

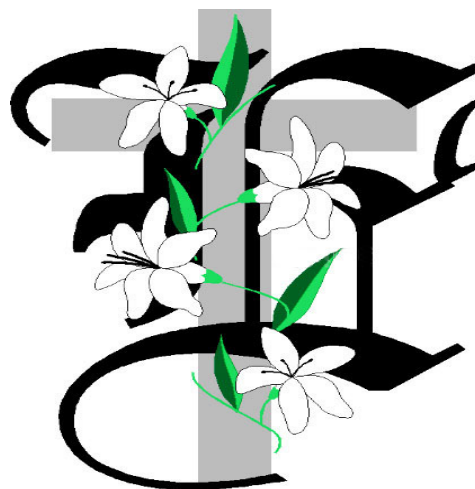
# The Eagle's Wings



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## Easter

### *The Cross through Easter Eyes*

Christ is Risen! All the sorrows of Lent and the Passion are behind us – we say alleluia once Again! Unlike the women who first discovered the empty tomb, we know the ending of the story, that Jesus overcame death and rose again. We Christians love to stay here – marveling at the empty tomb, glorying in the Resurrection, singing alleluia. My Easter Cross, an ordination gift, is an example. It is a free-standing alabaster cross beautifully worked to look like white-washed wood. It is covered with pale pastel flowers and intricate vines. When twisted on its base, the cross plays “He is Risen.”

On some level we know that our life as Christians, after the resurrection, is not “just a bed of flowers.” We know that challenges and temptations and troubles will beset us. And yet, we continue to expect and hope that somehow God will protect us from trouble. Maybe if we pray enough or are good enough. But that is not the way God works. Jesus rejected the offer of material well-being and accepted the pain and sorrow and humiliation of the cross. Jesus’ resurrection is not a promise to eliminate pain or sorrow or challenges.

Rather Jesus promises “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” (Matt. 28:20) and the promise is not that life will be a flowerbed, but that we have a new kind of life, one that is of the Spirit, a life that is broader, deeper, and everlasting. Looking through Easter eyes we look for Christ’s presence in all that happens, and in all that we do. Through Easter eyes we find strength, courage, solace, and companionship. We don’t have to pretend that things are great. We don’t have to lose heart or faith if things go badly. Through Easter eyes we see trials and good fortunes as events, and God’s love and presence as a truth that undergirds all events.

And my Easter Cross? I can look at the flowers on the cross as a way of ignoring or glossing over the harsh reality of Jesus’ death and pain. Or I can embrace this Easter Cross as an illustration of a truth. “I come that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10) In the end, we will have life, through Christ. AMEN.

*-Mother Kathleen+*

**Our Mission / Vision**

St. John's is a wonderfully diverse community of faith rooted in the heart of downtown Stamford, where the Holy Spirit is leading us toward a new humanity in Christ. We embrace this vision by welcoming all people to:

- Celebrate God in the beauty of holiness through the richness of Anglican worship and glorious music;
- Strengthen their spiritual journeys through prayer, study and scripture; and
- Serve as instruments of God's peace, justice and love in the world.

**Need more information?  
Visit our website!**

**[www.stjohns-stamford.org](http://www.stjohns-stamford.org)**

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**8:00 A.M.**

Holy Eucharist with Healing - Rite I  
With Organ

**10:00 A.M.**

Children's Program and Nursery

**10:15 A.M.**

Holy Eucharist with Healing - Rite II with Organ and Choir

**11:30 A.M.**

Coffee Hour

**6:15 P.M.**

L'Eglise de L'Epiphanie  
Holy Eucharist in French

**SATURDAY SERVICE**

**5:00 P.M.**

Holy Eucharist - with healing

**WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**WEDNESDAY 7:00 A.M.**

Holy Eucharist - with healing and light breakfast

**THURSDAY 12:10 P.M.**

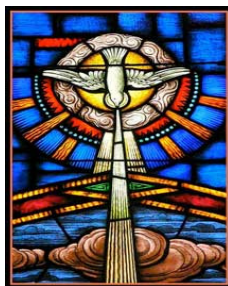
Holy Eucharist - with healing and music

**From our Rector**

Our Seminarian-Intern for the past two years, Karl Griswold-Kuhn, will be ordained on Saturday, June 4 at the Episcopal Cathedral in Albany, NY. Karl will graduate this May from Yale Divinity and is presently interviewing for his first position. Our congratulations and love go out to Karl and Jen. It has been a great joy and a privilege to have them serve and participate in the life of St. John's these past two years. Anyone wanting to join Fr. Wheeler in attending Karl's ordination is invited to drive with him out to Albany. More details can be seen below.

**Announcing St. John's new Seminarian-Intern** for the 2011-2012 school year: Leigh Mackintosh. Leigh is sponsored for ordination by her diocese of Southwestern Virginia and St. Paul's, Lynchburg where her rector was the Rev. Doug Wigner, who served at St. John's in the late 1980's. She is a musician both as a singer and violinist, majoring in music and drama at Lynchburg College. She has worked with youth in many church camps and as a counselor in a boy's home. She is looking forward to working with our young adult fellowship, with our youth group and sharing in leading worship. Leigh will be introduced to the parish on Sunday, May 1. Following that, she will begin her internship the second week in September.

**Sunday, May 8: Mother's Day, Confirmation, Dedication of our newly rebuilt Middle Building and a visit by Bishop Laura Ahrens.** The 10:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 8 will be a special day indeed. Bishop Ahrens will be making her first official visitation as Suffragan Bishop to St. John's presiding over Confirmation, Reception into the Church, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Holy Communion. 18 students in our J2A class have been studying and discerning whether or not they as individuals want to reaffirm their faith through confirmation. Following the worship service we will all process into the newly rebuilt Middle Building where Bishop Ahrens will preside at a formal dedication. The procession will continue upstairs for the dedication of the Eagle's Loft where we will enjoy a festive reception.



*"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."*

*John 20:21-23*

**The Right Reverend William H. Love  
By the grace of God the Bishop of Albany  
will ordain**

**KARL ERNEST GRISWOLD-KUHN**

To the Sacred Order of Deacons  
In Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church  
On the Fourth day of June, two-thousand and eleven,  
At eleven in the morning.

Your prayers and presence are requested.

The Cathedral of All Saints

62 South Swan Street, Albany, New York 12210  
Reception to follow.

## Youth News

### Growing Deeper in Communion



On Saturday, April 19, the children of St. John's, together with Fr. Jim made communion bread for Holy Saturday's Great Vigil. This was part 3 of Growing Deeper in Communion, a hands-on learning course to help both children and parents understand the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Pictured below is Easter Sunday's Egg hunt. Many thanks all those who helped with and coordinated the hunt; especially Joan Burke, Bruce Kittredge, Kyle Vezina and to the J2A class for their face painting skills. See you next year!



## Garden News

Spring has arrived and now it is time to work at cleaning, repairing and renovating the garden in St. Francis courtyard and around the church office.

In St. Francis courtyard we will plant another Rhododendron next to the one already there. Remove the azalea that is there to a better place. Put 3 or 4 low growing hydrangeas under the window wall and fill the rest of the area with shade loving plants. Large leaf Hosta, Bleeding Hearts, Astilbes, Solomon Seal and Helleborus.

In front of the church offices on the right side we have moved Fr. Wheeler's Cherry tree back in front of his window. Now we will repair where the trailer sat. Sow grass seed, edge the garden and move some of the plants. We want to make this side the same shape as the other side.

On the left side, continue to renovate the side walk area and plant with sun loving perennials. We will edge the shrubs already there and create beds around them that will be mulched.

On the right side we will put low growing shrubs to match the left side and create beds around them that will be mulched forming a background for perennials. Any Tulips, Daffodils and Lilies left over from Easter will be planted in the gardens creating spring color year after year.

*Submitted by Joan Burke and Bruce Kittredge*

## PARISH REGISTRY

### BAPTIZED

Kristian Akinlabi Akinyemi  
 Chrystal Yary Cano  
 Ayden Christopher Schrode  
 Anthony Leonardo Puma  
 Niles Elliot Bernadel

### DIED

Humphrey Denton Darrah, Jr.  
 Emily Bell King Galinski  
 Nellie Elizabeth Guernsey



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**The deadline for the next issue is May 16th.**

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 Friday 9:00 A.M. - Noon

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#### Assistant to the Rector

The Rev. Kathleen Berkowe

#### Associate Clergy

The Rev. Elizabeth H. Skaleski,  
 Deacon

#### L'Epglise de l'Epiphanie

The Rev. Judith Alexis

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Dr. Sean Jackson

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Sandie DeFilippis

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Owen Brissett

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George Howard

#### New Member Ministry

Phyllis Wilson

#### Parish Historian

Polly Vanderwaart

## Save the Date!

### **Sunday, May 1 ~ Adult Class for Baptism, and Re-Affirmation ~ 11:45 a.m.**

This Adult class will prepare you to Re-affirm your Baptismal vows, or to be Received into the Episcopal Church or for Adult Baptism at the 10:15 service on May 8! Bishop Laura Ahrens will preside. Contact Mother Kathleen kberkowe@sjohns-stamford.org or call ext 18.

### **Sunday, May 1 ~ Welcome Ministries Meeting ~ 12:00 p.m. Noon**

Members of the Newcomers, Ushers, Greeters and Fellowship Guilds will meet in the Conference Room at noon today. Anyone interested in learning more or becoming a member of our Welcoming Ministries team is invited to attend this meeting.

### **Tuesday Evenings ~ Quilting Group ~ 6:30 p.m.**

The quilting group meets in the Conference Room every Tuesday evening. If you are interested in or have questions, please call the parish office for details.

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study ~ 10:30 a.m.**

All are welcome to join us in the Conference Room from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. every Thursday. Many participants often stay for the 12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist and brown bag lunch afterward. On May 5 at 10:30 a.m., we will begin a study of the Apostle Paul. This study will be led by Fr. Wheeler. Please join in. Come early for coffee and fellowship. Contact Sandy Libbey at 203-322-1601 for more information.

### **Friday Evening, May 6 ~ Adult Bible Study and Prayer Group ~ 6:00 p.m.**

A new Adult Bible Study and Prayer Group is starting up on Friday evenings in the parlor. The group will begin with a light potluck supper followed by prayer, Bible Study and fellowship. All are welcome. Contact Olive Grant for more information at: (203) 252-6245.

### **Friday, May 6 ~ Duo Organ Concert featuring Sean Jackson and Justin Bischof ~ 7:30 p.m.**

Join us for an exciting concert featuring works by Bach, Beethoven, Mulet that will feature four hands and four feet on the same instrument and improvisations on themes picked by the audience. The suggested donation for an evening that is sure to be a dazzling display of virtuosity and musicianship is \$20.

### **Wednesday, May 25 ~ Yale Whiffenpoofs A Cappella Group ~ 7:00 p.m.**

Every year, 14 senior Yale men are selected to be in the Whiffenpoofs. Founded in 1909, the world's oldest and best-known collegiate a cappella group and has become one of Yale's most celebrated traditions today. The Whiffenpoof repertoire features a diverse selection of songs, ranging from traditional Yale songs to original compositions to hits from every decade. Please join us for this exciting show.

### **Saturday, June 18 ~ St. John's Annual Tag Sale ~ 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Come to buy or come to sell. Tables will be available for sellers. To reserve your table(s), please call Sandie at 348-2619 x10.

## Our Community and Beyond

### **Haiti Mission Trip**

Our 2011 Haiti Mission Trip has been planned for June 21 - 27, 2011. Please let Gus or Sheelagh Schlegel know if you are interested. Donations of AA or Delta airline miles are always welcome to offset the cost of the travel for parishioners.

During the trip, we will be installing electricity at the health clinic, carrying out repairs at the school as well as holding a 3 day clinic with the local doctors. For the trip we are collecting:

- Over the counter medications
- School supplies, especially small dry erase boards and markers
- Children's shoes and
- Financial donations. Thank you very much.

*The Haiti Committee*

### **Tuesday, May 24, 2011 ~ How to Relaunch your Career in a Tough Job Market Seminar**

Vocational Next Steps of Stanwich Congregational Church and iRelaunch will welcome special guest Vivian Rabin to Emmaus Hall from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Vivian is President and Founder of **iRelaunch**, a career re-entry expert organization, and co-author of the book **Back on Career Track**. Vivian will teach and share from her experience and moderate a panel of three recently successful career relaunchers from our local communities, including Q&A and professional networking time. Don't miss this special event! Event is free and open to everyone with no RSVP required. Stanwich Congregational Church is located at 202 Taconic Road, Greenwich, CT 06831. For questions more information, please email [vocational.nextsteps@gmail.com](mailto:vocational.nextsteps@gmail.com).

# Parish Calendar - May and June Events

## Saturday, April 30

12:30 p.m. Rehearsals for A Cappella Concert  
Kitchen and Dining Room

**7:00 p.m. All Ivy League A Cappella Concert**

## Sunday, May 1

11:45 a.m. Classes for Baptism

Confirmation, Re-Affirmation (*Library*)

12:00 p.m. Welcome Ministries Meeting (*Conference Room*)

## Monday, May 2

6:00 p.m. Community Foundation Meeting (*Dining Room*)

7:00 p.m. Greeter's Guild Meeting (*Conference Room*)

## Tuesday, May 3

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Quilting Group Meeting

## Thursday, May 5

10:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, May 6

**6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study**

**7:30 p.m. Organ Concert with Sean Jackson  
and Justin Bischof** (*details page 4*)

## Sunday, May 8 ~ Mothers' Day

10:15 a.m. Children's Worship Service and Confirmation  
with Bishop Ahrens

## Tuesday, May 10

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Quilting Group Meeting

7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

## Thursday, May 12

10:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, May 13

**6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study**

## Sunday, May 15

**12:00 p.m.** Worship Committee Meeting (*Conference Room*)

## Monday, May 16 ~ June Newsletter Deadline!

## Tuesday, May 17

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Quilting Group Meeting

## Thursday, May 19

10:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, May 20

**6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study**

## Saturday, May 21

11:00 a.m. Berkowe and Hoyte Wedding

2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Crefils Benoit

3:30 p.m. Dr. Jackson's Students Recital

## Sunday, May 22

**10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Baptism Service**

## Tuesday, May 24

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Quilting Group Meeting

## Wednesday, May 25

**7:00 p.m. Whiffenpoofs Choir**

## Thursday, May 26

10:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, May 20

6:00 p.m. Cooking at St. Luke's

**6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study**

## Saturday, May 28

12:00 p.m. Haitian Mother's Day Lunch

## Monday, May 30 ~ Memorial Day Parish Office Closed

## Tuesday, May 31

6:30 p.m. Quilting Meeting

## Thursday, June 2 ~ Ascension Day

10:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study

12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting

## Tuesday, June 7

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Quilting Group Meeting

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (*until 10 p.m.*)

## Thursday, June 9

10:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting

## Friday, June 10

**7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study**

## Saturday, June 11

2:00 p.m. Haitian Children's Club Concert

## Sunday, June 12 ~ Pentecost Sunday

**10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Baptism Service**

**11:45 a.m. Pentecost Picnic on the Green**

## Home Fellowship Groups Start-up Again for Easter

Home fellowship groups are starting soon and hoping to meet 3 times this Spring!

Please contact Carol Wheeler at [cmeadwheeler@hotmail.com](mailto:cmeadwheeler@hotmail.com) or 203-588-9894 if you would like to participate in a group this Spring and let her know which evenings you are available. Also let her know if you could host a group of 6-10, and we'll put out the invitation. We want to have the opportunity to meet new people and enjoy each other's company in a relaxed setting. To make it easy for the host, everyone would contribute to the dinner.

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