

July 28, 2019

# The Carpenter's Helper

*This Week...*

## Roll Out The Rain Barrel

A FREE program through the City of Newark

## Weekly Parish Schedule

Add your group's event to the calendar: email stthomassooffice@googlegroups.com with your submission.

## "Greatest Hymn of All Time!"

Read to see if your favorite won!

As soon as rain falls on our roof, it begins its journey to the ocean. On its way it collects trash, chemicals, fertilizers and pollutants from our lawns, driveways, streets and rivers—eventually bringing it all to our waterways, causing erosion and polluting our drinking water. Eliminate this process from the source by diverting runoff into a rain barrel. A rain barrel collects and stores rain (stormwater runoff) from rooftops. By temporarily holding off water during a rain event, a rain barrel decreases the amount of water running across lawns and roadways where it picks up pollutants. Collected rainwater can later be used to water lawns, gardens, and potted plants, as well as for washing. We need to stop stormwater pollution at the source.

You can incorporate a rain barrel into the landscape design of your home. Grow a vining plant such as passion fruit, grapes, fragrant jasmine flowers or even a climbing cucumber variety at the base of your rain barrel. Similar to plants, animals prefer rain water over municipal tap water! Use your harvested rain water in a bird bath for local birds, bees and other visiting wildlife to enjoy. Rainwater is pure. Unlike tap water, there is no hardness, making it ideal for cleaning stainless steel appliances and fixtures. You can also wash dishes, fill the back of your toilet, scrub your produce, or water your houseplants as needed. The ways you can use rainwater is endless!

As part of Newark's Stormwater Utility, residents in the City can **apply to receive a free rain barrel**, while supplies last. Applicants must either own a home in the city of Newark, or if a renter, must have the property owner fill out and sign the application. As of this week, the program still had plenty of FREE rain barrels to go around!

So, in summary:

- Savings on your water bill. On average, outdoor water usage accounts for 30% of our household usage; wouldn't you love to reduce your water bill by 30%?
- Unlike treated water, which is "softened" with dissolved minerals, rainwater is naturally soft. The water stored in your rain barrel is better than drinking water for washing your car and watering indoor or outdoor plants.
- Reduced flooding in your yard or basement.
- A reduction in stormwater runoff from your property. It also reduces the amount of sediment and other pollutants that would be washed away with the runoff into nearby storm drains and local streams.
- Groundwater recharge. The slow release of the water allows it to soak into the ground, which supplies water to local streams in between storms.

To minimize the potential for water quality problems, we need to work together to clean up our stormwater at the source. If interested in receiving a rain barrel, please contact Kelley Dinsmore at [kdinsmore@newark.de.us](mailto:kdinsmore@newark.de.us) or 302-366-7000 to request an application.

# "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

has been chosen in a March Madness-like tournament as "the greatest hymn of all time." The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada announced the winner on July 18, the last day of its annual conference in Dallas.

"Some matchups were real nail-biters, while in others one hymn blew its opposition out of the water!" reads a post on the society's Facebook page. "Yesterday was the final round and we can safely say that the Greatest Hymn of All Time — as chosen by you — is: Holy, Holy Holy!!!" More than 800 people, mostly members of the 1,200-member Hymn Society, voted on the society's website, on Facebook and, in the last rounds, in person at the conference during the competition that featured brackets similar to the springtime NCAA basketball tradition.

Hymn experts said it was fitting, if not surprising, that "Holy, Holy, Holy!" — which trounced "Amazing Grace," 70% to 30% in the second round — defeated its musical challengers.

Christopher Phillips, author of the 2018 book "The Hymnal: A Reading History," said "Holy, Holy, Holy!" is "something of a natural champion among hymns of various eras. "The words and music have a stately, majestic quality, something many worshippers want to associate with the traditional hymn repertoire," he said. The words by Anglican bishop Reginald Heber, he said, "are an elegant way of affirming the basic belief in the Trinity that unites most Christian denominations regardless of other doctrinal differences."

The hymn begins with the words "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!" and ends with "God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!"

Eileen Guenther, church music professor at Washington's Wesley Theological Seminary, said the society's approach to the tournament, providing hymn titles from which to choose rather than asking people to list their favorites, means the winner is a barometer "with borders" on what enthusiasts consider the greatest one.

"I think what it really speaks to is our quest today for the past," she said, adding that people may have voted for "Holy, Holy, Holy!" because they recalled singing it as children.

"So having a hymn of longtime history (and) deep roots probably makes sense for a questionnaire right now," said Guenther. "And my guess is if that same questionnaire happened another time, ... we would get an entirely different response."

By Adelle M. Banks

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## PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 28

8:00am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00am (GH) Parking Commission Report

10:30am (U) Nursery

10:30am (GH) Children's Worship

10:30am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:45am (GH) Coffee and Fellowship

6:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance

Monday, July 29

6:00am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA

7:30pm (GH) Scottish Dance

Tuesday, July 30

6:00am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA

5:00pm (CO) AIDS Delaware

6:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance

8:00pm (U) KIS AA meeting

Wednesday, July 31

6:00am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA

10:30am (C) Bible Study Group

4:00pm (C) Blue Hen Bounty

5:30pm (P) Centering Prayer

8:00 (GH) South College Speakers AA

Thursday, August 1

6:00am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA

3:00pm (C) Blue Hen Bounty

Friday, August 2

6:00am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA

12:00pm (C) Al-Anon

6:30pm (P) Women's AA

Saturday, August 3

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Sunday, August 4

8:00am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:15am (DO) Coping with Grief

10:30am (U) Nursery

10:30am (GH) Children's Worship

10:30am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:45am (GH) Parking Commission Report

6:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance

location key:

(C) Classroom

(GH) Great Hall

(N) Nave

(P) Parlor

(MR) Music Room

(U) Undercroft

(DO) Deacon's Office

(RO) Rector's Office