



GOD WAS HOLDING MY HAND

by Michelle Scarpulla

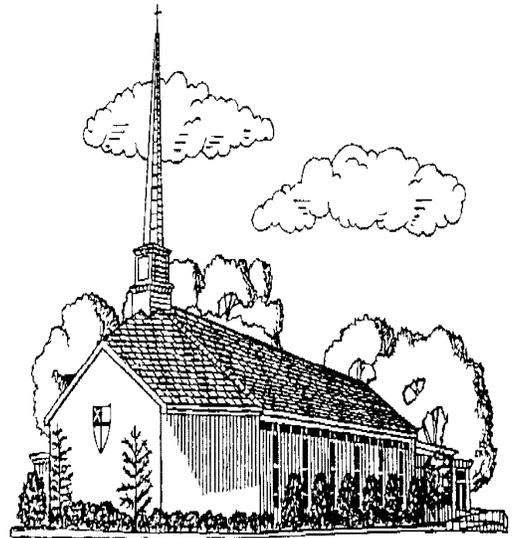
My oldest and dearest friend has long dreamed to be a writer. Unfortunately, with two kids, a full-time job, a one hour commute, and a part-time job managing her husband's non-profit organization, she had little time to follow her dream. She finally realized she would have to take a leap of faith, and make it happen. In 2012, her company decided to re-structure and when they came to her to ask for her advice about how her department should be reconfigured, she wrote her position out of the plan figuring it made more sense for the company and it would give her the push she needed to make a change in her life. She took a job closer to home with a huge pay cut, and set out to write her first book about her husband's journey to know God. Her dream became reality in December when her first book, *God Was Holding My Hand,* was published.

God Was Holding My Hand, by Rachel Arterberry

For Michael Arterberry, experiencing God's presence is a daily occurrence and one that has brought him through some of life's toughest moments. *God Was Holding My Hand* shares Michael's journey of coming to know the Lord. From his tumultuous childhood with a distant, complicated father to the day in 2001 when he accepted Christ as his savior—and every day since—he shows how he came to put his faith in God.

For more information and to purchase this book, visit:

<http://godwasholdingmyhand.com/>



THE BISHOP IS COMING !

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH !

April Calendar Highlights

April 8.....The Annunciation HE 7:00 p.m., Chapel

April 9.....Vestry Meeting 7:30 p.m.

April 14.....St. Paul's Breakfast Program 7:45 a.m.

April 22.....Caps & Laps 1:00 p.m.

April 22.....Walkabout to meet Bishop Candidates

April 26.....Big Band Express Concert 7:30 p.m.

April 30.....Begin Collection for Rummage Sale

May 4.....Rummage Sale—Williams Hall 7:30 a.m.

May 4.....Election Day for Bishop

FROM PULPIT TO PEW

by The Reverend Canon Donald J. Muller

Over the last several weeks, we have witnessed the election of a Pope for the Roman Catholic Church, by the College of Cardinals (all appointed by a previous Pope). The intention is that the Holy Spirit works through the College of Cardinals in Conclave to elect a new Pope.

The new Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby was installed on Friday (not much American Press coverage) but since the English Reformation, the Church of England has been more explicitly a state church and the choice is legally that of the Crown; today it is made in the name of the Sovereign by the Prime Minister, from a shortlist of two selected by an *ad hoc* committee called the Crown Nomination. Of course, the intention is that the Holy Spirit works through this process. As spiritual leader of the Anglican Communion, the archbishop, although without legal authority outside England, is recognized by convention as *primus inter pares* (first among equals) of all Anglican primates worldwide. Since 1867 he has convened more or less decennial meetings of worldwide Anglican bishops, the Lambeth Conferences. In the last two of these functions he has an important ecumenical and interfaith role, speaking on behalf of Anglicans in England and worldwide.

On May 4 our Diocese will gather in Convention to elect the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey. To put that in context, Pope Francis the 266th Pope, Justin Welby is the 105th Archbishop of Canterbury. Our next Bishop will be elected by a concurrent majority of all of the clergy canonically resident and present at the Convention and the lay deputies (three from each parish) of the Diocese. We believe the Holy Spirit works through both the clergy and laity gathered by prayer in Convention. You all have a part to play in this process. Walkabouts for Meeting Nominees for Twelfth Bishop of New Jersey are scheduled as follows:

Monday, April 22: Trinity Cathedral in Trenton, 801 W State Street, Trenton NJ 08618

Tuesday, April 23: Trinity Church in Vineland, 800 Wood Street, Vineland NJ 08360

Wednesday, April 24: St. George's-by-the River in Rumson, 7 Lincoln Ave, Rumson, NJ 07760

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Registration (light refreshments available)

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Walkabouts (groups of nominees respond to questions)

8:00 - 9:00 p.m. SociTime with nominees (light refreshments available)

You can register for the Walkabout of your choice at the following website: <https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1424955-UP5zZdY1S1>. All start and end times are exact. Please plan to arrive during the Registration period. You will receive a confirmation email that will include directions. You can also send in the questions you would like all the candidates to answer by emailing them to: eec@newjersey.anglican.org. Please include what walkabout you plan on attending as well.

Above all, please pray, pray, pray:

O, Holy Spirit, who descended upon the followers of the Risen Lord on the Day of Pentecost and thus created His Church: Inspire anew his Church in this Diocese as we prepare to elect a new Bishop. Grant your wisdom, we pray, to the Search Committee, the candidate and the Electing Convention so that the person called to be Bishop in Your Church will lead us into a fuller witness to the love, joy and power of the Risen Lord who with you and the Father lives and reigns One God for ever and ever. Amen.

In Christ,

Fr. Don

BODY & SOUL

By Edith Green, R.N.

The Easter bunny has gone back to his hutch. Easter, once again, has come and gone. We, hopefully, spent the Lenten season in reflection, prayer, and denials of some sort. We've celebrated Christ's resurrection. Did we learn anything about ourselves during this time? How will what we learned make a difference in our lives?

Take yourself back to the time of Christ's crucifixion and imagine what the apostles were probably thinking. "What will we do? What will come next? Can we continue to spread the message? Who will lead us?" Do you think they argued about what path to take? Do you think they were confused about their respective roles in this new era? Since they were human, like we are, I expect they experienced a time of confusion, a time of prayer, a time of being in limbo. But, somehow they managed to soldier on and we still remember their stories all these years later.

And what do we do when we experience a life's altering event? When we lose a loved one or a job or we lose our health. Are we confused wondering what on earth will happen next in our lives? How will we manage without the one we lost? Will I ever be healthy again and be able to do what I used to do? Is it then we turn to prayer? It's during these times that we have to believe that God will give us comfort. We won't necessarily get what we would like, but we will have someone with us as promised.

The thing we can't let happen during these times is to let the devil take us down a wrong path. And it can be so easy to do. Someone once told me or perhaps I read it: The smartest thing the devil ever did was to convince us that he doesn't exist. Oh, but he does. And he (or she) usually comes in disguise and before we realize what's happened, we're in his grasp. Most of us know the evils around us, most of us try not to get taken in and most of us are successful. Especially when things are going well. When they're not, though, we need to be extra careful. It's then that we need to pray and to remember the apostles and what they went through during a very difficult time.

And Finally: The devil catches most souls in a golden net. German Proverb

CONCERT MAY 11TH

ELISABETH VON TRAPP

PERFORMS

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2013

For Elisabeth von Trapp, "the sounds of music" are part of her earliest memories. Born and raised in Vermont, Elisabeth is the granddaughter of the legendary Maria and Baron von Trapp, whose story inspired *The Sound of Music*. Singing professionally since childhood, Elisabeth has enthralled audiences from European cathedrals to Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center.

Inspired by her father Werner von Trapp's guitar playing and singing, Elisabeth has carried on the legacy of the internationally renowned Trapp Family Singers. She began taking piano lessons when she was eight and by the age of sixteen she was playing guitar and traveling the back roads of New England performing with her siblings at weddings, gospel meetings and town halls.

Building on her famed family's passion for music, Elisabeth has created her own artistic style, at once ethereal and earthy, delicate and powerful. Listeners have likened her to Judy Collins and Loreena McKennitt. Critics have called her voice ... "hauntingly clear" "joyfully expressive" and "simply beautiful."

SPRING UTO

UTO Spring Ingathering, April 27 & 28, 2013

A little over a year ago, “Father Ray” Waldon, parish priest of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Talladega, Alabama, was watching the children of this church’s day school run, jump, and climb in the church’s playground. As he stood still, watching, a young boy looked at him and asked, “Father, can you lift me up?” Unable to walk, the boy was unable to get up on the equipment himself.

Inspired by the boy’s plight, Father Walden led his church in applying for a grant from the United Thank Offering to solve a problem faced by all too many young people. Soon the church’s website included the following announcement:

“We have decided to build a playground for the handicapped. (sic) This playground is dedicated to a little boy named Brayden who can’t walk. We welcome anyone to come and have fun on our playground handicapped (sic) or not!”

Today, thanks to a \$17,000.00 grant received from UTO, St. Peter’s playground is barrier free and fully accessible to every child in Talladega.

Jesus, who was “lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life” (John 2:14-15), promised that “I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” (12:32) As Jesus’ people, we give thanks.

UTO is a concrete way to let your prayers of thanksgiving support the mission of the church in this country and throughout the world – a prayerful way to lift up those in need of God’s love expressed through the care of his people for others. Blue envelopes will be in your bulletins the weekend of our Spring Ingathering. I invite you to give prayerfully and generously. “(Checks should be made payable to St. Peter’s Episcopal Church and earmarked “UTO”).

SPRING UTO

The blessing of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church’s Playground



Faithfully,
Deacon Helen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RUMMAGE SALE

St. Peter's Annual Rummage Sale will take place a bit later than usual this year. This year's event will be held on **SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2013, BEGINNING AT 7:30 A.M.**

As usual, the Rummage Sale will be held in Williams Hall and, weather permitting, outside of Williams Hall as well.

But the Rummage Sale goes on rain or shine.

This year once again all proceeds will go towards our MDG commitment to Mayange, Rwanda.

This year for the 2nd year in a row we hope to have a bake sale / food sale in addition to the Rummage Sale.

Please begin preparing your donations ! We will begin accepting donations to Williams Hall on **TUESDAY, April 30th.**

Many volunteers are needed please ! Service hours are available to youth needing to earn them !

Please contact Danielle and John Colaianni at 609-654-5644 or john.colaianni@gmail.com .

Thank you !!!



ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The Most Reverend Justin Welby was born in London in 1956 and educated at Eton College and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he studied history and law. He worked in the oil industry for 11 years, focusing mainly on West African and North Sea projects. During this period he became a lay leader at Holy Trinity, Brompton in London, having been a council member at St Michael's Church in Paris.

A major influence both on Justin and his wife Caroline was the 1983 death of their seven-month old daughter in a car crash in France. Six years later in 1989, after sensing a call from God, Bishop Justin stood down from industry to train for ordination. While earning his theology degree at St John's College, Durham, he focused on ethics, particularly in business. He has since published articles on ethics, international finance and reconciliation. For 20 years, his ministry has blended deep devotion to his parish communities with Church work around the world.

After being ordained Deacon in 1992 and priest in 1993, Fr. Welby spent 15 years serving Coventry Diocese. During that time, he revived several churches, grew their congregations, and launched bereavement and baptism teams. During this period, he also chaired an NHS hospital trust in South Warwickshire and began his work of reconciliation in the Niger Delta, in Israel, and in Palestine.

In December, 2007, Father Welby left the diocese of Coventry and was installed as Dean of Liverpool Cathedral, the largest cathedral in England. While dean, he brought the Cathedral into much greater contact with its impoverished local community, while continuing to work on reconciliation and mediation projects overseas.

Only a year after being enthroned as Bishop of Durham on November 26, 2011, Justin Welby was designated the 105th Archbishop of Canterbury on November 9, 2012. He officially became Archbishop on February 4, 2013, succeeding Dr Rowan Williams. The new Archbishop will be enthroned at Canterbury Cathedral on March 21, 2013, after which his public ministry will begin.

KIDS' CORNER

By Sue Legnani, Director of Christian Formation

Children Minister to Us

As I look over this year I can name many times when I have seen how the children of our parish minister to us. We are blessed to have youth and children who love to read in public and volunteer (sometimes more than we can accommodate) to read lessons on the third Sunday of the month for the Children's Service, the Christmas Pageant, Palm Sunday Gospel and at our regular Sunday services too. Children and youth also serve as acolytes, choir members, musicians, ushers, and love to make Valentine's Day cards for Weisman Children's Rehab Hospital, collect items for our outreach projects and help at dinners. (It was a real blessing to have our youth serving warm pancakes, sausage and coffee at the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner.) They are open and giving and always ready to pitch-in to help others.

In the early Christian church, children were baptized and formed in their faith by the whole Christian community. They participated in prayers, listened to sermons and teachings and shared meals with the whole community. It really did, and still does, take a village to raise a child in the Christian faith. In 1991, the Office of Children's Ministries followed the example of the early church and initiated a vision statement for the Episcopal Church that "honors children, advocates for children and recognizes their full and complete ministry within the community." This became The Children's Charter for the Church.

The Children's Charter calls all churches to "nurture children, to minister to children and to **minister with children**" and gives guidelines to help churches to do this. Here is what ministering with children looks like:

THE CHURCH IS CALLED:

- _ to receive children's special gifts as signs of the Reign of God;
 - _ to foster community beyond the family unit, in which children, youth and adults know each other by name, minister to each other, and are partners together in serving Christ in the world;
- _ to appreciate children's abilities and readiness to represent Christ and his church, to bear witness to him wherever they may be, and according to gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world, and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the church. (*Ministry of the Laity pg. 855 BCP*)

So, when we see our children participating in the Liturgy let's not see a "cute Kodak moment", but rather their offering to God and taking their place "in the life, worship and governance of the church". They are not the future of the church, they **are** the church and they're doing a great job!

In Christ,

Sue Legnani

PARISH FAMILY NEWS

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

None this month.

WEDDINGS

None this month.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

John Cunzeman, February 26, 2013

BIG BAND EXPRESS CONCERT FOR HURRICANE SANDY

Tell your friends, tell your neighbors, the Big Band Express once again will be performing at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. 7:30 pm on Friday, April 26th. A free will offering will be made and all proceeds will go to Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. Donations of goods will also be accepted for Heart of the Home !



As of February 29,, 2013

Income	\$ 50,353.46
Expenses	\$ 51,824.18
Difference	\$ (1,470.72)

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SUNDAY, MAY 19TH !

10:15 AM EUCHARIST !

MARK YOUR CALENDARS !

DEACON'S BENCH

By Deacon Helen Orlando

Where in the World is Mayange, Rwanda? – Culture, Part Two

Having already discussed the language, religion, and social habits of Rwanda, this month's "Where in the World" discusses Rwanda's cuisine, music and arts.

Staple foods in Rwanda include bananas, plantains (like bananas, but more starchy and not as sweet), sweet potatoes, beans (such as kidney beans), and cassava (tapioca). Fish is popular in coastal areas. Milk, both fresh and fermented, and beer made from sorghum or bananas are the most popular beverages and often figure in traditional rituals and ceremonies. The most common dishes are made from these staple foods. A typical day's meals might include *Ugali*, a sort of porridge; *mélange*, a buffet of sweet potatoes, beans, cassava, and plantains, sometimes with fish or meat; and *brochette*, which we would call goat shish kabob.

Music, dance and drama are extremely important and are a unique part of Rwandan culture. Most often accompanied by drums and the *lulunga* (an eight-stringed harp), Rwandan dances and folk songs proclaim legends of bravery and excellence. *Intore* (meaning "The Chosen One"), an exciting dance which was initially only performed in the Royal Court, is now available to all, performed by members of a government-sponsored national dance troupe.

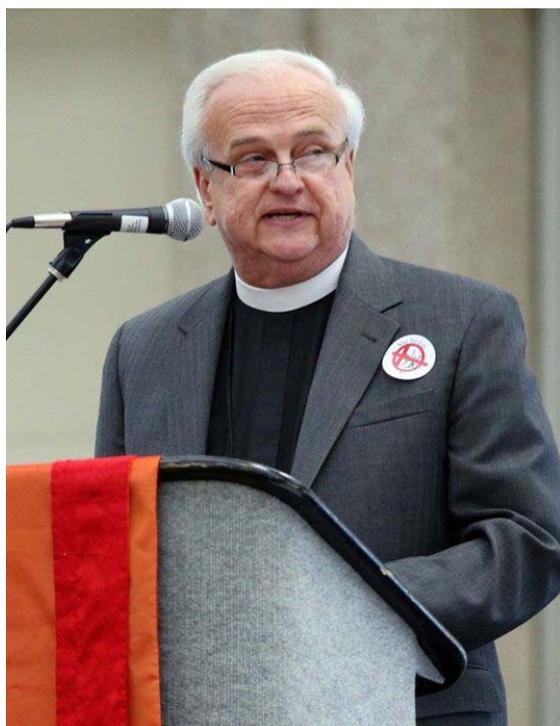
The women of Rwanda are known for their beautiful woven baskets and bowls. In fact, one of the projects of Millennium Villages in Mayange was to start up a basket-making cooperative. *Imigongo*, a type of painting using cow dung mixed with naturally colored soils, sounds strange but is beautiful. The dung is painted in patterned ridges to form geometric shapes. Other crafts include pottery, wood carving, and beautifully-printed cotton cloth.

Since a picture is worth a thousand words, please enjoy the following photos (*Intore* dancers, Rwandan peace basket, and a cow dung painting).

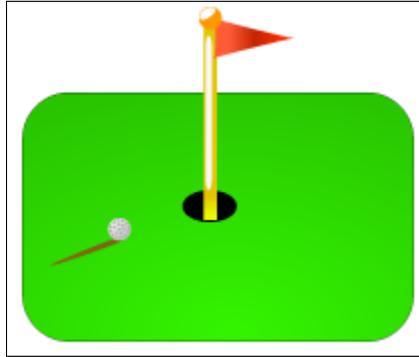


PARISH PHOTO ALBUM

St. Peter's was well represented at Diocesan Convention. Below, Canon John Sosnowski addresses the Convention. Father Don Muller accepts the Bishop's Cup on behalf of St. Peter's champion golf team. Cynthia Sosnowski presents "Heart of the Home" project to the Convention. Photos courtesy of Kevin Cureton.



4th Annual Rev. Canon James L. Moore Memorial Golf Outing



MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2013

MEDFORD LAKES COUNTRY CLUB

11:00 A.M.—REGISTRATION

11:30 A.M.—LUNCH

12:30 P.M.—SHOTGUN START

5:30 P.M.—DINNER & PRIZES

Golfers are \$175.00 each includes golf, cart, lunch & dinner.

Lunch only \$20.00

Dinner only \$28.00

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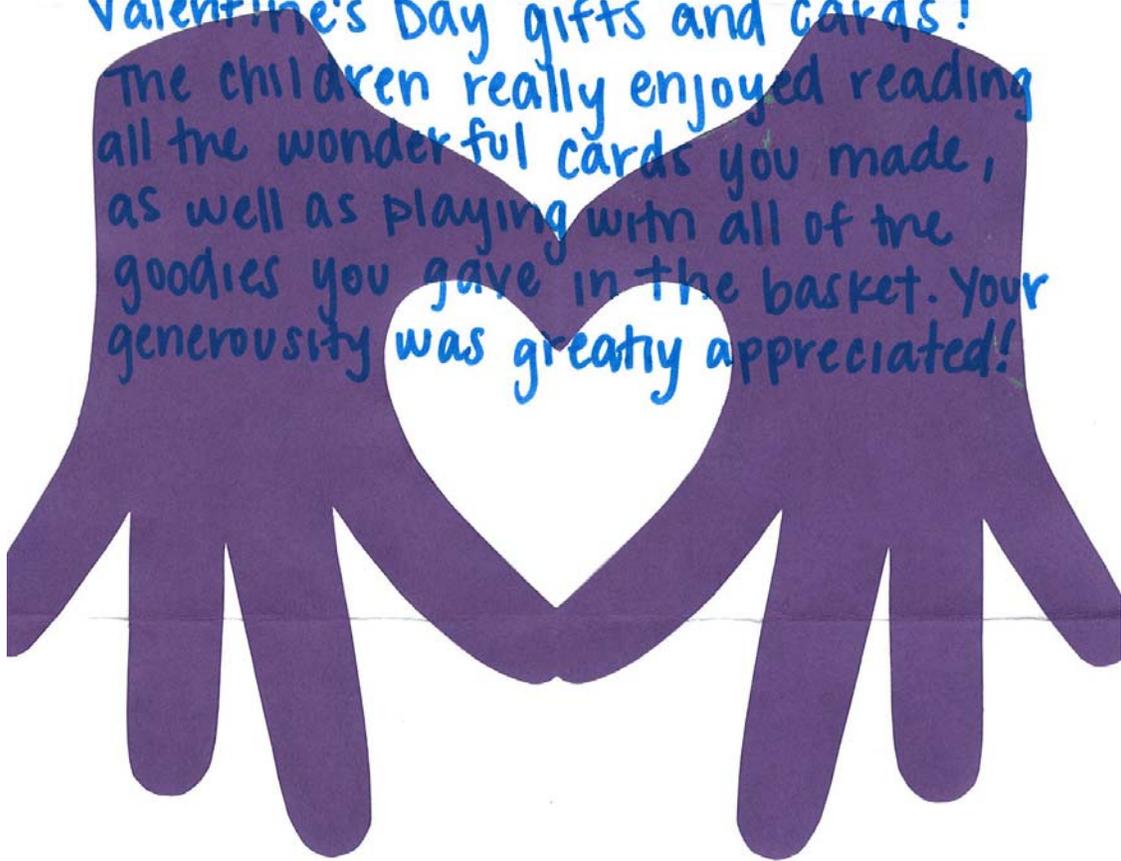
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Dear Kelly ÷ St. Peter's Church,

Thank you for your thoughtful Valentine's Day gifts and cards!

The children really enjoyed reading all the wonderful cards you made, as well as playing with all of the goodies you gave in the basket. Your generosity was greatly appreciated!



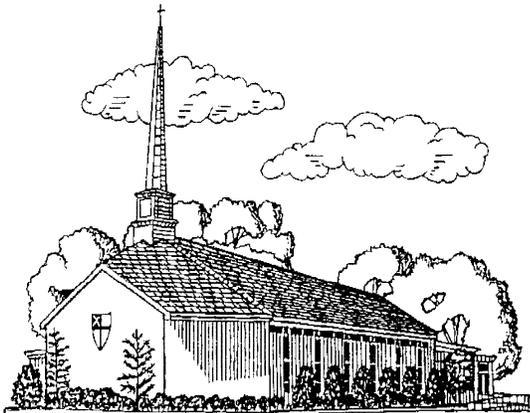
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Saint Peter's Church is a blessed community of faith, grounded in the power of God's transforming love, where Jesus Christ welcomes all to abundant life. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we follow Him in prayer and praise, study and service.



Service Schedule

Saturday Eucharist.....5 p.m.
Sunday Traditional Eucharist.....7:45 a.m.
Family Eucharist.....10:15 a.m.
Weekdays
Thursday, Healing Eucharist.....10 a.m.
Morning Prayer (Monday-Friday).....9 a.m.

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