



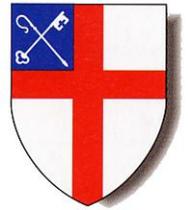
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Out of the Ordinary



ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Ash Wednesday collect is one of the most familiar in the Prayer Book. The rubric directs that it 'is to be said every day in Lent...until Palm Sunday' (p. 124), which makes this collect, with that for Advent, one of two seasonal collects in the Prayer Book tradition. No doubt in part it is this repetition which makes the collect so familiar. Now as we approach the great season of Lent once more, we do well both to memorize this collect for daily use and also to contemplate its meanings.

One of the most notable features of the Prayer Book's style is its use of pleonasm. A pleonasm is a figure of speech that uses more words than are necessary in order to say something. A pleonasm makes use of redundant or parallel expressions, and so says the same thing or something similar in two ways: 'humble and hearty', 'goodness and loving-kindness', 'holiness and righteousness', 'good and perfect', 'Mediator and Advocate', 'honour and glory', 'alms and oblations', 'thy faith and fear', and so on.

The Lenten collect depends heavily on such pleonasms. Consider the following: 'Almighty and everlasting'; 'who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent'; 'Create and make'; 'new and contrite'; 'lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness'; 'remission and forgiveness'. The prayer in fact is a string of parallel and balanced constructions and phrases. The collect does move forward, as all collects do, from an address to God, through a petition to him, to a concluding doxology. In particular the Ash Wednesday collect addresses God, with a reflection on his love for all of his creation and

on his forgiveness, and then petitions him to create in us the contrition that will lead to our forgiveness. But this forward movement is slowed down by all the ‘ands’ and pleonasm. In this way the collect differs from that for Advent (p. 90), which makes little use of pleomasm but rather accumulates ideas and themes in a more direct movement forward.

Parallel terms invite us to consider a subject closely. Two slightly different aspects of the matter are presented to the reader or person praying, who is thereby led to reflect upon it more carefully. So, for instance, God is ‘almighty and everlasting’. Those terms present two divine attributes, omnipotence and eternity, which are related but not logically identical. So too, lamenting my sins and acknowledging my wretchedness are two related but also different acts. My sins are lamentable because they are my sins, because they offend God’s goodness, because they alienate me from what truly makes for my happiness. My sin leads to true wretchedness, so that as I see my sins for the lamentable things they are, I cannot help but recognize and acknowledge that I am wretched because of them. Sin is lamentable not least because it makes us wretched and unhappy. And our wretchedness is most lamentable because we are largely responsible for inflicting it upon ourselves through our sins. By reflecting on the difference between such parallel terms, we enter more deeply into the matter than if we had only a single term.

What strikes me most about the content of the Lenten collect, as opposed to its rhetoric and style, is its total lack of sentimentality. Prayers of confession and penitence are by their nature most inclined to focus upon us, to be vehicles by which the person praying reflects upon himself. If sentimentality is emotion about emotion (for instance, being in love with being in love, enjoying being miserable, etc.), then prayers of confession naturally tend toward sentimentality. But the Lenten collect is rigidly centered upon God, not us. It begins with God himself with his various attributes: God is almighty, everlasting, the lover of his whole creation, and the source of forgiveness for the penitent. The collect then seeks to form contrition in us, not by making us wallow in consideration of our sinfulness – which would put us in the center of the picture – but by petitioning God to ‘create and make’ contrition in us – which puts God at the center. Forgiveness is a grace, a free gift, which we do not achieve by making ourselves contrite, but which we receive as a new creation from the God who created everything in the first place and who hates nothing that he has made. We can make ourselves sinful, which God hates. But if God makes us anew by grace then he cannot but love us – for he hates nothing that he has made.

It is a perfect prayer, or nearly so, in a Prayer Book full of prayers of equal quality.

(Revised from *Saint Stephen’s Witness*, 2001)

A note from the Editor:

Your Grace, Beloved Brethren, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Jesus:

The preparation of this edition of *The Southern Cross* took rather longer than anticipated. As-such, some of the materials are dated. Please consider this a shake-down cruise, and accept my apologies for the unseemly delay.

While you're at it, consider the possibilities of what might be included in-, or achieved by, this organ. All Rectors and Priests-in-Charge are encouraged to appoint a lay-correspondent, if that would make the process of submitting articles, and other materials, more convenient. I remain

in His Service,

The Rev'd Fr. T. L. Crowder

P.S. There is one glaring error, herein; can you find it? Can you help to correct it?

From the Diocese

Diocesan Administration

From the Diocesan Secretary

Dear Reverend Fathers and Wardens,
Peace & Greetings in the Lord!

By now you should have received the 2013 parochial report forms. Please fill these out and return them to Mrs. Barrett as soon as possible. The quicker we receive them, the lighter the workload for the DOS office and those making synod preparations.

It will once again be the pleasure of St. Stephen's, Athens, to host the 2014 Diocese of the South synod April 30-May 2, 2014. Further details will be forthcoming.

Has your contact information changed? Please notify the DOS office (706) 546-6910 with changes to address, phone, and email. New directories will be given to clerical/lay delegates at synod.

Wishing you health and blessings in the New Year.

The Very Rev. Nicholas C. Athanaelos
DOS Secretary

Requiescat in Pace

Brother John Charles Vockler, Archbishop
22 July, 1924 – 6 February, 2014



My esteemed predecessor, Brother John-Charles, the Fifth Metropolitan of the Original Province and Fifth Acting Primate of the Anglican Catholic Church has now entered life eternal. If he were still a bishop of the Anglican Communion, I believe he would be its senior bishop by date of consecration.

He had a most remarkable life, knowing the late Queen Mother, Mae West, Archbishop Michael Ramsay, Prince Charles, Queen Salote of Tonga, and a host of other folk, great and small. He was loved by many, and he helped many of us learn to pray better and to love God more. Given his age and the peaceful circumstances of his death, comforted with priest and sacrament, we cannot be sorry for him. I had hoped to visit him in May, but that was not to be. I know you will all remember him in your prayers and Mass intentions.

May he rest in peace.

~ Archbishop Haverland

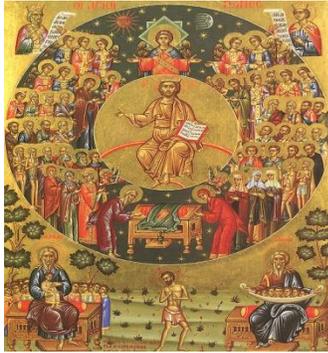
From the Parishes

All Saints ~ Aiken, SC



While very traditional in most ways, All Saints breaks tradition once yearly, by having spaghetti with copious deserts on Shrove Tuesday. A wonderful Lenten Suppers and Programs series was held in the Parish, and covered the lives of C. S. Lewis and S. Augustine of Hippo, with the final program discussing the food available in the time of our Lord, particularly comparing the Last Supper with the traditional *Seder* meal. The All Saints Church Women, and Men of All Saints are both quite active.

All Saints ~ Chattanooga, TN



On Palm Sunday, the Archbishop received the following persons as communicants at All Saints' Church: Tyrone Sills, Brandon Matthew, Anthony Kenneth Gerard Forster, Catherine Mary Forster. They were presented by Father Eugene Rosenkranz. All were confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church, save for Mr. Sills, who was confirmed in the Episcopal Church.

All Saints ~ Macon, GA



In a truly collegial effort, Fathers Bacilieri, Foggin, Klein, Raines, and Rosenkranz continue to provide a regular sacramental presence for the Parish. On 23 February, the Archbishop made his visitation.

Church of our Redeemer, Marietta, GA



In February, the Parish assisted with a Valentine's Day party, and held a work day at the Parish. On February 2nd, the feast of the Purification, Archbishop Haverland Baptized Luke Peter Robertson, the infant son of Peter Hodgson Robertson and Rachel Ralston Robertson, and Confirmed Julianne Elizabeth Beals.

Church of the Resurrection, Ocala, FL



On Monday, 20 January, Archbishop Haverland said a requiem Mass for Father Charles Wesley McCleery, sometime rector of The Church of the Resurrection, in Ocala, FL.

Good Shepherd, Palm Bay, FL



On March 22 and 23, 2014, Good Shepherd Church enjoyed a wonderful visit by Archbishop Mark Haverland. Three members were Confirmed, and attendance was literally “standing room only”, with over 70 assisting in the Mass. Those confirmed were: Heather Dawn Herbert, Shadae Nyree Llewellyn and Gaylord Charles Hansen. All were presented by



The Rev'd Don Lock. We Celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism on Easter Sunday, with 3 candidates: Theresa Ganeto, and her daughters Olivia and Zaida.

Holy Guardian Angels, Lantana, FL



Holy Guardian Angels, Lantana held their Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26th in McDonald Hall, after the Parish Mass. About 50 members of the parish were present for the brunch and meeting. Elected to the Vestry for 3 year terms were: Winston Barker, Sandra White, and Helen Woodward. Bob Stapleton was elected for a 2 year term, and Dan Henderson for a 1 year term. Retiring Vestry members were: Charles White, Lynn Bielech, Chuck Vinton, and Jacque Stapleton. Fr. David re-appointed Brother David Amason as Senior Warden, and Bob Stapleton was elected Junior Warden. Chuck Vinton continues as Treasurer and Parish Administrator, and Doak Campbell as Clerk. Helen Woodward was serve as Assistant Clerk. The Rector presented his report reflecting stability and modest growth. We now have 115 communicants. The parish budget of about \$125,000 was passed.

Holy Trinity, Greenville, SC



Holy Trinity held its third annual Spring Plant Sale in conjunction with a Yard Sale, Saturday, April 12th. The event received both good TV and newspaper coverage, resulting in an excellent turn out. This year we raised the largest amount since starting this event. A portion of the funds raised will be donated to the Greenville Rescue Mission for their Community Food Program.

Oratory of S. George, Neptune Beach, FL



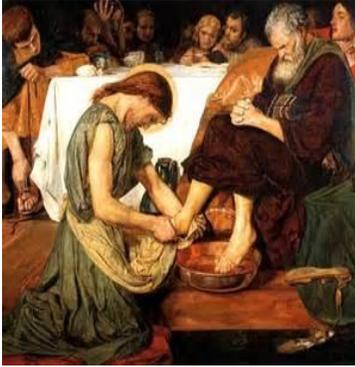
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Our Lady of the Angels, New Smyrna Beach, FL



On 30 March, the Archbishop visited the Mission, and Confirmed Tyler Matthew Edwards. Afterwards, a delightful luncheon was shared by the entire congregation at the New Smyrna Beach Yacht Club.

Our Saviour, Florence, SC



No submission.

S. Alban's, Albany, GA



No submission.

S. Andrew's, Tallahassee, FL



On Quinquagesima Sunday, the Archbishop confirmed Alex Mitchel Gammon and Lisa Jo Moree. He also received as already confirmed two new communicant members: Edmund Gregory Myers and Joseph Lawrence Williams II. All were presented by Canon Dale E. Mekeel.

S. Barbara's, Jacksonville, NC



No submission.

S. Bartholomew's, New Bern, NC



After many years of service to the Parish, Easter Day marked the conclusion of Canon and Erika Sears' time in the Parish. All wish them well, as they relocate to Florida, to assume a position at Holy Guardian Angels ~ Lantana. The Archbishop will visit the Parish on Easter II, to discuss supply Clergy.

S. Benedict's, Chapel Hill, NC



The Archbishop's scheduled visitation is set for 5 October, A.D. 2014.

S. Francis of Assisi, Gainesville, FL



The recent news is the departure of our Priest-in-Charge, Fr. Shaughn Casey, who became an active-duty chaplain in the Air Force. Fr. Casey left in February; the Archbishop is still our rector, and has asked Fr. Jonah Bruce to handle day-to-day matters for him. We're also getting occasional assistance from Fr. Jonathan Foggin, who was our Priest-in-Charge before Fr. Casey.

On March 9, our parishioner Sid Blankenship was admitted as a Novice - Third Order of the Franciscan Order of the Divine Compassion. He took the name-in-religion of Brother John Luke, and is continuing his pursuit of Tertiary status. He is a spiritual blessing to the Parish.

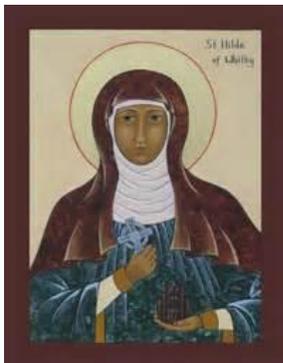
The Archbishop baptized Samantha Clare Casey at S. Francis', on Saturday, January 18th. Samantha is the infant daughter of Father Shaughn and Meredith Casey. On March 16, the Archbishop confirmed three children and four adults, and received two adults into the Parish. Those confirmed were: Joseph McCrainie Ball, Isabella Claire Bruce, Mitchell Renoir Fortson, Julia Lackey Hamilton, Richard William Patrick Highsmith, William Trabert Maybach and David Earl Pearce. Those Received as Communicants were Naomi Mitchell Moore and Mary Ellen Pearce.

S. George's, Fayetteville, NC



The Archbishop's scheduled visitation will take place on 9 November, A.D. 2014.

S. Hilda of Whitby, Atlanta, GA



Our Rector is constantly strategizing as to how we can let people know *who* and *where* we are. To that end, we have designed a web site intended to not only tell the world about us, but also to serve as a communication and resource tool for our parishioners. Our "request prayer" page truly does reach around the world, and our calendar helps us as a Parish to all be on the "same page". Additionally, our Facebook page allows to interact with other "friends" on Facebook and around the world. Please examine our sites, to see what might be done in your Parish.

<http://www.sthildasacc.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Hildas-ACC/359377984149070>

S. Luke's, Augusta, GA



A new Directory for the Parish is nearing completion, as an in-house production, complete with photographs of the members. As the result of a Facebook conversation, concerning some slight damage done to the Parish, a work crew has been formed, which will regularly tend to the manual labour required about the Parish.

S. Mary's, Winter Haven, FL



No submission.

S. Michael & All Angels, Orange Park, FL



St. Michael and All Angels has begun two new construction projects: one in cyberspace and one in the country fields of Fleming Island. Work has begun on a new website that will integrate some of the emerging possibilities available through advancements in web-building technology. In the real world, the vestry approved the establishment of a building fund for the construction of a new Parish Hall, to complement our beautiful church building.

MORTGAGE BALANCE After March payment: \$63, 993.00.

The Parish held a Lenten food drive, which was very successful. Bumper stickers were also distributed, as a good way to make the church better known in the community.

S. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, Athens, GA



Saint Stephen's has been a busy place the past few months. During the fall/winter months of 2013, several major improvements were made to the church building. These included the completion of the choir loft and refurbishing of the stained glass windows.

The loft project included closing in the massive organ pipes, completion of all trim and woodwork, installation of air conditioning, and further painting and cosmetic work.

The stained glass windows at St. Stephen's are the work of artist Nancy Wilds of Aiken, South Carolina and were installed in 1987. The windows depict Anglican saints, including Joseph of Arimathea, Augustine, Andrew, Patrick, George, David, Julian, Audrey, Hilda, Margaret, Dunstan, and Bede just to name a few. Over the years, moisture and the elements had taken their toll on the wood sills and lead/solder, which held the glass in place. The restoration was handled by the Willet-Hauser glass company of Philadelphia, and included removing each window using a combination of crane and elevator platforms. The process was quite amazing to watch!

In August, the Parish became the proud sponsors of a Cub Scout Pack. The pack, originally affiliated with a local Christian school, meets each Tuesday at St. Stephen's, where several parishioners have volunteered their time. The Cubs and people of St. Stephen's teamed up for a project during the Christmas season, which provided warm socks/booties to residents of local nursing homes.

A new pictorial directory project is now underway. Parishioner Tony LePain is in the process of taking photographs of members for a directory that will hopefully be ready for distribution around Easter.

A new Sunday study on The Acts of the Apostles began in early January. The Archbishop's Wednesday evening study on the Second Book of the Kings also continues, along with our Inquirer's class each Sunday afternoon. All Are Welcome!

The Archbishop baptized Breandan Iosac Denys Wassen at S. Stephen's on Saturday, December 7th. Breandan is the infant son of Father Gregory and Sarah Wassen of Our Redeemer, Marietta, Georgia. Breandan's older brother is Cassian.

S. Timothy's, Charleston, SC



On Passion Sunday, we had the annual visitation of Archbishop Haverland, wherein he blessed Fr. Norman (former Rector) & Carol Trimmier's stained-glass window, as-well as a crucifix of Lt. Col. (Chaplain) Neunert Frederick Lang, Th.D., an Air Force chaplain of the Vietnam era. Additionally blessed was the new Reredos, in memory of James Edna Wilcox & Lucille Seyle (from pulpit design of L. Grant-Alexander & Built by W. Seyle, 1982). The re-purposed design for reredos was done by Fr.

F. Bentley, disassembled by Ernest Grimball IV & Michael Drayton, and re-fabricated by Dan Stroble, Edward Seabrook & John Zolynick, 2013-2014. The night before a dinner was held, with fifty people in attendance, in honor of the Archbishop, catered by Kathy Murray and Christy Stroble, assisted by Barbra Bentley & Mary Hoyle.

It is interesting to note that Saint Timothy's has a rather high number of military veterans, and continues an experienced Veterans Counseling and Welcome Center, which we call "Veterans welcoming veterans". The Church has been growing about 30% per year, mostly veterans. Also we have helping Fr. Bentley Father George E. Miley, an APCK Priest who has moved to Charleston from Oklahoma. More pictures of our activities can be found at charlestonanglican catholic.org. The page has been responsible for many new visitors.



Archbishop Mark Haverland, PhD., our Metropolitan & Bishop, received Jamie Sue McClean and James Arthur Williamson, and confirmed Alice Jane Haymon. May the Lord be with them as they continue in His faith, as once delivered to the Saints.

Trinity, Port Charlotte, SC



Father Stockall, a Canadian 'snow-bird' Priest, served a supply Clergy for Trinity throughout the winter. We are looking forward to Bishop Stanley Lazarczyk's permanent return to the area in the Fall.

Reflections

“He ‘realises’ what Holy Communion is, who meditates upon the greatness of God’s Gift beforehand, prepares his soul for it, prays his Lord to come under his roof, and lives afterwards as knowing whereof he has been a partaker. ‘Reality’ is in life, not in vivid imagining.”

From Bl. Edward B. Pusey

~Taken from The Evangelion, the newsletter of Saint Luke Parish, Augusta, Georgia