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THE PARISH LIFE

The monthly newsletter of Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, Jackson Tennessee

FROM YOUR RECTOR... by the Reverend Sean Ferrell



In May and June we welcomed four new members in the sacrament of Holy Baptism, Gioia Marie Carp, William Stone Hamilton, Phoebe Kate Manners and Gracelin Nichole Robinson - a festive moment in the life of our congregation. This was a real grace note for us as a congregation and fruit of our life together as family and friends gathered around the font to welcome these four to the new life of grace in the household of faith.

This grace note comes as a real tonic amid difficulties that so many of us are facing in these uncertain times. Whether it be a personal health concern, or financial or employment difficulties because of the national economic downturn, we seem to be collectively experiencing the pinch right now.

In May, your vestry sent out a letter asking for your assistance with debt retirement. This letter was sent out to members old and new who were unable to assist with our original capital campaign associated with rebuilding our nave following the May 4, 2003 tornado.

In the 2 1/2 years that I have been your rector, we have allocated significant amounts of money out of our annual operating budget for the purpose of debt servicing. That allocation has ranged from \$12,000 - \$24,000 each year and it has cut significantly into our ability to fund programs in our operating budget. With the economic downturn, that operating budget has been pared back even further. We have downsized to survive. Of course that means that the sooner we can retire the debt, the more able we will be to appropriately fund our operating budget.

The amount needed to retire the debt is \$75,000, a very reasonable sum given the beauty and splendor of our beloved nave, and considering the damage inflicted. As I write to you today, \$13,000 has been committed to debt retirement. Friends, if you are able to give in these difficult times, I ask you to consider giving out of the bounty that God has given to you to help retire this debt.

With your help, as we press forward to retire this debt, we are going to work and pray that we can do so with a purpose much greater than, as I said above, survival. Churches -- or for that matter people or any groups -- that are focused on survival are likely not to be healthy.

I believe we need to be radical (from the Latin, *radix* meaning *root*). We aren't an institution that is obsessed with survival, we are a community of faith to which each of us has come or been called to be disciples. Jesus chose a group of friends and other unlikely souls to be trained to live according to his teachings.

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THE LECTIONARY: YEAR B

July 5, 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 2:1-5 • Psalm 123 •
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 12, 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-15 • Psalm 85:8-13 •
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 19, 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6 • Psalm 23 •
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26, 8th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 4:42-44 • Psalm 145:10-19 •
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

**USHERS AND GREETERS
NEEDED**

We are in need of more volunteers to be Ushers and Greeters for the Sunday services. The more names we have on this list, the less frequent our volunteers have to serve. If you are willing to serve at either service please call the parish office at 731-424-0556.

**IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE
AS OF MAY 31, 2009**

Pledged To Budget 2009 \$302,422.00
Needed Year-to-Date..... 126,009.19
Received Year-to-Date..... 116,028.31
Income Surplus (Deficit) (9,980.88)
Needed Monthly25,201.87

Please make every effort to keep your pledges current throughout the year.

YOGA CLASS

Yoga Class continues on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Hope to see you at class. Please call Peggy Bogard at 664-7593 for additional information.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A Bible Study led by The Rev. Dr. Gene Davenport will resume July 14th.

The Wednesday morning Bible Study will resume in the fall.

The Upper Room Class will resume on Rally Day with the History of Christian Theology.

FROM YOUR RECTOR...

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The world needs us now more than ever. In an anxious time, we need to connect with the joy of accepting people (including ourselves) for what we and they are, and living enough in the moment to realize that there really are graceful things and people with us along the way.

In the coming weeks and months, we'll continue to do that with passion and new emphasis. We'll have the opportunity to continue to focus on the radical nature of God's love for us, this city of Jackson that we serve, and the time in which we live.

I think it will be more adventure than challenge. I hope you'll throw yourself into it.

OUR GRACE NOTE - THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Baptisms on Pentecost and the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost -

Upper Left - Donald Carp, Gioia Marie Carp, Fr. Sean, Janie Giles Carp.

Upper Right - Fr Sean with Gracelin Nichole Robinson.

Bottom - Fr. Sean with William Stone Hamilton and Phoebe Kate Maners.

A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to Jerry Holt, Kevin Youngberg, Greg Petrinjak, Nathan Kendrick, Chris Wheeler, Steve Daniels, Loni Harris and Susan Francisco for all the hard work in the gardens with special note of hard work put in on June 13th. The grounds are looking wonderful due to each of your efforts. Please take the opportunity to thank them personally for all of their hard work!

GENERAL CONVENTION 09

This triennial event will take place July 8 - 17. Bishop Johnson and the West Tennessee deputation will travel to Anaheim, California, for General Convention, July 8 - 17, 2009. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel. To keep up with what's happening during the event, visit www.episwtn.org to read the Bishop's and deputies' blogs and to access the official Media Hub. A post convention wrap-up meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 29, from 6:30 to 7:45 at St. Mary's Cathedral, 700 Poplar, Downtown Memphis. All are invited to attend.

THE SILENCE IS DEAFENING!

There have been only 10 respondents to the recent call for participation in our Capital Campaign. What an amazingly depressing number! We all have obligations, and we all realize these economic times are challenging to say the least; but 9 respondents out of 201? Maybe the message was not clear. Allow me to re-try to state the urgency of this need on behalf of the Vestry:

At the time of our initial Capital Campaign in 2005, we had many parishioners who could not become a part of the 5-year campaign. Since that time we have had numerous new members join St. Luke's. Given the fact that our pledges fall short of the debt service, the Vestry issued a plea for all non-contributors to re-think their involvement, or lack thereof. The goal was set to raise \$75,000; and we have raised only \$13,000 of that amount.

All we have - whether it be a lot or a little - comes from above. I pray you will agree with me and the Vestry that it's time to return some portion of our blessings to this church we all love so dearly. A one-time gift or a two-year pledge will help. Please become a part.

You may make your commitment by calling the church office to request a Pledge Card if you've misplaced yours.

Thank you!

Jimmy Harrison
Capital Campaign Worker

ECW SUMMER GATHERING



Upper left - Pat Craig, Lana Petrinjak, and Ginny DeWitt gather around the food table. Upper Right - Pamela Brown and Mary Glenn Hartup listen to the presentation. Lower Left - Lyn Wheeler and Laura Lecher talking with others. Lower Right - Lyda Kay Ferree and Mary Glenn Hartup converse.

HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE HOUSE

Have you been wondering about Holy Grounds Coffee House? Are you staying away because you think it's a Beatnik Bible Study? Holy Grounds is all about viewing local art, listening to live music, drinking coffee, visiting with friends, and eating cake from Dumplin's. And it's all FREE! So come join us the last Friday of every month from 8-10 pm. This month it will be on July 31st.

THE JULY

ALTAR CANDLES

are given to the glory of God
in thanksgiving for St. Luke's Church

by Fred and Lina Bowyer.

JULY ALTAR SUPPLIES

are given to the glory of God
in thanksgiving for all
the Foyer groups at St. Luke's
as a thank you for making us feel wel-
comed into the church family

by Archie and Tanya Wright.

2009 ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR CANDLES, AND ALTAR SUPPLIES

Please note that the 2009 Altar Flower, Altar Candle and Altar Supplies Calendars are on the bulletin board by the elevator. We have a few reservations already so be sure to sign up for your dates to provide altar flowers and candles as soon as possible.

To provide candles the cost is \$20 paid to the church with the honorarium in the newsletter. To provide altar supplies (i.e., wine and wafers) the cost is \$75 paid to the church with the honorarium in the newsletter. Providing these items will help us to defray the costs. Please indicate on the memo line of your check that the purpose is for the altar so we may properly credit these donations on our books.

To provide the altar flowers, you will call the florist of your choice and make the arrangements for your week (reminders are sent in the mail a week before!) and then you call the parish office to give us the honorarium information for the *Parish Notes*.

PLEASE NOTE....


The Vestry will meet Monday, July 20th at 5:30 p.m. in the library.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

If you are not receiving "Church News," the diocesan newspaper, and would like to be added to their mailing list, please contact the Parish Office at 424-0556.

The deadline for the August "Parish Life" is **July 19th.**

July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 4:00 p.m. Yoga Class 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m. Choir	2	3	4 Independence Day 
5 5th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist	6 Parish Office Closed in observance of Independence Day	7	8 4:00 p.m. Yoga Class 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer	9	10	11
Fr. Sean on Vacation						
12 6th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Canned Food Collection	13	14 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	15 4:00 p.m. Yoga Class 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist	16	17	18
Fr. Sean on Vacation						
19 7th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist	20 5:30 p.m. Vestry	21 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	22 4:00 p.m. Yoga Class 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist	23	24	25
26 8th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Paper Recycling	27	28 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	29 4:00 p.m. Yoga Class 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist	30	31 8:00 p.m. Holy Grounds Coffee House	

July 2009

		Eucharistic Ministers	Lay Readers & Lectors	Acolytes	Ushers & Greeters	Children's Church
Wed., July 1	5:30 p.m.	Mary Beth Seltzer Amy McLean	Mary Beth Seltzer			
Sunday, July 5	8:00 a.m.	Tommy Rhoads	Vicki Lake	Jonathan Kendrick	Nancy Godbold & John Moss	
5th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 a.m.	Gus Middleton Tommy Rhoads Andrea Alexander	Ron Canter Emily Canter	Rachael Flynt Alexis Wehn Ann Elizabeth Garrard	John & Jackie Foxx Nathan Kendrick & Gene Davenport	Amy Kendrick Cindy Kost
Wed., July 8	5:30 p.m.	Loni Harris	Loni Harris			
Sunday, July 12	8:00 a.m.	Bruce Hamilton John Moss	Emily Canter	Greg Petrinjak	Leila Frankland & Vicki Lake	
6th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 a.m.	Steve Daniels Greg Petrinjak Jimmy Harrison Jim Craig	John Caterina Nancy Caterina	Hamilton Moore Jenny-Lyn Caterina Jessica Endicott	Jerry & Dawn Griffith Lee Sparks & Archie Wright	Liz Garrard Pat Craig
Wed., July 15	5:30 p.m.	Peggy Bogard Andrea Alexander	Peggy Bogard			
Sunday, July 19	8:00 a.m.	Loni Harris Nancy Pechacek	Bruce Hamilton	Jeff Beard	John McCutchen & Susan Hayes	
7th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 a.m.	Tommy Rhoads Hamilton Moore Gus Middleton	Jim Craig Tricia Booher	Donna Boren Frances Chandler Alexis Wehn	Pepper & G. G. Bray Patrick & Janet Eisenmenger	Debbie Torstrick Nikki Chalk
Wed., July 22	5:30 p.m.	Jimmy Harrison Jim Craig	Jimmy Harrison			
Sunday, July 26	8:00 a.m.	Peggy Bogard Andrea Alexander	Hamilton Moore	Steve Daniels	Owen & Sue Gwathmey	
8th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 a.m.	Jimmy Harrison Jim Craig Steve Daniels Greg Petrinjak	Janie Giles-Carp Lee Sparks	Hunter Thompson James Head Hamilton Moore	Tommy & Gail Hedgepeth Tom & Ginny DeWitt	Amy Kendrick Lynn White
Wed., July 29	5:30 p.m.	Tommy Rhoads	Tommy Rhoads			
Sunday, August 2	8:00 a.m.	Bruce Hamilton John Moss	Nancy Pechacek	Greg Petrinjak	Fred Bowyer & Reggie Weaver	
9th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 a.m.	Mary Beth Seltzer Amy McLean Gus Middleton	Jerry Griffith Dawn Griffith	Rachael Flynt Anne Elizabeth Garrard Jenny-Lyn Caterina	Chris & Lynn Wheeler Bob & Fran Beare	Nikki Chalk Cindy Kost
Wed., August 5	5:30 p.m.	Mary Beth Seltzer	Mary Beth Seltzer			

If you are unable to serve at your appointed time please find a replacement and notify the parish office of the change.



RIFA NEEDS FOR JULY

SNACK-BACK-PACK PROGRAM

Fruit Cups / Fruit Juice Drinks
Canned Spaghetti/Ravioli / Mac & Cheese
Pop Tarts / Raisins

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Commercial Size Cans Green Beans
Commercial Size Cans Corn
Commercial Size Cans Sweet Peas
Commercial Size Cans Pork & Beans
Ground Beef / Spaghetti Noodles
Instant Lemonade
Plastic Forks/Spoons

PANTRY

Peanut Butter / Canned Meats
Jelly / Dry Noodles
Cereal / Canned Pasta
Canned Fruit / Evaporated Milk

OTHER NEEDS

RIFA sends food home each weekend for almost 300 needy children through the snack-back-pack program. The community kitchen is currently serving an average of 165 people per day. RIFA also passes out nearly 200 sacks of food per month. These numbers will increase with the weak economy.

We ask that you please remember the needy when you are filling your shopping cart. This is a small way that everyone can help and individual contributions add up to a big help to those less fortunate.

This is a primary and vital part of Saint Luke's outreach to the wider Jackson community. Your assistance with any of the three RIFA programs is helpful.

Please bring your items to the church and place them on the table outside the Library or in the red wagons in the Narthex. Items will be collected on the second Sunday of each month. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 424-0556.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of more office volunteers. We are currently short of volunteers due to illnesses and family obligations and need extra people. Also, with the staff vacations and illnesses, we will need more help. Trudy is currently on crutches and finding some tasks rather difficult to perform. Hopefully this problem will be resolved soon but will likely be a few weeks. In particular we need someone all day on July 9th. The duties for volunteers revolve around answering the phones and the door, sending out notices in the mail, stuffing inserts into bulletins, making phone calls to parishioners and if you have computer skills, sometimes typing various projects, such as loading paper in the copier and distributing items around the building. Many days are quiet and require only answering the phone and door, others are hectic and will keep you busy. If you are able to help, please call the parish office so we can put you on the rotation. Thanks for your continued help.

ANNUAL CHURCHMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee will hold their annual gathering August 14 - 16 at Dubose Conference Center in Monteagle, TN. Visit www.episcopalchurchmen.net for more information and registration forms.

THE DIOCESE OF WEST TN HAPPENING #46

SEPTEMBER 4 - 6, 2009

Happening is a Christian experience presented by teenagers for teenagers with the help of clergy and lay adult leadership. The purpose of Happening is to provide a Christian Experience program to be one of the instruments within the Anglican Tradition to renew the Christian Church in the power of the Holy Spirit, in order that the Church may respond more readily to its call to spread the Kingdom of God throughout the world. Happening seeks to achieve this purpose by bringing young persons and adults to a fuller personal knowledge of and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and to a deeper level of commitment and apostleship.



Happening is open to any student in the 10th - 12th grade. This year's Happening will be Labor Day weekend, September 4 - 6. Registration is on a first come first served basis. Completed applications (forms and money) are accepted in the order they are received until the Happening is full or the deadline date is reached. Any incomplete applications received after the Happening deadline or after the Happening is full will be returned. Only 7 youth from each parish are allowed to attend at any one time. You must be sure to get Fr. Sean's signature on your application when you have filled it out for it to be considered complete. The cost is \$85 and the deadline is Friday, August 21, 2009. You can find applications on the bulletin board by the elevator. If you have any questions about Happening events, please talk with your youth leaders, Mary Beth Seltzer and Lee Sparks or call the parish office at 731-424-0556.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed Monday, July 6th for Independence Day.

NEW FOYER GROUPS BEGIN AUGUST

New Foyer Groups will begin in August and run through November, 2009. Foyer Groups are an easy and enjoyable way for parishioners to get to know one another—especially newcomers and folks who go to different services-- in an informal social setting.

Each Foyer Group is usually composed of eight adults: three couples and two single people. Once each month, over a four-month period, group members meet at one another's homes (or sometimes at a restaurant) for a simple dinner, to get to know each other. Group members take turns hosting the dinners (usually held on a Sunday or Saturday evening) from about 6-8 or 7-9 p.m. At the end of each period, new groups are formed, to enable members to get to meet other people from St. Luke's. Members are automatically assigned to a new group at the appropriate time, unless they no longer want to participate.

Each Foyer Group has a convener/conveners, who contact the group members and set up the dates for dinners. If you are interested in joining a Foyer Group, please sign up on the sheet provided near the parish office or contact Jerry and Dawn Griffith, who serve as Coordinators for the groups. If you are interested in joining a group, or have questions about them, please give them a call at (731) 668-4048.

We hope that many of you will join or rejoin us for this enjoyable activity.

SAINT LUKE'S SCAVENGER HUNT

In our ongoing series, *the Saint Luke's Scavenger Hunt*, we're inviting you to

see if you recognize objects found at Saint Luke's and their location. If you've never seen this item before, take a few minutes and look around to see if you can find it. The location will be published in the next edition of *The Parish Life*.

The answer for the June scavenger hunt is as follows: This was the bench in the hallway between the Commons and the Nave.



SPECIAL THANKS TO...

...Evelyn Kipp, Debbie Torstrick, Angela Williams, Dolores Moore, Lyn Wheeler, Gayle Hartsfield and Gail Hedgepeth, Anne Wade, Mary Beth Seltzer, Ann Flynt, Victoria Crews, Susan Hayes and Regina Haynes for helping in the office.

...Henry and Evelyn Kipp for taking snack-back-pack items to RIFA and Pat Craig and Peggy Bogard for taking canned food items to RIFA.

...Jerry Holt for his continued hard work collecting and delivering paper for recycling.

...Jeff Beard, Steve Daniels, Chris Wheeler, Greg Petrinjak, Tommy Rhoads, Brent Lecher, Tom DeWitt and Lee Sparks for keeping our lawn mowed.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 2	Keith & Peggy Tomes
July 3	Steve & Sue Daniels
July 6	Fred & Lina Bowyer
July 10	John & Harriet Ross
July 16	Jeff & Trudy Apple
July 18	Lorne & Kat Semrau
July 19	Tom & Ginny DeWitt
July 30	John & Carroll Moss
July 31	Don & Valerie Howarth

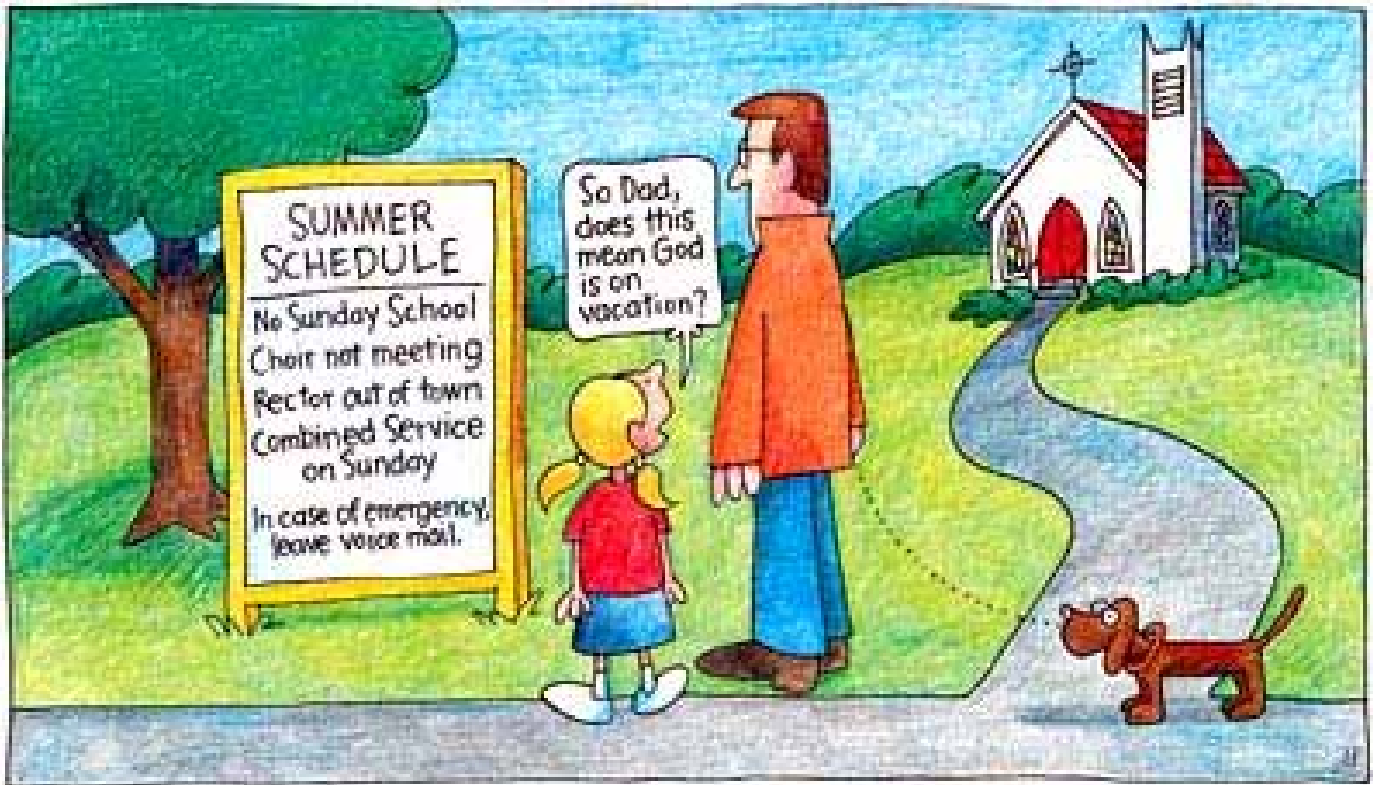
JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 4	Peter Livelli
July 5	Evelyn Kipp
July 6	Ed Dugger
July 9	Jeff Beard
July 9	Stephanie Foxx
July 9	Jan Hamilton
July 10	Eleanor Garrard
July 11	Peggy Tomes
July 12	Pepper Bray
July 12	Andrea Grimbball
July 12	Christopher McCrudden
July 13	Lynn White
July 15	Norma Greer
July 16	Margaret Kemp
July 16	Fielden Torstrick
July 18	Austin Wright
July 19	Donna Butler
July 20	Doris Martin
July 20	Irvin Rainey
July 21	Charlie Flynt
July 23	Karen Creasy
July 23	Karlie Head
July 23	John McCutchen
July 24	Madison Bruno
July 25	Jeff Apple
July 25	Jacob White
July 26	Melanie Kayal
July 27	Victoria Crews
July 27	Tanya Wright

BAPTISM DATES AHEAD...

The Book of Common Prayer recommends five dates for Baptisms... The Great Vigil of Easter, Pentecost Sunday, All Saints' Day, The Baptism of Jesus, and when the Bishop visits. Other dates may be scheduled, but these dates bear special significance to Baptism on our calendar.

The next service that will include Holy Baptisms will be the All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1. Please contact the Parish Office if you have someone to be Baptized.



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