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The Protestant Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
The Right Reverend Philip Duncan, Bishop

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FROM THE RECTOR:

Dear Ones,
This month, I turn over my column to Bishop Duncan:

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Wednesday

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the Standing Committee meeting in the Diocesan Office on the 30th of July, I called to begin the process of orderly transition of Episcopal leadership for our Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. In effect, I announced my intension to retire.

As the Third Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Coast, I have been and continue to be blessed in this journey with you. It is a privilege and a joy to serve as your bishop in this part of "The Vineyard." As the beginning process for the election of the Fourth Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, the date for the Consecration has been set for Saturday, the 25th of July 2015, when The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori will be with us to ordain my successor; I in turn will hand over the Diocesan Crosier to my successor and our fourth bishop. As I begin my retirement, I will have been ordained 45 years and will have been your bishop for more than 14 years. In December of 2014 I will celebrate my 70th birthday and it seems right to me, while I am still healthy and have Kathy's support, to exercise Episcopal ministry in a different way, as we begin this new phase of our life and ministry together.

The Standing Committee accepted my request, has met with The Rt. Rev. F. Clayton Matthews of the Office for Pastoral Development, and will begin to establish the appropriate procedures in moving forward in this process. The Diocese will be kept fully informed throughout this transition.

Prayer has been a vital part of my decision. I have fought with both the angels and the demons and believe I have reached this place of relative peace (not calm). I am facing the call to retire and seeking a new way of being a bishop. My decision to retire has been liberating and empowering. I now will enjoy with the Standing Committee, the time of preparing us all for the coming of the Fourth Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.

During the following two years, I will continue to love being with you during pastoral visitations, Confirmations, meeting with vestries and clergy, and all the aspects of our common life together. These occasions bring us closer to the fulfillment of what God in Christ calls us to become. I am grateful for your support in the exercise of my ministry as your bishop, and ask your prayers as we move forward in our common life and ministry together, seeking the person whom God will send to us. "Be not anxious for God is already there where we are going and Christ will welcome us into the Kingdom." In His grace and peace, I am,

*The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Duncan, II
Third Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast*

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Paul Jones

Bishop Paul Jones was an advocate for peace and became Archdeacon of the Missionary District of Utah in 1914. He was elected bishop in 1916. World War I was raging and Bishop Jones was outspoken, saying, "I believe that the methods of modern international war are quite incompatible with the Christian principles of reconciliation and brotherhood." He was forced to resign his see in 1918 by his colleagues in the House of Bishops because his stand was unpopular. He continued to advocate for peace until his death in 1941. We will commemorate his life of service at our 10:00AM Mass on 4 September.

Holy Cross Day

On Saturday, 14 September at 5:00PM, we will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross. Eusebius tells us Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, discovered the True Cross buried at Golgatha. She was entrusted by the emperor to build suitable housing that would inspire and attract veneration of the relic. Helena's work stands today as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This day, we honor the implement of execution that brings us life and salvation.

Edward Bouverie Pusey

Edward Bouverie Pusey was the acknowledged leader of the Oxford Movement, reviving High Church teachings and practice in the Anglican Communion. Pusey, along with John Keble and John Henry Newman produced *Tracts for the Times*, discussions of the rationale for the catholic revival and practice. We will commemorate him at our Said Mass on 18 September at 10:00AM.



Saint John's wishes to extend a sincere thank you to those who made donations in memory of the following:

Saint Matthew

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist will be commemorated on Saturday, 21 September at a Said Mass at 5:00PM. Legend holds that Matthew the Tax Collector became a disciple of Jesus and later wrote an account of the life and works of Jesus. We know this today as the Gospel of Matthew.

Sergius of Moscow

Civil war in Russia in the 1300s forced Sergius' family to move to a farm outside Moscow. At 20, he and his brother took up a secluded life which became the foundation of the Monastery of the Holy Trinity. He became a national hero for supporting Prince Donskoi in the overthrow of the Tartar overlords. Sergius is remembered by Anglicans as a namesake of the Fellowship of St. Alban and St. Sergius, which promotes closer relations between Anglican and Russian churches. We'll remember Sergius of Moscow on 25 September at our 10:00AM Said Mass.

Saint Michael and All Angels

One of the Major Feasts of the Church, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels at our Said Mass on Monday, 30 September at 12:10PM. Angels have found a place in contemporary society with many identifying a personal guardian angel. But angel comes from the Greek "*Angelos*" which means "messenger". This day we commemorate all the messengers and agents of God throughout the course of history.



Dorothy Wohler
Roy & Marjorie
Duhon
Sandra Wilson
Alberta Cieutat
Geraldine England
James Christiansen

Patrick J. Ponder
Ben Schmerbauch
Precious Bache
Geri Moulton



Vestry

The Vestry did not meet in August.

FOURTH SUNDAY POT LUCK: IT'S TAILGATING TIME!

It's time to kick-off our fourth Sunday Potluck events. For our first one of the season we are going to have a Tailgating Party, St. John's style.

We'll wear our favorite college colors. We'll be inside rather than out in the parking lot. We'll bring our favorite tailgating foods...and we'll have a wonderful time.

So start thinking about what types of goodies you are going to bring. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

See you there!



INTRODUCTION TO THE ART OF PAPER COLLAGE

If you would like to try your hand at this avant garde art form, this is your opportunity. Jim Hayward is offering this beginning class which will include a brief history of collage, an examination of collage examples, and "how to" instruction on collage making.

Everyone who signs up will be making a collage. There is no cost for the class. We do ask that you bring your own scissors, a willingness to learn, and plan on having some fun.

The class will meet on Wednesday, September 18, at 10:45AM (after the 10:00AM Mass) at St. John's, and continue on successive Wednesdays until everyone finishes their project. Time will fly, so plan on about a 2 hour class.

See Jim at church to sign up, or call him at (251) 509-4294 by September 10. Class size is limited to 8 people.

Interested, but can't make the daytime class because of work or other commitments? Let Jim know. If there is sufficient interest, we would be happy to add an evening or Saturday class.

VENTURE CREW NEWS

The guys have had a pretty busy summer:

- Sebastian Weaver passed his board of review and is our newest Eagle Scout. He is the seventh out of seven and is the final member of the crew to earn this prestigious honor. Sebastian will be shipping off to basic training in the Navy in a few weeks.
- Jennings Halliday won a full music scholarship to Faulkner State and has already started classes.
- Sam Escobio was on staff at the National Jamboree in West Virginia. He was one of 200 Order of the Arrow Trek Guides that led troops on a hike to Grand Garden Mount. They calculated that this group of Arrowmen alone logged in over 32,000 miles during the two weeks of Jamboree.

The scouts are selling popcorn this year to help raise money for a trip to Stone Mountain in December. If you see one of the boys with an order form in hand, please consider supporting their efforts.

The crew will also be on hand to cook when breakfast resumes on September 8th.

-- Scott Escobio

SEPTEMBER 2013 AT SAINT JOHN'S

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Pentecost 15 10A HE	2 830A MP	3 830A MP	4 Paul Jones 830A MP 10A HE+Uction 7P Choir	5 830A MP	6 830A MP	7
8 Pentecost 16 830A Breakfast 9A SS 10A HE 1130A Vestry	9 Nativity of the BVM 830A MP 1210P HE 7P Gloria Dei	10 830A MP 6P Winning Solutions	11 830A MP 10A HE 7P Choir	12 830A MP 1210P HE	13 830A MP	14 Holy Cross Day 5:00P HE
15 Pentecost 17 9A SS 10A HE 1130A Parish Picnic	16 830A MP 7P Gloria Dei	17 830A MP	18 Edward Bouverie Pusey 830A MP 10A HE 7P Choir	19 830A MP	20 830A MP Newsletter Deadline	21 Saint Matthew 5:00P HE
22 Pentecost 18 9A SS 10A HE 1130A 4 th Sunday Potluck	23 830A MP 7P Gloria Dei	24 830A MP 6P Winning Solutions	25 Sergius of Moscow 830A MP 10A HE 7P Choir	26 830A MP	27 830A MP	28 9-4 MMTA Recitals
29 Pentecost 19 9A SS 10A HE	30 Saint Michael & All Angels 830A MP 1210P HE 7P Gloria Dei	HE = Holy Eucharist MP = Morning Prayer SS = Sunday School				

LECTIONARY AND ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER 2013

Date Service	1 September HE-II, EP-B	8 September HE-II, EP-B	15 September HE-II, EP-B	22 September HE-II, EP-B	29 September HE-II, EP-B
Lectinary Day	Pentecost 15	Pentecost 16	Pentecost 17	Pentecost 18	Pentecost 19
Color	C Proper 17 RCL GC Green	C Proper 18 RCL GC Green	C Proper 19 RCL GC Green	C Proper 20 RCL GC Green	C Proper 21 RCL GC Green
Lessons	Sirach 10:12-18 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-11 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31
Greeters	Melissa Brown	Connie McLean	Thelma Lomers	Joan-Marie Elam	Connie & Bob Anderson
Lectors	Eugene Johnston Janet Buckley	Scott Escobio Connie Anderson	Geri Moulton Budd McLean	Mary Sheffield Ron Waites	Kathe Grieseler Connie Anderson
Eucharistic Ministers	Butch Yeager Connie McLean	Mary Sheffield Ron Brown	Connie McLean Connie Anderson	Eugene Johnston Connie McLean	Paula Ross Geri Moulton
Eucharistic Visitor	Paula Ross	Eugene Johnston	Ron Waites	Ron Brown	Paula Ross
Altar Guild	Irene Yeager Donna Waites	Marie Brown Lorraine Murray	Marie Brown Lorraine Murray	Pat Fulford Cindy Gass	Pat Fulford Cindy Gass
Vestry Teller	Wilmer Mayson Butch Yeager	Connie McLean Bootsie Ciutat	Chris Gass Cindy Gass	Nikki Shaw David Jones	Butch Yeager Wilmer Mayson
Nursery	Nikki Shaw Denise Dunham	Pat Fulford Butch Yeager	Jennifer Tarantole Andrew Lee	Cheryl Winters-Heard Connie Anderson	Connie McLean Cindy Gass



BEN'S LIGHTHOUSE

Episcopal Relief & Development's U.S. Disaster Response Program doesn't only respond to natural disasters — we also reach out in the wake of human tragedies like the December 14, 2012, mass shooting in Newtown, Connecticut. Sadly, one of the children killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School was a parishioner, Ben Wheeler, who attended Trinity Episcopal Church.

In the months since this horrific event, Episcopal Relief & Development has been assisting the Trinity community in launching Ben's Lighthouse to help address the trauma felt not only by those directly affected, but by many others throughout the Newtown area. Named in honor of Ben's love of lighthouses, the project is marked by a 20-foot, custom built wooden lighthouse, which now stands proudly in front of Trinity.

Open to every child and youth in Newtown and surrounding communities, Ben's Lighthouse provides counseling for children and parents dealing with grief, anxiety or post-traumatic stress, and runs programs designed to support, uplift, and nurture children in a non-violent and caring culture.

Contributions to the Ben's Lighthouse Fund will assist dioceses responding to recent human tragedies, and donations will help sustain vital year-round preparedness and response work. Gifts can be made online at www.episcopalrelief.org, by calling 1.855.312.HEAL (4325) or by mailing a check to Episcopal Relief & Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

Elsewhere in the Diocese

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE OCTOBER 4-6, 2013

The Diocesan Fall Conference on Women's Ministries is scheduled for October 4-6 at Beckwith. Check in the church office for flyers and registration materials for this annual event.

Katerina Katsarka Whitely will be the keynote speaker. A native of Thessaloniki, Greece, Katerina immigrated to the United States at age 16 to study music and literature. She has taught communication courses at Appalachian State University and has worked as a church journalist, both on the diocesan and national levels. She is the author of many books, including a Greek cookbook.

"Jesus expects us to be the light of the world and I try to remember this always. Writing, for me, is a response to the Light," Katerina says.

The Saturday afternoon workshops will include the altar guild session featuring the Rev. Albert Kennington, entitled, "The Altar Guild Book of Why," which is also the title of his book. He will explore the whats and whys of the items Episcopalians use in worship.

The Parish Nurse Network will offer a timely program, "Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia: Coping Strategies for the Present and our Future," open to all, and available for CEUs for healthcare provider participants. The presentation by Dr. Melinda Henderson will be augmented by a panel focusing on sources and strategies for dealing with caregiver stress. Presenters include the Rev. Marie Butterbaugh, the Rev. Thack Dyson, and Leslie Hahn, RN.

The cost for the weekend event is \$170.00 for a double and \$217.00 for a single room. The conference only fee is \$88.00 which includes six meals for commuters.



PHOTOS NEEDED FOR THE NEWSLETTER!

Don't you enjoy having pictures in the St. John's newsletters? If you carry a camera to church events, please send photos to llove@stjohnsmobile.org.



Regina & John Molyneux	09/02
Dana & Scott Escobio	09/07
Carrie & Glenn Fairley	09/09
Donna & Ron Waites	09/17
Irene & Butch Yeager	09/29



Ron Brown	09/06	Hannah Tarantole	09/19
Alice Schablinski	09/09	Neil McPhail	09/20
Barbara Vann	09/12	Jerrold Sheffield	09/20
Becky Youngblood	09/13	Thelma Lomers	09/22
Lavelle Ollhoft	09/19		



For healing grace and continued strength, we pray for our members:

Matt Mattoon, Eugene Johnston, Sandra Wilson, Bud McLean, Gordon Moulton, Joyce Lee

For our Homebound:

Ray Campbell, Doris Cunningham, Mae Dunn, Corinne Faust, Lois Hamby, Nell Kirk, Violet Kosko, Margie Mattoon, Jane Moore, Mary Lou Varnes, Catherine Warren, Chick Wohlert

For victims of war and their families, and members of our Armed Forces and their families:

Eric Mattoon, Cheryl Garner

For our Friends and Family:

Evia Daniel, Dennis McCants, Angela White, Ashley Garris, Rick Sundie, Regina Fielder, Brandy Greer, Ray Michel, Preston Stevens, Carol Hubbard, Danny Melton, Emily Steiner, Larry Kent, Warren Bishop, Jim Cieutat, Robby Shelton, John & Pat Cranton, Dot Trehern, Gabe Pippin, William & Barbara Dorsey, Steven Garner, Andrea Murray, Anna Marie Brown, Betty Chenoweth, Mark Stiber

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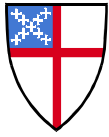
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Sunday:

9:00AM Adult and Youth Christian
Formation

10:00AM Holy Eucharist

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10:00AM Holy Eucharist;
Healing on the 1st
Wednesday of the month.

Other Feasts and Holy Days are
observed throughout the year; please
see our website for the latest schedule.

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