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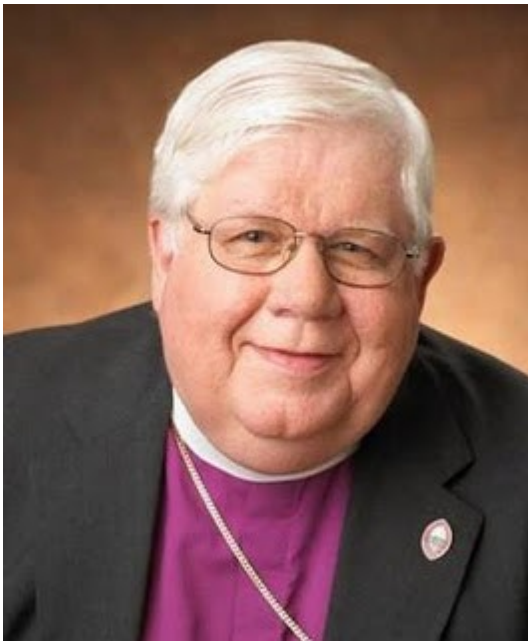
THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



January 2012

## Rector's Rambling

As I sit down to write my first Rector's Rambling of the new year, it doesn't feel much like winter. The weather has been in the low fifties, and the rain has cancelled my pheasant hunt with Bill Young and Sadie the Retriever. The horses are a bit cranky about being in through the rains, and I must say that I'd much rather have them out eating grass than standing inside eating hay and oats. But that is December in Ohio. On the flip side of the coin, there is much for which I am thankful as the new year opens. Having Tristan home for Christmas is something I will never take for granted. I suppose Oxford, Ohio has as much potential for accident as anywhere in the world, but it is very unlikely that anyone there is shooting at my son and his friends. I am still rejoicing at Matthew's ordination in "the California." The short opportunity to share in his joy, and to see Ashley and the girls refreshed my soul.



We had a wonderful visit with Bishop Price. He has been a faithful and long time friend of our parish,

and he will officially retire as our Suffragan Bishop with the coming of the new year. Our's was his last official visit in the Diocese before his retirement. It was good to see so many brothers and sisters officially affiliate with our parish, and the reception in the undercroft was wonderful. This coming Sunday, we will baptize yet another daughter of Eve into Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

I have been very gratified by the response to the "Essential 100 Bible Reading Plan" <http://e100challenge.com> I do believe with all my heart that if the people of God here or anywhere can increase their Bible literacy, spiritual renewal will follow. The Word of God is indeed sharper than a two edged sword, just as the Bible tells us. To read and study the Bible prayerfully, and with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, is to open ourselves to know the very character of God, revealed in Jesus Christ who said "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father."



In January, I will be traveling again to Charleston for the "Mere Anglicanism" Conference [www.mereanglicanism.com](http://www.mereanglicanism.com). Believe it or not, the topics and speakers are really quite exciting for a

traditionalist priest, and I am looking forward to the trip to hear:

**The Rev'd Dr. Richard Turnbull, Principal, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford**

*Anglicanism In Full Flower: The Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries*

**The Rt. Rev'd Richard Chartes, Bishop of London**  
*Missionary Visionary: Bishop Henry Compton*

**Dr. John McCardell, Vice Chancellor, the University of the South**

*Anglicanism on Fire in South Carolina: The Great Beaufort Revival of 1831*

**The Rt. Rev'd Michal Nazir-Ali**

*Amnesia and Anamnesis: How we lost our way*

**The Rt. Rev'd Mark J. Lawrence, Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina**

*A More Excellent Way: Shaping the Future of Anglicanism*

**The Very Rev'd Dr. Justyn Terry, Dean, Trinity School for Ministry**

*Recovering the Christian Mind: Educating the Anglican Ministry Today*

**The Most Rev'd Benjamin Kwashi, Diocese of Jos**  
**Recovering a Dynamic Anglican Missiology**

I do appreciate the good people of St. John's making continuing education a part of my package, and hope that the challenge and refreshment I find at St. Philip's Charleston will invigorate my ministry among you.



On the fifth of January, the clergy of the Hocking Valley Deanery will be meeting with Canon Anne Reed, the Diocesan Staff Member Bishop Breidenthal has appointed to help us develop and implement strategies for creative ministry. We will be discussing how we might cooperate in mission along the route 33/ Hocking River corridor, and especially how we might work together to insure that our brothers and sisters in some of the small churches and preaching stations of our Deanery might have Holy Communion more regularly. In addition to our established missions and parishes, we have sacramental, preaching, and teaching missions in jails, prisons, and retirement homes all up and down the river. I believe God is doing great things in our midst, and hopefully we will strengthen our existing ministries and discern new ways that God might call us to proclaim the Good News to all people.

This Ramble has been more newsy than inspirational, but I hope it will help us all as we seek to discern what God would have us to do in this coming year. Resolutions can be very good things, and I hope that a greater awareness of the opportunities around us might help us to open our hearts to the leading of the Holy Spirit as we seek to live for God in the months to come.

Faithfully,

Bill+

**Wishes for the New Year**

- May** you have the strength to go through a year of State and Federal elections and may some of the promises made, be kept.
- May** what you see in the mirror delight you and what others see in you delight them.
- May** you remember to say "I love you" at least once a day to your spouse, your child, and your parents.
- May** we live as intended, in a world of peace with the awareness of the beauty in every sunset, every flower's unfolding petals, every baby's smile and every wonderful, astonishing, miraculous beat of your heart.
- May** you be blessed with every happiness, great health, peace, and much love during this year and all that follow

**Birthdays**

- 5 Sebastian Burton, Paige Miller
- 7 Camille Martens, Neil Wright
- 9 Bill Pursley
- 10 Judie Miller
- 11 Dick Babcock
- 16 Caitlin Hurdley
- 17 Alan Palo
- 21 Jack Warnett
- 22 Cecilia Davidson, Owen Fath
- 23 Bill Young
- 25 Sam Hurley, Zachary White

**Wedding Anniversaries**

- 9 Alan and Ruth Palo (71)

**Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 1 Muriel Breining (25), Don Eager (47)
- 4 Chris Hurdley (95), Bob Wright (53)
- 8 Charlotte Tipton (34)
- 24 Camille Martens (54)
- 30 Carol Uhl (47)

**Reports for the Annual Meeting**

Wardens and committee chairs need to have their reports to the church office by Friday, January 13th and submitted electronically, if possible.

**Annual Meeting**

Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th immediately following the **ONE service** of Holy Communion at 9:00. Please plan to attend.

**Parish Health Luncheon**

The next parish health luncheon will be January 18th following the noon Eucharist.

**Attention, Altar Guild Members**

Please remember that your help will be needed Saturday, January 3rd at 10 am to take down and store Christmas decorations. It's a big job and many hands would certainly be appreciated.

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following people who were confirmed, received, or renewed their vows when Bishop Price was here on December 11th.

*Confirmands*

*Jenna Snyder  
Hannah Hurdley  
Laura Wood  
Bill Engeman  
Nancy Engeman*

*Received from another Communion*

*Carol Ralph  
R. N. Stoughton*

*Reaffirmation of Vows*

*Elizabeth Powers Brown*

**Sanctuary Light Remembrances**

Yellow envelopes have been placed at the back of the church for your convenience in making a donation for a sanctuary light remembrance. Please remember to mark the envelope "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving for" your loved ones. The remembrance will be announced in the Sunday bulletin.

**Fellowship Breakfast**

The next Fellowship Breakfast will be Sunday, January between services in the undercroft. Plan to join your parish family for good food and fellowship.

### Vestry Highlights

- \* Financially, we are on plan for the year. The Vestry thanks everyone for paying their pledges.
- \* Thanks to all who did such an outstanding job on the reception for the bishop and honorees.
- \* There will be services at 8 and 10:30 on January 1st.
- \* We still need one more person to run for the Vestry.
- \* The Vestry approved payment of the congregational mission share of \$19,255. This supports our camping programs, some expenses of diocesan staff and many services provided to parishes.

### Refresh Your Soul Conference

Parish Health Ministries is announcing the 2012 Refresh Your Soul Conference, “Spiritual Care in Times of Trial and Loss.” Save the dates—Friday evening, March 9th from 6—8:15 pm with dinner and a keynote presentation, “Humor to the Sick and Dying” and Saturday, March 10th from 8am - 2:30 pm at the Community of the Good Shepherd, Montgomery. (northern Cincinnati) The speaker on Saturday will be Douglas C. Smith MA, MS, M. Div.

Please contact Mary Oehler or Anna Adkins if you are interested in attending.

### Food Pantry Donations

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items for the basket at the back of the church. Local food pantries continue to be in need for the poor of our county.

### From the Dohns

#### People behind the numbers ...

This time of year we count a lot of things for the yearly reports: the number of patient visits to the Clinic; the number of confidential HIV tests and how many had positive results; the number of health promoter workshops and number of attendees; etc.

While the numbers tell us something about the year’s activity, they don’t tell us much about the impact of this ministry.

Below is the link to our website where you can view videos in which people living with HIV talk about what the Clinic’s health ministry has meant to them. One video addresses the Clinic’s HIV/AIDS care program and the other video the AIDS support groups that the Clinic started.

<http://dohnfamily.org>

It is the experiences of people like those in the videos that attest to the power of this ministry to restore people’s lives.

Keep praying, Anita and Michael

### Congratulations, Garnet Nelson

Garnet Nelson was recently honored as a Caregiver of the Year by AlternaCare Home Health Services, Inc. Medical Social Worker Luann Davidson said, “Garnet has maintained a positive outlook and approaches each challenge with enthusiasm. She has been a selfless caregiver for her husband Jack for more than five years.”



# *Back to the Table*

## **Cooking Classes**

**Taught by Susie Cork  
at St. Johns' Episcopal Church**

**Celebrate community & fellowship as we learn to cook together.**

**Meet new people or get to know your spouse and family all over again.**

Classes are held the first Thursday of the month at 6:15pm to about 8:30pm in the kitchen of St. John's. All classes are hands-on style and require participation in the cooking and clean up. We pair wine with the menu and it's available for a reasonable fee with the meal. Every participant receives a set of typed recipes and will have dinner during the class. Class size is limited to 14 participants.

A percentage of the proceeds benefits St. John's Church.

### **The Classes -2012 first half**

#### **February 2: Adult Class\*\*\* - Romantic Rendezvous**

Crab Cakes with Roasted Red Pepper Vinaigrette, Bittersweet Valentine Salad of radicchio, pomegranate & oranges, Chocolate Whoopie Cake with chocolate sauce \$40/person.

#### **April 12: Family Night Class\*\*-Dinner in Paris**

Warm Blue Cheese Pear Tart, Steak au Poivre, Caramelized Apple Crêpes \$40/person

#### **June 7: Family Night Class\*\*- Entertaining Alfresco**

Grilled Homemade Flat Bread with Artichoke Spread, Argentinean Beef Skewers with Chimichurri Sauce, Fresh Apricot Almond Open Tart. \$35/person

#### **August 2: Kids Class\*- Pizza Party**

Homemade pizza dough, Grilled Vegetable Pizza with basil cream, Pepperoni Calzones with marinara, \$35/person. Children under 10 years of age receive a \$10 discount.

### **Details**

\*The Kids Classes are for kids 8-17 years of age.

\*\*Family Classes are for any age group or combination of family members, provided the children under 17 are accompanied by an adult.

\*\*\*Adult classes are for 18 years and older

### **The Instructor**

Classes are designed and taught by Susie Cork, who is also the General Manager of Shaw's Restaurant & Inn. A Lancaster native and member of St. Johns', Susie is a graduate of The Culinary School at Kendall College in Chicago and honed her skills at Chicago's top restaurants for 17 years. She has taught cooking classes at A La Carte Gourmet Kitchen in Chicago, The Chopping Block Cooking School in Chicago and currently at Sur La Table at Easton in Columbus & at Shaw's every Saturday.

### **Payment & Cancellation Policy**

All classes require a prepaid reservation by cash or check made payable to St. Johns'. Reservations can be made at St. Johns' Church Services or by calling St. John's Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm. 740-653-3052.

Paid reservations are non-refundable. You are welcome to send someone to take your place in the class.

**Reservation Deadline:** Payment must be received the Sunday before the day of the class.



January 2012 Serving Schedule

January 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Nick England	Doug Carr & Ivan Smith	Numbers 6:22-27
Acolytes		Hannah Hurdley & Asher Carr	Psalm: 8
Lectors		Doug Carr & Ivan Smith	Galatians 4:4-7
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Victor Paini & Mary Paini	Luke 2:15-21
Altar Guild	Cathy Forbes	Judie Miller, Ann Canby & Deanna Roshong	Set-up: Heather Perkins
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Frances Mathias & Chuck Canter	Genesis 1:1-5
Acolytes		William Eyman & Andrew Eyman	Psalm: 29
Lectors		Richard Bailey & Ivan Smith	Acts 19:1-7
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Peggy Merton	Nick England & Chris Hurdley	Mark 1:4-11
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe	Amy Eyman, Mid Hall & Jesse Smith	Set-up: Anna Adkins
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Alma Priddy	Jenn Spires & Jim Hall	1 Samuel 3:1-10
Acolytes		Ty Spires & Morgan Spires	Psalm: 139:1-5, 12-17
Lectors		Robin Rhodes & Charlie Voss	1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Nickie Lekrone & Diane Downard	John 1:43-51
Altar Guild	Frances Mathias	Barb Parker, Julie Meenach & Kathy Canter	Set-up: Jean Hammer
January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Robin Rhodes	Jonah 3:1-5,10
Acolytes		Milt Taylor, III	Psalm: 62:6-14
Lectors		Joy Malinski & Sarah Perlow	1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley & Hannah Hurdley	Mark 1:14-20
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley, Reda Kittle & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Rebecca Pursley
January 29 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Meeting Sunday	9:00 AM	Readings
Lay Readers		Nick England & Chuck Canter	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Acolytes		Alex & Katie Shook	Psalm: 111
Lectors		Diana Turpin & Paul Heim	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Ushers		Jenn Spires & Morgan Spires	Mark 1:21-28
Altar Guild		Amy Eyman, Mid Hall & Jesse Smith	Set-up: Anna Adkins

Some “Holy Humor” for the New Year

\* A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note, "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

\*There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

\* A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

\* Sunday after church, a mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea, and the mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said, "Be not afraid, thy Comforter is coming."

# January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b>  11:00 HC	<b>2</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	<b>3</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>4</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry	<b>5</b> 3:30P Pickering House	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00 Altar Guild Remove Christmas Decorations
<b>8</b> 8:00 HC 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 HC 2:00P Lanfair Service	<b>9</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	<b>10</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>11</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry	<b>12</b> 3:30P Pickering House	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00 Evangelism & Renewal Mtg.
<b>15</b> 8:00 HC 9:00 Christian Education 10:30 HC	<b>16</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	<b>17</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>18</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 12:30 Luncheon 6:15P Education For Ministry	<b>19</b> 1:00P E & L Deadline 3:30P Pickering House	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:00 HC 9:00 Christian Education 10:30 HC 2:00P Carriage Court Service	<b>23</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	<b>24</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>25</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry	<b>26</b> 3:30P Pickering House	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 HC 10:00 Annual Meeting	<b>30</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	<b>31</b> 8:00P AA Meeting				

For emergency pastoral services in Father Bill's absence from Wednesday afternoon, January 18th through Tuesday, January 24th, please contact Father Bill McCleery at 614-668-0544

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