

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, May 11, 1997

GREETING / VISITORS

- A. We greet the visitors who have joined us....delighted to have you with us, and we hope.....greet you in a more personal way either....be free in the sharing...fill out, or sign....come, worship with us, work with us...
- B. Doing the Lord's work here at this busy corner....since 1837. Fourth building....160 years. Minister in the name of Christ, and it is in His loving spirit.....
- C. Join us downstairs for the ART CONNECTION, NO. IV. Wear a name tag. Enjoy the time together....enjoy, the gifts of some of our artists and composers who have found a church home here.

PARISH CONCERNS

- A. Parish concerns....review them in the bulletin...monthly news sheet.....May issue is "out" and in the narthex.
- B. What's happening? Rummage Sale is "in the works" for this coming Saturday. Workers always needed. Margaret Fisher, coordinator. Next Sunday: Bake Sale III. Coordinator, Doreen Morales. June 11th - all church picnic.
- C. Our May "special appeal" for the Health Care Agencies of our Conference always "PEAKS" on Mother's Day.....hope you'll want to respond with a gift....and add to the gifts of last Sunday. We usually receive close to \$ 500 for this appeal through the month of May. Envelopes will be there again next Sunday and also on the 25th of May.
- D. Next Sunday. Teacher recognition Sunday and also Bible presentation to the third graders of our church. Plus two baptisms.....
- E.
- F.

OFFERING

Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than it is to receive." In this spirit,

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, May 25, 1997

GREETING / VISITORS

- A. A word of welcome to the visitors....pleased...hope that we may have the opportunity.....be free in the sharing....fill out...and sign one of the. Come, WORSHIP with us. Come, WORK with us, too...
- B. Doing the Lord's work here at this busy corner.....since 1837. We minister "in the name of Christ" and it is in His loving spirit that we greet you on this Memorial Day weekend. Members: wear name tags. Make at least one new friend. Repeat the name. Memorize it. Know the person next time....

PARISH CONCERNS

- A. Parish concerns lifted up for you in the weekly bulletin as well as in the monthly jews sheet.....review them on your own noting that the church office is closed on Monday....that now is a good time to sign up for altar flowers for the summer months...
- B. Look over the yellow sheet in the bulletin and thoughtfully review those areas of service where you might be able to lend a hand.... ushering...greeting, a committee assignment...so many areas where a church like this needs support and volunteer service.

Don't be just a spectator....come in and be involved and let your gifts and graces make a difference. That sheet will be in the Sunday bulletin for several Sundays....all in preparation for the work of our committee on Nominations and Personnel...as it begins to focus on the coming Fall, Winter and 1998. Remember "that the church that plans ahead, moves ahead."

- C. Today is the last Sunday to make a special "love gift" to the special NY Conference appeal for the work of our Health Care Agencies. We usually respond with \$ 500 or more for this appeal....and today, I believe we have already received \$ 591.76...so this year let's try to go up to \$ 600.00....which means another \$ 8.24.!!! Well done. You are most generous in your response to our appeals...and this continues to be one of our greatest strengths!
- D. We approach June...a quiet month, but made special for us by our All-Church PICNIC...scheduled for June 28th. Start signing up today with Doreen Morales....for a place on the big bus! June 28th.

OFFERING

"It is more blessed to give than it is to receive..." In this spirit, let us worship God with...

TEACHER RECOGNITION MOMENT

Today is the last Sunday of Sunday School until the 29th of September....

And it's only fitting we pause for a moment or two in our service and thank the Sunday School teachers who have given their time and their energies to the children of our Church.

Our teachers are a very dedicated group of wonderful people. They seldom get to worship down here with us...they're busy upstairs in Fellowship Hall....always here, even on a holiday weekend!

They prepare lesson plans each week...they dream up new and exciting art projects for the children...they pass along their enthusiasm for their faith commitment to the children. They share their love for Jesus with them.

When you see one of the following persons, please take a moment to thank them on behalf of the church for all they do. Let me read their names to you and as I do, may I ask you to stand:

Carl Condra...Chairperson of the Education Committee.

Veronica Winder...Sunday School Superintendent

Alexis Roosa...and Linea Jacobson....two teenagers...

Julie Klein....children's choir.

Gary Klein...always available to play...

Tracey Simmons...

Let's thank them in a warm and enthusiastic way....We do appreciate all you do. I speak for the children, too...as well as their parents. God bless you.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION

Today we are celebrating the BAPTISM of Emma Nicole Howton....infant daughter of Jacqueline and Joseph Houton.

This is a very special moment and a joyous occasion for us all...and it is made even more special by the gathering of friends and loved ones....and by the presence of God parents and grand parents....

Godmother (and also an aunt) is KRISTIN GREENO
(all the way from Vermont....)

Godfather (and also an uncle) is RORY HOWTON
(all the way from Queens...)

Blessed, too...by the presence of Emma's grand-
mother.....SUSAN MONTMINY (Massachusetts)

And the family circle widens as we welcome aunts and uncles and
cousins.....

Carol Howton (Rory's wife).....with children,
Amy and Emily....

Karin and Jon Allard.....from NH.....with Robert
and Edie.....

And also AMY MONTMINY...coming down from Boston.

ALSO MENTION

Let me also make mention of this...also with us for these
special moments are JIM and JILL FRENCH.....who, I understand,
lost a 26 year old daughter in a tragic car accident this time a year ago....
and EMMA'S middle name of NICOLE is "in remembrance"...loving remembrance of
Nicole French....

I would invite Joseph and Jacqueline (and Emma) to join me now at the
baptismal font.....with Godmother, Kristin, and Godfather, Rory....and grand-
mother, Susan....

INSTRUCTIONS: Ushers, Christmas Eve

SECURITY

Always a concern on Christmas Eve! Watch out. Coats and collection especially are a concern on Christmas Eve. Someone should be in and around the narthex from the time of opening to closing.

CANDLES

Distribute with bulletins as people enter the church.

COLLECTION AND CANDLE-LIGHTING

Four men needed. Take to the Fourth Floor.

CLOSING-UP

Help PC. No custodian. Pick up candles, bulletins. Help PC get ready for Sunday morning.