



# OUTLOOK

## December 2011 Newsletter

St. Asaph's Church is called to be a progressive Christian community

We will welcome everyone to God's table.

We will stand with those in need and advocate for the poor, the sick, the friendless and the marginalized.

We will make children central to our life as a community

We will celebrate the presence of God with joyful, engaging and inviting worship.



*We shall not cease from exploration  
And the end of all our exploring  
Will be to arrive where we started  
And know the place for the first time.*

*"Little Gidding" T.S. Elliot*

We begin anew the Church Year and the year of reading the Gospel of Mark. We have been here before at this the beginning of Advent. For some of us we have been marking Advent for half a century now. We love the beauty and simplicity that these four weeks call us to. We remember fondly the music particular only to this season and the words of comfort and hope spoken by the prophet Isaiah. But more than remembering, Advent is also about the new. What could possibly be new you ask about a season and words we know all so well?

The world around us here in the northern hemisphere betrays the truth, doesn't it? That this time of year is all about dying and death, the decay of leaves, the brown grass, the shortening of days. How odd that when the signs all around us tell us that the end is upon us, something new might possibly be in the works.

Isn't the Gospel always new, I have to ask? Isn't the discovering that we are loved for who we are and whose

we are always a new thing? To find out that one is loved gives a new spring to one's step, doesn't it?

We may know this season and the words and music that accompany this season well, so the challenge is to really listen and pay attention that we might, just might hear something we haven't heard before, or maybe remember something we have forgotten, that the Holy Spirit might kindle in us once again, the fire of God's love revealed to us in Jesus, who is the Christ.

As we come round once more to the beginning, to the place where we started, I pray that we with Elliot might see this place for the first time. Thanks be to our God who makes all things and even us new again.

Blessed Advent

Barry+

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## Liturgy

**Innovative Worship.**  
**Spirituality**  
**Popular Culture**  
**Multimedia**

St. Asaph's Church  
27 Conestogaholm Skop Rd  
Rala Cynwyll, PA 19001  
<http://www.saintasaphs.org>

**Conversations on the Edge of Faith**  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 5:00

I am sad to tell you that after almost three years, **Blue Lemay** is taking a hiatus from planning and assembling the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 5pm discussions.

She is a remarkable person with a deep faith who finds her God everywhere. She encouraged many to watch and listen for God in the most creative ways. She will be missed. Thank you, Blue.

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### Altar of Remembrance

On November 6, 2011, St. Asaph's celebrated an All Saints Commemoration. Mementos were brought in; roses decorated the altar; stories were recorded--all in celebration of the lives of loved ones and those public figures that died in our common life.



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### Holiday Worship Schedule

- **Saturday, December 24:** 5 PM Family Christmas Service and 10 PM Choir Mass
- **Sunday, December 25:** One 10am service
- **Sunday, January 1:** One 10 am service.

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### Youth Formation

By Steve Sheeran

The Sunday school Advent prophets are back. Listen each Sunday as they will talk about St. Asaph's outreach efforts in Africa – African Team Ministries; Haiti – Hospital Albert Schweitzer; Guatemala- gobarwater.org; and Palestine.

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### Photos from St. Asaph's Haunted House in October.

Our youth raised over \$250.00 for Hospital Albert Schweitzer in Haiti



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## Children's Formation



Julia Miller

Hello St. Asaph Family!

Advent (and soon Christmas) are upon us! There is so much going on and we are BUSY. Here's what's coming up.

Our Old Testament Prophets will continue through the Sundays in Advent highlighting the countries we have teamed up with in outreach. They did a great job last week with African Team Ministries! The remaining countries are Haiti, Guatemala, and Palestine.

**The fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18**, will be our Christmas pageant. The service will be a Lessons and Carols format with our Pageant interwoven. The rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant will be Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 till 11AM. After the Christmas Pageant rehearsal, we will be baking cookies!

**Also this year**, we will be taking cookies and joining the families of the St. James school for **their Christmas Caroling and Party on December 22<sup>nd</sup>**, from **6:00pm till 8:00pm**. Carpooling will be available to St. James.

**The Youth Christmas Eve service will be at 5:00pm on December 24<sup>th</sup>**. We will be reprising a portion of our Christmas Pageant for that service.

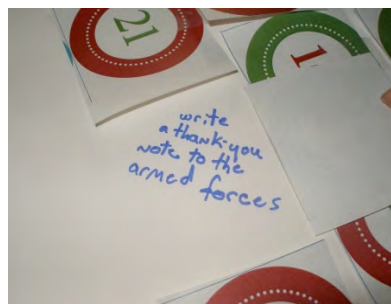
There is LOTS of stuff going on, and I'm sure I've forgotten something, so please check your weekly e-message and listen for Sunday announcement of other events coming up in the next few weeks.

Blessings!

Julia

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**Note:** Julia helped the kids symbolically with Advent making advent calendars and advent wreaths. These photos show the calendar crafting and a sample of the personal challenges that they are setting for themselves daily during Advent.



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## Stewardship

**Live Abundantly! Give Abundantly!**  
**2012 Pledge Drive**  
By Mary Allen

People who have not had the opportunity to serve on the Stewardship Committee assume it's the most difficult job in the parish; I have to tell you how wrong that preconception is! This year I had three dedicated team members: **Sandra Haye Carr, Marisa Peterson (accompanied by her husband Tim), and Diana Post**. I think they would all agree with me that it has been a most uplifting experience. In a year like this, when the stock market and employment are so uncertain, we have been truly amazed by the willingness of parishioners to make generous pledges to support St. Asaph's. This shows how vital our mission is: in serving others we also serve ourselves. At St. Asaph's we find unquestioned acceptance, we find like-minded people, we find community based on Christian values; all of these gifts enrich our personal lives.

I also want to thank the parishioners who agreed to give testimonials during October. Several are not accustomed to public speaking, and it can be especially challenging to reveal one's personal reasons for giving to St. Asaph's; however, at the same time, I believe this is the most persuasive aspect of the Stewardship Campaign. We heard from both new members to our congregation and those who have been here the better part of their lives: **Diana Post, Tim Peterson, Keith Shively, Marlene Milner, and Liz Silbaugh**, each bringing an individual perspective. Thank you all.

As of this writing we have received **70 pledges totaling \$193,282.00**, and we expect to hear from probably 9 more who have pledged before. 6 of these are new pledgers, and 24 are actually from couples/families. These numbers show that almost all our regular attendees are committed to helping pay the bills. This is indeed wonderful.

There is one more thing you can do: **Please check whether your employer has a policy of matching donations to religious organizations.** I know many firms will not give to churches, but one faithful parishioner just checked and found she could double her pledge.

I close with the fervent prayer that your generous giving enriches you spiritually and that your time at St. Asaph's becomes "the best part of your life"!

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**Behold what you are; become what you see.  
(St. Augustine)**

## Outreach

**Paintings for a Better World  
By Katherine Kurtz**



**"Last of the Raritans"**

In these hard economic times, I have been lucky enough to be able to continue paint, while others lack basic resources--food, shelter, decent education, and medical care.

In response to this disparity, I am putting my paintings to work through a new project, **Paintings for a Better World**. When a painting sells, the buyer can designate a social justice organization to receive half the proceeds from the sale. Recipients could include **Project Home, WEPAC, SHARE, St Asaph's Outreach, etc.** I will be launching this project during December at the **3rd Street Gallery in Philadelphia** and hope to continue it next year at a show at St. Asaph's. The opening will be **First Friday, December 2** and there will

be a reception on **Sunday December 11 from 12 to 2 pm.**

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St. Asaph parishioners and the Bala House Montessori School get a large thank you for donating food and money for the Thanksgiving drive. 30 Thanksgiving bags were distributed to **Just Children, The Northlight Community Center and to St. James School families.** Each bag had a complete Thanksgiving dinner including a turkey. **Eldernet** requested donations of cooked chickens and turkeys. We met that challenge and delivered a total of 8 cooked chickens and turkeys to them. A big thanks goes to not only **Janet Barrett** who organized the Thanksgiving drive but also to **Mary Allen** who purchased the turkeys and our youth and their adult leaders who packed the bags. As she delivered to each site, Janet says that they were thrilled with the donations and the generosity of our communities. After the St. James delivery, Janet and John Barrett were invited to stay for supper. An enormous effort for an enormous hunger problem. Thank you, thank you.

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St. A's is hosting a **Christmas Party at St. James School on Thursday evening, 12/22 at 6pm.** We will be collecting a gift for each of the students and for the neighborhood children. We are hoping to collect educational/fun gifts. Prior to the party there will be Christmas Caroling in the neighborhood near the school. Carpooling to St. James will be available... This heartwarming event should put you in the Christmas Spirit!

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**Mary Allen and Connie Stelzenmuller**, along with other interested folks, accepted an invitation to brunch from **David Kasievich**, executive director at the St. James School. Our treat was to see the school again after nearly a year after we were there to help prepare the school for their first fifth grade class. We were given a tour by several of their student ambassadors and heard a talk by **Jeanne M. Felter, Ph.D.** an adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania in the School of Applied Psychology and Human Development within the Graduate School of Education. She is currently a mental health clinician working within elementary and middle schools in the Philadelphia School District.

She has brought her extensive experience of serving in urban schools to St. James School as their site supervisor for their University of Pennsylvania Interns.

We also had a chance to interact with some of the students during brunch. In the short while that they have been attending St. James, you could sense the positive affect the school was having on their socialization and their love of learning. These children told stories about the change the school has had on their home life and their interaction in their neighborhoods. These students are at St. James from 7am to almost 7 pm and they are fed all their meals at the school. **St. James really needs tutors. Call 215.226,1276 to discuss a convenient hour and day that you can serve these fifth graders.**

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For **Martin Luther King Day in January, 2012** we will be working at St. James School and in the surrounding neighborhood. More details to follow.

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### **Wednesday Readers for Just Children**

Contact **Laura Brennan** if you are interested in joining the roster of a group of our members who read to the children at this Head Start Program on Wednesdays. [Lbbrennan@comcast.net](mailto:Lbbrennan@comcast.net)

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## Vestry

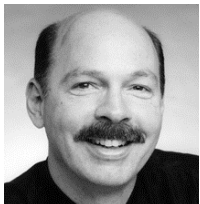
The vestry's nominating committee (traditionally the class of vestry members completing their terms this year) is at work on creating an election slate for the 2012 parish elections to replace outgoing vestry members and diocesan representatives.

The elections will take place at the annual meeting in late January, 2012. We are experiencing a time of great opportunity and promise at St. Asaph's, both in developing our worship life together and in carrying out our ministries and outreach. At the same time, there are significant challenges for our budget and property needs. The annual elections allow the vestry, the church's leadership group, to renew itself, hear new perspectives, and involve as many people as possible in the important decision making of the parish. If you are interested in standing for election, please talk with anyone on the nominating committee: **Chris Dennis, Mary Chris Lindsay, Bob Powell, Teresa Wallace, and Lori Wernersbach.**

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## Music and Arts

Roy Harker, Director



### December Music and Arts

For most of us, music helps make the holidays brighter. This year, St. Asaph's is offering a few ways for you to help illuminate our holiday music making. On **Sunday, December 4**, join us in an offering of Handel's *And the Glory of the Lord* – from the Messiah. We will gather at 9:30am, to rehearse with our core singers. Then, on **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**, we will present a community-choir version of the *Hallelujah Chorus* as the children of the parish assemble the final tableaux of their Christmas Pageant. We will rehearse this with our core singers on both December 11, following the coffee hour, and again on the 18<sup>th</sup>, before the service at 9:30am.

Rehearsals have already begun for our 10:00pm Christmas Eve service. Please join us after coffee hour each Sunday in the sanctuary. I have scores available for all who join and study CDs available for your use at home. An additional rehearsal for the Christmas Eve program is scheduled for Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact me at [music@saintasaphs.org](mailto:music@saintasaphs.org) if you are interested in being part of the holiday music making at St. Asaph's.

Our next exhibit in the Gallery is works by Bucks County artist **Jean Burdick**, entitled: ***Strand, Paintings and Prints***. The opening reception is **Friday, December 9, 6:00-8:00pm**. Please note that the date is different from the one previously announced (Ms. Burdick had another opening in Miami scheduled for the original date.) Ms. Burdick writes the following about her work:

"My work addresses the accumulation of experience that forms the collective memory. Botanical images from many sources become a vehicle to form a matrix of individual strands. When the strands become entangled and obstruct one another the effect is similar to our own memories of personal relationships (i.e.: how we define ourselves) fading-in and out of clarity. Fragility and transience are evidenced in the flux of the natural world."



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Right on the heels of the coming holidays are two other events for which you should mark your calendars. On **Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**, our next art opening, featuring textiles by **Patricia Siembora**, will warm-up our mid-winter doldrums! And the next Elysian Camerata Concert will follow the following week on **Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** at **3:00pm**. The program will feature works by Schubert, the *String Trio in B-flat major*, the Martinu *String Sextet* and Schubert's *String Quintet in C major*, with guest artist Deborah Davis, cello.

Happy Holidays to All!

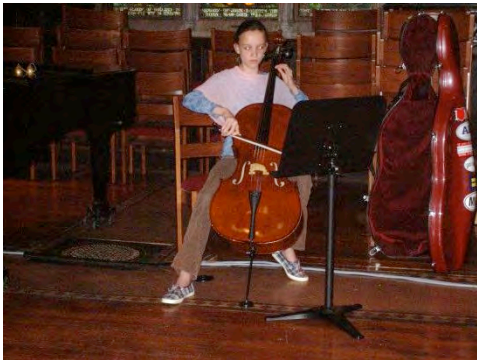
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Above is a photo of the choir bake sale. Thanks to all who helped fund this. They netted over \$1,000.

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Our youth offering their music during worship.



Lucy Silbaugh



Kate Harte-McCormick and Emma Teelucksingh

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St. Asaph's Church is a progressive and inclusive Christian community. We offer the message of Christianity to those who sometimes find organized religion ineffectual, irrelevant or repressive. We see our faith as an agent of justice and peace. We are a community that embraces search, not certainty. We believe faith is a process not a destination.

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## Property

By Steve Sheeran



As part of Friends' Central Service Days four students: **Sophie Book, Rachel Greenblatt, Jonas Snyder, Holly Woodbury** and one faculty member: **Melinda Yin** spend three days in early November at St. Asaph's and Bala House. In the mornings they worked with Steve Sheeran and in the afternoons they worked with **Bala House teachers**.

They prepared the compost areas by the rectory fence and the graveyard wall, raked leaves and planted the potted chrysanthemums from the steps by the Lych gate. Many thanks to them for all their hard work and I hope most of them will return in the spring for two more service days.

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## November Work Day

Thanks to **Mary Allen, John Barrett, Fr. Barry, Bill Clayton, Chris Dennis, Audrey Dempster, Wendy Flegal, Sandra Haye, Katherine Kurtz, Bruce Labaw, Bob Powell, Frank Shaw, Steve Sheeran, Keith Shively & Tom, and Lori Wernersbach** for their participation in the fall clean up. Approximately **\$1,900.00** was saved through their efforts.

Leaves were raked from around the church, the rectory, the inner circle, the outer semi-circle and the labyrinth area and composted for the Philabundance gardens and the shrubs and trees on the property. Thanks again.

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## December Work Day

By Bob Powell

**First of all**, this Saturday (December 3<sup>rd</sup>) we're hoping to see *you* on hand as we again join forces to vanquish those perfidious denizens of the more abominatory nether regions. I speak, of course, of the malevolent autumn leaves that threaten the wellbeing of the church lawn. If you possess recommended weaponry (i.e., rakes, blowers) for the vanquishing of this (as it were) *fell hoard*, by all means bring them and supplement those in the church's arsenal.

All or most of the leaves that we dispatch will be added to the three new compost heaps that were created around the campus at the last work day. It's hoped they'll be yielding fodder as early as next spring. So again the admonition, doing this ourselves saves a healthy little chunk of the property budget that can be applied to needs we *can't* do ourselves. Things start ramping up around 9-ish and continue through the morning. If you can't be there at 9, show up when you can. If you could show up early but not stay all morning, come ahead on, as they say in central Texas.

**Second of all**, if you weren't already aware, all of those major storms last summer have created a mold problem in the basement. So you'll probably want to limit your forays down the stairs until the remediation crew is able to do the clean-up. At this writing, the church's insurance carrier was supposed to have touched base with ServPro, the company selected to do the remediation, to hash out a couple of points. But thus far we haven't yet heard the results of that conversation. It is expected that the process will begin soon, however.

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## Congregation

Please welcome **Erika and Frank Shae** and their daughters Eva and Anna. Below is their story and faith journey to St. Asaph's in Erika's voice:



**Frank** was raised catholic, mostly at St. Margaret's in Narberth. My parents are non-practicing Catholics who took us to St. Vincent's in Germantown until I was about 4 or 5. I became catholic after we were married in St. Vincent's in 1994. I was baptized at St. V's in 1997. Frank's parents are divorced, and his father became Episcopalian afterwards, and then became a priest soon after we were married. We noted that the Episcopal Church was pretty much the same as the Catholic Church when we would go occasionally to worship at Frank's Dad's church (The Holy Nativity in the NE). His father has since died.

When the children came, I had them baptized at St. V's, but the ceremony was performed by one of Frank's uncles (both his paternal uncles are catholic priests). I attended church as I was able, but found it very

challenging. As the girls became older, I started to take them to Sunday school. Although St. V's is a great place, it was not a good fit for my family or I for a variety of reasons. We moved from NJ to Bala Cynwyd last September 1st as the girls were starting Kindergarten at the French School. My mother is an immigrant from France (she came as an adult), and it was always my dream to be able to speak French. (I can get by.) I am now living the dream through my children. (It is also an exceptional school.) Both Frank and I wanted the girls to be raised in the church, but we did not find a home at St. Margaret's or St. Mathias.

I drive past St. Asaph's often on the way to work or to my parents, I was always impressed and intrigued: by the garden, by the poster welcoming all types of people (I only know of one other church which advertises like this--St. V's), by the "worship with the top down". Frank and I knew enough about the Episcopal Church to feel that it was pretty much Catholic without the pope. We finally felt that going to such a church would be the best option. We certainly have not regretted our decision. St. Asaph's is great community.

A bit more about me: I am a native Philadelphian, graduated from Girls' High School, then Temple, then UPENN. I work as a nurse practitioner for the Public Health Management Corporation. Many of our patients are from shelters. We see many patients with HIV, Hepatitis C, Mental Health and substance abuse.

Frank was born in Pittsburgh but raised in Narberth. His Mom still lives there, and it is great to have her so close. He is a personal trainer at Visionary Trainers on Bala Ave. We are lucky that Frank's work is flexible enough for him to be able to pick up the girls when school is over, and give them great quality time.

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**Pat Wood** has been a member of St. Asaph's for a very long time. Many who know her also know that she is an accomplished pianist. Her son Alex is also a musician and her daughter-in-law is Miss Amy who entertained recently at St. A's with her **Big Kids Band**. What I like about writing this newsletter is what you learn in conversation over a cookie at coffee hour. I usually ask what is going on in your life and the answers are so revealing. What I learned from Pat recently is that her

first husband, **Orlando Otey**, the father of her children, Alex and Olivia, died recently. His death is sad, but I was fascinated by his background. Here is his story:

At the age of two, Orlando Otey's mother placed him at the piano. She wanted her son to be a concert pianist. Orlando obliged, giving his first concert at the age of four at the largest theater in his native Mexico. He toured Mexico by the age of five and Europe by seven. He was heralded as the most prodigious child in Mexico and later as The Chopin of Mexico by critics and listeners not only for his sensitive performances of Chopin's music but because Orlando's own mazurkas, nocturnes and etudes sounded remarkably like Chopin. At age 17 he became the youngest faculty member of the University of Mexico's School of Music.

He received his doctorate from that Institution in 1942. In 1945, Orlando came to the US and studied at the famed Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. He continued giving recitals and in 1949 represented the US at the Chopin Centennial Celebration Piano Competition in Warsaw, Poland.

Throughout his life he has taught composition, orchestration, solfege and piano. He taught at the Wilmington Music School from 1965 and served as its director from 1966 to 1970. He was awarded an honorary doctorate during his important contribution to music. He continued to teach privately at his home until a few months before his death.

He is survived by his wife, Diane, a stepson, Nathaniel, his former wife, Pat and their children, Olivia and Alexander. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the Curtis Institute, 1726 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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### Thespians in our Midst By Joanne Behm



Congratulations to **Addison and Spenser Dawkins** who participated in Harriton High School's musical, "Once On This Island", which ran for 5 stirring

performances in mid-November. **Spenser** served as a cast member with considerable singing and dancing numbers to his credit. **Addison** served as a member of the stage crew in the costume department. Both shouldered a grueling schedule of rehearsals and costume fittings along with regular schoolwork responsibilities, and they thoroughly enjoyed the exhilaration of presenting live theater along with the thrill of numerous cast parties. Addison and Spenser are eagerly awaiting the next productions in which they are sure to have a role.

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**Bill Clayton**, a parishioner and member of our choir, is singing at the **Philadelphia Chorus Holiday Concert - Sunday, Dec. 11th at 4:00 pm at the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral, 38th Street between Market and Chestnut Streets.**

Enjoy Morten Lauridsen Mid-Winter Songs, John Burge Winter Sun, John Rutter When Icicles Hang, and other seasonal music in collaboration with the Masterman Middle School Chorus, Gary Travis, Director.

Advance tickets are \$20 and \$24 at the door. For more information please contact **Bill Clayton at 610-622-1312** or see him on Sunday, for tickets or concert information. View website at: [www.thephiladelphiachorus.org](http://www.thephiladelphiachorus.org)

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We can't take our hands off Lori Wernersbach's baby, Kern:

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Our families are always juggling

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## Poetry Corner

By Virginia Powell

### Kept Leaves

The feathery fluttering,  
 the delicate textures,  
 the touch of tissue,  
 the elegant yet porcelain strength  
 gives a regality  
 to the simplicity to that which is real.

The margins, the veins and blades  
 create dignity  
 which  
 defines the integrity of each,  
 refined in its own right.  
 The whisper of colors subdued.

All come together pronouncing a lacy quality.  
 All seem as one,  
 forming a visual image,  
 lasting forever...

### Lost

Lost in a garden.  
 Lost in one's thoughts.  
 Lost from the world.  
 Found in the luxury of wander.

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## Dinners to Raise Money for St. Asaph's



### International Dinner Series Update & Cooks

We have had two successful dinners hosted by the **Teelucksingh and the Harker/Ranando families**. You have an opportunity to ring out the year with two more.

- English on December 9<sup>th</sup> 6.00-9.00 chez Mary
- Australian on December 17<sup>th</sup> 6.00-9.00 chez Penny

In 2012 we have the following Nations and Themes:

- a Pakistani feast February 4<sup>th</sup>
- an Irish celebration March 10
- a Gourmet Vegetarian dinner - date to be announced
- A UN Buffet in the Parish Hall, cost of \$20 per person – date to be announced

Participants partake in a full three-course meal and wine for \$35 per person. Contact **Zabeth Teelucksingh** at [zabetht@gmail.com](mailto:zabetht@gmail.com) or call 484 270 8746. Proceeds go to St. Asaph's.

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## New Yoga Class at St. Asaph's

**GENTLE YOGA** at St. Asaph's with Georgette DuBois, MS, RYT

We've added classes, and they are now ongoing! You may start at any time, and pay as a drop-in, or buy a class card. Cards may also be used to attend classes with Deanna McLaughlin on Thursdays from 6:15 – 7:30pm.

**Tuesdays** 9:30 to 10:30 am

**Wednesday** 12noon to 1:00pm

**Fridays** 10:00 to 11:30am

### Fees:

Drop-in \$15 per class

8 class card \$100 (\$12.50 per class) Expires in 4 mos.

16 class card \$180 (\$11.25 per class) Expires in 8 mos.

Yoga is a mind/body/spirit practice that will enable you to:

- Relax & relieve stress
- Increase flexibility & strength
- Improve focus & mental clarity
- Enhance energy & well-being

These classes are an opportunity to ease into yoga for those who are brand-new beginners, have been away from yoga for a while, or simply prefer a gently-paced class. They include stretching, breathing, basic yoga postures, meditative silence and deep relaxation in an atmosphere of comfort and encouragement. Bring a mat or towel. Wear comfortable clothing and be prepared to enjoy!

Please feel free to contact me at [yogageorgette@gmail.com](mailto:yogageorgette@gmail.com) or (484)995-3619.

*Georgette DuBois is a certified yoga teacher and founder of the award-winning Yoga Garden in Narberth. She has been teaching yoga and meditation and leading workshops for 16 years. Her approach to teaching is grounded in the belief that yoga is a journey, not a destination, and that each moment of the journey holds the seed of deep connection with oneself and with others. She encourages students to honor their inner wisdom, nurturing body, mind and spirit by practicing awareness and self-acceptance.*

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## Book Review

By Carolyn Ramsey

Book Club's selection for Monday, Dec. 12, is the play, "Anna in the Tropics" by Nilo Cruz. Emily Cronin will lead the discussion at our Christmas potluck supper, which begins at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome.

This play won the 2003 Pulitzer Prize and is set in Florida in 1929 in a Cuban-American cigar factory where cigars are still rolled by hand and "lectors" are employed to educate and entertain the workers.

All are welcome. Just call Carolyn Ramsey at 610-649-2479 to reserve a place at the table and bring a dish to share.

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## Loaves and Fishes

Here is a tentative schedule of events at St. Asaph's:

**Saturday, December 10** Golden Voices of the East, The Mendelssohn Club Choir and Brass at St. Paul's Chestnut Hill 5 pm.

**Thursday, December 15** Greening of the Church and Pot Luck Supper organized by Carol Linfoot and Joan Frank. Social time 6PM; Supper 6:30: Greening

**Sunday, January 8** Epiphany Celebration with Three Kings Cakes and all the trimmings.

**Sunday, January 15** Everybody's Birthday Party following the 10 am service.

**Tuesday, February 21** Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

**Monday, April 30** Philadelphia Antique Show

**Saturday, May 19** Island Fling

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## Holiday Office Schedule

- December 26, 27 and 30.
- January 2

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## Flower Guild



Once again the Flower Guild asks for your help in donating cuttings from your garden for greening the church on **Thursday, December 15**. We like white pine, Douglas fir, boxwood, juniper, holly, cedar, yew and whatever else you have. You can deposit your greens on the cloister porch. Do not wait until the 15th. We will take your cuttings starting now through the week of Christmas.

**As many of you have done in the past, your \$10 donation for memorial poinsettia plants which we will use to decorate the church would be appreciated. You will find envelopes on the piano in the parish hall. Thanks.**

**"The peace of God that passes all understanding"**

## PRAYERS

**Those for whom our prayers have been asked:** We pray for Jamie Dent, Bill and Betty Duffey, The Achuff Family, Alice Longdin, Emerald Randolph, Kayte Reeves, Bessie Smith, Theresa Townley, Kathy Whalen, Doretta Walker, and Robbie Walters.

**Those who have recently died in the parish:** Peter Menard, (Rafael Porrata-Doria), Bill DeAngelis (Margaret Hunting), Martha Smith, Eugene Svinchek (Stevie Graves), Jim Parcher (Margaret Stineman), Peter Stelzenmuller (Bernie & Connie Stelzenmuller), and Johnathan Zellars.

***St. Asaph's Church is a house of prayer for all people and a community that works to be progressive in belief and inclusive in practice.***

### Sunday Schedule

- 8 am, Contemplative Communion
- 9 am, Spiritual Formation for all ages
- 10 am, Parish Eucharist
- 5 pm, Emerging worship (2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

### Holy Days as announced

### Summer Schedule

9:15 am

### Parish Staff

The Rev. Barry J. Harte, Rector  
Roy Harker, Director of Music & Arts  
Steve Sheeran, Youth Formation  
Julia Miller, Children's Formation  
Lynda Staton, Parish Administrator

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