

THE WORD FROM TWO SAINTS

The Church of St. Luke & St. Simon Cyrene
A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester

November 2007
In Covenant with St. Stephen's Church

STUDY SAYS: MOVE FORWARD!

A Feasibility Study done for us by the Episcopal Church Foundation, with Ms. Carol Drake as our lead consultant has reported that we can have every confidence that we can raise the money needed for our proposed capital projects.

The study made the following findings:

- 98% of those surveyed were in favor of the campaign and 93% responded that they expected to give to it.
- 58% were unsure of whether the goal of \$300,000 could be reached; 36% percent were confident that it could.
- Those surveyed felt overall that we have a strong leadership team currently in the parish.

From these and other findings, the following recommendations were made:

- That we proceed with a Capital Campaign with a slightly reduced goal of \$276,000. The Vestry may chose, in addition, to challenge the congregation for the full goal. The Vestry meets on October 25 to make these decisions.
- Revised plans will be available by mid-November with further information about the aspects of the project that were not as clear as others (i.e., the church entryway project and renewed choir space).
- The Capital Campaign will kick off the second Sunday in December and run for two weeks. Several advance gifts will be sought prior to the kick-off, so that we will begin with a certain percentage already raised.
- Annual giving and capital campaign giving will be sought at the same time. Annual giving remains a priority and we will be asking everyone to pledge to the operating budget first and not to reduce their annual giving in order to pledge to the campaign.

ANTI-RACISM DIALOGUE CONCLUDES AND PROPOSES NEW INITIATIVES

On Saturday, October 13, approximately three dozen of the participants in the summer/fall anti-racism dialogue small groups came together for a plenary session to do some sharing of learnings and consensus building about ways forward.

Generally speaking, the dialogue received high marks by participants, although some helpful feedback was gathered that will help the dialogue team refine the process.

In talking about next steps, there was a strong feeling that there is more internal work to do before we move too fast into the larger community. Despite that feeling, several community groups were identified with whom we can begin to make common cause, and, as the Rector said, "It's a both/and."

Clearly the dialogue process will continue as an offering. Some ideas related to this included making it a part of the newcomer incorporation process, requiring participation of those who share leadership in the congregation, and members who have already participated inviting a member who hasn't to do so with them as a partner.

Other suggestions including involving youth in the dialogue and having a similar dialogue on sexual orientation, including the similarities and differences between racism and homophobia. This will be an especially important conversation for us to have if we are to bring our experience as a community of faith into the larger community.

One initiative that is already moving forward is the resolution sponsored by the rector on behalf of the anti-racism dialogue team at our Diocesan Convention this month. The resolution asks the Bishop and Diocesan Council to devise a way to revive anti-racism work in the diocese and mandate it for those in diocesan leadership positions.

SS SUNDAY SUPPER NEWS

The dates for Sunday Suppers in November and December are: November 18th and 25th & December 16th and 23rd. Please consider volunteering for those dates as the coordinator may be on jury duty!! All help is appreciated. Especially cooks. Menus and food are provided.

We are also collecting fleece blankets for Christmas and hats, gloves, warm socks for the winter months. If you have items to donate, give them to Mary Ann Brody and she will transport them to St. Stephen's. If you are able to help with a dinner, contact Debbie Burrows at 328-8363 or dburrows@rochester.rr.com.

SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR PEACE VIGILS

By Marilyn Wienk

We have changed the time of the monthly peace vigils to end the war in Iraq to **second Tuesday afternoons, 4:30-6:00 pm**. Because the war in Iraq continues unabated, members of St. Luke and St. Simon Cyrene and Downtown United Presbyterian Church will continue to stand with signs for peace once a month on the corner of Fitzhugh and Broad. Come join us for some or all of the vigil time on October 9.

Hip Hop Mass 2nd Saturday at St. Stephen's



Hip Hop E*Mass has changed its monthly weekend and location. We have moved to the 2nd Saturday of the month at St. Stephen's Church. Two Saints will continue to be the prime sponsor of this event, but we are taking advantage of St. Stephen's location and our cooperative ministry relationship to try to build a

base for this Service. The first service was a success with over forty people in attendance. We've had several inquiries from people in the neighborhood. Consider joining us on November 10th at 5pm.

"SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP"

SAVE THE DATE: Once again "Shop til You Drop" will take place the Monday after Thanksgiving, November 26th, 6-9 pm at Pittsford Plaza. Participating stores are: One World Goods, blueground, Color Me Mine and Hands On and Beyond. Dine first at Camille's Sidewalk Cafe! For the second year in a row, One World Goods is donating 20% of the proceeds. The others and Camille's Sidewalk Cafe are donating 15% of the evening's proceeds. Help RAIHN while accomplishing some of your Christmas and holiday gift giving needs. Last year this evening's tally was \$2,300 for RAIHN! Join the fun.

GOBBLE! GOBBLE!

November is turkey time! This year we will again be providing a Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings to some families in Rochester who might otherwise have none. Keep your eye open for frozen turkeys and canned goods. We will be providing a list of needs in the first week of November. Monetary donations are also welcome to help us purchase fresh produce the day before we deliver. Mark your calendars for a spaghetti dinner hosted by St. Mark & St. John's Episcopal Church on Tuesday, November 13th, from 6-8pm. That night we will gather all the food donations, pack the "baskets" and celebrate our efforts.



MISSION FORUM NOVEMBER 11

Girls Scouts Beyond Bars

Bob Seidel will be offering a video presentation followed by discussion of a new program aimed at helping daughters of incarcerated women in Monroe County. The project recently received a start-up grant from the Rochester & Monroe Districts of the diocese. The program being proposed here is the first such program in New York state and the first to be operated by a local Girl Scout organization with the county correctional facility. If all goes well, the program could start in early 2008. Join us as we learn more about how to help with this venture, and

continue to advocate for the incarcerated and their families.

PUBLIC POLICY FORUM NOVEMBER 18 **Caring for Veterans and their Families**

By Marilyn Wienk

November is the month in which we honor our veterans. Quite appropriately, after the late service on November 18, Dr. Anthony P. (Peter) Ziarnowski, Team Leader of the Vet Center on Mt. Hope Avenue, will describe the problems facing veterans returning from, in many cases, multiple tours in Iraq. Many of those returning suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Often unacknowledged by the veterans themselves, PTSD all too often is downplayed by the military high command, who seem to be in denial about the seriousness and prevalence of this condition. As a result of misinformation and neglect, far fewer veterans receive the long-term compassionate care they require. Dr. Ziarnowski will indicate how faith communities can assist veterans returning with deep psychological wounds to adjust to civilian life again.

Besides being a health treatment issue, this is a public policy one. Recently, the Senate failed to pass the Webb Amendment that would have provided for longer rest periods between tours of duty in war zones. Now there is talk of increasing tours of duty in Iraq from fifteen months (up from twelve months already) to eighteen months. We need to let our Congressional representatives know our concerns about the potentially harmful effects these lengthy and repeated tours can have on the people in the armed forces and their families. Dr. Ziarnowski's information will help prepare us for our phone calls and letters to our elected officials.

Dr. Ziarnowski holds a Ph.D in Clinical Psychology from St. Louis University. He served in the U.S. Army from 1972-77. Since his discharge, he has worked for the VA in Rochester, including serving as the Lead Psychologist of the PTSD Clinical Team in Rochester and Canandaigua. He also teaches psychology at RIT and MCC. Currently, Dr. Ziarnowski is Team Leader of the Rochester Vet Center, a specialized program within the VA that reaches out to and offers a full range of mental health services to any combat veteran who is experiencing readjustment problems. The Vet

Center on Mt. Hope Avenue has treated over eighty individuals and presently is seeing thirty veterans who have returned from Iraq or Afghanistan to live among us in Rochester.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS & CITY ISSUES

By Deb Oller & Marilyn Wienk

City Councilman Bill Pritchard was our guest speaker at the pre-election forum held on October 21. Bill is not up for election and agreed to give us as non-partisan information as he could. We believe he succeeded. Bill stressed the need to vote in the November 6 elections when many positions in local government will be filled by individuals who then will have much influence concerning many issues facing our city. He also urged us to be in touch with our elected representatives once they are elected: "You should never be afraid to speak your mind." Each of us needs to remember to take this to heart and let our officials know personally when we agree as well as disagree with them.

As chairperson of the City Council's Jobs, Economic Development, and Center City Committee, Bill was very adept at identifying and explaining the key issues facing the city of Rochester today. He spoke knowledgeably about progress in the Midtown Plaza renovation and answered a question about Renaissance Square. Bill shared his enthusiasm over Paetec's plan to build their world headquarters downtown and his belief in new interest that will bring to downtown.

Bill focused much of his attention explaining the significance for those of us who live in the city of Maggie Brooks FAIR plan, which the County Legislature has just approved. In her plan, the state now will "intercept" a large portion of the state sales tax in exchange for picking up the tab on the County's huge and ever-growing Medicaid costs. She claims there will be no increase in taxes for city residents. However, Bill pointed out that another part of the FAIR plan, the Monroe Community College's "charge-back," means that city residents will each be paying part of the cost of educating students at MCC who live in the city. In the past, the entire county shared equally the cost of this educational institution. Now the total bill for taxpayers in communities with many students will be higher than for those in communities with few students. Rochester has the most students at MCC.

It was good to hear more information than presented in the "blurbs" we get on television, no matter what our own views are on this issue.

Bill also gave a great deal of attention to how the city government is currently coping with the rising wave of violence. He described a peace march that he and other Council members walked in the neighborhood of one of the recent murders. As they walked, young children joined in passing out bulletins. This gave Bill hope that they were getting through to the residents. He supports the extra police effort to stem the tide of the upsurge in violence. However, this effort is costing "thousands a day," which may cause cutbacks in other city services like hours that the libraries are open and the number of snow plowings in winter. Bill made a point of telling us that if there was an area that we felt shouldn't be cut, we should let the city council know, and if we have any suggestions on where money could be taken we should definitely speak up.

Peter Peters asked if law enforcement is the only way the city is dealing with the violence, or if there weren't other ways to do this—such as, working with the Children's Zone initiative in order to get at the systemic causes of crime. Bill responded by saying, of course the City Council was aware of the "grinding poverty" that leads to violence, but the Children's Zone initiative will take years to improve the lives of people in that part of the city. Meanwhile, in Bill's view, the increase in police efforts is needed now to stop these murders.

Bruce Colburn raised the concern about the lack of adequate economical housing downtown and the need for a supermarket there. Bill indicated that tax breaks they are offering for developers in exchange for offering lower rentals would spark more housing to be built downtown, which, in turn, would attract a supermarket in this area. Bill said he didn't want the city to end up "subsidizing" a supermarket to get one in sooner. He did say that there were some chains that have shown an interesting in coming in.

Paul Birkby wondered if Renaissance Square project was really going to alleviate the bus transportation problems. Bill said the Council really does not have control over this development but hopes the nicer looking buildings there will eventually encourage even more development downtown.

The one point Bill repeatedly came back to is how we need to stay in touch with our elected officials at all levels of government about city issues. Indeed we should petition state and federal government representatives to send more funds our way. The county and city cannot provide for the well being of Rochester's residents without the help of Albany and Washington.

STATE SENATE EQUAL MARRIAGE BILL: A CALL FOR ACTION

By The Parish Public Policy Team

As you may recall the State Assembly has passed the Equal Marriage Bill, and Governor Spitzer says he will sign such a bill. But the State Senate needs to be convinced to pass corresponding legislation. Metro Justice has copies of letters for people to send to their New York State Senators asking them to support State Senate Bill #5884, which would provide **equal marriage civil rights** for anyone who identifies as LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersexed). Our diocese is on record as supporting this legislation. Bruce Colburn and Marilyn Wienk of the Public Policy Team will soon have copies of these letters for the parish and will distribute them after both services on an upcoming Sunday in November. Be in touch with them to mail you copies if you miss the Sunday that these are distributed. Or write your own letters asking your senator to support this legislation. Our parish encompasses the 55th (James Alesi), the 56th (Joseph Robach), and the 62nd (George Maziarz) NYS Senate districts. You can find their phone numbers and addresses in the phone directory or go online at www.senate.state.ny.us.

ECW PROGRAMS AT ST. PAUL'S

By Nancy Andrus

Looking ahead, the December 7th ECW speaker at St. Paul's will be Richard Gladwell, producer and executive director of "With Heart and Voice" on WXXI Sunday mornings. Richard Gladwell is a member of Christ Church downtown. The luncheon preceding the speaker will be at Noon in the Parish Hall for \$4 with the speaker beginning at 1 pm for an hour. Please call St. Paul's office at 271-2240 to make a reservation for lunch the Monday before the event in order to accommodate all who attend.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please consider donating Altar flowers. There are openings the next few weeks. Envelopes and information are available at the back of the church (on the accordion board). Alternatively, you may call the Office (546-7730) and find out available dates and register to reserve one. Suggested donation for a week's worth of flowers is \$40. Folks are also encouraged during the summer months to provide their own garden's flowers!

**MAJOR SPEAKERS
COMING TO ROCHESTER**

We have the opportunity the beginning of November to hear two outstanding persons here in Rochester.

- Bishop of North Carolina Michael Curry is the preacher at the Diocesan Convention Eucharist, Saturday, November 3 at 9 am at the Hyatt Hotel. Bishop Curry is a knock-your-socks-off preacher!
- Old Testament Scholar Dr. Walter Brueggemann will speak at St. Paul's, Rochester on Sunday, November 4. He will preach at Evensong at 4 pm and speak afterwards.

**ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE OF THE
DEPARTED: INCLUDING THOSE FROM
OUR STREETS**

It has become our custom at the All Saints' Day evening Service (this year at 6 pm at St. Stephen's) to remember all those departed whom any member of the parish family wishes to be remembered by name. Using Eucharistic Prayer D from the Book of Common Prayer, the names are read by participants in the Service as we consecrate the gifts of bread and wine at the Altar. It is a very simple but moving experience.

This year we will begin by reading the names of those who have been murdered in the city of Rochester since the last All Saints' Day. The names are being printed here so that we may all remember them and their families and friends in our prayers throughout this month.

We will close our All Saints Service in the street itself in front of St. Stephen's with a candlelight procession and prayers for peace and the safety of all our people, especially our children and young people, too many of whom are on this list.

Robert Dukes, 25, 11/6/06; Barbara Thomas, 37, 11/7/06; Sanilda Patterson, 19, 11/8/06; Daniel Perez, 29, 11/9/06; Sarah Capadano, 23, 11/9/06; Michael Adams, 27, 11/10/06; Jermaine Session, 30, 11/18/06; Melissa Hammond, 11/18/06; Jared Tagg, 24, 11/20/06; Sean Riley, 24, 11/23/06; Tiffany Porter, 23, 12/23/06; Lamar Brown, 25, 1/3/07; Jacquelyn Lawrence, 45, 1/4/07; Joshua Lee, 21, 1/5/07; Keith Holloway, 36, 1/15/07; Luis Roman, 26, 1/22/07; Anthony Adams, 20, 1/22/07; Joseph Wilburn, 46, 2/2/07; Kevin Smith, 47, 2/9/07; Rufus Hooker, 38, 2/14/07; Sandra Salgado, 31, 2/18/07; Samantha Mottler, 41, 2/20/07; David Howard, 41, 3/2/07; Aontionus Moye, 19, 3/25/07; Shawn Thomas, 36, 4/7/07; William Washington, 48, 4/9/07; Shamar Patterson, 16, 4/9/07; Katharina Lawn, 54, 4/20/07; Christopher Dunbar, 33, 4/27/07; Tyshon Wearen, 19, 4/28/07; Jeremy Allen, 35, 5/5/07; Rasean Roberts, 19, 5/11/07; Korey Ellis, 25, 5/21/07; Bobby Simmons, 65, 5/25/07; Iyonna Brown, 10 mos., 5/31/07; Bernard Jones, 27, 5/31/07; Jamel Wigington, 17, 6/8/07; Rhonan Kaulder, 34, 6/11/07; Carmella Rodgers, 15, 6/16/07; Adam Emling, 24, 7/14/07; William Reed, 21, 7/20/07; Stephen Mox, 81, 7/31/07; Elvin Cruz, 17, 7/29/07; Richard Wilson, 19, 7/30/07; LaShanna Jenkins, 27, 8/4/07; Jerry Ezell, Jr., 23, 8/16/07; Norman Williams, 25, 8/20/07; Shalonda Simpson, 25, 8/23/07; Raymundo Rodriguez, 21, 9/9/07; Ramon Burgos, 22, 9/10/07; Xaniel Diaz, 18, 9/13/07; Elijah Williams, 35, 9/19/07; Latasha Grayson Shaw, 9/29/07; Willie Williams, 38, 10/3/07; James Slater, 49, 10/5/07



**THANKSGIVING EVENSONG WITH
ST. MARY'S**

Our annual Thanksgiving Evensong with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church will be held on Tuesday, November 20 at 6 pm at St. Mary's on Washington Square. Bring non-perishable food for the offering which will go toward the pantry at Eastern Service Workers. The monetary offering will benefit St. Joseph's House.

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NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 1—All Saints' Day

12:05 pm Eucharist with Hymns (TS—Church)

6 pm Sung Eucharist (SS), including remembrance of the
Departed and Prayers for Peace on our Streets

10 am Sung Eucharist (TS)
10 am Eucharist with Music (SS)
5 pm Dignity-Integrity Eucharist (TS)

Sunday, November 4—All Saints' Sunday

All Church Sunday (TS)

8 am Eucharist (TS)

10 am Sung Eucharist (TS)

10 am Eucharist with Music (SS)

5 pm Dignity-Integrity Eucharist (TS)

Tuesday, November 20
6 pm Evensong for Thanksgiving Day
at St. Mary's Church (Joint Service)

Sunday, November 25—Last Sun after Pentecost

The Reign of Christ

8 am Eucharist (TS)

10 am Eucharist with Music (SS)

10 am Sung Eucharist (TS)

Saturday, November 10

5 pm HipHop E*Mass (SS)

Every Tuesday & Thursday

12:05 pm Eucharist

Sunday, November 11—24th Sunday after Pentecost

8 am Eucharist (TS)

10 am Sung Eucharist (TS)

10 am Eucharist with Music (SS)

5 pm Dignity-Integrity Liturgy of the Word (TS)

Sunday, November 18—25th Sunday after Pentecost

8 am Eucharist (TS)