

TENAFLY

Bishop returns to Tenafly for Dedication Feb. 12

The Rt. Rev. John Palmer Croneberger will be the Celebrant at the 10:00 a.m. service of Eucharist on Outreach Sunday, February 12 at The Church of the Atonement. Bishop "Jack" is the former rector of Atonement and Bishop of Newark (retired) and now serves as the Assistant Bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Atonement's new elevator, part of their "Open Doors, Open Hearts" accessibility campaign, will be dedicated. Over the past eighteen months, Atonement has completed and dedicated a newly remodeled entrance on Engle Street and new bathrooms. With the completion of the elevator and A/V system, large portions of Atonement's buildings are now fully accessible.

The Church of the Atonement's outreach to the community will be recognized, including its ongoing commitment to addressing hunger. "Through support of the Center for Food Action in food and financial support, grants over the years to Pascack Valley Meals on Wheels, St. Paul's Development Food Pantry in Paterson, North Porch, St. Peter's Haven, and providing monthly meals to the St. Paul's Shelter for the homeless, we try to follow Jesus' example in feeding the hungry," Outreach Committee Chair Deedy Clark said.

The Rev. Diane Riley, an Episcopal deacon who leads the hunger ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, will speak and assist in the service. Riley joined the staff of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey as Director of Advocacy in April. For the past five years she served as Outreach and Education Coordinator for the Apostles' House where she worked throughout Northern New Jersey to educate people on the factors that contribute to hunger and to help communities explore activities and changes to policies that address the underlying causes and solutions.

All are invited to a festive reception following the service and dedication.

The Church of the Atonement (Episcopal) is located at 97 Highwood Avenue at Engle Street in Tenafly. For more information about Atonement's outreach, environmental, spiritual and educational programs, contact the church office at 201-568-1763 and atonement568@verizon.net or visit on the web at www.atonement-tenafly.org.