



ALL SAINTS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Herald

November, 2015

Pentecost, Advent

From the Rector: For All the Saints, Possibly

Last Sunday was the feast of All Saints. It is the day when we name our dead, and celebrate their lives. It is the feast day in the church for which we, All Saints, are named. Our new bishop was also here to confirm and receive people who have reaffirmed their faith, people who have agreed to take up the torch of mercy, compassion, well-being and dignity passed down through the generations; the life of the baptized, in short. To take up such a life always involves a choice. This is not an issue of belief. This is an issue of choice. We must choose to stand against evil. We must choose to respect the dignity of every human being. We must

choose to do justice. And the bishop, our chief pastor, blesses such a profound choice.

This choice that our confirmands made this past Sunday is an outward and visible sign of the choice all of us must make every day. The writer of Mark calls it “denying oneself.” It is a choice to live for the other, for the greater good, for a world of equality, welcome and justice; for a world that resembles God’s dream of creation, God’s dream of which prophets and artists and the mindful have spoken over the ages. We call those who made their mark in working for such a world, “saints.” They are us. We are their progeny.

The writer of Matthew’s gospel tells us to strive for “perfection” in this life. It is unfortunate that perfection is the word we have chosen as a translation of the Greek. For us post-modern westerners we are obsessed with the word, obsessed with the need of “getting it right,” or at least with putting forth an appearance of getting it right. Our consumerist culture feeds such an obsession. Getting it right in our world has to do with getting more and more, better and better. It is a lonely endeavor.

But the word in the Greek means “completion,” “fulfillment.” And these are not ends, these are words that imply process. Completion and fulfillment are not ends, but words describing the process of life itself. And this is not speaking of “my” completion or fulfillment, but the world’s completion, the world’s fulfillment. As the faithful, we choose to join the process of the world’s redemption, to join the process of bringing God’s gracious life to bear for those who have been left out, for those who are lost. The life of faith is a journey that is about completion and fulfillment, but one that it is never completed or fulfilled. For me that is good news, because it means that life is always about possibility. At my stage of life, that is an apt metaphor for God... as apt as any.... That God is possibility.... The possibility of love, the process of love.... So, in our choosing, we are all saints along the way, a way in which all is possible... not perfect, but gloriously possible.



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

Bayou Bash is this Friday!!!

The Bayou Bash is almost here! Friday, from 6-10pm, is the annual party from which all the proceeds go to Community Outreach agencies/programs. Come enjoy fabulous food and drink, great music by The Deluxe Trio, and seeing your friends and neighbors in a fun atmosphere. Bring your checkbooks or charge cards and bid generously on wonderful auction items! Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the door. We'll see you there!

Pledge Ingathering

The ingathering of pledges for the year 2016 was held during the All Saints' Day service on Nov. 1. Thanks to all who have already pledged. Even though the pledge campaign is officially over, it is not too late to turn in your pledge! Please call Dara Walker, Finance Administrator or mail in your pledge card today!

Congratulations to our new members!

Congratulations to those who were confirmed and received on All Saints' Day in the midst of a most wonderful service. Bishop Russell Kendrick visited for the first time to preside, preach, confirm and celebrate. We are glad to welcome Hannah Gardner, Becky Becnel, Mary Louise Durant, Brian Jackson, Ron Locke, Jason McCoy, Rick Stembridge, Michael Tyner, Susan Viehman, Michael Watson and Brenda Woodmansee to this part of the Body.

A Big 'Thank You'

Thanks to all those who made All Saints' Day such a glorious Feast Day: the smells, the sights, the sounds, the touch of hands, and the taste of bread, wine and good food made everything perfect!

Rector's Forum

The Rector's Forum will continue as an every-other-Tuesday event, beginning on Nov. 10 at 6 for potluck supper, followed by good conversation. Everyone is invited.

New Presiding Bishop Installed

The Most Rev. Michael Curry was installed as the 27th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church on Nov. 1. To see the service, click [here](#), or for just the sermon, click [here](#).

Best Wishes

Michael Watson and Dan Davis were married at All Saints on October 26. We wish them the best in their life together!

Condolences

Prayers go out for Brandon Caten at the death of his grandfather, Edgar Caten; for Dianne Bourassa at the death of her aunt, Helen Weaver; and for Pete Wilson at the deaths of his friend, Curtis Avinger, and his cousin, Jimmy John Wilson. *May light perpetual shine upon them.*

Annual Parish Meeting, Nov. 15

Our annual Parish Meeting will be held on Nov. 15 at 9am in Stirling Hall. Pickup breakfast and coffee will be available. We will elect new Vestry members and deputies to the next Diocesan Convention, to be held in February, 2016. Please see the next page for information on who may vote and qualifications to serve. If you would like to nominate someone for either of those positions, or to nominate yourself, there are several ways to get the nomination to the office, also listed on the next page. The deadline is Thursday, Nov. 12. Please plan to be present!

Refugee Pantry

The Pantry is in need of dish soap, bath soap, laundry soap, dryer sheets, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies for kitchen and bathroom. Please bring items to the office during the week or leave them in the basket in the Ann Street narthex on Sundays. Thanks for your help!

Vestry Meeting

The November Vestry meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 16 at 6pm in the Saad Room.

November Birthdays

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|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 2 - Adele Fay | 7 - Laura Williams | 13 - Tom Rouse | 20 - LaVada Raouf | 29 - David Ritter |
| 3 - Lillian Carsten | 9 - Katharine Flowers | 15 - Hodge Alves | 22 - Molly Allison | |
| 3 - Meg Cosby | 9 - Mary Louise Durant | 15 - Hannah Gardner | 24 - Hannah Williams | |
| 5 - Edgar Hughes | 9 - Kate Kelly | 16 - John Coleman | 26 - Peyton Heath | |
| 7 - Mary Hunter Slaton | 11 - Joe Basenberg | 16 - Marlena Kelly | 26 - Brendan Williams | |

Annual Parish Meeting, Nov 15 Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 15, at 9am in Stirling Hall. During the meeting we will elect vestry members and deputies to Diocesan Convention, which will be held Feb. 18-20, 2016 at St. Paul's, Daphne. Retiring members of the Vestry are: Hank Caddell, Richard Coarsey, Chris Conte, Burl Ratcliffe and Clayton Ryan.

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.

Nominations for the Vestry (You may also nominate yourself)

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 for election on November 15, 2015.

Submitted by,

Your Name (Please print) _____

Your signature _____

Date _____

Nominations for Deputies to Diocesan Convention (You may also nominate yourself)

I wish to nominate _____ to serve as a Deputy from All Saints to Diocesan Convention. I have received his/her consent to stand for election on November 15, 2015.

Submitted by,

Your Name (Please print) _____

Your signature _____

Date _____

Please bring/mail forms to the church office during the week, put in an alms basin on Sunday, or email your nominations to Mary Robert at asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org

**Nominations are open until 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 12, 2015**

Please mark your calendars right away with the dates you are to serve!
 If you cannot be present for the date you are scheduled, please get a substitute and let the church office know who it is. 438-2492.

Lay Ministers for November 2015

| Date / Time | Lector | Intercessor | Chalice | Acolytes | Ushers | Vestry Greeter | LEVs | Altar Guild | Bread Bakers | Flower Guild | Breakfast | Godly Play Doorkeeper | Reception |
|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|---|----------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Nov 1 <i>All Saints' Day</i> 1030 am | MH Slaton El Doyle | F Rouse C Gardner M Harris P Wilson D Foster M Morrison | R LaMonte M Branscomb | D Williams SF Greene Em Doyle D Ritter | M Elledge J Rivers R Bradford M Morrison | C Conte | B Evatt (B Montgomery) | M Pettithory B Rockstad L Raouf | B Hardaway L Carsten | B Brewster E Doyle K Flowers | | E Doyle | Lunch following the service |
| Nov 8 <i>Pent24 Prop27</i> 8am | S Willcox | J Clearman | H Callaway | | W Hannum | | B Hardaway N Lancaster (MK Cook) | | C Mackey V Case B Schneider K Kelly D Mosley | C Ryan K Butler | | ML Durant | B Allison |
| Nov 15 <i>Pent25 Prop28</i> 1030 am | E Valera B Jackson | M Pettithory | K McKenzie R LaMonte | M Williams V Perrost D Ritter | L Wood M Watson | E LaMonte | | | | | | | |
| Nov 15 <i>Pent25 Prop28</i> 8am | P Wilson | B Evatt | S Willcox | | B & B Evatt | | C Ryan (M Frazier) | | | C Mackey J Tucker | | A Hamilton | tba |
| Nov 22 <i>Last Sun after Pentecost</i> 8am | SF Greene D Foster | V Mitchell | S Gardner M Morrison | Em Doyle El Doyle N Hamilton | C Doyle D Greene D Greene | RE Stanbery | | | | | | | |
| Nov 22 <i>Last Sun after Pentecost</i> 1030 am | MH Slaton | M Harris | C Taylor | | F & B South | | W&F Hannum (J Chiepalich) | | | E Doyle B Becnel | J Clearman M Harris S Cleveland B Evatt | B Becnel | B Hardaway B Ratcliffe |
| Nov 29 <i>Advent 1</i> 8am | B Barrett M Morrison | A Atem | M Elledge R LaMonte | D Williams H Snow L Snow | M Williams C Conte J Hamilton | E Valera | | | | | | | |
| Nov 29 <i>Advent 1</i> 1030 am | J Clearman | P Wilson | B Harris | | H Dodge P Mackey | | P&E Burgess (C Bailey) | | | B Brewster R Locke | J Tucker B Ratcliffe M Winkler C Conte K Montgomery | | C Hall |
| | M Kelley M Durant | F Rouse | K McKenzie R LaMonte | SF Greene C Mosley H Gardner A Atem | D Mosley H Brewster B Hines B Becnel | RE Stanbery | | | | | | | |

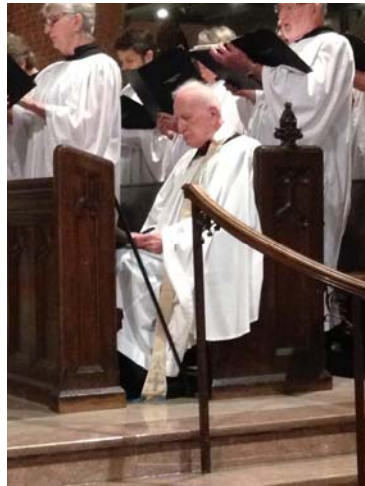
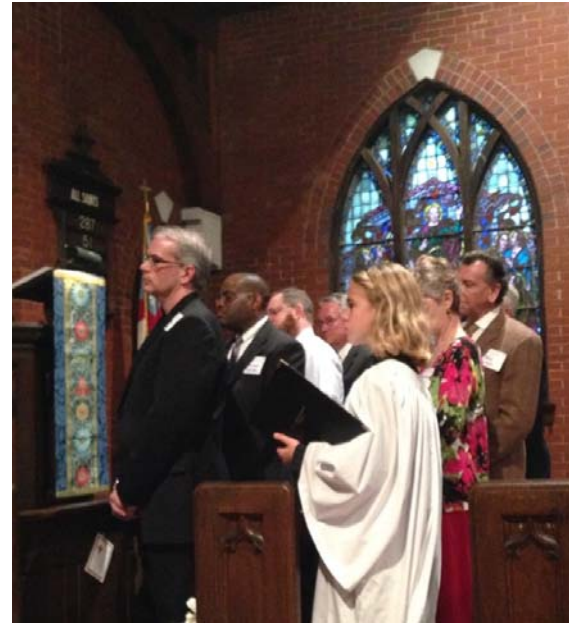


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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|----------------------------|
| <p>1 All Saints' Day 920a Godly Play class 930a Adult Christian Ed 1030a Holy Eucharist & Confirmation Lunch follows</p> | 2 | 3 | <p>4 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir</p> | <p>5 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm</p> | <p>6 BAYOU BASH 6-10p</p> | 7 |
| <p>8 Pentecost 24 745a Nursery open 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 920a Godly Play class 930a Adult Christian Ed 1030a Holy Eucharist Reception follows</p> | 9 | <p>10 3:45p Chorister Rehearsal 6p Rector's Forum</p> | <p>11 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir</p> | <p>12 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm</p> | 13 | <p>14 10:30a PFLAG</p> |
| <p>15 Pentecost 25 745a Nursery open 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Annual Parish Meeting 920a Godly Play class 1030a Holy Eucharist Reception follows</p> | <p>16 6p Vestry mtg</p> | <p>17 3:45p Chorister rehearsal</p> | <p>18 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir</p> | <p>19 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm</p> | 20 | 21 |
| <p>22 Last Sun after Pentecost 745a Nursery open 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 920a Godly Play class 930a Adult Christian Ed 1030a Holy Eucharist Reception follows</p> | 23 | <p>24 6p Rector's Forum</p> | <p>25 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist</p> | <p>26 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed</p> | <p>27 Office Closed</p> | 28 |
| <p>29 Advent 1 745a Nursery open 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 930a Adult Christian Ed 1030a Holy Eucharist Reception follows</p> | 30 | | | | | |

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All Saints 2015 Vestry

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Barbara Michell Valerie Mitchell
Burl Ratcliffe Jana Simpson
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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
Caring Committee: Beth Hardaway
Choirs: Jeff Clearman
Communications Committee: Clark Kelly
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald
Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey
Finance Committee: Curt Doyle
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
Godly Play: Frances Rouse
Hospitality & Events: Jean Tucker
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Hardaway
Lectors, Intercissors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary Robert
Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle
Nursery: Laura & Jason Burce, Katie Herndon
Physical Plant: Clayton Ryan
Pre-Adult Christian Education: Ed LaMonte
Refugees: Martha Harris
Stewardship: Hank Caddell
Special Ministries Camp: Elizabeth Doyle, Karen McDonald
Ushers: Louie Wood
Wedding Guild: Betty Bentley

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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)