

# REGENT OF THE SUN



## THOUGHTS FROM THE RECTOR

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*Fr. Russell A. Griffin, SSC*

Parish Life consists of a variety of ministries that provide opportunities for parishioners of all ages to grow in Christ. The ministry of St. Uriel's is to help others experience Christ as the center of our lives. We must continue to believe that with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to share the talents and blessings which he has given to each one of us. The parish of St. Uriel's is called to:

1. Give praise and glory to God
2. Teach the message of salvation through Christ
3. And to enriching ourselves through service to all God's people

We have many ministries at St. Uriel's and it is through these ministries that our parish community lives out the Great Commission.

First and foremost, our life begins and ends before the altar of God as we celebrate the sacrifice of the Mass. We are called to live out the Eucharistic life at home, in our neighborhoods, in our schools and workplace, and in the world. Our Christian education programs for both adults and young people are essential to living out the Eucharistic life. Outreach plays an important part of our ministry, for as our Lord said, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." [Mt. 25:40]

What is also important to any parish's life is the Fellowship that we as Christians enjoy with one another. Since our last newsletter there have been many wonderful events which we have enjoyed together.

# News From Around the Anglican Communion



## Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams to Resign the See of Canterbury

Archbishop Rowan Williams has announced his acceptance of the position of Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge with effect from January 2013. He will therefore be stepping down from the office of Archbishop of Canterbury at the end of December 2012.

Dr Williams' intentions have been conveyed to The Queen, who is Supreme Governor of the Church of England and who formally appoints the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Dr Williams was appointed the one hundred and fourth Archbishop of Canterbury in 2002. He said,



"It has been an immense privilege to serve as Archbishop of Canterbury over the past decade, and moving on has not been an easy decision. During the time remaining there is much to do, and I ask your prayers and support in this period and beyond. I am abidingly grateful to all those friends and colleagues who have so generously supported Jane and myself in these years, and all the many diverse parishes and communities in the Church of England and the wider

Anglican Communion that have brought vision, hope and excitement to my own ministry. I look forward, with that same support and inspiration, to continuing to serve the Church's mission and witness as best I can in the years ahead."

Dr Williams will continue to carry out all the duties and responsibilities of the Archbishop of Canterbury, both for the Church of England and the Anglican Communion, until the end of the year.

The Crown Nominations Commission will consider in due course the selection of a successor.

| PARISH EVENTS                           | DATE                        | TIME            | PLACE                           |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Blessing of the Pets                    | Sunday, October 7           | 5:00pm          | In front of the parish offices. |
| Women's Study in Christian Spirituality | Every Wed. in Oct. and Nov. | 7:00pm          | St. Uriel's Scarborough Room    |
| Brotherhood of St. Andrew               | Thurs., Oct. 11             | 6:00pm          | Hulbert Hall                    |
| Women's Fellowship                      | Thurs., Oct 11              | 7:00pm          | St. Uriel's Scarborough Room    |
| Altar Guild Meeting                     | Wed., Oct. 17               | 10:30am         | Hulbert Hall                    |
| Youth Group                             | Every Wednesday             | 6:00pm          | Hulbert Hall                    |
| Harvest Dinner                          | Sun. Nov. 18                | 12:00N          | Hulbert Hall                    |
| All Saints' Day Masses                  | Thurs., Nov. 1              | 9:30am & 7:00pm | High Altar                      |
| All Souls' Day Mass                     | Fri., Nov. 2                | 9:30am          | High Altar                      |
| Thanksgiving Day Mass                   | Thurs., Nov. 22             | 9:00am          | High Altar                      |

# COMMUNITY



## Pictured Top to Bottom

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Jack Brisben and Tim Annin at the parish Blueclaws game. This event was sponsored by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Eric and Maci Clauburg after Mass [Annual Outdoor Mass and picnic at Camp Zehnder.

## PARISH LIFE:

Parish life at St Uriel's is bustling. In May, the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, we celebrated as five of our children received their First Communion. After a nine week study, Bobby Thompson, Alex Rogers, Frankie Rizzuto, Isabella Rizzuto, and Jillian Rogers received the Eucharist for the first time.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is busy planning various events and ministries. For instance, they coordinate our outreach to the troops in Afghanistan, several Church functions, support the work of Madonna House and coordinate the winter coat drive. This summer they sponsored the parish trip to a Blueclaws game.

During the first week in June we had our annual outdoor Mass

and picnic and, again, was well received. The weather was spectacular and a great deal of fun was had by all.

Also in June, our Youth Group went on their annual mission trip. This year they traveled to Newark, NY. This area of New York suffers greatly from unemployment, drugs, and even gang violence.

In June, St. Uriel's Pre-School celebrated yet another graduation. Since the reopening of the school 5 years ago, the school for the calendar year 2011-2012 was completely self-supporting.

And finally in September, a number of our ladies enjoyed a spirit-filled weekend at the Women of Faith Conference in Philadelphia.

St. Uriel's is a parish that seeks to listen to the small still voice of God and then respond.



First  
Communion  
Class

**Pictured:** Bobby Thompson, Alex Rogers, Frankie Rizzuto, Isabella Rizzuto, Jillian Rogers, Peggy Thompson, Jim Thompson, Fr. Russ, Bonnie Rogers, Mike Rogers, Frank Rizzuto, Julie Rizzuto



## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Beginning, Thursday, October 11 and continuing every 2nd Thursday of the month, the Women of St. Uriel's will meet at 7 PM. The mission of our women's ministry is to foster Christian fellowship among the ladies, to evangelize, to build a faith community, to promote and develop the spiritual life of every woman, and to reach out as a group in ministry.

Developing and experiencing the value of Christian Community is, perhaps, the most important component of the Women's Fellowship group. That vision includes the desire to grow in our relationship with the Lord Jesus, as well as, with the members of the Body of Christ. Despite the

persistence of secular values which stress the importance of individualism as opposed to *the way of the Cross*; we seek to deepen our bond together as members of the Body of Christ.

Thomas Merton said it this way, "There is no truly free society (or community) except in heaven. But that heavenly society is to be reflected as much as possible on earth. It is the responsibility of the Christian person to seek to bring this about. It needs to be reflected on earth by a society that is united by self-sacrifice and love, mercy and compassion, selflessness and a participation in the divine Pity."

## WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN STUDY GROUP

*The Magnificent Obsession*

**Place:** St. Uriel's

**Date:** Wednesdays

**Time:** 7:00pm - 8:30pm

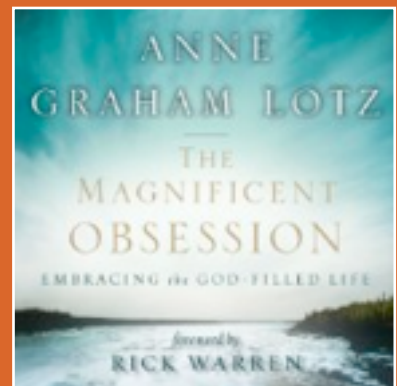
**Cost:** \$10.00

**Sign-up:** Sign-up list in the back of the Church and in the hallway leading to Hulbert Hall

Gifted Bible teacher Anne Graham Lotz, daughter of evangelist Billy Graham, has known the struggles of having a restless spirit with a nagging sense that there must be something more. As she studied Scripture, looking for a way out of

the emptiness, she found her answer in the amazing story of Abraham, a very ordinary man who became extraordinary for one pivotal reason: he pursued God in a life of obedient faith, not knowing where that decision would take him. Anne followed Abraham's lead and began a lifelong pursuit of knowing God, as he truly is, in an intensely personal relationship. Through personal anecdotes, unforgettable stories, and God-inspired insights, she invites you to draw closer to God, who is as committed to you as he was to Abraham, and longs to call you 'friend.'

## IN CHRIST



### Pictured Top to Bottom:

**Top:** St. Uriel's Women at the Women of Faith Conference, Philadelphia

**Middle:** Women's Study

**Bottom:** Cover of the book for the Women's course

# THE LITURGICAL CORNER



The Body of  
Christ, the  
Bread of  
Heaven.

## Reverence before Christ in the Eucharist

Have we, as a culture, lost our sense of the mysterium? How has technology, social media and our fast paced world affected our ability to enter into the Holy mysteries of the Eucharist? It is often difficult to slow down and reflect on what we are about to experience when coming together in the Eucharistic Presence of our Blessed Lord, Jesus Christ.

Reconsidering what is truly happening at the altar during the Eucharist is essential in keeping this sense of the mysterium. Two thousand years ago, our Lord said to His disciples, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you." Jesus says the same thing to us at each Eucharist. We receive, in communion, the body that Christ *gave up for us*. We receive His sacrifice, the sacrifice of the Cross, into our bodies. In other words, to be present at Mass is to be present at the foot of the Cross, just as Mary and John were two thousand years ago. The Greek word *anamnesis* means to **make present** the sacrifice of Jesus Christ at Calvary. When Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me", we are not just cognitively recalling His sacrifice. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the past is being brought into the present time. The sacrifice of Jesus at Calvary is being brought into the our midst, brought into the now. What a privilege to be invited to the "Supper of the Lamb".

Think about how vulnerable Christ makes Himself in choosing to be present in the Eucharist, and in the Tabernacle of the altar. In His

Eucharistic presence, Christ calls us to spend quiet time with Him. A number of years ago, Dan Rather interviewed Mother Theresa about prayer.

"What do you say to God when you pray," he inquired. "Nothing," replied Mother Theresa. "I just listen." "What does God say to you?" he responded, rather derisively. "Nothing," replied Mother Theresa. "He just listens." This is what prayer before the Blessed Sacrament becomes. We are still, silent, and we listen to God listening to us. The more time we spend before the Blessed Sacrament in silence, the more we will begin to hear God listen and, the more aware we will become of his presence in our lives. With instant access to noise and media, stillness and silence can make as all uneasy.

So, when you enter the church before Mass I encourage you to spend some quiet time with Jesus. While we may be tempted to want to talk with those around us, we need to put ourselves, "our souls and bodies" in a proper frame of reference before the start of Mass. Remember, upon entering the church we need silence and time to pray before the Lord in order to get ourselves spiritually ready to receive Him in the Eucharist.

One final note, when going up to receive Communion one should genuflect or do a solemn bow when leaving the pew and upon returning to the pew. While the consecrated Sacrament remains on the altar, the community should remain kneeling in the pews until the Sacrament is either placed in the tabernacle, or consumed by the priest.

# News Brief and Upcoming Events

## Parish Audit

In March and April of this year, the Church underwent its annual audit. It was conducted by Richard Hellenbrecht of the Robert A. Hulsart and Company CPA firm. All accounts for The Church of St. Uriel the Archangel were examined and all were found to be in good order.

*Adrienne Decker*

## Letter from Stacey Forbes

I am praying for you! I will be anxious to hear how things go... Thanks for praying for us. My Dr. has warned that I might have to have another c section, but we are going to try to go natural with the help of a doula. Please continue to pray for us as we journey through this process. We are doing well. God continues to amaze us with his blessing and provision. You, Cynthia and our family at St Uriel's are never far from our thoughts. We miss you guys very much. Cory heads to London in 2 weeks for his first official business trip. He is incredibly excited. Owen is doing great and LOVES sports especially basketball and baseball. He is making shots at the 6ft mark on our adjustable hoop from 6 feet away. The only part I am not loving are the tantrums and his inability to control his emotions. He is super sensitive. When you get back, let's try and set up a skype date! God is good! In His Amazing Grace,  
*Stacey*

## Harvest Gathering

*Pamela Gallamore*

Again this year we will be having a Harvest Gathering on Sunday, **November 18, 2012 at noon**. This will be held following the 2nd Mass which has been moved to 10:00 AM [on this day only] so you can all stay to enjoy a repast of fried turkey, sweet potato casserole, roasted veggies, Waldorf salad, cranberry chutney, Apple Brown Betty or Pumpkin cake roll. There will be wine, cranberry punch, coffee and tea to complete the menu.

We will be taking reservations, in the church office by phone, starting the first week of November. Tickets will be \$10.00 per person and \$25.00 per family [ i.e. 2 parents and children] to cover the cost of the turkeys , oil to cook them & non-food items.

There also will be a Bake sale, which I hope you all will take part, either by baking or purchasing goodies for your holiday meals during the Thanksgiving weekend.

We will have a committee to make this a success but we need lots of help: preparing the side dishes & desserts, setting up, decorating, cleaning up and taking down. Pamela Gallamore will be organizing this event & the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be the chefs frying and carving the turkeys. Nancy St. James will be coordinating the rest of the meal with set-up and servers the day of the gathering. There will be sign-up sheets for those wishing to help on the bulletin board outside of HULBERT HALL starting Sunday, Oct. 7th.

**Reservations** will be accepted in the church office starting Monday, October 29, 2012. **No reservations accepted after November 12, 2012.**

The cost for an individual is \$10.00. A family (2 adults and all children under the age of 18) will be \$25.00. Payment should be made to the church office. Indicate on the memo section of your check that it is for the HARVEST GATHERING.

If you have any questions please call the church office. [732] 449-6173

## All Souls Day Mass

### November 2 - 9:30am Mass

In the early days of the Church, the names of the faithful departed were posted in Church so that the community would remember them in prayer. All Souls Day as well as All Saints Day are rooted in Christian belief and arose in this life of the Church through a healthy spirituality, despite some pagan trappings that may have survived and have remained attached to their celebration.

There will be posted, in a few weeks, a sign up list of those loved one which you would like the priest to remember at the All Souls Day Mass.





## Youth Group Summer Mission Trip to Newark, NY

*Becky Latham*

We had a great time on the mission trip this year. Our theme this year came from Revelation 21:5 "Look, I am making everything new!" We spent the week learning how we can let Jesus into our lives and make parts of our hearts new. We spend so much time trying to control situations in our lives and not letting Jesus take over those parts of our lives because we are scared. The week challenged us to give every part of us to Jesus and let Him make new things in our life.

June 2012

Some of the projects that the groups did this year was paint, water proof a fence, weed, build gardens, pick up around a house, spend time in a nursing home, and other odd jobs that needed to be done. Our kids did such a great job and are already talking about next year. Thanks for all the support that you give us all throughout the year. If anyone is interested in going with us we are always looking for more teens and adults and we would love for you to join us.

### PICTURED:

**Large Picture:** Fr. Russ, Becky Latham, Brielle Tiano, Katie Pett, Joshua Fiorillo, Zach Tiano, Theresa Jurewicz, Katherine Knipple

**Pictured Top Right:** Youth Music Ministry for worship

**Pictured Lower Right:** Member of another Youth Group, Katie Pett, Theresa Jurewicz, Becky Latham

# St. Uriel's Pre-School News

In June, Saint Uriel's Pre-School had their graduation. The children did beautifully and pleased all that were in attendance. We had seventeen graduates who wore yellow and dark blue hats and St. Uriel shawls.

Our new school year started on September 5<sup>th</sup>. This school year we have *twenty six* pre-schoolers. The children have been making new adjustments to school and are beginning to make new friends. Learning rules and being on their own can be a daunting task for three and four year olds. Many of the children have already increased the number of days they attend. We are pleased with their adjustment.

Our staff encourages and nurtures the children each day and we continue to see them

progress. Each week both groups work on a letter of the week. We are now on the Letter "D." Many activities are planned for each letter.

This school year we have planned visits from the Sea Girt Fire Department, Friday, October 12, Shore Children's Dental Care, January 13 and January 14 and Dr. Little will visit on February 14 and 15. We are also looking forward to a visit from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department during which Undersheriff Ted Freeman will be taking pictures of the children for ID Cards.

Sergeant Michael Ciriello of the N. J. Transit Police Department will present a program on safety when riding the train. Sgt. Ciriello's daughter Bella attends St. Uriel's Pre-School.

*Barbara Pfeifer*  
Director

St. Uriel's  
2012  
Graduation  
Class



## PRE-SCHOOL



### Top to Bottom:

Receiving of graduation certificates

Parents, relatives and friends

### Pictured Left:

The graduates and faculty!