

The Spire



A Newsletter by and for the people of Christ Church Bronxville All Saints' Sunday

Last month Catherine and I had our first adult vacation since the birth of our son Patrick. We spent five days on Martha's Vineyard, just relaxing, walking and reading. One of the great treats for me was the opportunity to visit one of Catherine's active projects on the Vineyard. (For those of you who don't know, Catherine is an architect). It was an unexpected and moving encounter – experiencing the beauty of Catherine's ideas and principles and intellect made real in wood and stone and glass. Those buildings express, for all to see, what matters to Catherine and her clients – a connection to the natural world, a delight in beauty, the careful use of resources and the importance of relationship.

While we were on the site I struck up a conversation with the mason, a plain spoken veteran of the construction wars, who was carefully building the bluestone walls of a fireplace. He was trying to explain to me the perils of dealing with building inspectors and their inconsistency when he said "Some of these inspectors treat the building code like the Bible, they read it and interpret it any way they want." Since I was undercover at the time, clerical collar sitting on a shelf back in Bronxville, the mason didn't intend to shake me up. But he did. Our conversation about paperwork and bureaucracy had become a commentary on the irregular application of Christian belief. So what are our core beliefs? How do we give them shape and life and structure? How do we make them known?

This coming Sunday is All Saints' Sunday, the day when we remember all those whose lives have been beacons of light and faith and action. Central to this service is Holy Baptism and the Baptismal Covenant, which we will all reclaim and proclaim. The Baptismal Covenant is our Christian Ethic and answers the questions above. It consists of two parts. The first is the Apostles' Creed, the oldest public statement of our Christian faith. The second part details how we put that faith into action, with the clear understanding that our faith must be put into action.

Later this month, on November 18th, we will do just that. We will come together for our second annual Outreach (continued on back page)

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Fridays

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe in God the Father?
<i>People</i>	I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
<i>People</i>	I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
<i>People</i>	I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.

School Calendar

Godly Play (Pre-K-1st Grade)

Nov. 4th The Story of Daniel
 Nov. 11th The Lord's Prayer
 Nov. 18th Outreach Sunday
 Nov. 25th Thanksgiving weekend:
 Combined classes

Second Grade

Nov. 4th Thanksgiving and
 Communion
 Nov. 11th Church Vestments &
 Seasons of the Church
 Year
 Nov. 18th Outreach Sunday
 Nov. 25th Thanksgiving weekend:
 Combined classes

Third Grade

Nov. 4th Moses (1)
 Nov. 11th The Plagues and Passover
 Nov. 18th Outreach Sunday
 Nov. 25th Thanksgiving weekend:
 Combined classes

Fourth Grade

Nov. 4th The Sermon on the Mount
 Nov. 11th Jesus' Miracles of Faith
 Nov. 18th Outreach Sunday
 Nov. 25th Thanksgiving weekend:
 Combined classes

Fifth Grade

Nov. 4th Saints of the Ancient
 Church (1)
 Nov. 11th Saints of the Ancient
 Church (2)
 Nov. 18th Outreach Sunday
 Nov. 25th Thanksgiving weekend:
 Combined classes

Sixth Grade

Nov. 4th What is Judaism
 Nov. 11th Study of Judaism
 Nov. 18th Outreach Sunday
 Nov. 25th Thanksgiving weekend:
 Combined classes

Nursery

Located on the first floor of the Child Center, this resource is staffed by two loving and caring professionals from 9:45 A.M. to noon each Sunday. Parents are also welcome and encouraged as extra volunteers.

Children's Christian Formation

Advent Wreath Making Sunday, December 2nd, after the 10am service in Taylor Hall.

Are you looking for an easy way to escape some of the commercialization of the Christmas Season? How about lighting an Advent Wreath each evening on your dinner table? Join us to make a wreath with your family, and get suggestions on how to use it. Make this Advent a season of spiritual calm and togetherness for your family.

\$20 material fee to cover costs of fresh greens, candles and decorations. To reserve your materials, please reply to Barbara Potgieter (bpotgieter@ccbny.org) by November 24th, 2007



Children's Chapel & Event Schedule

November 4th & 11th
 9:45 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM Church School

November 18th Outreach Sunday:
 No Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM Abbreviated Service, & special outreach project in Taylor Hall.

November 25th Thanksgiving Weekend:
 No Children's Chapel



All Hallow's Eve Party!



Music



Christ Church Choirs at Trinity Church Copley Square, Boston.

Choristers from The Christ Church Choir, Schola Cantorum, and Voice for Life will be on tour November 9-11 in Boston. While on tour they will sing at the historic landmark church on Copley Square and spend several hours recording music for a web-based project titled "Meditations for Advent." Please keep the choir in your prayers as they journey to Boston.

Charis Chamber Voices

Charis Chamber Voices returns to Christ Church on Saturday December 1
Vivaldi Gloria and Magnificat
 For info. and tickets call: 914-931-6575. Visit www.charisvocals.com.

Parish Choir – Come One, Come All!

Sunday November 18 9:00AM Rehearsal; 10:00AM Sing!

2008 Parish Choir dates: January 27, March 30, May 25

Our Spectacular Annual

Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday December 2, 5:00PM

(brass prelude begins at 4:45)

Music for choirs, brass, organ, and congregation.



Young at Arts Presents *On With the Show!* Saturday, December 8th in Taylor Hall

Come and see Young at Arts in action performing some of our favorite Broadway hits!
 featuring all the young artists

4 PM Show - features our preschool thru 2nd Graders

7PM Show - features our 3rd - 9th Graders

Drama, Piano, Orchestra, Solo Instrumental and Voice

We hope to see you there!

Organ Timeline

October 16, 2006

Initial proposal from Casavant

June 20, 2007

Design Retainer Signed with Casavant

August 6, 2007

Christopher Wells visits the organ factory in Québec

September 19, 2007

Jacquelin Rochette (Tonal Director) and Pierre Drouin (Chief Architect) visit Christ Church to make their final space study

October 14, 2007

Farewell Evensong with the old organ

October 15, 2007

Organ Console removed in preparation for interim digital organ

October 16, 2007

Digital Organ installed

November 1, 2007

Contract between Christ Church and Casavant signed. Production of the new pipe organ commences

November 5, 2007

Scaffolding erected, organ chambers cleared

Summer 2008

Organ chambers repaired and prepared for new organ

Spring 2009

New organ erected in Casavant's factory

August 2009

New organ crated and packed for shipment to Bronxville

October 2009

New organ is completed

Prepare a Meal

Will you prepare a meal for a member of our parish family? Many of you have responded “yes” and are taking part in this behind the scenes ministry at Christ Church Bronxville by providing meals to parishioners who are homebound, ill or just need a little help and loving care. This month, our ministry is expanding to provide meals to Fessenden House, a halfway house in Yonkers for men in recovery. Contact the Rev. Kate Malin for more details.

Bible Study

Bible Study begins at 9:00 AM Sunday December 2nd.

Beginning Sunday Dec. 2nd, Bible Study on the lections of the day will be offered between our Sunday morning services, from 9:15 AM to 9:45 AM, in the Conference Room downstairs next to the kitchen. Clergy and Seminarians will rotate leading the discussion, which will invite responses to the sermon for those who attend the 8:00 AM service and a chance to go deeper into the readings of the day for those who plan to stay for the 10:00 AM service.

Thanksgiving Interfaith Services

On Sunday November 18 at 2:00 PM, a Thanksgiving Interfaith Service will be held at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 1373 Nepperhan Avenue in Yonkers, with refreshments following. For more information, call (914) 965-3455.

And on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 22 at 10:00 am, First Baptist Church will host our traditional Bronxville area Interfaith Service at 407 New Rochelle Road in Bronxville. For more information on this service, call (914) 793-2560.

Adult Christian Formation

ONE TUESDAY:

Just What is the Anglican Communion?

November 27th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

“ONE Tuesday” on November 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Just what is the Anglican Communion? What is really at the heart of the controversy in our Church? Are those articles in the New York Times accurate? And why should we care? If you would like some clear information about the relationship between the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, if you have questions about what happened at General Convention in 2003 and 2006, if you simply want a better understanding of who the players are and what’s at stake, come to the next ONE Tuesday on November 27th. The Rev. Dr. Titus Presler, sub-dean and professor of mission and world Christianity at the General Theological Seminary and author of the recent article “Anglican Communion in Turmoil” in the Episcopal New Yorker, will give us an overview, share his insights and take our questions.

After we all enjoy dinner together at 6:00 pm, the children will split off for their own entertaining program while adults remain in Taylor Hall for Dr. Presler’s presentation. We’ll gather again at the end of the evening for a brief service of worship. Childcare is available for kids four and under. For more information, contact the Rev. Kate Malin.

Working Mothers’ Fellowship

November 28th

Our November WMF meeting will meet in the Crispell Lounge on Wednesday November 28 at 7:00 pm. If you are a mom who works outside the home, please stop by for wine, cheese and continuing conversation about how we can feed our own souls while raising faithful children in an increasingly secular world. For more information, contact the Rev. Kate Malin at kmalin@ccbny.org.

First Friday Films: “*Evil and Good*”

First Friday Films December 7

Our series “Evil and Good” continues with “Mrs. Miniver.” This legendary 1942 film, winner of six Academy Awards including Best Picture, tells the story of a middle-class British housewife whose strength holds her family together during the horrors of World War II. Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon head the cast, and the film’s snappy dialogue, surprising plot twists and colorful characters make it easy to see why “Mrs. Miniver” is a classic. We meet in Taylor Hall for refreshments at 6:30 before the screening starts at 7:00 pm. Afterwards, we’ll discuss the theological implications of the film and how it speaks to our understanding of the presence of evil in God’s good creation.

Outreach Sunday

When is it? Sunday, November 18, 2007 Following an abbreviated 10:00 AM Service

What is it? Service to the Lord takes place in many ways. On Outreach Sunday, we will focus on serving the Lord by doing good works in the communities around us.

Who can participate? You! Everyone is welcome!

What will we be doing?

- Projects in Taylor Hall for all ages.
- Projects in the community Collecting and organizing donated goods
- Collecting money to help buy Thanksgiving Dinners

Off Site Projects

(These projects will meet in the church and leave together as a group)

Iglesia San Andres Turkey Delivery – San Andres Church provides Thanksgiving dinner to families in Yonkers that would not otherwise be able to have a Thanksgiving dinner. They have asked us to collect the turkeys. We need both donations, and people to help deliver the donations to the Food Pantry. Donations will be collected up until Nov. 11, and delivery will take place during Outreach Sunday.

Habitat for Humanity – We will be doing a construction project with the local Habitat organization. You must be 16 to participate.

Fessenden House – We will be cleaning Fessenden House.

Help Iglesia San Andres Outfit New Offices in their Church – The EYC will put their DMT skills to work and help the members of San Andres outfit new offices for three programs that use them: English as a Second Language, the Afterschool Program and the Food Bank. You are welcome to join them in the construction. (This is not suitable for young children.)

At the 5:00 Service: There will be GAIA Beads and pencil boxes for decorating available at the 5:00 service (see descriptions about GAIA)

In Taylor Hall

Help raise money for GAIA by making African Bracelets: We will have the makings for African inspired bracelets available in Taylor Hall. For small donation, you can make a bracelet for yourself or as a gift.

Decorate Stockings for Fessenden House: Fessenden House is a home in Yonkers for men in recovery from addiction to drugs and alcohol. The Confirmation Class will gather items on Fessenden House's residents' Christmas Lists, and we will decorate stockings to be used to deliver the gifts.

Fix and Deliver Lunch for Fessenden House: We will also fix and deliver lunch for the men at Fessenden House.

Decorate Pencil Boxes For Carpenter's Kids in Tanzania: Carpenter's Kids is a partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Central Tanganyika, where Tanzanian HIV/AIDs orphans and other vulnerable children are provided with a school uniform, a pair of shoes, breakfast every morning, and adequate school supplies to enable them to attend primary school. Christ Church has been linked with the Iloilo Parish and we will be sending these children school supplies.

Donations and Collections:

\$ Donations for Thanksgiving Turkeys San Andres Church provides Thanksgiving dinner to families in Yonkers that would not otherwise be able to have a Thanksgiving dinner. We will collect cash donations to purchase the Turkeys until Nov. 11, and will deliver the Turkeys during Outreach Sunday.

Iglesia San Andres Tag Sale Collection San Andres will be holding a Tag Sale to raise money for its children's programs. We will be collecting all of your gently used clothes, toys, etc., to be sorted and sold at the tag sale. Please bring the donations to Taylor Hall on Outreach Sunday.

Items for Midnight Run and Fessenden House: We need tube socks, jockey brief size 32 to 42, gloves, warm hats, flannel sheets for twin bed, men's bath robes and slippers.

Church School Kids Collection of School Supplies: Throughout October and November, Church School kids will collect school supplies to be given to Iloilo Parish, our Tanzanian link through "Carpenter's Kids."

Christ Church Bronxville Linked with Iloilo Parish in Tanzania

Thanks to many of you who pledged \$50 a year for 5 years to provide shoes, uniforms, breakfast and school supplies to orphans in Tanzania through the Carpenter's Kids program, Christ Church Bronxville has been linked with Iloilo Parish. School uniforms were distributed on October 13th, and soon we'll be in regular communication with the parish. If you would like to be part of the Communication Team, please contact the Rev. Kate Malin. For more information on the Carpenter's Kids program, you can read the monthly newsletter at www.thecarpenterskids.org.

Birthdays

November 2: Mary Cherna;
 4: Donald Sharp, William Bender;
 5: William Elder, Elizabeth
 Kleiner 6: John Barrett, Kristofer
 DePalermo, John Leferovich;
 8: Sinclair Welch; 10: Patricia
 Park, Catherine Sullivan; 11:
 Katherine Lapham, Dorothy Huff
 Oberhaus; 12: Amy Marshall Bruck;
 13: Nathaniel Sessions Kelsey;
 14: Mary Taylor Behrens, Emily
 Bogle, Owen Smith; 15: Ella Crystal,
 Jessica Zambelli; 16: Jackson
 Freed; 18: Arthur Corwin Frost,
 Julia O'Connor, Paul Philips; 20:
 Katherine Andersen, Andrew Bevan,
 John Warman; 21: Olivia Bruton,
 James Horne, Hannah Kelsey, James
 O'Brien; 22: Cornelia Samuel
 Bower, Dorothy Yohannan;
 23: Taylor Reynolds; 25: Ethan
 Archibald, Georgeann Delli Venneri;
 26: Lee Johnson, Carol Taylor, W.
 Dewees Yeager; 27: George Taylor,
 Leighton Welch; 28: Madeleine
 Foley, William Goodell, Phyllis
 (Lisa) Meaders Hurley; 30: Deborah
 Ross, Rosemary Palmer

Save the Date!

*Sunday December 2nd for
 Advent Wreath Making
 immediately following the
 10:00 AM service, and
 Advent Lessons and Carols
 at 5:00 pm.*

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

First-ever Diocesan Youth Convention! Hosted by Christ Church November 9-10

Christ Church will host the Episcopal Diocese of New York's first Diocesan Youth Convention November 9-10th. The event, hosted in conjunction with the larger Diocesan Convention, will give high schoolers from all over the New York area an opportunity to have their voices heard in the church, learn about hot issues in the Anglican Communion and have a lot of fun. There is no charge for registering. If you would like to attend please contact Director of Youth Ministry Krista Miller at kmiller@ccbny.org.

Outreach With Yonkers Church Iglesias San Andres

The EYC's relationship with Yonkers church San Andres continues in November. On Outreach Sunday the group will install new cabinets for storage in the building's five small offices. San Andres' building used to be a garage. There is not much space but there is a lot going on. We will be helping them maximize every inch available. It is a wonderful way to help our friends in Yonkers!

Mission Trip to Costa Rica

Registration Deadline Extended to January 15th

During the first week of August 2008 the EYC will travel to Costa Rica for the first International EYC Mission Trip. Hosted by the Anglican Diocese of Costa Rica, the teens will work with a local church on construction and repairs as well as building a relationship with the church. The EYC will also have time to experience the culture and landscape of Costa Rica through activities such as surfing, hiking, viewing volcanoes and more. Contact Krista Miller at kmiller@ccbny.org for more information.

EYC Calendar

For Further Information about the EYC contact Director of Youth Ministry Krista Miller at kmiller@ccbny.org

November 1st – Mission Trip to Costa Rica Registration Due

November 9-10th – Diocesan Youth Convention at Christ Church

November 16th - Midnight Run 7:45 in the church kitchen

November 18th – Outreach Sunday, at San Andres in Yonkers

Confirmation Kids Fundraiser for Christmas at Fessenden House

Many of the residents of Fessenden House have never had what we might consider a "real" Christmas. Our parish wants to surprise these eleven men, all recovering from addiction to alcohol or narcotics and many without family of their own, with a Christmas stocking. Our Confirmation Classes will be selling holiday treats during Advent to raise money to buy gifts each Sunday. Please help support them so that we can share our love with Fessenden House this Christmas.



Young at Arts

Transforming children into performers

By Lynette Wilson

Around the time Talia Oliveras turned 2, Zunilda Zorilla noticed that her granddaughter wanted to sing and dance. So when Talia picked up a brochure at her school about a new after-school arts education program for children grades four and up, Zorilla was hardly surprised that Talia wanted to audition.

One tiny problem: Talia was a second-grader.

"I explained to Ms. Pirtle that my granddaughter was too young but that she was good," Zorilla said. "The program provides something that unless you have money, you might not be able to do. I wanted Talia to be a part of it."

Talia auditioned and made the cut.

Sharyn Pirtle formed Young at Arts in January 2005 after seeing a need for arts education in and around Mt. Vernon. It aims to empower young people to reach their full potential both on and off stage through art instruction and the creation of musical and theatrical art. Episcopal Charities of the Diocese of New York supported Young at Arts with a \$5,000 grant this year; Christ Church, Bronxville, is the supporting parish. The program has a needs-blind admissions policy.

"I think it's important that we work with arts programs as well as more traditional programs for

a number of reasons," said Mary Beth Sasso, executive director of Episcopal Charities. "Singing and theater programs help build self confidence. And students learn to work together."

On a trip to her polling place, a school, Pirtle noticed the school's dilapidated theater, and she decided to do something.

"I had a public school education and an amazing arts program; it made me who I am today," Pirtle said.

"Arts education was free, given to anyone who wanted to learn. We were young people all going toward the excellent goal of music and performing; it opened my mind. My friends came from all over the community. This is what shaped me, and I want to make sure these kids have this."

Performing Arts

Young at Arts offers year-round performing arts instruction, with weekly workshops and classes in the fall and spring. Students develop a range of skills in drama and music, beginning with the basics and becoming increasingly specialized with advanced age. The curriculum is designed to build strong traditional techniques as well as to encourage creativity through invention and improvisation.

Sam Sutton, co-artistic director for Young at Arts, has learned that you cannot judge a student on first impressions.

"Talent is definitely something that can be developed. The thing that has struck me is the amount of potential, but the children have no experience," she said. "It's amazing what a year of coming to class can do."

The season ends with a fully staged—costumes, lights, props and sets—summer production. The cast, composed of students in fourth-through-eighth-grade, is chosen by audition.

Christ Church provided the seed money for Young at Arts and renovated its theater with the program in mind.

"Christ Church has historically been a great center for the arts and supporter of the arts, and was an opportunity for us to reclaim that tradition," said the Rev. Michael Bird, the church's rector. "It makes what we say a reality. We care about the arts and we are willing to fund them and do the extra work to find housing for them."

Transformations

Victoria Grant encouraged her daughter, Jaytiaa Grant, 14, to participate in Young at Arts because Grant thought it might bring Jaytiaa "out of her shell."

"Jaytiaa liked singing and she would sing beautifully, but I guess she was so embarrassed, maybe it was her teenage-ness," Grant said. "We put her in Young at Arts to see if that would bring her out."

It did. At first Jaytiaa, a Thornton High School (Mt. Vernon) freshman, didn't want to perform in front of an audience, but after her first performance, the stage called her.

"It was like I had my time to shine," she said. "Everyone's eyes were on me and it gave me a confidence, a feeling."

Participating in Young at Arts has had a transformative effect on Talia, too. She has "become a whole new person." A former C student, she now makes the honor roll and she knows what she wants to be when she grows up: "When I grow up I want to sing opera because I love opera so much and it's just a joy to be on stage and singing."



Jaytiaa Grant as the narrator in the summer 2007 production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.



Talia Oliveras singing in the chorus in the spring 2006 production of *Brundibar*. Photos courtesy of Young at Arts.

"When I grow up I want to sing opera because I love opera so much and it's just a joy to be on stage and singing."

— Talia Oliveras, 9, fifth-grader, Lincoln Elementary School, Mt. Vernon.

Young at Arts serves students in the Bronx and Southern Westchester County. Each semester, they come together under the guidance of professional arts instructors to share ideas and to create first-rate theatrical performances. Through their efforts, the young artists find that creativity and discipline are not mutually exclusive; their development onstage is mirrored by the offstage development of improved work habits, increased problem-solving abilities and powerful dedication to team work. For more information visit, www.youngatarts.us.



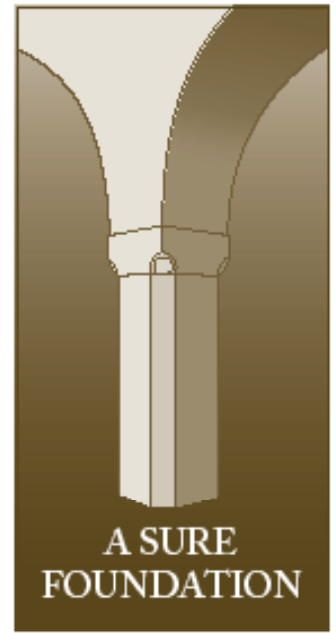
Pledges

In the next few weeks those of you who have pledged to the Sure Foundation Capital campaign will receive a financial statement/reminder from us. As you know, your pledge is payable over the next three years, through June 2010. How you divide those payments is up to you, so there will not be a balance due designated per year, just an overall statement for what was pledged and what you have given thus far.

If you are able to fulfill your pledge early we would greatly appreciate it. Our ability to coordinate capital projects is dependent on cash flow.

If you have not made a pledge to the Capital Campaign, please consider doing so now. We have raised \$4.5 million toward our goal of the \$5 million we need to address all of our building issues. The end result will be a fantastic facility with no deferred maintenance, a new organ and an exciting opportunity to focus on our programs!

Please join us!!!



Organ Project

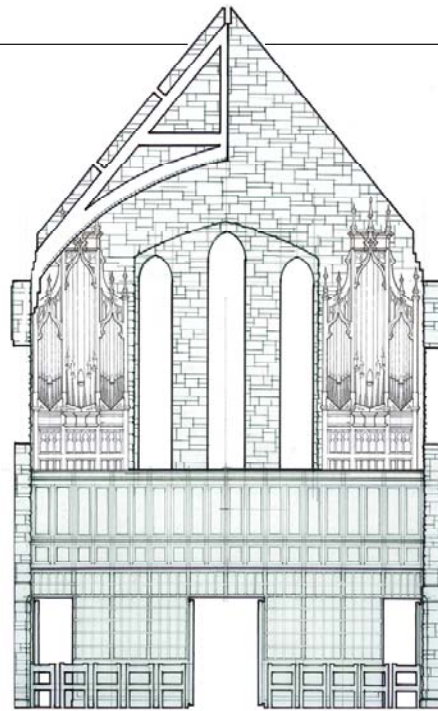


After careful consideration of 6 organ builders, we have selected Casavant Frères to build the new organ for Christ Church. Casavant is located in Saint-Hyacinthe, Québec – about 45 miles east of Montreal.

Why did we choose Casavant?

- Their current tonal philosophy, mechanical reliability, and recent instruments indicate a perfect match to the goals of our organ project.
- They have demonstrated a keen interest in taking on this project

In addressing the goals of the organ project, Casavant was able to overcome every obstacle. Tonal issues were carefully considered in the speci-



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fication (list of stops). Former tiresome and costly mechanical issues will disappear with Casavant's famously

reliable winchests, and the console, built in the traditional English-style, will be completely new.

The seemingly unsurpassable obstacle of the instrument's placement has been improved by two details. First, the most important pipes will have pride of placement in the façade (front pipes that you can see) and just behind the façade. Second, an "Antiphonal Organ" has been "prepared". An Antiphonal Organ resides in a location opposite the main organ – in our situation, it will be in the Balcony above the Narthex (as shown in the elevation at left). A "prepared" organ simply means that the drawknobs will be provided on the new console for the Antiphonal Organ, when funds exist to build that section of the organ.

As the project moves ahead, there will be several opportunities for any parishioners to travel to Casavant's factory to see the new organ being build. See Christopher Wells if you are interested.