

*May God bless St. Stephen's  
Parish, and use her to His glory.*

# INSIGHT

Advent 2010

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## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will host the Schuylerville area ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 21, at 3:00 p.m. All in the area are welcome. Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the area Food Pantry.

With the Reverend John Kettlewell offering the welcome and opening prayers, clergy from the Roman Catholic, Reformed, and Methodist churches will participate in the service. St. Stephen's organist Doug Bischoff will play the church's original Jardine tracker organ and will accompany soprano Sariah Patrick in solos for the prelude, introit and offering. The congregation will join in singing familiar Thanksgiving hymns. The offering will go to the community Emergency Relief Fund.

The normal Thanksgiving Day service will be held at St. Stephen's Church on Thursday, November 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

## SAFER Helps Meet Community Needs

Schuylerville Area Food and Emergency Relief (SAFER), a new, non-profit organization, is now operating the Food Pantry to serve the greater Schuylerville area, which encompasses the Schuylerville School District. The pantry is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 to noon. The Food Pantry's number is (518) 260-4779.

The pantry provides people who fill out a registration form with three days' worth of food — nine meals — including canned goods, frozen meat and bread. People  
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**Newsletter Deadlines:**

L/HW/E	Feb. 10, 2011
Pentecost	May 10, 2011
Advent	Nov. 10, 2011

## Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends,  
Advent is the season of the Christian year when we anticipate the coming of the Lord. One aspect of its meaning is our looking forward to commemorating on Christmas the coming of the Lord into the world in the stable in Bethlehem. A more complex aspect of the Advent anticipation has to do with what has been called the "Second Coming" of the Lord or the coming of the Lord in final judgment. Because passages in the Holy Scriptures that refer to this "Second Coming" - passages rich with myth and symbol, passages that lack any kind of consistency among them - are so obscure, it is not easy to arrive at a clear understanding of what that is all about. Traditionally the complexities have been reduced to anticipating our meeting with the Lord and His Kingdom in relation to our passing from this life. However the understanding of the Advent meaning as having to do with the end of things misses a very important and wonderful reality that I hope all who call themselves Christians can discover, which is that the Lord can come to us at any time. His Advent can be for us in the midst of prayer, in the midst of formal worship in church, and especially in the midst of our times of terrible need, or fear, or loss. The Lord is - to use a quote you hear often from me - "Nearer to us than we are to ourselves" (St. Irenaeus). All we have to do is to call on Him, or perhaps just to look, just to listen, to discover Him coming to us in our own personal lives. Advent can be anytime for you and for me!



*(Fr) John Kettlewell*

## Notes from the Vestry

I do not know how a year has gone by already. We have done a lot of work and there is more to do. By the time you read this, the final stage of the eight year process of repairing the stained glass windows, we love so much, will be completed. The Parish House and all the trim on the Church have been painted. The entrance to the Parish House has also been updated.

Next year's list is ever growing. The Parish House roof may be the top of the list. Repair or replace? We have foundation work to be completed so the kitchen floor can be level, before remodeling the kitchen. With energy costs ever rising, more insulation could be used in the Parish House attic and under the floor in the Church. Anyone know a steeple jack?

Bonnie Mundy is completing her first year as treasurer. Together, with her right hand assistant Frank (Clyde); they are doing a great job. We are financially sound. Vestry positions up for re-election this year are, Don Stewart Sr. Warden, Marsha Garnsey Jr. Warden, Alex Czuhanich. HollyAnn and Jim Carbino keep us plugged into the multimedia world. Martha Sherman-Czuhanich is our representative to the Food Pantry. Libby Holmes meets monthly with the Ecumenical Council. Valerie Munson-Drohobycky is active with the Chamber and the Hudson Crossings groups. The more we are involved in our community, the more the community knows about us. Spread the word!!

Annual meeting will be December 12. See you there!!

[Check out our website!](#)

[www.episcopalchurch-schuylerville.org](http://www.episcopalchurch-schuylerville.org)

## Schedule of Events

Holy Eucharist – Traditional language service, 8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist & Sunday School – 9:00 AM

Both services are followed by Coffee Hour.

Ecumenical services will be announced at regular services.

### November 2010

11/1 All Saints' Day

**11/21 Ecumenical Service @ 3PM**

11/25 Thanksgiving Day Service @ 10AM

11/30 Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

### December 2010

12/24 Christmas Eve Service @ 7PM

12/25 Christmas Day Service @ 10AM

12/27 Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

12/28 Holy Innocents

12/29 Feast of St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr (transf.)

### January 2011

1/1 New Year's Day

1/6 The Epiphany

1/18 Confession of St. Peter

1/25 Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

### February 2011

2/2 The Presentation

2/24 Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

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## Potluck Parish



# SAFER Helps Meet Community Needs

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are allowed to visit the food pantry six times each year to meet their emergency food needs. The food pantry is affiliated with the Northeast Regional Food Bank and gets its food from there and from donations and drives held by the Boy and Girl Scouts, the Post Office, churches, and other organizations, including the Schuylerville Central School students, faculty, and administrators.

The Emergency Relief Fund provides assistance to area families and individuals on a one-time basis for paying rent, utilities, and other bills. It is funded by offerings at the Thanksgiving and ecumenical Lenten services and by donations from charitable individuals and businesses. Martha Sherman-Czuhanich has offered to represent St. Stephen's on the SAFER board. The Emergency Relief telephone, monitored around the clock, is (518) 744-3392.

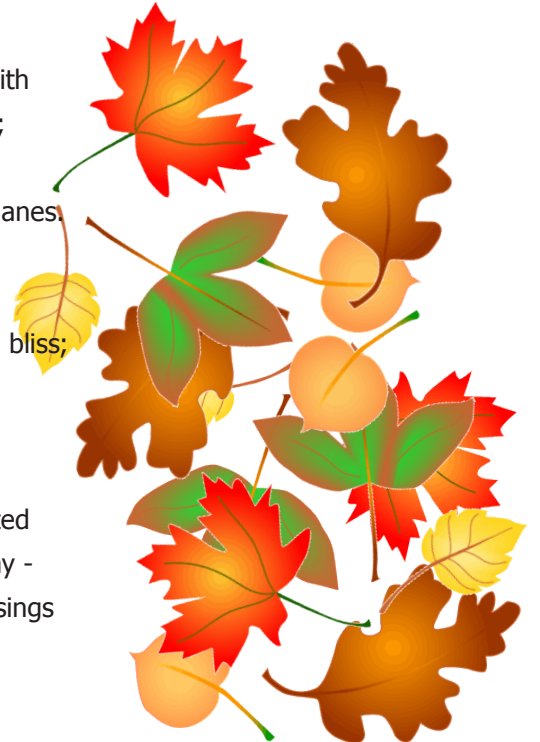
## Autumn Praise



It always seems to restore my Faith  
So I look forward to Autumn rain;  
It happily beams blessings to me  
Walking under wet-dripping tree lanes.

In November rain I'd love to stay  
To me it holds such Thanksgiving bliss;  
It seems to elegantly wash away  
Every melancholy gray mist.

It makes me feel warmly connected  
To my dear Creator each rainy day -  
It's then I thank God for my blessings  
And I give Him Autumn Praise.



- The Rev. Douglas Raymond Rose, Grand Prairie, Texas

## Seventy Years

By the time the average person reaches seventy, about 23 years of life will have been spent in bed. Other estimates of how most of us spend our waking hours during those seventy years are:

- 11 years working
- 8 years in hobbies and leisure activities
- 6 years eating
- 5 years bathing and grooming
- 4 years being educated
- 3 years talking
- 2 years reading
- 6 months in worship

Maybe Sunday worship isn't so long as it seems after all.

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## Got a Function?

Please keep in mind that the church and parish house are available for your family functions and outside organizations. Just let someone on the Vestry know if you want to book an event.

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Mail this Stained Glass Window Renovation Campaign form to:

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
1 Grove Street  
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Make the check out to:

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

and put "Stained Glass Window Fund" on the Memo line.

Your donation is fully tax deductible.

Thank you for your generous support!

## 2011 Phone Book

We are looking to publish a new Phone Book. The last one is 15 years old.

If you receive this newsletter you are on our list.

If you don't want your contact information listed, please get in touch with Don Stewart at [dstewar5@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dstewar5@nycap.rr.com) or call 695.6061.

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