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THE BELLS

FROM THE RECTOR

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OCTOBER EVENTS

SATURDAY 1-

Blessing of the Animals 10 AM

SUNDAY 2-

Breakfast 8:30 AM-12 Noon

MONDAY 10-

Vestry 7 PM

SUNDAY 16-

Daughter's Meeting 11:30 AM

TUESDAY 18-

St. Luke, Evangelist 12 Noon

FRIDAY 28-

Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles 12 Noon

SATURDAY 29-

Fall Attic Sale 7:30 AM-1 PM

SUNDAY 30-

Christ The King

Men's Club Meeting 11:30 AM

Dearly Beloved,

As September comes to a close, and the peak of hurricane season passes, I want to thank all of you who gave generously for hurricane relief. This parish sent \$2606.70 to our Diocese to help our parishes and their communities in their need. Bishop Grundorf asked me to spearhead where all the money went and I would like for all of you to know that all the funds went directly to parishes and people directly affected or involved in relief efforts. Some of the churches that received relief funds were Holy Spirit, Mobile, AL, St. Stephen's Church, Jackson, MS (where our former rector, Fr. Basil, is the rector), St. Luke's Church, Baton Rouge, LA, and St. Joseph's Church, New Braunfels, TX. Sadly, Fr. Michael Osborne of Hattiesburg, MS, who was no longer

in the parish ministry, was murdered in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, as he was out searching for a part for a broken generator. Whether this occurred due to car-jacking or robbery, the police do not know and no suspects have been identified. Some of the funds were directed to his family. Also, Fr. Baker Turner, one of our retired priests, lived in Slidell, LA, and we still as of this writing have been unable to locate him. Please pray that he found his way to family before the storm. We are presently assessing the impact Hurricane Rita had on our parishes.

National, and worldwide, tragedies such as the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, hurricanes, tsunamis, and earthquakes always grab our attention. And since the advent of 24 hour news channels, we

are inundated with these tragic scenes to the exclusion of anything else. As Christian people, however, we must not lose sight of the need directly beside us, the "everyday" tragedies that abide with us always. Remember the scriptural injunctions to care for the poor among us. "If there be a poor man...in thy land..., thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother. But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him..." (Deut. 15:7-8) "Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me." (Matthew 19:21). Jesus also made it clear that the poor would always be among us (Matt. 26:11, Mark 14:7, John 12:8). It follows then that we, as Christian

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Monday-Friday
8:00 AM to 2:30 PM

FROM THE RECTOR CONTINUED

people, will always be caring for the poor and needy among us. "Among us" is the operative phrase here. The poor and needy that we are to care for are the ones that are actually with us. In other words, we should not just "throw money" at a problem. We must involve ourselves with those less fortunate than us, whether it is the person next door, the homeless guy under the overpass, or the baby infected with HIV. The list of course goes on and on. I encourage all of you to live out your life of faith by volunteering in some way, shape, or form in caring for those less fortunate than us. Remember, we partner with The Lord's Place in its efforts to care for the homeless of our community and we have our sister parish of St. Yves in Cap Haitien, Haiti, where the poorest of the poor live in our hemisphere. These two groups are just a place to start when thinking about how your time, your skills, and your wealth can be used to care for those who have not

had our advantages or some disaster in life has brought them to grief.

Show forth Christ's love by caring for these fellow human beings that God has put beside us. Ignore them not, for if you do you put your immortal soul in danger! There is terrible wrath promised those who fail to care for the poor and needy (Ezekiel 18 & 22, Amos 4 & 8). My intent here is not to scare you or guilt you into something. This is just reality. The poor and needy are here for a reason: for us to care for them. God has commanded us to do so and I think that should be reason enough. Whenever you involve yourself with those less fortunate than yourself the following scripture verse becomes true: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 15:4)

May Almighty God bless you all,
Erich+

THE BELLS—ARTICLE DEADLINES

Please remember that the deadline for submission of articles is the 20th of the month prior to issue month. We welcome all submissions, and reserve the right to edit for clarity and space. Thank you.

HOLY DAYS

Saturday, October 1—The Blessing of the Animals - 10 AM
Tuesday, October 18—St. Luke, Evangelist - 12 Noon
Friday, October 28—Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles -12 Noon

Check out our website: www.stmarydelray.org

THE DAUGHTERS



A quote on Love by St. Augustine—
"He who is filled with love is filled
with God himself."

Our first meeting was very well attended as we welcomed back everyone from summer. We voted on and adopted By-Laws for our group. The Daughters have decided to start off our year with many good works for St. Mary's. We will donate \$100 to the Youth Group to kick off their year and to thank them for their generous help to us. We will also donate \$250 to the women's group of a parish that was lost due to Hurricane Katrina.

Our new projects will begin with the Fall Family Festival scheduled for Saturday, October 29. We will meet Thursday evening (5:30-7:30 PM) and all day Friday to complete the set-up for Saturday. We need as many volunteers as can help on each of the days. More helpful hands make for easier work and we have so much fun anyway!

We will be raffling off a beautiful Christmas tree skirt and a Christmas basket. We are asking each Daughter to bring a Christmas item for the basket to our next meeting.

The Christmas Pageant tickets have been passed out and we have reserved two buses to take us down to Ft. Lauderdale from church. The cost will be \$15.00 per person which will include the

tip for the drivers.

For the Twelfth Night Party on Thursday, January 5, 2006 everyone was asked to bring some Victorian ideas to share (table favors, tree decorations, etc.) We want to get an early start before the busy holidays.

We decided again to have our Tea and Book Review in February 2006. Please bring suggestions for a book to read for the next meeting. Remember ladies that we have those beautiful dishes in the kitchen to use this year.

Our annual fashion show and luncheon will be in May 2006 and decided to have a family theme this year. If you have a favorite shop that you frequent for men's, ladies and children's clothes, please ask them if they would be willing to show their fashions at our luncheon.

Our joint project, "A Thank you to St. Mary's Spaghetti Dinner," with the Men's Club was fabulous and we served over 82 dinners. We plan on doing it again next year! What a great time everyone had!

Lastly, please note that our next meeting will be on Sunday, October 16, at 11:30 AM.

Remember that all women are "Daughters" so we invite you to join us.

Faithfully,
Linda Moritz

MEN'S CLUB



Hello Again! The Men's Club Breakfast is returning on the First Sunday of the Month starting on October 2, 2005. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and missed the monthly event and are

looking forward to the great food and good fellowship. Please be sure to invite everyone. If you know of someone who cannot afford it, don't worry! They will be our guests.

Remember all men of the parish are members of the Men's Club and are invited to our meetings and

are also invited to participate in the monthly breakfast to show off their cooking and presentation talents. We are always in need of additional assistance.

Our meetings are the last Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM and the Breakfast is the first Sunday of the month 8:30 AM to 12 Noon. We will look forward to seeing you there.

Faithfully always yours,
Gerry Lewandowski

OCTOBER 2005

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Notes: MP=Morning Prayer EP=Evening Prayer HC=Holy Communion						1 10 AM Blessing of the Animals
2 Trinity XIX 8 AM & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM-12 Noon Breakfast	3 9 AM-MP	4 9 AM-MP	5 9 AM-MP 6:30 PM-HC 7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Bible Study	6 9 AM-MP	7	8
9 Trinity XX 8 AM & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Sunday School Rector's Forum 11:30 AM Confirmation/Inquirer	10 9 AM-MP 7 PM-Vestry	11 9 AM-MP	12 9 AM-MP 6:30 PM-HC 7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Bible Study	13 9 AM-MP	14	15
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30 Christ The King 8 AM & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Sunday School / Forum 11:30 AM Confirmation/Men's Club	31 9 AM-MP					

BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

- 3 Diana Frederick
 7 Jean Snyder
 8 Patricia Griswold
 17 Joyce Haight
 26 Catherine Bishop
 28 James Snyder
 29 Ginger Nasipak
 29 Theresa Edmonds
 29 Richard Powali

“Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world.”

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ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

- 5 Albertus & Wilhelmina Vander Meer
 6 James & Margaret Vosteen
 9 Jay & Linda Philpott
 9 Harold & Jessie MacCowan
 28 James & Theresa Edmonds

PARISH PRAYER CORNER**Parish Prayer Lists****Parishioners**

Dottie, Mary, Aly, Norma, Reggie,
 Lorna, Joan, Michele, J.P., Gladys, Alma,
 Madeline, Jarrod, Justin, Arlene, Dorian,
 Gloria, Betty, Linda, Richard, priest, John.

Family, Friends, and Others

Annette, Ellie, Jesse, Melanie, Donna,
 Tim, Brenda, Joey, Larry, Dario, Frank,
 Lorraine, Craig, Donnovon, Taneisha, Ed,
 Carole, Jacquelin, Herbert, Nora, Manuel,
 Stephie, Mark, Andrea, Lilia, Bianca, Jon,
 Audrey, Randell, Ginny, Jean, Roger, Pat,
 Irene, Wynne, Christina, Philip, Lenny, Ilya,
 Jack, Nelson, Patti, Richardson family,
 Raymond, Gail, DeShannon, Nicole.

October Provincial Prayer Cycle

King of Glory Church, Fargo, ND

The Rt. Rev'd George Fincke, Vicar

Christ the King, Dayton, OH

The Rev'd Wayne M. McNamara, Rector

Trinity Church, Mason, OH

The Rev'd Peter Manto, Rector

St. Michael's Church, Broken Arrow, OK

The Rev'd Jack Bradberry, Rector

St. Aidan's Church, Oklahoma City, OK

Steven Bittle, Layreader

Christ Church, East Portland, OR

The Rev'd William Klock, Vicar

Holy Cross Church, Alpine, TX

The Rev'd Jesse Boyd, Interim Vicar

All Saints Church, Amarillo, TX

The Rev'd Doug Sangster, Vicar

St. Stephen the Martyr Church, Carrollton, TX

The Rev'd Charles Moncrief, Vicar

Providence Church, Corpus Christi, TX

The Rev'd Benjamin Bernier, Rector

Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX

The Rt. Rev'd Ray R. Sutton, Rector

St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, Houston, TX

The Rev'd Canon James T. Payne, Rector

Church of the Holy Trinity, Houston, TX

The Rev'd Brad A. Colvis, Rector

Chapel of St. Matthias, Katy, TX

The Rev'd Jason R. Grote, Vicar

St. Francis Mission, Spring, TX

The Rev'd Dr. Curtis I. Crenshaw, Vicar

Good Shepherd Church, Tyler, TX

The Rev'd Walter Banek, Rector

Trinity Mission, Waxahachie, TX

The Rev'd Joe R. Funk, Jr., Vicar

Providence Church, Weatherford, TX

The Rev'd Dr. Robert Himes, Rector

Christ Our Hope Church, Lawrenceburg, TN

The Rev'd Mr. Franklin Sanders, Vicar

St. James Church, Memphis, TN

The Rev'd Keith Boettner, Vicar

CHOIR NOTES



MEET OUR NEWEST CHOIR MEMBERS

Kathie Weiss has been singing soprano with us for a year now. She came to St. Mary's in January of 2004 with experience in and a love for church choirs. Kathie has been involved with music since childhood, studying classical piano and singing whenever she had the opportunity. After majoring in Theater at Northwestern University, in Evanston, IL, she worked with the Children's Community Theater in Kansas City for 20 years. Her occupation is being a Home Companion for elderly shut-ins, and she is the proud mom to two grown sons, who live with their families, one in Coral Springs, and the other in Seattle, Washington.

Becky Koszalinski also came to us last year, and serves well in the alto section. She sang with the chorus of the University of Wisconsin, with the Louisville Chorus, and with a Worship

Team in Colorado. You see her husband, Scott, and her son, Brad on the altar frequently. Scott serves as Layreader; during the week he is an engineer with Jarden, in Boca Raton. Brad serves on the altar, and attends school at King's Academy. Becky teaches Nursing at the Kaiser Career College, and runs a personal business out of their home in Boynton Beach.

Jay Philpott is our newest member, having just begun with us this season. Jay has an extensive choral background and we are enjoying his service in the bass section. He currently sings with the Boca Raton Singers, and previously sang with the Fairfax Choral Society, Fairfax, VA, and with a Catholic touring group, Una Voce. He has sung with many church choirs, which gave needed relief from his work as Tax Attorney, from which he is retired. He and his wife Linda have found St. Mary's to be friendly and welcoming, and serious about doing God's business.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER



Classes began on September 11th. This year our children are learning The Seasons of the Church Year. Each of our lessons has activities which help to reinforce the message of the lesson.

Both children and teachers are really having fun each Sunday. What a blessing for everyone!

Come one and all, ages 4-12 at 9 AM on Sunday mornings!

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Anyone, couples or individuals, interested in playing the card game of contract bridge for fun and fellowship, please call parishioners Jay and Linda Philpott at 561-241-8329.

NEW MEMBERS

This past month we welcomed into our parish family

**Linda Elizabeth and Jay George Philpott, Jr.
Joanne and Jay Rubinstein**

A HISTORY OF THE ANGLICAN PROVINCE OF AMERICA

We continue here with the history of our Anglican Province of America by Fr. Mark Clavier, Rector, All Saints Church, Arden, North Carolina.

BIRTH IN MOBILE: PART II

It was in an atmosphere of confused retreat that the American Episcopal Church (AEC) was born in March of 1968. At that two-day meeting in Mobile, Alabama, it was agreed that a new body was needed in order to preserve traditional Anglicanism. Afterwards, lay delegates from that meeting established small parishes in Mobile, New Orleans, Birmingham, Cincinnati, and West Palm Beach, with embryo groups in Charleston and Huntington Beach. At that time the fledgling AEC numbered no more than a couple hundred souls.

Despite their suspicious view of bishops, the founders of the AEC recognized that in order to be "episcopal" they had to have bishops. As no bishop at this time had stepped forward to lead the AEC, the National Vestry decided that it would have to get one of its own men consecrated. It was, therefore, a top priority of the founders to find a validly ordained bishop willing to consecrate a bishop for the AEC. Although the Episcopal bishop of Lexington, Kentucky, William Moody, showed great sympathy, in the end he could do nothing. The Bishop of Nassau and the Bahamas offered to ordain anyone who could get to his cathedral. Finally, J.C. Pillai, a native of South India, offered to consecrate the first AEC bishops. James George became the first bishop of the AEC in December 1968.

The difficulties facing our fledgling church were enormous. The all-powerful National Vestry was dominated by an oligarchy of major funders who clashed frequently with Bishop George. The Canons of the church were impossible to justify on Anglican grounds. The source of episcopal orders from a single bishop of unusual background drew attacks from Episcopal clergy. Members of the infant church knew what they opposed but had little vision for the future. Finally, desperately short of clergy, men had to be ordained with little or no training or background. At the start of 1969, the future of the AEC looked bleak.

CRISIS AND TRANSFORMATION: PART III

In 1970, Archdeacon Tony Clavier was elected suffragan to Bishop George and consecrated the following day in 1970. At the same time, however, open conflict broke out within the AEC over canonical reforms which resulted in court battles. Shortly thereafter, the National Vestry disbanded sending the AEC into a serious financial crisis. Until the summer of 1970, all the clergy were paid from central funds controlled by the National Vestry. These funds were no longer available. Bishop George, now living in Spartanburg, SC proposed that parishes or groups of parishes take on the support of individual clergy. When he was opposed, he suddenly resigned. Once again the AEC was left with only one bishop and on August 29th, 1970, Bishop Clavier was elected bishop of the Diocese of the Eastern United States and leader of the American Episcopal Church. Refusing the title "Archbishop," he took instead the title, "Primus," used in the Scottish Episcopal Church by its senior bishop.

The election of Bishop Clavier as Primus of the AEC marked one of the major turning points in the history of the Diocese. Whereas many of the key figures in the AEC up to this point had been reactionary, not a little racist, in poor health, and deficient of vision, Clavier was a young moderate of mixed racial heritage with an extraordinary grasp of Anglican essentials. Except for a brief period between 1976-1980, Bishop Clavier would remain the Primus of the AEC until 1991 and continuously Bishop of the Diocese of the Eastern United States (DEUS) until 1995. During his episcopacy, the AEC and DEUS would grow from a small, mainly Southern church to the second largest traditional Anglican body in the United States.

CHOIR

Rehearsals have resumed on
Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM.
Hope to see you there.

Daughter's

Join us for our next meeting
Sunday, October 16, at 11:30 AM,
in the Parish Hall.

Men's Club

We meet on the last Sunday of each month.
Join us for our next meeting on Sunday,
October 30, at 11:30 AM.

VESTRY

The monthly meeting will be held on
Monday, October 10, at 7:00 PM.
Please mark your calendars
and plan to attend.

Fall Attic Sale

Saturday, October 29, 7:30 AM-1:00 PM

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