

# The Herald

November 4, 2012

All Saints' Sunday

## From the Rector: Of All the Saints

I have a friend who lives in Atlanta. He grew up in Decatur, Alabama, and was my roommate for two years in college. During my years in college I spent a good deal of time with his family since Decatur was not that far from Sewanee. His father was an ophthalmologist. He was the son of a Baptist minister. His mother was just lovely, her father a Baptist minister as well. She always warmly welcomed me; she was quiet but elegant; she played the piano as if she meant it; she was kind to everyone she met. During our sophomore year my roommate's younger brother went missing...the word was that he had moved to California and joined a cult (for some reason cults abounded in the seventies it seems). For several years they never knew his whereabouts, until finally they learned of his death, an overdose in a squalid tenement building in Los Angeles. Gay, my roommate's mother, wore outwardly and visibly on her elegant frame her grief for her son, over the years he was missing and at his death; a suffering servant. She died suddenly a few years after her son's death, in her early fifties. Despite my grief, I could only give thanks for her rest.

We drove to Decatur for her funeral which was to be led by her brother, a Baptist minister. The snob in me dreaded the homily; but to my utter surprise the homily was beautiful and appropriate and brought most of us to tears. During the service on a cold gray day, a light and delicate snow fell. The homilist said that all of us are windows onto who God is, and that Gay was one such gracious window. I've never forgotten that day; taught about living a sacramental life by a Baptist preacher from Laurel, Mississippi. God is full of surprises.

He didn't use the word saint, but that is what he meant. We have in the Episcopal Church a book entitled *Holy Men and Holy Women*. It contains biographies of our "official" saints and suggested readings for their particular feast day over the course of a year. Our saints, in order to be added to the calendar, must be approved by two consecutive General Conventions. What separates them from us? Why are they set apart from the rest of us? The answer is nothing. There is no doubt that they were ordinary people just like us, with gifts and imperfections. But having said that, it is important to name people who we witness serving the cause of God's commonweal, their imperfections notwithstanding. It is as if we have an innate need as spiritual beings to open windows, as it were, onto who God is by observing the lives of those come before us who lived at their core for the greater good.

And not only windows, these saints of God, but also mirrors...mirrors by which we see our own sainthood, our own potential for serving the good and the right, our imperfections notwithstanding as well. This Sunday, the Sunday following All Saints' Day, our namesake, we will celebrate all the saints of God, the dead and the living and the ones yet to come. Rejoice and be glad in the certain knowledge that you are in that number.

### On the Calendar:

**Tuesday, Oct. 30**  
4pm St Cecilia choir rehearsal  
7pm Adult choir rehearsal

**Wednesday, October 31**  
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)  
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)  
No choir rehearsals

**Thursday, November 1**  
12N Al-Anon  
7pm AA

**Saturday, November 3**  
Set clocks BACK 1 hour before you go to bed!

**Sunday, November 4**  
**All Saints' Sunday**  
10am Holy Eucharist  
Annual Parish Meeting  
BBQ Lunch following

**Tuesday, November 6**  
Election Day!  
12N Golden Circle  
6pm Rector's Forum

**Wednesday, November 7**  
8am Race Relations Committee  
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)  
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)  
4pm St Cecilia choir rehearsal  
7pm Adult choir rehearsal

**Thursday, November 8**  
12N Al-Anon  
7pm AA

**Saturday, November 10**  
**6-10pm Bayou Bash**

**All Saints' Day weekend** is upon us, with several schedule changes involved. Please check the changes listed below and mark the appropriate ones on your calendars:

- On Saturday, Nov 3, turn your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed
- There is NO 8:00am service on Sunday, Nov 4
- There is NO breakfast on Sunday, Nov 4
- There are NO Sunday School classes on Nov 4, including the Beth Murray Class
- Both choirs should be in the choir room by 9:15am
- The nursery will be open at 9:30am and remain open through the Parish Meeting
- Acolytes, ushers, banner and streamer people should be at the church by 9:30am
- The ONE and ONLY service on Sunday begins at 10am
- At the end of the post-communion hymn, everyone is asked to remain in the church to begin the Annual Parish Meeting
- After the meeting is finished, we will adjourn to Stirling Hall for a fabulous BBQ lunch!! Everyone is invited!



**Here are the nominations** that have been made so far for the elections to be held during the Annual Parish Meeting.

For Vestry: Richard Coarsey, Chris Conte, Burl Ratcliffe, Clayton Ryan, Jana Simpson

For Delegates to Diocesan Convention: Andi Barrett, Bruce Barrett, Michael Morrison, Clayton Ryan

There are 5 slots to fill for Vestry and 5 slots for Delegates (4 delegates and 1 alternate). Nominations close on Thursday, Nov. 1 at 4:00pm, so if you want to make a nomination, please do so VERY soon!

**Congratulations to Hendrik Snow,** who



recently received the 2012 "Best Lawyer of the Day" award from the South Alabama Volunteer Lawyers Program for providing legal help to low-income citizens of Mobile County!

**Our prayers are offered for** former parishioner Roger Franklin at the death of his mother Monday night in Florence, AL. *May light perpetual shine upon her.*

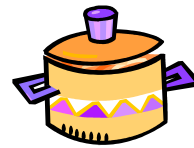
**Election Day is November 6.** Please remember to vote!

**Golden Circle will meet** on Tuesday, November 6 at noon in Stirling Hall.

**The next Rector's Forum** will be held Tuesday, November 6. Bring a dish to share for the potluck supper beginning at 6pm. Conversation about a variety of topics follows the meal. The Forum takes place in the Saad Room and meets every other Tuesday.

**The Bayou Bash Food Committee** needs people to help cut and wrap sausage for appetizers at the Bayou Bash! Come next Thursday, November 8 at 10am to the kitchen in Stirling Hall. The project should only take an hour or two.

Crock pots are needed to cook the sausage before the Bash begins. If you have one or more you would



be willing to lend, bring them to the church office any day, beginning on All Saints' Sunday or through the week until Thursday at 4pm. Be sure your name is on all

the pieces! Questions? Call or email Burl Ratcliffe at 404-1115 or [mobileburl@yahoo.com](mailto:mobileburl@yahoo.com).

**Emergency update:** (from Episcopal Relief & Development) People across the East Coast are dealing with flooding and power outages in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. We're continuing to stay in touch with our church partners in the US and Caribbean as they assess damage and needs across numerous dioceses. Please keep our partners and communities in your prayers! To help support this work, you can donate to our US Hurricane Relief Fund or Hurricane Fund (for the Caribbean) at <http://er-d.org/donate-select.php> or you can send a donation to P.O. Box 7058 Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. More information can be found at Episcopal Relief Development's web site <http://www.er-d.org/> Many thanks!

**It's not too early** to start bringing in Bayou Bash auction items! The total number of items received so far is way below the total of items offered last year. Please bring treasures in any time between 9am and 4pm Monday through Thursday to the church office. Questions? Call Katharine Flowers at 644-9887.

# *All Saints' Sunday*

**is here!!!**

**Join us November 4  
for a day of *Celebration* for the **WHOLE** Parish**

**10:00am Holy Eucharist**

**After the service:**

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

**with Rector's report, election of Vestry and Delegates to Convention,  
distribution of pledge cards**

**and**

**BBQ lunch to follow!!**

**Y'all come!!!**

**Annual Parish Meeting, Nov 4** This year the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on All Saints' Sunday, November 4. During the meeting we will elect five vestry members, each to serve three-year terms. Retiring members of the Vestry are: Harold Dodge, Rob Gray, Diana Nichols, Jean Tucker, and Darrel Williams. We will also elect four deputies with alternates to Diocesan Convention, which will be held at the Majestic Beach Resort in Panama City Beach, Thursday, Feb 21—Saturday, Feb 23, 2013.

### **Who may vote at the Meeting?**

The Canons of the Episcopal Church (Canon 17.3) define communicants as 'confirmed persons aged sixteen and over who *for the previous year* have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.' A communicant must have received Holy Communion at least three times in the preceding year.

### **Who may serve on the Vestry of All Saints Episcopal Church?**

If you wish to serve you must 1) be 16 years old or older; 2) be a communicant in good standing (see above); and 3) agree to attend at least 8 Vestry meetings in a calendar year.

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### **Nominations for the Vestry**

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to serve on the All Saints Episcopal Church Vestry. I have read the requirements above and believe this person is qualified to serve. I have received his/her consent to stand election on November 4, 2012.

### **Nominations for Deputy to Diocesan Convention**

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to serve as a Deputy to Diocesan Convention, February 21-23, 2013 in Panama City Beach, FL.

Submitted by,

Your Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please turn in forms to the church office or  
email your nominations to Mary Robert at [asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org](mailto:asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org)  
or to Jim Flowers at [rector@allsaintsmobile.org](mailto:rector@allsaintsmobile.org)

**Nomination deadline is extended until 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov 1, 2012**

## Bayou Bash News

**Unique Treasures are rolling in for the Bayou Bash auction!** We still need about 50 more items to match last year's quota, so ask neighbors, stop at antique stores, estate sales, and bring your letter from the Rector that explains everything. You can do it and many people will give to this good cause! If assistance is needed in transporting an item, please call Wyll Lewis at 251-447-9139 or email him at [americanpopdaddy@yahoo.com](mailto:americanpopdaddy@yahoo.com) to arrange pickup.

**Here are more treasures you can bid on:**



*An original Henry Brent oil painting, circa 1860—1870*



*Craftsmen tool cabinet*



*An iron and faux concrete wall planter*

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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# Bayou Bash

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012 | 6:00-10:00 PM

Food, Music and Fun  
Silent and Live Auctions  
Entertainment by **Bust**

**TICKETS: \$30**

For more information,  
call 438-2492

All proceeds to directly benefit: IHN Family Promise, All Saints Refugee Families Fund,  
McKemie Place, 15 Place, L'Arche, Alabama Arise, South Alabama Cares and Education for Ordained Ministry

## Sunday, November 4, 2012 All Saints' Sunday

### The Lessons

[Isaiah 25:6-9](#)

[Psalm 24](#)

[Revelation 21:1-6a](#)

[John 11:32-44](#)

### The Collect of the Day

Lord of heaven's reach, of earth reborn; you call us from starless graves to sing under infinite skies: we praise your name for those who have walked this way unheralded and unnumbered but known to you, their beginning, their end, their joy in life; give us the same grace to be unbound and take the step of faith; through Jesus Christ, the alpha and omega. Amen.

### Those Who Serve

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

Bread bakers: Beth Hardaway, Lillian Carsten

Flower Guild: Burl Ratcliffe, Carol Mackey

Breakfast: None

Reception: Lunch in Stirling Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting

### **10:00am There is only one service today, followed by the Parish Meeting & Lunch**

Lectors: Pete Wilson, Sarah Frances Greene

Intercessor: Frances Rouse

Chalices: Serena Willcox, Louie Wood

Acolytes: Boone Reeves, Darrel Williams, Dustin Reeves, Wieu Kuot

Ushers: Fred & Barbara South, Ricky Bradford, Henry Callaway, Doug Greene

### Music for Sunday

Voluntary J. S. Bach *Herr Gott, nun schleuss den Himmel auf*, BWV 617

Processional Hymn 287 *Sine Nomine*

Song of Praise Hymn 293 *Grand Isle*

Philip Marshall *Psalm 24*

Sequence Hymn 275 *Moultrie*

Offertory Anthem Alice Parker *Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal*

Presentation Hymn 618 *Lasst uns erfreuen*

William Mathias S-128 *Sanctus*

William Mathias S-165 *Agnus Dei*

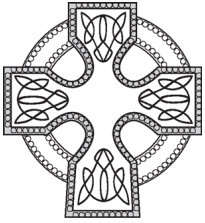
Communion Hymn 620 *Land of Rest*

Motet John Goss *I Heard a Voice from Heaven*

Post Communion Hymn 625 *Darwall's 148th*

### Please keep in your prayers:

- ✚ For healing for: Carole Anne Holbrook, David Leff, Brittany, Angelo Harris, Warren Butler, Melanie Wright, Jack Ratcliffe, Scott Clark, Mary Stewart Stephens, Steven Bodiford, Donna Baines, Arthur Johnson, Ernestine Rogers, Jim Hamilton, Walter Sims, Patricia Fry, Alan Grubbs, Mitch Price, Austin Brown, Jason Cummins, Jim Wilson, Barbara Deming, John Stephens, David Barrineau, Johnny Madden, Brian Hammond, Heather and family, Martha Collier, JoAnn Pappas, Martha Rose Hester, Dunn Chandler, Geoff Peach, Scott Podstata, Abraham Kuol, Roy Muth, Jim Gray, Jane Arnau, Jessica Montalvo-Lopez, Gregg Pounds, Evina Valera, Ed Givhan, LaNiece Bland, Sharon Cleverdon, Mike Downing, Patsy Childress, Anna Marie Brown, Laura
- ✚ For those who serve in the armed forces, especially: Spencer Abbot, Matt Abbot, Jonathan Carter, DeMario Snead, Randy Johnson, Jordan Caturia, William Wesley Pollard
- ✚ For those who have died, especially Virginia Lee Franklin



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## Clergy

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Henry Callaway, Sr Warden  
Valerie Case  
Harold Dodge  
Elizabeth Doyle  
Rob Gray  
James Hamilton  
Woody Hannum  
Amy Hunter  
Emily Kelley  
Don Mosley  
Diana Nichols, Clerk  
Jean Tucker  
Darrel Williams

Curt Doyle, Treasurer

## All Saints Committee Chairs

Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert  
Addiction & Recovery: Becky Wilson  
Adult Christian Education: The Rev. Jim Flowers  
Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Melanie Petithory  
Choirs: Jeff Clearman  
Communications: The Rev. Mary Robert  
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald  
Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey  
Episcopal Youth (EYC): Breck Pappas  
Finance Committee: Curt Doyle  
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers  
Food Share: Mark Taylor, Burl Ratchliffe  
Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling  
Hospitality & Events: Jean Tucker  
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster  
Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Bill Evatt  
Lectors, Intercissors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary Robert  
Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle  
Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres  
Parish Development: Clark Kelly  
Property: Ricky Bradford  
Refugees: Martha Harris  
Ushers: Harold Dodge, Louie Wood  
Stewardship: Don Mosley, All Saints Vestry  
Wedding Guild: Betty Bentley  
Youth Christian Education: The Rev. Mary Robert

## 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)