



**St. Michael's Messenger**

August/September 2010

**It's Picnic Time!**



**National Night  
Out Picnic  
August 3**

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**Deanery Picnic  
August 22**

# VICAR'S

In The Beginning...

The Bible starts with these words. John's Gospel starts with them also. They are the point of truth that there was a beginning and not a mere accident of science. There was a moment when it all started; and God was there! That's the point. That is why these words were written.

What about bringing it a little closer to home? You had a beginning. I had a beginning. Those tiny cells began to 'knit' and God clothed a human soul with your body and you became you. You are unique and on the journey of your life. The millions of experiences that make your memories and choices, your sense of style and taste, your emotions and experiences makes you, you.

You didn't happen in a vacuum either. There was Mom and Dad and your grandparents. Perhaps you had brothers and sisters, perhaps you still do. What about all those friends along the years? Some have remained steadfast and others have come and gone, each leaving memories and each having touched your life. No matter how long or short a period of time they did something that changed our lives.

We are, each one of us saints and we are each one of us sinners, just like everyone else. We love and hate, become angry and joyful just like everyone else.

# VIEW

Marriages are made of the trust of individuals that they can be who they are together, but with a good deal of give and take. Too often we forget that God is right there in the middle of the muddle. God was there in the beginning of each of us and is with us along the way. That's why we're a Church!

God is with us, and we share the journey of our lives and the questions of how to live and what we believe. The church is a society of saints and sinners who bump along in this life and try to serve each other and all those other human beings out there we call "neighbors", "the community" or those other "people" out there. As individuals we can get terribly lost on the way. The whole point of being church is to point the way and to help people discover the chance to start over. The chance to change and start anew in more Godly directions is ours no matter how old we may be.

Well, as a church, its time to start a new direction. It will be September, school supplies are vanishing from store shelves, people are learning new things and heading off to new parts of their journey. It's time for a new beginning. As individual Christians let's focus on the presence of the Holy Spirit in others. As a parish let's start focusing on those who are not part of the church.

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## Daniel Mogavero Update

Danny has his appetite back and is eating again -  
a great step in his recovery.

More importantly, a recent MRI has shown that  
the treatment not only is stopping  
the progression of the condition,  
but it is actually improving - something they were  
not expecting, but are thrilled to see.

Our prayers appear to be working,  
so please keep it up.

To keep track of Danny's progress, use the web  
address below:

[www.caringbridge.org/visit/danielmogavero.](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/danielmogavero)

A Chinese Auction is being held  
Sunday, August 22, 2010  
12:30 - 4:30 pm  
St. Andrew's R.C. Church  
34 Francis St.  
Sloan, NY 14212

For more info contact:  
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**Dreams for Danny Benefit**

An evening of entertainment, hope and love .  
Saturday September 11, 2010

Banchetti's Grove  
550 N. French  
Amherst, NY 14229

Your \$50 donation includes:

5:00 - 6:00: Wine tasting, Gourmet Foods, and desserts  
7:00 - 9:00: JOURNEYS - A Broadway Style Cabaret Show  
9:00 - 10:00: Silent Auction & Raffle Draw

(Raffle items include a 50" TV,  
an Amazon Kindle, and an iPod Nano 16G)  
Raffle tickets are available prior to and during the event.  
(Cash Bar throughout)

For more info send an email to:  
dreamsfordanny@gmail.com

At the last Vestry Meeting a vote passed  
that this year's Oktoberfest proceeds  
would be designated to benefit Danny.  
Please mark your calendars for  
October 2nd and plan to join us.  
More to follow in  
next month's Messenger.





**The Judges Row Block Club  
will again be sponsoring  
The National Night Out picnic on  
Tuesday, August 3 at 6:00 pm  
here at St. Michael's Church.**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:**

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and soda  
will be provided.**

**Join in and support  
The community!**

## Annual Deanery Picnic

The deanery picnic this year will be on  
Sunday, August 22, 2010  
at 12:00 noon  
at Shelter # 2 in Steiglemeyer Park  
on Losson Rd. in Cheektowaga

There is no Eucharist  
during the picnic this year,  
just fun and fellowship.

Hot dogs will be provided by the deanery.  
Please bring a dish to share  
And your choice of beverage.

The park has play areas for kids  
and hiking trails for all ages.



*Congratulations*  
*Kerwin & Nancy Axford*  
*July 10, 2010*





*Trinity Bookstore*  
*Trinity Church, Hamburg*

*Spring Titles from*  
*Church Publishing*



*Personal Prayer Books*  
*For Confirmation*

*Bible Story*  
*board books*  
*for children*



*261 East Main St.*  
*Hamburg, NY 14075*  
*Parish Administrator: 649-2613*

*We accept cash or checks*



Just for Laughs  
**Unanswered Questions**



- ◆ If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge would they call it Fed Up?
- ◆ Do Lipton tea employees take coffee breaks?
- ◆ What hair color do they put on the driver's license of bald men?
- ◆ Ever wonder what the speed of lightening would be if it didn't zigzag?
- ◆ If a cow laughed, would milk come out her nose?
- ◆ If 4 out of 5 people suffer from diarrhea, does that mean that one enjoys it?
- ◆ If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

## August Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1     **Mike Ham**  
      **Kelly Mogavero**
- 7     **Debbie DiLiberto**  
      **Alice Frueh**
- 8     **Mary Marshall**
- 10    **Tina Gardinier**
- 17    **Willam & Marjorie Blarr**
- 19    **Bob & Carol Weekley**
- 20    **Bill Blarr**
- 22    **Dave Noonan**
- 23    **Carol Shatzel**
- 26    **Shirley Gardinier**
- 29    **Mildred Spencer Sanes**



## Please Keep in Prayers

Eve David, Dennis DiLiberto, Norma Fox, Marge Lang, Mildred Sanes, Norma Miranda, Helen Neubert, Virginia Bradley, Peg James, Chris Stalling, John Garske, Marion Wolford, Joe Poltorak, Peg Gorczyca, Gladys Meacham, Isabel Gardinier, Glenda Sundin, Gloria Butler, Logan Godar, Norma Crump, Fabian Catalano, Daniel Mogavero.

Please let us know if someone needs to be added or removed from the prayer list.

## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 5**    **Gordon Allen**  
      **Patricia Herd**
- 7**    **Torrey Weekley**  
      **Kieth Weekley**
- 9**    **Dennis & Debbie DiLiberto**
- 10**   **Charles & Tina Gardinier**
- 12**   **Tabitha Noonan**
- 18**   **Gordon & Molly Allen**
- 19**   **Jack & Loretta Bidell**
- 24**   **Carol Weekley**  
      **John Paul Gardinier II**
- 28**   **Eve David**
- 29**   **Ed Gorczyca**  
      **Brendon Gorczyca**



### Canaan House - Cheektowaga, NY

Please continue to remember to support  
Canaan House on a regular basis.  
Female personal care items,  
cleaning supplies, paper products  
and food are always in need.  
Consider buying that buy 1 get 1 item  
that you only need one of  
and donating the other.  
Your support is always greatly appreciated.

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Let's begin on the right foot and ask Almighty God to be with us, and the Holy Spirit to guide us in God's way, not "my way". We want to grow here at St. Michael's. My hunch is that neighbors will be attracted by who and what is here, not who or what we wish were here.

Our parishioners seem to be card-carrying members of "AARP", so why not interest our neighbors in a variety of activities that would be attractive? Day trips, days of renewal, dinner and a movie at church, an early Sunday dinner might be attractive. There's a new beginning and it's ours as a gift from God. So what are we waiting for? It's time to begin.

Father Jack



✠ **St. Michael and All Angels Information** ✠  
*Come worship with us*

**Sunday:** 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Rev. John A. Marshall, Vicar home: 434-3597  
Rev. Shirley Trail, Deacon home: 892-1563  
Linda Seitz, Music Minister home: 693-2037

**Office Information:**

Tabitha Noonan, Secretary  
Mary Marshall, Temporary Secretary  
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Office Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:00 - 5:00 pm  
*Other times by appointment*

2010 VESTRY		
Sr. Warden:	Jack Bidell	832-0598
Jr. Warden:	Bob Weekley	897-3722
Class of 2010:	Sharon Schlossin	833-8134
	Bruce Von Hasslen	822-5995
Class of 2011:	Shirley Gardinier	896-8165
	Ed Gorczyca	392-9771
Class of 2012:	John Neubert	713-7080
	Larry Schlossin	833-8134

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