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Out of the Ordinary



The Resurrection of Jesus is the heart of the Christian proclamation. The complex of events that Easter summarizes (the Passion and Crucifixion; the Resurrection and Ascension) cap all four of the gospels, form the main theme of Saint Paul's letters, and are the main focus of the speeches in Acts. Without the Resurrection Christianity is pointless or worse: "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins...[and] they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." (I Corinthians xiii.17-9)

Paul has it right, and modernist Christians, including the mitered agnostics, who would reduce the Resurrection to an ahistorical metaphor, have it wrong. It is on the basis of the Resurrection that Christians come to understand Christ's divinity and the meaning of his human life. Therefore it is also on the basis of the Resurrection that Christians came to glimpse the Trinity. The whole of the Christian faith rises or falls with the Easter proclamation: 'He is risen.'

Easter goes by many names, of which our English word and the related German name *Ostern*, are perhaps the oddest. According to Saint Bede and many later scholars, 'Easter' is derived through a Northumbrian spelling from a Germanic name, *Eostre*, a goddess whose feast was observed on the spring equinox. As both the modern English and German words are close to the word 'east' (Easter, east; *Ostern*, *Osten*), it appears that Eostre was thought to be the goddess of the dawn which rises in the east. Some of these connections continue in Easter hymnody:

Not one darksome cloud is dimming
Yonder glorious morning ray,
Breaking o'er the purple east,
Symbol of our Easter feast. (Cecil Frances Alexander)

The Prayer Book is usually careful to give the formal titles of days along with their more common name. So, for instance, Christmas is ‘The Nativity of our Lord, or the Birthday of Christ, commonly called Christmas Day’; Epiphany is ‘The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles’; Ash Wednesday is ‘The first day of Lent, commonly called Ash Wednesday’. However, in the Prayer Book Easter is not called, as one might expect, ‘The Resurrection of our Lord, commonly called Easter Day’, but just ‘Easter Day’. Please note that there is no such day as ‘Easter Sunday’. In Prayer Book usage, which is standard English usage, there is ‘Easter’ or ‘Easter Day’, which is always a Sunday, but never ‘Easter Sunday’. The day of the week is properly only used for the rest of the days in Easter week: Easter Monday, Easter Tuesday, etc.

In most European languages the name for Easter is a word that in English we now usually find only as an adjective, ‘paschal’: the paschal mysteries, paschaltide, the paschal lamb. In older English, however, ‘Pasch’ was a fairly common name for Easter, which is why the adjective ‘paschal’ is still common. In Latin, including the Latin translation of the Prayer Book, the day is *Pascha*. Likewise, for the Eastern Orthodox Easter is ‘Holy Pascha’ in the various languages such as Greek (πάσχα) and Slavonic. In French it is *Pâques* (the circumflex accent over the ‘a’ indicating here, as it usually does, an elided ‘s’); in Spanish, *Pascua*; and similar names exist in the other Romance languages. (Again, on the matter of ‘Easter Sunday’ – one of my pet peeves, as you will have discerned – Easter day in French is *le jour de Pâques*, ‘the day of Easter’, not *le Dimanche de Pâques*, ‘the Sunday of Easter’.) This name, *Pascha*, comes ultimately from the Hebrew word for Passover, *Pesakh*, and indeed in many languages *Pascha* refers both to Easter and to the Jewish festival. In French, for instance, the only difference in the words for Passover and Easter is the number and gender: *Pâques*, masculine = Easter; *la Pâque*, feminine and singular = Passover.

Whatever we call it, Easter is the greatest Christian feast and the center of our religion. The Easter proclamation rings through the forty days: ‘Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.’ (Orthodox troparion of Holy Pascha)

A note from the Editor

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

In looking-over this issue, you will, no-doubt, notice the extraordinary number of responses. In the process of assembling this edition, I discovered that there are still Parishes who have not received The Southern Cross. Please, chat-up your neighbouring Parishes, and Clergy, to be sure that everyone is receiving a copy.

When each issue is completed, I distribute it to the Clergy or contact-person of each Parish and Mission, whose responsibility it then becomes to distribute it, however they see fit, whether by electronic means, or hard-copy. I believe that Fr. Foggin is going to post this edition to the Provincial website, so that it will be available for viewing there, as-well. I remain

in His Service,

The Rev’d Fr. T. L. Crowder

From the Diocese

Diocesan Administration

From the Diocesan Secretary

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our Diocesan synod is fast approaching. As you can imagine, Nancy Barrett's death has been both a shock and time of reorganization for St. Stephen's Parish and the diocese. We ask for your patience and understanding as we continue to get information to you.

Thus far, two separate mailings have gone out. A DOS synod packet, and a separate mailing with the "green" registration sheet. If you have not received these items, please contact Ms. Heli Montgomery in the DOS office at 706-546-6910. If you are a member of St. Stephen's, these items will be available in the parish hall this weekend. For lodging purposes, the following information is provided:

Country Inn & Suites located at 236 Old Epps Bridge Road, Athens (just off of Atlanta Highway) has given a special synod rate of \$94.00 per night to DOS synod attendees on the nights of April 29 & 30. All rooms are suites with a choice of one King or two Queen beds and a sleeper sofa. To make your reservation, please phone 706-612-9100 and ask for the Anglican Catholic Synod rate. If you'd like to arrive a day early, or check out a day later, the hotel will be amenable. Alternate lodging is available at the Holiday Inn, Holiday Inn Express, and Hampton Inn. All of these hotels are located fairly close to St. Stephen's. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. For Archbishop Haverland,

Nick Athanaelos+

Clergy

Patrick Richard Malone was ordained to the Diaconate by Archbishop Haverland on Saturday, September 6th, at Saint Stephen's Church. The sermon was by Canon Dale E. Mekeel of Saint Andrew's, Tallahassee, Florida, but was read by the Archbishop, as Canon Mekeel was unable to travel. The Very Rev'd Nicholas C. Athanaelos presented the candidate. Music was led by William Coscarelli, organist and choirmaster. A reception followed in the parish hall. Dr. Malone was ordained to the title of Saint Andrew's, Tallahassee, where he will assist Canon Mekeel.

The Rev'd Dcn. Beau McClarin Davis, Curate at All Saints' ~ Aiken, South Carolina, will be, *Deo volente*, advanced to the Priesthood on the Ember Saturday in Whitsuntide, May 30th, at 10:00 A.M., at All Saints' ~ Aiken.

Father Donald Hayes has resigned from all offices in the DOS and ACC, and has asked to be removed from our Clergy.

From the Province

From Bishop Starks

Dear Right Rev'd Sirs:

The parish of St. John the Evangelist is searching for a new Rector. Sitting across the river from Cincinnati, Ohio this 150 year old parish is a solid Anglican parish. Having battled the Episcopal many years they own their building and over the past years have improved the physical plant. The current 60+ parishioners are eager to expand deeper into the community. The stone structure and the attached parish hall are at the intersection of 2 major streets only a few blocks from the Ohio River. If you know of anyone interested in this situation please have them contact Bishop Starks at 317-753-9276, or diomidwest@outlook.com for more details.

Thank you.

God Bless,

+Rommie Starks

From Bishop Kenyon-Hoare

I am very concerned about support for Bavumeleni Khaya Orphanage/Safe-house for 2015. At present I do not have any funds available for them for this year. Is there any possibility of funds coming from the USA? I provide money for food on a monthly basis, school fees and clothing/school uniforms. At present there are about 28 children plus helpers.

We are busy getting ready for our synod which will be from the 17th to 19th this month, then the following week Alan is off to St Peter's Botshabelo for an eye clinic sponsored by Australia, plus there will be confirmations at St Peter and St Patrick. Bishop Dominic and three arch-deacons from the Transkei will be attending our synod.

(Photos below of Bishop Kenyon-Hoare, and some of the children of the Orphanage)



Requiescat in Pace

Nancy L. Barrett

Nancy L. Barrett, assistant to the rector of St. Stephen's, Athens, Georgia whose usefulness to the Church extended well beyond parish boundaries, died Saturday, January 24, 2015 in an Athens hospice following a period of declining health.

In addition to her parish duties, Mrs. Barrett served on Archbishop Haverland's staff and managed the Anglican Parishes Association online bookstore, processed donations for the Missionary society of St. Paul, and served as diocesan synod coordinator and secretary to the Archbishop.

St. Stephen's rector, the Very Rev. Nicholas C. Athanaelos remembers Mrs. Barrett as a tireless, dependable person who consistently exceeded the call of duty. "Nancy had one of the strongest work ethics I've ever seen," he told the Trinitarian. "In my four years as rector, I can remember her missing only one full day from work. Other than routine medical appointments, she was always in the office, even coming in on most Saturdays."

Archbishop Haverland also had abundant praise for Mrs. Barrett. "She was a highly competent secretary of the old sort," he said. "She knew shorthand, had excellent telephone manners, had a sharp eye as a proofreader, and was an efficient but unobtrusive office presence." "Nancy was well loved by many lay members of the parish and diocese and will be missed on many levels," Archbishop Haverland concluded.

Archbishop Haverland celebrated the Requiem on Friday, January 30, 2015 at St. Stephen's assisted by Father Athanaelos, and Father Jonathan Foggin. Burial was in the St. Stephen's churchyard.



Before the Altar.



The Abp. in procession.



The Abp. in the foreground, Fr. Foggin to the left, and

Dean Athanaelos in the distance.



The Parish reception.

From the Parishes and Religious Orders



The Franciscan Order of the Divine Compassion

At the 11:00 A.M. Mass on Trinity XII (September 7, 2014) at Saint Stephen's Anglican Catholic Church, (Pro-Cathedral of the Diocese of the South) in Athens, Georgia, The Most Reverend Mark Haverland received the solemn profession of The Reverend Deacon Patrick R. Malone as a Tertiary in the Third Order. Attending the Mass were three novices and the Guardian of the Third Order, as well as Douglas Beard, the Senior Warden of Saint Andrew's Anglican Catholic Church in Tallahassee, Florida, which is Father Deacon Malone's home parish. On the previous day, September 6, Brother Barnabas Paul+ (Deacon Malone) had been ordained at Saint Stephen's by Archbishop Haverland into the Sacred Order of Deacons. While continuing his full-time employment at Florida State University, he is assisting the Reverend Canon Dale Mekeel, Rector of Saint Andrew's Anglican Catholic Church in Tallahassee, Florida.



(Left to right): Father Cass Daly, Novice Brother Peter Anthony, Brother Barnabas Paul (Deacon Malone), Brother Nicholas Lawrence, Novice Brother John Luke, and Novice Brother Vincent Gregory.



All Saints ~ Aiken, SC

It's official, ecclesiastically, now that Dcn. Beau and Becky have had their marriage blessed. The ceremony was well-witnessed by family, friends, and parishioners on the Feast of St. Valentine. Becky wore her wedding dress, and Dcn. Beau was attired in a kilt.

Not too many years ago, All Saints' gave up the pancakes, and started a new tradition for Shrove Tuesday: spaghetti, and lots of it! Now, Shrove Tuesday brings out the best from our kitchens in the way of spaghetti sauce. Who would have known there were so many ways to prepare spaghetti sauce? Granted, there have been times when a return to pancakes has been mentioned; but, a tradition has been firmly established. So, spaghetti it is!

The church is much more visible from the street now that an old, dying, and decaying tree has been removed, and much needed pruning leftover from last year's ice storm has been completed. The tree on the corner of Richland / Fairfield Streets has been removed. After examination by arborists, it was determined that it was just a matter of time before its limb would fall onto Richland Avenue and the sidewalk.

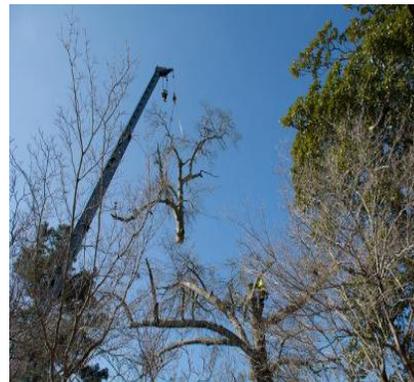
The Classic Book Club has completed *Mrs. Dalloway*, published by Virginia Woolf in 1925. It is considered one of the foremost modernist novels, and was included by *TIME* magazine in its list of the 100 best English-language novels written since 1923. An entirely different type of novel, *Guy Mannering*, by Sir Walter Scott, will be the Classic Book Club's next reading. Please join us for our discussions of the book at 4:00 P.M., on Monday, March 9th at Fairfield House.



Dcn. Beau & Becky.



Bob Storey ~
spaghetti supper.



Tree pruning and removal.



All Saints ~ Chattanooga, TN

We are continuing a local ministry with a monthly visit to conduct a Sunday service at the Soddy Daisy Nursing Home for the residents. Also, we have increased the amount of our monthly donation to the Soddy Daisy Foodbank. At the March vestry meeting it was decided to establish a regular monthly contribution to the Missionary Society of St. Paul. We are very grateful to the Reverend Eugene Rosenkranz as he continues to provide regular Holy Communion services at All Saints and for his dedication to our congregation. In April we will have a commemoration of the 4th anniversary of the passing of our beloved sister in Christ, Nancy (Mrs. Harold N.) Moorman.



All Saints ~ Macon, GA

Father J. Harvey Klein accepted the invitation to become our resident Priest in Charge in January, after serving as a Supply Priest for several months following his move from Florida to the central Georgia area.

During Lent, we have been having an adult Sunday School and round-table discussion each week. The discussion has included prospective ways of growing the church by spreading the Gospel, with specific emphasis placed on trying to attract young families with children and with hopes of developing a children's Sunday School aimed at Bible Studies.



Church of Our Redeemer, Marietta, GA

Fr. Wassen has resigned as Rector of 'Our Redeemer. He and his family will return to Northern Europe. The Archbishop, with Frs. Rosencranz and Foggin, will be assisting in providing the Sacraments to the Parish in the mean-time. The Parish will soon begin the search for their next Rector.



Church of the Resurrection, Ocala, FL

Archbishop Haverland made his annual visitation to 'Resurrection on January 25th. Following Mass, a parish potluck dinner was hosted by the Keith Wylands, for the Bishop and congregation.



Good Shepherd, Palm Bay, FL

On February 17th, Good Shepherd had its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, enjoying lots of wonderful food and fellowship. Our two Ash Wednesday services were also well attended. During Lent, we are beginning our Sunday Mass by chanting the Litany. This has been very well received.

We have been working hard to offer more opportunities for Bible study and worship; in addition to our Sunday Mass (10:30 A.M.) we now meet for Morning Prayer on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 A.M., Bible Study and Prayer on Thursday evenings at 6:00 P.M., and on Saturday mornings, we offer the Sacrament of Penance at 9:00 A.M. (during Lent), the Rosary at 9:30, and Low Mass at 10:00. We are very blessed, and very thankful to be a little part of the Anglican Catholic Church and the Diocese of the South.



Holy Guardian Angels, Lantana, FL

The Rector, David Kennedy, SSC, Fr. Canon Sanford Sears - our assisting Priest -, vestry, wardens and congregation of Holy Guardian Angels, Lantana, Florida greet you once again in the name of Christ, our Lord. As we continue to strive for growth and to reach the unchurched, our regular services have continued steadily. Wednesday lenten study, and Friday Stations of the Cross are being held again as we reflect on the inner man during this penitential season.

We are happy to welcome Douglas West as our new organist, who has replaced Christopher Ginton, who we thank for his services while he was with us.

Since our last communication, we were blessed with the visit of Bishop German of the Diocese of Nueva Granada, Columbia. Bishop German celebrated the Eucharist with us, attended morning prayer and preached at one of the Holy Eucharist services. It was a wonderful occasion of fellowship. It was also great to have the wife of our Vicar Parochial (assisting Priest), Erika, translate Bishop German's Spanish sermon into English for the congregation.

As a part of outreach, Holy Guardian Angels will be visiting the Diocese of Nueva Granada after Easter on a mission, to see how the churches there can be assisted. Priests from Nueva Granada may also be visiting Holy Guardian Angels. Fr Kennedy and Fr. Sears will help them understand the Catholic Liturgy.

Holy Guardian Angels will be hosting the annual synod of The Society of the Holy Cross in September 2015, with possibly fifty to sixty priests attending. The women of Holy Guardian Angels are organizing and embarking on a number of events with the objective of attracting new members to our parish. We hope this ministry will flourish and bear much fruit.

Finally, our construction project, pictured below, which includes enlarging the Narthex, with an included columbarium, portico and Cloister between the church and the parish hall, is nearing completion.

We invite any of you to come and worship with us any time that you are in the area. Service times and directions as well as other information can be found on our web site, www.HolyGuardianAngelsLantana.org.



Holy Trinity, Greenville, SC

The Archbishop's annual visit to Holy Trinity will occur on May 31st, with a parish dinner the evening before. It will be a busy weekend, because the Rev'd Dcn. Beau McClarin Davis, curate at All Saints' ~ Aiken, South Carolina, will be advanced to the Priesthood, God willing, at 10 A.M., on the 30th at All Saints'.



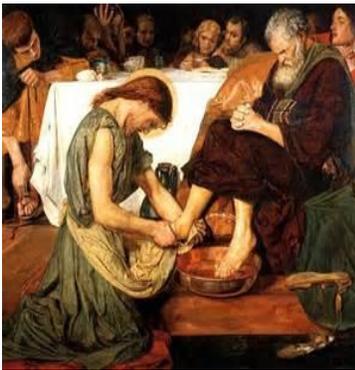
Oratory of S. George, Neptune Beach, FL

The Oratory of S. George has, sadly, been closed, effective 31 December, A.D. 2014.



Our Lady of the Angels, New Smyrna Beach, FL

Our Lady of the Angels Mission, New Smyrna Beach, Florida, has added a Saturday Mass at 4:00 PM., and are now monitoring how the two-Mass schedule works. Canon Richmond Bridge has asked the congregation to support a local food bank, Gifts of Love. Parishioners bring their donations to church, where they are gathered up and conveyed to the pantry. We just made our first delivery ~ an entire trunk-load of groceries. Fr. Rex Rorex is teaching an adult class, which meets weekly in the home of a parishioner, Helen Longino. We are studying John Stott's *Basic Christianity*. Members of the class bring a sandwich lunch, and Helen kindly provides drinks, chips, and dessert.



Our Saviour, Florence, SC

Father Donald Hayes has resigned from all offices in the DOS and ACC, and has asked to be removed from our Clergy. Deacon Beau Davis from All Saints' ~ Aiken, has kindly agreed to come once a month to administer Communion from the Reserved Sacrament, and Archbishop Haverland has come as well. Otherwise, we will make do with layreaders.



S. Alban's, Albany, GA

Linda Whetstine, a founder and active member of S. Alban's, Bridgeboro, Georgia, entered life eternal in February. Father Thomas Raines conducted her funeral.

S. Alban's has, sadly, been closed, effective 31 December, A.D. 2014.



S. Andrew's, Tallahassee, FL

Most Rev'd Haverland's visit to St. Andrew's Church March 15 Marks Special Gathering of Priest, Deacon, and Archbishop.

"Where two or three are gathered in his name" took on a unique meaning for the small parish of St. Andrew's Anglican Catholic Church in Tallahassee, Florida, this past March 15, as an Archbishop, a Priest, and a Deacon all joined together to conduct the service. When Most Rev. Mark Haverland, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Anglican Catholic Church, Diocese of the South, made his yearly visit to St. Andrew's

Anglican Catholic Church, there to meet him were St. Andrew's Rector emeritus, Canon Dale Mekeel, and Deacon Patrick Malone, St. Andrew's parish musician, and recently ordained Deacon. While Canon Mekeel and Most Rev'd Haverland have shared in conducting Mass before at St. Andrew's, this year marked the first time that Deacon Malone assisted in the service, with the archbishop and Canon Mekeel. The three men participated in the Mass and gospel readings, and Most Rev. Haverland gave a sermon on the historical and spiritual meanings in the Gospel's story of Jesus feeding the five thousand.

"Father Mekeel is an old friend," Archbishop Haverland said, "and Deacon Patrick Malone is a new friend. It's always good to be with them and Saint Andrew's." "The three of us all together and participating in the service was very special," Canon Mekeel said. "I believe this might be the only time this has happened at St. Andrew's. We are always delighted when Archbishop Haverland joins us. I've known Mark Haverland since I came to Florida in 1981. He's very easy to get along with, well educated and genuine. Everybody likes him. With his wit and intellect, he really brings something special to our church."

Deacon Malone agreed with Canon Mekeel that he always looks forward to Most Rev'd Haverland's visits. Deacon Malone, who is also the director of student teaching at Florida State University, said the Archbishop is very approachable, and quite willing to sit down and meet and chat with locals during his visits. Deacon Malone was ordained by Most Rev. Haverland in Athens, Georgia, this past autumn, and he credits both Most Rev'd Haverland and Canon Mekeel as helping him in that pursuit.

Most Rev'd Haverland's approachability is one thing that many church members relate to and remember. Last year, for example, some members of the congregation were facing difficulties coping with issues concerning their aging parents. After the service, the Archbishop talked through their concerns with these members, and, relating his own experiences and understanding, he helped them deal with some tough questions from a Christian perspective. This year was no different, and Most Rev'd Haverland once again spoke about handling the guilt and responsibilities for caring for one's aged mothers, as well as speaking closely with other members of the church about their interests and concerns.

"The congregation is small but very loving," Archbishop Haverland said. "The members look out for one another seven days a week, which is as it should be."

Most Rev'd Haverland has just recently returned from a visit to South Africa, where he and his fellow Priests traveled within the Ethiopian refugee community, celebrating Mass and performing works of mercy among the refugee population. He spoke with St. Andrew's members during a potluck dinner after the service about those experiences, the people he had met on the journey, and the growth of the Anglican Catholic Church in South Africa. According to Canon Mekeel, the Anglican Catholic Church held Mass for nearly 800 people in South Africa. The Archbishop is an Ohio native, was educated at Kenyon College, Duquesne University and earned a Ph.D. from Duke University. Ordained a Deacon in 1981, and priested in 1982, Most Rev'd Haverland has more than thirty years of experience as a clergyman within the Anglican Catholic Church. In 2005, the then Bishop Haverland was elected and enthroned as Archbishop and Metropolitan at the ACC's 16th Provincial Synod. He is the author of *Anglican Catholic Faith and Practice*, an introduction to orthodox Anglican belief. He has also written articles and reviews for publications such as *Touchstone*, *The New Oxford Review*, and *The Journal of Religion*.

Canon Mekeel, a Nebraska native, has been with St. Andrew's since 1981, when he was the Rector at St. Andrew's from then until 1989. He left to teach at Tallahassee Community College, but after he retired from TCC, he returned to St. Andrew's. He has been a missionary among the Sioux in Nebraska and on the Onondaga Reserve in New York State, was involved in higher education for 34 years in Nebraska, Ohio, Virginia, Massachusetts and Florida, and was involved in the 1977 international congress of nearly 2,000 Anglican bishops, clergy and lay persons who met in Missouri, which led to the creation of the Anglican Catholic Church. He was also one of the first three priests of the Dioceses of the Mid-Atlantic States.

Deacon Malone, who has been associated with St. Andrew's since 2009, received his Master's degree at Nashotah House Theological Seminary, Nashotah, WI, on May 22, 2014, after a two-year course of study. He previously earned his PhD and EdD. in Music Education and Higher Education from Florida State University. He takes part in the services at St. Andrew's and gives the sermon in a rotation with Canon Mekeel, as well as leads a Bible study after the Mass. He has been a visiting scholar and faculty member at Brandeis University in Early Music in 1998, and was the former Dean of Enrollment at Baptist College of Florida. He also earned his LPN as a student at Lively Technical Center.

Tallahassee's St. Andrew's Anglican Catholic Church, also known as the little white church with the red door, has been a presence in North Tallahassee for 37 years. It is located on the corner of Timberlane Road and Meridian Road. Though the parish is small, Canon Mekeel notes that the members are a loyal, close knit group, more like family at times.



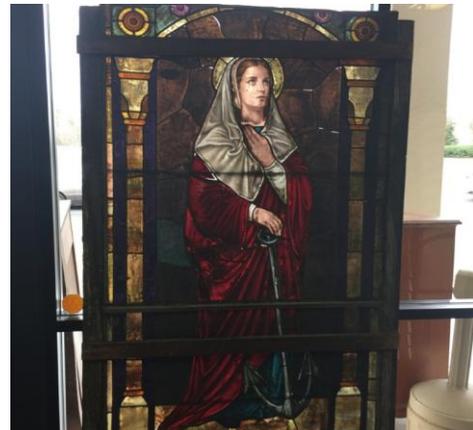
Canon Mekeel, Abp. Haverland, Dcn. Malone. St. Andrew's, a fixture in North Tallahassee for 37 years.



S. Barbara's, Jacksonville, NC

St Barbara's has a new fellowship Hall. The grand opening was December 7. We celebrated our annual Christmas party, along with the Feast Day of St. Barbara, on December 4th. Everyone had a great time, and it was well attended. 'Wish we had taken more pictures! The tree in the background was decorated around Thanksgiving, and was displayed at the Onslow County Festival of Trees. At least 150 handouts about the Parish were provided for distribution, and all were gone by the end of the event. Maybe it had something to do with candy canes attached. We didn't win first place but we should have.

Of course, Christmas was busy and we had a number of visitors from both out of town and in town. Bishop Lerow attended the Twentieth Annual State of Community Breakfast, and met with local business owners and the Chamber of Commerce. Guest speakers were Commanding Officers from Marine Corps Air Station, New River and Camp Lejeune. Also the CEO of Onslow Memorial Hospital, Community Colleges, and the Mayor of the City of Jacksonville were all present. It was a great event.



Recently, we have acquired a six-foot-by-three-foot stained glass window of Saint Philomena. She is the patron of babies, orphans, test takers, youth, and impossible causes. Very little is known about her life, as she was martyred in the early years of the Church, at the age of fourteen. Saint Philomena's shrine in Mugnano has had numerous cures attributed to it since 1805. She is the only person to be recognized as a Saint solely on the basis of miraculous intercession. St. Philomena's feast day is August 11th. It will be a challenge to find a place for her in our tiny Church ... but we will.



S. Bartholomew's, New Bern, NC

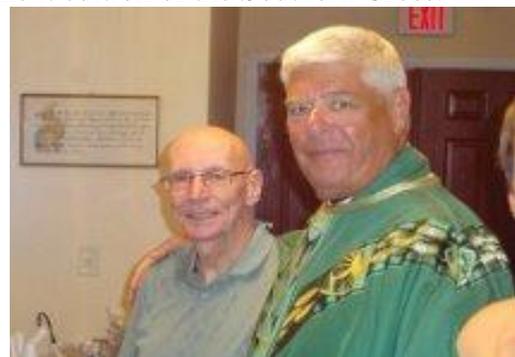
In spite of the cold and terrible weather we have been experiencing we are doing quite well here in New Bern, NC. A new sign was purchased and installed between the brick columns, built by long time member Col. Tex Elliott many years ago and not used for the last 8 or so years. The sign is easily viewed by passing cars, is simple in design and content, and has received a number of positive comments from parishioners and non-parishioners alike.

The building itself has been spruced up on the outside with a good power wash by John Knie. The gutters that had developed quite a bit of vegetation growing in them ~ I swear I saw a small pine tree growing ~ were cleaned out by a friend of the church. The care of the inside of the church has always been excellent and with the dedication of Ginny Campbell, Bob and Linda Muir, and June Leahy we are able to welcome visitors with pride in our church. Our finances are looking very good and we have Bob Muir and Lois Rago to thank for that. We welcomed Bp. LaCour into our community, as he has, since the passing of his beloved wife, come to live with his daughter and son-in-law. The men of the parish continue to meet monthly with men from reformation Lutheran Church for fellowship and vibrant discussion (we may convert them yet), and the women of the parish have began joining the women of Reformation for a monthly breakfast meeting.

Spiritually, we are doing well. Sundays are uplifting with good music provided by Astrid Schlegel and good fellowship after provided by the ladies of the parish. We will in the near future begin adult studies once a month and look forward to a holy Lent and blessed Feast of the Resurrection. Fr. Leahy+ hears confession on Sunday's before Mass and on Holy Days (good to know that the people of Saint Bartholomew's don't feel the need to avail themselves every week 😊). By this publication time we will have already been blessed by a visit from Bp. Haverland and will have pictures of his visit for the next edition of the Southern Cross.



Our new sign.



Fr. Leahy ~ right ~ with Bishop LaCour.



S. Benedict's, Chapel Hill, NC

The Archbishop visited S. Benedict's, Chapel Hill, on Trinity XVI, October 5th. He confirmed four children: Diana Oo, Ba So Gay Paw, Chioma Teresa Ibeanu, and Nana Osei Appiagye. The first two are the children of the Karen people from Burma. The second two are the children of people from Nigeria. After Confirmation and Mass, a lunch was held in the parish hall.



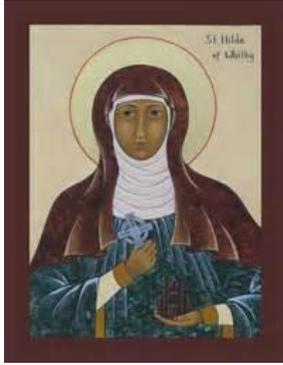
S. Francis of Assisi, Gainesville, GA

S. Francis' ~ Gainesville enjoyed a March visit from Father Shaughn Casey, who was back in Georgia to visit his family before deploying to Afghanistan. Father Casey is a chaplain with the U.S. Air Force, and former Priest at S. Francis'. Father G.W. Jonah Bruce is now supplying S. Francis' with Mass every Sunday and Wednesday.



S. George's, Fayetteville, NC

As part of the observance of Lent, St. George's, Fayetteville, has added a Service of Holy Communion, on Wednesdays, at 6:30 P.M.



S. Hilda of Whitby, Atlanta, GA

Through our actions, following St. Francis' admonition to "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words," we strive to take part in community events whenever appropriate. Pictured below, on the left, our participation in the Inman Park Festival's annual parade, as well as our open house, gives many in our parish the opportunity to meet and greet our neighbors who we might not otherwise have had the opportunity to know.

St. Hilda's was also pleased to have had a very special Service, where St. Michael's medals were presented to a group of law enforcement candidates, prior to their official graduation. This is an annual ceremony, and we at St Hilda's were honored to be asked to host this year's event, pictured below, centre. The candidates and their families and friends crowded the church to participate in this solemn event, which was followed by the Mass, and a feast to be remembered, in the Parish Hall.

In November, Archbishop Haverland made his annual visit to St. Hilda's. We celebrated the feast of St. Hilda, and confirmed two new parishioners that day. During the visit, the Archbishop also blessed our new outside cross and our new church sign, 'photo below, on the right.



S. Luke's, Augusta, GA

The vestry met after Mass on January 11th and elected our new officers for 2015. Mr. Jeff O'Betz succeeds Mrs. Frances Martin as Senior Warden, commonly called the Priest's Warden. Mr. Gary Hegner succeeds Mr. Ted Baker as Junior Warden, commonly called the People's Warden. Dr. C. Thomas Rezner succeeds Mrs. Gladys Fox as Treasurer. Mrs. Lisa Labbe-O'Betz succeeds Miss Naomi Williams as Secretary.

Stop when you meet them and let them know you appreciate their service. The Church is different than all other human institutions because it is also divine. This makes Church work both more difficult and more rewarding. So, be sure to let our new officers know that you will be praying for them. And volunteer to help them out. Who knows? You just might have the expertise, insight, or experience that they were looking for!

Father Jefferson Otwell has resigned as Rector of S. Luke's. The Archbishop and Father Foggin will supply at S. Luke's for the time being. Father Otwell will assist at the Pro-cathedral Parish, and elsewhere.



S. Mary's, Winter Haven, FL

No submission.



S. Michael & All Angels, Orange Park, FL

Saint Michaels has been working hard to reach out to our surrounding community through a number of initiatives designed to create opportunities for good works and evangelism. The first activity was a very successful neighborhood Lenten food drive in which paper bags were left on our neighbor's doorsteps requesting food items for the Salvation Army. These bags were picked up by our parish volunteers and thank you gifts were left in their place. Every person we met was pleased to see us and thanked us for helping the poor.

A second initiative is the addition of an Easter Eve service to our normal Holy Week observances. We will be lighting the Paschal Flame on the front lawn with a candle light procession into the church for the blessing of the Paschal Candle. This ceremony will be followed by a cook out and a glow-in-the-dark Easter egg hunt. All of the neighborhoods have been invited with special invitations to those families who participated in the food drive. These events are designed to seamlessly integrate into the life of the parish while providing opportunities for all members to proclaim "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" outside of the church doors.



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

Since our last submission, St. Stephen's parish hosted Bishops from several continuing Churches including the ACC, APA, and ACA during a meeting in late 2014. The two day discussion shared ideas and resources on theological education. Distance education, residency programs, and mutual support amongst the various Churches was discussed. All present agreed that some type of formal theological training was needed and could be a joint effort within the continuum. Ideas were shared and further exploration will be forthcoming.

On the first Sunday in Advent, November 30, Archbishop Haverland made his official visitation to St. Stephen's, where he confirmed or received thirteen new members. These totals added to his earlier visit during the summer, brought 26 new souls to our parish family!

During their October meeting, the College of Bishops selected Athens, Georgia, as the site of the 2015 Provincial synod. St. Stephen's will host the event that will include two days of Administrative meetings followed by a three day synod. The earlier admin meetings and main Provincial Mass will take place at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, with all remaining events being held at the University of Georgia Hotel & Conference Center. The liturgies, meetings, fellowship, and food will be phenomenal, according to St. Stephen's rector, Fr. Nicholas Athanaelos. The College of Bishops and Administrative meetings will be held on October 26 & 27, with synod events happening October 28-30.

St. Stephen's will also host the 2015 Diocese of the South synod April 29-May 1st. Info packets have been mailed out, but may have excluded certain necessary forms. Please bear with us. We will be sending additional info in the weeks ahead.

The Saint Stephen's Cub Scouts raised over \$1,000 during their annual popcorn sales! Thanks to all parishioners who supported our Cubs!

A new Sunday morning study on the *Seven Deadly Sins* begins February 22, and continues each week at 10:00 a.m. throughout Lent.

What are you giving up this Lent? Why not add something? St. Stephen's offers daily Mass Tuesday-Friday, Sunday Evensong (Lent I), Two Bible Studies, and Stations of the Cross each Friday. The Sacrament of Penance (Confession) is also available by appointment or before or after any daily Mass.

On a final note, our Administrative Assistant, Nancy Barrett, recently entered the gates of Larger Life. Nancy served St. Stephen's, the Diocese, Province, and APA for nearly 10 years. Her death has left a void for those who worked with her on a daily basis as well as the many people she came in contact with in her various capacities. May She Rest in peace and Rise in Glory.

Obviously, Nancy's death has caused a bit of chaos in the office. Nancy was very efficient and would often work 7 day a week. Her system, however, was her own. Thus, we are in the process of reorganization. Please be patient with us!



S. Timothy's, Charleston, SC

The men of Saint Timothy's ~ Charleston prepared their usual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, pictured below, left. There was a fundraising ladies Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 28th ~ pictured below, right ~, which was a day of fasting and abstinence itself, and required a dispensation from the Bishop. \$800.00+ was raised. We are awaiting the Bishop's visitation on Passion Sunday.



Trinity, Port Charlotte, SC

Bishop Stanley and Janet Lazarczyk are now back in southern Florida. Bishop Stan is supplying regularly for Trinity ~ Port Charlotte, the ACC's outpost on the west coast.

Reflections

“By the cross we, too, are crucified with Christ; but alive in Christ. We are no more rebels, but servants; no more servants, but sons!”

- Frederic William Farrar

~Taken from The Winge'd Bull, the newsletter of Saint Luke Parish, Augusta, Georgia
