

# The Eagle's Voice

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## *A Message from the Sr. Warden*

### **Dear Friends,**

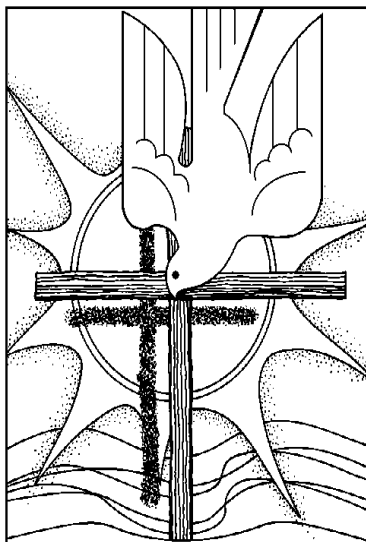
On Sunday we will celebrate the Ordination of Geraldine Dobbs Clemmons to the priesthood. This is a blessed occasion that has never before taken place at our church on the hill.

We will welcome Bishop William Love and several other members of the clergy as they participate in the ordination of Deacon Gerry.

This event will also officially welcome Gerry as the 16th Rector of Saint John's.

The service will begin at 4:00 PM Sunday November 8, 2009. After the ordination the parish will be hosting a reception under a tent on the front lawn. Everyone is cordially invited.

Deacon Gerry has been with us since the beginning of the year and we look forward to sharing this wonderful moment with her and her husband Byard. We also look forward to the opportunity to continue the 178 years of service to the people of Cohoes.



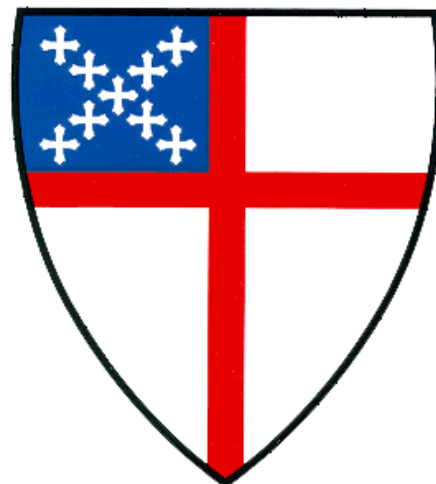
This Sunday will begin what we hope to be a long relationship for Gerry and Byard with the Parish.

I would like to give a special thank you to the Vestry and all of the faithful parishioners that have helped to make this weekend's services a reality. From our search committee to the Diocesan Deployment Office to our Bishop, William Love. Without the help and prayers from all of them we would not have been able to make it this far.

I would also like to thank Scott Flansburg for all of his efforts to complete the repainting of the Sanctuary. A special thanks to Linda Tremblay for coordinating the special reception that will follow the ordination, as well as a special thanks to the Century House for accommodating our needs to make this reception special.

**O Jesus, our great High Priest,  
Hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priest, Geraldine.**

**Give her a deep faith  
a bright and firm hope  
and a burning love  
which will ever increase in the course  
of her priestly life.**



## Geraldine D. Clemmons

Gerry is a native of the Memphis Tennessee area. She was an English teacher for many years and has a Masters Degree from Memphis State. She is married to Byard Clemmons, a retired Naval Officer. Gerry also has a Bachelor of Science degree in physical Therapy.

Gerry had a strong calling from God and completed her Master of Divinity at Trinity School in Ambridge, Pennsylvania in 2008.

Gerry has helped at the Spiritual Life Center and served as youth Chaplin for a session of Beaver Cross this summer.



## Church Update

We have spent the last several months making improvements to the physical buildings.

We have completed repairs at the rectory that had considerable damage after the July flood. New flooring and new insulation and sheetrock have been added. The rooms are repainted and the base cabinets in the kitchen were replaced. The majority of the work was covered by insurance.

We have also just completed repainting all of the walls in the church including the radiators.

We are getting estimates to add insulation to the sanctuary and estimates to repair the ceiling.

You will also notice some new stain on the front doors. The church will look much brighter and cleaner for the Ordination this Sunday.

We can always use your help. If you have free time to help with ongoing chores please let us know

## Oh Little Town of Bethlehem



The Cohoes Clergy Association is planning a special event for Sunday, December 6 in the City of Cohoes.

We will be recreating the little town of Bethlehem in the Cohoes Senior Center.

St. John's will be recreating the "Spice Shop." So anyone that would like to dress as a spice merchant please see Ed Tremblay.

This will be followed by a living nativity in Silliman Park. Thank goodness we are not in charge of the live animals.

We hope this becomes an annual tradition in Cohoes.