



ST. JOHN'S WINDOW

A VIEW OF OUR LIFE

FENIMORE ROAD AT CORTLANDT AVENUE, MAMARONECK, NY 10543

What's Happening

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Midnight Run

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Confirmation

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New Members Class

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SUNDAYS

Worship
8.15 & 10.30 am
Coffee Hour after 10.30 am

Sunday School
9.10 am

Adult Forum
9.15 am

Show Me the Money

Reflections on Stewardship

At our last Church Council meeting we had a discussion on stewardship. Financing the program that takes place in our church and keeping a Christian presence on the corner of Fenimore and Cortlandt is very expensive. Some people may put it in crass terms like the character in the Tom Cruise movie *Jerry Maguire* who says, "Show me the money."

Yes, in a lot of ways, money does make the world go around, but the love of it appears to be a source of endless human corruption and destruction. So, is stewardship just a nice name for "Show Us the Money"?

I would like to think it's not. It has been said that we are here to make the world better. We as people have been defined as a Christian sacrament: "an outward invisible sign of inward spiritual grace given to us."

Stewardship is a term I personally hold in high regard because it helps us make the world better and, in so doing, ourselves as well. Stewardship is about managing our lives in such a way that we use all of our resources to make the various worlds we live in better. For example, stewardship of time is key to parenting as well as being a spouse and how we manage our jobs. There is environmental stewardship which has us not wasting natural resources like water, oil, land as

well as protecting wildlife sanctuaries and lowering the carbon footprint where we live.

Your generosity, your giving, your thankfulness, and the way you manage your life, are outward signs of what is happening inside of you and the spiritual grace you have been given. Put differently, when you are recycling or generously contributing to the church and other worthy efforts that improve the world, you are not only doing good things, but you are a great example to others.

As a child, I complained a lot about many things that my parents made me do. *Do I have to go to church? Do I have to go to school? Do I have to make my bed? Do I have to do my homework? Do I have to practice the piano?* The list goes on and on, and as I think about it now, it must have felt like a was a cannonball chained to my parents' legs as they dragged me from one thing to another, usually with me not appreciating it or not wanting to do it. Somewhere on my life's journey, I woke up from a long sleep of self-absorption - it's almost startling to realize how self-centered and egotistical I was. Today I am so grateful for all my classroom experiences. I have had the privilege and opportunities to attend many schools and to learn from brilliant people. I am glad that I did study and do my homework, and I

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regret that I can't play the piano. Rather than having to go church, I now get to go to church.

The attitude of stewardship is that we are blessed and our life is filled with opportunities to make a difference. You don't *have* to give, but you *get* to give. You don't *have* to do coffee hour, but you *get* to do coffee hour. You don't *have* to go to church, but you *get* to go to church, and when you do those things, it is an outward sign of an inner and spiritual grace that has been given to you.

In the end, stewardship is the realization that I have been blessed. I have been given so much, and I am grateful. Out of that gratefulness flows generosity. So, it's not about "Show Me the Money". It's about "Show Me Your Heart". Where there is generosity, there is a loving, caring, compassionate heart.

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Keep in Your Prayers

Margit Bier, Marge Campabadal, William Solano (Myra Hahn's father), Peggy Jacobson, Nate Lipsen, Sandy Herrmann, Gisela Haugenes, Cherine Bellamy, Peter Gisondi, Ava Pagnotte, Ana Colón, Margaret D'Andrea (Trudi Bunke's sister), Anne Marie Gorman (Peter Roggemann's sister), Eileen & Teddy DeAngelo.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING BAPTISM

Evelyn Marie Mena, October 16

WEDDING

Caroline Freire & Mark Luceno, September 10

IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest condolences to John and Kim Collado over the death of John's brother Bernado Collado.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPECIAL GIFTS IN SEPTEMBER

Renovation

Sarah & Kurt Coble
Detlef Joerss
Stacy & Shane Gallagher
Kim & Jeff Schiro
Lisa & Austin Kehrlé

Organ

Bill Podszus

Endowment Fund

Maggie O'Connor

Memorial Fund

Anna Kittle, *in memory of*
Leslie Jachner

**From what we get, we can make a living;
what we give, however, makes a life.**

Arthur Ashe, American Tennis Player & Activist

UPCOMING EVENTS



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 1 @ 11 am

We will have the New Rochelle Humane Society joining us with a few of their furry friends as well as Pet Rescue. We are asking all attendees to please bring any of the following to donate to the Society: old towels, blankets, dog/cat beds, leashes, canned/dry cat food & dog food, toys or a monetary contribution. We thank you for your support.

After the blessing enjoy cookies, cake and a beverage. We look forward to seeing everyone participate in this very fun event - with or without an animal friend. Contact Dorothea Ferri at ferrinice13@aol.com for more info.



MIDNIGHT RUN

Friday, October 14

The Midnight Run is a volunteer organization dedicated to finding common ground between the housed and the homeless. Midnight Run volunteers from churches, synagogues, schools and other civic groups distribute food, clothing, blankets and personal care items to the homeless poor on the streets of New York City. That human exchange, rather than the exchange of goods, is the essence of the Midnight Run mission.

Without volunteers the Midnight Run would never happen. Please consider helping with the Run, be it by giving supplies, helping sort clothes and toiletries before the Run, or going on the Run. **We need:**

- Lots of cleaned and washed clothing - mostly men's, but also women's, no children's - suitable for the colder months. Please bring the clothes in plastic bags.
- Men's underwear
- Men's socks
- Personal care items such as small bars of soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, etc.
- Boxes for storing sorted clothing
- Volunteers to sort clothing and pack all items
- People and vehicles for the Run
- Large pot of hearty soup or chili for the Run
- Lunches for the homeless - sandwiches, hard-boiled eggs, fresh whole fruit, juice boxes and a treat as well as a snack

Please contact Marc Schlueter at orthodontics@optonline.net for any questions and let him know how you can help.



**Saturday, October 22,
starting at 6 pm**

We will once again gather with steins in hand and lots of that good bratwurst, weiss-wurst, kassler, and strudel along with the best German beer - this is NOT to be missed. Tickets are \$40 and are available during Coffee Hour. You can also call the church office at 914.698.4348 or email office@stjohnsny.org to reserve your ticket.

No tickets will be sold at the door.



Confirmation

On October 30, Reformation Sunday, we are pleased to confirm 5 young people of our community of faith: **Ashley Bocek, Molly Guinee, Thomas Hillman, Anton Schlueter, and Anne Marie Tucci.**



Two Thursdays, November 3 & 10

If you are interested in knowing more about St. John's and its ministry, you may want to attend this class.

We do lots of things here at St. John's which allows people to serve in so many wonderful capacities: being part of our ministry is a great experience that will not only enrich you but help you make a difference in our community.

Please RSVP Pastor Henk at 914.698.4348 or email marvhenk1996@gmail.com.

MORE EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

Save the Date!

St. John's EXPO

Sunday, November 6



As part of our stewardship program the Fellowship Hall will turn into an exhibition hall, where each of the ministries of St. John's will have a table explaining the activities of our church within our congregation and beyond.

This is a terrific chance to have a one-on-one discussion with each of the Council and committee members about our activities and mission and to gain an understanding of St. John's financial standing for 2016 and our plan for 2017 and see how your participation is essential to the mission.

There will be a continental breakfast!

Afternoon Bible Study every Thursday @ 12.15 pm

Join us as we continue to develop a core knowledge of biblical themes in both Old and New Testament. Discover the Bible from the categories of adventure, mystery, poetry and songs, romance, philosophy, and self-help. *Bring a lunch.*



Adult Forum Every Sunday at 9.15 am

We are reading "Lila" by Marilynne Robinson, one of the great novelists of our time. "Lila" is a moving expression of the mysteries of existence and an interesting look at the Christian world view presented by the novel. If you are interested in joining us, just show up on a Sunday morning or contact Pastor Henk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hi everyone!

It was so much fun welcoming everyone during our Rally Day Parents breakfast and then the congregation during the special coffee hour. The food was delicious; the coffee hot but most important was the fellowship we shared. Thanks to all who helped put these two wonderful events together. First full class was on the 25th and we all enjoyed being back in the classroom teaching and learning.

October Events:

- **October 1st** – Blessing of the Animals day at 11am. Come and have your pet blessed by Pastor followed by treats for our animals and friends alike. If you don't have a pet, your children can bring their favorite stuffed animal for a blessing. **We want all to attend.**
- **October 29th** Children's Halloween Party - from 2pm until 4pm. We have had to cancel this event for the last 2 or 3 years due to lack of attendance but we are trying again and hope you will attend with your children. For the party we will have games, a haunted house and a costume parade with prizes; there will

also be Halloween treats for all. Please RSVP to ferrinice13@aol.com so we know how many children will be attending.

- **October 30th** Confirmation Day - hope you will attend this special service to congratulate our young confirmands. This is a special time in the life of a young Christian girl or boy and your encouragement and congratulations will go a long way in supporting their continued journey.

As in the past we will continue to collect non-perishable food items on the 1st Sunday of each month to help the local food pantry take care of so many people who would otherwise go hungry so please donate what you can each month.

That's it for now, looking forward to enjoying the fall months together,

Dorothea Ferri
Sunday School Director

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

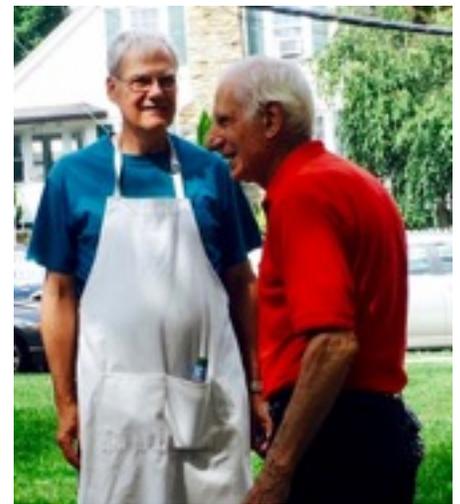
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SOCIAL MINISTRY: BBQ FOR SENIORS

Once again we participated in the day of service suggested by the ELCA under the inspiring title “God’s Work. Our Hands.”, and for the third year in a row, on September 11 we hosted a BBQ for the senior citizens of our community. It was a fabulous day and event, with around 50-60 seniors joining us. This would not have happened without the enormous amount of organization and hard by our very own **Marc Schlueter**, Council chair for social outreach. Great job, Marc! We also need to recognize **Karen, Molly & Jim Guinee, Heike & Boris Rauls, Carla & Brian Hofland, Lisa & Frank O’Gorman, Johanna Perry, Frank McCullough, Judy Musumeci, Barbara & Peter Roggemann, Anton Schlueter, Lynn & Thomas Hillman, Nelson, Mateo, Felipe & Ruben Gómez, and Pastor Henk** for helping and/or bringing a dish, and **Bobby Tipping** for again providing the grill. (Our apologies if we have forgotten someone!)



Called to *Serve* 



People Parade... Parade... People Parade... People Parade... People



On Sunday, 9/11, we had no one to do coffee hour. When **Steve Michaelson** showed for church, he realized that coffee hour was not going to happen, and decided to go out and buy two boxes of joe from Dunkin' Donuts and cake - great job and thank you so much for your quick response to help caffeine-addicted members in need after a long service... ➤ Rally Day on September 18 was terrific. It was so good to see all the Sunday School students back together. A big thank you to Dorothea Ferri, our Sunday Schools director, and all our dedicated Sunday School teachers... ➤ Exciting news for and about our very own **Walter Zullig**. You may know that Walter used to be the General Council of Metro North before he retired. He is also a train aficionado, and has written books about railroads, trains and their history. His latest book about the history and operations of the "second busiest commuter railroad in North America" will be published around October 1. Starting with commuter operations on the parent roads (NYC, NH, and EL), Metro-North's history is examined in detail up to today, including more than 250

color photos. Congratulations, Walter!... ➤ Happy birthday is in order for **Gerhard Stoeckl**, who has just turned 80 years old. Gerhard and wife Ingrid and their three girls Margarete, Marianne, and Michaela were members here for many years, with Gerhard serving on the Church Council and heading up many projects. He was also instrumental in settling the Sayasack family from Laos, who lived in their house for six months before the church found them an apartment and furnished it. The Stoeckls have visited here many times after returning to Germany - Pastor and Kathy have actually stayed with them in their home in Wedemark. They are great hosts as they great people. Kathy and Pastor enjoyed seeing the Harz mountains with them as well as many other great sights during their visit. Many happy returns, Gerhard - just 20 more years to go to 100!... ➤ **Bill Podszus** is enjoying his new job as the Director of Sales of the Americas at Gers-tel, a German biotech company, based in Maryland. He has found an apartment in Hanover, MD, and is looking for a new church but finds it difficult to find one

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comparable to St. John's. We miss you, too, Bill!... ➤ Little things you don't know about people are, for example: **Jimmy Coble** is a graduate of Ursinus College and hold a B.A. in Environmental Studies. He has worked on environmental remediation projects and is a Council-certified indoor environmentalist. Congratulations on the noble work you have chosen!... ➤ **Christie and Peter Plaue** just came back from a relaxing cruise up north - New Foundland, Bar Harbor, Newport, among other destinations. We are glad to hear they had a wonderful time with perfect weather, and it's also good to have Peter back at the 8.15 am service... ➤ A big thank you to **Megan & James Aquilina, Dorothea Ferri, Kate & Tina Tobiasen-Franceschini, Sarah & Kurt Coble, and Keri & Chris Degroote**, who all volunteered for coffee hour in October. Who does not enjoy coffee hour when feeling in need of caffeine and a good bite to eat after a long Sunday service, and everybody who makes this possible is doing a kind and thoughtful act of service to their fellow parishioners, who are very thankful... ☀



Congratulations to **Raquel and Anthony Mercado**, who are new parents of a beautiful baby girl named **Catalina Silvia**, born on September 11 at 7 pds. Congratulations also to new grandmother Tonya Bocek and great-grandmother Linea App.

STEWARDSHIP

Ken Burns is a well-known documentary film maker, who recently made a wonderful film called "The National Parks: America's Best Idea". The national parks are truly a gift to all people. Just visiting them gives you an inspired feeling of the wonder and beauty of our country. However, these lands were once often in the hands of people who wanted to use them for their own benefit and gain. Fortunately, presidents like Theodore Roosevelt and others had a vision for America and saw to it that places like Yosemite, Yellowstone, the Great Smoky Mountains, Arcadia National Park, along with countless others, were spared development and exploitation.

The word used to save these precious places on earth was *stewardship*. The "stewardship of the lands" was the term that Roosevelt used to convince Congress to save Yosemite as a national treasure. How to use our land is a stewardship question.

Stewardship stretches into our own lives as well. How do I use my money? How do I use my time? How do I use my energy? How do I use my talents and skills? Using our resources effectively is the key to successful living. We live in a time of excess and waste. People waste time, they waste money, and they waste their energy doing unimportant things.

Stewardship asks you to do what is important. It is not simply about money, it is also about service. Consider the following things: *finding time for worship; using my beautiful voice to be in the choir; using my mind to serve on the Church Council; using my baking skills to do coffee hour; using my gift of loving children for Sunday School; stepping forward to be a communion assistant or help set the altar in church.* There are a million tasks, large and small, that really don't ask much of us but can make a big difference in the lives of others. Consider doing more.

The Bible says, "From everyone to whom much is given, much is expected." If you feel blessed, you need to wrestle with what it means to use those blessings in a generous way, not only with your time and talents, but also with your money. So, if you have yet not given anything to the church this year, consider giving on a regular basis - *any* amount makes a difference. You count in our life. Many people giving a little can make a big difference in meeting our budget. Like many other things in our life, giving needs to become a habit to take hold in it. If you have been giving, we thank you and ask you to consider giving a little bit more if you can. Thank you.

SOURCES OF INCOME FOR OUR OPERATING FUND

When you look at the two tables below, bear in mind that our annual budget is \$300,000, a conservative and cost-conscious budget, approved by the congregation.

Estimated Congregation Offering 2016*

# of members	Amount Range	Total Given
35	\$0.00	\$0.00
20	Less than \$5/wk	\$2,565.00
17	\$5-10/wk	\$7,460.00
11	\$11-15/wk.	\$9,200.00
2	\$16-20/wk.	\$2,500.00
11	\$21-25/wk.	\$13,000.00
14	\$26-50/wk.	\$38,500.00
7	\$51-100/wk.	\$29,000.00
4	\$101-150/wk.	\$21,900.00
3	\$151-200/wk.	\$29,000.00
3	over \$200/wk.	\$46,800.00
127		\$199,925.00

* based on pledge or giving in first 6 months

* does not include 18 members who are not assigned a number and have not given

Other Regular Sources of Income for Operating Fund*

MCNS/AA (premise use)	\$50,000.00
Lawn/campus fund	\$1,700.00
Newsletter	\$2,000.00
Extra Giving (Easter, Good Friday etc.)	\$6,500.00
Sunday School	\$1,500.00
Coffee Hour	\$900.00
TOTAL	\$62,600.00

* estimated through year-end based on first 6 months

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