



ALL SAINTS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Herald

October, 2015

Ordinary Time

From the Rector: For Fear That...

Last Sunday Mary Robert preached a sermon in which she held up for us a central tenet of the gospels... that our fear of the other... our fear of the so-called stranger, is our undoing. Anthropologists speak often of the flight or fight impulse embedded in our DNA; that flight or fight is the impulse that preserves the species, preserves the tribe; that fear is a natural trait of our evolutionary heritage. But the gospel writers and the scribes of Hebrew scripture consistently point to this impulse as detrimental to the human enterprise; that it is fear-driven, and that it leads to suspicion and violence and self-interest. These writers propose that it is within the human capacity to renounce this primordial impulse, and instead choose solidarity with the other, to embrace in empathy

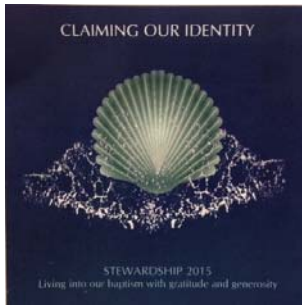
those who are different from us... Jesus is dead serious when he says, "love your enemy." He is speaking of the process of the world's salvation and restoration, no less. We are to love our brother, love our sister... We are to love our brother and sister despite our differences, no matter how small or great. Violence engendered by fear is no longer, and never has been, an option.

This premise, moreover, is the means of God's kingdom on earth, that to love our neighbor is to bring about Shalom... peace, the peace that passes understanding, peace that is a sense of well-being, peace that is a liberation from fear, and the entrance into a life of joy. Fear is pervasive in our world, just as it was in the time of Jesus, and just as it has been since time immemorial. It has forever been a trait among the powerful of our world to use fear as a means of manipulation and control, which denies freedom and joy for the other. Fear belies our ability to live into the abundant life God intends for us. It is pervasive... It is not of God.

I was watching the six o'clock news just this week, and our congressman, Bradley Byrne, was being interviewed regarding the refugee crisis in Europe. His words were loaded with fear in that he stated that by welcoming refugees into this country we run the risk of admitting terrorists into our midst. In my mind's eye I could see hundreds of thousands of children, mothers and fathers, not terrorists, suffering the oppression of violence and warfare, looking for a way out... looking for a hopeful future... looking for Shalom. Congressman Byrne, a former member of All Saints (was he listening while he was here?!), is not alone. Politicians both at home and abroad have defaulted for reasons of control and self-preservation by employing fear as a way of influence. Fear is the midwife of violence, and we as Christian people must stand against it.

In the Gospel of John, the raised Jesus enters the locked room in which the frightened disciples are meeting... and the first words he utters are "shalom be with you... do not be afraid." The promise of God's vision for us is that we live without fear, that we live knowing all manner of thing is well. It is the love of the other that engenders such a life. It is sacrifice and selflessness that subvert the ancient memory of flight or fight. It is love that will vanquish fear. It is love that makes life worth living. It is in loving our neighbor, embracing the stranger, that we experience Shalom... Shalom, the way of God in earth. Fear has no home in us... It would be our undoing... For God's sake, choose love.

Stewardship and the Baptismal Covenant



During our fall stewardship campaign this year, we will renew our baptismal covenant at the 8:00 and 10:30 AM services of Holy Eucharist. Why? We want to invite you to think of stewardship, including your 2016 pledge, in the context of baptism. We are baptized into a movement, God's

dream, as our presiding-bishop elect Michael Curry put it in his sermon at this year's pilgrimage commemorating martyr Jonathan Myrick Daniels. We invite you to think of your giving to the Church as supporting the movement that God began with Abraham and Moses, renewed through the prophets, fulfilled in the life and resurrection of Jesus, and into which God calls us in baptism. It's a movement about love, community, respect, hospitality, gratitude, justice, forgiveness, mercy, and compassion. Our baptismal covenant reminds us of what the movement is about and what we are about. One way we respond is by living generously and with gratitude. We enact that in many ways, including returning to the Church a portion of the gift that God has first given us. Your 2016 pledge supports God's movement, our movement. Please consider making a pledge this year, increasing your pledge if you are able, and help All Saints Church live and proclaim God's dream, which is our vocation in baptism.

Bayou Bash 2015 Team Captains

The team captains for the Bayou Bash 2015 committees have been set and are listed below:

Auction: Kim Kelly, Katharine Flowers, Susan Gardner
Setup/Decorations: Mark Williams, Darrel Williams
Hospitality: Pete Mackey
Ticket Sales: James Hamilton, Edward Inge
Food (appetizers, salads, desserts): Burl Ratcliffe
Publicity: Valerie Mitchell
Sage Advice: Clark Kelly and Clawed Boudreaux

They need your help! Contact them directly or sign up on Sunday to volunteer to work on a committee.

Address Changes

Whenever you change addresses or phone numbers, please let the church office know (438-2492) so that we can make the appropriate changes in our database. (Note to pledgers: if you have not yet turned in your pledge card for 2016, please put your correct address and phone number on it in addition to your pledge information. We will check our database for accuracy.) Thanks!

Blessing of the Animals

It's time for the annual Blessing of the Animals! St. Francis' Day is on Sunday, Oct. 4, and the blessing will be in the courtyard at 4pm. All animals are invited, but please make sure they are appropriately restrained.



Rector's Forum

The Rector's Forum is a time to learn about the Episcopal Church, to discuss issues of the day, to share a meal together and to meet new people. If you are interested in becoming an Episcopalian, this class will prepare you for **Confirmation** when the Bishop visits All Saints on **November 1**. If you are already an Episcopalian and would like a 'refresher' class, this is the place for you! **The Forum is held in the Saad Room on Tuesdays at 6pm for potluck supper; conversation follows from 6:30-7:30.** The class will meet every Tuesday until Nov. 1, and then continue every other week after that. If you want more information, contact Jim Flowers (rector@allsaintsmobile.org or 438-2492). Everyone is welcome!

You Can Help Syrian Refugees

In a recent communication to the clergy of the diocese, Bishop Kendrick asked us to do three things to help the Syrians who are currently fleeing their country in the face of the war that is going on there: 1. **Pay attention.** Whether we think it is a political issue or not, it is a Gospel issue. We must educate ourselves about what is happening. 2. **Pray** for the refugees and those who care for them, and especially for the children. 3. **Do something.** The easiest way is to donate. Here are some ways to do that:

- [Joel Nafuma Refugee Center, Anglican Refugee Center in Rome](#)
- [UNHCR Syria Appeal](#)
- [World Food Programme](#) - Syria Emergency
- [Unicef for Syria](#)
- [World Relief backpacks for refugee kids](#)
- [Doctors Without Borders](#)
- [Hand in Hand for Syria](#)

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 October 2015

Date / Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Vestry Greeter	LEVs	Altar Guild	Bread Bakers	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Godly Play Doorkeeper	Reception
Oct 4 Pent19 Prop22 8am 1030 am	B Ratcliffe	M Harris	C Taylor		B & B Evatt		C Ryan (B Montgomery)	B & B Evatt B Caddell RE Stanbery	B Rockstad N Lancaster	R Bradford B Rockstad	K Flowers R Greene C Ryan F South	C Taylor	B Allison
	J Hamilton M Allison	R Locke	E Pomerat R LaMonte	M Williams H Gardner A Atem	M Morrison R Bradford H Caddell	B Michell							
Oct 11 Pent20 Prop23 8am 1030 am	S Willcox	B Evatt	H Callaway		F & B South		B Hardaway N Lancaster (MIK Cook)			J Simpson S Drew	Nursery Parents	C Taylor	B Ratcliffe
	M Watson C Zimmermann	R Coarsey	M Morrison R LaMonte	Em Doyle El Doyle N Hamilton	C Doyle D Greene D Greene	V Mitchell							
Oct 18 Pent21 Prop24 8am 1030 am	MH Slaton	L Hallett	S Willcox		H Dodge P Mackey		B Evatt (J Chiepalich, M Frazier)			Wedding flowers	J Tucker B Ratcliffe M Winkler C Conte K Montgomery	E Doyle	R Williams
	R Locke M Pettithory	M Watson	B Bentley R LaMonte	D Williams C Mosley D Ritter	M Williams C Conte J Hamilton	V Mitchell							
Oct 25 Pent22 Prop25 8am 1030 am	P Wilson	S Willcox	B Harris		M Taylor B Case		Hannums (C Bailey)			B Hardaway B Wilson	C Mackey V Case B Schneider K Kelly D Mosley	E Doyle	D Foster
	L Carsten C Gardner	F Rouse	N Lancaster R LaMonte	SF Greene L Snow H Snow	D Mosley H Brewster B Hines	C Gardner							



October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	2	3
4 Pentecost 19 745a Nursery open 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 920a Godly Play class 930a Adult Christian Ed 1030a Holy Eucharist Reception follows 4p Blessing of the Animals	5	6 3:45p Chorister Rehearsal 6p Rector's Forum	7 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir	8 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	9	10 10:30a PFLAG
11 Pentecost 20 745a Nursery open 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 920a Godly Play class 930a Adult Christian Ed 1030a Holy Eucharist Reception follows 12p Family Promise Host Training	12	13 3:45p Chorister rehearsal 6p Rector's Forum	14 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir	15 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	16	17
18 Pentecost 21 745a Nursery open 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 920a Godly Play class 930a Adult Christian Ed 1030a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	19 6p Vestry mtg	20 3:45p Chorister rehearsal 6p Rector's Forum	21 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7p Adult Choir	22 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	23	24
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All Saints' Day

is Sunday, November 1

Join us for a day of *Celebration* for the WHOLE Parish!!

On Saturday night, Oct. 31, set your clocks BACK 1 hour



On Sunday, Nov. 1:
Godly Play & Adult classes are at 9:20 and 9:30

One service only, at **10:30am**

Bishop Russell Kendrick will make his first visitation to All Saints to preach, confirm and celebrate.

After the service:
Lunch on the grounds!!
Y'all come!!!

October Birthdays			
1 - Barbara Evatt	6 - Elizabeth Jenkins	10 - Julia Stirling Thornton	24 - John Shields
2 - Nyirou Kuot	6 - Erin Schaub	14 - Susan Meztista	26 - Randy Fogle
3 - Suzanne Cleveland	7 - Gwen Hughes	16 - Wylly Stirling	27 - Herschel Bentley
3 - Liam Gray	9 - Becky Wilson	19 - Matt McDonald	27 - Diana Nichols
4 - Tom Hewitt	9 - Palmer Hamilton	20 - Caroline Snow	28 - Doug Woodhouse
5 - Aguol Kuot	9 - Gigi Armbrecht	22 - Kathy McKenzie	29 - Andy Mitchell
6 - Mark Williams	9 - Betsy Schneider	22 - Michael Morrison	30 - Woody Hannum



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Clark Kelly Ed LaMonte
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)