

ST. JOHN'S, WEST TORONTO, NEWSLETTER

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM RESPONSE TO OUR EFFORTS IN PRODUCING A NEWSLETTER AGAIN. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO EXPAND IN FUTURE ISSUES AND WOULD WELCOME ANY IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE FOR FEATURES AND ARTICLES. THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE PRODUCED AT THE END OF EACH MONTH, SO ANY CONTRIBUTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY THE 20TH OF THE MONTH. OUR NEXT ISSUE WILL BE APRIL 30TH. MANY THANKS TO LYNNE ARNOLD WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED TO TYPE FUTURE ISSUES AND MRS. NAN WESTON, WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED HER PATHFINDERS TO HELP WITH THE FOLDING AND STAPLING. RESULTS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE THAT APPEARED IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER ARE NOW BEING COMPILED AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

WE ARE HOPING TO BUILD UP THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM. WE HAVE A GOOD CURRICULUM AND DEDICATED TEACHERS - NOW ALL WE NEED ARE MORE CHILDREN. PLEASE ENCOURAGE ANY YOUNG FAMILIES YOU KNOW TO COME AND TRY US OUT. THEY ARE SURE TO BE PLEASED!

CHOIR BREAKFAST

IN BETWEEN THE TWO SERVICES ON EASTER SUNDAY THE CHOIR WILL BE TREATED TO A BREAKFAST VERY KINDLY PROVIDED BY THE WARDENS.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

MARCH 28, 29, 30

7:30 - HOLY COMMUNION

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 31

6:30 p.m. - SEDER EUCHARIST

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 1

11:00 a.m. - MORNING PRAYER

EASTER EVE, APRIL 2

4:30 p.m. - EASTER VIGIL WITH
HOLY BAPTISM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 3

8:30 a.m. - HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 A.M. - CHORAL EUCHARIST

CHURCH MUSIC NEWS

THE CONGREGATION WAS TREATED TO A UNIQUE MUSICAL PRESENTATION ON PASSION SUNDAY WHEN A CANTATA WRITTEN BY GARY GRAY WAS PERFORMED. THE CANATATA WAS BASED ON THE HYMN TUNE "GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE". SANDY NEMENYI PERFORMED THE SOPRANO SOLO AND GARY GRAY THE BARIOTONE SOLO. HEATHER WESTON, 1ST VIOLIN, MARQUITA WEBSTER, 2ND VIOLIN, DANIELLE HENNING, FLUTE, AND GEORGE (A STUDENT OF GARY'S), CELLO AS WELL AS GARY AT THE ORGAN PROVIDED THE ACCOMPANIMENT. THE MUSIC WAS A GOOD REFLECTION OF THE SUFFERING ENDURED BY CHRIST IN THE GARDEN AT GETHSEMANE.

THE CHOIR IS NOW BUSY PRACTISING FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY. "KING OF KINGS" BY CALEB SIMPER AND "THE STRIFE IS O'ER" BY HENRY GOERGE LEY WILL BE PART OF THE EASTER PRESENTATION. THE CHOIR WILL SING AT BOTH THE 8:30 AND 11:00 A.M. SERVICES ON EASTER SUNDAY.

VARIETY OF SERVICES

ST. JOHN'S HAS ENJOYED A VARIETY OF SUCCESSFUL SERVICES RECENTLY. EVERYONE WAS MOST ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE BADEN POWELL SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 27. IT WAS WONDERFUL TO HAVE SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATING, AND NAN WESTON'S SERMON WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED. A FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICE ON MOTHERING SUNDAY, MARCH 13 WAS AN ENJOYABLE EVENT THAT INCLUDED A CHOIR ANTHEM ACCOMPANIED BY DANIELLE HENNING ON THE FLUTE AND MARQUITA WEBSTER ON THE VIOLIN. CANON POOLE'S SERMON, WITH VISUALS ON THE OVERHEAD PROJECTOR, CAPTURED THE INTEREST OF BOTH YOUNG AND OLDER PARTICIPANTS. WE HOPE TO MAKE THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH A TIME OF FAMILY WORSHIP. AND, OF COURSE, THE CANTATA ON PASSION SUNDAY ADDED A NEW MUSICAL DIMENSION TO OUR WORSHIP. MANY INTERESTING THINGS ARE TAKING PLACE!

ST. JOHN'S SEDER EUCHARIST

THE SEDER IS A RITUAL MEAL ORIGINALLY EATEN BY THE JEWISH PEOPLE ON PASSOVER NIGHT TO COMMEMORATE GOD'S DELIVERING THEM OUT OF EGYPT. FOR CHRISTIANS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT IT WAS THE JEWISH SEDER MEAL WHICH BECAME THE LAST SUPPER, THE FIRST EUCHARIST. ON HOLY THURSDAY, ST. JOHN'S WILL COMBINE BOTH JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS. OUR PARISHIONERS WILL FIRST SHARE A SEDER MEAL INCLUDING THE RITUAL MATZOH (UNLEAVENED BREAD) AND WINE, PARTAKE OF HOLY COMMUNION AND THEN, WITH LIGHTED TAPERS, PROCESS INTO THE DARKENED CHURCH.

THE ALTAR WILL BE STRIPPED, PRAYERS SAID AND ALL WILL DEPART IN SILENCE. THE SEDER SUPPER HAS BECOME A TRADITION AT ST. JOHN'S SINCE IT WAS INTRODUCED TO THE PARISH BY MRS. MAY WEBSTER AND MR. GARY GRAY, ORGANIST. IT HAS PROVEN TO BE A MOVING AND SIGNIFICANT PREPARATION FOR GOOD FRIDAY. THIS YEAR'S SEDER SUPPER WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, MARCH 31, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE PARISH HALL. ANYONE WISHING TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD PHONE THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 763-2393 TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.

NOTE:

THE BLOOR STREET WEST VILLAGER HAS KINDLY ACCEPTED ARTICLES ABOUT OUR PARISH EVENTS AND PUBLISHED A PICTURE AND ARTICLE ABOUT OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL IN ITS LAST ISSUE. IN THE NEXT EDITION, TO BE PUBLISHED ON MARCH 30, A FEATURE ARTICLE ON OUR ORGANIST/COMPOSER/CHOIR DIRECTOR GARY GRAY WILL APPEAR AS WELL AS THE ABOVE ARTICLE ON THE SEDER EUCHARIST AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE A.C.W. SOCIAL SERVICES NIGHT.

WE HOPE EVERYONE NOTICED THAT OUR AD IS BACK AGAIN !

SCOUT CERTIFICATE PRESENTED

ON MOTHERING SUNDAY, MARCH 13, MR. JOHN GOWER, ON BEHALF OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF CANADA AND ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY, PRESENTED A GOLD CERTIFICATE TO ST. JOHN'S. ST. JOHN'S HAS SUPPORTED THE BOY SCOUTS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE MOVEMENT IN CANADA AND THE GOLD CERTIFICATE IS RECOGNITION OF THIS LONG SERVICE. AT PRESENT, MORE BOYS ARE NEEDED IN ST. JOHN'S SCOUTING PROGRAM. ANY BOYS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 7-11 ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE CUBS AND BETWEEN 11-14 THE SCOUTS. CONTACT J. GOWER 769-8183

'MARCH HIJINKS' A SUCCESS

THE ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 'MARCH HIJINKS' PROGRAM. IT PROVED TO BE A SUCCESSFUL EVENT AND AN ENJOYABLE TIME WAS HAD BY ALL THOSE INVOLVED.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A.C.W.

THE A.C.W. ANNUAL SOCIAL SERVICES NIGHT WILL BE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 19 AT 7:30 IN THE PARISH HALL. REV. BRADLEY LENNON, FROM ALL SAINTS, SERBOURNE, WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE MINISTRY OF HIS PARISH. ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO BRING CANNED GOODS, GROCERIES, USED CLOTHING OR UNWANTED ARTICLES, WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

FASHION SHOW

A FASHION SHOW WITH "JUST FOR YOU" FASHIONS WILL BE PRESENTED ON THURSDAY, MAY 5, AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE PARISH HALL.

SECOND TIME ROUND SALE

THE SECOND TIME ROUND SALE WILL BE HELD ON SAT. MAY 28. GOOD USED ITEMS WILL BE FOR SALE. IF YOU WISH TO DONATE ITEMS, PLEASE CONTACT GLADYS GRAHAM AT 763-1224.

YOUNG ADULT CLUB

A SKATING (ROLLER OR ICE) IS BEING SPONSORED BY ST. OLAVE'S IN APRIL. FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT JOHN GOWER AT 769-8183.

DEANERY PLAY

A MUSICAL PLAY BASED ON THE STORY OF NOAH'S ARK AND WRITTEN BY BENJAMIN BRITTEN WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE DEANERY IN THE SPRING. CHILDREN WHO HAVE SOME MUSICAL ABILITY AND LIKE TO BE INCOSTUME ARE NEEDED TO PLAY THE PART OF ANIMALS FOUND ON THE ARK. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL TERRY PASIEKA AT 532-4991.

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE NOW IN THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE TO BE HELD MAY 13, 14, 15 AT ST. PAUL'S, BLOOR STREET. THEME OF THE CONFERENCE IS "JOURNEY INWARD" AND THERE WILL BE 18 WORKSHOPS INCLUDING 'YOUR DESIGNER CHURCH AND YOU', 'GOD, HAVE YOU GOOFED?', 'HEALING', 'DEVOTIONS' AND 'THE HOLY SPIRIT'. ANYONE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14-25 WHO IS INTERESTED IS WELCOME TO ATTEND. COST IS \$25.00. SHARON TOWNE IS THE AREA REPRESENTATIVE AND IS IN CHARGE OF THE MUSIC. DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS MAY 7.

KAIROS '83

UNITY WAS THE THEME FOR 51 CANADIAN YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CAME TOGETHER FOR 4 DAYS IN ORILLIA FROM MARCH 10-13. THEY CAME FROM 9 PROVINCES AND REPRESENTED 6 DENOMINATIONS AND SHARED TOGETHER THE REALITY OF TAKING STEPS TOWARD UNITY IN THE MIDST OF DIVERSE CULTURES AND RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION. AS A RESULT OF THIS GATHERING, THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE FORMED THE BEGINNINGS OF AN ECUMENICAL YOUTH GROUP IN CANADA. SHARON TOWNE WAS ON THE ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR KAIROS '83 AND WAS ALSO IN CHARGE OF MUSIC FOR THE WEEKEND. THIS MEETING WAS IN PREPARATION FOR THE W.C.C. 6TH ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD IN VANCOUVER THIS SUMMER.