

Willow Grove Announces Mardi Gras Jazz Worship

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Willow Grove Presbyterian Church invites the community to its sixth annual Mardi Gras Jazz Worship Service, beginning at 10 a.m. on Sunday, February 12, at the church. The Reverend Cynthia Cochran-Carney is pastor.

Participants will have an opportunity to listen to and sing a variety of jazz gospel pieces and spirituals. Highlights will include the choir in an arrangement of "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" and a finale of "When the Saints Go Marching In."

This year's music will feature the Dixie Mix Dixieland Band, which has been performing since 1995 throughout Central New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. The band consists of Mike Green from Frenchtown on cornet, Alex Duque from Bridgewater on string bass, Frank Narucki from Paterson on clarinet, David Grego from Hoboken on tuba, Doug Rollender (director) from Bridgewater on trombone and Willow Grove Church's Director of Music Paul DiDario from South Plainfield on piano.

Concurrent childcare and children's classes will be provided, but children also will be welcome to remain at the worship service. All worshippers will

be invited to stay after the service for a light brunch of egg-and-cheese casserole and fruit. Kings Cakes, made to honor the Magi, also will be served. The cakes are made by students in the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools-Culinary Arts/Baking program under the supervision of Baking Instructor Ted DiIorio.

Each cake is decorated in the traditional Mardi Gras colors of purple, green and gold. Into each cake is baked a small doll, symbolizing the baby Jesus. People search for the baby Jesus in the cake, remembering the three wise men who looked for Jesus after his birth. Finding the baby Jesus will win the individual a prize.

If possible, interested persons are asked to make reservations by Thursday, February 9, through the church office by calling (908) 232-5678 or by e-mail at office@willowgrovechurch.org.

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church is located at 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, across the street from the Southside Firehouse and Southside Soccer Field and near the corner of South Martine Avenue. All church facilities are handicap-accessible. For information on other ministries, visit willowgrovechurch.org.



A "HOME RUN" FOR FURNITURE ASSIST...Daniel Berke recently visited Furniture Assist's facility in Kenilworth to present the proceeds, totaling \$4,250, from his annual Charity Softball Game. The event, which took place on September 25 at Westfield's Tamaques Park, included a game of youth versus parents, along with a raffle, silent auction, 50/50 and concession. Furniture Assist collects furniture and household goods from donors and provides it to people in need, free of charge. Daniel, a 12th grader at Westfield High School, is pictured with Furniture Assist co-founder Jill Brown.

Governor's Senior Counsel Rejoins Dughi & Hewit, P.C.

CRANFORD – Dughi & Hewit, P.C., a prominent New Jersey law firm with offices in Cranford, is pleased to announce that Craig A. Domalewski, who served as Senior Counsel to Governor Chris Christie for the past two years, has rejoined the firm as a principal member. The firm also has changed its name to Dughi, Hewit & Domalewski, P.C.

As Senior Counsel to Governor Christie, Mr. Domalewski provided advice and counsel to Governor Christie and Attorney General Jeffrey S. Chiesa, who then served as Chief Counsel to the Governor, on a wide array of legislative, legal, regulatory and policy initiatives.

Governor Christie, who practiced with Mr. Domalewski at Dughi & Hewit before the Governor served as United States Attorney for New Jersey, commented, "I would like to thank Craig for his outstanding service to New Jersey and to me." The Governor described Craig as "a gifted lawyer who made significant contributions to my Administration."

Prior to serving in the Christie Administration, Mr. Domalewski was a partner at Dughi & Hewit, P.C., where he represented pharmaceutical, manufacturing and private companies in complex civil litigation, including product liability, environmental and insurance coverage matters, and commercial transactions. He counseled hospitals and physicians in commercial disputes, regulatory and compliance issues and hospital/practice group transactions.

"We are excited to welcome Craig back to the firm," said Russell L. Hewit, senior partner of the Cranford, N.J. firm. "Craig is an exceptional lawyer who possesses a great deal of experience representing clients with complex legal problems in litigation and commercial transactions."

John Dughi added, "Craig's experience in Trenton will be an asset for the firm and his return to the firm underscores our commitment to providing the highest quality legal service to our clients."

Dughi & Hewit has successfully represented clients for over 30 years in New Jersey. The firm represents pharmaceutical, manufacturing and other major companies, hospitals, physicians, nursing homes, private businesses and governmental entities in a wide variety of litigation, regulatory and transaction matters.

Governor Christie and Attorney General Chiesa were partners at Dughi & Hewit before leaving the firm when Mr. Christie was appointed as the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey in 2002. "The firm is incredibly proud of the accomplishments of our former partners over the past decade," Mr. Hewit stated.

Mr. Domalewski graduated summa cum laude from Seton Hall Law School in 1996 and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Lehigh University in 1991. He is admitted to practice in New Jersey and the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

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St. Bart's to Conduct Anointing of the Sick

SCOTCH PLAINS – St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, located at 2032 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains, welcomes all to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It will take place at Mass at noon on Saturday, February 11, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

This Mass will be offered for Rita Salm, who for many years coordinated this special liturgy. Her son, Deacon Robert Salm, hopes to be in attendance and preach at this liturgy. For more information, call the rectory at (908) 322-5192. The church is handicap-accessible.

Catholic Inquiry Sessions To Be Offered at IHM

SCOTCH PLAINS – During the month of February, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church will offer informal inquiry sessions for non-Catholics interested in exploring what Catholicism is all about, as well as non-practicing Catholics who might want to "come home" to the faith in which they were born.

The get-togethers will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 6, Monday, February 13, and Monday, February 27, in the Nazareth Center Lounge behind the Main Church.

Felicia Levine of Immaculate Heart of Mary's (IHM) Adult Education outreach will address such topics as why the Catholic faith has withstood the test of over 2,000 years; what makes Catholicism different from other faiths, and why people find it a pillar of strength in troubling times; what makes it relevant today and why might it make a relevant difference in one's day-to-day life.

There will be coffee and refreshments, a brief DVD and plenty of time for questions and answers. The program will be free and there will be absolutely no obligation.

IHM is located at 1571 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. Ample on-site parking is available behind the church. For additional information, call Ms. Levine at the Parish

Office at (908) 889-2100, extension no. 22, or send an e-mail to her attention at IHM123@aol.com. Directions can be found on the parish website, ihmparish.net.

Service League Plans Bag Day Saturday

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Service League's thrift shop, located on the first floor at 114 Elmer Street in Westfield, will hold its annual end-of-winter Bag Day this Saturday, February 4, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Bag Day will be the last day of Dollar Week, which began on January 31. This event is the winter semi-annual clearance day for the thrift shop. Customers may purchase a grocery-size bag for \$5 and fill it to the brim with clothing, toys, books, shoes and household items found throughout the shop. There is no limit to the number of bags that can be purchased and filled.

Beginning Tuesday, February 7, the thrift shop shelves and racks will be stocked with spring and summer merchandise. The Westfield Service League is a non-profit, volunteer organization. Shop hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For further information, call the thrift shop at (908) 233-2530 or the consignment shop at (908) 232-1223.

Wellness Challenge Focuses On Body, Mind and Spirit

SCOTCH PLAINS – The second annual Scotch Plains Wellness Challenge is set to launch on Saturday, February 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club, located at Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.

The Scotch Plains Challenge Committee and the Scotch Plains Mayor's Wellness Campaign have organized this 10-week, community-wide Wellness Challenge.

"This is truly a competition where everyone wins," said Scotch Plains

Mayor Nancy Malool. "It's all about inspiring people to change their lives for the better."

The challenge, co-chaired by Dr. Frank DiLollo, a local chiropractor, and personal trainer Suzanne Mahoney, is a mix of body, mind and spirit. "This is about creating a fun way to improve not only our health, but our whole outlook on life," explained Dr. DiLollo, while Mrs. Mahoney added, "Ultimately, The Challenge is not about running a marathon or losing weight. It is about implementing a healthier lifestyle in all aspects of your life."

Challenge participants can join for a nominal fee of \$10. They will receive a pedometer, a T-shirt and a wellness workbook that contains weekly scorecards. The scorecards help participants stay on track when it comes to nutrition, fitness and positive thinking, where they can get points for such things as volunteering at a community event, giving back to charity or eating five servings of vegetables per day.

The Wellness Challenge will run for 10 weeks, from February 25 to April 29, and there will be opportunities for participants to win some major prizes.

The committee points out that in order for this program to be successful, local businesses need to provide support in the form of prizes and sponsorship. Many levels of sponsorship are available. Businesses who wish to participate can contact Dr. DiLollo at drdilollo@verizon.net or Suzanne Mahoney at befit4u@comcast.net.

For more details, visit scotchplainschallenge.com or contact Suzanne Mahoney at (908) 403-5641 or Dr. DiLollo at (908) 590-7778.

Clyne Foundation Plans Third Benefit

WESTFIELD – The Gregg F. Clyne Memorial Foundation will host its third fundraiser at the Gran Centurions in Clark on Saturday, March 31, at 6 p.m. The Foundation is confident that it will again be successful in achieving its goal of raising funds to continue to award scholarships to local high-school students.

Members of the board currently are in the process of soliciting for donations and/or raffle prizes for the event. The Foundation acknowledged merchants of Westfield, Cranford, Clark and other neighboring towns who have contributed to the organization's efforts.

The Gregg F. Clyne Memorial Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization, was established in 2008 as a result of a request made by Gregg F. Clyne, who died of cancer at the age of 27.

For information about the Foundation and/or to obtain tickets to the fundraiser, go to the "Events Page" on the organization's website, greggcllynefoundation.com.

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