

# REGENT OF THE SUN

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Kathy Ankiewicz:  
Parish Secretary,  
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## Kathy Ankiewicz to Retire September 15

**By Fr. Russell A. Griffin, SSC**

Kathy Ankiewicz has announced that she plans to retire effective September 15, 2011. For 21 years Kathy has faithfully served St. Uriel's as our Parish Secretary and has worked with three Rectors during her tenure.

Several years ago Kathy and Rich bought a condo in Naples, Florida close to Bobbie and Ray Wassmer. Now they will be able to enjoy their condo for longer times and when in New Jersey spend more time with their two daughters, son-in-law and two

grandsons. Lisa and her husband live in Middletown, NJ, with their two sons, Nicholas 4 and Christopher 3. Marrisa will begin her new teaching job in the Lakewood school district in September.

Kathy and Rich started planning for retirement when they left their home of 30 years in Point Pleasant and moved to the Fairways in Lakewood.

All of us at St. Uriel's will miss Kathy. She is welcoming, warm and friendly to all visitors entering through the

office doors. This is an essential gift of ministry since Kathy is often the first person a visitor meets when coming to St. Uriel's. She has been an outstanding, conscientious secretary, one who has always been very dependable. One of Kathy's best qualities is her ability to maintain confidentiality.

As has been the practice to hire outside of the parish, the search process for a new Secretary is well under way.

# Thoughts from the Rector “One Nation Under God”

By Fr. Russell A. Griffin, SSC

You may recall that in June NBC began its coverage of the PGA US Open with the Pledge of Allegiance omitting the line, “one nation under God.” NBC was inundated with phone calls and e-mails expressing the outrage felt by many viewers. I was pleased to see the reaction, but it should be noted that this simple little phrase is more than pious sentiment.

“One nation under God” is a phrase that identifies us as a nation which receives its ethical and moral standards from God. Without a “higher power who is beyond our human understanding”, we are then left to our own devices. From there, we enter into anarchy.

The phrase “one nation under God” indicates that we are held under a criterion above that of any individual or one group of individuals. God is the criterion of truth and justice. If we do not recognize that God is the criterion of truth and justice, then we open the doors to oppression, domination and tyranny.

One need only to consider some of the evil regimes in our recent history. Hitler, Stalin, and Pol Pot, were all tyrants who set themselves up as the arbiters of ethical and moral truth. Since the only criterion of truth and justice was the will of the dictator, evil became the way of life causing the torture and death of millions.

America, in her history, declared her independence from a tyrannical King. Our particular form of government was instituted with certain checks and balances in order to prevent such things from happening. There were those colonialists who wanted to make George Washington a King or Emperor. Washington understood

the danger of a person with absolute power. In the words of Lord Acton, “Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.” Mercifully, Washington declined the offer.

In this country today, we find ourselves moving towards a society that sets itself up as the criterion of truth and justice. Over 40 million children have been aborted, many through partial birth abortion. About a year ago, I listened to a panel discussion on the BBC. One panelist put forth the proposition that parents should be able to legally kill their baby up to two years of age since “the baby has no sense of itself as a person.” This terrifying proposition becomes plausible when man becomes the criterion of ethical and moral law. At the other end of the lifespan, the elderly become at risk if man is the arbiter of truth and justice. Listen to the discussions centering on the high cost of medical resources given to the elderly.

These are just a few examples of the dangers we face when God is marginalized. Who will save us from ourselves?

Unlike the rulers of Egypt and Rome and other various ancient empires, who set themselves up as gods or tyrants, Israel’s kings understood themselves under God’s authority. They rule at God’s pleasure. Many



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**The Right Honourable Lord Acton**

of them were corrupt and sinners, however they knew that the ethical and moral authority was not theirs, but belonged to God. When the king of Israel or Israel as a nation went awry, it was the role of the biblical prophet to point the nation back to God! The prophet becomes a warning or a check against a king who turns away from God.

Keeping the phrase, “one nation under God” reminds us of the truth that God is the criterion of ethical and moral law. This truth saves us from ourselves and from from tyranny.

A little golf trivia. When Ken Venturi won the US Open in 1964, he did so by playing 36 holes on Saturday since they chose not to play on Sunday. In 1965 the tournament started playing on Sunday.



Herman Pfeifer

## Herman Pfeifer to Retire in September 30

By Fr. Russell A. Griffin, SSC

After serving as custodian for St. Uriel's for eight years Herman Pfeifer will be retiring at the end of September. During that time, Herman has faithfully served our congregation. Herman was always eager to lend a hand, be it for the Rummage Sale, Vacation Bible School or the Holiday Bazaar. His willingness to support the people

and ministries of St. Uriel's has been of great value and importance to the Parish. He will be greatly missed by the Congregation and Staff of St. Uriel's. Herman enjoy your well deserved retirement.



Nursery School students receiving the Ashes on Ash Wednesday 2011.

## St. Uriel's Pre-School

By Barbara M. Pfeifer, Director

Saint Uriel's Pre-School provides a caring, warm and stress free environment in which your child will learn that school is a happy and fun-filled place to be. Our curriculum socially, academically, physically and spiritually will prepare your child for a successful transition into kindergarten.

St. Uriel's Pre-School had another successful year. On Thursday, June 9, six Pre-Kindergarten children graduated (up from three last year) and will attend Kindergarten in the

Fall. The Graduation Program was a good time for all who attended.

At present, we have increased our enrollment from 21 students to 29. (14 Pre-Kindergarten and 15 Pre-School children.)

Our school is also blessed to have a dedicated staff [Bea Meli and Dorrie Heil - aides], who are enthusiastic and assist in making St. Uriel's Pre-School a success. It is heart warming to see all the children enter the school with joy, curiosity and the desire to learn exhibited on their faces.

## Estate of Wanda Kremenz Leaves \$8,000 to St. Uriel's

By Fr. Russell A. Griffin, SSC

Wanda Kremenz, a long time parishioner, of St. Uriel's named St. Uriel's as a beneficiary in her estate. Her estate designated St. Uriel's to receive \$8,000 which will be added to the Foundation.

In the last years of her life, Wanda was on our pastoral visitation list and regularly received the Eucharist.

Over the past few years, several parishioners have remembered St.

Uriel's in their will. A few years ago St. Uriel's f received \$50,000 rom the Boland Estate. Recently, we have been named in the estate of Col. Powell. In this estate, St. Uriel's has been named with a number of other fine institutions. [More details to follow.]

I encourage parishioners when making out their wills to consider including St. Uriel's.



When making an Estate, give some prayerful consideration about naming St. Uriel's in your Will.

# Lou Grossi - Canon Hulbert Scholarship Award

The recipients of this year's Lou Grossi - Canon Hulbert Scholarship Award for 2011 went to MaryKate Cavagnaro, Michael Jurewicz, and Jimmy Webster. Over the next two years, MaryKate will be attending Brookdale Community College, Michael will be attending Ocean County Community College and Jimmy will be attending the University of Charleston.

All applicants for the scholarship must be active members in the life of the parish and write a 250 word two part essay on, "How have your years at St. Uriel's been pivotal to your walk with the Lord? While attending college, how to you intend to nurture your spiritual life in Christ?"

[Essays below are in alphabetical order by the last name of recipient.]

## Essay Number 1 MaryKate Cavagnaro

I've been a member of St. Uriel's since long before I can remember and it will always hold a place in my heart. I've come full circle within this church, from being a member of Sunday school to teaching VBS classes. One could say that I've done it all. Our congregation has become like a closely-knit family to me and I will be forever grateful for that. When most people say they attend church, they go once or twice a year with their heads down and their hands crossed. Unfortunately for them, they will never experience all of the important lessons that I

have learned. I've learned history and all about our Lord from countless years of Sunday school and teaching VBS, but one thing that they could never quite teach was how to be me. I had a hard time finding myself; I did a lot of changing before I finally settled down as the person I am today. If it were not for the family of the church, I would be a very different person. I used to think church was just a place mom would drag me off to very early each Sunday but I learned that it was quite the contrary. I have learned acceptance, patience and love through our Lord. Church has made me a better person over all. I've

also met my fair share of amazing people at our church. They have always been extraordinarily kind and loving towards me. The parishioners have become a family and I will always stay close to them.

Since I will be attending Brookdale Community College, I will be staying home for the first two years. This will allow me to continue my regular attendance at church each Sunday. I also plan to return as a VBS teacher and help with serving on the Altar. I intend to continue helping with our youth group and making sure that it stays as cool as it is now!



MaryKate Cavagnaro

## Essay Number 2 Michael Jurewicz

Throughout the years of serving up at the altar at St Uriel's, I've gained an understanding of devotion and dedication. I've learned about Jesus Christ, His life, His bonds with God, and the relationship between humanity and heaven,

entirely through the church. Because of the time spent on so many Sunday's, I've been able to comprehend and acknowledge sacrifice and the true meaning behind Jesus putting Himself on the Cross for our sins. I've applied what I learned to my everyday life and will continue to do so. I know we all make mistakes and I will

always forgive others for things they do or things they say.

In the future I still plan to serve on the altar when possible and still attend church. I even feel that keeping me present in St Uriel's itself will also prove beneficial to those of the younger generations. I feel

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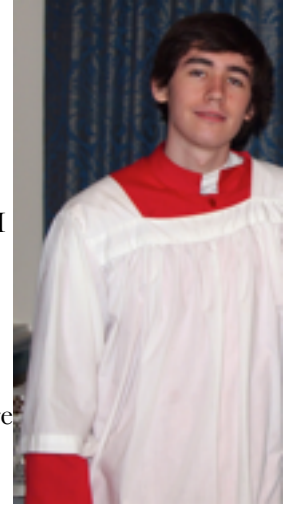
passing what I've learned onto them is another way of strengthening my own ties. Had it not been for my parents, I really wouldn't know much to begin with and I feel it's necessary to give back and overall move others with me. No one should strive alone since everyone needs guidance at one point or another.

Admittedly, I don't pray as often as I should, but that doesn't mean I don't. Since I was a kid I'd always say my prayers every so often, whether it's because I had a

good day, or a bad day, or I'm unhappy, or just for me to find inner peace. Even as I grow up and move on through college, I know I'll still be saying them. Although it's very far into the future, I plan to stay religious and with the church, mainly because I'm faithful. There's no reason not to be and it's what I've grown up and started with. And, if some day I find myself with a family, I feel it'd be necessary to introduce my own kids into my faith because they deserve to learn what I've learned and

enjoy the same equality of happiness from it.

Lastly, if not most importantly, I feel St Uriel's is a family to me. As a community they've opened their arms towards me and I know there will be darker times in my future to come. If there's someone I need that could help me or listen to me, I know they'll be there for me and I know I'll be in their prayers. As a part of that community, I feel it's my responsibility to do the same for them, and still do what I can to help.



**Michael Jurewicz**

**Essay Number 3  
Jimmy Webster**

Being a member of Saint Uriel's Episcopal Church has helped me find Jesus in many different ways. Also being a part of the Youth Group for the past several years has helped me keep in touch with the Lord. On the 3 mission trips I have been on, I saw and did things that I never thought I would. On my first mission trip I witnessed a poor woman who was missing all of her limbs. As the week went on I learned from her that even though she had been disadvantaged all her life because of her missing limbs, it hadn't stopped her from keeping her connection with Jesus as strong as possible. She taught me that no matter what life throws at you, Jesus will be there time and



**Jimmy Webster**

time again. I have carried this message with me since that week and displayed such as a youth leader on the two trips I attended afterwards. It was her message that led me to believe that Jesus is and always will be looking after us and guiding us as long as we live. It was my experiences in this Youth Group that inspired me to attend Saint Rose High School. This school further deepened my spiritual faith by having prayer before each class and by attending regular mass with my peers.

As I plan to leave the Jersey Shore, the place I've known as home for so long now, I will remember the lessons that being a member of Saint Uriel's has taught me. I will continue my education not only to better my intelligence but also my

spiritual life. I may be far from home while away at college, but I will always remember my roots. I know that being with Jesus is a full-time commitment that goes both ways. When in Charleston, I am anxious to explore the southern parishes of the Episcopal Church. I will continue practicing my faith by attending regular mass at a parish in the historical sects of the city. He will always be there for me, and I will always look to him for guidance through consistent prayer .. No matter how far from my quaint church of Saint Uriel's I am, I will always remember my spiritual upbringing and how I came to be to walk with Jesus. For that I will be forever grateful.

# St. Uriel's to Host Conference in October 20-22, 2011

## Jesus' Ministry Alive Today

In October 20-22, Fr. Michael Flynn will be leading a five session conference here at St. Uriel's. The Seminar will begin Thursday evening [exact time will be forth coming] and run through Saturday evening. More details will be in the next *Regent of the Sun*.

The theme of the conference will be "Jesus' Ministry Alive Today". The five-session conference with FreshWinds Ministry, founded by Fr. Mike Flynn will include:

- Healing Ministry of Jesus
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  - B) Intimacy with Jesus
- Five Step Healing Model
- Inner Healing
- How to discern words of knowledge
- How to organize a healing ministry community
  - A) What happens when healing does not happen
  - B) What hinders healing

FreshWind Ministries was founded by Fr. Flynn in 1985. For its first 11 years, it was an outreach arm of St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Burbank, California. FreshWind was

**"The task in teaching is to present material that honors Scripture without veering into Bible-sounding theories that deal death instead of life."**

**Fr. Michael Flynn**

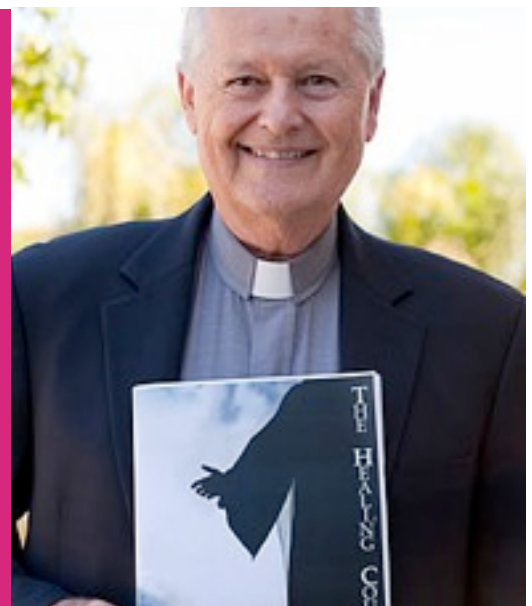
incorporated as a non-profit corporation in 1995, and Fr. Mike began leading the ministry full-time in 1996.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening there will be worship and ministry. The music ministry will be provided by Marjory Parillo who is no stranger to St. Uriel's.

I am very excited about this Conference. Even before we have started advertising, I received an e-mail from a person at Penn State who heard that Fr. Mike was coming to St. Uriel's. This demonstrates his reputation as a teacher and scholar.

We will be needing people to work behind the scenes to make this conference a big success. Anyone interested should call the parish office at 732-449-6173, or contact Fr. Russ.

**"People often ask what it is that FreshWind does. I answer: we teach, model, and impart responsiveness to the Holy Spirit for life and ministry." - Fr. Michael Flynn**



# Vacation Bible School August 1-5

By Becky Latham

This summer our vacation bible school theme is *The Shake It Up Café*. In this kid-friendly café full of chef's hats and aprons, pots and pans, checkered tablecloths, and chalkboard menus, kids explore the Bible as a cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's word. Through interactive lessons, that are easy for kids to apply to their lives today, boys and girls will celebrate biblical festivals that reveal ingredients for being a follower of God. Some of the ingredients include: Be ready for God, Give happily to God, Believe fully in Jesus, Remember Jesus often, and Celebrate God forever.

The dates of this year's VBS are August 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>. It is from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We are currently in prime registration season and will be able to register the children until July 24. Anyone 4 years and older is welcome to come. If you need a registration form please feel free to pick one up from the church office or extra forms are being placed in the back of the church to be filled out. I look forward to going on this adventure with all of you.

I am in need of extra chefs and other activity runners. Anyone that is interested in volunteering to help out as a teacher, aid, or refreshments please contact me at the office, in person, or at [blatham2010@optonline](mailto:blatham2010@optonline).

net. I look forward to working with everyone and to see God's work throughout the week.



Vacation Bible School class, 2010.

## BlueClaws Game August 16

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is sponsoring an evening with the Lakewood BlueClaws. That night, the BlueClaws organization will be promoting, "Faith and Family Night". I have been told that, sometime during the evening, one of the players will publicly share his faith in Jesus Christ. I would certainly want my young child to hear this.

The Brotherhood has purchased a block of 50 tickets to sell for \$8 and *anyone in the parish* is welcome to attend. The game is on

Tuesday night, August 16th, with a 7:05pm start. That night, the BlueClaws will be playing the Delmarva Shorebirds [the farm team of the Baltimore Orioles]. The tickets will be on sale following the Sunday Masses and can also be purchased through the parish office. It will be a fun night. Why not make a family night of it away from the computer!

We are joining the parish of St. Mary's-by-the-Sea in Point Pleasant.





Millie receives a safe and life changing new porch and ramp.



*Pictured above, L to R: Katherine Knipple, Theresa Jurewicz, Katie Pett, Brielle Tiano, Zack Tiano. Pictured in second row, Becky Latham and Father Russ*

## Being the Hands and Feet of God Youth Mission Trip to New Hampshire

By Becky Latham

The goal of every Group Workcamp is to connect your kids and the residents they serve to Jesus. From Bible studies to interdenominational evening programs to devotions and service projects, everything we do is directed toward changing lives. It is so encouraging seeing teenagers of all ages connecting, learning and growing together.

On our mission trip we took apart John 15:5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” Each day we had two times for group devotions to apply these verses to our week up there (with our project members) and how to do this when we get home (with our youth group). The one night that really touched my heart and lots of others at the mission trip when we talked about the label that God gives us verses the label that others give us. Galatians 3:26 says “for you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.” With our faith in Jesus we are labeled as a Child of God and that is the best label we could ever have. We need to be happy that we have that label and continue to be present in the label through everything we do in our lives.

There were 400 people total at the mission trip separated into 68 groups. Some of the services projects that we did were paint inside and outside houses, built walls, porches, ramps, and any other projects that needed to be done around the houses. It was so encouraging to see the kids meet new friends who had the same passion that they had. I know that with each trip like this there are always some things you will never forget and this is one of those times.

We had an amazing and humbling experience throughout the week. Thanks for all the support that we received from the parish and the generous donations that helped our trip become successful. If anyone is interested in going next year with us as a student or chaperone please let me know. I know it will be an experience you will never forget.

We will have an adult forum in the fall with lots of pictures and stories to share from our week. We look forward to telling you more about it.