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Safeguarding God's Children Trainings

All parish leaders and those who work in ministries with children are required to attend an upcoming training for *Safeguarding God's Children* and *Safeguarding God's People*. The trainings will be offered twice: Saturday, August 14th from 9:00-4:00 at Grace Church in Ridgway and on Saturday August 21st from 9:00-4:00 at St. John's in Sharon. Lunch will be available for \$6.00. Please make a reservation with Tina in the parish office letting her know which day you plan to attend. These trainings are an important way to protect the young people entrusted to our care.

Church Pictorial Directory

We are pleased to announce that we will be compiling a church family pictorial directory with Lifetouch. Sign up online at www.stjohnsharon.org or after services on July 18 & 25. There is no cost to be photographed & every family will receive a complimentary 8x10 & directory. Photography will take place at the church on August 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7. If these dates do not fit into your schedule, please contact the office for alternate dates.

JULY 2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 12th | 7:00 pm - Vestry meets | 22nd | 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist with Fr Doug |
| 13th | 7:00 pm - Healing & Prayer Ministries | | NOON - Articles due for newsletter |
| 15th | 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist | 25th | Fr Doug will be preaching |
| | 10:30 am - ECS Food Pantry Distribution | | 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist |
| 18th | 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist | | 10:00 am - Sung Eucharist |
| | 10:00 am - Sung Eucharist Youth Group moving day following the 10 o'clock service | 27th | 7:00 pm - Healing & Prayer Ministries |
| 20th | 7:00 pm - Healing & Prayer Ministries | 29th | 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist |

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We're Expecting. At our June meeting, the vestry took a number of steps to allow our infrastructure to accommodate increasing parish activity.

Two physical changes you might notice already are a renovated outside stairwell going into the ECS entrance and a new coffee maker in the lounge. The ECS stairwell was in danger of collapse and suffered from poor drainage. The new coffee maker will go with a new sink and cabinet to be installed at the back of the lounge near the storage room staircase. The lounge sink was envisioned as part of the Second Century renovations, but is now able to be completed. Our hope is that this will allow for better and easier hospitality both Sunday morning and for activities during the week.

The vestry also approved upgrades for database and accounting software, and contracted with a web-design consultant to get a new website

up by the end of the summer. The new database software will help us track a variety of information helpful to our ministry, including various activities parishioners are involved with and visits to shut-ins. The accounting upgrades will allow us to continue to maintain accurate and transparent financial records, while offering better services to our own church activities and groups. We also increased our insurance coverage in response to new diocesan standards and looked at a variety of potential St. John's logos.

As we have been working on our infrastructure, the vestry is also discussing how to discern the next steps in mission and ministry God is calling us to do. We are currently exploring a two-year process that would look at both our congregation and our wider community, come up with an umbrella strategy for mission and ministry, and begin to implement our plans. I hope that by the fall we will be able to move forward with the right process to help apply our

congregation's many strengths to our community's needs.

Finally, for a number of reasons, including the current high cost of beef, the Beef Brisket dinner has been canceled for this year. Given the work involved, the temperature in Allen Hall in September, and likely proceeds, the ECW and I decided not to hold it in 2010. Instead, we expect to have a parish event of some kind in the fall as part of our planning process.

As you can see, the vestry has been very hard at work over the past few months. I feel very privileged to work with such a committed and faithful group of people, and am grateful for what they offer to our parish. Please don't hesitate to contact me or a vestry member with questions or concerns, and you can always find the vestry minutes on the bulletin board outside my office.

Peace,
Father Adam

Diocesan Summer Camp

Twenty-three young people from Saint John's attended diocesan summer camp in June, and almost all of them received at least some support from our parish. Between the support of our parish from various camp fundraising activities and an endowment fund dedicated to helping needy youth, St. John's provided just shy of \$5,000 in camp scholarships. Thank you for your generosity!



The A-Team (Angie Sochor, Spencer Ference & Anna Brown)



*This year was such a great year to be my first year and I enjoyed it so much. I made a ton of new friends and I cannot wait until next year! Thank you so much to everyone on the staff of the camp for making everything so much fun! **Sammie Erimias***

*I enjoyed it a lot more than I expected and made lots of new friends. My favorite things at camp was singing the camp songs with Father Doug and going on the bouncers with Father Adam. I can't wait until next year and to be in teen camp! **Aaron Erimias***



Lily Trambley, Christian Lowery & Robbie Rice