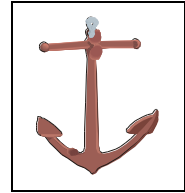


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MAY 2010

THE ANCHOR of our soul is Jesus (**Hebrews 6:19**)

Office Hours (for our secretary):
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Our website: www.dioceseofdelaware.net/churches/stnich.html

From the Pastor's Pen
Greetings,

Because our website received over 200 visits the Diocese of Delaware webmaster, Danny Schweers, asked us to enrich the content of our website. For the first time we have added a link on the website to our newsletter. We also will be adding a link to photos that show what a good time we have as a parish family. I will be collecting any photos you would like to share, taken of activities in 2009 or 2010 at St. Nicholas'. You can send them electronically to me or give them to me in person.

If you check out the website and click on the link to the newsletter, you'll notice that it has been slightly modified to take out personal e-mail addresses and our monthly calendar. In addition, we will not use pictures that show children's faces clearly. This is done to maintain everyone's privacy.

I am excited that our parish website has attracted more attention. I hope this will lead to visitors who will come in person and join in our worship.

See information inside this newsletter about our
Yard Sale on Saturday, May 15 (Rain date 5/22).



Now—the important news about liturgy this month—**Pentecost Sunday is May 23**. Wear **RED** (or orange or yellow). Come celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit that empowers our ministries!!
Blessings! *Elizabeth+*



OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS - Liz Hankins, coordinator for the Food Pantry, thanks you for all you have contributed to this ministry in the past month! We continue to need different items. Please check the Blue insert in the weekly Service Bulletin for that week's needs.



OUTREACH

Our yard sale will be held on Saturday May 15th with rain date May 22nd from 9AM until 2PM.

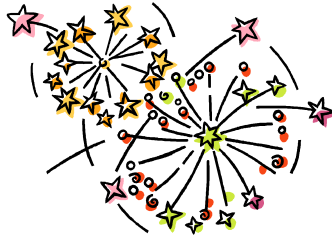
Rental Space is available for \$ 20 and you must bring your own table. St. Nicholas will have tables up for the yard sale. One will be a bake table, which is in need of homemade bake goods. Our Kitchen will also be open so that you can have some lunch and share some fellowship.

We are asking for donations of re-saleable household treasures and garden items for our White Elephant Table. No Clothing and Shoes Please. You may bring your donated items to the church starting May 2nd.

Come out to our Yard Sale
Have fun and Share fellowship as well

Peace of the Lord be with you

---Eileen Clemens



Parish Life

Current Calendar of Events

- MAY 15 Outreach Flea Market; contact: Eileen Clemens
- JULY Ice Cream social; contacts: Jean Grieten & Elizabeth Osborne
- AUG Blue Rocks game with fireworks; contact: Carolyn Bowman
- SEPT National Cathedral (weekday tour); contact: Alice Edgell
- OCT "Antique" sale/auction fundraiser
- NOV Stewardship brunch
- DEC 5 Luncheon for Bishop
- DEC Christmas dinner (with gift exchange?)
- JAN, 2011 Annual Meeting luncheon
- FEB 5. Souper Saturday & Bake Sale; contact: Alice Edgell

Coffee Hour Volunteers

Every Sunday faithful volunteers purchase, prepare, and serve snacks to accompany coffee they set-up before the service. We are grateful to all who provide this treat. Would you be willing to join this group? A turn usually occurs once every six to eight Sundays depending upon the season. When two people team up, it means that even if one is away or ill, the other can take over. Find a partner who isn't already a Coffee Hour provider, and let Alice Edgell know you can be a volunteer. Thanks!

Thanks for Completed Surveys

We received 14 completed surveys on Sunday, April 18, 2010, that provided us with the information to decide about the trip to the National Cathedral. The great majority favored making the trip during the week to tour the Cathedral, gardens, and store, and by far the majority preferred to go in September. The likelihood of traveling by car to the Metro and the need to purchase at least one meal near the Cathedral were described in the survey. We'll announce a date ASAP. Thanks to all who helped make decisions about the trip by contributing opinions through the survey. A special thanks to Judy who prepared the survey for the bulletin.

---Alice Edgell



WORSHIP

THE PENTECOST SAGA

The true reality that God's Holy Spirit is in our lives right now

John 16:16-33 "In the world you face persecution. But take courage: I have conquered the world!"

I'm reading a marvelous book written by Stephen Lungu, the Director of African Enterprise. It takes him from his young years as a black boy in Africa in the 1950's; living in abject poverty in a black township, his life of physical and mental abuse in a dysfunctional, destitute family. He decided to leave the family, survive the best he could, wanting only to be loved and accepted.

After doing odd jobs and begging for food, he fell in with a gang of frustrated, angry boys who hurt whites and destroyed anything religious. They judged that God had let them down—they trusted no one. As I read on, I thought about people in his world, who lived hand-to-mouth, being ridiculed, and living wanting only to find self-respect and acceptance. Full of hatred and fear, they were on their way to destroy an evangelistic tent meeting, to throw homemade petrol bombs to get rid of the Christians. While there, he heard a preacher invite him to share in the joy of a loving God, and it changed his life. He was moved to let go of his hatred as the petrol drained into the sand.

As I read on, I thought about the world today and us Christians, struggling to live by God's Word. I thought about the people at St. Nicholas, from all walks of life, some of whom share similar troubles and accept God's help; some like Steven who bottled up his problems and feelings for a long time, afraid to risk failure and rejection, and some who realize the revelation of God's Love and come to him, leaving their troubles behind.

This definitely reminds me of myself, sometimes still hesitant to move out of my comfort zone, until someone invites and leads me to reach my place of knowing that God lifts us into true, daily fellowship with Him, so that we can let go of worries and sin and join the joy of knowing Him.

There are many things to do. We do not have to hesitate, thinking we are not capable. I think Jesus was most pained and grieved thinking of his crucifixion, and yet he kept moving all the way to the cross. God did deliver Jesus, as He promised. God also delivers us, if we ask, keeping His promise to us, urging us to go forward, and staying with us through our suffering. When I get into bad times and decide to look to Jesus, I can find the bright joy of freedom and victory, knowing that Jesus is right here all the time. We can all travel this path, too, praising God, asking for His Loving Presence and Holy Spirit to guide us in His path to an everlasting life of joy.

---Amen and Shalom, Jean Grieten