

Regent of the Sun

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:22, 23

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The priests who are members in the SSC Chapter of St. Athanasius, to which Fr. Crothers, Fr. Myers, and I belong, make our retreat twice a year. During that time, we enter into prayer and reflection where we meet our Lord in the sweet stillness of silence and worship. Daily Mass and the daily Offices are central to any retreat.

While on retreat I had the time to reflect on a CNBC documentary which I recently saw. Tom Brokaw tells the story of one of the most wealthy and influential



Chapel of St. Genevieve's [SSC Retreat]

generations in America; i.e. the baby boomers [of which I am a member]. He describes a generation that went from the poodle skirts to civil rights. This generation was marked by Woodstock, the Vietnam War and three assassinations that rocked the country. Mr. Brokaw

chronicled the extraordinary impact of some 78 million baby boomers and the effect they had on American society over the past six decades. While it is true that the baby boomer generation was excessive in many ways, it has, however, contributed greatly to the fields of medicine, scientific research, the arts, etc.

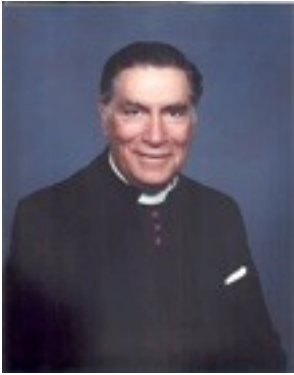
Many of the baby boomers who were interviewed for the documentary did maintain some optimism for the future. However, many of them felt that their retirement would not be as secure as their parent's. They were concerned that their children would not be as affluent as they are, and that subsequent generations would be saddled with debt.

Now why would I be reflecting on this documentary while on retreat?

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CANON JAMES E. HULBERT



Canon James E. Hulbert served as Rector of St. Uriel's from 1971 to 1988. His tenure as Rector is quite remarkable. As Fr. James Simpson noted in his book, *Regent of the Sun*,

Canon Hulbert became Rector during the time when, "...the church, internationally, nationally and locally, was entering a period of disarray and internal divisions that many thought were unequaled since the Reformation." [page 114]. Because of his devotion to supporting young men in their call to the priesthood, Fr. Hulbert received an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Nashotah Theological Seminary. Many new ministries were funded and enhanced by the parish such as a mid-life crisis program which supported counseling in career fulfillment, marital stress, broken relationships, and victims of AIDS. The Foundation was established in 1973. From its initial opening of \$87,000, the Foundation grew to over

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The Summer Liturgy

There can be no higher form of worship than the celebration of the Eucharist. When I served as altar boy, I vividly remember the traditional preparatory prayers at Mass that the priest would pray with us, "I will go unto the altar of God. Even unto the God of my joy and gladness." Have you ever thought about the fact that when the community celebrates the Mass, we all dance with the Lord?

As Christians, we have lost sight of this "going unto the God on my joy and gladness." The world has now intruded upon God's sacred time and space. We need to ask ourselves the question, does the Eucharist restore our lives? Does it give us meaning and purpose, or is it a necessary intrusion into my busy day to day life?

When we attend the Eucharist, are we like King David who saw worship as "dancing before the Lord?" This is precisely what David did in 2 Samuel 6.

What does it mean to "dance before the Lord"? The bible understands dancing as the opposite of mourning. To dance

before the Lord means that worshipping God is joyous and touches the soul of the one who worships. Connecting with God causes a person to leap with joy. Being in the presence of God is a powerful and momentous event. So, when we dance before the Lord at Mass, we enter into worship, we enter into His presence. We realize that the Mass is not about "me", it is about God.

Now that we know what it means to "dance before the Lord", we then come to understand that there are many ways in which the Eucharist is celebrated. If a person were to attend the weekday Masses in Lent, they would find that it is celebrated quietly and contemplatively. The Wednesday Mass is celebrated with the special emphasis upon healing and is accompanied by the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. The Saturday Vigil Mass is a contemporary Eucharist. Low Mass with homily is celebrated each Sunday at 8:00am, while 9:30am is Solemn High Mass. All of these styles of celebrating the Eucharist is part of the richness of Anglican liturgy.

Over the summer months, beginning June 20, the 9:30 Mass will be a Missa Cantata. That is a fancy way of saying, "A Mass in which the liturgical parts are sung, but which is ceremonially less elaborate."

Enjoy the summer time with all of it's family fun, but do not neglect that sacred time Mass on Sunday morning.

Fr. Russ



Youth Mission Trip

Pictured above is the team of youth from St. Uriel's who traveled last year Erie, PA to work with the poor and underprivileged. That particular mission trip was predominantly a work group.

This year's mission trip will include eight teens and two adults going to York, PA. These mission trips are very important for our young people. The youth who participate will have experiences that they will take with them for the rest of their lives. For many kids, these are life changing experiences. Most importantly, they are accepting a call which the Lord has put upon their hearts.

This year's mission trip will be more service oriented. Called a *Week of Hope*, our young people will build meaningful relationships with those they serve, those they serve with, and most importantly, a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Service projects might include running a VBS, preparing meals for the poor, or cleaning the home of an elderly person. During the day they'll serve elderly, disabled and disadvantaged residents in need...and back at camp they'll build closer relationships while serving one another through cooking, cleaning and maintaining the camp. And each evening, the whole camp comes together for music, sharing, prayers and laughs. It's a week-long atmosphere of service, unity and fun!

The Mission trip begins after Mass, June 27 and concludes on Friday, July 2. Please keep our youth in prayer over this week.



*Left: The Rt. Rev'd George Councill
Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey*

Confirmation: Sunday, October 31

The early Christians did not distinguish Confirmation from Baptism. The apostle presiding over the little community baptized new members, anointed them with oil and offered them the Eucharist for the first time in one rite of initiation. The same thing happens today at the Easter Vigil when catechumens are initiated.

As the Church grew and spread throughout the world, the apostles' successors, the bishops, could no longer personally baptize every new Christian. They delegated the rite to priests. Still, the bishops made regular visits to local communities to confirm the priests' Baptisms with a second anointing. Thus a separate sacrament was born.

The Confirmation is a deepening of baptismal gifts. This sacrament roots us more deeply in our identity as God's children; unites us more firmly with Christ; increases in us the gifts of the Holy Spirit; binds us more closely to the Church; and gives us special strength to bear witness to our faith.

With Baptism and Eucharist, Confirmation shapes us as Christians. Each of these three sacraments focuses on a different aspect of our life as believers: birth, breath and nourishment.

Baptism is birth into the family of the Church. In the baptismal font we die and rise to new life in Christ. Parents bring an infant to the font because they want

more for the child than physical life. They come to ask the fullness of life that only Christ can give. When infant baptismal symbolism is at its best, a baby is lowered beneath the water into the death of Jesus and rises again, gasping with eternal life.

Inhale, exhale: that's the essential rhythm of life; it's the first thing a newborn must do to survive. The breath of Christian life is the Holy Spirit, the very Spirit of God dwelling within us. First received at Baptism, the gift of the Spirit is celebrated more fully in Confirmation. It's like taking a more grown-up breath.

Just as humans need food to eat to nourish our bodies and air to breathe so, we need the nourishment of Eucharist. We became members of Christ's Body when we were baptized, but the Eucharist nourishes our growth and keeps us healthy members of Christ.

In keeping with the ancient apostolic tradition, our bishop will be present with us on Sunday October 31, to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. The preparation for Confirmation has already begun with our teenagers. The classes for adults will begin in September. Those adult who have not received Confirmation, or those adults coming from other Catholic traditions who wish to be "admitted" into the Anglican tradition may register for classes in the parish office, 732-449-6173. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church. Date and time of class to be announced.

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I noticed in the documentary, many of the respondents displayed a sense of loss and despair. However, they used such words as hope and optimism interchangeably. There are distinct differences between these words, specifically when the secular view of optimism is compared with the Christian view of hope. To be quite honest, they are radically different.

A person who is optimistic arranges reality in a way that enables him or her to think that things will get better. The pessimist on the other hand, is one who believes that things will get worse.

However, when the Christian uses the word "hope", he or she understands that hope is not based on the *chance* that things will get better or worse. The Christian understands that hope is built upon the promise that no matter what befalls us, God is with us at all times and in all places.

Fr. Henry Nouwen, priest and author, states that hope is not about the fulfillment of my personal desires. Rather, he writes that hope enables the person to be sustained during times of life's defeats and disappointments in the faith of Jesus Christ.

My time in silence enabled me to slow down, reflect, and to become more aware of myself in relationship to God. It was in doing so that I again came to realize how dependent I am upon Christ as my Savior. In the words of John the Baptist, "I must decrease so that He may increase."

Fr. Russ

Vacation Bible School in August 2-6

With Stacey having moved to the west coast, the question has been asked, "Are we having Vacation Bible School this year?" The answer is, absolutely! We will continue on like we always have, volunteers coordinating and running this ministry. Over the years, our VBS has been very successful often having over 100 participants. The participants coupled with all the volunteers have made our VBS very successful. This year, our parish coordinators are Karen Cavagnaro and Laura Tiano.

This year our VBS we will be joined by the the many churches from the Manasquan Ministerium. The children of our community will be enriched by the collaboration of our many gifts which God has bestowed upon us. Vacation Bible School will run from August 2-6.

Parish Outreach to Haiti



On Tuesday, January 12, 2010 a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti.

The Haitian government estimates 200,000 have died as a result of this tragic incident. 2,000,000 people have been left homeless, 3,000,000 people are in need of emergency aid. The US has flown 136 air missions bringing 2,400 tons of food and supplies and 1,900 passengers into Haiti.

The week of the earthquake, most churches throughout the country took up special collections. Our special collections raised \$1,700! The funds were sent to the Episcopal Church Fund for Relief and Development. The funds are closely monitored and all funds go

completely to the poor and needy. Thank you for all your your love and support for the poorest of the poor.

Women of Faith

The Ladies of St. Uriel's are once again looking forward to the Women of Faith conference. The theme this year is "Over the Top". The WOF conference will take place at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia on Sept 10th and 11th. With speakers Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, Lisa Whelchel, comedian Anita Renfroe and Andy Andrews, the NY Times Best-selling Author of "The Traveler's Gift", on the podium, the event will once again prove enriching. Guest musicians, Sandi Patty, Mandissa and the Chapmans will round out the weekend.

We have asked the ladies of First Baptist Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church and Manasquan United Methodist to join us. We have no more seats remaining in the main section at \$109, and 13 tickets remaining in the Victory Club Level at \$89. Box lunches are included for both days. For 2011, we have seats front row, center stage. We have already sold 8 tickets for that event!

Log into the Women of Faith website – www.womenoffaith.com and view the promo DVD for "Over the Top". See what an extraordinary event this is. You will laugh, cry a little and grow closer to God. Guarantee there will be one speaker there who will speak to you and touch your heart. Join us! Over 4 million women across the country have! Any questions, contact Laura Ransom: 732.972.9227.

Laura Ransom



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\$1.3 million dollars by 1987. At its highest point before the drop in the market in 2008, the Foundation grew to just 4.1 million dollars.

Because of such dedication to God, the Catholic faith, and to St. Uriel's the vestry in 2009 voted unanimously to dedicate the parish hall as, *Canon James E. Hulbert Hall*. He is only the second rector of St. Uriel's to be honored in such a manner. The present day building which houses St. Uriel's pre-school is dedicated to the much beloved rector, Canon Raymond Miller.

On Sunday, September 26th, following the 9:30am Mass there will be a re-dedication of the parish hall, which will then be known as *Canon James E. Hulbert Hall*. We will all be blessed by Fr. Hulbert presence with us as he plans to join us on that glorious day. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan on being present!

Fr. Russ

Samaritan Center at the Jersey Shore

The Samaritan Center at the Jersey Shore is a long nurtured dream among members of the First Presbyterian

Church of Manasquan, New Jersey. We are all too aware of the unimaginable tragedies that members of our immediate Shore area have had to face in recent years: the senseless loss of life from suicide, the cascading hardships to schools, families and businesses due to substance abuse; the personal trauma and challenging adjustments necessary in the shaky economic environment and post 911 culture. Over recent years a growing number of people retiring in the Shore area are in need of support. There are many people trying to cope with the stresses of life at a time hospitals and other community agencies have limited services. Many people do not know where to turn for help. The Samaritan Center at the Jersey Shore is a ministry that partners with the church to help people seeking wellness and wholeness in body, mind and spirit.

Program Components

There are several features of Samaritan Center at the Jersey Shore:

LOCAL: The center provides the services of therapists, life coaches, spiritual directors, nutrition counselors, social workers and other helping professionals to assist and support individuals and families of the local community. Licensed therapists provide clinical therapy. Life coaches provide guidance in critical decisions and life direction. Spiritual Directors offer

guidance toward spiritual mindfulness and wholeness. Clinical nurses provide support on health matters. Support groups and classes are offered for specific areas of focus.

CHURCHES: The Samaritan Center at the Jersey Shore is designed to enhance and expand the caring and nurturing dimensions of the sponsoring church and offer support and resources to all area churches. Seminars, learning groups and training sessions are provided to the sponsoring church and to members and leadership groups in area churches. The center provides special support to clergy offering complimentary coaching and discount counseling for dealing with personal, family, and institutional issues. Shore getaways are offered to clergy in order to have a supportive time of support and rejuvenation away from their church.

REGIONAL: The center is beginning in Southern Monmouth county and desire to initiate satellite locations throughout the region. [See, **Samaritan:** Continued on page 6]

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EDUCATIONAL: The center offer seminars, classes, and training for individuals, groups, and families within the context of the local church and as a service to the sponsoring church and other supportive churches.

Types of Services

Among the planned services are counseling, training, assessment, education, consultation:

Counseling Services

Grief and trauma recovery, Child and adolescent issues, Marital, Family and Relationship Issues, Depression, anxiety and stress, Eating Disorders and Body Image, Women’s Issues, Men’s Issues, Life Transitions, Job Loss and related stress, Faith Issues.

Psychological Testing and Assessment Services

Child and Adolescent assessments for emotional functioning and educational programming, Adult assessments for vocational placement and emotional functioning.

Consultation and Training

Community Crisis response and Team Development, Intervention support for schools, businesses and churches, Clergy Coaching, Church Leadership Training, Strategic Planning and Team Building, Violence Prevention

Education

Marriage and Premarital Consultation, Stress Management, Relationship Communications and Conflict Management, Customized Workshops and Presentations.

Initial Program

As the Samaritan Center at the Jersey Shore initiates its programs, a priority of services and schedule of program initiation will be established. The priorities being considered are as follows.

Emergency priority

A **crisis response program** coordinated with the faith community, schools, families, and the community at large.

A suicide prevention program that utilities early detection and intervention. **Grief recovery** especially for those who have lost children

The information which I have provided is taken from the Samaritan House Prospectus. I am excited about this new venture which is much needed in our community. I am honored to have been asked to serve on the Board of Directors. I will share with the parish more on Samaritan House as things develop. They are presently moving very quickly.

Fr. Russ

Next Women's' Home fellowship:

Date: 7:00pm, Monday, June 28.

Place: Burkards' Home
402 Brooklyn Boulevard
Sea Girt, NJ 08750

Theme: "Captivity of Activity"

Women's Bible Study

Beth Moore series, "A Beautiful Mind" Time and Day TBA. Beginning in September - 5 week study:

Session 1: - "Pressing Past Our Fears"

Session 2: - "Overcoming Insecurity"

Session 3

"Claiming Your Right to a Sound Mind"

Session 4

"The Jars of Life: What's in Yours?"

Session 5 - "The Captivity of Activity"



Pre-School Concludes another

Successful Year

For calendar year 2009-2010, St. Uriel's had a total enrollment of 10 children. Three of our children will be going on to higher education [Kindergarten] next

year. We have a wonderful staff of workers: Barbara Pfeifer [Director], Bea Meli [aide], and Dorrie Heil [aide].

Blueclaws Game: Thursday, July 8

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is sponsoring an evening with the Lakewood Blueclaws. The Brotherhood has purchased a block of 25 tickets to sell for anyone in the parish who would like to attend the game. The game is on Thursday night, July 8th, 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 a first come first serve basis, and will be on sale following the Sunday Masses. It will be a fun night. Why not make a night of it? \$9 Adults; \$7 Seniors & Kids.

Teen Hope

is an outreach ministry of Samaritan House for youth. This summer there are a number of events planned. Stay tuned for updates of times and events.

Outdoor Coffee Hour Starts in July

Starting Sunday July 4th, will have our Coffee Hour outside in front of the Church.