



The Eagle's Nest

St. John's Episcopal Church

June 2016

Padre's Pen

We begin our summer of Sundays with the outdoor Eucharist at Spittler Woods for the Parish Picnic. The Collect for Proper 5 that day asks Almighty God to assist us with his inspiration to think those things that are right and by his Grace for us to do them. This often times means that he expects us to do some things (that we may not otherwise be inclined to do) when it means the building up of the body of Christ. In the Gospel lesson for that Sunday, Jesus makes unexpected moves. He heals the servant of a Centurion, a member of the occupying forces! And then he journeys beyond Israel to pagan Nain and raises a young man from death in compassion for the dead man's mother. There is such a great difference in assuring our self that we are "right" (and have a right to righteous indignation) and actually being right (as in what would be right in God's eyes). So we are bold to ask God to help us to both think and do right.

The next Sunday we pray for God's mercy (his gift of faith and love) so that we may have the wisdom and courage to proclaim his Truth and to work toward his justice with compassion. The one Truth to ponder is not just that God loves us and sent his son to die for our sins that we may evermore dwell with him; but that God loves those who we encounter and that Jesus died for them also! As our Patron Saint, John put it, "...and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:2b) So the Pharisees exhibited the self-

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righteousness that come from human nature in judging others while our Lord tried to point out that God loves all of his creatures. It is by our faith that we are saved, yet our job as a result of this joy is to help others to know God's love. God's love can sometimes be a parental "tough love" but we still exercise it with compassion.

On the third Sunday in June, we recognize our need for God's perpetual love as well as a reminder of our need to display a holy reverence for his Name. In our Gospel lesson for that Sunday, we should be taken aback that through the Scriptures we see more of a readiness for unclean spirits to acknowledge God than for his people to do so. Jesus has no problem acceding to the request of the legion of spirits because he knows what God the Father has in store for them. The reaction of the people is hardly one of reverence for his Holy Name! They ask him to depart. We see several instances of people reacting thus to the presence of the almighty, "depart from me for I am a sinful man..." "woe is me for I am a man of unclean lips", etc. But to ask Jesus to leave their vicinity is not in keeping with having a reverence for his name. Recognizing what God has done for us in our life, do we have a reverence for his Name?

We close our month of Worship with a reminder that our Lord built his Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets. With Jesus the Christ as our cornerstone all that we do should reflect our individual status as a holy temple acceptable in his sight. In the Gospel for this last Sunday in June, we find four examples of those who would follow Jesus. James and Johns had already earned their nickname "Sons of Thunder" when they asked to call fire down from heaven and consume the

Samaritans who would not receive Jesus. In rebuking them we learn that our place as his Disciples is not to protect and to defend him. God can protect and defend himself without our defenses based upon human understanding. He came among us to show us the Father in his self-less and parental love. He teaches us that he lives in us as we live in him and that our deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus can change us into the very Living Temples that he can abide in. This summer stay steady (study) in God's word, do not neglect our corporate Worship and build yourself up as a living temple, holy and acceptable in God's sight, which is your spiritual worship.

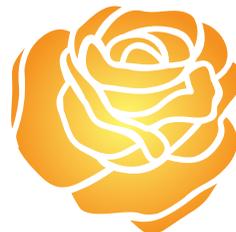
Have a safe and happy Summer! See you in Church!

In Christ's love,
Fr. Swan.

Peripatetic Parishioners

Bob and Judy Ellison attended St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Glen Ellyn, Illinois on April 24th to celebrate the Confirmation of their granddaughter, Grace Ellison, with the other family members in attendance as well.

Rod Washburn attended St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in New Harmony, Indiana on May 1st with other family members.



Favorite Recipes

ARTICHOKE RICE SALAD WITH SHRIMP (OR) CHICKEN

1 4.3 oz. wild rice flavor (rice and pasta mixture)
 1 6 oz. jar of marinated artichoke hearts – quartered
 ½ C. mayonnaise
 ½ any color sweet bell pepper – chopped
 3 to 4 green onions – chopped (both white and green parts)
 12 to 14 pimento-stuffed green olives – sliced
 1 t. curry powder
 Salt and pepper to taste
 1 lb. medium shrimp or 1 lb. chicken – cut into pieces

Spray a skillet with cooking spray, brown the rice and pasta mixture (do not add the butter that the recipe suggests). Add the water and seasoning packet according to the package directions.

Drain the artichoke hearts and reserve the marinade. In a small bowl, whisk the marinade and mayo to combine. Add the artichokes, bell pepper, green onions, olives, curry powder and salt and pepper and mix.

Cook the shrimp or chicken as you would normally do.

Add the artichoke mixture to the rice and pasta mixture. Gently stir in the cooked meat. If serving as a salad, chill until ready to serve. You may also serve as a casserole dish – preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Place the mixture in 2 ½ casserole dish and bake for

20 minutes or until heated through.

Submitted by Marv Swan

ALFREDO SAUCE

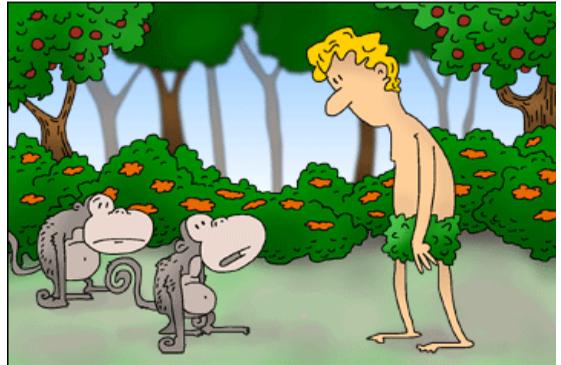
1 Stick butter
 Garlic and Pepper to taste
 2 C. heavy whipping cream
 1 beef bouillon cube
 ¼ to ½ grated parmesan cheese

Melt butter – dissolve the bouillon cube in the warm butter and add pepper and garlic. Slowly add the cream and cook until desired thickness. Add the cheese and stir until melted and creamy.

This is really yummy with chicken breasts marinated in Italian salad dressing and then grilled served on linguine or fettuccini with the sauce.

Submitted by Carol Johnson SCB

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Mark Your Calendars

There is a calendar of events listed on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for the month. The sign-up sheet for flowers and the Sanctuary Candle is on the bulletin Board outside the Nave in the Cloister.

June 5th – the Annual Parish Picnic and Eucharist at Spittler Woods

June 28th - the Annual Red Cross Blood Drive from Noon until 5:00 PM

Serving Opportunities

Any interested youth or adult over the age of ten interested in becoming an Acolyte, please contact James Keith or Father Swan.

Education Opportunities

ADULT STUDY

Friday Bible Study continues at 10 AM on Friday in the Guild Room. We recently began studying the Book of Exodus. Come and join us!

The Sunday class recessed for the summer. We do have a summer homework assignment that sounds interesting. If you are interested, please contact Chris Gregory.

A suggestion from Renewal Works workshops is a monthly Wednesday Adult Study (Like the Lenten Series) this will begin on May 25th.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Recessed for the summer.

Outreach

ADOPTION CLUB NEWS

St. John's Adoption Club members continue to sponsor six children through ChildFund International. The children, their families, and communities benefit from the assistance and services. Recently we agreed to support these children in general rather than support one child or one-fourth of a child, per se. Therefore, letters from the children will be posted on the Outreach bulletin board for all members who regularly attend church to review. Copies will be sent to those who do not or live further away. I hope that you will take a look and see what we're helping with and maybe join us. Because of these changes there is no minimum commitment for new members. Any donations will be aggregated to support our kids. If you are interested, make out a check to St. John's and put ChildFund in the memo section. If you have any questions, contact me. Thanks. Lynn Currie, 876-9997, mrlynn@lynncurrie.com.

Reminders:

Mindy Chadwick would like to have an Outreach committee meeting, Please let her know if you are interested.

External: We are still gathering food items on Sunday for NE Community Fund. Please remember to bring an item with you. It is so easy if you just throw an extra item in your cart when shopping for yourself. Items most needed are: peanut butter, cereal, canned meats, canned "meals", cereal, rice, beans.

Parish Nurse Notes

June 2016

Susan Currie, RN

Our annual Red Cross Blood Drive is coming up this month, Tuesday, June 28th, 12:00 to 5:00. As in the past, the blood drive will be held in the Parish Hall of St. John's Church. I encourage all who are able to donate blood to do so. Those who are not able to donate blood are a great benefit to help with publicity and working on the day of the event. Help is needed to move tables and chairs before and after, greet and register blood donors, maintain the snack area and see that each donor gets something to eat and drink. The Red Cross staff will arrive about 11:00 for set up. Red Cross provides snacks but additional food is welcome.

The donation process takes about 1 hour and 15-30 minutes. Appointments may be made but are not required. However, people who have appointments are taken before walk-ins. Appointments may be made online at www.redcrossblood.org, by calling the church office (428-4461) or by calling your parish nurse (Susan Currie 217-876-9997). I will talk to LaVetta frequently to coordinate appointments and update the Red Cross on-line schedule.

I will be receiving promotional information and schedules during the early part of June. If you would like to have information to take to your place of work or social group, let me know and I will get it to you.

About 80% of the blood collected by Red Cross is collected at community blood drives such as ours. Blood cannot be manufactured. The only way to provide blood for life saving transfusions is from donors such as us.

It would be helpful to have at least 4

volunteers, each for 1 ½ or 2 hours between 11:00 and 6:00. A signup sheet will be posted in the parish hall or see/call Susan Currie.

Vestry Meeting Highlights

The Vestry met on May 18th. Kathy reported that the photo sessions went well on the 23rd and 24th of April; 12 attended the chili supper/game night on the 30th of April; on Ascension Eve., May 4th, 24 of us had dinner at Doherty's after the Eucharist (we had a surprise visit from Randy and Patty Kampfe that evening and they joined us for dinner); the children's Sunday school had their last day on May 8th and blessed the congregation with singing during the Offertory; on May 14th, 44 participated in the Road Rally/Scavenger Hunt – we all had fun!; on May 15th, we honored 5 graduates and many wore red for Pentecost Sunday. Ken's report (via Fr. Swan) included that the lifts have been inspected; the missing shingles on the roof have been replaced by Craftmasters; the new phones have been installed and that we will have WI-FI within a week or two; we are obtaining a new quote for the St. Mary's Hall trim; the fence on the east side of the Parish Hall needs repaired. Ken Jordan is taking a new position in Texas so there will be a vacancy on Vestry, and Parish Warden. The Vestry voted to appoint Dick McCullough to fill Ken's term and elected Jim Peoples as Parish Warden.

Next Vestry Meeting

Vestry will recess for June and July. Father Swan will meet monthly with the Wardens and Treasurer.

News Flash & Updates

We received a thank you from the Diocesan UTO Chairman acknowledging St. John's generosity. We collected \$606.00. The funds will benefit many throughout the world with the annual grants from UTO.

REMINDER: Our Parish Nurse, Susan, set up those of us who have signed up to prepare meals on mealtrain.com for Harley and Jayne when she was released from the hospital. It is an amazing tool. We were able to log in and see who had signed up for what date, what they were preparing and add any notes if needed. There was also information as to their address and phone number, the preferred time of delivery and any special dietary needs or restrictions. It was so "user friendly". If you have a need for us to cook for you, please let Susan know so we can activate a site for you. Also if you would like to be added to the list of those who cook, please let me (Marv) know.

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

June 5th – Church outdoor Eucharist and Picnic.
Jim and Barb Peoples Co-Chairs

August 20th – Mix & Mingle here at St. John's.
JoAnna, Debbie and Roger Co-Chairs

September 11th – Ice Cream Social. Sandy Roe
Chairman

September 25th or October 2nd – Michaelmas
Evensong. Marv Chairman

October 1st – Blessing of the Animals.

October 8th – Brats Party. Roger and Debbie
Hunt, hosts

December 11th or 18th - Lessons and Carols.
Melissa and Megan Co-Chairs

December 28th – St. John's Patronal Feast
(Wednesday). Plans to be determined

January 22nd, 2017 – Annual Meeting

Holy Days in June

Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm and Saturday at 7:30 am we meet for Eucharist. It is our custom to honor a memorable figure in the life of the Church down through the ages. For June, we will give thanks to God for these faithful servants:

Saints Days for June:

Wednesdays

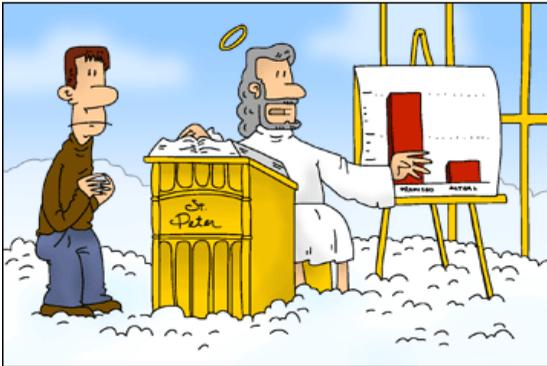
June	1	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	8	Boniface of Mainz
	15	Basil the Great
	22	Alban of Britain
	29	St. Peter & St. Paul

Saturdays

June	4	The Martyrs of Uganda
	11	St. Barnabas
	18	Bernard Mizeki
	25	Nativity of St. John the Baptist



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Birthdays



- 3rd- Ann Metz
- 4th- Christine Gregory
- 5th- Elizabeth Curlin
- 6th- Alexander Kidd
- 9th- Kathy Phillips
- 10th- Brandon Pilger
- 11th- Susan Kramer
- 15th- Patricia Sammons
- 19th- Jackson Cole
- 23rd- Aurelia Cole
- 28th- Melinda Chadwick
- 29th- Kylie McCullough



St. John's graduates on June 15th.



OUTDOOR EUCHARIST & PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH

PLACE: Spitler Woods Park

TIME: After service. We will have church service at Spitler Woods Park at **11:00 am** with the picnic to follow. (There will still be a 7:30 am Rite I service in the Nave.)

COST: \$3 per person; \$10 per family

Fried chicken and drinks will be provided; we are asking that you bring salads, vegetables or dessert.

You are welcome to bring your own lawn chairs.

**Make your reservations with
Marv Swan or Megan Jordan.**

*We need cakes for the cake walk.
Please contact Barb Peoples
for more details.*

