



The Missioner

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“Something About Mary” (From the *Really Good Questions Box*)

This question came from the question box some time back is one, which I’ve been asked quite a few times. So, I thought it might do to answer it in the Newsletter. The question is: “What is the Episcopal Church’s view on the Blessed Virgin Mary?”

The truth is that the Episcopal Church has a mixed relationship to Mary. Certainly like the Council of Ephesus (431 CE) we would affirm that she is the mother of Jesus, and in this is the *Theotokos*: or “God-bearer.” This is the title given her because of the orthodox belief that Jesus is both human and divine, and likewise the Second Person of the Trinity. That’s to say, the Episcopal Church would pretty much affirm the theological statements about Mary from the early Ecumenical Councils of the Church.

Where the relationship is tenuous is when we consider the Protestant heritage of the Episcopal/Anglican tradition. In other words, with the rejection of *Mariology* in the Roman Catholic Church, Protestantism has taken a strong stance against veneration of Mary, while still affirming her role as the mother of Jesus. For the most part, Mary is not considered divine, or of any particular importance in and of herself. However, because the Anglican ethos is considered *Via Media*, or a “Middle Way” between Protestant and Catholic; we find that traditionally the view of Mary is a bit more conciliatory than that of most Protestant denominations. So, for instance, we maintain some Marian Feast Days which emphasize more of her relationship to Jesus, rather than her own life and role. We dedicate our churches in Mary’s name—often calling them “St. Mary...(whatever).” And while Marian veneration is not an overt part of the tradition, there are many who continue Marian devotion as a practice of personal piety.

The point is, Mary is (for the most part) recognized for all that she is in the Gospel narratives, and for much of what the Church has historically affirmed about her. Certainly the general view about Mary in the Episcopal Church is one of respect and honor—however, still maintaining the kind of careful theological circumspection inherent in the Protestant tradition. Yet, as I have already said, this is not the only view, and there remain many within the tradition who maintain a strong devotion to Mary as the “Blessed Virgin.” Such is the diversity of our denomination, I suppose.

Peace,

Fr. Matt Humm+

Bishop's Committee News

Bishop's Committee News for October 2015

Bishop's Committee convened for the regular monthly meeting on alternate date: Sunday, October 18th due to lack of quorum for the October 14th meeting.

Accepted Minutes and Reports as presented.

- Finance reports for September: Large pre-pay of a pledge has helped off-set deficit, and they are working on accounting for over-paid pledges. Pension payment; Housing Allowance and Insurance are upcoming expenses. Moved \$10,000 from contingency to cover payroll and expenses. Plans to look into electronic pay option for pledges.
- Clark Davis to lead Stewardship drive. Letters and pledge cards to be distributed by hand on Sunday October 25th, remaining letters to be mailed. Ingathering planned for November 22nd.
- Clergy Report: Attendance has not taken an up-turn yet. We had 1 Wedding in October. Formation on Wednesday evenings continues to be well received. Fr. Matt attended the annual Clergy Conference, and reported the sessions to be very informative.
- Warden Report: Facilities Committee to receive description of their role and responsibilities. Will meet to begin identifying facilities needs.
- Outreach Report: Syrian Refugee request was generously met. Items have been sent to a variety of places to aid refugees. Reminder of upcoming Rummage Sale.
- Parish Life: Tuesday Evening Radio Theater continues throughout October. A very creative and cool event. Fall Fest upcoming.

Discussed...

- Bishop's Committee discussed moving to a "Consent Agenda" model for meetings. This would bundle committee reports and minutes into a single agenda item. These documents would be distributed a week prior to the meeting for any questions or comments. Discussion is held over for meeting conversation, however, reports and minutes are accepted if there are no comments or issues. The committee hopes to utilize meeting time for planning and vision.
- Recruitment for openings on Bishop's Committee has identified one confirmed candidate, and a second potential candidate. There are 3 openings for 3-year terms, and 1 unexpired, 1-year term to be filled.
- Andrea Mysen to lead our annual Mutual Ministry Review this year. Date for conversation potentially set for November.

Took Action...

Carolyn Hall named and accepted as Clerk of the Bishop's Committee.

Next Bishop's Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 6:30 PM.



Time



Talent



Treasure

St. John - 2016 Stewardship
Supporting Mission and Ministries at St. John's

Reply cards greatly appreciated and accepted
now through November 22, Stewardship Sunday.

Thank you! Contact: Clark Davis

Worship & Formation



CHURCH SCHOOL

Schedule this Month: November 8 & November 22

Time: during 10:30 AM Sunday Service

Ages: 3—11

Where: In Parish Hall

Contact: Ellen Hill



Diocesan Convention is November 20-21

[The 178th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago](#) will take place on Friday, November 20 and Saturday, November 21 at the [Westin Lombard Yorktown Center in Lombard](#).

The theme of this year's convention is "Love Heals," inspired by keynote speaker Becca Stevens and her ministry with Magdalene House and [Thistle Farms](#).

Learn more on the [website](#), download a [preliminary convention schedule](#) and stay tuned for more details.

Wednesday Evening Service & Formation

November Schedule: 11/4, 11/18 & 11/25

Time: 7 PM

Contact: Fr. Matt Humm



All are invited to join Centering Prayer at 8:00 AM each Saturday morning in the church.
Contact: Charity Humm



St. John Youth Group

The last couple of months have been great fun at youth group! Recently we have gone to pack meals at Feed My Starving Children and had our Halloween costume party! We also received a lovely note from the pastor from the church we did the bake sale for a few months ago! They are all so grateful and are touched that we wanted to help them. If anyone is interested in reading the note it is pinned to our youth group board in the church hall.

We look forward to a holiday season full of fun activities as well as service projects. If anyone is interested in joining youth group please come join us every third Sunday of the month at 6:30PM!

I'm also still looking for any new volunteers that would be interested in getting involved with our group. The more the merrier!

Thank you all again for your continued support.

-Kim McElheny



November Lectionary

Date	1st Lesson	Psalm	2nd Lesson	Gospel
November 1	Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9	Psalm 24	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
November 8	1 Kings 17:8-16	Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
November 15	Daniel 12:1-3	Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
November 22	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Psalm 93	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
November 29	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalm 25:1-9	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36

Parish Life

Fun & Fellowship at the Chili Cook-Off And Fall Fest!



Congratulations
Chili Contest Winners

1st Place (Tie)
Erin Gotts "West Side Chili"
Tom Moore "Justin's Chili"

2nd Place (Tie)
Humm Family Chili
Carol Phillips "Mystery Chili"



Sun, fun, food and fellowship were abound during last Sunday's Chili Cook-off and Fall Fest! Hope you all enjoyed the wonderful afternoon filled with lots of laughter, visiting and eating...YUM!

Thank you to all our all chili cook-off chefs, it was a wonderful spread! A note of appreciation to all those that brought potluck dishes and sweet treats too! Would like to recognize these volunteers that help make this wonderful event happen: Katie Boyle, Doug Tierney, Todd Sheetz, Lillian Hensley, Art Pesavento, Kim McElheny, Erin Gotts, Charity Humm, Pam Carter, Fr. Matt, Ruth Kozlowski and Beth Pesavento.

Parish Life Con't



Note of Gratitude for continued service to the mission here at St. John's...

- Doug Tierney for painting a fresh coat of red paint on the entrance doors and mailbox of Montgomery Parish Hall.
- Jan & Gene McElheny for reviving life back into our coffee pot system.
- All the folks that have vacuumed, wiped, dusted, scrubbed and cleaned the church.
- To Hospitality Group for hosting / set-up of Sunday Coffee Hours and Parish Events.
- Parish Nurse / Health Ministry Lead: Lee Moarn.

Fall Rummage Sale nets \$2,446.70 in proceeds last week!

My heart is full thinking of all the wonderful people who came forward to help make the October Rummage/Bake Sale a huge success.

That's right, I'm referring to those of you who:

- offered the use of their trucks to bring in furniture, etc.
- packed and unpacked the trucks,
- set up the tables in the hall,
- brought in oh so many items for sale,
- worked diligently in sorting and pricing said items,
- staged the room so that it was inviting to the customers,
- assisted customers during the two-day sale,
- and last, but definitely not least, all the delicious baked goodies so many of you made.

Of course, we can't forget the slew of people who showed up to help pack and clean up the hall after the sale. This entire event took at least 30 people (I call them angels) to help make it a success...and the best part was all the fun and laughs we had!

BLESS YOU ONE AND ALL!!!! THE FINAL FIGURE WAS \$2,446.70.

Judy Broud



Outreach

RADIO THEATER MYSTERIES



The Tuesday night radio theater series this October was a wonderful time. We greatly appreciate all of those who came out to support us with this new idea. The church provided great ambience for the spooky radio tales and new homemade treats were available each week for purchase. Everyone's generosity helped make this a great success and we were able to not only bring in a little money for the church but also bring in some new faces. It was a pleasure meeting new people who heard about the series in the newspaper and they have shown interest in coming to future events. Thank you again for everyone who helped!

We hope to do this again next year.

Keep an eye out for another Tuesday night series in December that will have a Christmas theme!

Thank you all again,
Kim McElheny and Derek LaCosse

Lockport Food Pantry - November Schedule of Suggested Items for Donations



Nov. 1: beef stew

Nov. 8: ravioli / SpaghettiOs

Nov. 15: flour / sugar

Nov. 22: instant mash potatoes

Nov. 29: tuna fish

Thank You!

Youth Group Fundraiser



Order Kringles
Don't Miss Out!!!!

Our Holiday Kringles are the famous Danish pastries from Larsen Bakery, Racine, WI. These True Danish "Kringles" are light, tender pastry dough, filled with fruit or nuts, formed in sumptuous rings, then topped with creamy icing or glazed sugar. Only the finest ingredients, including generous portions of choice pecans, fresh fruits and golden Wisconsin creamery butter are used in the creation of these delectable Old World treats. Don't accept any imitations!

KRINGLES

Freeze and serve them anytime! Each Kringle is a generous 18 oz. pastry
Price: \$9.00 each / 3 for \$26.00

How Many of Each?

- Almond, Apple, Apricot, Blueberry, Cheese, Cherry, Chocolate, Custard, Date, Lemon, Pecan, Pineapple, Raspberry, Strawberry, Turtle

All orders must be in NO LATER THAN this Sunday, November 1st, 2015.

Orders will be available for pick-up on Friday, November 20th from 12 Noon-3 PM.

Or call Jan McElheny for a special pick up time @ 630-776-3409

Payment due with order.

Make Checks Payable To: St. Johns Episcopal Church

Name: Phone: ()

Street: City: State: Zip:

E-Mail:

Total Kringles: Total Cost:

Thank you for supporting St. John's Youth Group!

OFFICE USE - DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

CASH \$ CHECK # TOTAL AMOUNT \$

Reminder: Pickup is Friday, November 20th from Noon - 3:00p.m. at:
St. John's Church, 312 East 11th Street, Lockport, IL (corner of Washington and 11th Streets).
Kringle's will also be for sale at Christmas Crossroads @ Lockport East High School Field House
Sat., Nov. 21 8:30 AM - 5 PM
And Sun., Nov. 22 - 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

November Birthdays

Nance Rohloff 11/4
 Art Pesavento 11/7
 Peggy McCarthy 11/11
 Betty Kucera 11/16
 Frank VanAllen 11/16
 Connor McCarthy 11/18
 Gerry Huddleston 11/19
 Tim Williams 11/19
 Alex Stewart 11/24
 Mary Stewart 11/28
 Oliver McCarthy-Rea 11/30

November Anniversaries

Guy and Cheryl Alton 11/25
 Thomas & Kathryn Groebe 11/28

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

Kirsten K., Josh, Mark, Therese D. and the Dowd & Kelly Families.

And all those with terminal illnesses, their families, and those caring for them.

*** Please contact the office if any of the above information changes.*

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 Calendar: [Calendar - Google](#) E-mail: office@stjohns-lockport-il.org



November's - Humor & Smiles Corner

Q. How many Episcopalians does it take to put in a light bulb?
 A. Three. One to put in the light bulb; one to make the martinis; another to talk about how much prettier the old light bulb was.

Crew, Louie, 101 Reasons to be Episcopalian,
 Morehouse Publishing, Harrisburg, 2003, xiii

Some Helpful Resources For Daily Prayer

For Daily Prayer www.missionstclare.com
 For Daily Reading satucket.com/lectionary
 Episcopal News www.episcopalcafe.com
<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens>
 Facebook [St.John the Evangelist Episcopal Church-Lockport, IL](#)
 Diocesan Website episcopalchicago.org
 National Church episcopalchurch.org
 Parish Connections stjohns-lockport-il.org
 Twitter [@forwardinchrist](#)

Important Dates to Remember

November 1All Saints, Daylight Savings Time Ends
Kringle Order Forms Due
 November 4.....Daughters of the King @ 10:30 AM
Prayer Shawl @ 11:30 AM, Worship & Formation @ 7 PM
 November 7.....Centering Prayer @ 8 AM
 November 8.....Church School @ 10:30 AM
 November 10.....Standing Committee
 November 11.....Lockport Prayer Warriors @10:30 AM
Bishop's Committee Mtg @ 6:30 PM
 November 14.....Centering Prayer @ 8 AM
Morning Star Mission Lunch Svc @10:30 AM
 November 15.....Youth Group @ 6:30 PM
 November 18.....Daughters of the King at 10:30 AM
Prayer Shawl at 11:30 AM
LHAMA Mtg at 11:30 AM
Worship & Formation at 7 PM
 November 20 & 21Chicago Diocese—Convention
 November 20.....Centering Prayer @ 8 AM
 November 22.....St. John—2016 Stewardship Sunday
Church School @ 10:30 AM
 November 25.....December Missioner Content Due
 November 26.....Thanksgiving (Church Ofc Closed)

Staff

The Rev. R. Matthew Humm, *Priest*
 Kyndel Trejo, *Organist*
 Jill Crisman, *Church Secretary*
 Open *Sexton*
 Open, *Sr. Warden*
 Leona Davies, *Jr. Warden*
 Carolyn Hall, *Clerk*
Bishop Committee Members
 Rob Brennan 16 Steve Masters 17
 Lee Moarn 16 Tom Boyle 18
 Art Pesavento 16 Scott Ruphard 18
 Roberta Beaudoin 17 Wendy Stewart 18
 Open, *Sacristan*
 Ellen Hill, *Christian Education*
 Open, *Ushers*
 Rob Brennan, *Marketing*
 Lee Moarn, RN,BSN,FCN, *Health Ministry*
 Wendy Stewart, *Daughters of the King*
 Lillian Hensley, *Hospitality*
 Julia Matile, *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist
Formation (2 & 4th Sunday)

WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist
7:00 PM Worship & Formation

Mission Statement of
St. John the Evangelist Church

“The mission of St. John the Evangelist Church is to incarnate our Baptismal Covenant as we worship and praise God through the Sacraments of the Church, proclaim the Gospel in word and action, promote Christian fellowship and spiritual growth, and encourage all members to live their lives for the benefit of all God’s people.”



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