

# The Cathedral Call

March 2010

Dear Friends in Christ,

Recently I, along with Marsali Hansen and Bill Kauffman, attended a Diocesan meeting about the Vocational Diaconate. Marsali is in the process of discerning whether or not she is called to the ordained ministry of Deacon. Bill and I attended in our roles as Vestry member and Dean. Saint John's already has raised up Cecily Sawyer Harmon as a Vocational Deacon, and she is serving liturgically at the Cathedral for the next several months.

There are presently two approaches to the Diaconate in the Church. One, the most familiar, can best be called transitional. The person ordained is not meant to exercise the ministry of Deacon very long. He or she will be ordained to the Priesthood and the Diaconate is just a necessary pass through.

The second approach is vocational. The person ordained will exercise the ministry of Deacon. She or he is not passing through; they are committed to the servant hood ministry of the Deacon. This is the ministry of the Church in the world, serving the poor, the homeless, the marginal. The Deacon leads the Church into the world in service. The Deacon is the reminder to us all that Christ calls us to go into the world, and that in serving others we serve Christ.

The Deacon also has certain liturgical roles. These include: reading the Gospel, involvement with the prayers of the people, preparing the holy table/altar, assisting with the administration of Holy Communion, and dismissing the people into the world.

In the Diocese of Delaware, the local congregation has an active role in the Vocational Diaconate process. The Rector of the parish must be supportive of a person entering into the discernment process during which she/he seeks to confirm whether or not there is a call to ordained ministry. The Rector and a member of the Vestry must attend the Diocesan information meeting about the Diaconate. The Vestry must, on behalf of the parish, agree to support the person in the process. Such support is financial as well as spiritual.

The Rector and Vestry engage the parish in becoming a Diaconal Congregation. Such a congregation is committed to supporting and following the Deacon into service in its community and in the world.

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During the first year of the process, a discernment committee works with and supports the aspirant in discerning whether or not there is a Call to the Deaconate. This committee is made up of two members of the parish and four to six members of other parishes. The selection of the members of the committee is made by the aspirant and the Rector of the parish. Also, during this first year, the aspirant will plan and engage the parish in servant hood ministry in the community.

If the discernment process reveals that there is a Call to the Deaconate on the part of the aspirant, the next step is for the Bishop to accept that person as a Postulant (one who is seeking holy orders). Then an arduous period of preparation begins. This includes Clinical Pastoral Education and theological education. If the Postulant continues on, eventually he/she will seek the endorsement of the Rector and Vestry for admission by the Bishop as a Candidate for Holy Orders. When and if all qualifications are met, the Candidate will seek endorsement from the Rector and Vestry for ordination to the Deaconate.

The process leading to one entering the Vocational Deaconate is by intention not an easy one. No one seeking that office should take it lightly, nor should those who support that person. While he or she must make the commitment on his or her own, they do so in the midst of a fellowship of love and support. Hopefully, both the Deacon and the congregation will have grown in faithfulness to service in and for Christ, and have experienced spiritual renewal

because of what they have been through together.



**2<sup>ND</sup> OPPORTUNITY  
CATHEDRAL EPISCOPAL  
DAY SCHOOL  
Hear All About It!**

**On Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March at 12:00 p.m.**, members of Saint John's will have an opportunity to be briefed about the process and status in the development of a Cathedral Episcopal Day School. The Day School is a project of the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware and it is proposed that the Cathedral Church of Saint John be its home. Mr. John Newlin will facilitate this meeting. John is one of the consultants working with the Day School Task Force. He is recently retired as head of the Middle School at Tower Hill School and has thirty-nine years of experience in education as a teacher and administrator. Plan to join John and take advantage of this opportunity to hear about the Day School and to offer your counsel. The meeting will take place in the Common Room.

***If you plan to take advantage of this opportunity, please do one of the following by March 18:***

***-Sign up using the sign-up sheet on the table in the Great Hall***

***OR***

***-Contact Lisa Slinkard at 302.654.6279, ext. 2. or [lslinkard@cathedralchoirschoolde.org](mailto:lslinkard@cathedralchoirschoolde.org)***

**THE CHURCH, HOLY  
SCRIPTURE AND YOU**  
**An Inquirer's Program**  
**For Persons Interested in Joining  
the Church  
as well as**  
**For Persons Interested in  
Refreshing Their Understanding  
of the Christian Story.**

**The Following Wednesdays from  
7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.**

**April 14, 21, 28  
May 5**

**Register by April 8  
Call 302.654.6279 or Sign Up on  
the Sheet on the Table in the  
Great Hall**

**NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSISTANCE NEEDS YOU**  
**Give an Easter Dinner**

Easter is just around the corner. Most of us have Easter dinner with family and friends. Let us remember those who live in our neighborhood who will have no Easter dinner to share. Just \$25 will provide an Easter dinner. We are not asking for food donations this year so a monetary donation in any amount is greatly appreciated. Checks should be written to: *Neighborhood Assistance* and can be added to the offering or mailed to the office. *For questions, please contact Ben Knox at 998-6359. Thank you.*

**Spring Clean-up on March 27<sup>th</sup>**

On Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have a spring clean-up day at the Cathedral from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It would be great if you could come for the whole time, but

if you can only afford an hour or two, we can still use your help. There are jobs for all from dusting to mopping to sweeping to general straightening, so even if you can only do light duty, we need you.

The clean-up days are a great opportunity to not only contribute to the appearance and welcoming feel of the Cathedral, but also a chance to catch up with old friends and make new friends.

Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. by our own Joe Tatnall, whose lunches are becoming quite a draw! Sign up by calling the church office or just show up that day.

***Foodies and Film Buffs***  
***Third Friday Group goes Irish!***

**WHEN:** Friday, March 19, 2010

**WHERE:** Cathedral Church of Saint John, Great Hall

**WHAT:** Great food, wonderful film, conversation, fun – all are welcome!

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. dinner; 7:15 film, dessert and coffee

**FOOD THEME:** Irish food! Could be an appetizer, soup, main dish, side dish, salad, bread, dessert. If you don't want to cook, bring a beverage to share (Guinness, maybe?)

**FILM:** "Waking Ned Devine" – a warm and funny 1998 film set on the beautiful Isle of Man off the coast of Ireland.

**Plot:** When the winner of the Irish Sweepstakes dies of shock, his friends try to claim the winnings. (91 min.)

**RSVP:** Please let Anita Manning know if you can come and what you'd like to bring. Email [anita.manning@verizon.net](mailto:anita.manning@verizon.net) or call 302-762-0516.

**NEXT SUPPER CLUB AND MOVIE NIGHT:** May 21 – theme and film to be decided.

**HOLY WEEK AND  
EASTER**

**Sunday of the Passion  
Palm Sunday**

*Liturgy of the Palms and Holy  
Eucharist 7:30 a.m.  
Liturgy of the Palms with  
Procession and Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m.\**

**Monday in Holy Week  
Holy Eucharist 7:00 a.m.**

**Tuesday in Holy Week  
Renewal of Clergy Vows and Holy  
Eucharist 12:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday in Holy Week  
Holy Eucharist 7:00 a.m.**

**Thursday in Holy Week  
Maundy Thursday  
Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m.  
Maundy Thursday Liturgy and  
Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m.\* \*\***

**Good Friday  
Goof Friday Liturgy 12:00 p.m. \*\***

**Saturday-Easter Eve  
The Great Vigil of Easter 7:00  
p.m.\* \*\***

**Sunday of the Resurrection  
Easter Day  
Holy Eucharist 7:30 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.\* \*\***

**\*Full Choir with anthem(s)  
\*\*Bishop of Delaware Presiding**

*The Cathedral Choir School of  
Delaware cordially invites  
you to attend*

**Fortissimo: Song, Spirit & Mind  
Our 4th Annual Concert to  
Benefit the Piano Program on  
Sunday, March 7, 2010  
at 4:00 p.m.**

**First and Central  
Presbyterian Church  
1101 Market Street,  
Rodney Square  
Wilmington, Delaware**

***FEATURING***

**The Choir of Adults, Boys and Girls of  
The Cathedral Church of Saint John  
And Cathedral Choir School of  
Delaware**

***SPECIAL APPEARANCES BY***

**Matthew Boatmon, organist  
Hiroko Yamazaki, pianist**

**Please join us for a reception  
following the concert.**

*All proceeds benefit the piano program,  
which provides free private lessons for  
Wilmington-area youth who attend the  
Cathedral Choir School of Delaware.*

**For more information, please call  
302-654-6279, ext. 2. To purchase  
tickets online, please visit  
[www.cathedralchoirschoolde.org](http://www.cathedralchoirschoolde.org)**

## MINISTRY UPDATES

### Greeter Ministry of Hospitality

This is an exciting time for the Greeter Ministry of Hospitality in that the teams and procedures have been expanded and updated. After a longer than anticipated delay, the revised Team lists, Schedule, and Greeter Ministry Procedures have been sent to all new members and to those who have elected to continue in this Ministry. If you have not received the packet of information that was sent, please contact Cindy Timko at the Cathedral office.

The current Greeter roster is as follows:

**Annette Alvarado (5)**  
**Nancy Ball (1)**  
**Michelle Ecklund (7)**  
**Laura Eisenman – Team 3 Leader**  
**Ellen Friar (6)**  
**Paula Glover – Team 6 Leader**  
**Al Grunfeld (3)**  
**Odette Hartenauer (5)**  
**Tom Henderer (1)**  
**Gloria Johnson (4)**  
**June Knight – Team 5 Leader**  
**Mary Ellen Knothe (6)**  
**Ben Knox (6)**  
**Anita Manning – Team 1 Leader**  
**Ruth Muller – Team 7 Leader**  
**Devearl and Senee Oates (1)**  
**Art & Pairlene Padmore (2)**  
**Jacqueline Porter (3)**  
**Jacqueline Pugh (3)**  
**Machere Pritchett (3)**  
**Beverly and George Romain (7)**  
**Jack and Jane Runkle (2)**  
**Dave and Liedeke Skinner (7)**  
**Rashel Stover-El (4)**  
**Dominique Taylor – Team 2 Leader**  
**Eleanor Twardus (6)**  
**Patty Van Voorhis – Team 4 Leader**

**Pat and Terry Walbert (5)**

**Bud Walls (4)**

**Helen Whitson (1)**

**Sammy Wilson (4)**

**Christina Zayas (4)**

*(The number after your name identifies your Team #)*

In order to present the best possible welcome to visitors and to our own congregation, please note the following reminders for a successful Ministry:

- You are expected to be in attendance on the Sunday you are scheduled. Please mark your calendars accordingly. If you cannot keep your scheduled time, you must contact your Team Leader in advance.
- Note the arrival times on the Procedures. Greeter Teams must be in position before the first member of the congregation or visitor comes through the door.
- Smile, be welcoming, helpful, and attentive to responsibilities
- All Greeters now fulfill the functions of welcoming and ushering. If you have been an usher in the past, you will continue to carry out this responsibility, and train any other Greeter who may desire to take on ushering duties as well.
- In the absence of a Sexton, Greeter Team members will be ready to assist the Coffee Hour volunteers in the set up and preparation for Coffee Hour, to include: table arrangement, tablecloths on tables, brewing coffee, etc. Coffee Hour responsibilities will be posted in the kitchen.

## COFFEE HOUR MINISTRY

One of the best representations of hospitality at the Cathedral Church of Saint John, is the voluminous spread of scrumptious and diversified edibles that greet the 10:30 a.m. parishioners and visitors on each and every Sunday following the service. What better way to socialize, meet and greet, and catch up with each other than over a good cup of coffee (tea, or punch) and a delicious tidbit!

We currently have a core group of people who have been contributing the “goodies” on a regular basis. We are glad to continue, but being few in number, we are in great (just short of desperate) need of additional volunteers who could join us on a regular rotation basis. There will be a sign up sheet at the Greeter table on Sundays through Lent for you to volunteer to become a member of the Coffee Hour rotation. Please consider this Ministry. It is a good and right and tasty thing to do!

In the meantime, please see the poster sign up in the Great Hall for upcoming Sundays, and volunteer whenever you can.

Also note that in the absence of a Sexton, Coffee Hour volunteers are responsible for the set up, preparation, and clean up related to Coffee Hour. Greeter Teams are requested to assist in the set up as well. Set up includes: table arrangement, putting tablecloths on tables, brewing coffee, etc. Coffee Hour responsibilities will be posted in the kitchen.

## LECTOR MINISTRY

In the fall, Dean Lane conducted Lector training sessions in order to refresh some techniques for all of us in this very important Liturgical ministry. The focus of the training was on the use of the microphone at the lectern. This mic presents challenges to anyone who uses it, in that it is not omni-directional. The speaker must speak directly into it in order for the mic to pick up and transmit the voice. Hopefully, every Lector has profited from the training and has been able to find the right “spot” in positioning the mic prior to his or her proclaiming the Word.

A helpful hint as part of your preparation for Reading of the Scripture:

- Arrive early on the Sunday you are scheduled, go to the lectern prior to the service, adjust and speak into the microphone. Can you hear your voice coming back to you? Better yet, ask someone to listen and see if you are “coming through”. If so, note the position of the mic, and imitate it when you go to the lectern to read.
- Remember...the Word must be heard.

Welcome everyone, and thank you so much for your contribution to this important ministry of Hospitality.



**Lenten Quiet Day**  
Sponsored by the Christ Church's  
ECW, Milford, DE



**“PRAYING WITH THE  
CELTIC SAINTS”**

**Sister Cassandra Grace  
Norsworthy**

and

**Deacon Sheila Brigid Sharpe, AF**  
Facilitators

**Saturday, March 6, 2010**  
**10-2 p.m.**  
with  
**Holy Eucharist**

**Open to Men and Women**  
**Soup and Bread lunch provided**  
Free-will offering  
(Bring something to write in)

**Christ Episcopal Church**  
200 N. Church Street  
Milford, DE 19963  
(302) 422-8466

[christ.church.milford@verizon.net](mailto:christ.church.milford@verizon.net)

RSVP (302) 422-8466

**Cathedral Anniversaries**

Norwood and Alice Coleman 3 /1  
Charles and Ann Frampton 3/3  
Don and Anna Winslow 3/29

**Cathedral Birthdays**

**Irma McMinn 3/4**  
**Andrea Higgins 3/5**  
**Linda O'Connor 3/7**  
**David Sardo 3/7**  
**Darielle Lewis-Sanders 3/7**  
**Eno Mase 3/8**  
**Errol Pringle 3/10**  
**Regina Fletcher 3/11**  
**Kane Schmidt 3/11**  
**Steve Bravo Crespo 3/11**  
**Laura Eisenman 3/12**  
**Kau-Essence Boayue 3/18**  
**Gloria Johnson 3/21**  
**Beryl Thompson 3/21**  
**Susan Hayes 3/23**  
**Joy Boyd 3/26**  
**Pedro Murillo 3/26**  
**Zenobia La Dage 3/27**  
**Fletcher Gordy 3/27**  
**Sherry Goodill 3/27**  
**Winifred Primo 3/28**  
**Tabé Mase 3/29**  
**Wynnsome Gadson 3/29**  
**Don Winslow 3/31**  
**Louise Lanahan 3/31**



# March 2010

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
7:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 11:45 am Coffee Hour <b>4:00 pm Choir Benefit: "Fortissimo" at First and Central Presbyterian</b>	4-6:00 pm Choir School Homework Help and Mentoring 6:30-7 pm Younger Preps 6:30-8 pm Trebles and Specific Older Preps	8:30 am Morning Prayer Ch 4-6:00 pm Choir School Homework Help and Mentoring 6:30-7:30 pm Older Preps	<b>7:00 am Holy Eucharist</b> 4-6:00 pm Choir School Homework Help and Mentoring 6:30-8:30 pm Trebles, Teen Boys and Specific Older Preps 7-8:30 pm Choir Adults	8:00-9:00 am Neighborhood Assistance at the Cathedral 4-6:00 pm Choir School Homework Help and Mentoring 6-7 pm Younger Preps	<b>Office CLOSED</b>	8:00 pm AA GH
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<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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<b>28 PALMSUNDAY</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			
<b>7:30 am Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist</b> 10:30 am Liturgy of the Palms with Procession and Holy Eucharist 11:45 am Coffee Hour	<b>7:00 am Holy Eucharist</b> 4-6:00 pm Choir School Homework Help and Mentoring 6:30-7 pm Younger Preps 6:30-8 pm Trebles and Specific Older Preps	8:30 am Morning Prayer Ch 4-6:00 pm Choir School Homework Help and Mentoring <b>12 Noon Renewal of Clergy Vows and Holy Eucharist</b> 4-6:00 pm Choir School Homework Help and Mentoring 6:30-7:30 pm Older Preps	<b>7:00 am Holy Eucharist</b> 4-6:00 pm Choir School Homework Help and Mentoring 6:30-8:30 pm Trebles, Teen Boys and Specific Older Preps 7-8:30 pm Choir Adults			

## Easter Flower Memorials

As in past years, the Flower Guild will be decorating the Cathedral for Easter. You can donate to this in memory or in honor of loved ones. Please complete the form below and return it to the Cathedral office no later than **Wednesday, March 30, 2010.**

Given by \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

in memory of

in thanksgiving for

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*(Please mark "Easter Memorial" on the memo line of your check)*

*Please make checks payable to:*  
**Cathedral Church of Saint John**  
**10 Concord Avenue**  
**Wilmington, DE 19802**