

All Saints' Herald

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From Fr. George's notebook....



How Sacred & Tenuous is Freedom Lessons of Unprovoked Aggression

I find it difficult to imagine how one must feel when their nation is under attack by a foreign power — the fear for the lives of loved ones and their own lives as they see all they have worked for or ever dreamed for being destroyed around them.

Watching as the future of their children becomes a nightmare, rather than the hope of a bright future.

That is what is happening today in the Ukraine, virtually abandoned by their allies, rather than fully embraced and protected against a bully.

The war on the Ukraine hits home with me because, as many of you know, my daughter-in-law is Ukrainian. She immigrated to our country in 2004 to marry my son, leaving behind parents, a sister, and other relatives.

As I am writing this, all are safe — for the moment — but they are in grave danger, with few options.

They ask for your prayers — I ask for your prayers — that they may remain safe and that their nation may be spared from total ruin, total devastation.

At the same time, we Christians who in our world enjoy freedom and freedom, must be aware and alert as this freedom is

becoming an increasingly sacred commodity. We live in a part of the world where there is stability, free elections, freedom of movement, of speech, of religion, and, most of all, freedom from fear of our lives being destroyed by an invading army.

For all this freedom, we should be ever grateful to our Heavenly Father, for he has given us the wisdom and strength to establish a nation with a Judeo-Christian moral base as our guide, with the freedom to worship our Creator, to whom we owe everything, our very being.

As we pray for the Ukrainian people, we should pray for our own nation, and for other nations which also enjoy freedom from the devastation of war and external conflict.

Why, one might ask, should we be so concerned? Aren't they guaranteed by our Constitution? Aren't we, as a super power, safe from invasion by a foreign power?

Perhaps, for the moment. But we should not take lightly this freedom of religion nor any of our freedoms, for they are sacred, to be protected at all costs, else they could be taken away in a moment. Look at the Ukraine.

Aside from the political, what should we do?

The obvious to me is to exercise our freedom of religion. We should be present in God's House to join with each other and with all the Saints to pray and pray and pray.

This is not to say that there are not other things we should do, for as good citi-

Services & Meetings....March 2022

Wednesday the 2nd....

Ash Wednesday: Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m.

Friday the 4th....

Lenten FERIA: Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m.

Monday the 7th....

Vestry meets at 5:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday the 9th....

Ember Wednesday: Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m., followed by Lenten Supper Program at 6:15 p.m.

Friday the 11th....

Ember Friday: Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday the 15th....

Lenten FERIA: ACW Lunch at 11:30 a.m. at **What's Cookin'.**

Tuesday the 15th....

Lenten FERIA: Men of All Saints' meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

zens, we must be committed to working for the good of our country and fellow citizens, working to maintain those freedoms we cherish, working to keep the dreams of our children alive and the future bright for them.

As we are now witnessing elsewhere in the world, especially now in the Ukraine, life is not only sacred and tenuous but so is freedom. Not to be taken lightly or else it will disappear.

As your rector, I would remind you of our Christian Duty, our obligation to worship God in his Church. Not just to worship God but also to participate in the building of his Kingdom on earth by participating in the life and work of the Church.

But, as we do participate, it is also important to remember that we do so out of

Wednesday the 16th....

Lenten FERIA: Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m., followed by Lenten Supper Program at 6:15.

Thursday the 17th....

St. Patrick: Festival at 6:00 p.m. celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

Friday the 18th....

St. Cyril of Jerusalem: Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday the 23rd....

Lenten FERIA: Holy Communion 5:30 p.m., followed by Lenten Supper Program at 6:15 p.m.

Friday the 25th....

Annunciation of B.V.M.: Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday the 30th....

Lenten FERIA: Holy Communion 5:30 p.m., followed by Lenten Supper Program at 6:15.

love — love of God, love of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, love of our Parish. Nothing we do should be for self but for love of God and all his Creation.

It is self-sacrifice that God desires of us, as well as our love. It is the giving of ourselves in his service with love in our hearts.

What more reward could there be than seeing the Church grow and prosper, than seeing spiritual growth, as well as physical growth?

How much of a sacrifice is it to come together to pray, to worship, and to be nourished, nourished with the Body and Blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?

When we come together to pray, our

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St. Patrick's Day 2022

Celebrate with an Irish Evening

In All Saints' Parish Tradition, we will honor one of the Church's most celebrated saints with a special Irish evening on the evening of the 17th.

Plans are to have traditional St. Patrick's Day fare and beverage, all provided for a donation of \$10 per person attending. Please sign up if you plan to attend. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and there is also a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Our Hospitality Chairman, **Lena Whittaker**, will be heading up the event.

The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

If you like, display your *Irish* by coming dressed for the occasion.



St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin dates to the 12th Century.

St. Patrick has always attracted people everywhere, whether or not Irish, or of Irish descent.



Known as the Apostle of Ireland, he was born at Kilpatrick, near Dumbar-ton, in Scotland, in 387, of Roman parents living in Britain.

Captured by a raiding party when he was 16, Patrick was taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. In a land of Druids and pagans, Patrick learned the language and practices of the people who held him. It was during his captivity that he turned to God, engaging in prayer and meditation.

When twenty, having a dream from God, he escaped, found a ship, and persuaded the captain to take him aboard. They landed in Britain but there were many adventures before he was reunited with his family, and continued his study of Christianity.

In a later dream, Patrick heard the people of Ireland calling out to him: *We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more.* He began his studies for the priesthood, was ordained, and later consecrated as bishop, and sent to Ireland in 433, where his missionary work lasted several decades.

St. Patrick worked many miracles, and wrote of his love for God, all the time living in poverty, traveling and, enduring much suffering. He died at Downpatrick, Ireland, March 17, 461.



Fairfield House Update New Roof as Renovations Continue

Renovation of the second floor of Fairfield House is coming along, though slower than expected, due to difficulty in procuring some of the materials needed, such as insulation.

However, as can be seen in the photos here, the problems are being resolved, and much progress has been made, thanks to our prime contractors, **Buddy Matthews** and **Bill**

Doolittle, who are doing a great job.

This will be a one-bedroom apartment, hopefully to be used as a residence for a clergy assistant.

The apartment is set to be completed and furnished. sometime after Easter.



ACW News

by Betty Alexander

For the February ACW lunch, a group of All Saints' ladies met at *Betsy's Round the Corner*.

After placing their lunch orders, they settled down to the real business at hand — catching up with each other, and settling the state of the world. (Look, if the Men of All Saints' can do it, we can, too!)

Those present included **Kim Hard-**



wick, Pat Hardwick, Cecelia Davies, Marion Terrell, Clare Michelinie, Carol Sue Roberts, Jean Drake, Ann Zouck, Trina Crocker, Patricia Sharp, and Betty Alexander.



Cecelia told the exciting tale of her new car, purchased online. There was a spirited discussion of Covid-related supply chain issues and concerns.



Kim, a nursing recruiter, discussed the large cash bonuses being offered nurses due to Covid, which are likely to give young nurses highly unrealistic expectations about salaries during more normal times.

Patricia told about being an
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Men of All Saints' News

One thing about the Men's group at All Saints' is that we eat well — very well. Of course, we drink well too!

However, Bob Sukovich, as the Parish Grillmeister, has gone the extra mile in keeping us well-fed. For February, Bob grilled a variety of sausages, and added to the feast a large pot of beans, plus coleslaw.

For the sausages, as desired, there were some spectacular buns and a fantastic sauce.

Aside from the food and drink, there was the entertaining conversation. Yes — Larry Byers, a Marine, and Bruce



Drake, Navy, have a full repertoire of stories from their many years of service, unrivalled. No evening is boring!

Those present included: Tony Harris, Carl Bottomley, Forrest Roberts,



Don Michelinie. Bruce Drake, Jerry Burns, Bob Storey, Larry Byers, Jack Vecchione, Robert Peeples, Bob Sukovich, and Fr. Alexander.

Our next event is the 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



Benedictine Monk Visits Parish

The Rev. Benjamin Andersen, a Benedictine Monk, visited All Saints' last week and joined us for services on Sunday morning.

As customary for a visiting priest, he was invited to preach at the 10:30 service, as well as to read the Gospel.

Fr. Andersen, known by his monastic name **Dom Benedict**, assisted the Men's Choir, and



took the role of Cantor in the absence of Tony Harris, our own Cantor.

While in Aiken, members of the Vestry gave him the grand tour of our community and, naturally, a special tour of the "horse district" and Old Aiken.

The Traditional All Saints' Welcome for Visitors.... A Solemn High Coffee Hour

Once again, Parishioners demonstrated their hospitality, welcoming Fr. Benedict (The Rev. Benjamin Andersen, aka Dom Benedict) with a *Solemn High Coffee Hour*.

Fr. Benedict was in Aiken to visit the Parish, and he received quite a friendly welcome in outstanding tradition.

He spent three days here before traveling on to Athens, Ga. to visit St. Stephens.



*Special Thanks to
Forrest Roberts
for being the Official
All Saints'
Photographer.*



Parish Night Out Returns in February before Lent is Ushered In

The Monthly Parish Outing will Resume the 2nd Wednesday in May following Lent and Easter



Sharon Padgett, Kevin Riordan, Sharon Riordan, and Kim Hardwick are seen in this photo.

Novelist **Jonathan Safran Foer** said, *Nothing - not a conversation, not a handshake or even a hug - establishes friendship so forcefully as eating together.*

So true with members of the Parish who gathered at a restaurant-long table to feast on authentic Indian food at **The Taj** in downtown Aiken.

Chris Roberts made arrangements to bring the monthly **Parish Night Out** back after taking a more-than-a-year break during the pandemic.

As restaurants welcome back patrons, our lively bunch gathered to eat, drink and share conversations.

Laughter and good times over



Above, Jean & Bruce Drake share their enjoyment of the evening. In the photo to the right, if you squint, you might be able to identify Jean & Bruce Drake, Patricia & Paul Sharp, Tony Harris, Betty Alexander, Sandy Harris, Kevin & Sharon Riordan, Kim Hardwick, Pat Hardwick, and Chris Roberts.



spicy dishes were on tap for the evening, as the wait staff did their best to keep up!

Overheard conversations from the table included Sharon P. discovering that the other Sharon mirrored her love of **Key West**, as both had spent time there in the past.

Parish Night Out will return in April after Lent and Easter. We will be trying a different venue each month.

Plans will be announced when and where; plan to join us for this fun night out with our congregation!



From front to back, Trina Crocker, Paul Sharp, and Patricia Sharp. We wonder just what caught Trina's attention.



Kim Hardwick, with her mother, **Pat Hardwick**, join **Chris Roberts** in being entertained by **Bruce Drake** with his stories of life in the Navy.



Editorializing The Church Under Siege

Where is the Church Leadership?

By Fr. Alexander

A former member of our Parish, **Chuck Falk**, who now lives in Switzerland with his wife Danielle (a Swiss native), keeps me up on what's going on in the world as it affects Christians. Most of what he passes on to me is never reported in the news media in this country except, perhaps, on the **Christian Broadcasting Network** (CBN).

I don't like to use the term "former member" for Chuck, as he is still a contributor to our Parish and stays in touch, visiting on the rare occasions he is in-country.

The point is that there is much going on in the world and at home that we never hear about, and it should be of concern to all Christians, regardless of politics. Indeed, it's not all about politics; it's about morality, and about what appears to be the world sinking into a moral abyss.

Two issues that stand out in the information Chuck provides are: persecution of Christians, especially in third world countries by the Jihadists and Muslim extremists, and the assault on the **Church** in the Western World, specifically in the U.S., by radical elements of society and, even, by the government itself.

Both of these issues are basically *moral issues* that should concern all Christians, indeed, everyone, including those who claim no religious ties. These issues lead to the question: is the **Church** under siege?

There should no reason to ask why we

should be concerned, as our basic freedoms are in jeopardy whenever the protections offered by the **Bill of Rights** in our **Constitution** are under assault as they are today.

Thus, while we should be stirred into action to protect our freedoms at home, we should also be stirred into prayer — praying for our nation and praying that those opposed to Christianity may be moved in their hearts and minds to peaceably accept Christian presence in the world. There are such prayers in our **Book of Common Prayer**, prayers for our nation, our leaders, the **Church**, and for all people, beginning on page 35.

As Chuck has opined, where is the **Church** leadership on these two issues, among many facing Christians today?

Separation of Church and State, as often misinterpreted, should not be a deterrent to the **Church** standing tall for **Freedom of Religion** or demanding of **moral standards** for our national, state, and local leaders.

It is not about politics, or just religion; it is about basic morality. It's about what separates us as human beings from the rest of God's Creation; indeed, it is about why we were created in the first place.

If you are inclined to do anything at all, at the least pray for our nation and the world. More especially, attend services and join together in the strength of corporate prayer.

Another Look at St. Paul's 1st Epistle to the Corinthians

Focusing on Faith, Hope, and Charity

By Fr. Alexander

In the Epistle appointed for Quinquagesima, from St. Paul's First Letter to the Church at Corinth, we find, perhaps, the most beautiful and spiritually inspiring passages in all of his letters.

It is almost musical, and when read by such as today's Lector, Larry Byers, wells up in our hearts and brings into focus what Christianity is all about — Divine Love, which we should strive to emulate. It brings to mind what our worship should be about, and how we should be immersed in it as we approach the Divine Presence of Christ on the Altar.

This passage unveils for us that unfeigned love that should motivate and sustain all our thoughts and actions.

Moreover, St. Paul tells us, in simple terms, that great gifts, and, even, good deeds, are of no avail — without love. What a person is, is more important than what he has.

Love is perhaps the most complex of all of human emotions. It is what separates us from all other creatures — made in the image of God, it is love that makes us truly unique in all of Creation.

The beauty of this passage should awaken us to the reality of God's loving presence in all that surrounds us, and we, the pinnacle of his Creation, are most capable of seeing that presence.

Indeed, as we read Holy Scripture, as we observe Nature, as we just look around us

at each individual we encounter, we discover something else about God's Creation, each individual being of ultimate worth, divinely created, every living thing having been created out of Divine Love.

God came into the world as his Son, Jesus Christ, out of Divine Love for the purpose of redeeming us and reconciling us to himself. He loved us, his Creation, so much that he willingly entered into our world, experienced all our pain and suffering as well as all our emotions, our humanness, and went so far as to experience death. It was the most extreme death, suffering the pain of crucifixion. Jesus Christ, at that moment experienced something else — separation from his Father, a moment that is unimaginable for us.

He did this because he loved us so much, more than we can ever understand, not until we are united to him, when we pass through the veil into eternal life, when all that is hidden will be revealed.

Thus, as we begin the Penitential Season of Lent, officially on this Ash Wednesday, let us keep in mind St. Paul's beautiful hymn of love in his 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, remembering that whatever we do during this Penitential Season, it is of no avail if it is done without love. We can fast, we can abstain, we can undertake any kind of spiritual or physical discipline, but the bottom line is still "love."



Liturgical Music Making a Comeback at All Saints'

Thanks to the establishment of a *men's choir*, liturgical music is making a comeback at All Saints'. Through the efforts of **Tony Harris** as cantor, working with **Carol Sue Roberts**, organist, and **Chris Roberts**, a choir consisting of Tony, Chris, **Larry Byers**, and **Robert Peeples** has been assembled. They debuted on Septuagesima and sounded great!

The plan is to gradually add more music to the liturgy, so that our services reach the fullest potential for the beauty of liturgical worship. This is all in keeping with, as I have said often, our **Anglican Heritage**.

Whatever your leanings toward "high" or "low" church, the music is an enhancement of the liturgy that, in simplest terms, adds beauty to our worship of God.

Of course, as we progress, this will inevitably require the clergy to do their part musically and to learn to sing their parts of the service, including the Gospel.

Tony Harris has done a marvelous job as cantor, and we will be hearing from **Chris Roberts** today, who is filling in this Sunday in Tony's absence. We are also thankful to **Carol Sue Roberts**, who is not only an ac-

complished organist but is also well-schooled in liturgical music, and is proving to be an excellent choir director.

Vestments for the choir are on order, and we should mention that the addition of a women's choir is also being planned.

While I did not grow up in a parish where liturgical music was incorporated into the service, I since have gained a real appreciation for its beauty and, especially, of how it can enhance one's spirituality during the service.

Carol Sue and the Choir hope you will find the addition of our Anglican musical tradition to the services also inspiring, and will give us your comments.



Several members of the Men's Choir rehearsing with Fr. Benedict before the service on Quinquagesima Sunday.

Lector Schedule

March

- 6 Carl Bottomley — Lent 1
- 13 Ken Connor — Lent 2
- 20 Chris Roberts — Lent 3
- 27 Bruce Drake — Lent 4

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March Birthdays

- 1 Betty Christensen
- 7 Bruce Drake
- 10 Jean Drake
- 23 David Beveridge
- 27 Paul Matthews
- 27 Susan Thomas

March Anniversaries

- 2 Dieter & Desiree Voegele
- 20 Ken & Amy Connor
- 30 Tom & Ruth Ann Prevost

Revisiting our English Heritage Tomb of Wordsworth

*Nestled in the Graveyard
of a Small Town English Church*

When we say "small town English Church," we don't necessarily mean a "small" church. The English knew how to build churches!



We found **William Wordsworth's** tomb in the graveyard of a typical country church, with a small stream flowing nearby, certainly a poetic setting.

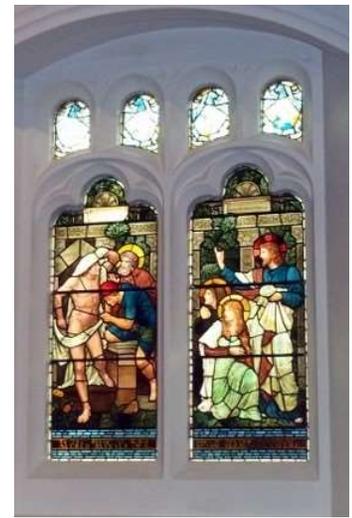
One could have easily overlooked it, if it were not for the sign posted unobtrusively nearby.

Located in Grasmere, which is also where he died in a nearby farm house, the church, **St. Oswald's**, is probably three times the size of All Saints', and the stained glass windows are impressive.

When one walks along the stream



and looks out toward the hills, it becomes easy to understand how anyone could be inspired.



Wordsworth spent many years with his sister in **Dove Cottage** nearby.



News from the Pews

by Clare Michelinie

Altar Guild: In God's Service

We are happy to announce the following new members to the **Altar Guild**: **Susie Kern, Sharon Riordan, and Jean Drake.**

The new members will be joining our current members: **Carol Sue Roberts, Kirsten Collins, Ann Zouck, Lainey**

From My Desk continued....

corporateness adds strength to our prayers. The voices of many become one strong, formidable voice going up to Heaven to the ears of our Heavenly Father who will hear and listen.

Life is sacred and tenuous; freedom is sacred and tenuous, and we Christians are called upon to pray and to act to maintain life and freedom for us here, and for all

ACW continued....

identical twin — so identical that even she can't tell them apart when she looks at old pictures from their childhood.

Jean said that her hairdresser (Sharon Riordan, another parishioner) had recently advised her that she has **four** cowlicks, something she had heard about, but never seen before!

The (then) impending hostilities in Ukraine prompted Jean to tell of the sympathy poured out by Londoners after 9/11, and of the apples brought to Hyde Park in tribute to "The Big Apple."

After all those heavy topics, the ladies needed to renew their strength by helping Betty eat her large "Pecan Praline Cinnamon Roll." (Although they did their best, there were left-

Keller. **Connie Beveridge, Pixie Keating, and Betty Alexander** (Director).

Their selfless service is much appreciated.

Though small in numbers, the **Altar Guild**, formed nearly 30 years ago originally as **St. Catherine's Altar Guild**, continues to serve the Parish preparing the **Altar** for services and maintaining the **Sanctuary and Sacristy.**



those who beseech us to assist in their time of need.

Life and freedom are gifts of God. What is there to fear when God is on our side? I know it's a trite phrase but God is on our side when we put our trust in him and work for his Kingdom on earth.

Fear not the world but love God.



vers for Betty to take home. — Of course, Father George helped!)

The next ACW lunch will be at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, March 15 at **What's Cookin'.**

Please let us know if you plan to come, so we can arrange for enough tables.

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Nature

As Seen through the Lens

by Forrest Roberts

Flamingos

Location: *Lake Bogoria Natural Reserve, Kenya*



Lake Bogoria, located in the **Great Rift Valley**, is shallow and has hot geysers. The deep saline and alkaline composition of the lake spurs the growth of blue-green algae which provide food for immense flocks of flamingoes. And by the great designs of nature, raptors like tawny eagles, are attracted to this site, preying on the flamingoes. Before you lies a complete and dazzling eco-system.

But flamingoes aren't the only birdlife



woodland to the southern end hosts buffalo, klipspringer, impala, zebra, gazelle, warthog, baboon, and, even, leopard.

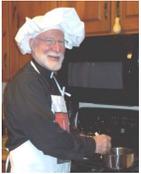
Flamingoes are there by the thousands, and are beautiful. These are three of our favorite flamingo images.

[Note: this is a monthly series of nature photography by Forrest Roberts, who, with Carol Sue, travels extensively, both of them photographing the wonders of Nature.]

feeding on the abundance of this rich environment. Even this relatively small reserve supports 135 species of birdlife, such as stork, spoonbill buzzard, hornbill, heron, ostrich, and the sacred ibis.

Though the lakeshore itself is somewhat barren, due to the intense chemical nature of the water, the area supports a surprising cast of wildlife. You can easily spot kudu antelope along the banks. And the acacia





Revisited for Lent Soup Anyone?

*How about Lentils
of Assorted Colors;*

By Fr. Alexander

Lent is upon us, and while the weather has been quite warm, cooler weather is lurking around the corner — still a good time for soup!

Actually, just about any time is good for soup. It has a comforting feel and can be quite satisfying. We have soup quite often all year long.

Sometimes, I browse the internet to get some ideas. But, I've found that so many of the online recipes are lacking. For example, I ran across several soup recipes. I started one, and then stopped and thought: what were they thinking? This soup has no taste!

Indeed, it was lacking in salt, a flavor enhancer often understated in recipes.

So, the challenge: make a lentil soup with lots of taste, good flavors, and a good comfortable feeling.

Sous-Chef Betty sampled, and gave her approval. *Write this one down*, she said.

Here is:

Lentil Soup of Many Colors

Ingredients:

- 1 tbs Olive Oil
- 1/2 cup Diced Carrots
- 1/2 cup Diced Celery
- 1/2 cup Diced Red Bell Pepper
- 1/4 cup Diced Green Bell Pepper
- 1/2 cup Diced Onion (yellow preferable)
- 1/2 tbs Minced Shallot
- 1 clove Garlic, large, minced
- 1 can Diced Tomatoes (14 1/2 oz)
- 1/2 tsp Fresh Ground Back Pepper

- 32 oz. Vegetable Broth
- 1 Bay Leaf
- 1 1/4 cup Lentils (red, green, brown, black, & generic) (1/4 cup each)
- Salt & pepper to taste (do not be shy but do taste)
- Yogurt if desired (Geek, Fâgé preferred)

In a medium sauce pan (or Dutch oven), sauté the onions, carrots, and celery in 2 tbs Olive Oil with a pinch of salt and a pinch of pepper until onions are translucent.

Add the garlic. Stir well and then add the tomatoes, broth, lentils, bell peppers, bay leaf, and broth. For the broth, I use Swanson's which I find has the best flavor. Of course, it's your choice as to which brand you decide on.

Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for about 15 to 20 minutes stirring occasionally.

Check seasoning. Do not skimp on salt & pepper, but let your taste be your guide. Lentils should be tender by now. If not, continue to simmer until they are.

If desired, add a dollop of yogurt when served.

I said one large clove of garlic but perhaps you should consider two teaspoons minced as being more precise.

Make sure that when adding the tomatoes you also add the liquid.

To sample this recipe, plan on attending the Lenten Supper Program on March 9th.

Now, if you are a person who follows recipes exactly, please note that this and other recipes that we present offer you the opportunity to experiment to better suit your taste and make them your own. It's an opportunity for you to have a little fun in the kitchen with a potentially good and tasty result.

Andiamo a Mangiamare!

Saint of the Month *St. Gabriel, Archangel*

Of all of the named holy angels, in the history of the Abrahamic religions, none is more prolific than the Archangel Gabriel.

In Judaism, Gabriel is the revealer of Daniel's dreams in the Book of Daniel, the destroyer of Jerusalem in the Book of Ezekiel, and the guardian of the treasury of unborn souls.

According to Islam, Gabriel brought the Quran to Muhammad.

Christians revere the Archangel Gabriel for his position as the messenger of God Himself.

St. Gabriel first appears in the New Testament in the Gospel of Luke. He appeared to the priest Zacharias, whose wife was the barren woman, Elisabeth, and promised that she would bear him a son called John (Luke 1:5-25).

When Elisabeth was five months pregnant, Gabriel appeared to her cousin. He told her that the Holy Ghost would come upon her, and she would bear a son, and his name would be Jesus (Luke 1:26-38).



These are the only two times in the Bible where St. Gabriel is mentioned by name, but Christian tradition has equated the majority of the occurrences of the coming of God's messenger or the "Angel of the Lord" to be Gabriel himself.



The Feast of St. Gabriel is celebrated by all branches of Sacramental Christianity. The traditional Anglican and Roman date for its observance is March 24th, but the contemporary Roman and Anglican Communion have eliminated Saint Gabriel's Day and lumped its commemoration with the Archangels Michael and Raphael on September 29th.

The Eastern Orthodox have three days of celebration: one as a general feast in November, one in March to commemorate his role in the Annunciation, and one in July to celebrate his contributions to humanity as a whole.

Among many things, Gabriel is the patron saint of messengers, broadcasters, and diplomats.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> <i>Shrove Tuesday</i> <i>St. David, B.C.</i> <i>Spaghetti Supper</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Imposition of Ashes &</i> <i>HC at 5:30 pm</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Lenten Feria</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Lenten Feria</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>at 5:30 pm</i>	<i>5</i> <i>Lenten Feria</i>
<i>6 Lent 1</i> <i>(Comm. St. Titus, B.C.)</i> <i>MP & HC 8:30</i> <i>Bible Study 9:30</i> <i>HC with Decalogue 10:30</i>	<i>7</i> <i>St. Thomas Aquinas,</i> <i>C.D.</i> <i>(Comm. Lenten Feria)</i> <i>Vestry meets at 5:15</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Lenten Feria</i> <i>(Comm. St. John</i> <i>of God, C.)</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Ember Wednesday</i> <i>HC at 5:30 pm</i> <i>Lenten Supper Program</i> <i>at 6:15</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Lenten Feria</i>	<i>11</i> <i>Ember Friday</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>at 5:30 pm</i>	<i>12</i> <i>St. Gregory the</i> <i>Great</i> <i>(Comm. Ember</i> <i>Saturday)</i>
<i>13 Lent 2</i> <i>(Comm. St. Kentigern, B.C.)</i> <i>MP & HC 8:30</i> <i>Bible Study 9:30</i> <i>HC 10:30</i> <i>Healing Service 11:45</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Lenten Feria</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Lenten Feria</i> <i>ACW Lunch at 11:30</i> <i>Men of All Saints'</i> <i>meet at 6:00 pm</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Lenten Feria</i> <i>HC at 5:30 pm</i> <i>Lenten Supper Program</i> <i>at 6:15</i>	<i>17</i> <i>St. Patrick, B.C.</i> <i>(Comm. Lenten Feria)</i> <i>Festivities begin at</i>	<i>18</i> <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i> <i>(Comm. Lenten Feria)</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>at 5:30 pm</i>	<i>19</i> <i>St. Joseph,</i> <i>Spouse of BVM</i> <i>(Comm. Lenten</i> <i>Feria)</i>
<i>20 Lent 3</i> <i>MP & HC 8:30</i> <i>Bible Study 9:30</i> <i>HC 10:30</i>	<i>21</i> <i>St. Benedict, Abt.</i> <i>(Comm. Lenten Feria)</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Lenten Feria</i> <i>(Comm. Bl. James de</i> <i>Koven, C.)</i>	<i>23</i> <i>Lenten Feria</i> <i>HC at 5:30 pm</i> <i>Lenten Supper Program</i> <i>at 6:15</i>	<i>24</i> <i>St. Gabriel, Archangel</i> <i>(Comm. Lenten Feria)</i>	<i>25</i> <i>Annunciation BVM</i> <i>(Comm. Lenten Feria)</i> <i>H.C. at 5:30 pm</i>	<i>26</i> <i>Lenten Feria</i>
<i>27 Lent 3</i> <i>MP & HC 8:30</i> <i>Bible Study 9:30</i> <i>HC 10:30</i>	<i>28</i> <i>Lenten Feria</i>	<i>29</i> <i>Lenten Feria</i> <i>(Comm. Bl. John</i> <i>Keble, C.)</i>	<i>30</i> <i>Lenten Feria</i> <i>HC at 5:30 pm</i> <i>Lenten Supper Program</i> <i>at 6:15</i>	<i>31</i> <i>Lenten Feria</i>		