

The GRAPEVINE

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One of the newest books on my shelves in my office is called,

COMMON PRAYER: A LITURGY FOR ORDINARY RADICALS
By Shane Claiborne, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove and Enuma Okoro

It's a great book that combines radical discipleship with traditional liturgy. For Anglicans: a match made in heaven! (so to speak...)

I've often heard the word liturgy defined as "the work of the people." It comes from the Greek word meaning public worship. In this book, they define liturgy by first describing what it is not: Liturgy is not about getting indoctrinated; it's not about learning facts and memorizing phrases. "*Liturgy is soul food. It nourishes our souls just as breakfast strengthens our bodies. ...It's sort of like a family dinner with God.*" Then they go on to write,

"While liturgy is a party it's also about disciplining our spirits like we exercise our muscles. Certainly we are learning as we pray, as we listen to Scripture, as we learn the songs and stories. But we are also participating in the work of God – active prayer, active worship... Liturgy is a dialogue, a divine drama in which we are invited to be actors. We become a part of God's story. We discover lost ancestors. And their story becomes our story." (p. 11)

At the end of each month's forms for Morning and Evening Prayer, they've added a section they call "Becoming the Answer to Our Prayers: A Few Ideas".

I love the idea of liturgy being the work of the people and a way that we participate in the work of God. Prayer shapes our beliefs, beliefs inform our actions, actions become a prayer (is that like a liturgical rock-paper-scissors?!?)

Here are some ideas that the book suggests of ways we could become the answer to our prayers. Feel free to add your own, because these, most certainly should be contextual:

"Becoming the Answer to Our Prayers: A Few Ideas".

- Build a little chapel or prayer room in your home, or in the woods and start using it.
- Forgive a politician, pastor, parent or friend that has wronged you.
- Track down old teachers and mentors. Let them know the influence they have had on your life.
- Hold a ritual of prayerfully cutting up credit cards.
- Mow your neighbor's lawn
- Take a break from noise. Turn off things that make noise.
- Laugh at advertisements, especially the ones that teach you that you can buy happiness
- Track to its source one item of food you eat regularly. Then each time you eat that food, remember the folks who made it possible for you to eat it.
- Go to a city (or town, or village) council meeting. Pray. Speak as the Spirit leads.
- Spend the day baking cookies or bread. Give them away to the person who delivers your mail or picks up your trash when you see them.
- Spend a day hiking in the woods. Consider how God cares for the lilies and the sparrows – and you.

Have fun connecting with God, with God's people and with creation!

JENNIFER'S ORDINATION!

Bishop Adams is pleased to announce that The Rev. Deacon Jennifer Kenna will be ordained to the priesthood at **10:00am on Saturday, June 18th** at St. Matthew's Church, Liverpool! In related big and good news: Following her ordination, Jennifer will serve as a (non-stipendiary) assistant here at St. Matthew's, Liverpool!

SUNDAY 5:00PM SERVICES

Our Sunday 5:00pm service will not continue over the summer. **Our last regularly scheduled 5:00pm Sunday service will be held on Sunday, May 29th.** Please do join us for any of our other regular worship services: Sunday 8:00 and 10:15am and Wednesdays at 12:00 noon. Also, during the months of July and August, we will offer a Wednesday evening service at 6:30pm.

SUMMERTIME "WEDNESDAY CHURCH"

This summer, we'll be offering worship on Wednesday evenings. Please join us for "Wednesday Church" at 6:30pm every Wednesday in July & August. The Eucharist will be abbreviated (about ½ hr.). Following the service, every one is welcome to gather in the Parish Hall for dinner together! (We just gather for a B.Y.O. picnic dinner – and we usually end up sharing!) It's a great time for fun, worship, and fellowship in the middle of the week. And it's certainly a "plus" on those warm summer evenings that both the sanctuary and the parish hall are air-conditioned!

MINISTRY FAIR

On Saturday, May 14th, I spent a delightful day at the Ministry Fair. This was my first time to attend and I know it won't be my last. The Diocese of Central New York offered a variety of workshops on a number of topics for a "day of learning and fellowship." Those who attended were able to choose from an array of 27 different workshops under 3 separate categories: **Worship and Creative Liturgy, Ministry and Parish Development, and Growth in Faith, Spirituality, and Participation.** I chose the following three:



- ✚ Conflict Resolution in the Parish Setting, The Very Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, Presenter
- ✚ Making A Difference – Faith Based Outreach, Hope VanScoy, St. Mark's, Candor, N.Y., Presenter
- ✚ Adult Christian Education: Longtailed Cats & Rocking Chairs?, The Rev. Marilyn Sanders, St. Peter's Bainbridge, Presenter
- ✚ I also presented at a 4th workshop entitled, And the Two Shall Become One: A Story of Two Parishes Merging Together, along side of Mother Carrie and Dick Bartolomeo. Obviously, this was the story of the merger between St. Thomas and St. Matthew's.

I would be happy to share any information that I gathered from these workshops with anyone who is interested. I hope that many of the same workshops that I did not get to attend will be offered next year. I heard great feedback for most of them!

In addition, St. Matthew's had a wonderful turnout at the Fair, with over 20 people in attendance. Our own Stacey Balduf and Cindy Adamowski were members of the Ministry Fair Planning Team. I would like to say thank you to them, Mother Carrie, and all of you who participated. It was a blessed Saturday, well-spent. Hope to see you there next year!

Amy Good, Warden

BREAKFAST FOR MEN & BOYS



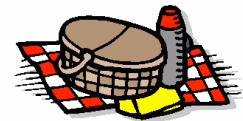
On **Father's Day, June 19th**, we will hold our annual Breakfast for Men and Boys at 9:15am. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen. We certainly hope that all men and boys will attend.

CONFIRMATIONS

We are bursting with pride here at St. Matthew's! We will be presenting 11 youth to the Bishop for the sacrament of Confirmation. We'll also be presenting about a dozen adults for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation in the church. Halleluiah! Please show your support by attending the **Confirmation services at St. Paul's Cathedral, downtown Syracuse on Saturday, June 11th at 10:00am**. Blessings to all of our Confirmands!

PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, June 26th is the date for our parish picnic! In the past, we've had only one worship service that day, but this year, we'll keep the same worship schedule (8:00am and 10:15 am) and set the picnic's **start time for 12:00 noon**. Please come and bring your favorite picnic gear: lawn chairs, yard games, sunscreen, your favorite picnic beverages... and if any of you have easy-up tents to provide a little shade, please bring those along as well. This is one of our favorite events of the year and we always have a blast. There'll even be a bouncy house for the kids! Look for more information coming soon!



Church Picnic

ADULT FORUM

Would you like to engage in the challenge of applying your Christian principles to everyday life?
Would you like to participate in lively discussion about current events and the application of Christian values to those events?
Then come join Adult Forum and experience:

The Wired Word!

The Wired Word is an adult study curriculum that takes current events, "ripped from the headlines" and poses thought provoking questions as to how we as Christians might respond to the issues at hand. Bible references are also provided as they apply. It is called *The Wired Word*, due to the fact that the weekly message is e-mailed directly to you a few days in advance, so that you may read it and prepare for discussion on Sunday. **Adult Forum is held on Sundays between services, 9:30-10:10am, in the Adult Forum room** across from the St. Thomas' Conference Room. If you would like to join us and receive *The Wired Word* by e-mail, please see Amy Good or email your address to her at alrgood@aol.com or Matt Stace at mstace@a-znet.com

Hope to see you there!

IN-REACH COMMISSION

I would like to thank all who attended this year's Mother's Day Breakfast for Women and Girls. I would especially like to thank John, Gary, Phil, Bill, Al and Al's grandson, John for all their help in the kitchen and clean up. I especially want to thank my wife, Kate, for helping me plan and prepare this event.

On June 19th, Father's Day, we will hold our annual Breakfast for Men and Boys. I will have a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen. We certainly hope that all men and boys will attend.

Upcoming events for this summer are our annual church picnic which is June 26th and our 2nd Annual Corn Roast in August.

Thanks again to everyone and hope to see you at the upcoming events!!

Mike Croyle
In-Reach Commissioner

PILLOW CASES

Our next pillow case workshop will be in **June 4, 2011 at 10:00am**. Save the date!



“FRIEND ME?!?!”

Facebook has become a household word as social media takes a bigger and bigger place in the lives of many people. Social media is not just for the youngsters anymore. People of all ages are using blogs, Twitter, Facebook, Linked-In, and more to connect to friends, family, colleagues and current events.

Are you on Facebook?

If you are on Facebook – you can “Friend” St. Matthew’s and get updates on our events. There are also many of our parishioners on Facebook that you can “friend”!

Will Mother Carrie “Friend” Me?



Of course I love all of you and like you all too. However, I don't “friend” parishioners. It's hard to say that without sounding “snotty” – but the fact is... I need a more personal relationship with our parishioners. If, for instance, something significant happens in your life and you post it on Facebook, you may assume I know (when really I may not). Personal contact works much better for our relationships. So, when I “ignore” your friend requests, please know I'm not being stuck-up or distant, but rather the opposite. While Facebook is great for me to connect with old college friends and far-away colleagues, with parishioners, I just am a little more old-school, because I think that's important.



SADIE JAMMEN



May 5, 2011

Please hold Sadie and her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

GARDEN UPDATE

As we are waiting to see what findings are coming out of the Long Range Planning Committee, the garden plan has been on hold. Hopefully, we will be able to move forward with the landscaping along the side wall of the church in the near future.

That being the case, please look at the garden plan and decide whether you would like to purchase a brick, tree, bush or plant in thanksgiving for a loved one. Each brick costs \$50.00 and the forms can be found above the coat rack in the hall outside the nave. Prices for trees, bushes, and plants are as follows:

	Number needed	Name of Plant	Approx \$\$ for a plant in a 3 gal pot
	1	Japanese Maple	\$100.00
	6 to 8	Taxus (hedge)	\$25.00 each
	3	Boxwood	\$40.00 each
	6	Abbreviate	\$40.00 each
	5	Miss Kim Lilac	\$50.00 each

SERENITY BRACELETS/ LORD’S PRAYER/EARRINGS

In addition to the prayer beads and Anglican Rosaries, the youth has begun to sell jewelry to help raise funds to support their adopted children. Each Serenity/Lord’s Prayer Bracelet sells for \$25.00. Each sterling silver and Swarovski crystals bracelet is presented with an explanation of the meaning of the bead colors contained in an organza pouch. Jewelry will be available at coffee hours. For additional information, contact Karen Stace or Penny Dugas.



A NEW/OLD IDEA – GARDEN

I am wondering if there is an interest in planting a vegetable garden at St Matthew's? Only two people have signed up so this seems like a no to me. If I am incorrect, please contact me Penny Dugas via email (pdugas@twcny.rr.com) This would be a means to support the local food pantry by providing fresh food. Are you willing to donate extra produce *from your garden* to the food pantry?

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

**A program that you may have not heard of before.
Which may help to stretch your food dollars.**

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. The program began in 1994 with 34 families in Monroe, Georgia (between Atlanta and Athens) and has grown to serve hundreds of thousands of families every month across 45 states. Angel Food Ministries crosses denominational lines and has spread the good news of the gospel of Christ through salvation tracts that are placed in each food order.

Blessings by the box

Angel Food is available in a quantity that can fit into a medium-sized box at \$30.00 per unit. Each month's menu is different than the previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of approximately \$60.00. Comparison shopping has been done across the country in various communities using a wide range of retail grocery stores and has resulted in the same food items costing from between \$42.00 and \$78.00.

Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is all the same high quality one could purchase at a grocery store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or out-dated goods, no dented cans without labels, no day-old breads and no produce that is almost too ripe.

Need more information? Log on to <http://www.angelfoodministries.com> to learn more about the program.

SHOPPING CART SUNDAY



June 19th

THANK YOU!



July Grapevine Deadline

June 19th



Family Camping Week

August 14th—18th

Vanderkamp is offering an intergenerational experience that can be enjoyed by kids, parents, grandparents, neighbors – anyone! All meals are provided, and we are opening up our full array of activities, and offering a few extra as well:

- Swimming/Boating
- Nature Hikes
- Beaver Habitat Study
- Adult and Youth Life/Bible Discussions
- Campfires
- Archery
- Challenge Course Activities
- Worship

And more! We have pricing options available for those who want to spend a day, all 4 nights, or anything in between. Want to pitch a tent? Rather spend a night in a beautiful lodge on our 45 acre lake? Rent a rustic cabin? The choice is yours!

Those interested can check out our website at www.vk.org to see what our site has to offer, or call the office for reservations or more details at 315-675-3651! We look forward to seeing you then!

Registration Forms are available in the church office.



MUSTARD SEED: “Mustard” may refer to any of a number of annual plants of the genus *Brassica* or to the seeds of some of its species (typically *B. nigra*) which may be ground to make a tasty condiment. In biblical times, these species of mustard were used for their oil, the seeds ground into a paste, and as an herb for cooking.

In all three of the Synoptic Gospels, Jesus uses the mustard plant in a simile about faith (Matthew 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-19). Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed and to the plant which grows from it. In Matthew and Mark, Jesus describes mustard as the smallest of all seeds; in Luke, Jesus says nothing about the seed’s size. In Matthew, Jesus says that mustard becomes a great shrub and then a tree. In Mark, he says it grows into the greatest of shrubs. In Luke, he says it grows until it becomes a tree. There is no parallel in the Gospel According to John but there is a parallel in the apocryphal Gospel according to Thomas, in which Jesus says that mustard seed is “Smaller than all seeds” and that it produces a large branch without specifying tree branch or shrub branch.

The Gospels record another teaching by Jesus about faith and mustard seeds. In Matthew 17:20, Jesus teaches his Disciples that faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains. In Luke 17:6, Jesus teaches his Disciples that faith the size of a mustard seed can move a mulberry tree from its place in the ground into the sea.

That mustard which is common to Palestine neither grows from the smallest of seeds nor grows into the largest of shrubs, much less into a tree. The seed is larger than that of a radish; the resultant shrub grows about ten feet tall. Biblical literalists have struggled to find some other mustard which grows from small seeds into trees—without success. These sayings are examples of hyperbole: intentional overstatement to make a point.

The description of the mustard plant as a tree may suggest an attempt to connect the teaching about the Kingdom of God with two passages in the Old Testament (Ezekiel 17:22-24; Daniel 4:10-27) in which the Kingdom of God is compared to a tree.

The import of Jesus’ use of the simile of the mustard seed is in how something significant grows from something so small as to be insignificant. The Kingdom of God grows from tiny beginnings, and a tiny bit of faith can produce major results.

This conversion of the mustard seed into a symbol of faith and of the growth of the Kingdom of God is often represented in jewelry made from a glass drop containing a mustard seed, often from the Holy Land.

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JUNE

Anderson, Dale	23	Kondrk, Jason	09
Barrus, Chris	22	Lacey, Kim	09
Boylan, Patricia	24	McCloskey, Susan	21
Canavan, Nicole	04	Palmer, Darian	12
Carr, Ronald	27	Pestle, Mia	22
Carruthers, Jim	05	Ross, Mary	19
Carruthers, Patricia	24	St. Denny, Russell	03
Core, Mary Jane	14	Sager, Ron	15
Corl, Marie	05	Schettine, Jacob	15
Duke, Eleanor	01	Schettine, Joe	24
Eames, Yvonne	14	Stearns, Christina	18
Eke, Didi	23	Stockwell, Jameson	07
Ellis, Adrian	17	Sullivan, Mary Beth	07
Freeman, Summer	27	Todd, Brianna	22
Hannah, Joseph	07	Weekley, Elizabeth	26
Harvey, David	22	Wakefield, Lee	19
Hurlburt, Susan	27	Widrick, Nancy	01
Kelly, Rebecca	16	Young, Lindsey	12
Kobo, Pamela	09		

(If anyone has been omitted from this list, please call the office)

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

Chris Allen	Helen McGaffick
Joan Amerman	Jeanne Ney
April	Susan Reynolds
June Balduf	John Rheinheimer
Brenda	Paul Rill
Shari Drace	Shirley Shepard
Eleanor Duke	Richard Slade
Yvonne Eames	Sally Smith
John Foley	Kelly Starliper-Morris
Marie Hammond	Jean Stearns
Bruce Haney	Fred Steul
Ellie Hillers	Jane Stevens
John L.	Edwin Thayer
Kiley Grace	Mary Vaughn
Gail Knox	Clemente Vigliotti
Em Michnowicz	Thomas Zino
Avery Grace Morris	

JUNE 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12:00 Noon- HE+ 7:00pm - Via Media Adult Formation Class	2 <i>Ascension Day</i> 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers	3 Parish Office Closed	4 10:00am Pillow Case Workshop
5 8:00am+HE 9:30am-Adult Forum 10:10am-Nursery 10:15am+HE	6 Rector's Day Off 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers	7 11:00-1:00pm Weight Watchers 6:00-7:30pm Yoga 8:00-9:15pm Yoga	8 12:00 Noon- HE+ 7:00pm - Via Media Adult Formation Class	9 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers	10 Parish Office Closed Youth Pre-Confirmation Lock-In at St. Paul's Cathedral →	11 10:00am Confirmation at St. Paul's Cathedral
12 <i>Pentecost Education Commission Car Wash</i> 8:00am+HE 9:30am-Adult Forum 10:10am-Nursery 10:15am+HE	13 Rector's Day Off 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers	14 11:00-1:00pm Weight Watchers 6:00-7:30pm Yoga 8:00-9:15pm Yoga	15 12:00 Noon- HE+	16 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers	17 Parish Office Closed	18 10:00am Jennifer Kenna's Ordination followed by reception in the Parish Hall
19 <i>Trinity Sunday Father's Day</i> 8:00am+HE 9:15am- Breakfast for Men & Boys 9:30am-Adult Forum 10:10am-Nursery Open-Not Staffed 10:15am+HE Shopping Cart Sunday <i>Grapevine Deadline</i>	20 Rector's Day Off 12:30pm Liverpool Clergy Luncheon 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers	21 11:00-1:00pm Weight Watchers 6:00-7:30pm Yoga 8:00-9:15pm Yoga	22 12:00 Noon -HE+	23 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers ◀	24 Parish Office Closed	25
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 18, 2011- Jennifer's Ordination
July 15, 2011- Book Signing by Julia Spencer-Fleming
September 10, 2011 - Rummage Sale
St. Matthew's Harvest Dinner (Date TBA)
November - Silent Auction (Date TBA)