



The Herald

August 15 & 22, 2010 Feast of St. Mary the Virgin & 13th Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector: Of Orthopraxis

I was forwarded an interview conducted by *Interfaithnet*, a web site that explores matters of philosophy and faith in a post-modern context. The interview was with Sam Harris, a noted ethicist and professed opponent of organized religion. He states that church doctrine and dogma are broadly erroneous and in some cases downright dangerous (justifying murder, war, child abuse, slavery and other such wrongs); that the churches' insistence on an irrational belief system robs us of our rational grasp on reality. Marx called organized religion an "opiate." I have to admit that I agreed with much of what Mr. Harris had to say.

I am reminded of a conversation I had with a young man a couple of years ago. He told me he was Baptist, but had problems with some of the Baptist theology and doctrine, and wanted to know more about the Episcopal Church. I thought, gee, this is right up my alley, but no sooner than the conversation began, the young man said, "Of course I do believe the Bible is to be taken literally." I realized this conversation might not prove as fruitful as I had imagined. But his insistent question, one he asked several times was, "I just want to know what Episcopalians believe." I said, "that depends on which Episcopalian you're talking to." He didn't like that answer, but I went on to say that we do have our creeds, but they are less a confession of faith, a recitation of belief, and more an acknowledgment or engagement of the ancient lore of the church as it has been handed down through the generations... still open to speculation and interpretation given the knowledge we have collectively gained and experienced over the life of the church. I've not seen him since.

Belief is never in stone. Belief changes as our world changes. Belief is open to discovery and the transforming power of the imagination. Belief does not oppose rationality, or the natural order in its becoming, but embraces new knowledge born of experience. Karen Armstrong, a formidable scholar of religion notes that the preoccupation with "right belief" (orthodoxy) in religious circles, particularly in the West, is a decidedly modern concept...that in the early church the faithful were first and foremost concerned with "right practice" (orthopraxis), that it is in fact the enlightened practice of the faith that forms belief. The writer of the Gospel of Matthew proposes as much. So a spiritual life is one that is lived for the other... a life of generosity... a life of compassion... a life lived justly... a life of loving sacrifice... a life of peace making... and perhaps in defense of the institution: ...we people of faith need a place and a time to gather and celebrate this life we share together... remembering our lore handed down in prayer, praise and song... borne by our art... the art of imaginative orthopraxis... enlightened practice of the faith that will forever shape belief... into belief worth believing.

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, August 11
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
6pm 15 Place Board mtg
6:30pm Fresh Start Ministries
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

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

Saturday, August 14
10:30am PFLAG (Smith Rm)

Sunday, August 15
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Adult Christian Education
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Reception following
4:30pm Musica Sacra Choral Evensong

Monday, August 16
6:00pm Vestry meeting (Saad)

Wednesday, August 18
7:30am Race Relations Committee
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
6:30pm Fresh Start Ministries
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, August 19
12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
5:30pm AA (Smith Rm)
7pm AA (Smith Rm)

Friday, August 20
5:30pm Food Share preparation
6pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, August 21
8am Food Share Distribution
4pm Wedding

Sunday, August 22
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Adult Christian Education
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Wednesday, August 25
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
6:30pm Fresh Start Ministries
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

The Musica Sacra Chamber choir will be singing Choral Evensong at All Saints on the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin, August 15, at 4:30 pm. The service will include works by Marcel Dupré, William Smith, John Stainer, Walford Davies, Richard Woodward, and Antonin Dvorak. Christopher Uhl is the director and Jeff Clearman is the organist.

Finance Notes

Pledge collections have fallen behind somewhat, as they do sometimes during the summer months. At the same time, a few expense items are running higher than budget—most notably utilities. Please help All Saints avoid a financial pinch by making sure your pledge is paid and up to date!

Thanks, *Clark Kelly, Treasurer*

We're collecting Box Tops for Education

for Phillips Preparatory School, a magnet middle school in Mobile. Many food products have this coupon on the packaging; if you cut them out and turn them in, the school makes



money to buy various things that they need. (A list of some of the products with these coupons is posted on two bulletin boards in the Parish Hall.) Since Phillips is not a Title I school, it does not receive any Federal money and therefore must earn the money it needs.

In the five years of being a Box Tops school, Phillips has earned more than \$28,000! Several All Saints children are currently attending Phillips, so let's help them out with this program! Please collect these Box Tops and bring them to church with you on Sunday; a box is on the volunteer's desk to put them in. Thanks for your help!

Royal School of Church Music

Now is the time to sign up for All Saints' Training Choir. The Choir is open to 2nd grade and above. Rehearsals are each Tuesday 3:30-4:30 beginning September 7.



The VOICE for LIFE program of RSCM provides a framework for choral singers to develop their vocal skills, their musical understanding, and their knowledge of the repertoire and the liturgy of the Episcopal Church. The Training Choir sings at various times during the Liturgical Year with the Girls' Choir and Parish Choir.

Contact Jeff Clearman (jeff@allsaintsmobile.org or 438-2492) to sign your child up today!

The Girls' Choir has changed rehearsal day and time. Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 7 at 5:30pm.

Our prayers are offered to the family and friends of Muriel Cherney, who died on August 1. A memorial service for Muriel will be held at St. Paul's, Daphne, this Saturday, August 14 at 10:30am. Muriel helped found the Bay Area Food Bank, served at Loaves and Fish, and was a hospice volunteer at Mercy Medical. *Let light perpetual shine upon her.*

August Food Share is the 20th and 21st.

Beginning this month, our regular weekend for Food Share changes to the third weekend of each month. Mark your calendars for Friday, August 20 at 5:30 p.m. to assemble the food bags and Saturday, August 21 at 7:30 a.m. to distribute the food. Please join us in this great ministry!



Work Day, August 28

On Saturday, August 28, everyone is invited to come help get the church grounds ready for Fall. The Work Day will begin at 7:30AM in order to beat the heat. Bring your work gloves, a hat and some water. All are welcome!

P.S.—If anyone has a truck and is available to help haul mulch to the church, please call Katharine Flowers at 436-8932.



Do you have a story to tell?

Danny Moreau is looking for volunteers who would be willing to talk to an audience about their experiences as victims of a drunk / intoxicated driver, and how those incidents have changed their lives. Volunteers could be parents or siblings of the victim as well. It is hard to get speakers to talk about this subject, so Danny will be very appreciative of any help. Call him at 272-0041 if you have any questions.



Inquirers' Class to begin September 27

Inquirers' class is designed to teach newcomers to the church, and those who would like a "refresher course," Church History including the English Reformation and the formation of the American Episcopal Church, Liturgy and the Book of Common Prayer, contemporary issues facing the church and more. This class will be led by the clergy but will be in a conversational setting. Inquirers' class also prepares candidates seeking Confirmation in the Episcopal Church (the "official" way to join); the service of Confirmation takes place here this year on November 7 during the Bishop's visitation.

We would like to schedule these meetings for Mondays, beginning September 27 at 6:00 p.m. and running the next 5 successive Monday evenings. We will begin with a light supper, followed by class time and finish by 7:30pm. If Mondays are not good days to meet, please let us know which days would be convenient for you and we will consider an alternative. There will be a sign-up sheet for the class at the All Saints Ministry Fair September 12. In the meantime, if you have any questions please give the office a call (438-2492).



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

Sunday School begins September 19

We are excited about Sunday School for our children this year! We have several exciting new curricula available that will keep things fun and interesting during the year... great art projects, some memory work and more, based on the lectionary and the seasons of the church. More on that later.

Renea Greene has graciously offered to head up Sunday School, but she needs teachers and helpers to commit to a reasonable amount of time (not necessarily for the full school year). We also ask parents to please make their commitment to Sunday School as well by consistently bringing their children on Sundays. Our children learn better with the help of their peers, in a learning community, and nothing is more defeating to a teacher who has prepared a lesson than for no one to show up! Please help us make this a banner year for our children.

Sunday School is offered for pre-schoolers (age 4) through 12th grade. There is a nursery available for infants through 3 years. Registration will take place at the Ministry Fair between services in Stirling Hall on September 12.

Please keep in your prayers for healing:

Petie Mosley
Mary Geiger
Velma Trawick
Sue Cooper
John Green Coats, Jr.
Frances
Jessica
John Stephens
Charles Semple
Jeannie Smith
Sandra Webster
Leila Hollowell
the Kruse family
Darrell Fargo
Marion Triechler
the White family
Pete Kyser
Charlotta Noyes
Jason Pritchett
Robert Rodriguez
Betty Ijames
Kate Makkai
Brenda
Tillye Semple
Eugene Fuquay
Carol Turner
Celeste Taylor
Larry Hall
Laura

For the safe return of those serving in the military:

Spencer Abbot
Matt Abbot
Sean Paul Naylor
Joseph Willcox
Steven DeWeese
William Wesley Pollard
Daniel Jones
Glenn Foster, Jr.

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.



Episcopal Migration Ministries
Serving Refugees & Immigrants

Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace



Vacation Bible School 2010

A Calendar of Upcoming Events

August:

- 14 - PFLAG, 10:30am in the Smith Room
- 15 - Musica Sacra Choral Evensong, 4:00pm in the church
- 16 - Vestry Meeting, 6pm in the Saad Room
- 20 - Food Share preparation, 5:30pm in Stirling Hall
- 21 - Food Share distribution, 7:30am in Stirling Hall

September:

- 6 - Labor Day, office closed
- 7 - All Saints serves lunch at 15 Place, 11:30am
 - Training Choir rehearsal resumes, 3:30pm in the Choir Room
 - Girls' Choir rehearsal resumes, 5:30pm in the Choir Room
- 11 - PFLAG, 10:30am in the Smith Room
- 12 - Ministry Fair, 9am-10am in Stirling Hall
- 17 - Food Share preparation, 5:30pm in Stirling Hall
- 18 - Food Share distribution, 7:30am in Stirling Hall
- 19 - First day of Sunday School, 9:25am beginning in Youth Room
- 20 - Vestry Meeting, 6pm in the Saad Room
- 27 - Adult Inquirer's Class begins, 6p-7:30p in the Saad Room

October:

- 3 - Blessing of the Animals, 4pm in the courtyard
- 4 - Adult Inquirer's Class continues, 6p-7:30p in the Saad Room
- 5 - All Saints serves lunch at 15 Place, 11:30am
- 6 - PFLAG, 10:30am in the Smith Room
- 11 - Adult Inquirer's Class continues, 6p-7:30p in the Saad Room
- 15 - Food Share distribution, 7:30am in Stirling Hall
- 16 - Food Share distribution, 7:30am in Stirling Hall
- 17 - IHN/Family Promise week at All Saints begins in Stirling Hall
- 18 - Adult Inquirer's Class continues, 6p-7:30p in the Saad Room
 - Vestry Meeting, 6pm in the Saad Room
- 22 - Youth Confirmation Retreat, 6pm-9pm, in Stirling Hall and the church
- 23 - Youth Confirmation Retreat, 8am-2pm, in the church
- 24 - IHN/Family Promise week ends
- 25 - Adult Inquirer's Class continues, 6p-7:30p in the Saad Room

November:

- 1 - Last Adult Inquirer's Class, 6p-7:30p in the Saad Room
- 7 - All Saints' Sunday, Bishop visits for Confirmation
- 13 - PFLAG, 10:30am in the Smith Room
 - Bayou Bash annual fundraiser and party for Community Ministries, 5:30pm
- 15 - Vestry Meeting, 6pm in the Saad Room
- 19 - Food Share distribution, 7:30am in Stirling Hall
- 20 - Food Share distribution, 7:30am in Stirling Hall
- 25 - Thanksgiving Day, office closed
- 26 - Office closed
- 28 - First Sunday of Advent

EYC News

I hope everyone has had a great summer and is getting back into the school routine. We will have a busy fall and lots of exciting events coming up! I am open to all of your ideas and suggestions and am looking forward to a great year!

Saturday, August 14th

Youth Work Day and Interdenominational Outreach at Pure Word Ministries in Prichard. We will be rehabbing a house in the Prichard area with several other local youth groups.

We will be working from about 8-4 and will cookout for lunch.

DIRECTIONS: Turn onto Shelton Beach Road from Moffett Road. You will travel about two miles, through two stop signs. The second stop sign will be at Myers Road. Go through Myers Road and the church parking lot will be on the left hand side.

Sunday, August 22nd

We will kick off the fall with a party at *Pump It Up* on Hillcrest from 5:30-7:30. We will meet at the church at 5. Anyone who would like to meet out there is welcome to do that. Please let Catherine know if you can make it or not, so I can let them know the size of our group.

Sunday, August 29th

Tchoupitoulas Challenge. The Tchoupitoulas Challenge comes from an ice cream shop in New Orleans that serves a bowl with 8 ice creams, 8 toppings, whipped cream, sprinkles and cherries. Bess Nichols wanted to undertake this on our mission trip. We have decided to create our own ice cream eating contest at EYC! 4-6pm

Sunday, September 5th

Happy Labor Day Weekend- No EYC

Sunday, September 12th

Tie Dye. We will be tie dying t-shirts, planning upcoming events and having dinner.
5:30-7:30

Contact Info

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Sunday Lectionary: Feast of St. Mary the Virgin, 8/15

[Isaiah 61:10-11](#)
[Galatians 4:4-7](#)

[Psalm 34:1-8](#)
[Luke 1:46-55](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Suzanne Drew, Burl Ratcliffe, Johnna Rogers, Margaret Winkler
Flower Guild: Becky Wilson, Charlotte Hall
Breakfast: Clark Kelly, Curt Doyle, Will Hester
Reception: Karen McDonald, Charlotte Hall

8:00

Lector: Larry Hallett
Intercessor: Bill Evatt
Chalice: Burl Ratcliffe
Ushers: Wayne Smith, Ron Feuerlein
Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Steve Powell 2) Hendrik Snow
Intercessor: Hank Caddell
Chalice bearers: Frances Rouse, Lister Thomas
Acolytes: Darrel Williams, Dustin Reeves, David Reeves
Ushers: Don Mosley, James Hamilton

Music for Sunday, August 15

Voluntary Leon Boëllmann *Prière à Notre-Dame*
Processional Hymn 438 *Woodlands*
William Mathias *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* S-278
J. Marcus Ritchie *Psalm 34:1-8*
Sequence Hymn 258 *Psalm 86*
Offertory Anthem Otto Goldschmidt *A Tender Shoot*
Presentation Hymn 278 *Rustington*
Ronald Arnatt *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*
Mason Martens *The disciples knew the Lord Jesus* S-167
Communion Hymn 81 *Es ist ein Ros*
Motet Jacob Arcadelt *Ave Maria*
Post Communion Hymn 620 *Land of Rest*
Processional Johann Sebastian Bach *Fugue on the Magnificat, BWV 733*

Sunday Lectionary: 13th Sunday after Pentecost, 8/22

[Jeremiah 1:4-10](#)
[Hebrews 12:18-29](#)

[Psalm 71:1-6](#)
[Luke 13:10-17](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Suzanne Drew, Burl Ratcliffe, Johnna Rogers, Margaret Winkler
Flower Guild: Clayton Ryan, Diana Nichols
Breakfast: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Suzanne Cleveland
Reception: TBA

8:00

Lector: Jeff Clearman
Intercessor: Larry Hallett
Chalice bearer: Keith Winkler
Ushers: Preston Bolt, Joe Basenberg
Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Rosemary Williams 2) Johnna Rogers
Intercessor: Diana Nichols
Chalice bearers: Henry Callaway, Beth Hardaway
Acolytes: Mark, Sarah and Grace Williams
Ushers: Michael Morrison, Marion Elledge

Music for Sunday, August 22

Voluntary Cèsar Franck *Cantabile*
Processional Hymn 518 *Westminster Abbey*
William Mathias *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* S-278
Ivor Algernon Atkins *Psalm 71:1-6*
Sequence Hymn 368 *Regent Square*
Offertory Anthem T. A. Walmisley *Not Unto Us, O Lord*
Presentation Hymn 567 *St. Matthew*
Ronald Arnatt *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*
Mason Martens *The disciples knew the Lord Jesus* S-167
Communion Hymn 339 *Schmüke dich*
Motet Jane Marshall *In Thee, O Lord*
Post Communion Hymn 521 *Chelsea Square*
Processional Dietrich Buxtehude *Canzonetta in G Major, BuxWV 172*

Refugee Pantry Items We need donations of items such as **laundry soap**, **toilet paper**, **garbage bags** & **paper towels**. Please put them in the church office or the Ann St. narthex. Thanks!



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Return Service Requested

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Matt McDonald
Susan Meztista
Michael Morrison, Junior Warden
Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker
Darrel Williams

All Saints Committee Chairs

Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert
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Communications: The Rev. Mary Robert
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald
Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey
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IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
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Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Curt Doyle
Refugees: Martha Harris
Ushers: Bill Evatt, Louie Wood
Stewardship: Joe Basenberg, All Saints Vestry
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)