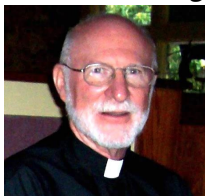


All Saints' Herald

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From Fr. George's notebook....



Safe Haven:

*Where Two or Three
are Gathered
Together Doing
God's Work*

July 1st marked the completion of a full year as rector and I feel all the more honored, privileged, and humbled to be your rector.

The year has gone by so quickly and that's a good sign that we're busy doing the work God has laid out for us. I do mean "us" as in each one of us at All Saints'.

Doing God's work is not just serving on the Vestry or a committee, it's also attending services and participating in the various activities of the Parish.

I dare say there is still a lot of work left for us to do and so little time in which to do it.

First and foremost, we are here to worship God and in so doing share in the life of the Church.

We are here as witnesses to Jesus Christ, to attest to Him as Lord and Saviour.

And, we are here because we have accepted His Grace and Love, freely offered to us.

Each day, in so many ways, I see God's Love reflected in the life of our Parish, especially in our coming together as a Family in Christ, our caring for one another.

In a hostile world, Christ is truly our refuge and His Church on earth provides us shelter from the storms that may prevail.

All Saints' is meant to be a haven and a place where we may find peace in the presence of God. Indeed, our Lord has said that where two or three are gathered together in His Name, there He will be also.

This has frequently been the case during

the weekday services: just two or three gathered together. Even with just a few, those services are beautiful and will continue, providing a safe haven in an increasingly hostile world.

My sincere appreciation to each of you for your warmth and acceptance of me as rector. If the past year is any indication of the future, time will pass quickly and God's work will be done by each of us.

Parish Records and Directory

In reviewing the Parish records, I've found that some of the information needs to be updated. In the early fall, we'll provide an opportunity for those records to be brought up-to-date through a Parish survey. This also help us in preparing the annual Parish Directory.

Soon, we'll begin taking photos so we can update the photo board in the Parish House and have current photos for the Parish Directory that will be ready for the Annual Meeting in January.

Our Church Bell....

We have a magnificent bell, made by Meneeley & Co of West Troy, N.Y., that is being readied for ringing on September 11th.

On the bell is an inscription that lists two names: Rev. Theodore W. Clift and Mary

E. Chatfield. As far as we have been able to discern, they both may have been involved in mission work, died in 1914, and may be buried at St. Thaddeus.



If anyone has any knowledge of the bell and those inscribed, please let me know.

Coming Up in August....

The “dog days of summer” are upon us and will certainly be reflected in the absence of activity at All Saints’.

Services will be as usual with the exception of several extra weekday services during the month and one Saturday service. All will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

Parish Night Out will be on the **second Wednesday** as usual (the 10th) and the **Men of All Saints’** will meet at the **Bowery** on **Tuesday the 16th, 6:00 p.m.**

Office hours during the month will be **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 to noon**, except on the 16th when Fr. Alexander will be away for a medical appointment.

Looking ahead....

The **9/11 Committee** has been hard at work for the special **Memorial Service** on **September 11th** to commemorate **9/11** and those who lost their lives, in particular the daughter of one of our Parish families.

Details are scant, but a **cupola**, matching the Lych Gate, will be added to the **garden** to cover the **bell**, and a **fountain** will also be added.

On that Sunday, there will be only **one service** at **9:00 a.m.** to follow the ringing of the bell at **8:45**. Our **Bishop** will be here for the memorial service and we are anticipating a special **Honor Guard** of police and firemen.

July in Review....

Some things are predictable, like the monthly **Parish Night Out** and the **Men of All Saints’** monthly meeting.

In July, a hearty group met at the **Red Pepper Café** for **Parish Night Out**. There has been a consistently good turnout but still



room for more at the big table.

There was no lack of food or conversation



or a good time. Seated, beginning on the right and around the table are: **Jack & Pat Miller, Betty & Fred Christensen, Sara & Mike Wood, Betty Alexander, Gabby & Andy Philipp, Forrest & Carol Sue Roberts, Diane & Ken Gordon**. Fr. Alexander was behind the camera.

As usual, the **Men of All Saints’** met at the **Bowery**. A smaller group in July due



to so many being out-of-town. Still, a core group held forth with interesting assessments of the world-at-large, including **Willard Rappleye, Fr. Alexander, Jack Miller, Jerry Burns, Ken Gordon, Forrest Roberts, and Stephen Boyko**.

The **9/11 Committee** is close to finalizing plans for the memorial service on the 10th



Anniversary. **Lena Whittaker** and **Sandy Harris** took time to go over the inscription for the fountain and cupola that will be dedicated in the garden area.

What is the Church?

By Fr. Alexander

One lingering question is: what is the Church? The answer has been provided in volumes but here I have tried to give a short, basic overview, by no means definitive.

As defined, the Church is a society, visible and organic, whose members are known and are admitted by an outward rite, bound by written rules, and subject to known officers. It is not invisible, that is, composed of the elect who are known only to God. It is, as St. Paul and St. John most certainly have attested, the Body of Christ to which one is admitted by baptism.

The Church was formed by God to which and through which He can reveal Himself.

By this definition, we can say the Church is older than Christianity, for the Jews of the Old Testament were a society through and to which God revealed Himself. They were "Chosen People" that God had selected to prepare for His coming in Christ.

This preparation was to take place over time and God gave them the Law and a moral code designed to make the Jews a holy people, to differentiate them from other peoples, and to make them ready to receive His final revelation of Himself through Christ.

The Jewish Church had its official teaching; its rites, ceremonies, and forms of worship; and a clearly defined membership.

It also had its prophets to remind them of their requirements under the Law and to call them to repentance and sincere devotion of God. But, the Jews usurped the Law. They elaborated ritual at the expense of the moral law, demanding God's favor and support for their performance of the ceremonial law.

It was into this Church that Jesus Christ came.

He came to fulfill the Law, the Law of Moses. In doing so, Jesus kept the Law. Yet, it was Christ's Will that the Gentile world be given access to God through the

Church and that could not be done under its existing framework

Thus, Jesus established His Church as a means whereby He could continue His work on earth and extend salvation through the Gospel to all the world. He provided the Church with its own organization and its own officials, the Apostles. He chose His Apostles and gave them special training, committing to them His Gospel and the Sacraments of the Church, making them its official guardians and teachers.

The Apostles were the commissioned leaders of the Church: they ran its affairs and authorized its successors. They were the official agents of Christ and as His agents, they stood in His stead just as in today's world the holder of a "power of attorney" acts as the agent of the person named.

The teaching of Jesus was entirely oral and committed to His Apostles and through them to the Church.

That oral teaching in turn was written down by the Apostles and other members of the Church to form the books that were eventually canonized, or endorsed, by the Church. This endorsement meant that those books reflected faithfully the Apostles' teaching. As Bonnell Spenser has written: "...the Church did not derive its teaching from the Bible. It recorded its teaching in the Bible."

The Bible thus is the record of all essentials of the Church's teaching and nothing is to be declared as necessary to the religion of the Church, to salvation, that can not be proven by Holy Scripture.

Finally, the Church, as instituted by Christ, is based on a Sacramental System. This system had been preserved and continued in the Catholic Traditions, Anglican, Roman, and Eastern Communions, where each remained orthodox in the faith and practice of Christianity.

We, at All Saints', as members of the Anglican Catholic Church, continuing in the Apostolic Tradition, remain true to the Faith as once delivered and orthodox in its practice.

August Birthdays

- 1 Michael Hardwick
- 1 Richard (Andy) Philipp
- 2 Allen Marshall
- 6 Dieter Voegelé
- 6 Parker Stoker
- 8 Kenneth Gordon
- 12 Kathy Clark
- 13 Gail Jarvis
- 14 Michael Coats
- 16 Jenne Stoker
- 18 Mardena Ehret (Boyko)
- 21 Sara Wood
- 21 Diane Gordon
- 22 David King
- 23 Dacre Stoker
- 29 Judi Hammond

August Anniversaries

- 6 Dn. Christopher Davies (Ord.)
- 17 Harold & Beverly Kimmel

Saint of the Month: *St. Helena*

St. Helena was the mother of the Emperor Constantine the Great, the same whose edict in 312 helped to establish Christianity throughout the Roman Empire. She is credited with helping to locate many of the holy places in Palestine as well as finding the cross of Christ.

She was born in Bithynia, most likely the daughter of an inn-keeper. About the year 270, a Roman general, Constantius Chlorus, met her while stationed there and they were married. Later, when he was made "caesar," he divorced Helen and married the step-daughter of the Emperor Maximian.

According to Eusebius, Helena was converted to Christianity around the year 313 when she was about 63 years-old and, under the influence of Constantine, became very devout with an incomparable faith and zeal.

She is credited with having built many churches. She made use of the treasures of the empire to aid the infirm, the poor, and the soldiers. She worked to relieve

those condemned to the mines or who were in chains, and the distressed. She was known for her charitableness, her humility, and her devotion to God.

Wherever she traveled, she provided aid to cities and churches and though she carried the title "Mistress of the Empire," St. Helena looked upon herself as "servant of the handmaids of Christ."

She was described as dressing modestly and having great respect for religious persons.

She died somewhere in the eastern part of the Empire in 330 at the age of 63 and her body was then taken to Rome where she is said to have been buried on the Via Laticana.

Church Humor :)

Leaving the church early

"I hope you didn't take it personally, preacher," an embarrassed woman said after a church service, "when my husband walked out during your sermon."

"I did find it rather disconcerting," the Pastor replied.

"It wasn't out of any disrespect to you," insisted the church-goer. "Fred has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child."

Hunting Season

The Wednesday-night church service coincided with the last day of hunting season. Our pastor asked who had bagged a deer. No one raised a hand.

Puzzled, the pastor said, "I don't get it. Last Sunday many of you said you were missing because of hunting season. I had the whole congregation pray for your deer."

One hunter groaned, "Well, it worked. They're all safe."

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All Saints' Parish Calendar

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Abt.	Abbot	K.	King
Ap.	Apostle	M.	Martyr
B(b).	Bishop(s)	Q.	Queen
C(c).	Confessor	Pr.	Priest
(s)	Doctor	S.	Saint
D.		V.	Virgin

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am to Noon	1 S. Peter's Chains	2 S. Alphonsus Liquori, B.C.D.	3 S. Nicodemus H.C. 5:30 pm Anglican Studies 6:15	4 S. Dominic, C.	5 S. Oswald, K.M.	6 Transfiguration of Christ H.C. 10:30 am
7 Trinity 7	8 Bl. John Mason Neale, C.	9 S. John Vianney, C.	10 S. Lawrence, Dn. M. H.C. 5:30 pm Parish Night Out 6:15	11 Feria	12 S. Clare, V.	13 Ss. Hippolytus & Cassian, Mm.
14 Trinity 8	15 Assumption of the B.V.M. H.C. 5:30 pm	16 S. Joachim, Father of the B.V.M. H.C. 5:30 pm Men meet at 6:00 pm	17 Of the Octave H.C. 5:30 pm Anglican Studies 6:15	18 S. Helena, Q. Wid.	19 Of the Octave	20 S. Bernard, Abt. D.
21 Trinity 9	22 Octave of the Assumption	23 Vigil of S. Bartholomew, Ap. M.	24 S. Bartholomew, Ap. M. H.C. 5:30 pm Anglican Studies 6:15	25 S. Louis IX, K.C.	26 Feria	27 Feria
28 Trinity 10	29 Beheading of S. John Baptist H.C. 5:30 pm	30 S. Rose of Lima, V.	31 S. Aiden, B.C. H.C. 5:30 pm Anglican Studies 6:15			