

# THE MESSENGER

April 2005

A congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington

## FORTHCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

**On April 3 we will welcome The Rev. Dr. Roger Pickering** to St. Barnabas. He will be both preacher and celebrant that day. Our vicar, **the Rev. Barbara Allen** will be on a well-deserved vacation in England, visiting her son and his family from March 28 through April 5. **The Rev. Harrison West**, Assistant Rector of St. John's, will be available for pastoral care needs in the vicar's absence.

**Annual Parish Meeting on April 17**  
Due to the Vicar's illness in March the meeting has been postponed to April 17th. Begin to plan now to be there. We still have a Pot-luck Lunch followed by the

business session. We will be voting on the following officers to serve three year terms:  
Vice-chair, Asst. Vice-chair, two Members-at-Large, Delegate to ECD Convention this Aug. and Delegate to Diocesan Convention for the next three years.  
If you are interested in running for any of these offices, or wish to nominate someone, please contact Marlene Hines, Vice Chair or the Vicar.

**Graduation Party for Kiombo Nsumbu on Sunday, May 15th** after the morning worship. Look for more information in our bulletin in the next few Sundays. Let's make this a

big celebration for Kiombo. Let's honor his hard work and perseverance

### Bible Study Group

This group meets at the home of **Mary Malzkuhn** every Tues. at 2:00 PM. Mary's address is 5812 Mentana St., New Carrollton, MD 20784. This is not only a study but a time for sharing personal stories, questions and searching for answers together. We are studying the book of Jeremiah, an Old Testament prophet who has many encounters with God. Please join us any Tuesday that you are free. All are welcome!



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## EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF 2005 CONVENTION "RECHARGE AND ENERGIZE"

August 10-14 2005

Pallottine Renewal Center near St. Louis MO. Visit [www.ecdeaf.com](http://www.ecdeaf.com) for details or email [ECDSL2005@hotmail.com](mailto:ECDSL2005@hotmail.com) You will find a registration

form in the Winter 2005 Deaf Episcopalian or you may download it from the ECD website [www.ecdeaf.com](http://www.ecdeaf.com). Get your registration in early. This will be a great convention held in historic city.



**Mother Barbara** chats with **Michael Martin**

## KIOMBO NSUMBU TO GRADUATE FROM GALLAUDET IN MAY 2005



As we reported in our March issue, our own **Kiombo Nusumbu** will graduate from Gallaudet University on May 13, 2005. Kiombo has worked long and hard for several years. He has been a faithful member of St. Barnabas' as well as faithful to our Gallaudet ministry. We are very proud of him and his accomplishments. Kiombo plans to go on to do graduate studies but has not definitely decided where at this time.

We will be planning a big Graduation Party for him on Sunday, May 15th after the morning worship. Two of his brothers will be coming from the Congo to attend his graduation and hopefully will join us for worship and the party on that Sunday. We are grateful that God brought Kiombo to St. Barnabas' and look forward to having him with us another two years or so as he continues his studies.



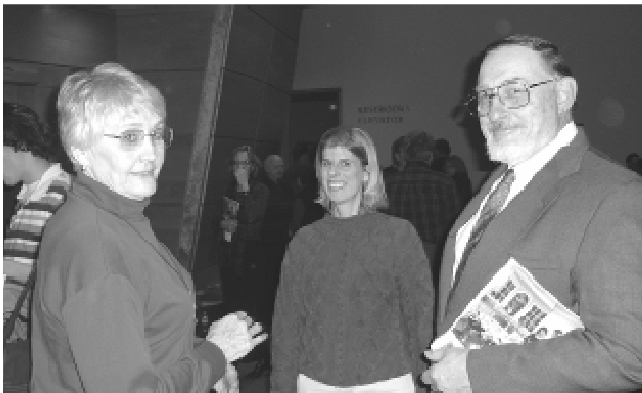
## ELIZABETH A. BAGIONI TO BE ORDAINED IN APRIL

BETSY'S ORDINATION  
WILL BE ON APRIL 14,  
2005  
AT 7:30 PM  
TRINITY EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH  
2217 COLUMBIA PIKE  
ARLINGTON, VA 22204

**Elizabeth A. Bagioni** will be ordained an Episcopal Priest in Arlington in April. She attended Virginia Theological Seminary and graduated in May of 2004. She was ordained a deacon in June 2004 and became the Assistant Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Arlington. She is full-time at Trinity, focusing on community building and apartment ministry,

and serves as a chaplain for the local police force. She was born hearing but beginning at age 5, her hearing gradually decreased and she became profoundly deaf by age 18. She had grown up oral and never learned to sign. At age 20, she chose to have a cochlear implant so she could continue working with law enforcement officers. While at VTS, a friend introduced

her to Deaf church and she began to meet life-style deaf persons. She has recently begun an ASL course at Gallaudet. She will be ordained a priest on April 14, 2005 at 7:30 PM in Trinity Episcopal Church in Arlington, VA. At her ordination Betsy will have sign interpreters. She invites members and friends of St. Barnabas' to attend and help her celebrate this milestone.



**The Rev. Barbara Allen, Amy Hendrickson (fiance of Gavin Lindsay) and Jim Lindsay at March 9th concert**

## LINDSAY'S SON IN CONCERT

**Gavin Lindsay**, the son of **Ginny and Jim Lindsay**, is a drummer in The City of Washington Pipe Band that performed Scottish bagpipe and drum music at the new Strathmore Center in Rockville, MD. On March 9th the Rev. Barbara Allen, Ed Knight, Jim Lindsay and Gavin's fiance Amy Hendrickson attended the performance

which was sold-out. (Editor's note: unfortunately due to a photographic glitch we didn't get a photo of Gavin in his Scottish kilt, but trust us he looked quite authentically Scottish. Jim Lindsay's parents immigrated from Scotland in the 1920s. His father and uncles came from the Glasgow area and went through Ellis Island.)

COMMUNITY EVENTS/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – SHOW THAT ST. BARNABAS’ CARES

**Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-blind (MWADB) Upcoming Events**

Sat. April 16th 6:00 P.M – 10:00 PM. International Pot Luck at Flex A and B, Student Academic Center at Gallaudet University. (The verbal auction is postponed.)

Sat. May 14th: 11:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M. Annual Spring Picnic at Picnic Shelter G Wheaton Regional Park

Contact steven-frank@juno.com for details. To volunteer as Support Services Provider contact Sandra Carpe at sandsky80@aol.com

**“No Time to Wait” Conference on Deaf Women and HIV/AIDS in Africa** June 10-12, 2005 Gallaudet University: You can register at the web site: deafrican-women.org

**Deaf-Blind Camp June 12 thru June 17 2005** at West

River Methodist Camp in West River, Maryland (south of Annapolis.) There will be a Western Theme (Cowboys and Native Americans.) The cost of camp is \$175, plus \$50 if you want to go horseback riding. Food and lodging free for volunteer SSPs (Support Service Providers.) There is no charge for SSPs. If you would like an application as camper or to volunteer contact the Rev. Peggy Johnson at revpink@aol.com



**THE PASTOR’S CORNER: PRAYER MOST IMPORTANT**

What is the most important part of our Christian lives? Some would say studying Holy Scriptures, others would say attending worship services, helping the poor, working for peace and justice. But, I am convinced that prayer tops the list.

Many of you have been praying for me and my vision problem for over a year.

That's right, it began a year ago in February 2004, the week before Ash Wednesday. There have been times when I thought that I could not live with the problem one more day. Those must have been the times when you all were praying the hardest for I have lived with it.

Last Thursday my retinal specialist congratulated me that

my eye was ninety percent healed and that within three months he expects complete healing. He told me I had done it because I watched my diet, exercised, took medication as ordered and followed my doctor's instructions. Yes, I did do all those things. However, without your prayers what I did would have had little meaning.

So, I use my Pastor's Corner this month to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your faithfulness in prayer during a very difficult time in my life. You are the ones who "did it". God bless each of you as God has blessed me by allowing me to be your vicar.

In Christ's Love and Peace,  
Barbara+

**PALM SUNDAY**

Many took turns reading from the Gospel according to Matthew: **Michael Martin** in the role of Jesus, **Shelley Simms** in the role of Judas, **Rudy Hines** in the role of The Evangelist, **Christina Duley** in the role of The Crowd, **Ginny Lindsay** in the role of The High Priest, **Marlene Hines** in the role of Peter, **Jim Lindsay** in the

role of the Soldiers, **Wendy Ikezawa** in the role of the Servant Girl, **Mark Kleberg** in the role of the Bystanders, **Mother Barbara** in the role of the Chief Priests/Pharisees and **Ed Knight** in the roles of False Witness, Passersby and Centurion. After the service we had refreshments courtesy of **Marlene Hines** and **Wendy Ikezawa**.





Tonya Stremiau and Wendy Ikezawa share a laugh with Ramona Kunkel after March 13 service

SCHREIBER AWARD: HINES AND ZIMMERMAN

Clarification: In the March newsletter we reported that the Frederick C. Schreiber Leadership Award will soon be given by the Metropolitan Washington Deaf Community Center, Inc. (MWDC) and that St. Barnabas' members Ronand E. Sutcliffe and Agnes D. Sutcliffe had won the award, in 1997 and 2002 respectively. We have more information to add.

The award will be presented at the Ole Jim on April 3rd

at 2:00 PM to **Rudy Hines** and **Shirley Zimmerman**, both long time members of St. Barnabas'.

Quoting the purpose of the award: "First established in 1982, the FCS Award, as it is known, incorporates the traits that Schreiber was known for: leadership, ideals, and involvement with an emphasis on volunteerism..."

Congratulations to Rudy and Shirley!

MARCH 6 SERMON NOTES: SHEEP AND SHEPHERDS

“IN ANCIENT ISRAEL, PEOPLE REFERRED TO THE KING AS A SHEPHERD”

On March 6, Pastor Barbara gave a sermon on the 23rd Psalm.

In ancient Israel, the term shepherd could also refer to the king thus the people of the realm could be seen as sheep.

There were good shepherds and bad shepherds (good kings and bad kings).

Some kings were better than others in seeing to it that the people had their basic needs met.

The 23rd Psalm applies the image of shepherd to the ultimate king, God, and praises God as the shepherd who is always good and who sees that his people (sheep) are cared for in every way.

The "shadow of the valley of death" doesn't have to be translated to refer only to death; it can also refer to adversity or feelings of emptiness and sadness.

Problems are a part of life. But in the midst of our problems we can have faith that our Good Shepherd loves us and cares about us.

MARCH 13 SERMON NOTES: RESURRECTION



On March 13, Mother Barbara gave a sermon on the gospel reading that described when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. The story is not about Lazarus dying spiritually -- Lazarus died physically and Jesus resurrected him to life. However, sometimes people do die spiritually and need to be resurrected spiritually. Barbara re-

counted how when she was so sick in March she discovered that both her body and her mind would not function. Sometimes when we are sick in body, mind or spirit we feel like we will never recover. On Easter Sunday we will celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, but it can also be a spiritual resurrection for us.

Editor's note: we will report on Holy Week in the May issue of the Messenger



## MORE NEWS FROM AMONG US

**Marlene and Rudy Hines** will soon start packing in preparation for their move to Minnesota. It is a time-consuming process because they have lived in the same house for 49 years. Can you imagine how much their house has appreciated in value since they built it almost 50 years ago?

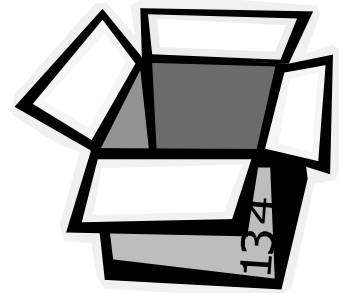
(Editor's note: we are "in denial" that they are moving so while we wish them well we also hope they take plenty

of time packing. We don't want to see them go!)

**Michael Martin** shared with the congregation some information his Deaf Reach counselor had told him. She said he is very lucky to live in **Otto Berg Apartments** since Section 8 housing is difficult to find nowadays because of budget cuts. Michael says his counselor told him that the government is cutting funding for housing perhaps due to the cost of the

war in Iraq. Michael is concerned that he will lose his housing in the future so he asks for our prayers. (The Otto Berg Apartments were of course named after the late Rev. Otto Berg, a former rector of St. Barnabas.)

When **Mark Kleberg** introduced himself to **Ramona Kunkel** we long-term members also learned something new about him. Did you know that his real last name is **Von Kleberg**?



## 2004 TREASURER REPORT: REVENUE

By **Ed Knight**

From where did the money come?

In 2004, the total revenue of \$41,947 to fund the programs, missions and functions of St. Barnabas' came from:

70 % from pledges from current parishioners

21 % from other giving by parishioners, friends and visi-

tors

9 % from the Diocese specifically for expenses of hosting the 2004 ECD convention

This does not include the Diocesan support that includes our Vicar's compensation package, compensation for our Consultant for Deaf Ministry, interpreter services, or half the pay of our part-time parish assistant. As Treas-

urer of St. Barnabas', I am very grateful to the Diocese for paying these expenses as I am also grateful to our stewardship-minded members.

The number of members pledging has gone up for the 3rd year in a row. (I am also grateful that the Diocese administers the payroll taxes – it greatly simplifies the job of being treasurer.)

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ED KNIGHT

## 2004 TREASURER REPORT: EXPENSES

Where did the money go? In 2004, expenses totaled \$29,559.52

30 % for Publicity and Hospitality (ECD Convention expenses, Verizon book ad, new flyers, refreshments, web page, outreach/charity)

21% for Admin and Finance such as the Messenger newsletter, annual audit, office

equipment (a laptop for the Vicar), pledge envelopes

18% for Diocese (assessment) and National (UTO, Little Red Church, etc)

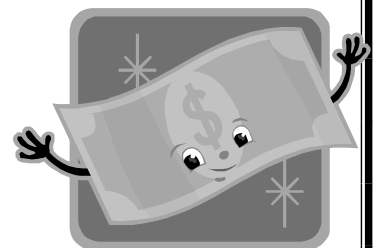
13% for maintenance and operation (rent to St. John's, insurance)

10% for Gallaudet Campus ministry

4% for Altar supplies, flowers, Sunday bulletin covers and inserts, vestments

3% for clergy utilities and expenses (pager, phone)

1% for Christian Education program supplies



**Note: the senior warden, the junior warden and two members-at-large are elected during odd-numbered years and the secretary and treasurer and the other two members-at-large are elected during even-numbered years. Lectionary Readings can be found on the web at <http://www.satucket.com/lectionary/>**

### **Worship Ministries**

**Rector:** The Rev. Barbara A. Allen

### **Consultant for Deaf Ministry:**

The Rev. Dr. Roger Pickering

### **Eucharistic Ministers/Response Leaders**

Tom Hattaway

Ed Knight

**Eucharistic Visitor:** Ed Knight

**Acolyte:** Nancy Conger

### **Altar Guild**

Marlene Hines, Christina Duley, Phoebe Tharp

### **Mission Committee**

Chair: The Rev. Barbara A. Allen

### **April 2003—March 2006**

Treasurer - Ed Knight

### **April 2003—March 2004**

Secretary - Rudy Hines

### **April 2003—March 2005**

Vice-Chair - Marlene Hines

Asst. Vice Chair - Shelley Simms

Members - at - Large

Mark Kleberg

Jeff Mc Caw

Tonya Stremlau

### **Other Ministries**

**Hospitality Chair:** Kary Dyer

### **Tellers**

Rudy Hines, James Lindsay, John Ricciardi

### **Newsletter Co-editors**

The Rev. Barbara A. Allen, Ed Knight

**Webmaster:** Derek Braun

**Parish Administrator:** Tracy Dieter

**Parish Office Volunteer:** Shell Kimble

**Greeting Card Ministry:** Phoebe Tharp

**ECD Delegate:** Tom Hattaway

**ECD Alternate:** Ginny Lindsay

### **Finance Committee:**

Ed Knight, Jim Lindsay, Jeffrey McCaw, Rudy Hines, Barbara Allen (ex officio)

### **Interpreters:**

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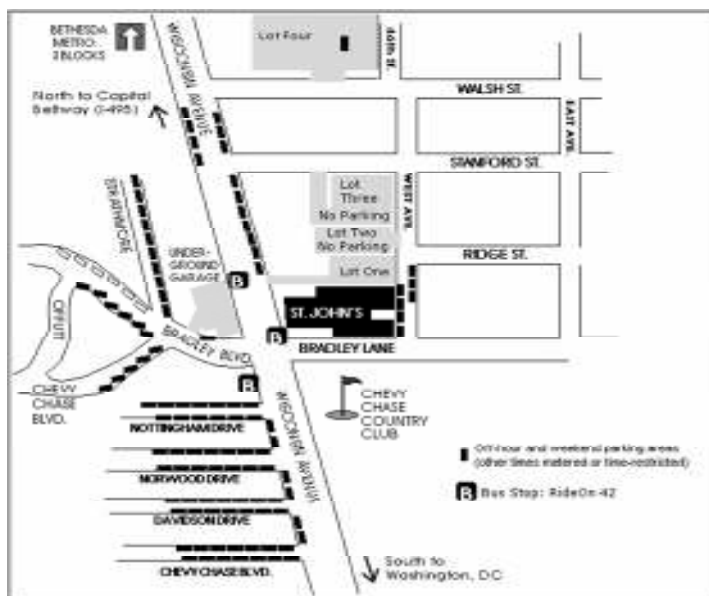
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WEEKLY 10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE  
WITH HEALING SERVICE 3RD SUNDAYS  
ST. MARY'S CHAPEL AT  
ST. JOHN'S, NORWOOD  
6701 WISCONSIN AVENUE AT BRADLEY  
LANE, CHEVY CHASE, MD. 20815

SATELLITE CONGREGATION  
SIGNED EUCHARIST AT ST. GEORGE'S  
GLENN DALE ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF  
EACH MONTH 1:30 PM 7010 GLENN DALE  
RD, GLENN DALE

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY MINISTRY:  
ELY CENTER ROOM 114 FRIDAYS 11-3:00  
DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR  
DISCUSSION GROUP/LUNCH MEETING IS  
HELD AT NOON EACH FRIDAY, HOLY  
EUCHARIST CELEBRATED THE SECOND SUN.  
OF EACH MONTH AT 2:00 PM IN THE  
CHAPEL OF THE STUDENT UNION BUILDING

*Next Deadline for Messenger submissions: April  
23. Please submit items to the co-editor, Ed  
Knight by email, if possible, at  
knightedd@comcast.net.*



*St. Barnabas' meets in St. Mary's Chapel at St.  
John's Norwood Church at the corner of Wisconsin  
Ave and Bradley Lane*