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*8am Holy Communion Rite I 10am Holy Communion Rite II*

**Summer Services begin July 3<sup>rd</sup> -- One combined 9am service**

TRUMPET

SUMMER EDITION 2011

June – September

## The Vicar's Voice

***“Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit...All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.”***

*1 Corinthians 12:4 &11*

I recently read a story that really stayed with me. It was about how your life changes when you become a parent, and how one experiences the loss of freedom to do what you want, when you want to. (Babies don't know how to wait, until you might be ready to attend to their needs.) However, this new parent spoke with an older father, one whose children were grown and “out of the nest”. He was told how there was plenty of peace and quiet in his home now, but that he missed being depended upon, and that “you lose something familiar and gain something new”. I remembered a similar realization in a song by Semi Sonic—“Every new beginning comes from some other beginnings end.”

When Neil Armstrong planted an American flag on the moon (July 20, 1969) it was a new endeavor, but it was not accomplished by only one man. Lt. Col. Edwin Aldrin Jr. was there on the moon with him, but they were only a part of a team of thousands that worked on the Apollo Space Program. Many other fellow Americans contributed to that program. Those who made “parts and pieces” of the aircraft, computers, phones, and even the paper and pencils used by those at “ground control”---**ALL** played a part in that program and could share in that successful accomplishment.

On Sunday, the day of Pentecost, I asked everyone to stand if they wished God to send His Holy Spirit upon them to empower them to spread the Gospel. I did not know if anyone would indeed stand for this blessing of the Spirit. Many stood, in fact, I think everyone at both services did. I hoped they all wanted the Holy Spirit to touch them and empower them. I hoped that they would be open to what I prayed, “Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth”.

Maybe some stood just because the person next to them stood, or they did not want to “stick out” by staying seated. No matter, all stood, and God will use all of us to accomplish His will, if we will walk with Him. It is not always easy to do, because it means in some way to experience change, new beginnings after other endings. As Christians we belong to Christ and need to remember “whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” We are all to seek the life that God wants for us, even though at times that is a struggle with our flesh -- we want comfort when God wants us to grow, we want to keep our faith to ourselves because it is “private” when God tells us to share it. It's a risky business. In order to grow the Kingdom of God, we need to be ready to

live into the changes that God brings our way, remembering that what he wants for us is the best, and that He will equip and bless us in the living!

William Cowper the 18<sup>th</sup> century British poet wrote "God works in a mysterious way his wonders to perform. He plants his footsteps upon the sea and rides upon the storm. You fearful saints, fresh courage take: The clouds you so much dread, Are big with mercy and shall break with blessings on your head."

Each of us can receive that blessing from God, using our gifts, doing our part to help bring into fruition the plan of God, that all "may have life and have it abundantly" (Jn. 10:10) Our lives may change some, but we

only "lose" what is familiar and worth little, in order to gain something new, -- that which has eternal value! We all are part of the body of Christ, and as we work together to further the kingdom we can all share in the victory!

While I am away on Sabbatical, I will keep all of you in my prayers, that you will be bold in your witness for Christ and that God will empower you daily to successfully accomplish His will --for you, -- for us and for the entire Christian church so that we all may rejoice without fear when we meet him face to face!!

Wishing you all God's best EVERY DAY,  
Rev. Ellen

## **Inspirational Quote of the Month**

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*"Help me Lord, never to ration your gifts of love and compassion." Fred Bauer*

## **A Word to the Wise**

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Did you know we have a gradine? Well, we do! It is the ledge (or shelf) above and behind the altar, located on the wall of the

church. Candles and/or a cross are sometimes placed on the gradine.

## **From The Deacon's Desk**

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As you have probably heard I will be leaving Trinity this October. As a Deacon, we are assigned to a church by the Bishop for three to four years and then the Bishop reassigns us to another church. I have been at Trinity for three years and along with 17 other Deacons I was scheduled to be reassigned. I have decided to retire as a Deacon rather than be reassigned. This will allow me to spend more time with my

wife at my home church. I will continue to serve as a Chaplin at Griffin Hospital with reduced hours.

I have enjoyed serving as a Deacon at Trinity and found all of you very welcoming: more on this later.

Peace, Deacon Knute

## **Warden's Letter**

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As you are aware, Reverend Ellen will be taking her sabbatical this summer. Arrangements have been made for a supply priest to fill in during her absence for services. If there is a traumatic event in the parish we will be able to contact her, and depending on the nature of the event, she will decide the appropriate way to deal with it. Please keep in mind that Simon, Arlene or I will be available and Sharon will have

the ability to contact us should an emergency arise.

At the Vestry meeting this week we are going to discuss a few new Fundraising projects that may be able to help us without hosting another major event like the fair. This is not to say that we are not going to have the fair, in fact we are doing quite nicely with vendors signing up for that

annual event and we have been discussing a few changes we'd like to make this year that we think will help us draw a larger group of people. If we move forward with the new project we will be looking for a few parishioners to help us, but the time we'll be asking for shouldn't be burdensome. Along these lines we will also be discussing new ways to grow the parish.

The problem is that we, as Episcopalians, need to learn how to do personal evangelism. I'm sure each of us has a friend or friends who are unchurched. These are people who, for whatever reason, don't think it's necessary to go to church to worship God. They see the church only as a place to go for Sunday service and nothing more. If we are going to grow Trinity, we need to make these friends aware that there is more to church membership than going to services on Sunday. We at Trinity are an extended family and as such, we reach out to one another and support one another during the times we need support. Our children are a focus of many of our efforts. We want our kids to grow up to be strong, but

compassionate individuals and that is something that the church helps teach. These are things that we need to show our neighbors and friends without being pushy or aggressive while doing so. Trinity as a parish is currently in a position where we can't stand idly and wait for people to discover us. We need to be proactive in our efforts to grow. So, you will be hearing about our discussions on this subject and we will be asking for your help with this effort. Again, we are hoping that it's not going to be something that will take too much of your time to get underway or to sustain, but we do need your help. Anyone who has any recommendations or thoughts on these subjects is certainly welcome to bring them forward. We're happy for any suggestions!

Please keep in mind that Vestry meetings are open to the members of the parish to visit and take part in the discussion if there is something that you'd like to add or if you have any concerns.

Yours in Christ,

Dave and Simon

## **Treasurer's Note**

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Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and render unto God what is God's. *Matt.22:21*

The only strategic plan that will be successful in the long-term for the wider church, and for our parish in particular is figuring out how to live "in the Way" as a Christian; always and everywhere. Bishop Douglas' *Mission Discernment Initiative* is meant to have us look in a mirror so that we can help restore all people to unity with God and each other in Jesus Christ. For everyone that can be a beginning as simple as inviting people to experience fellowship through hospitality. It is helpful to a newcomer to explain how to follow the worship service using the bulletin as a guide, (and that's a great way to break the ice before the Peace.) Reciting the Nicene Creed states what you believe about your doctrine. But the key to open the path to God is to share with others why you have faith. Faith is why you come to worship

here on Sunday, isn't it? Well, that is how we can grow our congregation steadily; sharing the stories that connect us to God, that is how we spread the Gospel. What's so hard about that? Being hospitable, sharing your stories, being an ambassador of love on behalf of Christ, letting others see **your** light and draw near.

For me, as the Trinity Treasurer, my distraction, my elephant in the room, is the gap between income (revenue) and expenses (disbursements). Sometimes the gap is narrow; sometimes it's wider than is comfortable when it's time to balance the checkbook. We always endeavor to be good stewards of all that is entrusted to Trinity Church, including money. Barely making ends meet is really a great success story if you look at it thru the kaleidoscope of chaos with which God challenges us. Although' chaos limits predictability in dynamic situations, it can also bring the

opportunity for small events to trigger major upheavals. So to grow our church, we have to change our perspective—instead of the gap being a deficit budget, let's look at it as **God's Action Plan** for us. That's a **GAP** we can embrace instead of a gap we try to avoid.

Discovering how to be more hospitable and how to share more of ourselves than "our stuff" will have a profound effect on us and our community. The goal of a growing church is to bring individuals and families together to cultivate a full Christian life. The goal is reconciliation with each other and

with God as the human family he made us to be.

We need your pledges to pay the bills, but we need your faithfulness to grow this church. Congregations are living organisms of God's love, not financially based organizations. If we live and love rightly for God in appreciation of all the blessings He bestows upon us, then He will provide what we need. A firm financial foundation will be a by-product. If we focus our efforts on the **GAP**, then the gap between income and expenses will narrow or be eliminated--losing its fake power to create angst over us. Arlene Stalvey

## **Church School**

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Our last day of church school will be on Sunday, June 19. There will be a special time during the service to acknowledge the teachers and volunteers who helped with educating our children. The children will also be making a Father's Day craft during church school. Please join us after the service for an ice cream social celebration during coffee hour!

It's been a joy and a blessing to be able to work with all our families, volunteers and teachers in sharing the church school ministry. Please know that you can always contact me with any concerns or suggestions.

Have a fantastic summer and I'll see you in September! Brenda Stapleton

## **Altar Guild**

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### **Eucharist, Offertory & Collection of Alms**

This month I wanted to talk about the Eucharist which is the main event the altar guild prepares for each Sunday. Trinity has a beautiful set of gold/brass sacred communion vessels we use during the major holidays and celebrations and a ceramic set we use during the rest of the year. In a few weeks you will see the altar coverings change to our very colorful white summer linens which we use during the liturgical calendar "ordinary time" or also known as, "time after Pentecost."

Eucharist, from the Greek word eucharistia, means "thanksgiving". The word used as a verb, means "to thank" and can be seen in the Septuagint and the New Testament, and speaks about the Lord's Supper.

The phrase "the Eucharist" may refer not only to the rite but also to the consecrated bread (leavened or unleavened) and wine, used in the rite, and in this sense,

communicants may speak of "receiving the Eucharist," as well as "celebrating the Eucharist."

Holy Eucharist, also called "The Great Thanksgiving," is a sacrament of the church. Christians celebrate it in accordance with the instructions given by Jesus at the Last Supper saying "*Do this in remembrance of me*" (Lk 22:19)

The Offertory is the portion of a Eucharistic service when bread and wine are brought to the altar. The English word "Offertory" is derived from the ecclesiastical Latin word offertorium, and the French word offertoire, a place to which offerings were brought. The collection of alms from the congregation often coincides with the offering of bread and wine.

At Trinity, representatives from the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts to

the celebrant. As you may recall at Sunday services a family or a couple will bring the gifts of bread and wine to the celebrant as the ushers pass the collection plates to collect gifts for the support of the church and Gods work. Normally the ushers are the ones that bring the gifts of money to the celebrant and it is placed into the large alms (offering plate) that has the IHS symbol. You may recall from the last newsletter, IHS is the abbreviation of the Greek name Jesus (Iasous) pronounced Hasous. The Latin phrase Iesus Hominum Salvator gives this symbol a dual meaning and translates to "Jesus, Savior of Men."

The Trinity Altar Guild is a dedicated group that prepares the chapel and main sanctuary for Sunday services, morning prayer, holidays, baptisms, weddings,

funerals, confirmations, and clears the altar area afterwards. The Altar Guild does their work quietly, setting up the chapel and church for worship. Its members are responsible for caring for vestments, linens, altar coverings and sacred communion vessels.

The altar guild is open to men, women and children who are interested in working behind the scenes to set up and/or clean up after all services. We have a rotating schedule and are looking for additional members to help us. New members will be trained by a veteran guild member. If you are interested or would like more information about the Altar Guild, contact Martha Fernald or Rev. Ellen Kennedy.

Martha

## **Craft Fair September 10<sup>th</sup>**

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We are a few months away from our annual craft fair. There is much to do and lots of ways you can participate. Here are some ideas and suggestions:

### How you can help before the fair

Donate any of the following items:

- Cans of soda or bottled water
- Baked goods
- Books, DVDs, CDs

### How you can help the day of the fair

- Sign up for one of the activities (setup/cleanup, grilling, book table, children's activities, etc.)
- Just show up so the community can see your smiling face!

Just remember that you do not have to do everything and you can just pitch in for an hour or two and stay for lunch (the theory that 'many hands make light work' applies here!). It is a fun day and you'll not only get to see many friends from the community but you'll be able to get closer to members of your Trinity Church family.

The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board so next time you pass it in the hallway take a moment to see how you can get involved.

Thank you, Russ & Gary

## **Upcoming Events**

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### ***Family Night***

Our next Family night will be Friday, June 17th. We will have a BBQ theme – hot dogs, beans and bibles! We invite all families with young children (ages 1 – 18) to come and have fun! We will cook a family meal together followed by a fun time of Christian Education. Family night will then resume on Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Trinity Sunday – Last Day of Church School***

Sunday, June 19 (Father's Day) is the last day of church school. Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately following the 10am service to celebrate with an ice cream social.

### **Craft Fair**

Our Annual Arts & Crafts Fair will be held on Sat. September 10<sup>th</sup> on the Trinity Church grounds. Please sign up to help bake, cook, craft or whatever talent you can

share! We always need Shoppers!!! Bring your Christmas list and get an early start on your holiday shopping!!

## **Did You Know?**

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### **Summer Services**

We will have one combined 9am service beginning on Sun. July 3. Please remember we have shortened the number of versus we sing on some of the hymns and some of the scripture lessons are shortened (where appropriate) as well. We are trying to adjust the length of the service to keep "our cool" in the summer season.

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the day after our craft fair, we will resume 8 & 10am services.  
*Thank You*

### **Seeking New Ministers of Communion**

We are very pleased to welcome our newest Ministers of Communion, Bill DeFranco and Molly Pellegrino, serving at our 10am services. We would really like to have an additional Minister of Communion for our 8am services. If you would like to join in this important ministry, please speak with Rev. Ellen

### **Men's Food, Fellowship and Study**

All men are invited to the Men's Food, Fellowship and Study which is held once a month. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2011. Breakfast will be served.

There is time for fellowship and breakfast from 7:30 to 8:00 am and study from 8:00 to 9:00 am. We are using a new study based on James W. Moore's book "God Was Here and I Was Out to Lunch". The Bible study is open to all members of Trinity and friends. Please come and invite a friend!

### **Bible Study Group**

The 10am bible study group is going strong, meeting on Wed. mornings at 10am. Our last meeting will be on Wed. June 22<sup>nd</sup> and will resume on September 28<sup>th</sup> with a study of CS Lewis' book the Screwtape letters.  
*Have a wonderful summer!*

### **2011 Altar Flowers**

2011 Altar Flower schedule is posted! Please sign up for the date you desire. Any questions? Please contact Louise Caterson.

### **Attention all Gardeners**

We would like to participate in sharing our vegetable garden produce with the CT Food Bank, reaching out to those in need. We have someone who will take fresh vegetables to the bank if you bring them to the church. Many churches are participating in this food sharing program. Interested? Please contact the office.

### **Our Condolences go to**

The Payne Family on the loss of their nephew Michael Peter Payne.

The Miranti family on the loss of Dave's father, Francis Miranti.

Please keep the Payne, and Miranti families in your prayers.

ALSO our hearts go out to Kenny and Marilyn London and their children on the loss of their beloved dog, Star.

### **Our Congratulations go to...**

Leah Kuhnen as she recently graduated from Housatonic Community College with a certificate in Human Services.

Our church school students for all their accomplishments in Church School. We praise God for them, and thank them big time for all their wonderful singing!

Not only has Trumbull High's production of Fiddler on the Roof been nominated for best production at this year's Connecticut High School Musical Theater Awards -- but our Jenny Bolton has been nominated for best supporting actress!! *Way to go Jenny!*

Our best wishes to the Stapleton family on their recent adoption of their new rescue dog "Penny Sue" Welcome!

### ***New Babies!***

We are very happy to announce all the new babies born the past few months in several parishioners' families:

On May 5th, Ella Mackenzie was born, the first grandchild of Nancy and Dan Baker.

On April 9th, Mia Jade was born to Ashley Longo and Marc Grandmason, the first little sister to Giovanni and Evan Stalvey.

On May 16th, Ares Leonidas, to Eric Stalvey and Carmen Caliz. Congratulations to them, to his big brothers Giovanni and Evan Stalvey, his grandmother, Arlene Stalvey, and his great-grandmother Jean Forbes.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

### ***Baptisms***

Congratulations to the Culotta family on the baptism of James Aidan on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations also to the DeFranco family on the baptism of Luke William on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Thank You From...**

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"The Kaitlyn & Ashley Team walked in the March for Babies Campaign. Our Trinity Members who participated in the April 30<sup>th</sup> walk at Jennings Beach in Fairfield were: Kathryn & McKenna Cavallaro; Brenda & Zachary Stapleton; Carmen Caliz, Arlene, Giovanni, and Evan Stalvey; Nancy Wilson, Beth, Scott & Alexis Detuzzi. Our team raised a grand total of \$2,870. Thank you again for all of your love and support!  
God Bless, Jocelyn Russell

Dear Rev. Kennedy and Friends,

On behalf of OPERATION GRATITUDE, the U.S. troops deployed overseas, and the Wounded Warriors here at home who will benefit from your kindness, I thank you for your generosity.

Your donation of letters, and assorted toiletries and food will enable us to send over 100,000 'chock full' Care Packages this year to the brave men and women deployed overseas and the Wounded Warriors recuperating stateside.

As one Private First Classwrote:

We give thanks for the upcoming baptism of Mercer Elle, grandchild of Deacon Lee and Valerie Forshaw.

### ***St. John's Supper***

Our next dates to volunteer are June 28<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact the office.

### ***Help Starts Here***

Call 211 for your connection to: Alzheimer's resources, child care services, and many more. 211 is a partnership of Connecticut United Way and the State of Connecticut. *Please see posted brochures!*

### ***People in the Hospital***

If you know of anyone who is in the hospital and would like a visit from clergy please call the office. *Thank You!*

### ***Prayer Chain Ministry***

Anyone with prayers of an emergency nature should call Jocelyn Russell at 445-1323 or Louise Catterson at 378-8770. All requests are kept in confidence.

### ***Wish List***

Our current wish list includes:

- Donations of any paper products are always welcome.

"I cannot express to you how great it feels to come home after a long day of running missions to find a care package full of love sitting on your bunk. You are exhausted from wearing 50 plus pounds of armor for hours on end, then you open the package, see all that love, and are rejuvenated and ready to face the world again. It may sound small but it really does help enormously. Our location doesn't have a real PX so we rely on the support of people at Operation Gratitude for the items we need – not to mention the morale boosting items such as cookies or candy. You all are the true heroes. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and wonderful patriotic spirit – every donation we receive truly makes a difference to our mission of putting smiles on service members' faces. The brave members of the U.S. Military who receive your generosity will remember your kindness forever. And I will always be appreciative of your support and encouragement for Operation Gratitude.

Fondly,  
Carolyn Blashek, President

## **Calendar – September: Upcoming Events**

### ***Craft Fair***

Our annual craft fair will be held on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> on the Trinity grounds.

### ***Personal Witnesses***

Join us on Sun. September 11, 18 & 25<sup>th</sup> to hear parishioners express their stories of faith at our services. Each service will have two persons tell "their story" of how God has worked in their life. Don't miss these inspiring words from your Trinity family members. Rev. Ellen will conduct the services but these short stories will be shared in place of the sermon.

### ***100% Sunday--Church School Begins***

Sun. September 11<sup>th</sup> is 100% Sunday. We resume our church school classes and look

forward to seeing all parishioners! Please remember you can bring a friend and connect to "old" friends sharing your summer adventures during coffee hour.

### ***Tailgate Picnic***

Sat. September 24 invite your friends, family and neighbors to Trinity's tailgate party in the parking lot here at Trinity. We will have games for the kids, "pot luck" food items a plenty and a grill cooking up some yummy party fare! More details to come at the beginning of September, so watch your bulletin for additional information!

## **Meeting Schedule**

### ***June meeting schedule:***

- Wardens: Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm
- Finance: Wed., June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm
- Vestry: Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm

### ***July meeting schedule:***

- Wardens, Finance & Vestry meeting have been cancelled for July.

### ***August meeting schedule:***

- Wardens: Tuesday, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm
- Finance: Wed., Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm
- Vestry: Tuesday, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

### ***September meeting schedule:***

- Wardens: Tuesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm
- Finance: Wed., Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm
- Vestry: Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

# **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

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## ***June Birthdays***

Jean Forbes 6/7; Parker Morano 6/7; David Schiffer 6/8; Claire Pinciario 6/9; David Cavallaro 6/13; Loretta Caroll 6/13; David Miranti 6/16; Jamie Stevenson 6/18; Michelle Legg 6/19; Molly Pellegrino 6/24; Jane Sampson 6/25; Angela Payne 6/26.

## ***July Birthdays***

Scott Detuzzi 6/4; Dorothy Cocozza 7/5; Daniel Baker 7/6; Simon Howes 7/6; Trevor Fox 7/7; Robert Downer 7/8; Jonathan Stalvey 7/8; Alice Britton 7/12; Richard Sears 7/13; Debra Robison 7/17; Eleanor Clark 7/19; Chris Pellegrino 7/19; Antonio Medina 7/20; Bill DeFranco 7/26; Zachary Stapleton 7/26; Dave Robison 7/27; Craig Russell 7/27; Lynn Wilson 7/29.

## ***August Birthdays***

Lou Payne 8/4; Valerie Forshaw 8/11; Millie Sami 8/14; Louise Caterson 8/15; Eric Stalvey 8/16; Michael Stapleton 8/19; Cindy Stevenson 8/22; Ellie Smith 8/23; Lee Forshaw 8/29.

## ***September Birthdays***

Stephen Britton 9/2; Kathleen Brooks 9/7; Kathryn Cavallaro 9/10; Nicole Culotta 9/10;

*\* Please call the Parish Office if someone's birthday or anniversary has been omitted. Thank you!*

We are always happy to welcome visitors. Please remember to invite your neighbors and friends to our services and programs!

## **Trinity Staff**

Rev. Ellen Kennedy, Vicar ~ Sharon Buzzeo, Parish Administrator ~ Jeff Stokely, Organist  
Brenda Stapleton, Church School Director/Youth Coordinator ~ Michael Stapleton, Sexton

Kathleen Miranti 9/14; Jocelyn Russell 9/14; DeOla Barfield 9/19; Carolyn DeFranco 9/21; Lynsey McCloskey 9/21; Raymond Blanda 9/22; Joe Buzzeo 9/22; Mary Ellen Kennedy 9/25; Chris McCloskey; JR Pellegrino 9/26; Patricia Fox 9/28.



## ***June Anniversaries***

Nicole & Joe Culotta 6/1; Rebecca & Dustin Dahlinger 6/2; Susan & Rev. Thomas Bruttell 6/14; Ellie & Donald Smith 6/19.

## ***July Anniversaries***

Margaret & Raymond Blanda 7/1; Molly & Jerry Pellegrino 7/2; Nancy & John Wilson 7/5; Knute & Jane Hansen 7/6; Phyllis & Al Aiello 7/28.

## ***August Anniversaries***

DeOla & Bill Barfield 8/13; Lynsey & Chris McCloskey 8/17; Cathy & Rick Bolton 8/20.

## ***September Anniversaries***

Evelyn & David Schiffer 9/1; Bond & George Koteas 9/6; Sharon & Joe Buzzeo 9/15; Bonnie & Tim Smith 9/16; Laurie & Duke Morano 9/24; Kathryn & David Cavallaro 9/27.