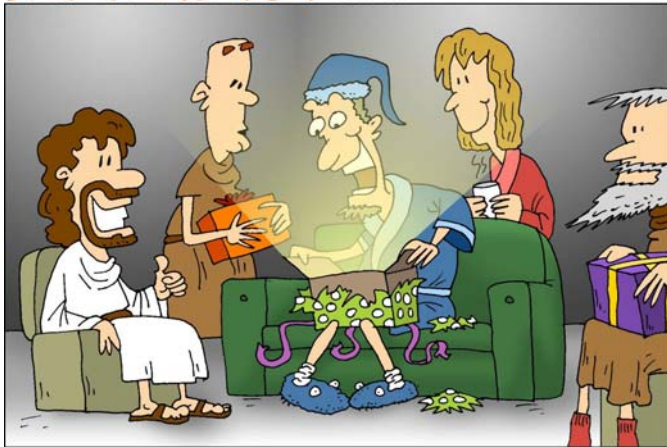


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ETERNAL LIFE, MY FAVORITE ... THANKS JESUS!

body to join together with the whole Body of Christ. If you have any questions about stewardship, please do not hesitate to personally contact the Rector or the Treasurer, Dave Dziemian. ✕

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Join Together with the Body of Christ

Stewardship is not simply something we are asked to think about once a year when it is time for us to make our pledge so that the Vestry can create the budget for the next year. Stewardship is the ongoing practice of offering thanks to God by sharing your gifts, talents, and resources (and yes, this means your financial resources) with your brothers and sisters in a way that cooperates with God's steadfast purposes of love and reconciliation. Stewardship is a life practice of thanksgiving and gratitude. It is a way for you to contribute to the life of the community. It is a way for your

Planned Giving

What is planned giving? Simply put, it is the giving you execute from your estate at the time of your death. Some planned gifts can increase retirement income, reduce taxes, or enhance family inheritance. Thoughtful planned given can turn what would

There is no better way to show your devotion and love for your parish family than to make a gift of lasting meaning

otherwise be tax dollars into gift dollars. Planned giving is a way to leave a meaningful legacy of our values. For example, a planned gift can create an endowment fund that will go on giving in perpetuity—not

just be spent for one-time improvements to the church buildings. You may endow your annual stewardship pledge by using this simple formula: multiply your annual giving by twenty and then put that amount as a bequest to your church in your will or trust. That way your pledge will continue even after you have departed this mortal life, ensuring health and vitality for your parish. ✕

Special Thanks to...

Sue Keitel, for reinvigorating our guild of hand-bell ringers, and to Sue and George for setting up the bells in their new (we hope permanent) location at the back of the church.

Greg Kouletsis, Chuck May, and Jamie Mackenzie, for changing those hard-to-reach light bulbs in the church.

Jyoti Dass and Lil Kouletsis, Disha Dass, and Nicole Mulligan, who made our fall breakfast possible after Grace Oliff took the "break" in "breakfast" a bit too literally.

Eric Olsen, for readjusting our sound system so that it works again.

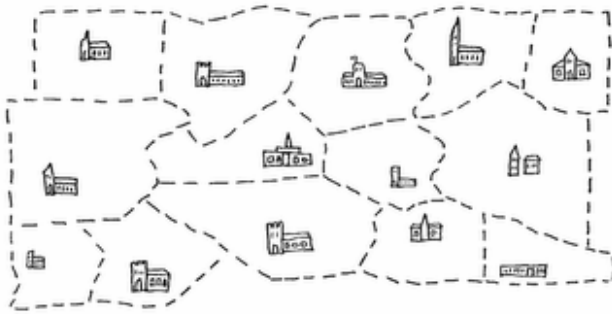
Jan Simpson, for cleaning out the refrigerator in the "courtyard room"—a worse job than you can imagine!

Our Rector, for donating and planting pachysandra and myrtle groundcover plants.

Dave Dziemian, for helping to organize tools in the boiler room in the basement. ✕

THE PARISH SYSTEM

THE ENTIRE COUNTRY IS DIVIDED INTO PARISHES.
EACH ONE HAS ITS OWN CHURCH. EVERYBODY GOES
TO THEIR LOCAL PARISH CHURCH*



*UNLESS IT IS TOO HIGH, TOO LOW, TOO LIBERAL, TOO EVANGELICAL,
TOO CATHOLIC, TOO MIDDLE OF THE ROAD, TOO UNBIBLICAL, HAS TOO
MANY BELLS AND SMELLS, HAS TOO MANY SMELLS, HAS SERMONS THAT
ARE TOO LONG, HAS TOO MANY CHILDREN, HAS NOT ENOUGH CHILDREN,
HAS NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, HAS MUSIC THAT IS TOO OLD FASHIONED,
HAS MUSIC THAT IS TOO HAPPY CLAPPY, HAS A VICAR WHO IS A
WOMAN, HAS A VICAR WHO IS A MAN, HAS A VICAR WHO IS A BIT ODD,
HAS SERVICES THAT START TOO EARLY IN THE MORNING, HAS REALLY
BAD COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICES, HAS PARTICULARLY UNCOMFORTABLE
PEWS, HAS SERVICES THAT CLASH WITH SUNDAY LUNCH PREPARATION
TIME, HAS SERVICES THAT DON'T USE THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER,
HAS SERVICES THAT DO USE THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER OR ISN'T
THE CHURCH ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRIMARY SCHOOL THEY HAD IN MIND

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What are Google groups? These are free online accounts, in which you can join in on what others are talking about, hear news of your parish, and access information. From within a group, you can reply to a message that someone else posted, or post a message or question of your own. You can get in touch and keep in touch with your fellow parishioners this way. You can choose whether you want to read and post messages online, or to just use your current e-mail account to read and respond.

Why should I subscribe?



First, you will get pertinent e-mail and news. We are no longer maintaining separate parishioner lists, so if you want to hear about your parish, you will need to join the group. In addition, our Annunciation Parishioners online group has information posted that you can access. Only members of the group can see this information, which includes a copy of the parish directory, our parish bylaws, and other helpful

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Annunciation Parishioners, a general account for all members. Everyone should join this one!

Annunciation Leadership, a special account just for the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry.

Annunciation B&G, a special account for the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

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Confirmation

Our Bishop has asked that we prepare youth for confirmation *no earlier than the eighth grade*— preferably the ninth grade. At a clergy day last month, he also



Bishop Beckwith

asked us as his priests to represent his viewpoint, and not try to negotiate with him. He feels that making a mature commitment to invite Christ into your life is not something that children are readily able to do. I agree.

This “edict” provides an opportunity that invites us into deeper conversation about the meaning and purpose of confirmation.

To that end, I would like to invite anyone interested to come talk with me after church on Sunday, November 1. Any takers? ✕

Construction

Friends for Life has settled in to our old offices and a new routine at Annunciation. Everyone is welcome to drop by and see our parish hall filled with twenty or thirty people—every Wednesday and Thursday from 10 until 2. Some of their clients have even joined us for our Wednesday worship service, so this is feeling more and more like a ministry for our parish.

We still have quite a way to go before we are finished with our current round of renovations. To date, we have built a new closet in the bell-tower room and cleaned out some basement storage areas. A new pantry was fashioned off the kitchen, and new shelving built in the kitchen.

Later this month, a work day will paint some of these new spaces, as



The “open classroom” temporary offices for our rector and administrator

well as help organize them and more.

The plan is to move tools and hardware to the basement boiler room, and to move our supplies for parish meals into a more convenient location. The old “courtyard room” will then be reconfigured as parish offices. All of this will be paid for by a donation from Friends for Life along with an appeal from the Bishop’s Church Extension Fund next February. We anticipate no direct financial cost to the parish for all of these improvements.

After all that, we will set our face on sprucing up the parish hall, including removing the old radiators and installing new flooring. It is far too early to project how long all this will take, but at least now you have an idea of the trajectory. Only God knows the timeline! ✕

e-News

This is the second issue of our electronic newsletter at Annunciation. We will distribute this primary through the free Google group for Annunciation Parishioners. To join the group, sign up on our web site (www.annunciationoradell.org). Issues of e-News will also be posted on the web site, and a limited number of paper copies will be made available for those without internet capability. Copies will be mailed to those friends and family who are homebound or far away. But if you want the news quicker, in color, and with hyperlinks to various web locations, the please join the group!

So far, e-News is entirely a production of the clergy, and this is obviously not a good long-term strategy for many reasons. If you feel you might be called to assist or even take over this important ministry, please contact the Rector. ✕



The true definition of “stewardship” is a person (1) using every God-given talent and for good (2) repeatedly sacrificing selfish desires to do the right thing.

A Name to Remember

Any Sunday, you will sitting in the front pew on the Gospel side the Dass family: Rahul, Jyoti, Disha, and now Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dass. This is “their place.” They are up-front people: no hidden agendas, only honesty, friendship, and generosity. Truly, with them “what you see is what you get.”



Disha Dass

Rahul in December 1988, and emigrate to America in 1989. They first settled in Bergenfield, and moved to New Milford in 1993, where Disha was born that same year. That year, they also joined our parish. Fortunately for us, they were told that we are the nearest Episcopal church!

They came to America with two main goals: to be loyal American citizens and to work in the field of expertise to provide for their family. Jyoti is an Education Supervisor with the Head Start program in Hackensack. Disha is in her sophomore year at New Milford High School, taking honors classes. She is a budding musician (piano), like her dad (guitar).

Jyoti, Rahul, and Disha have been active and working members of our congregation. Jyoti served as a Sunday School teacher, Rahul was a Vestry member and Warden, and they are both ushers. Disha is an acolyte and lector, and frequently helps with the Sunday School.

Rahul was instrumental this year in relocating his parents from India. He and Jyoti had additions built to their home so all could live comfortably together. Robert Dass served in the infantry of the Indian Army during World War II, including fierce battles in Italy (Salerno, Monti Casino) and Burma. His infantry division received numerous commendations and awards for valiant and dedicated service, including a

Rahul Dass was born and grew up in Jullundhar, India. There, he participated in the typical activities: school, soccer, and “hanging out.” Rahul attended Daw College and graduated with a business degree with a concentration in accounting. Jyoti, graduating from college with a B.A. in education, was ready to leave New Delhi, marry

Rahul in December 1988, and emigrate to America in

very special one from Winston Churchill. They are a family that enriches our congregation in many ways.

Here is an interesting sidelight: I needed to call Rahul one evening about some additional information concerning the family. It developed that on his way home from work, he thought about calling me to give me some information that I might need. I appears that we had an “E.S.P. experience” together. ✕

Parish Work Day

Friends for Life is making a significant contribution to the life of our community and the vitality of our space. They are also helping us financially, through a monthly rental payment as well as significant support for the costs of needed renovations. We anticipate further support from the Bishop’s Church Extension Fund in the new year,

and with this we expect there will be no direct cost to the parish for these changes. The costs for renovation can only be kept within budget if we have sufficient volunteer help with simple tasks, like painting, organizing, cleaning, and even gardening if the weather holds. We are planning a parish work day for this purpose on Saturday, October 17, from 8:30 to 12:30. Please sign up if you are able to come, so we can plan accordingly. Your parish family needs your help! ✕



No idle hands or Devil's workshop here!

Stewardship In-Gathering

We hope everyone will receive, pray about, and complete a pledge card in time to submit it on November 1. This is the second year we have tried this early deadline, which allow the Vestry to determine our budget and diocesan pledge for next year on time. Wont’ you please help? ✕

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