

# The Grapevine

October 2008

## Election Season

*"The time has come," the Walrus said,  
"To talk of many things:  
Of shoes--and ships--and sealing-wax--  
Of cabbages--and kings--  
And why the sea is boiling hot--  
And whether pigs have wings."*

Sometimes, this is how I feel about election season. As many of you know, I'm a big fan of Public Radio and sometimes it seems as though all I hear about on the news is politics – from cabbages to kings (or our more modern version: ethanol and foreign dictators... or something like that.) By this time of year, even the most steadfast political junkie must be getting a bit road-weary by this long election season – or is it just me?

Sometimes I catch myself tuning out – or worse – just believing whatever the talking heads are saying without processing it for myself. For as much as I'd like to bury my head in the sand and have someone wake me when the new guy is sworn in, I know that it is my responsibility to pay attention to the political life that is swirling around us.

I've always known about the separation of Church and State. I understand that our founding fathers held that principle as valuable because they didn't want the state infringing on people's freedom of religious expression. These days, I'm afraid some of us use "separation of Church and State" to exclude us from paying attention to politics.

We don't all need to be political science majors, but as Christians in this society, we are called to participate in the electoral process.

**I believe we have the call and duty  
to allow our faith to inform our political beliefs.**

As far as I can tell, Jesus was registered with neither the Republican nor the Democratic Party, so I think we're free to vote for whomever the Spirit moves us to. As voting Christians, we hold in front of us the vision of the Kingdom of God that Jesus talked about. We pray for clarity about what God's hopes and dreams are for this country, for this state, and for the communities in which we live.

So, let's get out there and inform ourselves about the issues the candidates feel strongly about and their leadership gifts rather than personalities or hype. If there are 200 St. Matthew's voters, we probably hold about 270 different opinions, but we can be unified in our desire to God's will be done on earth – through the Church and through the State. Perhaps we don't always have to be so separate.

In Peace,

# St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

904 Vine Street, Liverpool NY

315.457-4633

Presents our Next Community Eucharist:

## A HEALING SERVICE



*"A cure isn't always possible; but healing is always possible."*

Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm



Join us for an evening of prayer and Communion  
as we pray for healing in our lives and in the world.  
Holy Communion and Anointing with Holy Oil will be offered.  
Please stay for the reception following the service.

## AND THUS, THE CHAPTER CONCLUDES

I was saddened upon learning that our beloved Deacon Leroy, his lovely wife Kathy, and family are relocating to Texas. Our emotions are missed; we are sad for the void their departure will bring to the family of St. Matthew's, yet happy for him and his family at the enthusiasm and optimism I felt as we talked, as we have done for many Sunday mornings.

We shall miss them in our choir. She of the Lovely voice, the warm hug and laughter and he with the baritone of strength that kept me nearly on key. It was my privilege to be located next to him in the choir.

We shall miss his home-spun homilies of deep faith and reverence. If you have been blessed by hearing one of Leroy's homilies, you realized the depth of his faith and devotion.

We shall miss him at the fish dinners during Lent. As he dispensed the haddock, he also dispensed cheerfulness and good humor to the patrons of these sessions. And there was never any duty he avoided. He scrubbed pots and pans with the same cheerfulness with which he filled the patrons' plates with haddock.

We shall miss the grandchildren. They were a constant example of how wonderful is youth. Their caring and attention to each other and to their grandparents, bolstered your faith in the youth of America.

Yes, we will miss them in many ways, but the memory of the Morrisons will be pleasantly with us always. We wish them Good Luck and success. And may the hand of The Father be always with them.

Farewell, my friends Kathy and Leroy. God bless and keep you always.

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## A PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

No, it's not about a Cineplex offering.

It's a reality check.

During your committee's search for a church musician, we encountered the recommended pay scale of the American Guild of Organists. This is a standard that is widely used and one that is geographically balanced. St. Matthew's was a bit over the half-way mark toward meeting this number. At a recent Vestry meeting, we were presented with a 'good news/bad news' request. We were asked to exceed our Sunday School budget. That's the bad news. The good news is that it was to meet the requirements of a growing number of children in our program.

There are other examples, however you've figured out where I am going with this. In the near future, Chris Atherton will be calling upon the Vestry to submit their budget requests for 2009. The next step in the process is our pledge drive. While I do not wish to steal Chris's thunder on this one, serious thought and prayer are part of the formula. We are a growing parish with high hopes and great expectations. Meeting our budgetary needs are the other part of the formula.

Peace, Shalom, God bless,  
Gordon

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## THE HOUSE AT 807



Once again, it is time for us to volunteer to serve Sunday lunch to the residents at The House at 807. We will need **two volunteers for each Sunday during the month of October, from 11:00am to 1:00pm**. The meals are prepared and we only need to warm and serve to the residents. During the meal, we sit and enjoy fellowship with them. Afterward, we clean up, put away leftovers and start the dishwasher. Please plan to help out by signing up on the bulletin board next to the kitchen. Thank you.

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## SALE

There is one extra St. Matthew's T-shirt left after our sale this summer. For the low, low price of only \$5.00 you can own a Medium Blue T-shirt. Please see or contact Lois Fleming, 453-7985.



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## CHILDREN'S SABBATH – DISTRICT PROJECT

One of the goals we've had in our Oswego-Northern Onondaga District is to work together on service projects. Another goal that's generated excitement at our District Mission Council is to do something that brings the youth of our parishes together to do something meaningful.

Well – here's an opportunity that combines both goals in one endeavor!

The district will be celebrating the **Observance of the National Children's Sabbath on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm at St. Matthew's, Liverpool.**

The theme of the Children's Sabbath has always been advocacy for children. The service project as well as the worship itself will celebrate our children while we focus on children that are living in less fortunate situations.

This year, the churches in our District are collecting School Supplies for children who can't afford them. There are two options:

### Pencil Case List

Transparent pencil case  
Pack of crayons  
Pack of colored pencils  
Glue stick  
Hand pencil sharpener  
Large eraser

OR

### School Bag for Church World Service

Blunt scissor  
3 70-count notebook (not loose-leaf paper)  
12" ruler  
Hand pencil sharpener,  
Large eraser  
One box of 24 crayons  
6 new pencils  
A bag 12"x 14" to hold supplies. (we have sewing directions available, if you'd prefer to make your own)

Collection of school supplies can begin now, so that when **October 5<sup>th</sup>** rolls around, we'll have plenty of school kits to assemble and send. Look for sales on school supplies coming soon! A box to receive donations will be available at church.

On **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**, we'll gather at St. Matthew's Liverpool for a special event for all ages to celebrate Children's Sabbath and bring together all of our offerings. At **4:00pm**, we'll meet in St. Matthew's Parish Hall to assemble our supplies together and get to know one another. Then we'll move to the sanctuary for a special liturgy that will focus on children, children's advocacy and we'll have a special offering to bring up all of our school kits for blessing.

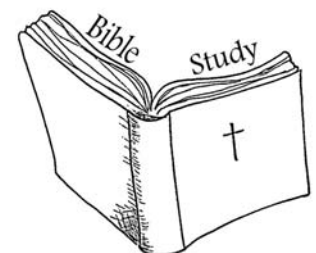
More information will follow – but for now, save the date and start collecting school supplies.

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## “FIRST FRIDAY” BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for our “First Friday” Bible Study program at St. Matthew's. (This month, we need to push our bible study back a week.) We'll gather on **October 10<sup>th</sup>, from 12:10 – 1:00pm in the Conference Room.** Perfect for folk who work near the church with flexible schedules, and those who find it hard to make our evening offerings. Bring a friend!

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> (COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND)**

**Calling all Children and Youth (Parents and Adults welcome too)**

Regular Sunday School classes will take the day off on October 12<sup>th</sup>, but for all those folks who are staying in town that weekend, Don Carlson is offering a multi-age, Christian formation time for people of all ages. Stop by the Parish Hall at 9:15 on Sunday morning, October 12<sup>th</sup> for the fun!

“Our Generous God”  
(Matthew 20:1-16)

Come spend some time talking about God’s generosity and love in our lives. We will do some crafts that fit this theme too! Questions? Contact Don Carlson at [dcarlson@cny.anglican.org](mailto:dcarlson@cny.anglican.org)

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**YOUTH GATHERING**



We have a growing number of youth grades 4-9 here at St. Matthew’s. It would be wonderful if we could host at least one or more social activities to gather these members together in fellowship. If there is anyone who would be interested in coordinating or assisting with such an event, please contact Bill or Stacey Balduf at 652-4739 or [staceybalduf@gmail.com](mailto:staceybalduf@gmail.com)

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**HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Our families and children have enjoyed a Halloween Party each year at St. Matthew’s. We are currently looking for volunteer(s) to coordinate this youth fellowship event. Please contact Bill or Stacey Balduf at 652-4739 or [staceybalduf@gmail.com](mailto:staceybalduf@gmail.com) if you are interested in further information.



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**A DAY OF RECONCILIATION**

A one-day retreat for women who may be struggling with the effects of abuse or conflict in their lives. We will focus specifically on the process of forgiveness.

- Where: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Camillus
- When: Saturday, October 18, 2008 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Cost: \$5.00 registration fee, **Lunch included**
- Facilitator: Bambi Carkey, MS, CS, NP
- RSVP 487-1771 or to [slcs@twcny.rr.com](mailto:slcs@twcny.rr.com)

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**BRAEDEN MICHAEL WOLFENDEN**

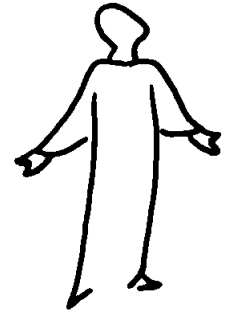
The son of Brandon and Michelle Wolfenden, was baptized on Sunday, September 14, 2008.

May God bless him and strengthen him in faith and love always.



## PRAAYER NIGHT

Join us on **Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00-8:30pm** for a night of prayer. We'll spend a portion of the evening learning about different prayer practices and set aside time to practice some of them as well. If you'd like to join us for an evening of prayer and learning, please sign up on the sheet located outside of the kitchen.



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## SMILES EVERYONE!

Let's have a "Soup and Sandwich Sunday" get together!

**WHEN AND WHERE** — **Sunday October 26th, 2008** — right after hospitality hour at church —  
**12:00 Noon**

**WHAT**— You bring your favorite sandwich and we will supply the soup.  
Bring a game to play if you would like.

Please call me with any questions, also call me if you would be able to provide a ride to our Sunday event. Sandy Davis 451-3199.

We will talk about starting an ongoing craft club so we can sponsor a table next November at St. Paul's or perhaps our own craft show right here at St. Matthew's. We could rent out tables and the S.M.I.L.E.S. group could help run this event!

Thanks, everyone!

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## SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

Yet another Safe Church Training Course has been scheduled at:

St. John's Episcopal Church  
341 Main Street (NY Route 46), Oneida  
on Wednesday evening, October 8<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:00pm.  
Light supper will be provided at 5:30pm.

Please contact St. John's at 315-363-1940, or by email to [stjohnsoneida@verizon.net](mailto:stjohnsoneida@verizon.net) by Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, so that we can be sure to have enough materials and be ready with your appetite!

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## CONCERT SERIES FOR THE COMMUNITY



Liverpool First United Methodist Church (the church with the purple doors) will be hosting a Joyful Noise concert series on the following dates:

October 19	James Welsch & Musicians from S.U.
October 26	Potpourri Organist Abel Searor, Liverpool Youth Voices and Tintinnabulation Bell Choir

Free will offering.

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# Preparing for Advent: Retreats for Men and Women

## **BEARING THE MYSTERY: THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF MEN** Advent District Retreat **for men.**

Location: Spiritual Renewal Center  
1118 Court Street  
Syracuse, NY 13208  
Date: November 1, 2008  
Time: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm (includes breakfast and lunch)  
Cost: \$30 to cover food and materials  
Sign-up Call the Spiritual Renewal Center @ 472-9266  
or Call Grace Church @ 635-3214

This Advent retreat is designed to help men understand their unique struggle in the world and to recognize the power of their inner truth and gifts. It will be an invitation to awaken to an awareness of the mystery that it is to be a man and to help men in their journey to be transformed into beloved sons of God.

It will be led by Fr. Tim Reger, a priest, spiritual director and frequent speaker and retreat leader. Tim is the Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Baldwinsville and is on the Senior Staff of the Spiritual Renewal Center.



## **PRAYING IN COLOR: CREATIVITY & PRAYER** Advent District Retreat **for women.**

Location: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
904 Vine Street  
Liverpool, NY 13088  
Date: November 8, 2008  
Time: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm (includes breakfast and lunch)  
Cost: \$30 to cover food and materials  
Sign-up Call St. Matthew's Church @ 457-4633

This Advent retreat is designed to help us connect our creativity with our prayer life. No need to be a professional artist or a contemplative mystic – any woman interested in exploring prayer through creativity is welcome to join us.

It will be led by the Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, Episcopal priest. Carrie is the Rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Liverpool and is the Dean of the Oswego-Northern Onondaga District of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York.

## NOVEMBER CRAFT SHOW PARTICIPATION

Get those crafts ready! We are having a St. Matthew's senior craft table on **November 8<sup>th</sup>**. Where is it you ask? Right down the street at **St. Paul's Lutheran Church from 10:00am to 4:00pm**. They loved the idea when we asked if we could do this. We will do some planning and crafting soon. We will need sellers, makers, bakers, all kinds of activities we can do also. Anyone who is or is not over 55 who may be interested in holding a craft making activity for our group? We would love your help and you can share your talent with us.

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### SMALL GROUP SPONSORED BY ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAMILLUS

#### Parents/relatives of Gay Children

Led by Diane Curran, the mother of a gay son, this small group is developing to support parents and relatives of gay children who are struggling with spiritual concerns on behalf of their children.

The group will begin meeting on **Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm** at the Bohemian Bean Café, located at the Regional Market.

The group's meetings are confidential. Any questions, feel free to call Diane Curran at 672-8200.

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### DISTRICT MISSION COUNCIL

The Oswego-Northern Onondaga District Mission Council will host its next meeting on **Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 at All Saints', Fulton**. The District Mission Council is a gathering of clergy and laity from the parishes in our district who gather to support one another in ministry and share ideas. We also are planning ways that the parishes can come together for mission and formation opportunities as well. If you're interested in this cooperative ministry – please join us!

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### SAVE THIS DATE!

The next wine & cheese party will be on **Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00pm-7:00pm**.

It will feature a silent auction of dozens of Dickens Village collectible Christmas figurines and other Christmas-related items.

More details to follow in the November *Grapevine* or call Larry Mathews at 457-2069.



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### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

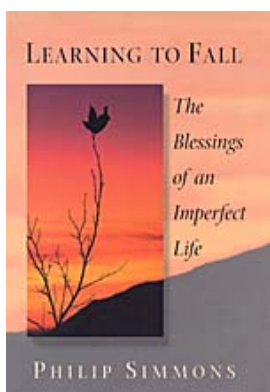
Spiritual Direction now available at Wisdom House, a project of Trinity Episcopal Church, 106 Chapel St, Fayetteville.

Emily Wilmer will be available for spiritual direction once a month at Wisdom House, a project of Trinity Episcopal Church in Fayetteville, NY. She has over fifteen years of experience providing spiritual direction to individuals seeking spiritual growth and discernment in their lives. She completed the two year course in individual spiritual direction at the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation in Bethesda, MD. She also trained with Lauren Artress in San Francisco in the facilitation of the labyrinth as a spiritual tool. Emily has offered spiritual direction, workshops, and retreats throughout the USA and the UK. She has been a children and youth minister, speaker and presenter at national conferences, writer and actor. She lives in Ithaca with her husband, The Rev. David G. Keller.

To make an appointment or learn more, contact Emily directly at 607-273-1325.

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## ST. MATTHEW'S BOOK CLUB



The next selection for the St. Matthew's Book Club is: *Learning To Fall: The Blessings of an Imperfect Life* by Philip Simmons. Living fully in the face of a debilitating fatal illness is the challenge Simmons, then an associate professor of English at Lake Forest College in Illinois, faced when he was told in 1993 he had ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and had less than five years to live. As his illness progressed, a wheelchair-bound Simmons moved with his wife and two children to southern New Hampshire, near the rugged mountains he once had climbed. Writing in his cabin in view of an old dump, Simmons describes the wonders of nature remembered and still visible from his abode. He tells of his search for life's meaning in a variety of religious and secular texts, among them the story of Jesus, the philosophy of Zen, Sufi and Buddhist masters, medieval Christian mystics, Emerson's essays and the poetry of Yeats.

In a wry disclaimer, Simmons notes that learning to live richly in the face of loss is a highly individual undertaking, and adds, "I'm not in the business of issuing directives, offering tips, imposing lists of spiritual dos and don'ts, or providing neat, comforting formulas." Indeed, his little book of thoughtful essays offers no easy solutions to dealing with suffering and sorrow, but it does chronicle how the experience of living at the edge can become an extraordinary connection to the eternal. We'll meet to discuss this book on **Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.**

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### 2009 MISSION TRIPS

If you feel you just might be called to join one of the upcoming mission trips to our companion diocese of El Salvador please contact Chuck Stewart at (315) 395 0053 or [cnstewart@verizon.net](mailto:cnstewart@verizon.net). Planning is underway for three trips in 2009:

- . Medical Mission: First week of February. Certain medical, dental and nursing specialties are needed. Non-medical people, especially with some Spanish, are needed. This mission fills up early.
- . "February Pilgrimage": A week in January or February (TBD). Begun by The Very Rev. Dick Bower many years ago. Live, eat, pray, sing, work, laugh and cry with our sisters and brothers. Learn the history, why 50% of the youth are unemployed, why 80% of the population is poor or extremely poor. For lay and ordained. For adults and some young adults. Requires reasonable physical stamina. Limited to twelve people.
- . Youth Pilgrimage: A week in late July or early August. The same as the February Pilgrimage, but for mostly under-25 with more work, more laughing and perhaps more singing. Parish youth groups are ideal.

Planning meetings for the latter two mission trips will be in late August or September to allow the groups to establish schedule and activities. We will set up telecommunications for the meeting so that everyone will not have to use up gasoline and create carbon dioxide.

A short commentary: "Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me - you did it to me.'" So, is it better to spend money on a mission trip or to spend money on medicines, nutrition programs, wells, or mosquito nets. The answer is both - as much as we are able. All are called to give of our wealth; some are called to go.

As good as videos and photos are, one cannot get a sense of our sister's lives without being in the churches, kitchens and fields, feeling the heat, smelling the pollution and walking in the dirt. As good as books are, one cannot get a sense of their history without standing behind the altar where their archbishop was shot or standing in front of the Wall of Remembrance with thirty thousand names of those adults and children who died or disappeared in the civil war. And the joy of helping a child paint a T-shirt - perhaps the first new shirt in several years - cannot be described.

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You are cordially invited to join us for . . .

## A Pilgrimage to the **HOLY LAND**

Sponsored by "Formation for Ministry" from the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York

Tour Host: The Rev. Joell Szachara

Tour Company: Journeys Unlimited ([www.Journeys-Unlimited.com](http://www.Journeys-Unlimited.com))

### **MARCH 9-19, 2009**

(This is during the season of Lent. What a wonderful preparation for Easter!)

This 10 day trip will include **sightseeing** at:

Galilee, Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Cana, Mount of Beatitudes, Jericho,  
Beat She'An, Bethlehem, the old city, Calvary, Garden Tomb,  
Cathedral & College of St. George's.

**Cost** will include: round-trip direct airfare from JFK to Tel Aviv; 7 nights of accommodations in tourist class hotels, 7 breakfasts & 8 dinners; airport-hotel transfers, hotel taxes, baggage handling, private air conditioned motor coaches, services of a professional tour guide.

There are additional fees that includes:  
taxes, tips, transportation to and from JFK from Utica/Syracuse area.

**TOTAL COST:** between \$2,800 - \$3,500

St. Stephen's Church  
25 Oxford Rd. New Hartford, NY 13413  
phone: 315.732.7462  
email: [ststephens@centralny.twcbc.com](mailto:ststephens@centralny.twcbc.com)

Please call if you have any questions or would like additional information.

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## SOUND BITES

**BOWING:** Saint Paul says that Christ was exalted in heaven and that, at the Name of Jesus, every knee should bow. (Phil. 2:10) The earliest Christians took this injunction literally and followed the practice of bowing whenever the Name of Jesus was spoken aloud. The English practice has always been the same; the canons of 1603 and 1640 both required that church members bow at the Name of Jesus, not only when it is mentioned in the Creed, but at all times during the service. This practice explains the 18<sup>th</sup> century hymn, “The God of Abraham praise” (401, Hymnal 1982) which says, “We bow and bless the sacred Name.”

Bowing in the church has taken various forms and found various occasions. One commentator identifies three kinds of liturgical bows: profound, moderate and simple. The profound bow is made from the waist. The moderate bow is of the head and shoulders (sort of like looking at one’s feet). The simple bow is the bending of the head only. The occasions for bowing are numerous.


Throughout the church and its history, the faithful have bowed to the altar. There was never the sense that the altar itself was being worshiped; the reverence is to the presence of the Divine Majesty which the altar symbolizes. For example, canon 7 of 1640 requires that the people bow to the altar “both at their coming in and their going out of ...churches.” The same piety explains the practice of bowing to the altar upon entering and leaving the pew, and upon approaching and leaving the altar at Holy Communion.

Despite considerable protestant opposition, numerous other occasions for bowing remain part of Anglican worship. Members of the congregation bow as the processional cross passes by them. Many bow their heads at the mention of the Holy Trinity (as in the Gloria Patri); this practice dates back at least to 1305 in England and 1351 in Ireland. When incense is used, a deep bow is exchanged between the thurifer and the persons being censed. The people bow toward the Book of the Gospel during the Gloria tibi (Glory be to thee...). The people bow during the words describing the Incarnation in the creed.

Ministers occasionally bow to each other – the priest and the server, after the celebrant washes his hands; the oblation bearers and the acolyte, when the offering is presented at the altar.

Bowing can be empty ritual or it can engage the mind and body of the worshiper at once in acts of profound devotion. It need not be practiced by everyone; those who are physically incapable of or psychologically uncomfortable with bowing should refrain. Other are encouraged to join in the practice of the church in saying with their bodies what their minds and lips say with their prayers.

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

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*In Our Thoughts and Prayers...*

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| Isabel Alamond  | Gloria Miller       |
| Dawn Arnold     | Carol Murdock       |
| Tony Balestra   | Bob McClellan       |
| Melanie Clay    | Joan Oksa           |
| Eleanor Duke    | Charles Roach       |
| Dylan           | Victoria Roach      |
| Jennifer        | Shelly              |
| Jodi and Amelia | Herb Smith          |
| Bobby Kayne     | Jennifer Sullivan   |
| Samuel Kovac    | Margaret Zaccanelli |
| Karen Kreis     | Don Zemenz          |
| Virginia Marks  |                     |

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**SHOPPING CART SUNDAY**  
*October 19<sup>th</sup>*  
**NON-FOOD ITEMS, PLEASE**

**THANK YOU!**



**November Grapevine**  
**Deadline**  
**October 19<sup>th</sup>**

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# OCTOBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*A.A. Meets Monday – Friday – 6:45 – 7:45am in the Conference Room °HB: Holy Baptism +HE: Holy Eucharist ^MP: Morning Prayer			1 <b>No Noon HE+ (Clergy Conference)</b>	2 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers  <b>6:30pm Outreach Commission Meeting</b>	3 <b>Parish Office Closed</b>	4
5 8:00am-HE+ 9:15am –Sunday School 9:30am-Adult Forum 10:00am - Nursery 10:15am-HE+ 11:00am-The House at 807 1:30pm-Eucharist at Birchwood 4:00-5:30pm Children’s Sabbath Event at St. Matthew’s	6 *6:45am-AA  5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers  5:30pm Diocesan Task Force Meeting	7 <b>7:00pm Christmas Around the World Meeting</b>	8 <b>12:00 Noon HE+</b>	9 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers  8:30-4:00pm Life Line Screening in the Parish Hall  <b>7:00pm Community Eucharist Healing Service (Reception Follows)</b>	10 <b>Parish Office Closed</b>  <b>12:10-1:00pm “First Friday” Bible Study</b>	11
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