

# THE GOOD NEWS!



**St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church**  
157 Montague Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

July 14, 2013

**Services at St. Ann's**

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**Sundays**

- Early Church, 9:30AM  
Sunday School, 10:15AM

- Holy Eucharist, 11:00AM

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**Midweek**

- Wednesdays, 6:00PM  
Holy Eucharist

- Church open 12:00-2:00 every weekday

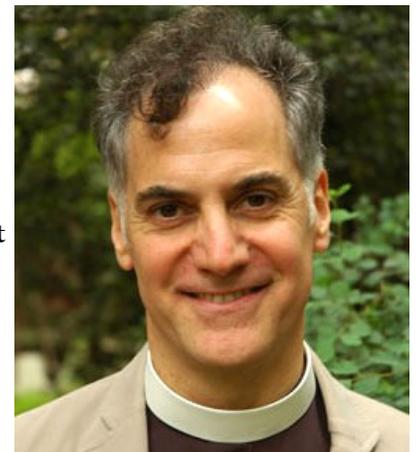
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- Wednesdays  
Organ Recitals on  
Hiatus until Sept 11

## The Rev. John E. Denaro Called as St. Ann's Rector

### Institution Set for October 5

It is with great joy and humble prayers that the Wardens and Vestry announce that they have voted to call the Rev. John E. Denaro as Rector of the Parish of St. Ann & the Holy Trinity in Brooklyn Heights.



Fr. Denaro has served our parish faithfully as Priest -in-Charge for more than two years. During this term he has demonstrated his desire to increase our numbers, utilize our unique facilities and make our presence known in the neighborhood and the wider community. Fr. John, as we know him, has made himself a part of our life together.

He has shared his gifts of organizing and producing special events as well as his deep understanding of the traditions of our church and its rituals.

The selection of a Rector in an Episcopal parish is typically the result of lengthy process led by a search committee made up of Vestry members and other parishioners. But it seemed clear to the Bishop of the Diocese of Long Island,

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#### A Prayer for the Season: A Prayer for the Clergy

OH LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Good Shepherd, who did lay down your life for the sheep and appoint others to feed your flock; give to our pastors the grace they need day by day faithfully to carry out the demanding duties of their sacred calling. Fill them with love for the souls committed to their care; inspire them with wisdom for their guidance and instruction of those who seek their aid; and in all things help them, and us whom they serve, to glorify you by the good example of Christian lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

*Prayers for All Occasions*

A Forward Movement Publication, 1964. Page 41.

From the Rector~

## A New Beginning

As you read elsewhere in these pages, the Vestry has called me to serve as Rector of St. Ann & the Holy Trinity – a decision that our Bishop has blessed and, I am told, many of the members support. You may think of my shift from Priest-in-Charge to Rector as a move from temporary to permanent employee. Until now, I have been working pursuant to a contract. The position of Rector comes with tenure. The term that perhaps best describes my new status is *settled pastor*.

As I see it, this change reflects our shared confidence that the parish has achieved a hopeful stability after a long period of instability and uncertainty. It is thanks in large part to the unflagging leadership of an enduring core of stalwart members over many years that this is possible.

So there is cause for celebration! And celebrate we will with a liturgy of institution on Saturday, October 5, at 4:00PM, for which Bishop Provenzano will return to our church. While our work together began a couple of years ago, the occasion will mark a new beginning for us. Our key priority won't change, of course. We will continue to be the church in mission at the corner of Clinton and Montague Streets in Brooklyn Heights. And yet, I will admit that my new title gives me a new sense of responsibility to meet our longstanding challenges.

As I dig in my heels, I am more ready than ever to address with you our dual concerns for the health of the congregation and the preservation of the parish buildings.

Our building needs loom large and they won't diminish, but will only continue to expand. We must persist in identifying creative ways to maintain these treasured edifices because of their historic significance and mostly because they are a tremendous resource for mission.

At the same time, we have to keep up our efforts to grow. There are increasingly more of us around, and it has been a blessing to welcome new folks who are seeking a church home and find it among us. Of course, we all agree that our community extends well beyond our official membership. We must rededicate ourselves to inviting a broad cross-section of people to invest in our future by engaging them in exciting cultural and outreach programming.

But at the heart of St. Ann's is the worshipping faithful. So it has been and so it shall remain. It is a blessed privilege to be among you and to have been entrusted by you with a particular leadership role and supported in so many ways. It feels great to settle in. Thank you – and here's to our new beginning!

Fr. John Denaro

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## The Rev. John Denaro Called as Rector

the Right Rev. Lawrence Provenzano, and to St. Ann's Vestry that our Priest-in-Charge had achieved a comfortable presence and productive ministry with us, obviating the need for further searching. With the recommendation of the Bishop and after a period of consultation with a number of members, the Vestry determined at its meeting on June 11 to call Fr. John as Rector.

Bishop Provenzano will officiate at the service of

institution of Fr. Denaro as Rector on Saturday afternoon, October 5, 2013, at 4:00 PM. We look forward to this festive Evensong ceremony when we, with members of the wider community, will formally and officially welcome Fr. Denaro into his new role.

O'Dell R.S. "Syd" Farley and Frank Kain  
Wardens

## Vacation Bible School — for Adults!

Summer at St. Ann & the Holy Trinity won't be dull, with a chance to attend a Bible study series called "Paul's Letters Home." For this Vacation Bible School (VBS) for Adults, we will be studying three epistles of Paul: I Corinthians, Romans and Galatians. On Sundays from July 14 to August 18, following the 11:00AM Holy Eucharist, participants can hear lectures presented on specific texts (see below) by the Rev. Sarah Kooperkamp and Dr. Maia Kotrosits. There will also be weekly blog posts available at [revsarah.blogspot.com](http://revsarah.blogspot.com) produced by Rev. Sarah as a study guide.

According to Rev. Sarah, the purposes of this VBS faith formation program at St. Ann & the Holy Trinity are to increase our biblical literacy, read Paul's letters as a community, and hear God speaking to us today through our shared reflection on Holy Scripture.

The VBS schedule is as follows:

**Sunday, July 14**

No assigned reading; introductory lecture on Paul's Letters by Dr. Maia Kotrosits

**Sunday, July 21: I Corinthians, Chapters 1-7**

*Lecture by Rev. Sarah*

**Sunday, July 28: I Corinthians, Chapters 8-16**

*Lecture by Rev. Sarah*

**Sunday, August 4: Romans, Chapters 1-8**

*Sermon at 11:00AM service and lecture by Dr. Kotrosits*

**Sunday, August 11: Romans, Chapters 9-16**

*Lecture by Rev. Sarah*

**Sunday, August 18: Galatians**

*Lecture by Rev. Sarah*

We all know Rev. Sarah, of course, but you may want to know more about Dr. Kotrosits. She recently received her PhD in New Testament Studies from Union Theological Seminary, and she will be a Visiting Lecturer at Amherst College in the coming academic year. Dr. Kotrosits co-authored the first English-language book on "The Thunder: Perfect Mind," a poem from the Nag Hammadi codices, and she has another book, *Re-reading the Gospel of Mark Amidst Loss and Trauma*, due out this fall and published by Palgrave Macmillan.

*Notes from the Console*

## At a Milestone: Looking Back and Ahead

Happy summer to all of you! While summer may seem like a down time, with no choir, a little less ceremony to the liturgy, etc., for me it has always been a time of new beginnings. Twenty years ago, on July 11, 1993, I began as your Director of Music. And 14 years ago, the Wednesday Organ Concerts were begun.

As I think back on 20 years at St. Ann's, there is much for which I am grateful. I think about the fact that the organ, when I began, was 68 years old, but on the verge of failure. This fall, it will be 88 years old and is sounding better than ever. This is due to the support, both financial and otherwise, of the Vestry and congregation. Our restoration efforts continue and are now coupled with an effort to raise the funds necessary to restore the tower of our landmark building. To this end, I will be playing a gala fund-raising concert this fall on Sunday, November 17, at 7:00PM. Fr. Denaro has suggested that this concert reminisce over 20 years of my making music on the Skinner organ, and I will do my best to do so. As part of my preparations, I invite any of you who might be interested to let me know if there is any favorite piece of music you have heard me play that you would like included. I will do my best to honor any and all suggestions, working within the time limits of a single concert. Please contact me at

[geaton@stannholytrinity.org](mailto:geaton@stannholytrinity.org) and let me know what you would like to hear again.

And do take time this summer to consider whether you might like to take part in the parish's music yourself. Any interested singers or instrumentalists are more than welcome to be a part of our corporate worship. Contact me at the e-mail above, or call the church office at (718) 875-6960; my extension is 16. Choir begins again on September 15, but soloists and instrumentalists are welcome to take part at any time.

The Wednesday Organ Concerts are now on summer hiatus, and they will resume on Wednesday, September 11, 2013. This allows me a bit of a respite and also enables our organ curators the time they need to do delayed work on the instrument. Do encourage any you think might be interested to come and hear our great instrument when the concerts return in the fall.

I thank you all for your kindness and support over these twenty years of my music ministry at St. Ann's, and look forward to continuing my work with and among you. Peace and blessings be with all of you.

Gregory Eaton  
Director of Music and Organist

From the Editor:

It's very exciting to mark this anniversary milestone with Gregory, and we offer him heartiest congratulations! He will be honored fully and appropriately at his "reminiscence" concert November 17. Meantime, though, we can say that he is surely one of our "enduring core of stalwart members" Fr. Denaro mentions on page 2. Gregory has helped us grow and learn and enjoy always wonderful music in our life together at St. Ann's. Thank you, Gregory!

Carol Stone  
(a Warden when  
Gregory was hired!)

## Connecting to Need: St. Ann's Monthly Outreach Focus

The Outreach Committee invites you to join in a monthly focus on need in our community. Each month there will be a new opportunity to get involved in the discussion and support of a charitable cause. The program will begin in August as we launch a drive to collect school supplies for homeless children; this is part of the Volunteers of America Operation Backpack. Watch for more information soon in Sunday bulletins and on the parish hall bulletin board.

Also don't forget Sandwich Sundays every week; the flyer about making these simple sandwiches for an East Brooklyn drop-in center remains on the table in the church vestibule.

If you have ideas or suggestions on outreach, always feel free to contact Outreach Chairpersons Rosanne Limoncelli, John Bickerton and Jesse Bickerton at [rcl3@nyu.edu](mailto:rcl3@nyu.edu). We look forward to your help in showing love to our neighbors.

Rosanne Limoncelli

## AIDS Walkin' in the Rain

Twenty-plus years and we are still walking! Suzan Frazier with team Liz Chidder, Joyce Pickering and Caroline Kwateng did the walk this year to support the Gay Men's Health Crisis and related AIDS charities. It happened on May 19 and it rained all the way. For some reason it was extra fun as we reached the saturation point. Central Park was a calm and misty back drop with a lively and long phalanx of the caring walkers superimposed. We officially raised over \$1,400 for the cause and a good, soggy time was had by all.

Suzan Frazier

## "Chicks Only" Pizza/Potluck Supper

No Agenda-Just Fellowship

Saturday, July 27, 2013, 6:00-9:00PM  
at Debbie Mumm's home.

Nancy Nicolette and Debbie Mumm are hosting this fun event again, back by popular demand!! Pizza, wine and soda provided. Show off your own specialty for appetizer, side dish or desert!

Get your sociability on, Gals of St. Ann's!! -

Please RSVP with your dish to  
[NNANCY482@aol.com](mailto:NNANCY482@aol.com) or [DebMumm@aol.com](mailto:DebMumm@aol.com)

## "Reporting Religion": A Reading by Author Eliza Griswold

September 19, 2013, 7:00PM

Brooklyn Book Festival "Bookend Event"  
Suggested donation, \$10

Eliza Griswold will read from her 2010 book *The Tenth Parallel: Dispatches from the Fault Line of Christianity and Islam*. Ms. Griswold is the daughter of former Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold.

St. Ann's is hosting this community event in partnership with the Diocese of Long Island Mercer School of Theology. We are delighted to partner with the Mercer School in this, its first venture in bringing the diocesan faith formation program to parishes.

Photo from [www.aidswalk.net/newyork/slideshow](http://www.aidswalk.net/newyork/slideshow)



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### Upcoming Events!

#### Every Sunday

Sandwich Sundays program, between the worship services. (page 5)

#### Sundays, July 14-August 18

Vacation Bible School – for Adults! at Coffee Hour (page 3)

#### Saturday, July 27

Chicks Only Pizza/Potluck Supper, 6:00PM (page 5)

#### Wednesday, September 11

Organ Concerts resume, 1:10PM

Interfaith Observance of 9/11, Brooklyn Heights Promenade,  
Time to be announced

#### Sunday, September 15 9 Pentecost XVII "Homecoming Sunday"

Early Church, 9:30AM, and Sunday School at 10:15AM

Choral Eucharist, 11:00AM; Homecoming Brunch follows

#### Thursday, September 19

"Reporting Religion" Book Reading, 7:00PM (page 5)

#### Saturday, October 5

Institution of the Rector, 4:00PM (page 1)

#### Sunday, October 6 Pentecost XX

St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals, 1:30PM

#### Sunday, November 17 Pentecost XXVI

Gala Organ Concert, 7:00PM (page 4)

