



The Herald

May 9, 2010

Sixth Sunday of Easter

From the Rector: Of Undocumented Indignity

After seeing Tim James' inane campaign ad having to do with driver's tests only being in English in the State of Alabama; and after the passage of Arizona's draconian immigration law, immigration reform is very much on my mind. It may well be the most important issue facing this country in a long while as the interests of the so-called first and two-thirds worlds collide on this Continent...a seismic call to order society in a new way. This crisis has of course been coming for a long time, but now the realities of justice and well-being for millions of people are upon us. There is no avoiding making major changes now as to how we live together in a post modern, global community. We will have to yet again stare down social and economic injustice, and their savvy accomplice, racism.

We have been reading in my Ethics class in the diocesan school for deacons, Ishmael Garcia's *Dignidad, Ethics through Hispanic Eyes*. It caused all kinds of animated conversation. It points out a reality that is hard for us of privilege to see. The term is 'structural sin', the notion that for minority populations, especially people of color, that the structure of the dominant society will inevitably disadvantage its poorer and less empowered minority population. There is no single person to blame; it is an anthropological reality that the dominant culture will serve self-interest first. Black Americans know this, Hispanic Americans and Latinos know this. It ramifies through our health care system, employment practices, worker justice, school systems, food supply, on and on. As I told the class, it is for the people of faith to work to challenge and change such structures wherever there is the injustice of structural sin.

One student made the statement with regard to immigration, that we just couldn't open our borders wholesale...that would create all kinds of problems arising from overpopulation. I agreed that the crisis is complex, and that there are no simple solutions, but I suggested that we need a rubric, an overarching guidepost to inform whatever decisions we make concerning our neighbors who wish to live among us...and with deference to Garcia, that guidepost is dignity...as long as we respect the dignity of every human being, then we'll make real progress...that's every human being including our neighbors...Imagine the terms "illegal alien" or "undocumented immigrant"...that is like calling a child illegitimate...Because all of us on this planet belong to the human family, everyone is entitled to dignity. If that were our *modus operandi* in this crisis we might truly find creative ways, collaborative and safe and humane ways to resolve the enigmatic quandary we are in. Dignity always serves the common interest, the greater good.

Let it be for us and our human family, *Dignidad*...Let us see to it...Si, se puede!

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, May 5

12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
4pm Girls' Choir rehearsal
7:30pm Parish Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 6

12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
5:30pm AA (Smith Rm)
7pm AA (Smith Rm)

Saturday, May 8

9am Eagle Scout Project work day
10:30am PFLAG (Smith Room)

Sunday, May 9

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Christian Education
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Youth Sun.
Reception following
Parish Picnic

Tuesday, May 11

12N Golden Circle

Wednesday, May 12

7:30am Race Relations Committee
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
4pm Girls' Choir rehearsal
6pm 15 Place Board meeting
7:30pm Parish Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 13

12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
5:30pm AA (Smith Rm)
7pm AA (Smith Rm)



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

Sunday, May 9, is a special Sunday! It is, of course, Mother's Day on the secular calendar. But it will also be special for many others at All Saints in particular.

- **The youth will lead us in our worship at 10:30** by reading, praying our intercessions, bearing a chalice, being acolytes, ushering, singing and preaching! If anyone wants to sign up, call or email Catherine Mackey at 490-6675 or at scatherinemackey@mac.com.
- **The Training Choir will receive their white surplices** to wear over their black cassocks—the surplices are indicative of the singers completing the white level of the Royal School of Church Music Voice for Life program. Choristers are Wieu Kuot, Nyirou Kuot, Vaughan Kemp, Emma Gray, David Reeves, Dustin Reeves and Olivia Swann.
- **The Sunday School year for youth ends on May 9.** We give thanks for all those who have lead classes, music, and other activities: Jim and Pam Ayres, Jennifer Ervin Swann, Don and Emily Mosley, Elizabeth Doyle, Clark Kelly, Doug Greene, Kim Gray, Pete Mackey, Matt McDonald; and to Renea Greene, who taught and coordinated the Sunday School program.
- **Graduation time is here.** Congratulations to all our Saints (that we know of) who are graduating: Laura Rose Cole, Anna Mary Shields, Catherine Tucker from UMS-Wright; Agum Kuot from Davidson; Avery Kelly, Lucy Perkins from Murphy; Lee Wingard from St. Paul's; Caitlin Looney from U of AL; Herndon Rouse from U of AL School of Finance; Laura Coker Strachan from U of AL School of Law; and Robert Berra from Arizona State Univ, MA in Religious Studies! If we have left anyone out, please let us know.
- **Last but not least, the PARISH PICNIC is after church!** See details on the next page. PLEASE call the office to let us know how many are coming so we can plan for food. 438-2492.

Our sympathies are offered...

...to Mary Stewart Stephens and her family at the death of her mother, Shirley Roberds, who died last Friday, April 30.

...to Quin Hillyer and his family at the death of his father, Haywood Hansell Hillyer, III, who died on Wednesday, April 28.

May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Congratulations to Robert Berra, former parishioner and husband of Laura Cleverdon (daughter of Geoff Cleverdon, granddaughter of Mickey and John Cleverdon). Robert has been accepted as a postulant for holy orders in the Diocese of Arizona and will attend seminary at Yale Divinity School in the fall. Please keep Robert and Laura in your prayers.

Congratulations to Emily and Marlena Kelley on the birth of their first child on Friday, April 30. Olivia Ann Kelley weighed in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and has just a little more hair than her Grandfather Jack! Moms and baby are doing well at home now.

To All Layweebers & Aspiring

Layweebers: The Layweebers' Guild will meet this Saturday, 5/8, at 9:30am. Bring your gloves and sunhat! All are welcome!

Golden Circle will be held on Tuesday, May 11, at 12 noon in Stirling Hall. Join us for a fabulous lunch and bingo to follow. Call Mary Hunter Slaton if you want to come. 479-2692.

Prison Ministry meeting

The first meeting of the Prison Re-Entry Ministry and Committee will be on Wednesday May 19th at 6:30pm in the Saad Room. Call Danny Moreau for any questions. 272-0041.

The Friday Night Supper Club

will have it's last meeting of the year on Friday, May 21, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Barbara and Fred South, 1112 Dauphin Street, phone 694-0143. Everyone is welcome!

VBS Dates Change (already!)

Practically as soon as The Herald was published last week, we discovered that Interfaith Hospitality Network/ Family Promise week for All Saints is the same as the one we picked for Vacation Bible School this summer. Needless to say, those two activities can't happen in Stirling Hall at the same time.

SO...Vacation Bible School will now be Monday, July 26, through Thursday, July 29, from 5:15-8:15pm for 3 years through rising 5th graders. The program this year will be "Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace."

If you are interested in being part of the staff of VBS this year, please let us know by calling Jim or Mary at 438-2492. Registration forms will be in next month's Heralds.



Parish Picnic!!!

Get ready for a Youth Sunday service at 10:30 on May 9
and a fun-filled picnic lunch to follow afterward!

All Saints will provide the lunch, aided by some of our best grillers.

Donations to cover costs will be accepted.

Bring your favorite beverages! Wear your picnic clothes!

Bring bathing suits for the children!

There will be games and water activities!

Adults are encouraged to bring games, too. Challenge your friends.

Sit and chat. Or just sit...

You won't want to miss this fun afternoon!!!

Please call the church if you plan to come so we can know how
much food to buy. 438-2492



A Letter from Ellen Wingard

Hello!

As many of you know, my mother [Jamie Praytor] was instrumental in the starting of McKemie Place. Since early last fall, I have been working as Co-Chair of the McKemie Place Advisory Board with Susie Foster. This shelter is the only place for unaccompanied homeless women to find night time shelter in a 3-county area. Present capacity is 25, with an expansion taking place that will increase this to 45. Keeping this shelter open is a challenge, financially. The renovation (funded through grants and foundation gifts) is near completion, and it is going to be such an improvement over what the women presently have. That is in addition to the increased capacity. The challenge now lies with furnishing the space, particularly with beds.

The [flyer at right] is a Mother's Day and Graduation appeal. I thought this would be a neat idea, because my older son, Lee, is graduating this year. He and my Mom had a very special relationship. What a better way to honor her memory than to appeal to graduating seniors in Lee's honor and to Mother's in Mom's memory! In honor of your favorite Graduating Senior or your Mother or in memory of your Mother, please consider our appeal. The [flyer] explains what this is all about and how you can provide a bed and coverings, in their honor. Mothers or Grads would be honored to be remembered in such a way. Please read the [flyer] and this will all make more sense. We pray that you can help out. Thank you for your consideration.

All the Best,
Ellen

The following is a meditation by the Rev. Barbara Cawthorn Crafton, May 4, 2010

TURTLE WATCH

I saw her from a distance, and swam toward her for closer look. But she was too fast for me, and sped away: turtles on land are famously slow, but sea turtles more than make up for them, and she was far away by the time I had to surface. Off in the direction in which she was headed was another human. "Turtle!" I called, and pointed to the water between us. We submerged and both saw her again, watching until she had disappeared off into the distance. "Thanks!" he called, when we were both up again. Oh, but she was beautiful! So streamlined, the underside of her body so creamy, her flippers so efficient, propelling her through the water with such power.

Her world was a wonder: the sun through the clear water, the coral forests through which she slalomed so expertly, the huge boulders on the sea floor, immense technicolor parrotfish pecking at each one with the hard beaks that, with their amazing coloration, give them their name. Through canyons of coral and rock you swim, ignored by

everyone who lives there, those remarkable beings always in motion, endlessly intent on their feeding. Look down and you see a faint disk in the sand: it is a flounder, flat as a pancake, with both eyes on one side of his body. Or watch a little pile of rubble: it is an octopus' nest, and she may emerge. Watch out for the beautiful urchins, peeking from a crevice in the rock: one of their black spines can ruin your day. And respect the barracuda, who glares at you from his corner: give him his space, and he'll leave you alone. You won't win a fight with him.

These places are already very different from what I first encountered beneath the sea thirty years ago. For one thing, there are fewer turtles. Fewer squid, who swim together in wedge formations, the way geese fly. Some of the coral is grey, empty of the life it held then. There are not as many beautiful parrotfish. It is not the same down there.

Oil continues to flow from the ground in the Gulf of Mexico. When a tanker spills, you at least know how much was in it. But this is oil from the earth itself -- what is to end its flow? Better find a way to cap it, because you're not going to drain it dry.

Sea turtles breathe air. They're not fish, they're amphibians: they have lungs. They must surface, up through the slick of oil, breathing great gulps of the gas that hovers over the slick for miles and miles around. And this is their spawning time: they all return right there. Right now.

For the Conservation of Natural Resources

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-- Book of Common Prayer

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This Mother's Day or Graduation, honor a special person in your life by sponsoring a place to sleep for the women of McKemie Place.

As the only overnight shelter for single, homeless women in Mobile, Washington and Baldwin counties, over 800 women have sought refuge here – away from the threat of violence. Over the past year, McKemie Place, through the support and contributions of volunteers and the local community, has worked to expand their reach and very soon will be able to provide shelter to even more women. To do this, we need your help.

McKemie Place has undergone renovations and now has room for 46 beds. For \$200 you can provide a place to sleep for one of the ladies at McKemie Place including the actual bed and coverlet. But more than a place to rest her head, you can provide hope.

A special plaque will be placed in McKemie Place honoring all of those who sponsor a place to sleep. What a wonderful Mother's Day or graduation gift for someone to be honored in a place where women, many mothers themselves, go to regain their confidence and get back on their feet.

We truly hope you consider a gift to McKemie Place this Mother's Day. All donations are appreciated.

Sincerely,
Ellen Wingard and Susie Foster
Co-Chairpersons McKemie Place Advisory Board

Please mail the portion below along with your donation to: McKemie Place, P.O. Box 9082, Mobile, AL 36691. McKemie Place is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible.

Please Circle One:

I would like to sponsor a place to sleep I would like to donate \$ _____

In honor/memory of: _____

Donor's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Recipient's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please Circle Once:

Cash Enclosed

Check Enclosed

EYC NEWS

May 7-8. Girls Overnight Retreat

We will be heading down for a night at Dauphin Island.
See Catherine for more details!

May 9. Youth Sunday

We still need people to run the service. Let me know what you would like to do!
Afterwards we will have the church picnic and will provide games for the kids.

May 16. Mission Trip Lunch Fundraiser

Since we will be headed to New Orleans in July we will serve Jambalaya! Meet in Stirling Hall @ 10:30 to begin preparing lunch that will follow the 10:30 service.
For all of you going on the mission trip it's really important that you are here!!

May 23. Exam Dinner and a Movie

Exams are coming up so we will have a low key night with dinner and a movie
at the Mackey's.

310 S. Georgia Ave, right around the corner from the church! 5:30pm-7:30pm

June 6. PUMP IT UP

It's SUMMER! We will celebrate with an afternoon at Pump It Up! It will be \$15 per person and that includes pizza and a drink! Meet at the church at 4:45pm. We will be back by 8pm. Please let me know who can come so I can make sure we have enough kids to go!

Wednesday. June 23. Leinkauf goes to Beckwith!

Each year All Saints sends 30 kids from the 2nd & 3rd grade at Leinkauf to Beckwith for 5 days. It would be really great if you could be there @ 8:30am to hang out with the kids and then send them off on the bus. They will be coming back on Sunday the 27th @ 2:30pm and it would be great if you can be there to welcome them home as well. All of these kids will be super excited!!!

Interested in **KANUGA**?? IT'S COMING UP! Youth Week 2010 is June 20-25.

For more information go to www.kanuga.org or see Catherine!

SUMMER is almost here, so EYC will slow down, but for those going on the mission trip, we will have a couple of team builders and fundraisers before w.e go! Get Excited!

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Sunday Lectionary: Sixth Sunday in Easter

[Acts 16:9-15](#)

[Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5](#)

[Psalm 67](#)

[John 5:1-9](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Barbara Evatt, Barbara Caddell, Kathy McKenzie, Susan Meztista

Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers, Becky Wilson

Breakfast: Katharine Flowers, Kim Gray, Renea Greene

Reception: Valerie Case, Helena Roldan

8:00

Lector: Pete Wilson

Intercessor: Larry Hallett

Chalice bearer: Serena Willcox

Ushers: Harold Dodge, Pete Mackey

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Brewer Ayres 2) Maddie Samuels

Intercessor: Grace Williams

Chalice bearers: Catherine Tucker, David Burchell

Acolytes: TBA

Ushers: Jane Bartlett Pappas, Bess Nichols, Lizzie McDonald

Music for Sunday, May 9

Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach *Erstanden ist der heilige Christ* BWV 628

Processional Hymn 191 *Lux eoi*

Song of Praise *Dakota Indian Chant*

Carl Schalk *Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ*

Sequence Hymn 537 *Moscow*

Offertory Anthem Simon Lindley *O God, My Heart Is Ready*

Presentation Hymn 705 *Forest Green*

Craig Phillips *Festival Eucharist, Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

Plainsong, *Christ Our Passover*

Communion Hymn 345 *Ellers*

Motet Richard DeLong *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Post Communion Hymn 292 *Kingsfold*

Processional Benedetto Marcello *Psalm 19*

Please keep in your prayers:

Betty Ijames
Bill Flowers
Kate Makkai
Grant Wood
Brenda
Tillye Semple
Ernest Morrison
Gordon Jernigan
Eugene Fuquay
Carol Turner
Becky Moore
Ernestine Rogers
Louie Skipper
Joel Danley
Celeste Taylor
Larry Hall
Tim Holston
Bill & Lida Bowman
Linda Irby
Laura

Serving in the military:

Spencer Abbot
Matt Abbot
Sean Paul Naylor
Joseph Willcox
Steven DeWeese
William Wesley Pollard
Daniel Robert

The policy of this church is to keep people on the prayer list for one month. After a month, they will be removed. If you want someone to be on the list longer, please call the office; the request will be updated and s/he will be kept on for another month.

Refugee Pantry Items

Donations are requested for the following items, which cannot be purchased with food stamps: **paper towels and laundry soap.** Please bring them to the church office or put them in the basket in the Ann Street narthex. Thanks!

Eagle Scout Project Update

Forrest Brewster is working on his Boy Scout service project required for the rank of Eagle Scout. He will hold his second work day to build new privacy walls for our IHN/Family Promise guests on **May 8, 2010 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.** Lunch will be provided. Bring skill saws, power drills, hammers, paint brushes and rollers, gloves, and safety glasses. Forrest is also raising funds for the walls as well as for repairs or purchase of games in the EYC Room. Thanks to those who have donated since the last *Herald*: Kay Montgomery, Clark and Kim Kelly, Craig and Julie Plummer, Allan and Jean Tucker, and Danielle Juzan.



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Youth Christian Education: Renea Greene

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Service Schedule

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