

News from
ST. IGNATIUS' CHURCH

October/November 2007

FROM THE RECTOR

It is hard to imagine that it has been only four Sundays since I have taken up the rectorship of Saint Ignatius of Antioch. Already we have celebrated the Patronal Feast and All Saints Day (twice), commemorated All Souls Day with our annual mass and the choir's magnificent presentation of Maurice Duruflé *Requiem*, baptized four children, launched a stewardship campaign, and relaunched our website.

Amidst all this activity, it has been wonderful getting to know the people of our parish—both those who come regularly to church and are “members” and those whom I have met with my dog on Broadway and West End and Amsterdam, on 86th Street and in the Park.

For Anglicans, a parish is much more than a church building and the people who come regularly. A parish is a place, a patch of God's creation and the parish church has a responsibility to minister to all the people who live there, to be available to everyone to lives there, to show forth “by its prayers and witness” the love of God in that corner of the earth.

This understanding of parish is fundamental to the Catholic tradition and I hope that as we approach Advent and Christmas that we will take this seriously and help keep Saint Ignatius a welcoming place that reaches out to all our neighbors.

— Fr Blume

ABOUT US

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About Us publishes small and large items of news about members and friends of St. Ignatius of Antioch. My hope is that this column will help us to celebrate, comfort, encourage, and enjoy one another as companions on the journey of life. If you have something to share, please contact me at the email or snail mail addresses above (no phone calls, please), or find me at a Coffee Hour.

Sister Ellen Francis Poisson, a sister with the Order of St. Helena, who gave several talks to the Adult Forum a few years ago, has created some beautiful icons, which can be viewed at: http://www.episcopalchurch.org/68518_88725_ENG_HTM.htm. This is part of a new feature on the Episcopal Church Web site, “Saints and Family,” which spotlights work by artists associated with the church.

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DEADLINES

Parish Notes: Wednesdays at NOON
December Newsletter: Wednesday, 11/28
at NOON

ABOUT US, *continued*

Saint Francis Day at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine took place on Sunday, October 7th. Parish Secretary **Gwendolyn Chambrun**, Parishioner **Robert Clere**, and others staffed the information table representing the Episcopal Network for Animal Welfare (ENAW) (www.enaw.org).

Our beloved former rector, **Father Hitchcock**, reports that he will be the interim pastor at St. Mark's Church in Honolulu, Hawaii. He can still be reached at his personal email address: FrHitch@aol.com

Here is a recent email from **Peter Winterble**:

TEMPUS REALLY FUGITS WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN . . .

Greetings:

Just a note to you all to say that Saturday morning at about 10 A.M. marks the 2nd anniversary of my arrival on Argentine soil (August 25) to begin my *jubilacion* (retirement). Seems like only yesterday.

The only thing I've done to celebrate, such as it might be, is to re-join Spanish classes, this time at International House, which has two program locations here and comes well recommended. Just had my first 90-minute class and enjoyed it very much—only six of us. From the placement test I learned that I know more than I thought I did, but far less than I wish I did. So, onward. Attack.

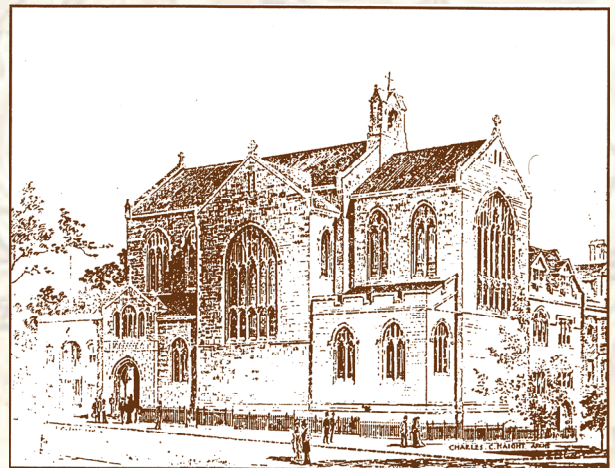
We hope we're at the tail end of winter here, but although it's plenty sunny, it's still not really spring. Everyone is ready to put away the parkas for another year; it's the coldest winter in BsAs in forty or fifty years, they say. But as you know, "cold" is a relative thing; the worst of it is overnight temps in the low 30s. Not quite like NYC.

Another little reminder of spring occurred on Wednesday when I broke the strings in my tennis racquet during my lesson. Off to the good ol' tennis shop here in Martinez to learn that the re-stringing will be ready tomorrow, and will cost 25 pesos (8 dollars). (Just a not-too-sly note to all you tennis buffs out there.)

There have been three Official Visitors from the USA since I've been here, and that's far too few, so I expect more in the coming years!

Cheers and thanks for all your e-mails—it's great keeping in touch.

— Peter



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 18—Fundraising Brunch for Renewed Altar Frontal. We are delighted to report that we have recently received our rebuilt white frontal (and matching tabernacle veils) from Philadelphia-based liturgical artist Davis d'Ambly. The historic embroideries were extensively restored and re-mounted on new, period-appropriate silk textiles. The renewed frontal was used first when we celebrated All Saints on November 1st.

We are very grateful to those you whose gifts to date have made this possible. We are approximately \$1,200 away from the total needed to cover the cost of the restoration. Gifts of all sizes are welcome, but you may wish to cover the cost of restoring one of the four small Marian emblems on the superfrontal (\$200 each) or one of the three large shields on the body of the frontal (\$600 each). If you have been thinking of contributing to this effort, please speak with Frank Horak or with one of the Wardens.

To support this and future restoration efforts, we are planning a fundraising brunch after the Solemn Mass on Sunday, November 18, immediately following Coffee Hour, and hope that you can join us there.

\$25.00 Tickets to the brunch are available from Jim Marshall (917-848-9171 or nymarshall@nyc.rr.com)

— Charles Knapp



Thursday, November 21st—Thanksgiving Eve, Sung Mass at 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, November 22nd—Thanksgiving Day, NO SERVICES.

Sunday, November 25th—Solemn Pontifical Mass and the Institution of our New Rector at 4 P.M. Bishop Sisk will celebrate and the Rev'd Dr Thomas F. Pike (Rector of [Calvary/St George's, Manhattan](#)) will preach. The Choir will sing Herbert Howell's *Office of Holy Communion (Collegium Regale)* and William Mathias' "Let the people praise thee, O God." A festive reception will follow.

Saturday, December 1st—Polyhymnia concert at 8 pm. Ensemble-in-residence, Polyhymnia, will present "Tallis and the Tudors," featuring *Missa Puer natus est*, Votive Antiphons, Responds & Anthems. Tickets: \$25 at the door; \$15 seniors.



BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER



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| 1 Randall Kau | 11 Ramsay Hoke | 26 Carrie Eugenia Holtzman-Rose |
| 3 Julia Jerome | 12 Douglas Keilitz | 27 Max Meyer Holtzman-Rose |
| 6 Raul Cluzet | 13 Eugenia Sshraa | 30 Edward MacEnulty |
| 8 David Petersen | 17 Clyde Kuemmerle | |
| 10 Laura Friedman | 17 Nancy Temple Jerome | |



BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER



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| 8 George Young | 16 Jennifer Jerome | 24 Nevin Brown |
| 8 Derald Gene Plumer | 19 Arthur Christian | 26 Anne Nelson |
| 16 Benjamin Bogart Plumer | 24 Christopher Pyles | |




STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN




We kicked off our 2008 Stewardship Campaign Sunday, November 11th. We hope that everyone who pledged last year will consider increasing their level of commitment by at least 15% and that those who did not make a pledge will consider making one. We also hope that you all will be able to return your pledge cards by Advent Sunday, December 2, 2007, which will be our 2008 Stewardship Ingathering. It is so important for us to have pledges in early so that we may properly budget for the 2008 fiscal year.

This year, the members of the Stewardship Committee expect to be in touch with every member of the parish personally. This “every-member canvas” is designed not only to discuss your financial support for our community, but so that they may hear what you have to say about the life of the parish and give us an opportunity to learn about the gifts and talents you have to share with us all. So, please do not be surprised when you hear from someone from Saint Ignatius.

In the meanwhile, you will be receiving a letter from the Rector with a pledge card. You may also pick one up today at the back of the church or at coffee hour or download a pledge card from the website or get one during the week from the parish office or find one below.

This year we will be thanking those who have pledged by listing their names here in the weekly leaflets.

You will find more information about Stewardship, Pledging, and Parish Membership on our website (<http://www.saintignatiusnyc.dioceseny.org/Membership.html>). In addition, please contact the Stewardship Chairman, Nevin Brown, at any time with your questions and comments; he can be reached by telephone at 212.716.6339 (office) or 212.717.8340 (home), or via e-mail at stewardship@saintignatiusnyc.dioceseny.org. – *Fr Blume*

Saint Ignatius of Antioch Episcopal Church

MAKING A PROMISE FOR THE WORK OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Calendar Year 2008 Pledge Card

I pledge: \$ _____ weekly \$ _____ monthly \$ _____ annually

This pledge will begin _____ (date)

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