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From My Notebook...



Fr. Alexander

All Saints'

45 Years & Counting

This past November 1st marked another milestone for our Parish — 45 years since its founding, a special occasion in the life of the Church when a group of 13 individuals with one thing in common sat down and drew a line in the sand; more than a line, they created a definitive division between orthodoxy and heretical entanglement.

On more than one occasion, I have addressed the many forms of heresy that have cropped up within the Church over the centuries, heresies that even reared their heads in the earliest days of Christianity.

Needless-to-say, Christianity has not been without its detractors, and, closer to home, as we have discovered in recent decades, in our present times, are those who would hijack the Church with the apparent goals of justifying their own inadequacies in confronting moral behavioral tendencies. This has permeated our society, our nation.

Yet, I diverse.

Adamant that they would establish a Parish true to the **Faith and Doctrine** for which the Church has stood from its found-

ations, they established **All Saints' Anglican Catholic Church** to be an oasis of orthodoxy.

In its 45 years, All Saints' has had just six rectors, the first being the **Rev. Henry Summerall**, who served for four years, to the present rector who has now served for more than 12 years.

The longest serving rector prior was the **Ven. Garrett Clanton**, who served All Saints' for 12 years before retiring and contributed much to the advancement of the spiritual and liturgical life of the Parish.

The road to 45 for the Parish has not always been a smooth one. There have been divisions within the Parish, some concerning the clergy; but, in the end, the Parish always emerged from these divisions stronger and healthier.

Growth has always been a challenge, and numbers have fluctuated considerably over the years. Still, there are sufficient numbers to fill the pews for Sunday services. Indeed, there is much more space in the pews to fill.

If we were to ask: what are some of the milestones that mark the life of this Parish, how would we respond?

There are many, such as the acquisition of the **Altar** dating to 1750 in England, the installation of the **stained-glass windows**, the purchase of **Fairfield House**, even the laying of the parking area in front of the church.

Services & Meetings

Wednesday the 7th....

St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor: Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday the 8th....

Conception of the B.V.M.: Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday the 13th....

Vestry meets in Parish Hall at 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday the 14th....

Of the Octave of the Conception: Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday the 18th....

Advent 4: Lessons & Carol at 4:00 p.m. followed by Potluck Supper.

Tuesday the 20th....

ACW Lunch at 11:30 at the *Willcox*.

Tuesday the 20th....

Men of All Saints in Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday the 21st....

St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr: Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m.

If I were to try and define these milestones, I would do it something like this: the first milestone after the founding of the Parish is its evangelical period under **Fr. Summerall** and his successor, the **Rev. Dennis Washburn;**

Following the departure of **Fr. Washburn**, All Saints' began a *wandering in the desert* period, under **Fr. Lucien Lindsay** and **Fr. Jeffrey Smith**.

This *wandering period* ended with **Fr. Clanton** coming on the scene.

Thus began All Saints' *catholic revival* period.

Fr. Clanton began the process of moving the Parish to a higher spiritual plane, so to speak, and not just spiritual but also liturgical, both of which have continued under my tenure here as rector.

So, where do we go from here? What is the next milestone?

Perhaps, the next milestone would be to have a full-time **Curate**. That effort is underway but not so easy a path as one might expect.

We have a long way to go as a Parish and much possibility for our spiritual growth in the traditions of the **Catholic Faith** passed on to us through the **English Church**.

Indeed, we must grow in the **Catholic Faith**, else we will fall by the wayside as Christians, and my plea to each of you is to be true to the **Catholic Faith** as once delivered to the **Church** by Jesus Christ through the Apostles.

Please do be open to the beautiful heritage of our Anglican Catholic roots.

Open your hearts and minds to the wonderful potential of worship in the truest sense of our **Anglican Heritage**, a potential that such as Archbp. Cranmer died so as to establish its beginnings — many others followed suit.

Truly, God willing, our Parish will have many more wonderful milestones and many anniversaries, many decades to celebrate as a **Family in Christ**, while remaining true to orthodox Faith and Doctrine and our **English Heritage** in the catholic tradition.

Announcements

Scoured from the Weekly Bulletin

Service of Lessons & Carols

As we are unable to have the **Carol Sing** this year, planning is underway, instead, for a **Service of Lessons & Carols** with a *potluck supper* on Sunday, December 18th, at 4:00 pm. The service will be in conjunction with **St. Luke's**, Augusta, but will be held here at **All Saints**'. The **Lessons & Carols** evolved as a wonderful substitute for our normal **Carol Sing**, which we hope will return next year, and, perhaps, we can also add the **Lessons & Carols** as a new tradition to enhance our relationship with **St. Luke's** in Augusta (founded by our Parish). Planning for the Lessons & Carols is being coordinated by Chris Roberts, who is working with Lance Davis, organist for St. Luke's. The **Potluck** will be a joint effort, too, and a list of food suggestions to bring is available.

Adult Bible Study

Just a reminder that we do offer **Adult Bible Study** each **Sunday Morning** at **9:30 am** in the Parish Hall. The Study is conducted by **Tom Prevost**, assisted by his wife, **Ruth Ann**. Coffee and cookies are available during the Study for those attending. You do not have to sign up; just show up!

Contacting the Rector

Fr. Alexander is available day or night, 24/7, and may be reached anytime at **803-270-0406**, including holidays. For whatever reason of necessity, please give him a call, text, or email. If he is not able to answer immediately, please leave a mes-

sage, and he will respond as soon as he is able. Please keep your phone numbers up-to-date with **Kathy Clark** in the Parish Office, and she will update Fr. Alexander. The best email address to contact him is: gfa2001@allsaintsaiken.org.

Offering Prayers for the People of Ukraine

A few of our Parishioners have special ties with Ukraine, including the rector, and we ask that you continue to pray for the people in their struggle against oppression and especially for the thousands who have lost their lives.

Almighty God, in whom we trust and to whom we turn in dire times: we humbly beseech thee to look mercifully upon the people of Ukraine, whose nation is under unprovoked aggression. Strengthen them in their struggle to remain free and united, as they continue to hold fast to the moral course set by their leaders. In thy Goodness, deliver them from the threat of tyranny and turn the hearts of the aggressors so that they may end their aggression and pursue peace and harmony. This we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Pray for Our Nation

Regardless of political leanings, each of us should pray for our nation and its leaders, as well as for our state and local governments, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit as they govern in the decisions they make and that they may stay true to the Constitution, which is the foundation of our nation. There are prayers in our **Book of Common Prayer** for this purpose, or the rector may give you guidance.



We Never Know How We Touch Others — Until....

by Carl Bottomley

As we walk down our paths in life, we never, never know how we might touch another person, by a word, a gesture, something said or not, something simple or grand, we just never know.

This is a true story involving outreach programs that were initiated and are supported here at All Saints Anglican Church in Aiken.

This program has been serving assisted care and nursing facilities here in Aiken for approximately a year and a half. The services alternate between a devotional prayer service and a sing along program.

The residents of the homes and the professional staffs seem to approve, as often we are thanked for what we do.

This year, election day to be precise, as I crossed a parking lot at our local polling place, ready to cast my vote, a woman I had never met or seen approached me and asked if I was the person that has been providing these services to one of the homes we support. I confirmed this; she then inquired if I remembered her husband. She proceeded to describe him, and I confirmed I did know him, and, because I had not seen him for more than several weeks, was curious if he was alright. She told me that she had taken him home with her, and then began to thank me profusely. Telling me that I had done more for him than any 100 doctors he had seen. This gentleman, suffering from fairly severe memory loss, had lost the ability to say words and to communicate, could

not remember how to count and became confused readily. While he attended the services at this particular nursing home I remembered that he always appeared happy, had a smile, and loved to sing, although he could not read the lyrics. But he always participated enthusiastically.

Not knowing anything further about the gentleman's health issues, what I did not know is that he did not speak at home. That he remained silent and withdrawn. But now having spent a few months at this nursing home and participating with me in these sing along sessions, and now at home, he continually wanders about the home singing. Garbled lyrics and all, singing, full volume with a smile on his face.

While thanking me, I gave her one of our binders that I use and asked that she give it to him. That perhaps they could sing together at home and if, by chance, they could be free, to please come join me at another home in town, so that he could participate once again. She said she would, and we parted company, with no further thought on my part, other than it was nice that she stopped me.

This past Thursday while at this other nursing facility, who should walk in but this gentleman and his caretaker. He smiled at me, I smiled back. I had already started the service, but he sat down, and he had brought "his" binder of music. And he joined in. It was wonderful to hear him with the clarity of song, but

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ACW News

by Betty Alexander

An enthusiastic group of All Saints' ladies descended on *Anshu Asian Café* for the November ACW lunch, -- fortunately, in a private room, because we were SO enthusiastic.

Gathered around the table were: **Patricia Sharp, Pat Hardwick, Clare Michelinie, Phoebe Marshall, Dot Holladay, Susan Thomas, Ann Zouck, Trina Crocker, Cecelia Davies, Kim Hardwick, Marion Terrell, and Betty Alexander.**

Some brought birthday cards for Betty (doing her best to forget the whole thing). Kim's recent trip to New Mexico was one topic of conversation. Another was the care and feeding of animals (often a contentious topic in some households). The **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child** was discussed, with all shoeboxes to be delivered to the Parish House by Sunday, November 13. Another option, with a more distant timeline, is paying for **Samaritan's Purse** to build a shoebox for a child of a particular age and sex. Anyone contributing to the **Operation Christmas Child** ministry in that way should let us know, so we can include that number in our total for our Parish's participation. There are other projects sponsored by

Samaritan's Purse, enumerated on their website, which range from digging community wells to helping children in crisis.

As has become traditional for the ACW, the December luncheon will be at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, December 20th at **Willcox Hotel**. Please let us know if you plan to come, so we can be sure to have enough seating.



Veterans Day Remembered



Each Veterans Day, **Marian Sortore** places American flags in our Parish Graveyard to honor our departed Veterans. So much is owed to those who have served this nation in the armed forces and who voluntarily sacrificed a part of their lives in the defense of our coveted values and way of life so that we may enjoy the freedoms spelled out in our Constitution such as the freedom of religion, the freedom of speech, and the freedom of association and assembly. See page 11 for a recognition of our living Veterans.

Remembering Loved Ones at the Altar

There is a place in our Communion Service to remember loved ones and friends at the Altar on the anniversary of their death, whether it be on the day or within the week or month. It occurs during the Consecration and is seldom used. Please, if you would like a loved one or friend to be remembered, let Fr. Alexander know. You may tell the usher know when you enter the church, or best, call Kathy at the Church Office and let her know, so that Fr. Alexander can include the name of the person the bulletin.

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garbling as he did when we had been together previously.

Toward the end of the service, he started to become somewhat agitated, and I could tell he wanted to leave. I asked him and the caretaker to wait a moment. I then very pointedly said to him that the two of us were going to sing a duet together. And he nodded fine with a smile, and I chose "When the Saints Go Marching In".

We started with gusto, both of us bellowing our brains out, me singing the words

and this gentleman garbling right along with me. He knew every single note of the song. Every single one. And as he stood up, he was clapping in perfect time to the song. He had the biggest smile on his face and was so happy. And then the song ended. Miracles happen.

I stood, walked to him, put my hand on his shoulder — smiled at him and told him that he was for me, the very meaning of Thanksgiving. I have been touched by this man, and I am and will be eternally grateful.

God bless.

Men of All Saints' News

By Fr. Alexander

The Men of All Saints' met on the fourth Tuesday of November, a change-up from the normal second Tuesday meeting to accommodate a change in the monthly Vestry meeting.



We had a good turnout, with 14 present including Fr. Alexander. Among the 14 were Fr. Alexander's son, David, and grandson, Daniel. David gave a good run-



es to go with linguini topped with Italian sausage, accompanied by a salad and French baguettes. For dessert, there was lemon pound cake and Klondike bars.

Naturally, there was wine and beer — and other beverages.

down of current issues facing the country from the scientific standpoint.

Of course, there was the usual conversation, with friendly sparring between Larry Byers (Marine Corps) and Bruce Drake (Navy). Politics was not excluded.

Dinner was prepared by Fr. Alexander. He prepared one of his favorite pasta sauc-



Those present included: Kevin Riordan, Daniel Alexander, David Alexander, Carl Bottomley, Bob Sukovich, Bob Storey, David Twigg, Bruce Drake, Larry Byers, Jerry Burns, Ken Connor, Linzee Whittaker, and Dieter Voegele. Photographer for the evening was Fr. Alexander.



There is a special December meeting

planned — a *Steak Night* hosted by Tony Harris. The chef will be Bob Sukovich, assisted by Fr. Alexander.



The meeting is set for the third Tuesday, the 20th. The bar will open at 6:00 p.m.

If you are planning to attend, please let Fr. Alexander know as soon as you can, so we can be sure to have a steak for everyone.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Birthdays

- 2 Richard Keating
- 3 Carol Sue Roberts
- 3 Archbp. Haverland
- 6 Tom Prevost
- 7 Amy Connor
- 12 Phoebe Marshall
- 14 Darlene Rabon

- 23 Connie Beveridge
- 30 Bobbi Graves

December Anniversaries

- 4 Kevin & Sharon Riordan
- 14 Paul & Patricia Sharp
- 22 Forrest & Carol Sue Roberts
- 26 Jerry & Donna Burns
- 28 Don & Clare Michelinie

Parish Night Out

A grand Gathering at the Feed Sack

An even dozen gathered at the **Feed Sack** on Wednesday, November 9th, to indulge in good food and drink, and lots of fellowship.

From the smiles, conversation was far from serious, and the atmosphere most pleasant.

Those attending included: **Sharon Padgett, Trina Crocker, Pat Hardwick, Kim Hardwick, Sandy Harris, Tony Harris, Chris Roberts, David Merriam; Dominique Corbett, Betty & Fr. Alexander**, with **Bob Bonnett** taking the photo.

Next **Parish Night Out** is **Wednesday the 14th, at 6:30**, following the 5:30 service at **Tailgate** in the Alley.



All Saints' Veterans Honored

On the Sunday following Veterans Day, the Parish honored its members who had served in the armed forces of our country. Each was presented a certificate of appreciation, and the most senior member held the flag at its presentation.

Those honored included:

Fr. George Alexander - Army; **Joseph E. Aulisi** - Army; **Carl Bottomley** - Navy; **Larry Byers** - Marine Corps; **Ken Connor** - Army; **Dominique Corbet** - Air Force; **John Cunningham** - Army; **Bruce Drake** - Navy; **Dr. Tony Harris** - Air Force; **Bob Holladay** - Army; **Richard Keating** - Marine Corps Reserve; **Harry Long** - Army; **Allen Marshall** - Navy; **Wallace Rabon** - Army National Guard; **Forrest Roberts** - Army; **Chris Rodriguez** - Army; **Bob Sukovich** - Marine Corps; **David Twigg** - Navy; **Dr. Ray Vaughters** - Air Force; **Jack Vecchione** - Air Force; **Dr. Dieter Voegelé** - Navy; **Alan Wingard** - Navy.

Thank you to Clare Michelinie for being the driving force behind this project to

In appreciation of
and recognition for
your service in the Armed Forces
of the United States of America

Our Parish Family wishes to recognize you for your selfless service and sacrifice in the defense of the values of this Nation, its Moral Standards, and Freedoms, including the Freedom to Worship God in dignity and beauty of Holiness.

Presented in honor of Veterans Day on
this 13th Day of November 2022
All Saints' Anglican Church

honor our Veterans, and to Marian Sortore for placing flags in the Parish Graveyard.

Within our Parish Graveyard, there are a number of Veterans laid to rest. Unfortunately, we have yet to be able to identify all who were veterans but hope one day to have a list, so we can recognize them posthumously.



Parish Celebrates 45th Anniversary of Founding

Our Bishop Joins the Festivities as Nine Members are Recognized for Service to the Parish



Hard to believe but it's been 45 years since the founding of All Saints' as a Parish, and to mark that occasion, we celebrated in high style with our bishop to lead us in commemorating the date.

The celebration began with a Mass commemorating *All Saints' Day* with **Archbp. Mark Haverland** as the celebrant. This was followed with a catered dinner in the Parish Hall, with more than 50 in attendance.

The evening's fare was provided by **Ted-**

dy Milner of *It's All Good*, assisted by **DeLores Wright**.

During dessert, **Larry Byers**, Senior Warden, gave a presentation on the History of All Saints'. This was followed by the awarding of certificates of recognition to nine members of the Parish for their service over a number of years, and continued commitment to the Parish. The award presentations may be seen on pages 16 thru 18.

We wish to acknowledge and thank **Forrest Roberts** for the photos of the celebration. Forrest is the official All Saints' photographer.



Rectors of All Saints'

Henry Summerall	1977 - 1982	Jeffrey Smith	1990 - 1998
Dennis Washburn	1982 - 1986	Garrett M. Clanton	1998 - 2010
Lucien Lindsay	1987 - 1990	George F. Alexander	2010 - Pres.



More Photos of the 45th Anniversary Dinner.....

....and a Little History

All Saints' was founded in 1977 following the meeting of several thousand dissenting Episcopalians in St. Louis. Thirteen members of St. Thaddeus met in October and, by the end of that month, had organized the Parish and celebrated its first services, adopting the name All Saints'. The Parish flourished over the years and continued to grow until a rift developed in the 1990s. However, with the coming of the **Venerable Garrett Clanton** as rector in 1998, the rift was healed, and many returned to what has become a vibrant, growing Parish under the leadership of Fr. Clanton, now retired. Fr. Clanton was succeeded in 2010 by the Rev. George F. Alexander.



Following are the founders of All Saints' Anglican Catholic Church:

- Catherine Wellborn Morgan Arbuthnott
- Charles Maynard Armour
- Helen Patricia Brown Armour
- Grayson Bland Hanes
- Victor Irl Montenyohl
- Joan Abercrombie Hill Montenyohl
- William Nightingale, Jr.
- Carl Alfred Spencer
- Isabelle Wolf Spencer
- Louise Anderson Stribling
- Robert Struble Taylor
- Alice Fitch Wilder
- Nancy Alexander Wilds



**Photos
by
Forrest Roberts**



Parishioners Recognized for Service

During the Anniversary celebration, nine members of All Saints' were recognized for their service over the years, if not years, each making extraordinary, selfless contributions to betterment of our Parish.



Betty Alexander

In recognition of her dedication and service to the Parish as Altar Guild Director, and for her behind-the-scenes efforts in the many activities and functions of the Parish. Her attention to detail and knowledge of church protocol, liturgical custom, and Anglican theology and tradition have served the Parish well.



Carl Bottomley

In recognition of his contribution to the Parish in establishing outreach programs to several assisted living facilities in the community. Mr. Bottomley has spent much time in making contacts in the various facilities and has used his many talents in preparing programs suitable for the residents. His efforts have help extend the Parish Outreach Program and promote goodwill for the Parish in the Community.



Jerry Burns

In recognition of his efforts in the remodeling of Fairfield House and in the completion of the church graveyard, in addition to his responsibilities for maintaining the grounds and buildings of the Parish. Mr. Burns has accomplished much in a relatively short time, and the fruits of his labor may be readily seen, contributing greatly to the soundness of the Parish campus.



Kathy Clark

Ms. Clark has brought new life to the Parish as the Church Secretary through her daily presence in the Church Office and her diligence in performing the many duties of Church Secretary. She has provided untiring support to the both the Rector and the Vestry. Her organizational skills and attention to detail, along with her outgoing personality and pleasant demeanor, have greatly benefitted the Parish. Ms. Clark has truly demonstrated her love of the Parish and her knowledge of Church affairs through her dedication to her position as Church Secretary.



Dr. Tony Harris

In recognition of and appreciation for his contribution to the Parish in establishing a Men's Choir and for his skill as Cantor. Dr. Harris has devoted many hours in preparing the music that is a beautiful part of the Church Liturgy. As Cantor, he has brought a new dimension to the weekly services of our Parish and a greater focus on the music of the Church.



Lena Whittaker

Mrs. Whittaker served the Parish of All Saints' Anglican Church for a number of years in support of various Parish social functions including Coffee Hour, Oktoberfest, Blessing of the Animals picnic, and St. Patrick's Day festivities. In addition, she has catered nearly all of the monthly dinners for the Men of All Saints' and has contributed to the efficiency and organization of the Parish Hall kitchen. Lena has always stepped up when there was a Parish event that involved culinary skills, ability to tastefully decorate for any occasion, and to coordinate Parish social activities. The Parish of All Saints', its Members, and the Vestry extend their appreciation to Lena for all her hard work and efforts to enhance the social functions of the Parish.

More Recognitions....



Chris Roberts

In recognition of his many contributions in providing technical support to the Parish as IT Coordinator, and as Lector Chairman for faithfully managing the scheduling of Lectors throughout the Church Calendar of services. Mr. Roberts was instrumental in bringing streaming of services to reality for the Parish and has provided continuity of music, using the expanded functions of the church organ.



Carol Sue Roberts

In recognition of and appreciation for her contribution to the Parish as organist, providing the beauty of music to our Church Liturgy. Her musical skills and talent have led to the establishment of a Men's Choir with Cantor and the incorporation of the musical traditions of the Church into our Sunday services. Though having previously retired as a church organist, Mrs. Roberts graciously agreed to return to provide musical direction, as well as to play for our weekly services. Her contribution to our liturgy and musical traditions, as well as her

devotion to the Parish, is greatly appreciated. In addition to serving as church organist, Mrs. Roberts continues to serve on the Vestry as Parish Secretary.



Larry Byers

Mr. Byers has served the Parish as Treasurer for many years, even during his appointment as Senior Warden, thus allowing time for the election and training of a new Treasurer. His dedication to the Parish, knowledge of the Church, experience in non-profit finance, and attention to detail have helped maintain the financial viability and stability of the Parish while contributing to its growth. His careful

management has allowed for much needed repairs and made it possible for extensive remodeling of the Fairfield House. In addition, as a member of the Vestry, he has contributed much to the wellbeing of the Parish and cohesiveness of the Vestry. His service to the Parish is greatly appreciated, and we extend not only our best wishes but our hope that he will continue to serve the Parish for many more years in his new position as Senior Warden.

Liturgically Speaking

Growing Theologically, Liturgically, Spiritually

As clergy grow theologically, liturgically, and spiritually over the course of their lives, so it is that we clergy must also see that our Parishioners also grow,

You might call it a challenge for both!

We might suppose that Christian Theology was less complicated during those days of the early Church, during the time of the Apostles and into the 2nd century. But, not so. Theology has never been simple, and, as we non-academics would like to say, never so complicated until the academics became involved.

But, alas, the Christian Church from its beginning has been challenged to clarify, define, and defend what we as Christians believe, what is Doctrine, and what is heresy.

From the time of the Apostles, St. Paul, and onward, the teaching of our Lord had to be set down and explained; not only set down and explained but also defined in the context of the time and the events of that day. Remember, Jesus did not write anything down; that was done later by the Evangelists — Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John — followed by the writings of St. Paul. Then, there were those early Church Fathers that followed them. It does become complicated.

As the Early Church became more organized, there was a need to put it all together and define it. What is this **Christian Faith**? Indeed, what is **Right Faith** as opposed to **Heresy**?

To try to answer these questions, Councils were held over a number of centuries — seven in number that we recognize — which, in essence, did indeed define the **Christian Faith** as we have it today. For

the most part, it was defined by saying what it wasn't, rather than by saying what it was. We may well attribute this approach to the many heresies that had cropped up as the Church grew and expanded throughout the known world, even into the unknown world.

Sometimes, we may bristle at certain things that are and have been part of the liturgy of the Church but for various reasons have affected us negatively in our spiritual perceptions of what the Church is or should be. Oftentimes, these perceptions have been clouded or adversely influenced by practices in other denominations or divisions within the Church.

Fortunately, with the **Anglican Catholic Church**, we have safeguards which keep us on the straight and narrow, yet allow flexibility of worship and levels of piety.

Those safeguards are **Holy Scripture, Tradition, Reason**, and the **Seven Ecumenical Councils** of the Church, and, of course, our **1928 Book of Common Prayer**.

As we look at our **Book of Common Prayer**, brought up-to-date with the 1928 revision, based on the **1549 Book of Common Prayer** compiled by **Archbp. Cranmer**, we find it to be based on **Holy Scripture, Tradition, and Reason**, so as to be itself a testimony to the *Faith as once delivered to the Apostles by our Lord Jesus Christ*.

So, we come to our small Parish, composed of members from various "religious" backgrounds, which, for most of us, have formed our opinions of how things should

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Christmas Eve Services

Early Service — 5:00 pm
Midnight Mass — 11:15 pm

Christmas Day Service

[No Music]
Low Mass — 10:30 am

Christmas Week Services

Monday, 26th — *St. Stephen* — 5:30 pm
Tuesday, 27th — *St. John* — 5:30 pm
Wednesday, 28th — *Holy Innocents* — 5:30 pm

New Year's Day Service

Circumcision of Christ
[No Music]
Low Mass — 10:30 am

Liturgically Speaking continued...

be done, and what we think ought not be done. We have our biases and prejudices concerning all aspects of our religious life. And that can be a stumbling block as we move from one parish to another, from one church family to another. Within the ACC, that is less of a problem than it is when moving to another jurisdiction with which the ACC is in communion, such as ACA, APA, or PCK.

Much of our biases are based on liturgics — how the services are conducted by the priest — and less on theological issues.

Yet, within the Church, there are theological issues attached to our biases and prejudices which oftentimes show up in our liturgies. I have tried on a number of occasions to address issues which I think can be stumbling blocks, mainly for lack of understanding.

Yes, there is a lot of latitude in our liturgics, as well as in our theology, and, in the practice of our Faith within the ACC, there is much latitude concerning piety (the degree to which we accept and incorporate religious beliefs or devotion).

Part of our spiritual growth is related to our piety and our willingness to accept the fulness of the **Catholic Faith**.

Perhaps, the person most responsible for elevating our liturgical practices and our theological understanding, moving us forward in our acceptance of the fulness of the **Catholic Faith**, was **Fr. Garrett Clanton**, my predecessor and mentor.

What he began at All Saints' he passed on to me to continue — elevating the practice of the **Catholic Faith** in our Parish with the goal of increasing our piety and devotion to the **Faith**.

This is not something that is done overnight but is a continuing process of learning more about our Faith, the practice of that Faith in its fulness, the increase in piety and devotion, and acceptance of our **Catholicity** as passed down to us over two millennia through the English Church.

Advent is a good time to think about our **Catholic Heritage** as we prepare to celebrate the **First Coming** of our Lord and look forward to his **Second Coming**.

[ACA — Anglican Church in America, APA— Anglican Province of America, PCK— Province of Christ the King].



Nature *As Seen through the Lens*

by Forrest Roberts

Secretary Bird

Location: *Tanzania*

There is only one species known, and it is a very distinct family of birds of prey. It is endemic to Africa, and most of our sightings have been in Tanzania and Kenya. It is known as a great destroyer of noxious snakes and rodents. When you first see

to fly and the others to show themselves. We did see insects fly up, and, in most cases, the bird caught them. Unfortunately, we weren't close enough to use our cameras. When standing erect, they can be about 4 feet tall.



The bird appears on the coats of arms of Sudan and South Africa.

Carol Sue and I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Please remember the reason for the season.

[Note: this is a monthly series of nature photography by Forrest Roberts, who, with Carol Sue, travels extensively, both of them photographing the wonders of Nature.]

one, you normally don't think of it as a bird of prey.

Their menu consists of snakes, other reptiles, rodents, and large insects. Its conspicuous crest is raised while hunting, as shown in image 2.

With their long legs and big feet, they go stomping through grass, getting insects



From the Clerical Kitchen....



Holiday Cheer!

Eggnog

According to my mom

[Reprinted as an Annual Tradition]

By Fr. Alexander

Holidays are meant to be celebrated in style, and there was no one in the family who could accomplish that better than my mother.

Aside from her daily dose of Jack ‘n’ Gin-ger, my mother loved a good wine, and, at Christmas, she presided over the best Eggnog ever. At least we all thought so!

The word here is *presided*. I was the *presidee*.

Mom had the recipe, and I was the executor thereof.

It became a tradition when I reached the age of reason, about 55 or so, that I would make the Eggnog but only in the old-fashioned way: completely by hand, no electric mixers, etc.

With guests watching, I became the center of attention but only until the Eggnog was done; then I faded into the background as the Nog took center-stage.

For many years, it was the task of my Aunt Gladys to be the taster. She was quite the lady.

That worked well, to a point. When Aunt Gladys tasted, we would ask, does it need more bourbon or rum? She would always reply, “Just a tetch more.” We could have put a whole quart in, and she still would have said, “Just a tetch more.”

After Aunt Gladys entered the larger life, mom took over as taster, and things did settle down a little — we went through fewer of those “Just a tetch more.”

So, without further ado, here is mom’s

recipe for Eggnog:

Eggnog

Ingredients:

- 12 Egg Yolks
- 12 Egg Whites
- 2 pts. Heavy Cream
- 2 qts. Half n’ Half
- 2 cups Sugar
- 1 cup Bourbon
- 1 cup Rum
- Fresh Grated Nutmeg
- Plus, 2 more tbs. Sugar

Whisk egg yolks with sugar and bourbon.

Beat the cream until stiff (preferably with a whisk), adding 1 tbs. sugar.

Beat egg whites until stiff (preferably with a whisk), adding 1 tbs. sugar.

Add half n’ half to the egg mixture, and stir well. Add the rum. Fold in the cream and egg whites.

Next, taste. Then add a “tetch more” bourbon and rum.

Top with grated nutmeg.

There are many stories to tell about mom’s Eggnog but, rest assured, that some are best kept secret, for now.

I will relate that my Aunt Alta Marie, the strict Mormon who shunned caffeine and alcohol — at least publicly — was usually first in line for the Eggnog. She readily approved of the finished product, knowing that the eggs would pose no problem because they had been properly “cooked” by the alcohol. Thus, justifying her indulgence.

I would like to say that she only consumed one small serving as a sample but that would be stretching the truth.

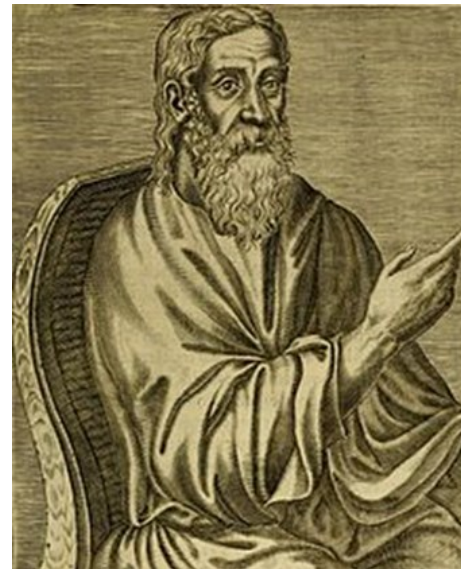
Now, you may think that this recipe could serve quite a number of people. Think again.

God’s Blessings as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour — and throughout the New Year!

Saint of the Month

St. Clement of Alexandria, Confessor & Doctor (c. 150 - c. 215)

Born Titus Flavius Clemens, Clement of Alexandria, as he was to be known, was a Christian Theologian and philosopher of the 2nd and 3rd centuries. It is supposed that he was born around the year 150, though his birthplace is not known for



Clement arrived in Alexandria around 180. There he met Pantaenus, who taught at the Catechetical School of Alexandria, and was ordained priest about 189 by Pope Julian. Little else is known of his life during that time, except that he may have married, as supposed by his writings.

Clement left Alexandria during the Severian Persecutions of 202 - 203 but whether he went to Cappadocia or Jerusalem is unclear. Thus, the location of his death is also unclear.

Though he wrote much, little survives with the exception of his *Trilogy* and *Salvation for the Rich*. Other works exist in fragments.

As his works are of the earliest of the Church Fathers to have survived, he has been the focus in recent years of much academic research.

Surprisingly, Clement is venerated only in Oriental Orthodoxy, Eastern Catholicism, and the Anglican Communion.

certain, and died around the year 215, also at an unknown location. Thus it is with many of the Saints from the early days of the Church, even until the Middle Ages.

What is known is that, although his parents were pagans, Clement rejected paganism and converted to Christianity because it perceived paganism as morally corrupt. He was well educated and travelled throughout Greece, Asia Minor, Palestine, and Egypt in what may have been a religious undertaking. His encounters and tutoring led him to meet with Athenagoras of Athens, an Ionian theologian, Tatian, an Assyrian, and, possibly, Theophilus of Caesarea, a Jew.

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Parish Monthly Calendar

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