

Saint John's Spirit

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From the Rector

Reflections

With Holy Week, and Easter, plus Confirmations fast approaching, I thought that these prayers from the Celtic tradition might give us some food for reflection. Both are from The Edge of Glory: Prayers in the Celtic Tradition, David Adam. Morehouse, Harrisburg, PA, 1992.

Remember, don't keep the faith; give it away.

Father Todd ☩

Easter Blessing

*The Lord of the empty tomb
The conqueror of gloom
Come to you
The Lord in the garden walking
The Lord to Mary talking
Come to you*

*The Lord in the Upper Room
Dispelling fear and doom
Come to you*

*The Lord on the road to
Emmaus
The Lord giving hope to Thomas
Come to you*

*The Lord appearing on the shore
Giving us life for evermore*

Lord

*There are times when I need to be an island,
Set in an infinite sea
Cut off from all that comes to me
But surrounded still by thee.
Times of quiet and peace
When traffic and turmoil cease
When I can be still and worship thee
Lord of the land and sea.
Full tide and ebb tide
Let life rhythms flow
Ebb tide, full tide
How life's beat must go.*

Lord

*I must be part of the mainland,
A causeway between me and others.
There are times when I can only find thee
In working with my brothers.
Times of business and industry
Freeing ourselves from captivity.
It's when we give a helping hand
We meet you, Lord of sea and land.
Ebb tide, full tide
Let life rhythms flow
Full tide, ebb tide
How life's beat must go.*

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday : Services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. including procession with palm branches and reading of The Passion According to Mark. Father Todd will hold an ad hoc Adult Forum comparing the Four Accounts of the Passion. For any children's activities see Christian Ed. Director's article.

Holy Monday: Compline will be prayed at 9pm in the church.

Holy Tuesday: Compline will be prayed at 9pm in the church.

Holy Wednesday: Wednesday Night Live will focus on the last days of Christ according to Luke's Gospel. Compline will be prayed at 9pm in the church.

Maundy Thursday: Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar at 7pm in the church. Keeping Vigil all night with Christ in the Church begins.

Good Friday: Keeping Vigil with Christ comes to an end at Noon. Stations of the Cross (led by youth – a powerful, moving service) begins at 7pm in the church. Solemn Collects and Communion from the Reserved Host will be included.

Holy Saturday: See Christian Ed. Director's Article.

Easter Sunday: The Great Vigil of Easter 7:30 a.m., begins in the Narthex adjacent to Whitlock Hall. Principle Easter Service 10:30 a.m. For Easter Brunch info, check the church website, bulletins, announcements and Google group messages.

Confirmation

On Sat. April 25th St. John's could send as many as 11 adults to be Confirmed/Received into the Episcopal Church by our bishop, The Right Reverend Catherine M. Waynick. The service will take place at 11am at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, West Lafayette. A member of St. John's will sponsor each Confirmand. This "mentor" will stand up with them at Confirmation, give them a gift and be the first to officially welcome them into the St. John's Family on our service of recognition at 10:30 on April 26. They will help them gradually learn more about the traditions and workings of St. John's, as opposed to the larger church which they have been learning in Confirmation Class.





Outreach



The total for Sudan as of March 25th was \$1744.03!

The Outreach Committee was dazzled by the wonderful contributions to our first quarter mission campaign which were made by the people of St. John's. The check is on its way to the Diocese and will be well-used to rebuild the children's schools in the Sudan. Thank you so much for counting all of those books on your shelves! We are ready to move on now to the second quarter of sharing our blessings with others. This time we will be raising funds, again with a \$1500 goal, to support the Youth Service Bureau right here in Montgomery County. One of the projects of the YSB we will be helping is the purchase of new car seats for parents of young children to have installed correctly in their cars. This important outreach helps to protect the youngest of our most precious commodity, our children. Depending on our success, we may be able to help with other important programs such as the JUMP (mentoring), CASA, and Teen Court. Please look over the tally box, and see how your blessings tie in with those to whom we are giving support.

Kids: You've gotta love 'em

April St. John's will reach out to the children close to home.

May Donations will be taken to support The Youth Service Bureau.

June Help to fund The Youth Service Bureau's mentoring program and help provide carseats. Donate a dollar for each child, grandchild, niece, nephew, great niece, or great nephew. Or each time you participate in a recreational activity, set aside 10 % of the entry fee, snacks, movie rental, or ten cents for each mile you travel. We'll put the amount together and give it to the Youth Service Bureau for the mentoring program. The Youth Service Bureau, like all non-profits, will be expecting a reduction in funding.

Other ingatherings for the quarter: Food for Tri Kappa Summer Lunch

April , May, June Support the YSB as it continues its invaluable service to our community. What better way to give than in thanksgiving for those children in our lives. You choose the method of figuring. Give one way or all three!

Number of children: # of Grandchildren: ____ # pf Greats: ____ # of Nephews: ____ # of Nieces: ____ # of Great Nieces: ____ # or Great Nephews: ____ Grand Total ____	Tithed amount X # of children $\$ ____ \times ____ = ____$ Ex: $\$1.00 \times 26 = \26.00	
Figure cost of entertainment: Movies \$ ____ Golf ____ Theater ____ Swimming ____ Movie Rental + ____ Total ____	Tithed percentage X Total Dollars $____ \times ____ = ____$ Ex: $10\% \times \$75 = \7.50	Multiply it times three: $____ \times 3 = ____$ $\$7.50 \times 3 = \22.50
Vacation Mileage Number of miles traveled on trip or on vacation: ____ 3,000 miles	Tithed mount per mile: $____$ $\$.10$	Tithed percent X mileage: $\$ \times ____ = ____$ $\$.10 \times 3,000 = \30.00

Christian Education

Sunday School "Who News"

Saturday, April 11 is the Family Easter Celebration from 2-4pm. We will be decorating our Easter cross with butterflies. If anyone has a favorite butterfly item to bring and show, please bring it.

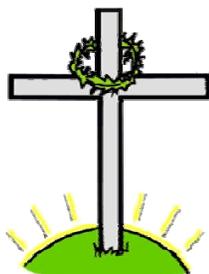
Palm Sunday - Will be preparing cocoons to prep for Easter.

Hannah and Kathy

Adult Christian Education

No Adult Christian Ed. on Palm Sunday or Easter.

All Christian Ed. Classes resume as usual on April 19th.



Shepherding Ministry

A new ministry is forming at St. John's this spring -- shepherding. The congregation will be divided into small groups of 6 individuals or 6 families, and each group will be assigned to a shepherd. (A couple may act together as a shepherd.) The shepherd's goal is to communicate church news and information to his or her "flock" but-also, and more importantly-to underscore the message that every person is a valuable member of our St. John's family and no one will be overlooked.

The shepherd will keep in regular touch with the "flock" through telephone, e-mail and personal contact to keep us all aware of events and happenings or simply to ask "how are you doing?" Groups may be first formed on the basis of common interests or age or life experience or geographical proximity and might then, as the project evolves, shift into other configurations.

Shepherds will be asked to attend 2 training sessions with a leader from the diocese and will be asked to sign on for a 2 year period of service.

Parish Life/Newcomers

There is a Parish Life/Newcomers Committees "Block Party" coming up Saturday, May 9. This will involve a progressive dinner of appetizers, salad course, main course and desserts at the homes of four different parish families who live near one another: Lohorns, Hildebrands, Bartons and Ashbaughs. Please watch for announcements about details in the Sunday bulletins, at church & on the Google group.

Safeguarding Our Children

If you currently volunteer with our children and/or youth, or intend to work with them in the future, you will need to complete the internet-based training program, Safeguarding Online, offered by our Diocese. This training program replaces the previously offered face-to-face "Safeguarding Our Children" workshop and is required even if you previously completed a workshop. The program is internet based so that you can access it anytime, from anywhere you can access the high speed internet, making it convenient to complete on your own time schedule. Safeguarding Online teaches you how to keep our children safe from abuse and teaches you how to protect yourself from false allegations of abuse. The four required step-by-step courses (1/2 hour each) are interactive and easy to understand. (An additional fifth course is required for anyone working with children and youth at Waycross.) Each module ends with a brief quiz to ensure that you understand all of the presented information.

The goal is to have all appropriate persons complete this training by the end of the school year. If you believe you qualify and/or would simply like to complete this training, please contact Meribeth Kussmaul, (meribethk@aol.com) Safeguarding Administrator for St. John's. She will provide you with the necessary information to complete the program. You will also be contacted about this if you currently are volunteering with children and/or youth.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation in becoming educated about this very important topic and ensuring that our children are safe and protected from abuse.



A Word From FISH

FISH operates a food pantry, linen closet, supplies furniture, and has a clothing closet. Bins are available in the hallway to deposit items that you would like to share with those in need right here in our community. At this time, FISH is in need of plastic tubs such as butter tubs, chip dip tubs, 8-16 oz. water bottles, and 8-16 oz. plastic jars such as mayonnaise, peanut butter, and fruit. Please remove the labels. As always, non-perishable food items are needed.

As of May 1st, FISH will add Tues. and Thurs. to their operating hours. Volunteers are needed for these days from 8-11AM. Volunteers will be trained until they feel comfortable at their jobs. There will be a sign up sheet on the credenza for those who are interested. For more information, please contact Chas Cooksey.

With Gratitude

From Carole Meyer

To my St. John's family: I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way for Kent's memorial service and celebration afterwards on the 21st. I was overwhelmed by the service, the music, the wonderful meal, and the outpouring of love to me and the girls. Words just can't adequately express my appreciation. I'm so fortunate to be part of this "Body of Christ" called St. John's Church. Carole Meyer

From Merry Worley

I would like to thank all of my St. John's family for the love, support and friendship you have shown me over the last 21 years. It has meant the world to me and I will never forget the many great times we shared. I am settling in to my new home and new job and it is wonderful to be back to my family and friends, though I miss my friends and St. John's family in C'ville....and of course, Ray!! My mom is thrilled to have me here and I think it has taken some of the burden from my sister.

I would love to stay in touch and keep receiving the newsletter so I can keep abreast of all the happenings. My new address is Merry Worley, PO Box 654, Orange, VA 22960.

Take care and God Bless!!
Merry

In Other News

WANTED: A helper for Sunday School

A helper is needed for ages 3 TO 5th Grade. Please consider enjoying our parish children with us. We would like you to start in April and continue next year. Contact Kathy Gary if interested 361-1468

Pledge and Directory Info

Now is the end of the first quarter for pledging. Statements will be available the first week in April. We also have new 2009 directories with updates that will be distributed at the same time the statements are ready. If you have questions, please contact Cindy Smith.

Parking Reminder

We thank the Methodist Church for allowing many guests attending Kent Meyer's memorial service to park in their lot south of St. John's. However, this kindness does not now give our membership carte blanche access to the lot at other times. We do have access to two parking spaces in Whitlock Lane opposite the entrance to Whitlock Hall. Otherwise, please park in the areas around St. John's as indicated on the aerial map posted at the entrances to the Church. The Property Committee (and the Methodists) thank you.

If you called about the free concrete basin...

A few weeks ago a person called Jim Suren and left a message that they were interested in the free concrete basin to make outdoor garden. The person left name and number. Low and behold thunder, lightning and rain came and the answering machine lost the good person's data. The answering machine is now ok and has fresh batteries. Many apologies to the caller. Please call again as it is still available and in need of a good home! Jim Suren home 794-4710 and cell 317-489-2530.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. Psalm 91: 11-12 (NIV)

Calendar

See first page for detailed Holy Week Schedule

April 5 Palm Sunday
 April 11 Easter Celebration 2-4pm
 April 12 Easter - 7:30am and 10:30 am services; brunch
 April 19 Adult and Youth Christian Education resumes
 April 25 Confirmation, 11am, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, West Lafayette

May 9 Parish Life/Newcomers Committees "Block Party"

Ongoing Events

EFM - Tuesday nights, 7pm
 Confirmation Seminar- Sundays, after the 10:30am service
 Wednesday 30-Minute Eucharist from 6pm-6:30pm
 Wednesday Night Live - Wednesday nights, 6:30pm

Sunday Servers

Service	Lector	LEM	Crucifer/ Acolyte(s)	Coffee Hour	Greeters	Altar Guild	Offering Tally
4/5 8am	Mark Kussmaul	Meribeth Kussmaul	Teresa Anderson				
4/5 10:30	Alex Lebedeff	Robert Cooley & Jane Gallagher	Adam Brasich/ John Hanebuth & Linda Hanebuth			Kim Roberts, C J Charles & Chas Cooksey	John Roberts
4/12 8am	Jim Suren	Elaine Pickering	Kitty Haffner				
4/12 10:30	Betty Culley	John Culley & Sally Lawrence	Mike Lohorn/ Peggy Lohorn & Kristen Albrecht			Betty Culley, Meegan Reidy & Larry Baumgardner	Vern Easterling & John Culley
4/19 8am	Adrienne Ashbaugh	Adrienne Ashbaugh	Theresa Anderson				
4/19 10:30	Helen Hudson	Marc Hudson & Larry Baumgardner	Steve Charles/ Matthew & Andrew Patterson			Pru Phillips, Ann O'Dell & Sheila Evans	Tom Twarek & Cindy Smith
4/26 8am	Kitty Haffner	Vern Easterling	Diane Ault				
4/26 10:30	Sheila Evans	Steve Gillan & Kim Roberts	Chris Redmaster/ Erin & Anna Redmaster			Jerilyn Yerkes & Terry Lawrence	Nancy Bennett & Susan Albrecht

The next Newsletter submissions are due by Wednesday evening, 6:00 p.m. April 22.

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