

CHRIST CHURCH RIVERDALE NEWSLETTER

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Epiphany

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From the Rector—Moral Imagination

What we can't do is use this tragedy [the Arizona shootings] as one more occasion to turn on one another. As we discuss these issues, let each of us do so with a good dose of humility. Rather than pointing fingers or assigning blame, let us use this occasion to expand our moral imaginations, to listen to each other more carefully, to sharpen our instincts for empathy, and remind ourselves of all the ways our hopes and dreams are bound together. --President Barack Obama, 12 January 2011

As we continue to mourn the six people killed and pray for those wounded in the senseless shooting in Tucson earlier this month, the question becomes, "How will we as Christians respond in the long term?" The President's call to expand our moral imagination is the perfect area for people of faith to contribute robustly to the "national conversation" that has followed the violence in Arizona.

I believe we have something to offer not only as Christians, but as Christians who live in and around, and worship in, New York City. Because of the longtime success of crime shows set in New York, a lot of people around the country view our city as the capital of gun violence. Even though on a per-capita basis our rate of shootings is well below that of certain other regions, some people, even ones from those very regions, are made to be fearful of New York and all it represents.

Of course as New Yorkers we are not immune from the temptation to stereotype other parts of the country. Yet an expanded moral imagination calls us to move past easy categorizations. An expanded moral imagination calls us to testify to the effectiveness of responses other than stockpiling extra-large ammunition magazines like the one used by Jared Loughner. An expanded moral imagination understands compassion not as a weakness but as a strength, as revealed in the life of Jesus. Out of tragedy can come many things: division or unity, despair or hope. As a people whose moral imagination is a gift from God, let us do our part to build unity and hope.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING



Sunday, January 23, 2011, when we will have one service only, at 10:00 am, followed by a light lunch and the Annual Parish Meeting.

FIRST ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

And the winning recipe goes to...

It was a tie! James Onyango and David Talbird both took first place for their delicious renditions of this favorite dish. Thank you to everyone that participated. A general good time was had by all and your hearty chilis were enjoyed on such a cold day!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

A tremendous "thank you" to all the children (and their parents) for doing such a fantastic job in this year's Christmas Pageant!



Kim Johnson helps one of the "angels" get ready for the pageant.

GREAT MUSIC AT CHRIST CHURCH

Saturday, February 12, 7:30 p.m. - Tina Shafer vocalist with the Pete Robbins Quartet.

Saturday, June 4, 7:30 p.m. - Christ Church Riverdale Choir.



Please save the date: Monday, March 7, when the noted a cappella choir, the **Kenyon College Chamber Singers**, will return to Christ Church for a 7:30 p.m. concert. Announcements at church and a future newsletter will have more information about the program and ask for volunteers to host two (or more) singers overnight in their homes. Those who participated in the last visit still remember the occasion warmly! Please call Kathy Valyi at 347-275-2309 if you can volunteer an overnight room or have other questions. Thank you!

VESTRY NOTES

Regular meeting of December 21, 2010

- Instructed the Treasurer to pay only as much of our 4th-quarter diocesan assessment possible without ending the year with an operating deficit, pending our application for an adjustment.
- Endorsed a proposal from Bryan Hiott of the Outreach Committee for a "Haiti Night" event to raise funds to support the work of an organization teaching sustainable building practices in Haiti.
- Approved the Scholarship Committee's proposal for awards to the first eight recipients of Katherine Updegrove Jones scholarships from the bequest given by the late Robert Jones.

Called meeting of January 18, 2011

Adopted the 2011 Operating Budget

Prayer List to Make a New Start

For Sunday, February 6, our prayer list will be cleared and started fresh. To have someone continued on the list, or to add a name,
please contact the parish office at office@christchurchriverdale.org or 718-543-1011 no later than Wednesday,

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 9

The Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will be observed at 7:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m.

PANCAKE BRUNCH



After services on Sunday, March 6, we will have a free pancake brunch given by the Vestry in the Parish Hall. Plan to make this New Orleans-style celebration a part of your day.

HELP NEEDED!

The Christ Church Newsletter needs people to help with production. It involves about two hours, one morning each month. No experience necessary! If you can help, please contact the church office or Lois Stern at 718-543-1011. You may reply via email as well to lois.stern@christchurchriverdale.org.

From the Deacon's Corner

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." (Matthew 5:6-8)

In November, 2007, "The Carpenter's Kids Program," was first introduced to us here at Christ Church Riverdale. The Carpenter's Kids Program is a program that will allow HIV/AIDS orphans, between the ages of six and twelve living in Tanzania, an opportunity to receive an elementary school education. The Carpenter's Kids Program will provide each child with soap, a breakfast each morning, a school uniform, shoes and socks, and school supplies.

We here at Christ Church Riverdale were told that for \$50 a year for each precious little angel, and with a commitment of five years, we would be able to help up to fifty of these precious little angels receive an elementary school education. We here at Christ Church Riverdale gladly took on the challenge. We here at Christ Church Riverdale were able to raise enough money for not only fifty, but fifty-seven precious little angels from the parish of Idifu.

When these fifty-seven precious little angels from the parish of Idifu were first introduced to us here at Christ Church Riverdale, they were without hope. They were the outcasts, and they had no reason to smile. They didn't even know where their next meal was going to come from, or if they would even have a meal at all.

With our committed support, and daily prayers, we here at Christ Church Riverdale, four years later, have shown these same fifty-seven precious little angels from the parish of Idifu, the true meaning of the word LOVE. These fifty-seven precious little angels are now living with hope. These fifty-seven precious little angels now know that they are loved and prayed for each day. These fifty-seven precious little angels are now able to smile and laugh and attend elementary school, and participate in the different programs. These fifty-seven precious little angels can now dream of becoming whatever they put their minds to becoming, for each of these fifty-seven precious little angels from the parish of Idifu knows for sure that they are truly A CHILD OF GOD!

Soli Deo Gloria *** To God Alone Be The Glory!

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
Adult Education
Nursery begins
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Music

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
*On February 16, service at the Methodist Church Home for
the Aged, 4499 Manhattan College Pkwy.
All other Wednesdays at Christ Church.*

Annual Parish Meeting
Combined Services
Sunday, January 23
At 10:00 a.m.
Meeting at 11:30 a.m.