

The Herald

April 14, 2013

3rd Sunday of Easter

From the Rector: [Of Holding On](#)

My son James and his wife Corey experienced a tragedy yesterday. A good friend of theirs who was a part of the restaurant community went missing last Friday, and just yesterday he was found dead in his car, an apparent suicide. James called me yesterday just to talk it out. How can anyone become so sad and lonely that they lose the will to hold on to life? How can one give up hope, he pleaded. I had no answer. His brother Rhett has had bouts of depression, so this hit close to home for James. He said he was going to check on Rhett and offer help if Rhett ever felt like he needed it. He said he has never been so thankful for his family.

James said he had come to the realization that we humans as a species were made to help each other, that we are intensely communal beings. He believes that in our post modern, post existentialist world we have learned to value the individual above all else. He wondered if the rise in the rate of suicide in the first world were a sign of this continual encroachment of isolation. The signs of such isolation are everywhere. Katharine and I notice on our morning walks, that most cars on the road only have one occupant; people are immersed in their smart phones; many meals we take are hurriedly on the go and often taken alone. James averred that we just can't survive isolation. I agree.

James and I from time to time have conversations about the church. He doesn't go, but he is not militant against it, and he seems interested in what I do as a priest. I told him that church in its truest form is a symbol of his thesis, that we can only thrive in community; that we are born to nurture and take care of each other, and to take care of ones who are given to us. The church is a dramatic image of our call to community. We have an innate need, we humans, to act out the truth...that is what liturgy is. In fact drama itself evolved from ancient religious rites. I pointed out that it is no accident that the central symbol in the liturgy is the Eucharist...a community meal shared which empowers us not just to hold on, but to boldly go out into the world and help the lost ones to hold on as well.

Before we hung up, he told me that early last week, before any of the news of their friend surfaced, that he and Corey were having a meal together out on their patio; and James observed how many people were connected to them through this meal...farmers, butchers, cheese purveyors, vintners, on and on...they counted some fifty persons that helped prepare this simple and intimate meal...there at the table with them, a community of souls living their lives, making a living for the good of the whole. A shining symbol of the web of life, the communion of saints. Let us hold on to one another. It is our certain hope.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, Apr 9

5pm Murray House Board mtg
6pm Rector's Forum & Supper

Wednesday, Apr 10

8am Race Relations Committee
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
4pm St Cecelia choir rehearsal
7pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, Apr 11

12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Saturday, Apr 13

10:30am PFLAG

Sunday, April 14

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception to follow
5pm Conde Explorers

Monday, April 15

6pm Vestry mtg
6pm 15 Place Board mtg

Tuesday, April 16

12N Golden Circle

Wednesday, April 17

9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
4pm St Cecelia choir rehearsal
7pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, April 18

9am Food Share delivery
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Friday, April 19

5:30pm Food Share packing

Saturday, April 20

8am Food Share distribution

The Rector's Forum returns after its Lenten hiatus on Tuesday evening, April 9. Potluck supper begins the evening at 6pm, followed by discussion on a variety of topics. The Forum meets every other Tuesday. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Thanks to the hard-working volunteers who hosted our Family Promise family last week: Beth Hardaway, Martha Durant, Hank Caddell, Matt McDonald, Woody Hannum, Ben Foster, James Foster, Barbara Brewster, Gretchen Thiel, Pete Wilson, Jean Tucker, Pete Mackey, Michael Morrison, Homer McClure, Clayton Ryan, Henry Callaway, Karen McDonald, Rosemary Williams, Mark Williams, Martha Harris, Albert Lilly, and our wonderful St Mark and Trinity hosts. Our next Family Promise visit is July 14-22. *-Henry Brewster*



Since the congregation of Trinity Episcopal has moved back to their Parish Hall to worship, we are back to our usual Sunday schedule. Both services, 8am and 10:30am, are in the church; breakfast is at 9am and the Godly Play class is at 9:20am. Welcome back to "All Saints normal" and thanks for all you did to make the Trinity family feel at home here!

The April Vestry meeting will be next Monday, the 15th, at 6pm in the Saad Room. Mark your calendars!

Golden Circle will be held next Tuesday, April 16, at noon. Please mark your calendars!

Thanks to all those who made the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday such beautiful services! Musicians, flower and altar guilds, servers of all sorts, fire builders, cooks and egg hiders / hunters made for a wonderful weekend.

Food Share This Weekend!

Here's the schedule:

- Thursday, Apr 18, 9am, unpacking food pallets
- Friday, Apr 19, 5:30pm, packing food bags
- Saturday, Apr 20, 8-8:30am, food distribution (volunteers should arrive at 7:30am)

All activities take place in Stirling Hall and none last more than 30 minutes or so. Everyone is invited to help!



The Friday Supper Club will meet on April 12 at 7:00 at the home of Barbara Michell and Hans Rufer. Their home is at 7095 Bay Road. Please call them at 443-7132 (H) or 689-6352 (C) to let them know what you'd like to bring.

Directions to 7095 Bay Road:

Taking Rangeline Road: Follow Rangeline to Hamilton (there's a traffic light). Turn LEFT on Hamilton. The next red light is the intersection with DIP. Cross DIP and Hamilton becomes Island Road. Follow Island Rd until it dead-ends at Bay Road; take a RIGHT onto Bay Road. 7095 is a yellow two-story with a red roof on the left.

Taking DIP: Follow DIP until you cross over the Dog River bridge. Turn LEFT onto Island Road and follow the directions above.

The Service Center of Catholic Social Services invites all interested women to attend a monthly seminar featuring discussions on topics related to women's issues. Don't miss the "M.I.S.S." Program or Motivation for Independence, Survival and Success beginning April 17, 2013 from 1-2 pm at The Service Center at 555 Dauphin St. in downtown Mobile. April's featured speaker will be Derrick Turner from The Alabama Career Center offering advice on finding and keeping a job. Refreshments will be served and door prizes raffled. Future topics will include talks on available housing counseling programs, domestic violence, relationships and dressing for successful job interviews. For further information about the M.I.S.S. Program, email Volunteercoord@mobilecss.org or call 434-1500.

The Service Center also accepts donations of used furniture and household items. These items are especially helpful to burnout victims and homeless moving into housing with no furniture or other household goods. To arrange for a pickup of furniture, please contact the office with the same information above.

Prayers are asked for the family and friends of those who have recently died:

- The Rev. Don Armentrout
- Bob Ramsey
- Cassandra Gacek

When's the last time you've 'been to Chapel?' In the Herald list of weekly activities it says, 'Wednesday noon Holy Eucharist Chapel' and what this means is that there is a lovely, brief service every Wednesday at noon, which lasts for a half hour.

The Rev. Ruth LaMonte comes from Fairhope most Wednesdays to celebrate this service, vice, which is often associated with a saint in the Episcopal lectionary. Rev. Jim purposely selected the noon time slot so that if you own a business nearby, live nearby, or are on a lunch break, you can be spiritually fed from twelve noon to twelve-thirty, and then be physically fed as well!

Please join us as we provide a healthy, tasty lunch, fresh coffee or cold beverage, with fellowship/sistership time in the Saad room where we discuss the Saint Du Jour. Carry-out containers are available as well, so you can enjoy the half hour service then grab a nice lunch to take with you if you are returning to work.

We have begun an offering at the service and the reception following, and these monies collected are earmarked for the Kitchen Improvement Fund for Stirling Hall. So far, between the sale of Christmas Ornaments and the Chapel offerings, we have raised \$1,200.00!

It's always nice to see some more smiling faces! If you'd like a mid-week spiritual boost, please join us this Wednesday and enjoy lunch with your church family as well! All are welcome!



The always smiling Father B (the Rev. Maurice Branscomb, retired) heads straight for the desserts!

Happy Lunchers!



On Being a Member of All Saints

You will find a church on nearly every corner in Mobile, but none is as self-giving as All Saints; and it is the leadership, integrity, hard work of the Rev. Ruth LaMonte, Rev. Mary and Rev. Jim that have inspired me to not only become an *official* member of All Saints, but to return to my own liturgical pursuits as well.

When you see people participating in service, maybe carrying a cross, waving incense, reading, singing, it's easy to project on to those people that they are somehow *spiritually* elevated because they are *physically* elevated in the chancel area; that perhaps they have a better relationship with God than you do, or are doing something you should be. Well that is entirely untrue! Everyone brings something to All Saints in their own way. Although we are all human beings who make mistakes, Rev. Jim reminds us that we are here to continue to learn and share what we have learned with others, even those who serve in service.

Someone said to me, "Wyll, I wish I could hit those low notes like you can!" and another had said, "I wish I could make stuff like you do" referring to my glue gun magic! I am not one to be envied; so many members are blessed to have their spouse, partner, children with them at church; some people have partners that sing together, and there is even a son/mother combo in choir! Some of you have your regular pew spots, and sit among your friends every Sunday. You, friends, are truly the lucky ones, the blessed ones- as a visitor that recently became a member, I could only hope that one day I would have a partner to be proud of to join me in worship together and be part of my church family.

I am going to continue my outreach work, and will be serving at other Episcopal Churches in Mobile, and consider myself an "ambassador" for All Saints.

Thank you to the many people who have welcomed me, and my contributions; you can expect many great things from me, and with God's will, glue sticks, coffee, and Rev. Jim's guidance I will get them done!

Sincerely,

Wyll Lewis

Ed. note: Wyll was confirmed during the Bishop's visitation on Palm Sunday this year.



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

LEARNING LUNCH:

LUNCHTIME DISCUSSION SERIES SPONSORED BY THE HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE

111 SOUTH ROYAL STREET

SPECIAL EDITION: April 17, 2013

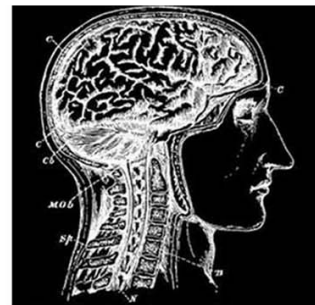
11 a.m.

Special reading of Martin Luther King Jr.'s
"Letter from Birmingham Jail"

Noon

*Martin Luther King, Spring Hill College, and the Letter from
Birmingham Jail: A Roundtable Discussion with*

- Tom Ward, Ph.D, Spring Hill College
- Carol Ellis, The Doy Leale McCall Rare Book
and Manuscript Library
- Kathleen Orange, The Foley Community Service Center, SHC
- Scotty E. Kirkland, History Museum of Mobile



Under the category of God in Creation, this picture was taken during Holy Week in McNally Park, along the northwestern shore of Mobile Bay. Debi Foster, the photographer and All Saints member, writes, "As a Master Gardener, I know this is simply pollination. I love the fact, though, that no matter when Easter comes - early March or late April - these crosses ALWAYS coincide."



FAMILY PROMISE OF
COASTAL ALABAMA

10th Anniversary Celebration
with National Founder Karen Olson

BRAGG MITCHELL MANSION

May 15, 2013

You are cordially invited to Family Promise of Coastal Alabama's
10th Anniversary Luncheon.
Join us as Ms. Olson speaks on how ONE person can make a difference.

Come enjoy southern cuisine served alongside the Azalea Trail Maids
on the grounds of the Bragg-Mitchell Mansion in May.

Tickets are \$40.00 per person to benefit Mobile's only family homeless shelter,
Family Promise of Coastal Alabama.

For tickets and more information:
Call 251-441-1991
Or visit www.familypromisemobile.org

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God willing and with the people's consent
The Right Reverend Kirk Steven Smith
Bishop of Arizona
will ordain

Robert Mitchell Berra

to the Sacred Order of Priests
In Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
Saturday, the fifteenth day of June
at half past ten in the morning

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
1735 South College Avenue
Tempe AZ 85281

The festival color is red

Reception following

Robert Berra is a 'son' of All Saints, Mobile. He did his student teaching under Kathy McKenzie (a parishioner of All Saints) at Murphy High School. He was confirmed at All Saints in 2007 and married to Laura Cleverdon in 2008. Laura's parents are Sharon Cleverdon and Geoffrey Cleverdon and her grandparents are John and Mickey Cleverdon. They moved to Arizona for Robert to go to graduate school, and it is there that he became a candidate for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Arizona. For the past 3 years, Robert has been a student at Yale Divinity School in New Haven, CT. After his ordination, Robert will be assigned to a church in Arizona.

If you are in the area on June 15, you might want to go to the service and give Robert and Laura a big 'hello and congratulations' from All Saints! We wish them well!

Sunday, April 14, 2013

Third Sunday of Easter

The Lessons

[Acts 9:1-20](#)

[Psalm 30](#)

[Revelation 5:11-14](#)

[John 21:1-19](#)

The Collect of the Day

God of the new fire, and feasting at daybreak: come to us in the dullness of routine and the pain of betrayal; call to us in the way of the cross and the joy of resurrection; through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Barbara Evatt, Bill Evatt, Barbara Caddell, Kathy McKenzie, Ruth Ellen Stanbery

Bread Bakers: Nancy Lancaster, Bruce Rockstad

Flower Guild: Burl Ratcliffe, Carol Mackey

Breakfast: Katharine Flowers, Kim Gray, Renea Greene, Clayton Ryan

Reception: Burl Ratcliffe

8:00am

Lector: Warren Butler

Intercessor: Jeff Clearman

Chalice: Serena Willcox

Ushers: Renee Dillard, Woody Hannum

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30am

Lectors: Claudia Zimmermann, Valerie Mitchell

Intercessor: Joe Basenberg

Chalices: Henry Callaway, Ruth LaMonte

Acolytes: Ben Foster, Douglas & Sarah Greene, Emily Doyle

Ushers: Ricky Bradford, Henry Brewster, Alan Blair

Music

Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach – *Christ ist Erstanden, BWV 627*

Processional Hymn 182 *Truro*

James Turl (Anglican Chant) – *Psalm 30*

Sequence Hymn 255 *Munich*

Asperges Hymn 296 *Engelberg*

Offertory Anthem John Goss – *If We Believe That Jesus Died*

Presentation Hymn 417 *Festival Canticle*

Ronald Arnatt *Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit*

Mason Martens S-148 *The Lord's Prayer*

Jeffrey Rickard *Christ our Passover*

Communion Hymn 306 *Sursum Corda*

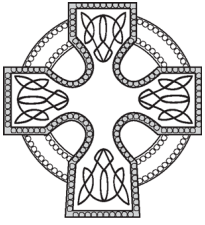
Motet Arlen Clarke – *O Sacrum Convivium*

Post Communion Hymn 492 *Finnian*

Processional Calvin Hampton – *Music for a Festival*

Please keep in your prayers:

- ✚ For healing for: Mary Jo Mayhall, Dan McGeachy, Stella Vaughn, Katie Hammond, Bryant Blake, Skip Shirah, John D. Cade, Becky Price, Amanda, Jim Haynes, Rick Hunt, Karly Dodson, Achol Guet, Barbara Blum-Barnett, Caroline Fletcher, Dorothy Clark, Mackenzie Petersen, Tom Wilson, Glenda Bazzel, Nancy Hartley, Shannon Lord, Mit Kopf, Sybil Wilson, Francis Argulewicz, Nancy Golson Smith, Charlie Myers, Trinity Church, Nancy Quittmeyer, Regina Slayton, Julie Tadlock, David Leff, Angelo Harris, Melanie Wright, Steven Bodiford, Walter Sims, Mitch Price, Austin Brown, Barbara Deming, John Stephens, Heather and family, Martha Collier, JoAnn Pappas, Dunn Chandler, Scott Podstata, Abraham Kuol, Roy Muth, Jim Gray, Jane Arnau, Jessica Montalvo-Lopez, Evina Valera, Ed Givhan, LaNiece Bland, Sharon Cleverdon, Patsy Childress, Anna Marie Brown, Laura
- ✚ For those who serve in the armed forces, especially: Spencer Abbot, Matt Abbot, Jonathan Carter, DeMario Snead
- ✚ For those who have died, especially Bob Ramsey and Cassandra Gacek



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Hank Caddell

Valerie Case, Clerk

Richard Coarsey

Chris Conte

Elizabeth Doyle

James Hamilton

Woody Hannum

Amy Hunter

Emily Kelley

Don Mosley

Burl Ratcliffe

Clayton Ryan

Curt Doyle, Treasurer

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Adult Christian Education: The Rev. Jim Flowers

Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Melanie Petithory

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Community Ministries: Matt McDonald

Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey

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Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers

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Property: Ricky Bradford

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Ushers: Harold Dodge, Louie Wood

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All Saints Episcopal Church

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Service Schedule

Sundays	8:00 am Holy Eucharist
	9:00 am Breakfast
	9:20 am Christian Education Classes (during school year)
	10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays	12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)