

JANUARY 2012

St. John's Newsletter



My Window on Main Street

Are you aware that you are going to miss about a third of this coming year? You are going to “miss” it by being asleep. The normal person sleeps away about a third of each year – or a third of a lifetime.

But things go on in your life even when you sleep. For much of that time when you are asleep is devoted to the universal phenomenon called dreaming. All people sleep and all people dream. Those who insist that they don't dream are wrong – they are just poor recallers of dreams. If one didn't dream one would go insane, for dreams are as needful to the mind as food and drink to the body.

Yet, although dreams are commonplace facts of life, they remain mysteries and each generation tries to puzzle out their cause and meaning. To some, dreams are just the idle meanderings of a brain off duty. To the ancients dreams were messages for the gods. To some cultist, dreams are nocturnal visits of demons, especially the severe anxiety dreams known as nightmares. Others think dreams predict the future. And Freud's revolutionary book “The Interpretation of Dreams” published in 1900, proposed that dreams are the fulfillment of irrational passions, repressed during our waking hours.

Dreams are significant in Scripture. Joseph got into trouble with his brothers over dreams and was sold to some Egyptians. In an Egyptian prison Joseph accurately interpreted the dreams of his cellmates and this uncanny skill brought him to the attention of the Pharaoh. Having had a disturbing dream that none of his own wise men and magicians could interpret, Pharaoh sought Joseph's help. When Joseph successfully interpreted the dream he was brought into Pharaoh's household and thereby was able to bring some of his earlier dreams for family and nation to fulfillment.

Job had dreams. Daniel dreamed and also had the gift of interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's dreams. Peter dealt with a dispute in the early church over which foods were clean and unclean through a dream. An angel of the Lord directed Joseph in a dream to take the infant Jesus to escape Herod's murderous hand. When it was safe to return, the Lord advised Joseph again through a dream.

In the coming year the average person will have about a thousand dreams. It would be fruitless to suggest that these dreams should be investigated for the purpose of psychoanalysis but the phenomenon of dreams can be used as a symbol for exploring the dreams of a person has for the coming year. What dreams do we have for self improvement, for spiritual growth? What dreams does God speak to us for our family, our church, our community, our nation? “I have a dream” the late Martin Luther King declared in his famous address at the Lincoln Memorial. Do we have a dream for race relations this year? Do we have a dream for peace and forgiveness? What dreams do we have for the many problems of society and the world?

God appeared too many biblical people in a dream and God can appear in our dreams too. I pray God enables us to live our dreams in our life, in the church and in our world.

May all your dreams come true and may they be filled with the peace of God.

Agapé

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John McGinn".

Father John McGinn

SHADOW WISHES ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Christmas at St. John's!! Remarkable!! Beginning with the Fair, it is an EVENT.

To have a warm Saturday for the Fair is unbelievable. How many years has your

Shadow shriveled up in a tight ball freezing and eating canollies? (Thanks to Bill and Sue Reardon Shadow has acquired a taste for canollies and eats at least two for breakfast on Fair day and more for lunch. Never had one until the Reardons came swinging in one Fair A.M. with a pile of boxes filled with this delight.) The weather was sunny and warm enough this year so Heidi Dean and Jim Webb were comfortable and happy greeting all comers and selling the Christmas wreaths. You all loved the lobster rolls, delicious!!!! The clam chowder even on a warm day tastes just great. Donna Wudyka and her team did a wonderful job. Our volunteers at St. John's are spectacular. Shadow continues to be awed by their love and devotion.

Advent during December is solemn and then unexpectedly it becomes joyous. Our Sunday Schoolers continue to entertain us each week with the "Ministry Minutes".

The sermons lead us step-by-step to Christmas Eve. Then the magic begins. All three of the services are truly wonderful. This year the pageant was outstanding. Celeste Reynolds and many others helped Myriah put on a slightly different rendition of the greatest story ever told. The angels, the donkeys, the couple, the shepherds, were all there. Shadow recognizes most of the costumes. Two young ladies stand out in Shadow's mind. One was Aurelia Reynolds who sang "Night of Silence" as the rest of us held our lighted candles and sang "Silent Night". Not a dry eye in the place! Our own lovely Sarah Balkam sang, too. 10 o'clock was a marvelous service as it always is. Christmas morning is probably the best and most of us miss it. Should be there on Christmas morning, really should, but so far life is far too hectic to even try.

Things for us all to be thankful for as we head out into the unknown waters of 2012:

St. John's Church and the support and joy it brings to us all
Our volunteers (which is each one of us in one way or another)
Our Sunday School Children Myriah Bruce and her leadership
Misao and the music she gives us AND her smile
Glenn Pareé, our Senior Warden
Amy Singelais, our Junior Warden

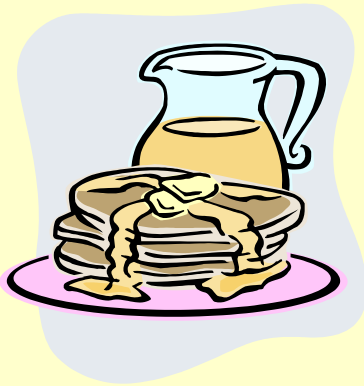
Our Vestry - see Weekly Bulletin
Carole Colleran, Altar Guild Chair
Our Choir, They are a joy.
Bob Johnson and all the ushers.....nice to have a gal or two
The LEMs....particularly Jared, John, Greg, Heidi, and Michael
Michael McLaughlin, Parish Administrator
Rob Bruce, Sexton
Money Guys, Tom Anderson, Brian Kuchar, Greg Roche ---we need 'em

Fund Raisers Extraordinaire-Phil Johnson, Donna Wudyka, Sean Randall,
Jeanie Johnson---we need these folks TOO!
After Church Coffee etc. Erin Greenhalgh
Acolyte Leader, Sean Moroney
Welcome Lady, Dottie MacDonald
Community Ministries, Linell Grundman, Chair
Prayer Chain, Meryden Kirby
Caring Ministry, Gail Alcorn/Vivian Gosnell
Our Parishioners, our friends and companions on our journey
Father McGinn, our Priest
Who is missing from this list? ... Tell your Shadow
THANKS BE TO GOD, from us all.



Are you still getting this newsletter in the mail?

If the answer is yes, do you know that it costs about \$1.00 for each printed issue. Do you know that there are close to 200 printed issues every 3 months, that 800 printed issues or \$800. There are already 150 parishioners who have opted to provide the office with their email to receive the newsletter electronically and to receive the weekly e-flash. The e-flash will provide weekly updates and important information. Be assured your email will NOT be given out to anyone. It will be used only for church purposes.



SHROVE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21ST

MARDIS GRAS!

INFAMOUS PANCAKE RACETO BE HELD!

EAT YOUR PANCAKES @ 5:30 ~ RACE AT 6PM.

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 22ND CHILDRENS' SERVICE @ 6PM

J.U.M.P. Sunday School September -December Summary

We have had a productive, fun, and prayerful start to our Sunday school year! Thank you all for your participation and patience as we started a new curriculum and utilized different space for our program.

In using the rotation model for our curriculum ,it means that there are four groups of children , and each group moves, or rotates to a new workshop every Sunday. Those workshops are Drama, Music, Art, and Story. Every workshop shares the same theme.

We started our program with the theme of **Creation**, where in Drama we recreated the cacophony and harmony of the six days of creation in a sound effect performance, We took photos with cameras in Story in and outside of church and made a display for our parish hall bulletin board and made booklets for parishioners showcasing each day of creation. In music we learned about creation and sang "He's Got the Whole World". And finally in Art we made Creation Wheels and found Bible verses about Creation.

Next rotation was **Saints and Heroes of the Bible**. Jonah made an appearance in our whale to tell his story during Drama. Joseph and his coat of many colors was the highlight of Story workshop and in Art we discovered Moses and the Promised Land and made faith bracelets to wear and remind us that "We can do everything by the power of Christ. He gives us strength. In music we sang , Moses where have you been?, Joseph Had a Coat of Many Colors, and the Lord is Faithful.

Finally, we entered the **Nativity** rotation. We created Bethlehem in our downstairs. In music we learned The First Noel, O Come all Ye Faithful, We Three Kings, Away in A Manger, Silent Night, and Go tell It on the Mountain. In Drama, we learned in a stable and Inn what it was like to travel to Bethlehem for the Census, and "played" or acted out the Nativity story. During Story we entered King Herod's Palace, learned that he was despised by the people and that they longed for a Savior to lead them and ten we made our own crowns. Art provided us with a Wisemans view of the constellations and the Star to follow. We made star gazers.

Our next couple of rotations are **Women of the Bible** where we will learn about, Mary and Martha, Ruth and Naomi, Miriam, and Esther. Then we move into **Abundant Life** another interactive, Scripture based curriculum that is based on the Episcopal Relief and Developments work along with our Baptismal Covenant. We will explore workshops on Water, Seeds, Soil, Animals, and Harvest.

Looking forward to our next few months with you and your children and experiencing God in an interactive and fun way! Thank you. Please remember that our Children's Christian Education Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month in the Betty Sweeney Library 161 Main St from 7-8pm and that you are all welcome to come. We love your input!

Children's J.U.M.P. (Jesus, Use Me Please) Church **Schedule January - March 2012**

All children meet in the big room downstairs of the church at 9:45am

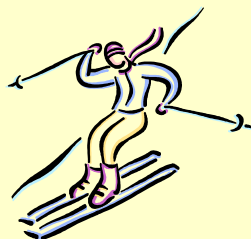
January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Food Pantry Project
January 22	Women of the Bible Rotation begins
January 29	Women of the Bible
February 5	Women of the Bible
February 12	Women of the Bible
February 19	No Sunday School - vacation
February 26	Children's Chapel
March 4	Abundant Life Rotation begins
March 11	Abundant Life
March 18	Abundant Life
March 25	Abundant Life

Community Youth Project(CYP)

CYP meeting is January 31st in the Sandwich Library downstairs meeting room. We will have pizza and a guest speaker from The84.org tobacco prevention group. 5:30-7pm. Young people ages 13-20 are welcome to attend. February 28 and March 27th are the next meetings same time and place. Mark your calendars.

The Senior High Retreat in New Hampshire:

is February 3-5th @ the Barbara Harris Camp. This weekend is open to 9-12th graders. Please let Myriah know if you can attend this awesome weekend! You can visit www.diomassyouth.org to register and get more info. Or talk to Lillian Randall and Sarah Balkam to hear about what happens at the Camp. School Vacation Week Activities TBD by the young people!



March - Ski Trip to Maine for Senior Youth Group!



St. John's Episcopal Church

Sandwich, Massachusetts

7TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. John's Episcopal Church mission includes support for many community outreach programs including the Sandwich Food Pantry, Toys for Tots, Habitat for Humanity, Independence House, AA, Al-anon, and local youth groups. Additionally, 10% of our ball drop ticket sales and 2% of our golf entry fees were donated to *The Breast Cancer Research Foundation*.

The clergy, vestry and members of St. John's Episcopal Church want to thank all of the businesses and individuals who supported our 7th Annual Fund Raising Golf Tournament held on June 13, 2011 at the Country Club at New Seabury. Your generosity greatly increases our ability to assist those who are in need.

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The Spotted Cod
Doug & Cathy Harper

Our 8th Annual Golf Tournament will be on Monday, June 11, 2012.

www.stjohnschurch-sandwich.com

ST. JOHN'S COLUMBARIUM

St. John's Columbarium has been in place for four years as of All Saints' Day. Its doors are now opened by the Altar Guild during worship services in remembrance of those beloved souls who served God and His church and for whose legacy we give thanks.

Our Columbarium provides a place to commit the mortal remains of a loved one to a place that is holy, consecrated and secure--a place where the ashes will be treated with respect and dignity. Sometimes human ashes are abused, as we have recently heard in the news. At St. John's Church, we are confident that human ashes will be treated with the same reverence and respect as the human body, and will be entrusted to God!

Father John Sullivan, pastor at St. Patrick's parish in Wareham, made some pertinent observations on death, which our culture seems to deny. We avoid using the word died because, he wrote, "death seems too final and painful...but if one realizes that death is only the beginning, then that greater understanding may create solace in a devout Christian when a loved one dies." One of St. John's parishioners who, with her husband, is the owner of two niches in our Columbarium, has remarked that the decision to make this their final resting place has genuinely brought peace of mind.

It may well bring peace of mind to one's family also. Father John Perry, pastor of St. Jude the Apostle parish in Taunton, said, "The best thing you can do for your family is to make prearrangements. Then you've relieved your family of a terrible burden of making very difficult choices during a difficult time."

An up-to-date Columbarium brochure will be made available in the near future. Your Trustees, with Father McGinn's leadership, hope to schedule an informational seminar relating to end of life planning during Lent. Pursuant to a recent meeting, Tom Moon was appointed chairman of the Trustees. Glenn Pare, Suzanne Salois, Louise Stupack and Father McGinn also serve.

New Home for Swain Cross



The large Celtic cross that now hangs against the reredos was designed and constructed by Herbert G. Forsell, a cousin of Marilyn (Hanson) Swain's father, Eric W. Hanson. Forsell and Hanson were sons of Swedish immigrants who came to the United States at a time when many Swedes made their living in America with their woodworking skills, and John Forsell, Herbert's father, was a woodworker, eventually a piano maker.

Born in Boston in 1903 Forsell had a lifelong love of furniture making, and he copied many historic pieces from collections at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. After serving in the U.S. Navy during

World War II, Forsell earned his Master of Arts Degree in Education from Boston University, and became Director of Industrial Arts for Boston Public Schools in the 1950s, a position he held until his retirement in the mid 1970s. In addition, he was a longtime Superintendent of The Eliot School of Fine and Applied Arts, Jamaica Plain. The cross made by Forsell now hanging at St. John's was first hung at the Church of St. Matthew & The Redeemer, 825 East 4th Street, South Boston, MA, in 1962. The church was then a new structure built on the site of the original church, which had been weathered wooden Victorian structure built in the 1880s. In 1959, the church burned down, but the primarily working class membership of the church, with Marilyn Swain's father, Eric Hanson, co-chairing the Building Committee, raised the money for the parish to construct a new modern styled church at the former location. The Celtic cross hanging above the altar at St. Matthew's was a slightly darker color than the blonde wood that formed the pews, pulpit, altar, and lectern at the church. When St. Matthew's congregation shrank to a handful of families in 2009, the remaining members and the Diocese decided to sell the building and its contents. On a rainy Saturday in November 2008, the Swains, Marilyn and the Rev. Allen, at the invitation of the Diocese, loaded Uncle Herb's handmade cross onto their pickup truck and moved it to the Cape where it waited for a new home for three year. St. John's accepted Marilyn's suggestion to use the cross, and, on Sunday, September 18th 2011 the cross was back in service, this time, here at St. John's. A fitting home don't you think?

St. John's Men's Club Hockey Road Trip

St. John's Men's Club will be taking to the road on
Saturday, February 25th at 1:45 PM

we will be going to:

Matthews Arena, Boston

for the

Northeastern University

vs.

University of Maine

Hockey Game

A fun time is sure to be had by all



All inclusive \$75 (plus cash contribution for our driver) includes; travel on new church vehicle driven by our own Head Usher Bob Johnson, Tour of Matthew Arena Sports Complex, University head trainer conference, Dinner at Uno's, admittance to Varsity Room, Coaches game strategy talk, N.U. vs. U. Maine and fun with Father Thomas and sons, and 18 other travelers. Respond soon, seats limited to 20.

Checks to St John's Church given to church office or
co-chairs Tom Moon, 978-857-7415, and Bruce Greenhalgh, 833-5163
Enroll soon; this is our fourth year of joyful fellowship!

Sandwich Village Preschool

Sandwich Village Preschool was founded in 1982 by the parishioners of St. John's Episcopal Church to fill a need for professional and nurturing child care for parish families and the greater community.

The preschool's first sessions were held in the parish hall. The house and property at 163 Main Street was purchased and renovated by the church in 1983, and operations have continued here since. Sandwich Village Preschool is licensed through the Department of Early Education and Care and holds a group child care license (#801879.) The preschool is owned and operated by St. John's, whose members continue their support of our program with their time and talents.

Sandwich Village Preschool provides a unique and meaningful early learning experience for children aged two years nine months and older. Our curriculum includes social and emotional development, intellectual and creative growth, and the development of fine and gross motor skills. Our environment provides learning opportunities through art, music, circle time, science and math activities, and dramatic play. We also place a strong emphasis on language development, building self-esteem, and promoting good nutrition and health.

Open House

Sandwich Village Preschool and Childcare will hold an Open House on Tuesday, January 31 and Monday, February 6 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for families interested in a preschool for their child beginning in September 2012. Stop by and tour the facility and have a chance to meet the director and have all your questions answered. Children are welcome to visit with their family. Individual family tours are also available by appointment from Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Please call 508-888-2831 to schedule an individual tour.

Happy Birthday

January	February	March
1 Norman Leach	1 Gail Vazal	1 Jake Sweeney
1 Rene Pinault	1 Danielle Desilets	3 Misao Koyama
1 Kimberly Abbott	2 Erica Dean	3 Matthw Bavelock
1 Owen Martin	4 Stanley Grass	5 Emily Hibbard
2 Garreth Foster	4 Adam Mason	5 Peter Balkam
3 Sue Reardon	5 Samantha Bavelock	5 Katelyn Petrell
5 Jeanne Hebert	5 Thomas Kalweit	5 Elizabeth Reardon
5 Fred Slade Jr	6 Randy Collins	6 Kenneth Martel
5 Rachel Breen	6 Lauren Regis	8 Robert lowrance
5 Kyle Paron	7 Rebekah Dingess	8 Nolan Gibbons
5 Nicholas LeRoy Jr	8 Thomas Belecewicz	9 Aleta Pruesse
5 Peter Wack	9 Rob Bruce	9 Valerie Coyle
6 Linell Grundman	9 Shannon McLaughlin	10 Bude Schermerhorn
6 Laurie Miller	11 Kevin McGrath	12 Thomas Hanna
8 George Washburn	11 Julia White	12 Adam Nickerson
10 Jack MacDonald	12 Jennifer Sheehan	13 Amber Dingess
12 Jack Jillson	12 Sylvia Connor	15 Rick Hulslander
12 Robery Nee	14 Lucas Violette	15 Courtney Markham
12 Mary von der Heyde	15 Frank Vazal	16 Beverly Major
12 Sarah Glasere	15 Charlene Morgan	16 Susan Glaser
12 Rory Gibbons	15 Megan Reardon	16 Maureen Elliot
13 Michael Slade	17 Dennis Creedon	16 Michael Pinault
14 Mary Howe	18 Kaela Stanley	17 Gigi Ridgley
14 Sydney Lank	19 James Parker	18 Chase Pagani
14 Rose Roustom	19 Andrea Gualtieri	18 Cayley Larocque
15 Steve Gundman	20 Kendell Jillson	20 Ryan Fuller
15 Philip Midgley	20 Gregory Keating	21 Neil Vincent
16 Edwin Maclean	22 DorothyO'Connor	23 Helen Jillson
16 Jenna Sweeney	22 Carlo Pola	24 David McLean
17 Elias Roustom	22 Molly Starbard	24 Greg Roche
17 Stephen Austin	26 Bill Judson	24 Tyler Hfarrington
17 Emily Growley	27 Richard Longueil	25 David Lowrance, III
19 Michael Nee	27 Jonelle Gingrich	27 Bill Reardon
20 Mary Jo O'Neill	28 Shirley Uggerholt	27 Jack Moloney
22 Sarah ter Horst	28 John Huber	29 Colin Corcoran
22 William Hibbard	28 Joshua Glaser	30 Brian Balkam
23 Amy Lank	29 Nathan Caruso	
25 Linda Austin		
25 Colleen White		
26 Ryan Sheehan		
27 C. Patrick Hibbert		
28 Kate Bavelock		
28 Zachary McLean		
30 Dottie MacDonald		
31 Tom Greene		
31 Valerie Ward		
31 Peter Martin		
31 Devon Pagani		
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