

Rector

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could not continue. At that moment, he felt the priest put his arm around Nagy and give him a supportive hug. But when Nagy looked up, he saw the priest was still sitting in his place and had never gotten up. That was the turning point.

"Short of hitting me over the head, I think God was telling me something," he said. "When I finally made the decision to be a priest it was like a burden had been lifted."

But, the change from secular success to the priesthood was not so simple. He and his wife spent plenty of time praying over the move, he said. "The decision was not totally without fear. I was married with two children," explained Nagy. "It felt right even though I was leaving behind that kind of financial security."

Nagy was ordained in 1994 and worked at St. Mary's in Phoenix before moving to Dallas. "The reason I came to this church is because it is alive and the people are so enthusiastic about doing God's work," said Nagy, who turned down another offer to come to Prince of Peace.

"It's an absolute joy to be here. The church is organized in a way that we can do anything God calls us to do," Nagy also said the continuing growth of the Back Mountain community makes it an exciting time for the church.

The Reverend Joseph S. Prater was the previous rector who served the church for 35 years before

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Rev. Robert Nagy
Prince of Peace Episcopal Church

retiring last year. For just over a year interim priests served the community before Nagy was hired.

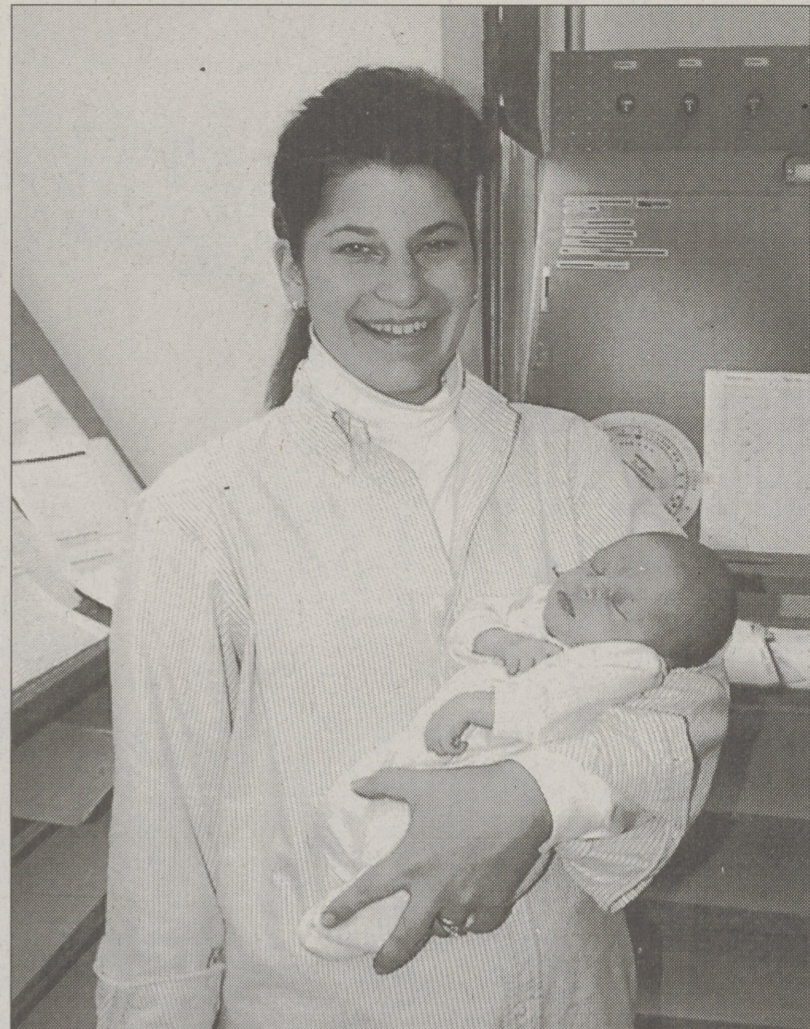
Nagy said both his professional career and 20 years as an active lay person in the church helped shape him for his new role. He believes active lay people are vital to the church and should be allowed to do many things that previous priests believed only they should do. Nagy cited bringing communion to the homebound as one example. At Prince of Peace, Jim Saba is the senior warden and David Fritz is the junior warden.

The new rector is an active hiker and reader who loves to travel. His children attend Dallas Middle and Dallas High Schools. Nagy describes his wife as "a wonderful partner in ministry" who is artistic and very loving and supportive.

A celebration of the new ministry and the institution of Rev. Nagy will be held on Nov. 7 at 4:30 p.m. at the church. A reception will follow at The Castle Inn.

New and not so new

The Dallas Post celebrated two events last week. "Retired" office manager Jill Gruver paid a visit with her new son, Matthew David, born Oct. 6. At the same time, the staff of the Post honored Olga Kostrobala, who has worked for the newspaper for 25 years. After enjoying cake, she was presented with a cookbook. She is shown with Jessica Appolo, advertising sales representative, and Ronald Bartizek, publisher.



Job Johnnies

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DeGeorge.

DeGeorge says it is hard to enforce the current code, and he has yet to give anyone a citation. "It wouldn't be fair," he says, because it was not enforced before. Changes are in store, however, and DeGeorge plans to attack the problem in time for the next summer season. "I have to go by the law," he says.

Residents currently renting Job Johnnies have threatened DeGeorge that they will do the obvious if forced to give up their portable facilities. "I'd hate to see all of these people using the lake instead of the Job Johnnies," DeGeorge says.

Shirley Reeves, of Reeves Septic Service in Falls, estimates that

quests. Units are entirely self-contained, and rarely malfunction, she said.

"We've been running the units for years, and never had a problem," says Reeves. "We just found out about the ordinance." Reeves said most residents rent the units to save on sewer system costs, and to prevent wet guests from trampling through their homes.

The next Harveys Lake Borough Council meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 17, and residents are expected to voice their opposition to enforcement of the ordinance.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of Oct. 23 - 29:

Donald B. Flick, Jr., to Thomas Brody, et ux, 2 parcels, Dallas Twp., \$50,000.

Harry Salavantis, et ux, to James C. Oschol, et ux, Lot 31 Crane's Landing, Kingston Twp., \$49,250.

Ray W. Twiner, III, et ux, to Richard B. Locke, et ux, see deed, Lehman Twp., \$140,000.

Eric Harrah to speak at New Life Church

The public is invited to hear Eric Harrah speak at New Life Community Church, Sunday, Nov. 8 at 10:30 a.m. New Life Community Church is located on Brace Road in Orange. Mr. Harrah was an abortion clinic operator until Nov. 1, 1997.

Those who hear his story, will be impressed by his honesty and the fact that he walked away from everything: his career, his partner, his home, his lifestyle. Eric gives the credit to a former Penn State football player Steve Stupar, prayers of the congregation at the State College Assembly of God and God.

Pastor Dennis Madeira invites the public to hear Eric Harrah's testimony. For more information, call 639-5433.

Christmas Boutique to be held Nov. 11

Christmas Boutique at the Old Beaumont High School sponsored by The Monroe Township Community Association will be held Sunday, Nov. 8, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information please contact Shirley at 639-5695 or Pearl at 639-5621.

H.L. Legion to hold flea market Nov. 7

The Harveys Lake American Legion will host an indoor flea market, Sat., Nov. 7 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the post home, Rt. 415. Vendors may rent tables by calling 675-0104 or 639-5500. Refreshments will be available.

Sister Circle has upcoming events

The Sister Circle of the Dallas United Methodist Church has been busy planning for a new year of mission work, fellowship, learning and fun. Anyone interested in joining can contact the church; new members are always welcome. The VISION winter coat and hat drive deadline is Nov. 8, any contributions of winter outdoor gear in good condition will be gladly accepted in the church office up to and including Sunday.

The Sister Circle is beginning a study entitled "The Bible-Part I-Origins and Formations". This program looks at the history of the Bible, and its stages of development and interpretations as they have evolved over the centuries. Introduction of the study begins on Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at the church. Those interested in participating can contact Wendy Carey at 333-5198 for details. The Sister Circle meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Refreshments are served and child care is always provided. Next meeting is Nov. 12.

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