fresh green shoots, reminding us that even when the plants seem to have died they have only been resting and preparing for the coming of sun and warmth. Easter will be here the end of March and then we will begin the Great 50 Days in which we continue to celebrate. We celebrate that Jesus has conquered death. Death no longer has dominion over us. And even though it is still Lent as I write this and as you read this we can respond with Alleluia!

For those of us who walked the 40 days of Lent with the intention of taking those baby steps that bring us closer and closer to God, I pray that as we sing our Easter Alleluias you will be filled with the joy of knowing that indeed God is with you and that your journey has indeed moved you just that much closer to God.

Our God is a God of Love, pure and simple. Our God desires to be with us and among us, sharing our joys, fears, and sorrows. Our God knows we are but human and so naturally make mistakes. We don't keep all of the Ten Commandments all the time, much less the hundreds of laws and commandments that can be found in Scripture. However I don't believe that is what God asks of us. We are to do our best to not only love God with the deep abiding love God has for us but also to love and share God's love with all those we meet. This is our ministry and it takes many forms. It takes almost as many forms as there are members of the Christian faith. Each of us has this call to ministry. Each of us can reach out to the other and share the love and concern God has. We may be the only person who will show this love to those walking among us, oblivious to the intense Love that surrounds each one. This is not about evangelism or getting people into the church. This is just sharing something precious with the stranger, or perhaps friend, we meet in our day-to-day lives.

And how may each of us discover how we are to do this ministry? How do we *know* what it is God requires of us, of me? This calls for discernment that is best not done in a vacuum. Mostly we do this by sharing our story with others, by really listening to the stories others have to share, and by engaging in fellowship and conversation. It is not difficult, but it is so important. I pray that over the next couple of years we will have opportunities to discover each one's unique ministry as well as the ministry St. John the Evangelist has as a community.

As we welcome the new life that is literally springing up around us, let us also welcome the new life that springs up inside each of us and in the parish as we enter into the glorious warm, sunny days of Spring. God is always ready for new beginnings. Are you?

Reverend Margaret +

The BBC

The BBC had a change of venue. We are now meeting at Panera Bread, located on White Horse ROAD, across from Target, in Voorhees. Over the past year we read mysteries and books on spirituality, fiction and theology. The book is always up for grabs and we decide only one or two books at a time so everyone has a chance to make a selection. The conversation is always lively and the food and coffee are wonderful. We can always use more folks for the discussion. We usually meet on the Third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. but that sometimes changes so watch for the announcement in the bulletin. Join us!

Gift Cards

Gift Cards are available on monthly basis. If you would like to order a gift card at the beginning of each month, fill out a form, found at the back of the church, and turn it in with a check made out to St. John the Evangelist to either Reverend Margaret or Sharon Sweeten. The order usually takes about a week to get in. We receive a percentage of the value of the gift card that is deposited in the Capital Fund account.



Every time someone uses Goodsearch, Goodshop, and Gooddining, St. John's has an opportunity to receive a donation from the organization. This does not cost you anything. You just have to register with St. John's, Chews Landing, as your charity. There are guides in the parish hall to explain just how easy this is. If you put Goodsearch as your search engine you will not even have to remember to do this. Some organizations make thousands of dollars every year. There is no reason we cannot add to our operating fund with the help of everyone in the parish and their friends and families. If you have any questions, contact Reverend Margaret or Cynthia Rolle. The website has a direct link to this wonderful organization, so please use it. Invite your family and friends to use it as well.

Weekly Schedule

Saturdays

5:00 p.m. Rite II Eucharist with Sermon

Sundays

7:45 a.m. Rite I Eucharist with Sermon

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Rite II Family Eucharist with Sermon

Wednesdays

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Holy Week

Holy Week is the high point of the church year. This is the week in which we remember all that makes us Christian. In *The Lord of the Rings*, the Ents explain to the Hobbits that it takes them a long time to tell their name. After all, they are trees and have been in existence for a long time. We, too, take a long time to explain our name. It is in Holy Week that this happens. We begin on Palm Sunday as we process in to the Hosannas of the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem. Quickly we change our tune and shout out "Crucify Him!" just as the crowds did over 2000 years ago. But that is not the end of the week. It is only the beginning. If that is all you can make, please do your best to be there. Otherwise Easter makes no sense. If possible please make at least one, if not all, of the rest of the Holy Services in the week.

The best way to describe the services is to compare this week to a play. The three days of the Triduum are the play with each day representing one of the acts. To fully understand the play it is necessary to be at each of the acts. Act I takes place on Maundy Thursday. It includes the institution of the Eucharist, along with the very moving ceremony of the washing of the feet. No one has to come forward to get their feet washed. All are invited. This is one of the most moving events in the year for your rector, as she prays over the feet of each one who comes forward. This is also the service in which we strip the altar and begin the watch with Christ in the chapel.

Act II takes place on Good Friday, when we bring in a cross for us to venerate. This is the time in which we stay with the disciples at the foot of the cross. We bring in the Reserve Sacrament that has been in the chapel for the previous 24 hours, receive it, and then leave the church in darkness and silence.

Act III takes place at the Vigil of Easter on Saturday night. The Light of Christ is brought into the dark church, candles are lit, and we keep vigil by hearing our story in the form of lessons that are read, along with hymns and psalms. We learn about the salvation of God throughout the history of the Israelites, culminating in the salvation of God through the cross of Christ. Midway through the service the candles are extinguished, the lights blaze, and bells are rung as we proclaim Christ is alive! He is Resin! And the first Eucharist of Easter is celebrated.

This entire event takes time, so come dressed comfortably. Relax and if you need to step outside or go across the street to the bathrooms it is fine. Go ahead. We will still be here when you return. But the climax at the end of the third act is so worth the wait. If you have never experienced this entire event, mark your calendars now. Cancel all other activities of that week. Come and see what all the excitement is about. This will change your life. And you will be back next year, eager for another opportunity to experience this time in which we truly re-member the events of the last days of Christ. I compared this to a play, but it is so much more. We don't just observe or remember what happened, we

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

March 3:	Lenten Program 11:30 a.m.
March 4:	ECW Meeting 10:00 a.m.
March 5:	Evening ECW 7:00 p.m.
March 10:	Lenten Program 11:30 a.m.
March 17:	Lenten Program 11:30 a.m.
March 21: BBC Book Discussion Gp. Panera Bread, Voorhees	7:00 pm
March 23:	Family Matters "Money Matters" 6:30 p.m.
March 24 & 25	Palm Sunday Services
March 26:	Vestry Meeting 7:00 p.m.
March 28:	Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m.
March 29: Good Friday Stations of Cross	12 noon, service at 7:30 p.m.
March 30:	Vigil of Easter 8:00 p.m.
March 31:	Easter Sunday Services
April 4:	ECW Meeting 10:00 a.m.
April 5:	Evening ECW 7:00 p.m.
April 7: Flowering of the Cross	10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt after service
April 16: ECW Basket Auction, doors open	6:00 p.m. – starts 7:00 p.m.
April 18: BBC Book Discussion Gp. Panera Bread, Voorhees	7:00 p.m.
April 23:	Vestry Meeting 7:00 p.m.
April 27: Family Matters "Family Addiction/Substance Abuse"	6:30 p.m.

Remember to mark your calendars

enter into it, we become a part of it, we "re-Member" it, putting back together the members that are the parts of all that happened. Words cannot express what happens in those three days. Only coming and experiencing them can do that. Won't you make this the year you enter into the full event of Christ's death and resurrection? You will not regret it.

Walk Our Labyrinth for Lent

Step out of your busy life and onto the path of our labyrinth! St. John's will be hosting a Lenten Quiet Day on Saturday, March 9th, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Join us for a light breakfast as we learn a bit of the history and lore of the labyrinth. Labyrinth-walking is an ancient form of meditation on the spiritual journey and a potent Lenten symbol of death and resurrection. Let's walk the labyrinth together. Please email Judy Vaughan-Sterling at jvaughan@law.upenn.edu to register, or to ask questions.

Shoe Boxes for the Homeless

Don't forget our Lenten Outreach of collecting shoe boxes filled with socks, toothbrushes, deodorant, mouthwash, shampoo, baby items, etc. for the homeless. March 10th is the deadline. Be sure to indicate if your box is for a man, woman, boy, girl or baby. They can be dropped off in the bin downstairs in the parish hall.

Deadline for the May/June Messenger Sunday, April 17, 2012.

Items may be e-mailed to robertgoodman1@comcast.net (Please show The Messenger in the subject line) or they may be left in the Parish Office.

**April 7- 10:00 a.m.
Flowering of the Cross
Easter Egg Hunt after the service**

THE ECW PAGE

Irish Potatoes Sale March 4



**It's Irish Potato time!
Irish Potatoes on Sale March 4th
Available St. John's Parish Hall
So stop in and pick up a box.
At just \$5.00 what a bargain!**

Irish Potatoes will also be given to our shut-ins.

Our Basket Auction is scheduled for April 16th and doors will open at 6pm. Tickets will sell at a cost of \$8.00 which includes two sheets of basket tickets and a bottle of water. Cupcakes will be served at half time along with Italian and American hoagies for \$4.00 and pretzels for 50 cents. If anyone can help out with items for baskets, please bring your items to the Parish Hall. If you would like to help craft baskets please contact Kate Teasdale or Mary Wonderlin for more details.

Our Valentine's Bake Sale raised monies for Sandy Relief Fund. Thank you all for supporting this great cause.

Our Annual Soup Sale was a great success and raised \$675.00. The date for next year has already been set for January 18th, 2014. Thank you to one and all for your contribution to this great event. Soup was also given out to our shut-ins

Our District Meeting took place on February 18th with a Valentine's theme. Our outreach was for the local Animal Shelter. ECW District News & Announcements can be found on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. A wonderful time was had by all. Many thanks to all the ladies for a day filled with fellowship and fun.

The ECW meets the first Monday of the month in the Parish Hall at 10am and the EECW meets the first Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you at one of the meetings.

Respectfully,
Sister Kate Maura,
ECW President

ECW District Meeting Hosted by St. John's



Kate & Mary put together the favors. (Photo courtesy Sallie Jones)

Our ladies' ECW hosted the ECW District Meeting on Monday, February 18th with a delicious lunch which all enjoyed. They were treated to hot roast beef on rolls, salad, coleslaw and potato salad. Also, on the goody table was great selection of desserts all with a Valentine theme. Kate Teasdale and Mary Wonderlin put together yummy take home favors for the visiting ladies.

Annual Basket Auction Tuesday, April 16th 7:00 pm



Doors open 6:00 pm

Admission Tickets \$8.00

(Includes 2 sheets of basket tickets & a bottle of water)

**Cupcakes will be served at half time
Hoagies will be available for \$4.00
Soft Pretzels will also be sold for 50 cents**

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR YOUTH:

Holy Week Youth Mission Trip For Youth

Saturday March 24-28, 2013

Camp DeWolfe, Wading River, NY

Holy Week Youth Mission Trip For Youth

The Diocese of Long Island Office of Youth Ministry invites you to participate in a special collaboration with the Diocese of New Jersey Youth Ministry Office. Hurricane Sandy has adversely affected many neighborhoods, parishes, and people in our respective communities. This is an opportunity to put our faith in action and for youth and adults to honor the third Mark of Mission, "to respond to human need by loving service."

The Diocese of Long Island will host a Holy Week Mission Trip starting at 3:00 PM on Sunday, March 24, 2013 on Palm Sunday. Participants will learn about the challenges facing local residents and community agencies by working to help muck out homes, pack food, or support general cleanup efforts. We will meet and work with residents and community organizers committed to supporting the ongoing recovery and sustainability work. The week will end at 1:00 PM on Thursday, March 28, 2013 (Maundy Thursday). Missioners will be housed at Camp DeWolfe (www.campdewolfe.org) in Wading River, NY and will work, play, and pray with diverse youth from parishes in New York and New Jersey.

The mission trip is open to youth currently in grades 9-12 and the cost is \$250 with partial scholarships available. Adult chaperones that are safe church trained are needed to support this special ministry opportunity for our youth. Applications will be available by February 22 and the deadline to register is March 15. Please contact The Rev. Canon Debi Clarke (Director of Youth Ministry) at dclarke@newjersey.anglican.org / 877-394-5281 x36.

This will be an amazing way to be a neighbor in mutual partnership with our brothers and sisters in Christ! If you are willing to work hard and want to meet new friends while having fun during your spring break please consider joining this mission trip. This is a moment to share stories and experiences while "doing the work the Lord has given us to do, to love and serve him as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord."

Visit our Web Site:

www.stjohns1789.org

Happening 22

Friday, April 19, 2013 - Sunday, April 21, 2013

9th through 12th grade

Cost \$75.00 per person

Spring Youth Event

Friday, May 17, 2013 - Sunday, May 19, 2013

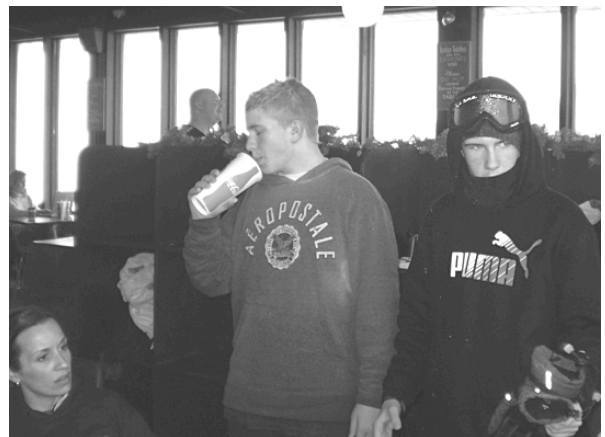
6th through 12th grade

Cost \$75.00 per person

Coffee Hour



Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the fall and winter. A sign up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall. Coffee Hour is the perfect venue welcoming our visitors and newcomers as well as getting to know each other better. Coffee Hour follows the late service and it is an important opportunity to meet and greet people. Keep this a success and join us for some refreshments and good fellowship. Also please consider finding a buddy and hosting a Coffee Hour. A sign up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall.



From the Diocese of New Jersey

**229th Diocesan Convention
We've Come This Far, By Faith**

Join us at the Wildwoods Convention Center, 4501 Boardwalk, Wildwood, NJ for Bishop Councill's 10th convention with us.

The 229th Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey will commence on Friday, March 1, and conclude on Saturday, March 2, when convention business ends.

On Friday, March 1, registration will begin at 7:00 a.m., the Eucharist will be at 10:00 a.m. followed by the business session. Following Saturday morning's breakfast and Eucharist, there were be four workshops: Transition Committee: Good news! We're electing a bishop!, The Aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, Parish Vitality and Partnerships for Mission, and Archives: Dining With the Dead.

Diocesan clergy and lay deputies should make the necessary preparations to attend the convention in order to be a part of the important decision-making process that formulates the future of our Diocese.

It's hard to grasp that 2013 is here. Events in the diocese are starting to ramp up. Here's a heads-up.

Tempus fugit!

Paul Ambos Esq. named Acting Chancellor

With the concurrence of the Standing Committee, Bishop George Councill has appointed Paul Ambos, Esq., to the position of Acting Chancellor of the Diocese of New Jersey.

That the position title includes the adjective "acting" is a reminder that this appointment is effective for the remainder of my tenure as Bishop Diocesan; that is, through November 2, 2013. It will be up to the Twelfth Bishop of New Jersey to determine – again, with the concurrence of the Standing Committee – who he or she will appoint to serve the Diocese in this ministry.

Paul Ambos is well known and widely respected in our diocese. For many years he has been active and effective in advancing the mission of our Church through his parish, this diocese and the wider Church. He has a keen intelligence, a faith-filled heart, a firm foundation in the Gospel of our Lord and an inexhaustible energy for our mission. Those who have attended our Convention in the past ten years and more are aware of the tremendous volume of work that Paul has contributed to the Convention through the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons and the Committee on Resolutions.

The Experience of God in African Spirituality

Saturday March 16, 2013

All Saint's Church, Princeton, New Jersey

The Search for a Bishop

The Episcopal Election Committee of the Diocese of New Jersey functions under the guidelines of Canon 9 — Episcopal Elections, passed at the convention in November 1991, has operated under the guidance of the Canon and within the time frames set out in this document. Canon 9 specifies that the Committee release the names of nominees within one year of being formed, which we are doing with the publication of this booklet. The Committee was formed on January 28, 2012 and is reporting the names as of January 28, 2013.

The Episcopal Election Committee is composed of lay and clergy volunteers, sixteen of whom were elected by their convocations (one lay and one clergy delegate from each of our eight convocations) and six additional at-large members elected by the convocational members of the committee. The committee represents all geographical areas of the diocese and broadly "looks like" the diocesan family. During the course of our work, two members regrettably had to withdraw from the committee due to personal circumstances, and they were replaced as stipulated by Canon.

The committee has undertaken its work in full faith of God's loving spirit and had relied on the prayers of the people of the diocese to support and nurture the task.

Their responsibilities have included development and publication of the Diocesan Profile and work with the Episcopal Church to identify potential nominees.

A call for nominations which was publicized via social media, including Twitter and Facebook, and contacting diverse ministry networks to request assistance in spreading the word, countless hours interviewing nominees, references, current and former parishioners, and colleagues. Also an off-site retreat with all EEC members and semi-final nominees for further discernment which included teachings, discussion topics and informal conversations took place. Diligent and extensive background checks ~ On-site visits to a final group of nominees'

Please contact the offices with any changes in address, phone number, or E-mail address.

Nominees for the 12th Bishop of NJ

A Special Convention for the purpose of electing a Bishop is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2013 at Trinity Cathedral, Trenton.

The Episcopal Election Committee is pleased to submit the names of the following persons to be nominated for election as the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey at the Electing Convention.

The Reverend David Anderson
The Reverend Dr. Joan Beilstein
The Reverend Dr. Allen F. Robinson
The Reverend Canon Melissa M. Skelton
The Reverend Canon William Stokes
The Reverend Martha Sylvia Ovalle Vásquez

The Reverend David Anderson

Born - Yankton, SD, 1956

Ordained Priest - January 27, 1990

Current Parish or Position

St. Luke's Parish, Darien, CT, Rector

Education

M. Div. magna cum laude, Yale Divinity School, 1989;
Diploma of Anglican Studies, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, 1989;
PhD. Candidate (ABD), 19th-century British poetry, University of Chicago;
M.A., English Literature, University of Chicago, 1980;
B.A. English/History, Bob Jones University, 1978.

Parishes or Positions

2003 – Present: St. Luke's Parish, Darien, Connecticut, Rector;
1992 – 2003: Trinity Church, Solebury, Pennsylvania, Rector;
1989 – 1992: St. Luke's Parish, Darien, Connecticut, Associate Rector;
1984 – 86: Professor, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois;
1981 – 1984: Professor, Columbia College, Chicago, Illinois.

Highlights of

Diocesan, National Offices and Community Leadership

2009 – present: Diocese of Connecticut, Mentor for Seminarians;
2004 – present: Darien Clergy Association, Ecumenical Convener;
2008 — Oxford University; Participant in Oxford Round Table, "Global Religion Forum;"
2007: Presenter at Muslim-Christian Dialogue in Egypt, Qatar and Oman;
2005 – 2008: Diocese of Connecticut, Columnist in The Good News;
2000: Diocese of Pennsylvania, Alternate Deputy, General Convention;
1998 – 2004: Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, Board of Trustees.

Publications

2013: Author, *Losing Your Faith, Finding Your Soul* (Random House/Convergent Press, September 2013)
2011 – present: Blogger at findingyoursoul.com
2002: Author, *Breakfast Epiphanies* (Beacon Press)

The Reverend David Anderson

This is a moment when bishops need to communicate the Gospel so that the power of God is manifest in the church and the world. The other tasks of the episcopacy — to teach, to pastor, to lead, to strategize and manage — these all flow from this primary charge.

The best way to prepare yourself and your congregation for the church of the future is to care very much about the church of the present...The church of the future will come very slowly and gradually, and I believe it's important to make slow, gradual shifts in our thinking, in our theology, in our liturgy, in our leadership styles.

We must ask people what they want from their diocese — and what they don't. We must make hard choices. But if we can do that together, for the sake of the gospel, our fiscal challenges will have forced a rebirth of the church.

We worked hard to make St. Luke's a place for everyone. I was clear about my own convictions, but I honored those who could not — or could not fully — share my viewpoint.

I often pray in the sacristy—just as the altar party is ready to go — that we would all be hidden behind the cross of Christ. The point of liturgy is, it's the work of the people. And if you're leading it, your role is, paradoxically, to lead and be very visible, and yet to disappear.

The Reverend Dr. Joan Elizabeth Beilstein

Born - Washington, DC, 1960

Ordained Priest - January 15, 1994

Current Parish or Position

Church of the Ascension, Silver Spring, MD, Rector

Education

D. Min., The Virginia Theological Seminary, 2007;
M. Div. The General Theological Seminary, 1993;
B.A. The University of Maryland, 1983;
Certificate, Pastoral Psychotherapy: The Pastoral Care and Counseling Center of VA, 1998;
Certificate, Interim Ministry Training: Interim Ministry Network, 1998;
Certificate, The Art of Pastoral Care: The Pastoral Counseling Centers of Washington, 1988;
Certificate, Leadership Development Program of the Diocese of Washington, 1985.

Parishes or Positions

Feb 2007 – Present: Church of the Ascension, Silver Spring, Maryland, Rector;
2005 – 2007: All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church, Washington, DC, Interim Rector;
1999 – 2005: Nativity Episcopal Church, Camp Springs, MD, Rector;
1998 – 1999: Trinity Episcopal Church, Upper Marlboro, MD, Interim Rector;
1997 – 1998: Nativity Episcopal Church, Camp Springs, MD, Interim Rector;
May – Aug 1997: St. George's Episcopal Church, Glenn Dale, MD,

Continued:

The Reverend Dr. Joan Elizabeth Beilstein

Priest-in-Charge;

1995 – 1998: Manor Care Health Services, Fairfax, VA, Director of Pastoral Care and Chaplain;
1993 – 1995: St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, Chaplain and CPE Supervisor-in-Training.

Highlights of

Diocesan, National Offices and Community Leadership

2012 – Present: Board Member, The Washington Episcopal Clergy Association
2010 – 2012: Chair, Transition Committee in Bishop's Search;
2008 – 2010: President, The Standing Committee;
2009, 2012: Chair, Washington Deputation, General Convention;
2012, 2009, 2006, 2003: Clerical Deputy, General Conventions;
2004 – 2007: Secretary & Member, The Standing Committee;
2005 – 2008: President & Vice-President, The Washington Episcopal Clergy Association;
2003 – 2005: Board Member, The Washington Episcopal Clergy Association;
2006: Chair, Diocesan Task Force on Just and Equitable Treatment;
2003 – 2006: Board Member, Episcopal Senior Ministries (ESM);
2003 – 2006: Board Member, National Committee on Community and Justice (NCCJ);
2000 – 2004: Board Member, The National Network of Episcopal Clergy Associations;
2000 – 2003: Executive Committee Member, Diocesan Council.

The Reverend Dr. Joan Elizabeth Beilstein

My sermons are pastoral, prophetic, challenging, social justice oriented, etc. depending on where the congregation is at the time and what is happening in the world and in the surrounding community. I strive to make every sermon relevant to our daily lives so people have spiritual tools for living.

I am passionate in my belief that God is calling the Episcopal Church to be relevant. I believe we are not a dying church, but one which is changing, transforming, and re-imagining ourselves, being faithful to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our own day.

What attracts me [to the Diocese of New Jersey] is "who you are!" Your diocesan vision is kindred to my vision of God's kingdom on earth at its best — "one family of diverse and unique congregations, belonging to Jesus Christ and belonging to one another, for Jesus' sake."

I find exciting the breadth and depth of your local/global ministries such as lifelong Christian formation, the Anti-Racism and Hispanic commissions, the companion diocese relationships, the Jubilee Ministry, the Committee on Sudan, the Ministry to the Imprisoned, Youth Ministry, and the utilization of the important Order of Deacons.

I have prepared Ascension for the blessing of same-gender committed relationships in many ways. My spouse and I serve as a healthy role model. By reaching out and forming positive relationships with others, many have moved from opposition, to tolerance, to acceptance.

The Reverend Dr. Allen F. Robinson

Born - Galveston, TX, 1970

Ordained Priest - January 18, 1996

Current Parish or Position

St. James' Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD, Rector

Education

D.Min., Fuller Theological Seminary, 2007;
M.Div., Virginia Theological Seminary, 1995;
B.A., magna cum laude, St. Augustine's College, 1992.

Parishes or Positions

2002 – Present: St. James' Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD, Rector;
1999 – 2002: Calvary Episcopal Church, Memphis, TN, Associate Rector;
1997 – 1999: St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Houston, TX, Associate Rector.

Highlights of

Diocesan, National Offices and Community Leadership

2009, 2012: General Convention Deputy, Diocese of Maryland;
2008 – 2012: Standing Committee, Diocese of Maryland; 2011 – 2012, president;
2006 – 2012: Commission on Ministry, Diocese of Maryland;
2008 – Present: Program and Budget Committee, Diocese of Maryland;
2006 – 2010: Congregational Development Committee, Diocese of Maryland;
2006 – 2010: Board of Trustees, Virginia Theological Seminary;
2004 – Present: Task Force on Congregational Vitality, Office of Black Ministries, Episcopal Church Center.

The Reverend Dr. Allen F. Robinson

I am deeply in love with Jesus Christ and am passionate about the transformative preaching and proclamation of the Gospel. The times in which we live demand visionary leaders with strong leadership skills who are not afraid to proclaim the liberating power of God's love in an increasingly expanding, secular culture.

Genuine relationships, grounded in a shared vision and driven by mission, have the ability to foster a more generous spirit of giving and participation from all levels of diocesan life.

I believe that future growth of small congregations will lie in their ability to think creatively, form bold, new partnerships and alliances within and beyond church communities, and to maintain faith in the power of God to make it all happen.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. penned that, "Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed." As one who was raised in abject poverty in the South and had to overcome racial injustices, I was taught that the most effective way to reform any unjust system is to educate and empower those most disaffected and be a positive catalyst and influence change.

I believe that the bright hope and future of the Church will greatly depend on an intentional commitment to engage ministries and models of grassroots and corporate evangelism, particularly among youth, young adults and the un-churched.

The Reverend Canon Melissa M. Skelton

Born - Columbus, GA, 1951

Ordained Priest - May 1, 1993

Current Parish or Position

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Seattle, WA, Rector
The Diocese of Olympia Seattle, WA, Canon for
Congregational Development and Leadership**

Education

M. Div., cum laude, Virginia Theological Seminary, 1990;
MBA., Marketing and Finance, University of Chicago, 1989;
MA., English, University of South Carolina, 1977;
BA, summa cum laude, University of Georgia, 1973.

Parishes or Positions

2008 – Present: The Diocese of Olympia, Seattle, WA,
Canon for Congregational Development and Leadership;
2005 – Present: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Seattle, WA,
Rector;
2002 – 2005: Trinity Church, Castine, ME, Rector;
2001 – 2005: French & Skelton, San Francisco, CA,
Principal and Co-founder.
1997 – 2001: Tom's of Maine, Kennebunk, ME, Vice
President and Team Leader of Consumer and Brand
Development, Group Team Leader of Organization and
System Development;
1993 – 1997: The General Theological Seminary, New York,
NY, Vice President for Administration, Direction and
Coordinator for the College for Bishops, and Adjunct
Professor of Pastoral Theology;
1994 – 1996: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Trenton, NJ,
Priest Associate;
1993 – 1995: Trinity Wall Street, New York, NY, Adjunct
Clergy;
1992 – 1993: All Saint's Church, Pleasant Ridge, OH,
Associate Clergy;
1991: St. Simon of Cyrene: Lincoln Heights, OH, Intern;
1989 – 1993: The Procter & Gamble Company: Cincinnati,
OH, Brand Manager;
1989 – 1991: Ascension and Holy Trinity Church: Wyoming,
OH, Lay Educational Assistant.

Highlights of

Diocesan, National Offices and Community Leadership

2010, 2011, 2012: Homiletics Instructor and Retreat Leader,
The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology Seattle, WA;
2007, 2011: Summer Workshop Keynoter and Leader,
Pacific Lutheran University Continuing Clergy Education,
Seattle, WA;
1994 – 2004: Consultant, Diocese of Maine Congregational
Development;
1995 – 1996: Program Board Member, Kanuga Conference
Center, Hendersonville, NC;
2002 – 2004: Executive Director, Board Member and Chair
of the Development Committee, The Island Heritage Trust,
Deer Isle, ME;
1998 – 2000: Member of the Business Advisory Council,
The Council on Economic Priorities;
1995 – 1997: Advisory Board, The Center for Jewish-
Christian Relations at The General Theological Seminary,
New York, NY;
1994 – 2008: Trainer, The Church Development Institute,
New York, NY;
1992 – 1993: Strategic Planning Consultant, Hebrew Union
College, New York, NY;
1981 – 1988: Trainer, The Education for Ministry Program,
The University of the South.

The Reverend Canon Melissa M. Skelton

To build on Bishop Councill's policy, I would, after some conversation with clergy on the topic, authorize specific liturgies for use by clergy in the blessing of same-sex unions in the diocese and develop and communicate specific norms for clergy preparing same-sex couples for a blessing within the Church.

My first experience with anti-racism training was watching "The Color of Fear" at a diocesan gathering many years ago. I was spellbound, shocked by how raw the documentary was and equally shocked by the honesty (and in many cases the defensiveness) of those of us in facilitated conversation afterwards. While my last two roles as rector have been in two areas with relatively low percentages of non-white residents, I have continued my interest in anti-racism by participating in our diocesan anti-racism training as well as training hosted by Eric Law. Out of this I've worked to raise awareness about and open dialogue around the issue of race and culture in my parish and in the training programs and efforts I oversee in the diocese.

My own priorities in this area [of responding to the fiscal situation] would be, within the context of prayer, to work toward a simple, realistic, fair and accountable way of configuring fair share giving, to focus on congregational development and the stewardship of resources in parishes and, over time, to examine diocesan costs, seeking the best use of all resources.

I've participated in helping a number of small congregations grow and change. In most every case the congregation's capacity to grow and change has been connected to (a) their prayers and mine (b) the preparation or readiness of the congregation for growth and change (c) skills of leaders to engage the congregation in the questions of identity, vision, finances, culture, context, goals, etc, and (d) the ability of leaders to take action, nimbly learning and responding as they go.

I'm a person who is grounded in prayer, who thrives on relationship and who, after listening to myself, to God, and to others, is not afraid to act.

Wawa Shorti Coupons

Coupons for Wawa Shorti hoagies are available from Mary Wonderlin 783-6805 and Shirley Mullen 227-1051. Coupons are \$3.50 each and can be used to purchase any Wawa Shorti sandwich or be used towards the purchase of any larger sandwich. Proceeds benefit St. John's.

The Reverend Canon William Hallock Stokes

Born - Manhasset, NY, 1957

Ordained Priest - April 27, 1991

Current Post or Position

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Delray Beach, FL,
Rector**

Education

M. Div., Theology, The General Theological Seminary, 1990;
BA, Manhattan College, 1987.

Parishes or Positions

1999 – Present: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Delray Beach, FL, Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge;

1995 – 1998: The Episcopal Church of Bethesda-By-The-Sea, Palm Beach, FL, Asst./Assoc. Curate;

1990 – 1994: Grace Episcopal Church and Day School, Massapequa, NY, Asst./Assoc. Curate.

Highlights of

Diocesan, National Offices and Community Leadership

Present: Member, The Episcopal Church Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns

Present: Member, Board, Vibrant Faith Ministry, Bloomington, MN;

Present: Member, Delray Beach Interfaith Clergy Association. (President, 2003–2006, Currently Vice-President);

Present: Member, Diocese of Southeast Florida Commission on Anti-Racism and Justice;

2010: Installed as Honorary Canon for "Distinguished Service to the Diocese" by Bishop Frade and Cathedral Chapter, Trinity Cathedral, Miami;

2003 – 2012: Member, Anti-Racism Committee of the Executive Board of the Episcopal Church

2006, 2009, 2012: Clergy Delegate, General Convention;

2003: First Alternate Clergy Delegate, General Convention;

2003 – Present: Ministry Discernment Advisor, Diocese of SE FL;

2010 – Present: Board of Examining Chaplains, Diocese of SE FL;

2008 – 2012: Board Episcopal Charities of SE FL,

2009 – 2011: Chair of Board of Episcopal Charities of SE FL;

2000 – 2005: Member, Executive Board of the Diocese of SE FL;

2003 – 2005: Dean, South Palm Beach Deanery;

2005: Member, Advisory Board, Center for Christian Education of the Cathedral College, Washington, DC;

2003 – 2004: Member, Bishop's Advisory Council on Sex and Sexuality of the Diocese of SE FL;

2001 – 2005: Member, The Diocesan School Board of the Diocese of SE FL;

1991 – 1994: Member, Department of Budget, Diocese of Long Island;

1991 – 1993: Member, Bishop of Long Island's Subcommittee on Sex and Sexuality;

1990 – 1994: Member, Massapequa School District Advisory Council for Youth at Risk and Drug Free Schools.

The Reverend Canon William Hallock Stokes

The exciting, awesome, and somewhat frightening, challenge facing the next Bishop, the leadership and people of the Diocese of New Jersey is to discern how the Spirit is calling the Diocese to live "right onward" in difficult circumstances, to respond adaptively and creatively, and to write the next chapter of the Gospel story in New Jersey.

As bishop, I would encourage the Diocese and its people to continue prayerfully to use Mission, undergirded by the Baptismal Covenant, as the plumb line by which to systematically and strategically evaluate current and future ministries and to determine where precious resources should be allocated.

I encourage entrepreneurial and collaborative endeavors in ministry rather than using a "top down" style, and believe this approach is the best way for the episcopate and the Church to operate in today's challenging climate.

[Re his experience preparing congregations for the blessing of same sex unions] This is a work in progress for me...Over the years, I have led St. Paul's toward a wider embrace of LGBT persons, and their full inclusion in the life of the Church. I modeled this embrace and inclusion in my own life and ministry and taught it through preaching, Bible Studies, dialogues on human sexuality and in private conversations. I will support moving forward with authorized use of [the Rites], encouraging all to engage in ongoing dialogue with increased understanding while continuing to "honor the theological diversity of this Church in regards to matters of human sexuality."

For me, the story of The Widow's Mite provides the best biblical teaching for personal financial stewardship. Each individual and family must determine what is meaningful and sacrificial in its own circumstances. It is critical that those of us who enjoy relative economic privilege have "eyes to see and ears to hear" those who live in poverty and that we respond to this need.



The Reverend Martha Sylvia Ovalle Vásquez

Born - San Antonio, TX, 1952

Ordained Priest - December 7, 1995

Current Parish or Position

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Walnut Creek, CA,
Rector**

Education

M. Div., Episcopal Seminary Of The Southwest, Austin, TX, 1995;

M.T.S, Oblate School Of Theology, San Antonio, TX, Master of Theological St 1991;

Multiple Undergraduate Credits attained, San Antonio College—San Antonio, TX, 1972–1987.

Parishes or Positions

2006 – Present: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Walnut Creek, CA, Rector;

2003 – 2006: Episcopal Diocese of New York, New York, NY, Canon for Congregational Development;

2000 – 2003: Trinity Episcopal Parish, Wilmington, DE, Associate Rector;

1997 – 2000: All Saints Church, Pleasanton, TX and Good Shepherd Church, George West, TX, Priest in charge;

1995 – 1997: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, San Antonio, TX, Assistant Rector;

1992 – 1995: Self Employed Consultant, Austin, TX, Workshop Leader and Liturgist;

1990 – 1992: Bexar County Detention Ministries, San Antonio, TX, Jail Chaplain/Program Director.

1988 – 1990: Las Hermanas—USA, San Antonio, TX,

Executive Director, National Organization of Catholic Latinas;

1983 – 1987: Severance Lab, Sherwood Medical, PathLab, South Texas, Medical Marketing, Sales Representative.

Highlights of

Diocesan, National Offices and Community Leadership

Present: Executive Council Diocese of California;

Present: Member of Diocese of CA Constitution and Canons Committee;

Present: President of Deanery;

Present: Presenter for our Diocesan Fresh Start program;

Present: Member of the Board for Episcopal Charities;

Present: Neighborhood Advisory Committee on Redevelopment for the city of Walnut Creek;

Served on the Diocesan search committee for a multicultural officer;

2009, 2012: Alternate Deputy for General Convention, volunteer staff for General Convention 2012;

Consultant for the Canon for Deployment regarding clergy placement;

Served as an advisor/consultant to the Episcopal Church's Hispanic Office (at "815");

2003, 2006: Coordinator House of Deputies for General Convention;

2000: Alternate deputy to General Convention 2000;

Represented the Bishop of West Texas at the Diocese of Northern Mexico's Diocesan Conventions;

Served on several diocesan committees including anti-racism and co-chairing the multicultural commission;

Provided several liturgies for the World Council of Churches gatherings with the Urban/Rural Caucus.

The Reverend Martha Sylvia Ovalle Vásquez

In liturgy, I preside in an informal yet reverent manner, emphasizing the joyful nature of our corporate prayer. While it's important to respect the sacramental nature of our liturgy, it is also important to help people feel that our worship is accessible and inclusive, but most importantly that they feel engaged.

Especially with strategic planning, all ideas are given due discussion and all are encouraged to dream BIG. I provide a leadership presence that encourages "out of the box thinking" and helps everyone feel that they have a role to play in just about all aspects of our common life.

The Church — both the congregations and the diocese — depend on each other for their existence. The most radical statement the Church makes about money is that it is simply another medium within God's culture. Discerning together, we determine the use of the "common purse" to fulfill God's mission.

My experience with those congregations that were successful in becoming vital, was that they not only accepted change, they embraced it. Those who were successful also had the capacity to be honest about their weaknesses and willing to let go of methods of church life that were no longer effective — including closing a church so that it could reopen as a new ministry a couple of years later.

I am gifted in rallying people to come together to get things done. I'm much more concerned about building strong bonds of community than I am about protecting structures. I am deeply committed to a collaborative process of decision-making when collaboration doesn't diminish our ability to be the best we can be.

Don't forget "Spring Forward" Sunday, March 10



Daylight Saving Time 2013 begins at 2:00 a.m.

Walkabouts Scheduled for Nominees for Twelfth Bishop

“Walkabouts” are scheduled for April 22–24 around the Diocese of New Jersey. The Walkabouts are an opportunity to introduce the Nominees for Twelfth Bishop to the Diocese and for the people of the Diocese of New Jersey to meet the Nominees. The schedule of the walkabouts is as follows:

Monday, April 22:

At Diocesan House in Trenton, 3–5 p.m., the Nominees will meet the Diocesan Staff (this meeting is for Nominees and Diocesan Staff ONLY).

At Trinity Cathedral in Trenton (open to EVERYONE: Laity and Clergy):

5:30 — 6:00 p.m. Social Time
6:00 — 6:45 p.m. Pot-luck Supper
7:00 — 8:45 p.m. “Walkabout”

Tuesday, April 23:

At Trinity Cathedral (open to CLERGY only):

9:00 — 9:45 a.m. Coffee, bagels, donuts, etc.
9:45 — 10:00 a.m. Introductions, ground rules, etc.
10:15 — 12:00 p.m. “Walkabout”

At Trinity Church in Vineland (open to EVERYONE: Laity and Clergy):

5:30– 6:00 p.m. Social Time
6:00 — 6:45 p.m. Pot-luck Supper
7:00 — 8:45 p.m. “Walkabout”

Wednesday, April 24:

Afternoon: Nominees will tour various places along the Jersey Shore affected by Hurricane Sandy.

At St. George’s-by-the River in Rumson (open to EVERYONE: Laity and Clergy):

5:30 — 6:00 p.m. Social Time
6:00 — 6:45 p.m. Pot-luck Supper
7:00 — 8:45 p.m. “Walkabout”

For more information contact
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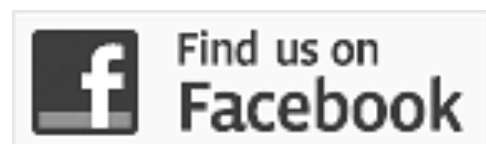
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EPISCOPAL ELECTION COMMITTEE CALENDAR

April 22–24	Walkabouts with Nominees
May 4th	Electing Convention
August 1st	Bishop-Elect Tentative Start Date
November 2nd	Consecration of Bishop-Elect



Spot Light on

Betty Mantzell

by Steve Moritz



(Photo courtesy of Steve Moritz)

How long have you been a member of St. John's?
Since 1969 when the family moved out of Philadelphia.

What clubs or activities do you participate in?
Betty is an active member of the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) where she is responsible for the Sunshine Club correspondences. Betty sends cards to the parish's members that have trouble getting out. This ministry is so important to the parish and appreciated by the shut-ins; it keeps them involved and connected to the church.

What is your favorite St. John's Memory?
Betty: In 1980 her daughter's wedding but she loves all of the fellowship events that she attends.

Who welcomed you to the church?
Betty: Jean Simkins

What memories do you have?
Betty: Growing up in Philadelphia was great as a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church and member of the GFS (Girls Friendly Society) for 60 over years.

Betty is a caring and giving individual who recognizes the value of saying hello to someone who may not hear it enough. She is loved and appreciated by ECW ladies and our shut-ins. Betty is a pillar of St. John's Family, always willing to pitch in and we are truly blessed to have as a member of St. John's.

Parting Shot



"What me worry!!!!"

(Photo courtesy Cynthia Rolle)

Contest

Ok, time for some fun!!! Cynthia Rolle submitted this super photo of Lee Jones making his Realm 101 presentation during St. John's Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, February 3rd. Well as they say "A picture is worth a thousand words", well that adage certainly holds true for this great photo op!!! So submit your best thoughts for a caption for this picture. We will publish the best of the lot in the next edition (hopefully we can come up with a "top ten" list of entries. E-mail your caption to robertgoodman1@comcast.net. Maybe you will win a prize!



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Available after March 4