



Good News

The Newsletter of St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church, Chicago

Summer 2011



Join us on Tuesday, June 21, as St. Chrysostom's takes part in this glorious day of musical celebrations!



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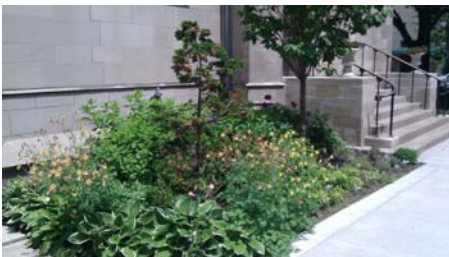
Richard Hoskins plays a recital on the 43-bell Gillette & Johnston carillon. Enjoy the beautiful Courtyard garden as you listen



12:25 p.m.

Richard Hoskins is joined by Nora Engonopoulos, Soprano, for a half-hour concert in the Church

For more information on this city-wide day of music, visit the Make Music Chicago website at www.makemusicchicago.com



Our Church Garden

St. Chrysostom's team of volunteer gardeners has been hard at work on our ever-evolving churchyard. Our great thanks are extended to Jim and Brooke Kuehnle who have donated boxwood plants, perennials and annuals to beautify our courtyard. Judy

Bross, Charlotte Matthews, Eve Webster, Jerry Wells and Richard Hoskins are the happy gardeners helping the garden grow. If you love gardening and want to be part of this enjoyable project, please speak to any of these people and we'll put you to work creating beauty!

Summer Sunday Worship

This summer we are maintaining our normal Sunday worship schedule with only one exception: the 9 o'clock Family Eucharist will take a summer recess from June 26 through August 21. Our 8 AM, 11 AM, and 5:15 PM worship services remain unchanged, so we feel certain that visitors and regular attendees of the 9 o'clock will take this opportunity to explore one of the other services.



Pentecost Prayer Tree

What began as a children's project on Pentecost Sunday (June 12) "caught fire" with both adults and children throughout the day. Each band of cloth represents the prayer of an individual or a family. We hope you will take time to pause at the tree in the courtyard and as you watch each red ribbon waving in the breeze, think of your prayers being blown to heaven by the Holy Spirit—God's own breath.

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From the Rector

At church these summer Sundays, our readings, according to the Revised Common Lectionary (the “lectionary” is the batting order, as it were, of Bible readings read in worship) will be from Matthew’s Gospel and from Paul’s Letter to the Romans. Our first readings will be from the Book of Genesis, moving into the Book of Exodus in late August.

By happy chance, the first reading on the First Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity Sunday) is the very opening of the Book of Genesis, that in the beginning God created everything that is. Do I believe God is the Creator? Yes. In the unfolding of the making of the universe, in its smallest and greatest parts, God was and is at work. God is creator of all human life, and on the Glorious Fourth we remember the statement that because of that we are endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights.

Then on Sunday, June 26, we come in on the story of Abraham, frankly a bit far along in that story. Because Easter was so late this year (about as late as it can be) we come in on “Proper 8” which means there were seven weeks of the story told before that we skip this year. To summarize a very important story, Abraham and his wife Sarah were—in the context of Genesis—the first people to believe in God. In that sense, all who believe in the one God are descendants of Abraham. Abraham and Sarah were given a son, Isaac. On June 26, we come in on the story, with the unsettling and challenging story of God testing Abraham, by telling him to sacrifice Isaac. (One of Wilfred Owen’s greatest poems from the First World War, set to music by Britten in *War Requiem*, is a powerful spin off this story—a powerful statement of grief and loss out of the trenches.) We will follow these great stories through Jacob and Rachel, and Joseph and then Moses.

When I was growing up in New England, worship in Congregational or Presbyterian forms in school chapels and parishes I attended for one reason or another, normally ended Biblical readings with a prayer which more or less went like this: May God bless to our understanding this reading from God’s Word. I echo that as we begin a summer of Biblical readings. May God the Holy Spirit give light and understanding to hear God’s Word—God’s living and contemporary message—to us in these readings.

Raymond Webster, *Rector*

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From Our Curate



Summer is finally here ... which I'm almost afraid to say, given the long and chilly spring we've had! While I'm looking forward to a more relaxed pace, and the chance to really hunker down and prepare for the fall, I will miss seeing many of you. Lots of families and individuals spend time traveling and living elsewhere during these months, and many of the kids won't return until September. Here are some ideas to keep us all connected during the summer ...

1. *Mix it up*—If you're used to worshipping at the 9:00 AM service, consider bringing the whole family to check out the 11:00 AM service. We have organ, a soloist, and this summer Ray and I will be preaching from Genesis (pretty intense stuff). You may want to check out the lectionary page (<http://www.lectionarypage.net/>) and find out if there's a particular set of readings you want to be here for. The 8:00 AM and 5:15 PM are also great ways to worship thoughtfully and meet wonderful people. If kids' schedules are an issue, consider swapping Sundays with your partner: one of you gets away for an hour to come to the early or late service, and the other one takes a turn later on.

2. *Get contemplative*—Prayer, meditation, studying sacred texts ... these can go with you anywhere. Make a habit of reading, being mindful, or saying your prayers at a particular time every day, or in a particular place. Create some family practices, like reading a Psalm before bed or saying one of the collects from *The Book of Common Prayer* together before meals or before trips.

3. *Make new friends*—Wherever you are, visit a church in the area. Pay attention to how they worship and what you like about it. If you already have a church home-away-from-home, enjoy spending time with them and come back to us with stories and ideas.

4. *Visit us*—We'll be here! Drop by if you are on a walk, or running errands nearby. Call if you want to have a cup of coffee or lunch. And if you have little ones who need a Church School fix, we can set up a time to explore the classrooms.

Be safe, be prayerful, and be happy this summer.

Outreach / Wider Mission

Cooking for Deborah's Place

Coordinated by Noma Cave, kitchen help and delivery persons are always needed and your involvement can be as little as once a year, or as often as each month for this outreach activity. We also need a grocery shopper (having a car helps for this activity). Newcomers to St. Chrysostom's are invited to join! Call Noma Cave at 312-475-1183 (home) or 312-942-5182 (office) to join this activity. Cooking dates for the summer are Thursday, June 16; Thursday, July 14; and Thursday, August 18.

Neighbors in Need

Neighbors in Need dinners continue through the summer months. The Planning Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month. Volunteers are welcome to join in cooking, serving, visiting with the guests, and clean-up activities. Call the church office to become involved in this outreach ministry. Neighbors in Need dinners are scheduled for Tuesday, June 21; Tuesday, July 19; and Tuesday, August 16.

Draw us
✠ IN THE ✠
Spirit's tether

Community Life

Benedict Varnum Reaches Next Step Towards Ordination

We are delighted to inform you that Ben Varnum has been made a Postulant by Bishop Jeffrey Lee. This is the next official step towards ordination in our diocese, God willing. He has been assigned to a summer internship at Church of the Holy Nativity in Clarendon Hills. We will keep you posted about news of the next steps on Ben's journey.

Gift for Charles Murphy

Since Charles Murphy has finished his time with us in the role of Lay Youth Minister, we want to give a him a tangible sign of our gratitude in addition to all the personal words of thanks that we expressed on May 22. The Vestry invites those who wish to donate to a purse to be given to Charles to either place checks in the collection plate or mail them to the church address, made payable to St. Chrysostom's Church and clearly marked "Charles Murphy gift." Thank you. —Raymond Webster

Nursery Care

Sunday morning childcare is on hiatus for the summer but will resume in the fall.

Music at St. Chrysostom's

Children's Choirs Awards

May 22 was a festive Sunday for our Children's Choirs—we awarded certificates and medals in the Royal School of Church Music's Training Scheme.

Training Choir

Choirmaster's Award (for highest point total for the year): Genevieve Fershee

First Year Certificate

Genevieve Fershee
Alex Rodgers
Sophie Rodgers

Second Year Certificate

Ainsley Heaton
Jonathan Kolovos
Anna Mathy
Sophia Matchett
Kate Pickford

Third Year Certificate

Emily Hoppenworth
Gretchen Matzke
Camille Simmons

Advanced Choir

Certificates of Special Recognition (for participation in both Training Choir and Advanced Choir): Audrey Matzke, Isabel Simmons

Head Chorister for 2011-2012: Georgia Dettmann

Choirmaster's Award (for highest point total for the year and overall chorister achievement for the year): Leah Antonatos

St. Cecilia Award (for excellence in singing, sightsinging, and achievement): Sofia Shimpi

Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) Achievement Medals (ribbon color signifying level of achievement)

Light Blue Ribbon

Audrey Matzke
Isabel Simmons

Dark Blue Ribbon

Leah Antonatos
Elizabeth Bryant

Red Ribbon

Georgia Dettmann
Olivia Johnston
Michael Kolovos
Sofia Shimpi



The Choir of St. Chrysostom's, The Advanced Children's Choir, and The Children's Training Choir all participated in providing music leadership on Sunday, May 22, 2011 at the 11 o'clock service. (photo courtesy Richard Hoskins)



Music at St. Chrysostom's

Concerts at St. Chrysostom's

You're sure to be intrigued and delighted by our next season of concerts. Organ concerts, organ and brass, a consort of Viols, glorious singing, and more! Dates will be announced very soon.

Fête d'Alain: We celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of French composer Jehan Alain with a gala concert played by organists David Schrader, Roger Stanley and Richard Hoskins. Richard will be joined by soprano Lindsay Metzger in presenting some of Alain's vocal music.

Viols & Voices: Verse Anthems by Tudor and Restoration composers, members of the Choir directed by Richard Hoskins, accompanied by a consort of Viols and strings led by Craig Trompeter.

Royal Chapels & Convents: The cloistered world of privilege: exquisite music from the Santa Cristini Convent (Bologna) written by Lucrezia Orsina Vizzana, a 17th century Italian nun, and glorious music by Couperin and Charpentier written for the Nuns of Port Royal and Longchamp.

Gaudete Brass Quintet: GBQ returns for more festive music for organ and brass and will also feature some unusual instrumental pairings: tuba and organ, trombone and organ.

The Callipygian Players: Chicago's exciting early music ensemble returns with their unique and diverting repertoire.

Glorious Voices: The marvelous singers of our Choir are heard in excerpts from opera, Broadway, and cabaret.

The Parish Recital: Our Parish Recital will again feature the marvelous talents of parish musicians.

Chorister News

Several members of our Choir are making important appearances this summer. Lindsay Metzger makes her Grant Park Orchestra debut as the soloist in the Fauré *Requiem*, performances are July 21-23. Angela Young Smucker appears as soloist with the Oregon Bach Festival, under the direction of Helmut Rilling, and with the Bach Collegium San Diego. Marcus Shields is singing with Chataouqua Opera. Justin Adair is appearing in six productions in summer stock with College Light Opera Company on Cape Cod.

Summer Sundays Music

Members of The Choir of St. Chrysostom's will be heard as soloists during the 11 o'clock Sunday liturgies in June, July and August. They will also enhance the congregational singing at the 9 o'clock Family Eucharist in June. We hope you will enjoy hearing these singers in a solo capacity and will take a moment to greet them personally at the end of the service.



An Organ Debut

Griffin Bryant, who has been studying organ with Richard Hoskins, made his organ debut on Whitsunday, playing the Prelude at the 11:00 AM Eucharist. Grif played three pieces, and played beautifully. Congratulations to Grif!



Save the Date!!

Remember “The Power of Your Possessions” event last year? It’s back and it’s bigger and better than ever. “The Power of Your Possessions II: Rugs, Jewelry, Fine and Decorative Arts, Books and Photographs” will be held at St. Chrysostom’s from 4–8 PM Tuesday, October 4, 2011. Our renowned keynote speaker is Sarah Reed, Director from the Joel Oppenheimer Gallery. There will be verbal appraisals by five certified appraisers. Tickets will be limited. For more information contact: Andrea Hosbein (312-972-7828 or Ahosbein@aol.com) or Colleen Kamin (312-640-0203 or DrKamin@aol.com).

Episcopal Relief and Development

Many Saint Chrysostom’s parishioners have donated for years to Episcopal Relief and Development (ER-D). I am happy to report that this wonderful organization is thriving. Ray and I were pleased to be invited to a dinner in Lake Forest in conjunction with the board meeting of ER-D. It was held at the home of Quintin Primo and his wife Diane, longtime friends and benefactors of the Episcopal Church. The Presiding Bishop (along with lots of other bishops!) was present. We came away newly impressed with the breadth of ER-D’s activities. The name is significant. Not only does ER-D focus on disaster relief, both in the US and abroad, but also on long-term development projects. Tornado relief in our Midwest and voter education in the Sudan are among its many projects. Don’t take my word for it. Check out www.er-d.org for reports, testimonials, pictures and more. —Eve Webster



Deacon Notes

I have been asked many times “What is the function of a permanent deacon?” I hope this article provides helpful information for you.

There are three distinct orders of ordained ministers: bishops, priests, and deacons. Deacons, in addition to assisting bishops and priests in their ministries, have a special responsibility to minister in Christ’s name to the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the helpless (*The Book of Common Prayer*, page 510). Deacons are directly under the authority of their bishop who generally assigns them to a parish/mission at the request and consent of the local rector, vicar, or priest-in-charge who is the supervisor of the deacon’s work. The deacon enters into a written agreement (covenant) with the parish or mission and with the bishop and may be reassigned at any time.

Deacons are to have a regular parish connection where they function on Sundays. Some of the traditional functions of a deacon include:

- Emphasizing the place of the Gospel in the liturgy (specifically, carry the Gospel Book in procession, place it in a prominent place, read the Gospel).
- When asked to deliver sermons, their sermons should focus on servanthood and service within the community and/or the mission of the Church in the world.
- Bringing the needs of the world to the Church (which may include supervising the Prayers of the People), and encouraging the people to bring the needs of which they are aware to the attention of the community.
- At the Offertory, the deacon customarily prepares the table and receives the gifts.
- The deacon is the minister of the chalice and may administer the bread when needed.
- The deacon customarily pronounces the dismissal of the congregation at the end of the liturgy.
- The deacon customarily carries the Paschal candle in procession at the Easter Vigil and for Baptisms and for funerals.
- The deacon may lead the prayers for the candidates and other parts of the service where appropriate for Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception at services of Christian Initiation. The deacon’s role on these occasions is indicated within the rubrics of *The Book of Common Prayer* and other diocesan publications. Deacons may lead the Liturgy of the Hours and officiate at burials. Under special circumstances and with the permission of the Bishop, deacons may officiate at weddings and baptisms.

I sincerely hope that this gives a better understanding of the importance of the permanent deacon in the life of a parish church and that we do more than just dress up and look pretty in a collar and vestments.

— The Rev. Larry A. Green, *Deacon*

Community Life

Scenes from our Parish Picnic on May 22



Fiesta 2011 Update

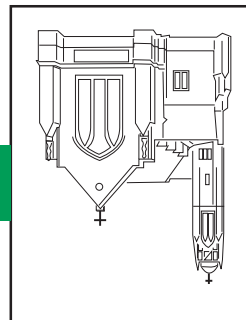


As of Thursday, June 9, the May 13 Fiesta has raised \$23,076. After covering expenses for the event, \$1,000 has been given to Cristo Rey Episcopal Parish here in Chicago for their kids to go to summer camp; \$16,609.18 will go to the mission of the Anglican Diocese of Southeast Mexico. The auction included a Fund-A-Need item in which \$1,250 was raised to ensure our own parish Sunday nursery care. Our deepest thanks go to the donors, those who attended, and the hard-working committee members!



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