

The Sentinel



Priest's Ponderings

With November we see four significant events in our church life:

We begin the month with **All Saints' Day** which we shall observe on Sunday, November 3rd. This major Feast Day of the church recalls all of the saints who have gone before us and their examples of Godly living. This year, especially, we remember many close friends and family members who have touched us in many ways, and we celebrate that they are in "the nearer presence of God."

The second theme of the month is **Stewardship** as we conduct our annual pledge campaign from November 10th – November 24th. If I went ahead and defined "stewardship" for you, then that would defeat the purpose of our work this month. Needless to say, I encourage you to continue in your generous support of our parish ☺

Third, we shall acknowledge **Thanksgiving Day** as we have a special worship service on Monday evening, November 25th, at 6:30 pm. This will be an Evening Prayer liturgy with sermon, and we will give thanks to God for all of our personal and national blessings.

Finally, the **Last Sunday of Pentecost** falls on November 24th. It is the end of another church year as Advent starts on Sunday, December 1st. With Advent we begin a whole new cycle of church seasons, so those of you who are overachievers can get an early start on your new year's resolutions without having to wait until December or January. ☺

As you can see, November brings much spiritual depth. It is a time of celebration, while acknowledging the responsibilities that come in receiving God's gifts. It is a time of closure and new beginnings. The good news? We get to do all of these things together.....and with God's help.

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It's Stewardship!

It's getting that time of year for the old stewardship ball to start rolling. First of all I want to thank everyone for their participation and support for Saint James the Less. I understand we are having a successful year, but we must not rest on our laurels.

This month we will have our kickoff day for stewardship. Over the last few years I have tried to come up with different stewardship themes to keep it fresh. One year it was Faith the Frog which seemed to be a big hit. The last couple of years it has been a musical theme. I must admit I struggle sometimes to think of something new, but the Lord always seems to drop something in my lap to see me through.

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Calendar

Saturday, November 9th
Youth Group at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 19th
Vestry meeting at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 21st
Diocesan Open House from 5-7 pm

Friday, November 22nd
Deadline for articles for November Sentinel

Sunday, November 24th
Close of Pledge Drive & Annual Parish Feast

Monday, November 25th
6:30 pm Thanksgiving Service

Birthdays

Sandra Womack	11/8
Richard Odom	11/11
Lisa Reese	11/11
Sarah Mace	11/12
Daniel Pace	11/17
(Rachel Womack's spouse)	
Mary M. Webb	11/18
Luke Emery	11/19
Fran Arnold	11/20
Joel Sinha	11/22
Father Grouchy	11/22
Cindi Spain	11/28

If we have failed to include your birthday this month, please let us know. Our list is continually evolving ☺

Saint of the Month: Saint Cecilia

This month's featured Saint is Cecilia whose date is November 22nd. Saint Cecilia (Latin: Sancta Caecilia) is the patron saint of musicians. It is written that as the musicians played at her wedding, so she "sang in her heart to the Lord." She was a noble lady of Rome who, with her husband Valerian, his brother Tiburtius, and a Roman soldier Maximus, suffered martyrdom in about 230 A.D., under the Emperor Alexander Severus. After being struck three times on the neck with a sword, she lived for three days, and asked the pope to convert her home into a church. A church was constructed at that site in the fourth century; her remains were placed there in the ninth century, and the church was rebuilt in 1599.

When the Roman Catholic Academy of Music was founded at Rome (1584), she was made patroness of the institute, where upon her veneration as patroness of church musicians became universal. Today Caecilian musical associations and societies are widespread. The pipe organ is her saints' symbol and appears near her on icons and other religious art.

The only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. If we live at the same level of affluence as other people who have our level of income, we are probably giving away too little. -C.S. Lewis

Laity Rota

3rd

Eucharistic: J. Emery & J. Cate
 Lector: Harry Spain
 Crucifer: Joel Sinha
 Ushers: G. Brummett
 & M. Deweese

Altar Guild: K. Cate & J. Wells
 Coffee Hour: Gail McNally

10th

Eucharistic: G. Mickle & C. Reese
 Lector: George Mickle
 Crucifer: Jonathan Dupuy
 Ushers: R. Webb & G. Womack
 Altar Guild: M. E. Womack & B. Odom
 Coffee Hour: The Lyons and Lanes

17th

Eucharistic: Tony McFarland,
 O.C. Hays, & S. Mace
 Lector: Tony McFarland
 Crucifer: Joel Sinha
 Ushers: P. Mace & G. Brummett
 Altar Guild: S. Womack & J. Deweese
 Coffee Hour: Tony McFarland

24th

Eucharistic: Rick & Cindy Webb
 Lector: David Gaines
 Crucifer: Jonathan Dupuy
 Ushers: L. Emery & J. Reese
 Altar Guild: C. Spain & J. Stewart
 Coffee Hour: Annual Feast!

Member of the Month: George Mickle

This month's member spotlight is on George Mickle, our Stewardship Chairperson, who writes:

I was born at a very early age. Just kidding. I was born in Clarksville, Tennessee and grew up in the Episcopal Church. Trinity Episcopal Church was my home church. I have spent most of my life in warehousing and distribution and transportation with a little food and beverage experience thrown in along the way. In the early eighties I move to Alabama in pursuit of having my own restaurant. In Alabama I attended a small Episcopal parish whose name I do not recall, but we had a really marvelous priest. He was kind of like a circuit preacher. He led service at three different churches every Sunday driving about thirty miles one way. After leaving Alabama, I relocated to Nashville. I briefly attended Saint David's before transferring to Saint James.

I have served at St. James in different capacities: senior warden, junior warden, choir member, lay reader, clerk of the Vestry, and committee chair. It is in stewardship that I have found my niche. Several years ago in Clarksville I saw a remarkable stewardship program, and I knew then that was how God spoke to me. I had been looking for something to do in church that would make a difference, and stewardship was the calling.

I would like to thank my sweet mother, who turned 94 on October 19th, who instilled in us a Christian life and church attendance, and my sister who does so much for so many. I would like to thank my Saint James family for the successful pledge drives we have had in the past. Without you there would not be a Saint James. Let us keep our Episcopal presence in Madison for a long, long time.

From The Loft

Recently, I discovered the message in Psalm 33: 1-3. Verse 3 says: "Sing unto Him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise." Sound familiar? In November, the Jane Emery "Song of the Month" will be "All Things Come Of Thee, O Lord". This is scheduled for November 10 –Stewardship kickoff. The song is also meditative for the upcoming Thanksgiving Holidays. Thank you, Jane.

In planning the music, I would appreciate knowing your likes & dislikes in music. If you have hymn preferences or special requests, please let me know. Advent begins December 1st. I am presently working on both Advent and Christmas.

I deeply appreciate the faithfulness of the choir. Please let them hear your appreciation.

We would welcome new members. If you know someone who would be interested in singing with us, please let me know. I will be happy to contact them. Maybe there are some who would like to try us out during the upcoming Advent & Christmas Season. We practice on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. However, in November we will not practice November 27th, Thanksgiving Eve.

In His Service,
Genevieve Lish, Organist/Choir Director

Stewardship Continued

This year I received a Facebook post from a former member, which I will share on kick off day. The Master works in mysterious ways. I didn't know what kind of theme I would have for the 2014 campaign, but this post gave me what I needed. The theme will be "Hands." Just think of what we can do with our hands. You will be pleasantly surprised.

Oh yes, I have for the last two years enlisted the choir's help with stewardship, and so it will be for this year's campaign. I am pretty sure you will like what the choir will present.

Thanking you again for your generous support.
George Mickle, Stewardship Chair

Vestry Notes from October

- Discussed updates to the church's web site and approved a new format.
- Appointed Rick Webb, Jimmie Scott, and Jim Cate as delegates to the Diocesan Convention in January. Alternates are Mary Elizabeth Womack and LaDonna Graves.
- Suggested we have a bulletin board with parish members' pictures and names since no one was interested in developing a published pictorial directory. Father Courtney will seek volunteers.
- Discussed the Newcomer's Reception to be held on November 2nd. George Mickle and Sandra Womack will assist.
- Reviewed the presence of other approximately 100 churches in the Madison area and possibilities for future fellowship and association.
- Acknowledged the Stewardship Campaign from November 10th – November 24th.

Financial Update

September 2013

Income	10,558
Expenses	9,210
Net	<u>\$1,348</u>

Annual Parish Feast

Our Annual Thanksgiving Potluck celebration will be Sunday, November 24th, after the late service. We shall celebrate the outcome of our pledge drive and enjoy time together as the holiday season begins. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board of the parish hall so that you can choose the food you wish to bring. For more information, see George Mickle or Sandra Womack.

Ministries

Thanksgiving Observance

Join us on Monday, November 25th, as we celebrate the many blessings of God at 6:30 pm. The service will be short, but the blessings will abound! You will feel even better as you feast on Turkey Day, which is Thursday, November 28th on the church calendar.

November Outreach News

The October -November donation for Room in the Inn is athletic socks of any sizes, preferably larger. Drop off is outside of Father Courtney's office. Kudos to all for their faithfulness and generosity this year!

Youth Ministry

Teenagers and middle schoolers join Father Courtney for dinner and discussion on the second Saturday of each month at 6:30 pm. In November we shall meet at Jalisco Mexican Restaurant on Donelson Pike and discuss immigration and spirituality. Our thanks to Lacey Lyons for serving as a Youth Group sponsor and mentor!

Community Grief Group

Grief Group meets Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Flyers are available in the front hallway if you know of anyone who could benefit from learning more of the group process.

New Website

Early in this month we will introduce the new St. James' website. Stay tuned . . . You will find more church information by visiting the new site @ www.stjamesmadison.net.

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Church Schedule*Saturday*

Holy Eucharist – 5:00 PM

Sunday

Holy Eucharist – 8:00 AM

Adult Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Choral Holy Eucharist – 10:30 AM

Elementary Education – 10:30 AM

Wednesday

Grief Group – 6:30 PM

Choir Practice – 7:00 PM

Monday & Thursday

Community TKD – 5:00 PM

News from the Diocese of Tennessee**Diocesan Open House**

Please join us in the new location to experience our wonderful space.

November 21, 2013

5:00 - 7:00 PM

3700 Woodmont Boulevard
Nashville, Tennessee 37215
(Entrance on Lynnbrook Road)

RSVP by Friday, November 15

Via e-mail to astephenson@edtn.org

Yoplait Lid Collection

A collection box for pink lids from Yoplait Yogurt containers is located in the parish hall. For every label collected, Yoplait donates ten cents to breast cancer research and another five cents to Zeta Tau Alpha, the sorority of Mattie Spain, one of our long time members. Mattie will collect the labels when she is home from college for Thanksgiving. Here is a chance to dine healthily.....and for a good cause!

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