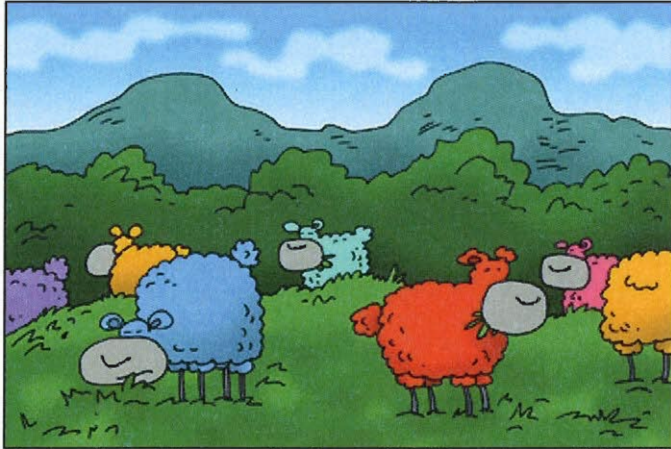


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The seminary system that emerged in the nineteenth century created a model of professional ministry, in which ordained clergy became experts with specialized knowledge. In this culturally fixated view, the priest's primary responsibility is to meet the needs of the congregation. This worked well while congregations were able to fulfill their implicit reciprocal responsibility: to provide sufficient financial support for the ministry. This, of course, is less and less possible each year.

According to Martin, "We no longer need leaders who stand alone as experts and whose knowledge commends people to follow. We desperately need more leaders who clearly understand that ministry belongs to and is centered in the baptized members. ... Ministry is about Christ and the people of God." With the Vestry, I will be reflecting on this insight over the course of the coming months.

We need to articulate where we came from, as a means of understanding how we got where we are. Then, we need to recognize what of our current model works, and bolster and encourage those aspects of our common life. We also need to admit what does *not* work, and turn away from those obsolete practices. Through this process, we can discover and return to a more biblical view of the ordained as leaders of leaders in a missionary community. It's exciting stuff, and it gives us hope for the future. ✕

—The Rev. Dr. J. Barrington Bates

## From the Rector:

"The day of the professional pastor is over." Those are the words of Kennon Callahan. Author of fifteen books, Dr. Callahan is best known for his ground-breaking *Twelve Keys to an Effective Church*, helping congregations advance their focus on mission growth. I quoted him from another book, *Five Keys for Church Leaders*, by Kevin Martin.

Together, these two gentlemen assert that the old model of professional ministry that worked so well during the early and mid twentieth century no longer functions. Many churches have vastly unrealistic expectations of their clergy, and clergy are more and more often called to congregations where the lay leadership does not share a common set of expectations and agenda. In addition, we suffer from the fiction that the main issue for a church is its leader. If the organization is in trouble, either we try to fix the leader or change the leader—rather than address the underlying problems.

## Seven-Week Advent

This year, we will experiment with the season of Advent. Traditionally observed for the four Sundays before Christmas, this year's advent will be expanded to *seven* weeks. We begin our Advent observance on November 7, which

will be combined with our celebration of All Saints. The reasons for a more prolonged Advent are many, but have mostly to do with attempting to counterbalance the relentless consumerism of our culture. Christmas, of course, is not about acquiring things—although the stores and advertisements would have you believe otherwise. By lengthening the Advent season, we will have an opportunity to reflect on the profound truths of our faith, instead of being seduced by the din of materialism. Our Advent wreath this year will contain *eight* candles—one for each Sunday, plus Christmas itself. Each week, we will sing one stanza of “O come, O come, Emmanuel” as we light the candles on the wreath. We will also emphasize activities and programs, such as the Advent Conspiracy (adventconspiracy.org). From their web site:

The story of Christ's birth is a story of promise, hope, and a revolutionary love. So, what happened? What was once a time to celebrate the birth of a savior has somehow turned into a season of stress, traffic jams, and shopping lists. And when it's all over, many of us are left with presents to return, looming debt that will take months to pay off, and this empty feeling of missed purpose. Is this what we really want out of Christmas? What if Christmas became a world-changing event again?

Together, let us find new meaning in celebrating the event that changed the world for good. Through our purposeful observance of a seven-week season of Advent, let's help put the Christ back in Christmas! ✠

—The Rev. Dr. J. Barrington Bates

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## October Dates to Note on Your Calendar:

October 3: Blessing of the Animals @ 6:00 pm  
October 19: Vestry Meeting @ 6:00 pm  
October 30: Barefoot in Annunciation 11-3 pm  
October 31: Soles 4 Souls –Bring in gently worn shoes

## Special Thanks to...

Diane May, for giving the sacristy a thorough cleaning and reorganization

Grace Oliff, for organizing the welcome breakfast last month

Jamie MacKenzie, for a day of shrub trimming and gardening last month

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## Parishioners' Milestones

**Birthdays:** Brian Demay 10/4, Disha Dass 10/12, Skyler Olsen 10/12, Lynna Demay 10/12, Sarah Corrado 10/15, Kathryn Gwynne 10/18, Carolyn Bensen 10/19, Eric Olsen 10/21

**Baptisms:** Brian Demay 10/4, Alison Oliff 10/19

**Confirmations:** Charles May 10/22

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Allen & Muriel Depken 10/1, David & Susan Dziemian 10/3, Tony Silano & Cindy Mckenzie 10/4, Michael & Janet Corrado 10/12

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## Acolyte Schedule

10/3 Zachary Olsen (Crucifer)

Skyler Olsen

Teagan Bellitto

10/10 Ben Corrado (Crucifer)

Sam Wekselblatt

Nick Wekselblatt

10/17 Jason Demay (Crucifer)

Teagan Bellitto

Skyler Olsen

10/24 Hannah Garcia (Crucifer)

Sara Sarnicki

Brianna Cottone

10/31 Sam Wekselblatt

Ben Corrado

Nick Wekselblatt

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## ECW

ECW. meetings are held the last Monday in each month, from September to May, at 1 pm in the Parish Hall. All women in the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend.

I'm sure we have parishioners who have hobbies, special interests or talents, or unique collections which would be of interest to ECW members. We'd be most happy to have you present a program at one of our meetings. Speak to Clare Simpson.

Although the Monday knitting and sewing group is taking a short vacation, many members knit hats and scarves at home to be sent to Seamen's Institute in Port Newark to be included in boxes distributed to merchant seamen in December for "Christmas at Sea." The knitting is easy and we can supply you with patterns. It's a good project for winter evenings and don't need to be completed by this December, as the Christmas boxes continue each year. If interested speak to Ginny.

All women in the parish are automatically members of the ECW. If you have not yet officially attended a meeting, how about starting Monday, October 25? If you have children at home, they are welcome to attend with you. If your children are attending school, we promise to have you home by 3 pm. I look forward to seeing many of you at 1 pm on Monday, October 25.

Ginny Baird, President

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## Absent Guests

Each week, we take a second collection at the altar steps on that little chair with a basket on it; you pass by on your way to the communion rail. This is the Absent Guest Plate, and in it we collect money to give away to charitable purposes. Last year, we donated nearly four thousand dollars to such causes, which include organizations and causes we regularly support and emergency funding for natural disasters.

Madoche Jean Louis – Sponsored through Compassion International

For over ten years the parishioners of Annunciation have sponsored a child through Compassion International. We do this in a monthly collection in our absent guest plate. His name is Madoche Jean Louis, he lives in Haiti and he just celebrated his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 13. Madoche is an above average student in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. He enjoys walking, running, reading, drawing, running errands, buying and selling in the marketplace, cleaning, making beds, and helping in the kitchen. Madoche lives with both his parents and six siblings.

His family lives in the mountainous community of Macieux, northwest of Baintet in Haiti. The area has approximately 3,000 residents. Homes are constructed of wood with tin roofs. Their home was damaged during the earthquake and his family lived in a camp (with medical assistance) until they could repair it. They speak Creole and French. Their diet consists of maize, beans, rice, bread, and some chicken and fish. After the earthquake, Madoche said they found food. Most adults in Macieux work as subsistence farmers and earn the equivalent of \$27 dollars a month. Madoche's father is also a project worker. The community needs employment opportunities, schools and qualified teachers. Our sponsorship allows Madoche to go to the Macieux Child Development Center for Bible school, educational classes, health education and recreational activities. It also provides scholastic materials and uniforms. The center also provides community service projects and educational workshops for his parents.

Madoche would like letters of encouragement from all of you. You can handwrite a letter or you can go to [compassion.com](http://compassion.com) and log in to "my account". Our user name is: annunciation and our password is Oradell. You can use his online number of 1526900. If interested, you can mail a card using his number HA-218-4050. In addition to our monthly gift of \$32, we will also be collecting money to send to Compassion from which they will buy him a Christmas present.



## Compassion International: Sponsoring children in need is breaking the cycle of poverty

Compassion International exists as a Christian child advocacy ministry that releases children from spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty and enables them to become responsible, fulfilled Christian adults. Founded by the Rev. Everett Swanson in 1952, Compassion began providing Korean War orphans with food, shelter, education and health care, as well as Christian training.

Today, Compassion helps more than 1 million children in 26 countries.

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## Finance Report

Thanks to the hard work of our Treasurer in improving our bookkeeping and accounting, this feature appears regularly in e-News.

As of August 31:

	Since Jan.	Annual Budget
Offerings Received	\$47,028	—
Offerings Promised	\$51,630	91,500
Difference	<b>-\$4,602</b>	
Total Income	\$119,600	139,860
Total Expense	\$148,051	164,627
Difference	<b>-\$28,451</b>	<b>-24,767</b>
Unrestricted cash on hand:	\$18,684	
Total pledges for 2010:	\$82,000	

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## Note Worthy:

Howard Brady has sold his house in River Edge, and is moving to California to be near his brother. As an interim step, he will be living with his daughter Patty at 912 Morgan Drive, Royersford, Pa., 19468. We will miss him!

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**“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much” (Luke 16:10).**

## Equipping Congregations Workshops & Training: Coming this Fall



**October 16, 2010 - Vestry University -**  
Strengthening Leaders for the Church of Today AND Tomorrow  
St. Elizabeth's,

Ridgewood,  
9 am - 3 pm

**October 24, 2010 - Taste and See - Eating with Jesus**  
Sara Miles, author of *Take This Bread* and *Jesus Freak*, will help us to explore how the feast at the altar can connect to the feast of the food pantry...it is vital to invite everyone to the table, without exception.  
St. Luke's, Montclair 5 pm - 8 pm

For more information about any of these events, please contact [Kitty Kawecki](#), Director of Resources & Training, 973-430-9902.

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## Christophany #11

**Friday, October 22 - Sunday, October 24  
at St. Alban's, Oakland**

A weekend event planned by youth for youth, Christophany is a great way for those in grades 6, 7 and 8 to have fun, play games, make new friends, and explore their spirituality. ([Download flyer.](#))

The event costs \$60.00 and, as always, scholarships are available upon request.

The registration deadline is **Friday, October 8**. To register, please use the diocesan [Program Participation Form](#).

For more information, please contact Kaileen Alston, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, at [kalston@dioceseofnewark.org](mailto:kalston@dioceseofnewark.org) or 973-430-9991.

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### ***Tools for All God's People: A Conference on Lay Ministry***

Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Byron Rushing,  
member of Massachusetts House of Representatives  
and a passionate lay leader in The Episcopal Church.  
Workshop choices will focus on ways to explore how  
your faith  
can be expressed in your everyday life both individually  
and as a community.  
([Download flyer.](#))

**Saturday, November 6, 2010**  
**9 am - 3 pm**  
Grace Church, Madison

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The monthly newsletter is a joint effort by all members  
of the congregation. It's a place to get updates and  
share things that are happening that are important to  
us.

If you have something you would like shared in a future  
edition please email me at:

[l\\_demay@yahoo.com](mailto:l_demay@yahoo.com)

Thank you

Lynna Demay. ✉

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### **Prayer Request**

*Please add this name to the Prayers of the People:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to  
You \_\_\_\_\_

Concern or  
Illness \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date to  
Remove \_\_\_\_\_

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