



# CCA TODAY

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## From the Rector's Desk

When I attended the Naval Academy, we were given many examples of dedication, heroism, and all the other attributes it was hoped that we would somehow come to absorb. There is one which has stuck in my mind over the years; it is called "A Message to Garcia," it was written by Elbert Hubbard in 1899 and concerns a minor incident in the Spanish American War:

### A MESSAGE TO GARCIA

In all this Cuban business there is one man stands out on the horizon of my memory like Mars at perihelion.

When war broke out between Spain and the United States, it was very necessary to communicate quickly with the leader of the Insurgents. Garcia was somewhere in the mountain fastnesses of Cuba--no one knew where. No mail or telegraph message could reach him. The President must secure his co-operation, and quickly.

What to do!

Some one said to the President, "There is a fellow by the name of Rowan will find Garcia for you, if anybody can." Rowan was sent for and given a letter to be delivered to Garcia. How the "fellow by the name of Rowan" took the letter, sealed it up in an oilskin pouch, strapped it over his heart, in four days landed by night off the coast of Cuba from an open boat, disappeared into the jungle, and in three weeks came out on the other side of the Island, having traversed a hostile country on foot, and delivered his letter to Garcia--are things I have no special desire now to tell in detail. The point that I wish to make is this: McKinley gave Rowan a letter to be delivered to Garcia; Rowan took the letter and did not ask, "Where is he at?"

By the Eternal! there is a man whose form should be cast in deathless bronze and the statue placed in every college of the land. It is not book-learning young men need, nor instruction about this and that, but a stiffening of the vertebrae which will cause them to be loyal to a trust, to act promptly, concentrate their energies: do the thing -- 'Carry a message to Garcia.'

Think about it.

— Gil

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY



Father Gil presents a \$1,000 check to Richard Errington, the Lighthouse District Executive of the Boy Scouts of America and Bob Cairns, representing the Connecticut

Yankee Council.

The donation was given in recognition of the Boy Scout's outstanding work in the development of character, and morals, in young boys and men.

CCA has allocated over one quarter of its total annual income to area charities and non profits, including donations to: The East Haven Food Pantry, The Fair Haven Parent's Ministry, the East Haven Social Services, and the Boy Scouts of America. Plans are currently in works to support missionary work in Nigeria.

*God's Work in Progress*

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Sunday

8:00 am, 10:00 am

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**Stop & Shop Gift Cards** are available each Sunday at 8am and 10am services. You can purchase them from Jennifer Bates, Diane Spadacenta or Vinnie Yaccarino. Thanks to everyone for their support. We have profited over \$100 so far! If you have any questions, please call Jennifer at 506-8514. Thank You!!

## ONE STEP CLOSER TO A NEW HOME

*by Frank Davis*

Our search for a place to hang our hats— not only Sunday morning, but all week long—continues. It has brought us all over East Haven into North Branford and North Haven. We are feeling a bit like goldilocks trying the three beds; too big or too small, needs too much work or too far away. (Not to mention too expensive.)

We have been talking to a realtor, and appear to be getting closer. With careful steps, I am convinced we are close to completing this one. As always we want to be sure to step onto solid ground.

Please keep praying for God's guidance.

## LOOKING TOWARD OLIVET (PART 3) *by Ed Wood*

Matthew 24:4-5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; (See also Mark 13:5-6 and Luke 21:8.)

Did you know that “Christ” is not really a name at all? In Old Testament times, Israelite kings were anointed with oil (1 Samuel 9:27-10:1, 1 Samuel 16:1-13). The Hebrew word for “anoint” is “masach”

from which we get “messiah.” In Greek the word for “anointed” is “christos.” Thus, Jesus Christ is actually Jesus the Messiah, or Jesus the Anointed.

Perhaps the greatest danger to the church ever since its inception has been from within rather than from without. In its earliest days, it was easy enough to identify external enemies - chiefly the Jewish religious hierarchy and Roman authorities. But to spot enemies amongst itself was much more difficult. Paul’s letter to the Galatians is a particularly good example confronting a profound error creeping into that church that said one must also obey Mosaic Law in addition to faith in Jesus to be saved. The Nicene Creed which we still use today was written in the Fourth Century A.D. to unify Christian belief in the face of many erroneous doctrines as well.

Certainly today we can also easily identify “fringe elements” outside our midst with their wild beliefs and self-appointed “messiahs” such as Jim Jones, Sun Myung Moon, or David Koresh. But dealing with false teachers and doctrines from within is much more difficult because many may profess that the Bible is the Word of God and then twist or refute

what it says - and make the case “sound good” in so doing. We should remember that Paul warns us that even Satan can appear as an “angel of light” and his followers as “ministers of righteousness” (2 Corinthians 11:12-15). Does any of this sound familiar as we watch what is happening in the Western Church right now?

Notice that Jesus brings up the subject of deception yet again in Matthew 24: 11, 23-27. This repetition suggests to me that we will see a proliferation of these false christs, doctrines, teachers, and prophets with each passing day.

So, how can we avoid being misled? Here are two ways from the Bible itself:

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly [thoroughly] furnished unto all good works. [Bracketed section is mine].

James 1:5 I any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Simply put, we should spend time in God’s Word and ask him to explain it to us. I guarantee that he will honor this effort!

Next month we’ll explore what Jesus said about warfare and national conflicts.

## BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

*by Karol Ann Shalvoy*

I have recently finished my Read the Bible in a Year schedule...about four years after I started!

I enjoyed having the structure to work with, but saw ways in which it could work better for me and I have written a new schedule for my own use and I would be happy to email a copy, or provide a hard copy, for anyone who is interested in looking at it.

The schedule has 260 readings rather than 365. That is one for each weekday, giving you two days on the weekend for other readings or to catch up if you have missed a day during the week.

If you look at or use this list, I would be interested in your feedback to help improve it. Email me at [shalvoyfamily@cox.net](mailto:shalvoyfamily@cox.net) and I can reply with an attachment, or see me at church or call me at (203)272-8849 if you would like a hard copy.



# Save the Date

## CANA Council 2009

*for all CANA clergy and congregational lay delegates  
events will be held for clergy spouses & youth*

Thursday July 30 to Saturday August 1

\* with pre-Council events on Wednesday July 29

### Church of the Epiphany

3301 Hidden Meadow Drive

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[www.epiphany-herndon.org](http://www.epiphany-herndon.org)

Council convenes with Morning Prayer at 9:00A.M. on Thursday July 30

Council adjourns midday on Saturday August 1

\* pre-Council events on Wednesday July 29 may include:

fellowship time for clergy couples with CANA bishops,

regional and affinity group gatherings, and prevention of misconduct training

\*\* Registration fee TBD \*\* Details on accommodations to follow \*\* Washington-Dulles Airport code is IAD

CANA Bylaws Article 5.1.3 re number of delegates to Council:

“ . . . three lay delegates from each church or mission in the Convocation, as selected by the church or mission, except that any church or mission having more than 250 enrolled members shall be entitled to one additional lay delegate for each additional 250 enrolled members above 250, not to exceed a total of eight lay delegates for any church or mission.”

confirmed communicants in good standing	lay delegates
1-499	3
500-749	4
750-999	5
1000-1249	6
1250-1499	7
1500+	8

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## STOP & SHOP GIFT CARDS STILL AVAILABLE — SUPPORT CCA

March 17 Vestry Meeting

## NOTES

- Myrtle Cunningham and her family would like to thank all of you for your continued prayers for her healing. Myrtle is residing in her home at 293 North High Street, East Haven, with a live-in caregiver. She gladly welcomes visitors and phone calls.
- Please pray for the healing of Myrtle Cunningham, Anthony Bates, Jill St.Germaine, Edith Ferrailo, Bobbie Buckley, Jay Faber and Teresa Frost.
- Contact Jennifer Bates, Diane Spadacenta, or Vinnie Yaccarino for Stop & Shop certificates.
- Remember this is your newsletter so, voice your opinion, write your stories, tell us what you like or don't like; your options are unlimited.

Just a Quick Note to let you all know, that Stop and Shop gift cards are available (at face value). A percentage of each purchase will go directly to CCA. Please see Jennifer Bates or Diane Spadacenta at the 10am service, or Vinnie Yaccarino at the 8am service to make your purchase. Cash and checks made payable to Christ Church Anglican are accepted forms of payment. You may also call Jennifer on her cell at (203) 506-8514.

These cards can also be used toward your peapod purchases. Be sure to spread the word to all of your fellow Stop & Shop shoppers.

We have raised over \$280 ---just for doing our regular shopping! Thank you all for your continued support.

## BIRTHDAYS

Chloe Petrosino	1	Bill Morann	12	Barbara (BJ) Petrosino	19
John Guida, Sr.	4	Barbara F. Cunningham	14	Anthony Bates	24
Karen Goddard	6	Andrew Jude Torre	18	Doris Wood	27

*We apologize if we have missed your birthday or anniversary. Please call Annie Lau (203-245-9909) or email alau@murthalaw.com*