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## Announcements for September 12, 2010

**Welcome Back!** Whether you have been out of town for the summer, or just enjoying some respite, we are pleased to see you this morning. Today, we welcome Linda Lanier-Keosaian as our Organist and Choirmaster. She will be giving us a glimpse of her vision for ministries of music here at Annunciation.

**Today's organ music:** PRELUDE: Oh God, Thou Faithful God (O Gott du frommer Gott) Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933). During the Eucharist: Rorate Caeli (Drop down, ye heavens) Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968). POSTLUDE: O Day of Peace, Charles Callahan.

Notes:

**Sigfrid Karg-Elert** was a German pianist, organist and composer. He writes in the Romantic style of the late nineteenth century. His chorale preludes are original in their rich harmonies. **Jeanne Demessieux**, the first woman to become a titular organist in a major church in Paris, served in that capacity in the most prestigious church, La Madeleine. She was also the first woman invited to play at Westminster Cathedral and Westminster Abbey in London. She was known for her remarkable improvisations. **Charles Callahan** is a contemporary American church composer. O Day of Peace is a setting of the English hymn, Jerusalem.

**The September issue** of our parish e-News is available on our web site, and has been sent to those subscribed to the Google group. A few paper copies are available in the Center Street hallway. Many thanks to Lynna Demay, our new newsletter editor!

**Google Groups:** We now have two groups in Google. These are free, and we encourage you to sign up. Start at our web site ([www.annunciationoradell.org](http://www.annunciationoradell.org)), then click on the link on the home page to join one or more groups. Everyone should be part of the "Parishioners" group! We also have a Facebook group—so sign up today to see pictures, hear news, and stay in touch with your fellow parishioners.

**Blessing of the Animals**, 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 3 (the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Francis of Assisi). Bring your dogs, cats, birds, snakes, teddy bears, and other animal companions (properly constrained, please) for this brief thanksgiving for all the blessings animals share with us. We gather on the lawn in front of the church (or, in case of rain, in the parish hall).

**Rector's Blog:** Barrie has started an online blog, in hopes of stimulating conversation and comments about theological topics. Look on the home page of our parish web site ([www.annunciationoradell.org](http://www.annunciationoradell.org)) for a link to this new feature.

**Your Questions Answered:** *Q.* I heard the Rector left the Vestry meeting recently. Isn't that un-Christ like? *A.* I will sidestep the *ad hominum* critique here, reminding us all that Jesus never attended a Vestry meeting! But, seriously, I believe we have come to a watershed at Annunciation. We have decided—both informally through our actions and formally through the action of the Vestry—to remain a family-sized congregation. It was my charge when you called me as your Rector to encourage the parish to grow beyond this into a sustainable size. In my 3+ years here, I have met resistance or apathy with every proposal, every plan, and every idea I have proposed. I absented myself from the Vestry meeting in June so they could assess the situation. If I was the problem, I needed to be out of the room so they could name this. It appears that you want to remain a family, and there is nothing wrong with this. Most congregations in the Episcopal Church are family-sized. —JBB

**Join us for our next Wednesday 10a.m. service:** October 6. We gather in the Lady Chapel for this brief, informal, and intimate celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with laying-on of hands and prayers for healing. All are welcome. Please use the Center Street doors to enter the building.

**Please sign up for liturgical ministries on the bulletin board:** Ushers, Lectors, Lay Worship Leaders, Cantors, and Financial Stewards. We no longer are scheduling these, so please sign up!

**There are jobs to be done!** If you can spare even a few minutes for one of several easy and simple volunteer

tasks, please speak with the Rector. The list of tasks is posted on the bulletin board in the Center Street hallway. Everyone's help is needed!

**Our Parish Web Site** continues to improve, thanks to Doug Craig. In addition to the calendar and *e-News*, the site now contains recent Sunday bulletins and announcement sheets. If you are out of town, have to work, or perhaps are sick, you can still stay in touch with your parish. There is also a snappy video of our hand-bell choir and a couple of videos of sermons. Take a look ([www.annunciationoradell.org](http://www.annunciationoradell.org)).

**Donate online** to the Church of the Annunciation, through Network for Good. Click on the "Donate Now" icon on our web site to make secure online payments toward your pledge or other donations with your credit card.

**To contact the Rector**, please call the church office for non-urgent business (201-262-7222). The office is ordinarily open on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 1:15 to 3:15, and closed on all federal holidays. In more timely situations, please use e-mail ([rector@annunciationoradell.org](mailto:rector@annunciationoradell.org)) or call his cell phone (201-390-8270). Please do not call the rectory or ring the doorbell there, except in the case of dire emergency.

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### In Our Prayers

**Special Intentions:** Dotti Zebrowski, Marilyn Noll, Chloe Devine, Dorothy Craig, Marie Papp, Agnes Dockendorff, Helen Dziemian, Deanna Miller, Sandra Carida, Carolyn Bensen, Gary Hoag, Jane Maher, Theodore Stell, Linda Christensen, Christina Zisa, George Carpenter, Leslie Granville, Soffie Minassian, Lisa Emelo, Susan Jaichner, Gloria Brower, John Gibbons, Patt Seitz, Neha Dass, Harold Graf, Charles Kochka, Richard Thomas, Sara Sarnicki, Fred Galea, Addison Ridden, Joan Hearle, Theresa Lacey.

**The Altar Flowers today** are given to the glory of God.

**Absent Guest Plate** (a second offering at the altar steps each week and given away for charitable purposes):

**Center for Food Action** (Provides emergency food, rental and utility assistance, counseling, and advocacy to our neighbors in need in Bergen County and in the Upper Passaic Valley).

**Those Serving in the Military:** Jason McGillivray, Ryan E. Bartholf, Salvatore Petruso, Geoff Zann, Joe McCarthy, Dr. Gregory Sugalski, Thomas Gill, Justin Kelly.

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### Parish Leadership

**Rector:** The Rev. Dr. J. Barrington Bates (church office 201-262-7222, e-mail [rector@annunciationoradell.org](mailto:rector@annunciationoradell.org), cell 201-390-8270, or, *in an emergency only*: rectory 201-265-4144, country 518-731-1131)

**Wardens:** Grace Oliff ([grace\\_1335@yahoo.com](mailto:grace_1335@yahoo.com), 201-573-1148), Brian Demay ([bcdemay2@optonline.net](mailto:bcdemay2@optonline.net))

**Vestry:** Bob Sarnicki and Jan Simpson (2011), Ted Gustenhoven and Greg Kouletsis (2012), George Keitel and Eric Olsen, *Clerk* (2013), Dave Dziemian, *Treasurer*. To address e-mail to the entire vestry: [annunciationleadership@googlegroups.com](mailto:annunciationleadership@googlegroups.com)

**Organist & Choirmaster:** Linda Lanier-Keosaian, [lanierkeosaian@optonline.net](mailto:lanierkeosaian@optonline.net)

**Parish Administrator:** Gayle Stoute (201-262-7222, [administrator@annunciationoradell.org](mailto:administrator@annunciationoradell.org))—office hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 1:15 – 3:15 p.m.

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### Today's Lay Leadership

Altar Guild: Marie Mitchell, Phyllis Thurlow, Chris Gwynne	
Lay Worship Leader:	Lector: Disha Dass
Financial Steward: Jim Gwynne	Ushers: Rahul & Jyoti Dass
Acolytes: Teagan Bellitto(Crucifer), Skyler Olsen, Jason Demay	Cantor: Jamie MacKenzie

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