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Pulpit Notes

There are no Pulpit Notes this week due to Fr. Chuck's participation in the Bridge Builders program.

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The News of the Diocese

Still Praying: Though some of the Nigerian girls kidnapped by Boko Haram have escaped, most are still in bondage. Please consider this prayer in your daily devotions.

Prayer for the kidnapped Nigerian girls May 2014

O God, we cry out to you
for the lives and the freedom
of the 276 kidnapped girls in Nigeria.
In their time of danger and fear,
pour out your strong Spirit for them.
Make a way home for them in safety.
Make a way back for them
to the education that will lift them up.
Hold them in the knowledge
that they are not captive slaves,
they are not purchased brides,
but they are your beloved daughters,
and precious in your sight.
Change the hearts and minds of their kidnappers
and of all who choose violence against women and girls.
Cast down the mighty from their seat,
and lift up the humble and meek,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Also Still Praying For Israel and Gaza: Let us continue to light a candle for peace in the Holy Land - and everywhere. Prayer is our most potent antidote to hatred.

1. Candle for Peace

Please also light a candle on Fridays - holy to both faiths - for Peace

Two mothers, one plea:

Now, more than ever, during these days of so much crying,
on the day that is sacred to both our religions, Friday, Sabbath Eve
Let us light a candle in every home - for peace:
A candle to illuminate our future, face to face,
A candle across borders, beyond fear.

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From our family homes and houses of worship
Let us light each other up,
Let these candles be a lighthouse to our spirit
Until we all arrive at the sanctuary of peace.

2. The Mothers' Prayer:

God of Life:

You who heals the broken hearted, binding up our wounds.
Please hear this prayer of mothers.
You did not create us to kill each other
Nor to live in fear or rage or hatred in your world. You created us so that we allow each other
to sustain Your Name in this world:
Your name is Life, your name is Peace.
For these I weep, my eye sheds water:
For our children crying in the night,
For parents holding infants, despair and darkness in their hearts.
For a gate that is closing – who will rise to open it before the day is gone?
With my tears and with my constant prayers, With the tears of all women deeply pained at
these harsh times
I raise my hands to you in supplication: Please God have mercy on us.
Hear our voice that we not despair That we will witness life with each other, That we have
mercy one for another, That we share sorrow one with the other, That we hope, together, one
for another.
Inscribe our lives in the book of Life
For Your sake, our God of Life Let us choose Life.
For You are Peace, Your world is Peace and all that is Yours is Peace,
May this be your will
And let us say Amen.

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The News of the Church

DEADLINE for Fall Rail Trail Pilgrimage Registration: The **deadline of August 10** is approaching to register for the Rail Trail Pilgrimage (September 13-14). We start in Hopewell Junction and end at in the Town of Lloyd, spending the night at St. Andrew's Church in Poughkeepsie. Last Spring it was a spiritual powerhouse. There is a non-refundable \$15 deposit required to hold your spot (refundable only if we have to cancel). Because of the difficulty in finding supply clergy, this deadline cannot be changed.

You're invited to a
"Rail Trail Pilgrimage."

Ever Want to go on a
Pilgrimage and
think....

It's too expensive...
It's too much time...
It's too far away...
I can't
I can't
I can't.....



Yes you can!

On **September 13-14**, we take to the Dutchess and Hudson Valley Rail Trails, across the Walkway Over the Hudson in a spiritual walking pilgrimage.

Registration Deadline: August 10

For more information/brochure, call 229-2820 or go to www.stjameshydepark.org

Rural and Migrant Ministries Plea: School Kits Needed: Each year when children leave our summer programs, we provide them (and often siblings) with basic school supply

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kits. This outreach effort is appreciated by the children and youth and even more by their parents as they prepare for a new school year.

School supply sales will soon begin...since these are not needed until mid-August, we urge you to watch for the sales. Kits should include:

SCHOOL KITS for ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

- * 4 composition notebooks (NO spiral notebooks)
- * 4 sturdy 2 pocket folders
- * A package of notebook paper
- * A box of primary colored Crayola washable markers
- * A 24-count box of Crayola crayons
- * A soft pencil envelope/case that includes:
 - 1 package (12) #2 pencils (preferably Ticonderoga brand)
 - An eraser and pencil sharpener
 - A non-flexible plain ruler
 - 3-6 good quality ball point pens
 - 2 glue sticks
 - 1 pair of school scissors (reversible for lefties, if possible)

In addition, a small package of construction paper would be welcome.

ALTERNATIVE KITS FOR 7TH - 12TH GRADERS

- * 6 composition notebooks (NO spiral notebooks)
- * 6-8 sturdy 2 pocket folders
- * 2 packages of notebook paper
- * A soft pencil envelope/case
- * A large package (12/24) of #2 pencils (preferably Ticonderoga brand)
- * A pencil sharpener and eraser
- * A package (12) good quality ball point pens
- * 2 yellow highlighters
- * A non-flexible plain ruler
- * 2 glue sticks

Also needed: large bath/beach towels, single fitted bed sheets - these need not be new, but please be sure they have been laundered; fleece throws for cool nights.

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SCHOOL KITS and needed extras should be delivered to the RMM Office by Tuesday, August 12th. Questions??? Call us at the office 845-485-862 845-485-8627 or 845-297-586 Jane 297-5864845-297-845

NOTE: If you are interested in supporting this project, the Outreach Committee decided to place a box in the narthex for your donations. You will not need to get it to the RMM office yourself, a member of the Outreach Committee will make the journey. The last date to receive your donations will be Sunday, August 10th. Thank you!

Appeal for Donations to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem: Last week we had an appeal for donations to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and its Al Ahib Hospital in Gaza. The situation in Gaza continues to degenerate, and the hospital is seeing more patients than it can handle. On the plus side, it has sustained less damage than feared, but it is still very low on supplies and fuel to keep the lights on (and medical devices running).

In last week's appeal, we gave you an address in Jerusalem for donations. While that will work, if you want to send a donation to a US address, here it is:

American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem
25 Old King's Highway North
Suite 13
Darien, CT 06820

Or online at www.afedj.org

Also, Episcopal Relief and Development is gathering funds for the hospital Donate online at: www.episcopalrelief.org or mail to Episcopal Relief and Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058 (memo line: Middle East Fund).

A Day of Art & Music To Benefit the Hyde Park Community Garden: On Saturday, Sept. 13th, an art show featuring artists from the Hyde Park Artist Collective will be held outdoors from 11 am until 4 pm. Admission is free! The event will include (1) a silent auction table on display including a painting of St. James' Church and (2) a concert featuring Vito Petrocitto, Jeff Belding & Friends in the Parish House. The concert is from 6:30 to 8:30 and admission is \$12. Desserts will be offered for sale by CIA students. For more information, or reservations call 229-2820.

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Hudson Valley Home Matters: Hudson Valley Home Matters is seeking both volunteers and members. It is an organization devoted to providing simple services to adults over 50 through volunteers. There is an annual fee for membership. If you are interested in volunteering or seeking the services of Hudson Valley Home Matters, you can get more information from their website at <http://www.hvhomematters.org> or by calling at 845-452-4846. If you know Herb and Barbara Sweet, they are volunteers. You can contact them as well.

Book Now On Sale: Fr. Chuck's book, "God, Life, and Everything" is now available for purchase! It will be in the parish hall after church at a cost of \$12.95. (plus \$1.05 tax). Checks should be made out to "The Hudson Valley News." Come on over to coffee hour and meet the author! He will be happy to autograph it if you wish.

Wanted: New Acolytes: As the school year draws to an end, we will say goodbye to our graduating acolytes (and wish them luck in college!). This opens up a couple of spots on the acolyte list, and we want you! New acolytes need to be at least 9 years old and willing to be trained. Please see me (Fr. Chuck).

Gluten Free Communion: Remember, if you have gluten allergies/intolerance, we have gluten free communion hosts. Please let Fr. Chuck know if you would like that option.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Ruth Blanding, John Bohlmann, Susie Buhalis, Jim and Sharyn Burke, Ashley Coyne, Kathleen Craft, Michael Day, Jane Gagliardoto, Kasey Gaulin, John Golden, Jack Gordy, Robert Guariglia, Andy Hall, Harold Hall, Liz Handman, Brooke Helton, Rev. Don Hoyer, Dalton K., Barbara Knakal, Rosemary Leuken, Doris Mack, Andrew Mendelson, Rev. Tim Millard, Clifford Plass, Gerald Plass, Grace Plass, Deborah Porach, John Robinson, Pat Rooney, John Schroeder, Richard Secor, James Sheeky, Naomi Sleight, Debbie Stone, Gloria Veach, Candace Vincent, Cassidy Way, Bobbie Wells, Cliff Wells and Shawn Wheeler.

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Schedules

A Note about Schedules: The names you see below are those listed on their respective schedules. There are often times when, due to sickness or travel, substitutes are asked to fill in or trade positions. This will probably NOT be reflected in the lists below—so, if there is an inconsistency between what you see here and what you see on Sunday, that is alright.

Birthdays
(week ending August 10): Josh Bohlmann, Pat Holland, Deborah Gibson, Jeff Thatcher and Mary Gabel

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(next week): Ashley Cotton, Gordon Mackenzie, Jim Matranga, Suzann Kinne and Angela Henry

Acolytes:
August 10: Eden Ciferri
August 17: Chris Santos

Altar Guild:
August 10: Team III
August 17: Team I

8 a.m. Readers:
August 10: Angela Henry and Jim Smyth
August 17: Debbie Belding and Grant Ferris

10 a.m. Readers:
August 10: Russell Urban-Mead/Sophie Ciferri
August 17: Wilma Tully/Bobbie Wells

Ushers:
August 10: Andrew and Tonya Hall
August 17: Bobbie and Cliff Wells

Pledge Clerks:
August 10: Janet Bright and Joanne Lown
August 17: Tanya Hall and Anna Marie Pitcher

Coffee Hour Hosts:
August 10: Summer Schedule
August 17: Summer Schedule

This Week's Lectionary

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

NOTE: Audio recordings of some sermons are now available on St. James' website, www.stjameshydepark.org Look under "Worship"