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Rector's Rambling

We are in the midst of a political season, both in the church and in the state. This summer, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church will meet in Indianapolis to debate issues and pass resolutions which will be misunderstood by many, held to be prophetic by some and un-godly by others, and ignored by far more. In November, the people of the United States will elect a president, a congress, and one third of the US Senate. The process and its results will be misunderstood by many, hailed as an answer by some and mourned as the end of the world by others, and life will go on in some form for most of us. In the mean time, many of us will have conducted ourselves in ways which will divide us from friends, hurt the feelings of many, and effectively shut down the probability of real communication between people for some time to come. Politics can be a ruthless game. If we accept the practices of many and allow ourselves to believe that "the ends justify the means," or that we must "win at any cost," we break our covenant as Episcopalian Christians to "respect the dignity of every human being."

In this month's Rector's Rambling, I offer some ideas for civil discourse that just might help us to preserve our friendships and lay the groundwork for ongoing cooperation between people of differing views. This list is of course incomplete, but I pray that it will help us to think twice before speaking once, and help us to develop a framework for peaceful co-existence and mutual respect.

1. Keep your language respectful. Tone can mean as much as words when we speak of others. I once knew a cleric who referred to a former bishop as "_____, our Bishop" when she was upset with him. The form, drawn from the prayers of the people, is perfectly respectful, but as she used it, it was filled with scorn. I would suggest never speaking of the principals in the debates which surround us with adjectives or by employing their first names. The phrase "President Obama," or "Governor Romney," or "Bishop Jefferts-Schori" can be delivered in a respectful tone which is much more rational and healing than "Barry," or "That Mormon," or "Herself." When we start with a pejorative or with mocking, there is no real possibility that respectful and rational discussion of the issues will follow.

2. Check your facts and stick to the facts which are relevant to the issue being discussed. Far too many people are too quick to forward or tweet or post to my-space. The result is that at best inaccuracies are spread, and at the worst, vicious lies are circulated. The commandment is clear that we are forbidden to bear false witness against our neighbor. Forwarding false things is breaking the ninth commandment. It must be repented of and

correction must be made if we value our souls. Verify your facts and state them as part of a clearly reasoned argument. Believe half of what you hear or read, about a quarter of what you see, and delete anything which constitutes a personal attack on anyone. As inspector Joe Friday used to say on *Dragnet*, "Just the facts, ma'am."

3. Insist that your conversations be limited to issues and verifiable facts. If someone starts attacking a person without evidence or if they jump from factoid to factoid or issue to issue in a way which excites emotion without addressing substance rationally, say something like, "I really don't want to get involved in this kind of discussion. I'd be glad to discuss a single issue at a time with you after we have both had a chance to marshal and verify our facts." It may seem rude at first, but it will preserve more friendships and enable more good citizenship (and more good churchmanship) than just going along with what most people do.

4. Avoid the talking head shows on both left and right. They set a tone of loudness and a precedent of talking over each other which debases public discourse. Don't let them be your example of how to argue or debate.

5. Beware any speaker who employs sophistic rhetorical tricks over well-reasoned and organized arguments. Such people are often expert at moving the heart, but they seldom inform the mind. Their method has been regularly employed by demagogues and tyrants throughout history. This is not to say that a good debater should not try to move the heart, but he or she ought always to appeal to reason over emotion. To do otherwise is merely to incite the mob.

6. Never cast the person with whom you disagree as "evil." There are evil people in the world, who after a pre-meditated fashion seek to dominate or hurt others. Most people do not fall into that category. Be willing to give your political adversary the benefit of the doubt for the sake of a respectful argument. Once you have called them evil, or assumed them to be so, your relationship is probably over forever, as is the real possibility of your living together successfully.

I hope these suggestions will help us all to survive yet another political season, and to fulfill our covenant made with each other before God that we will "Respect the dignity of every human being."

Faithfully,

Bill

Prayer Requests

Please deposit your prayer requests in the alms basin. If you wish them to remain private, please indicate that on the card. All requests are remembered by name in Choral Evensong on Monday night for the month in which they are submitted. Unresolved requests then are placed on the chantry prayer list until resolution is reported. Those requests are remembered by name in the Chantry Prayers on Monday Night until resolution is reported. Then a thanksgiving is given at the altar of St. John's and the request is retired. All public requests for the current month are posted on the prayer board at the back of the church. You are invited to jot down those requests and remember them in your private or group devotions. Do consider joining us for Choral Evensong and Chantry Prayers on Monday Night at 7PM. If beautiful music, monastic devotion, and a pinch of incense is to your liking, you will profit greatly from Choral Evensong. If you can't make the service, we invite you to pause at 7PM, sign yourself with the cross (a visible reminder of your baptism), and say the Lord's Prayer. In so doing you join your own prayers to those of the congregation at Choral Evensong and demonstrate our unity in Christ. We hope you will join us in prayer

Middle School Youth Group

Did you know that St. John's has a middle school youth group which meets at Nick's Restaurant every Monday night at 5 for pizza and discussion? If you know a middle school student who is not attending, bring them and have them bring a Bible to the meeting. The

Flower Donations Needed

Members of St. John's donate the flowers for the altar each Sunday. Presently, there is a need for donations in the month of June. If you would like to help, call Sally Stallsmith at 654-6592.

From the Dohns

"Do not be conformed to this world ..." ROMANS 12:2

Maximinia was feeling frustrated. She was challenged by a bureaucratic understanding that did not (and apparently a bureaucrat who could not) allow a reality different than the compartmentalized categories in the public health reporting form.

Maximinia was reporting to public health department about various Clinic activities. She had explained that the Clinic trains health promoters and that around 175 health promoters are working at present. The response was: "How can one clinic have that many health promoters? And if the Clinic does have that many health promoters, why isn't the Clinic reporting many more new cases of tuberculosis that these health promoters have found?"

"The health promoters live and work in more than a dozen different communities in the province and the TB cases they find go to the health centers in those communities," Maxi explained.

"Well, I just don't understand that," responded the public health employee.

As the conversation continued, the public health employee was getting more confused and Maxi more frustrated. I think the form was eventually submitted with the correct information ("175 health promoters"), even though it was "obviously wrong" from a Dominican public health system standpoint.

The rest of the verse in the title from Romans reads: "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God." The verse implies that we have to maintain open minds or we are going to miss important things.

Cross-cultural missionary training stresses being observant, looking for the new and novel, and understanding how differently things can work sometimes. We do not want to become like the public health employee – so committed to our notion of how things are that we can't conceive of something else. We have to stay open to God's plans and the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Keep praying, Anita and Michael

Romans 12:2 ~ "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* the good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Birthdays

- 4 Bob Shull
 5 Jim Merton
 6 Lori Bockman
 Ralph Howes
 Mary Kammerer
 7 Derek Wright
 8 Nancy Frick
 10 Doug Allen,
 Rosana Bush
 13 Caroline Rockwood
 14 Steve Wood
 17 Kitty Clausen,
 Mary Shook
 18 Barbara Parker
 21 Laura Wright
 25 Tom Clyde
 28 Ron Miller

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Nick and Claudia Powell (02)
 7 John and Kaye Martin (68)
 8 Tom and Jean Hammer (63)
 10 Bill and Rebecca Pursley (78)
 13 Jeff and Chris Hurdley(87)
 Chad and Mary Shook (98)
 14 Lowell and Sally Stallsmith (58)
 18 Max and Sally Wildermuth (50)
 23 Mike and Ruth Whiley (73)
 26 Nick and Joan England (76)
 29 David and Karen Warnock (62)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Nanci Allen (49)
 3 Helen Johnston (51)
 4 Ruth Whiley (50)
 10 Connie Dowling (63)
 12 Richard Babcock (27)
 20 Chris Perrine (82)
 23 Ethan Canby (02)
 John Furlow (40)
 25 Mary Kammerer (15)
 26 Everitt Lynch(11)

Thanks be to God, and Congratulations to Nick England

Bishop Breidenthal has accepted Nick as a postulant to the Diaconate. Nick will begin his formal training in the fall and, God willing, will be ordained in three or four years.

Fellowship Breakfast

The next Fellowship Breakfast will be Sunday, June 3rd in the undercroft following the 8 am Eucharist. Please join your parish family for good food and fellowship.

“Come and Hear Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali”

Fr. Bill will be leading a group to Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA on June 14th to hear Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali of the Church of England speak on “Who Is Jesus Today?” We will leave the church at 7 AM and return by 8 PM. The cost will be limited to covering your own meals and we will take up an offering to cover the gasoline. Please let Fr. Bill know if you can go by June 10th so that he can tell the Seminary how many people will be attending.

Art Walk 2012

If you have art you would like to display at this year’s Art Walk, please contact Father Pursley or Mark Perrine and let them know. Donations of cookies will also be needed the night of the Walk. Contact Mark Perrine if you can help with cookies.

Announcements

1. There will be no Sunday Christian Education in June, July, or August.
2. Luncheons after the Wednesday noon Eucharist are canceled until September.
3. The Monday “Pizza and Discussion” for middle school age students will continue through the summer.
4. Parish Health Ministries blood pressure screening will resume in September.

Our Graduates

Andrew Jury Eyman, son of John and Amy Eyman and the grandson of the late Hubie and Jenny Eyman, will graduate from Lancaster High School on Sunday, June 3, 2012.

While at Lancaster High School, Andrew completed honors classes or advanced placement classes and continued to meet honor roll requirements. He competed on the golf team earning the most valuable player award as a freshman and earning the 3 year varsity letter award his senior year. He also is a member of the Mirage (yearbook) staff, Latin Club and Varsity "L" Club. Andrew is a certified lifeguard and works at Valley View pool.

After graduation, Andrew will attend Ohio University, majoring in business with a minor in history.



Alanna Hurdley graduates, with Honors, from Lancaster High School (LHS) on Sunday, June 3rd. Alanna plans to attend The Ohio State University and major in International Business and English. After graduating from college, Alanna hopes to live overseas, work for an international company, and teach English to non-English speakers. While at LHS, Alanna lettered in field hockey, was a rotary foreign exchange student in Finland during her sophomore year, and was a member of the National Honor Society, the Yearbook Staff, the French Club and the Key Club.

Ashley Snyder is graduating from Bloom Carroll High School. Ashley really enjoyed her high school career at Bloom Carroll. During high school she was consistently on the honor roll. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Ashley has been active in the arts throughout school. Her artwork was selected during two national art competitions for publication in the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 Celebrate Art Book. She was a finalist in the US District Seven Congressional Art Show. She enjoyed being a soprano in the Bloom Carroll High School Chamber Singers. She participated in many extracurricular activities such as color guard, winter guard and drama club. She was also a cast member in six Bloom Carroll High School drama department productions. Ashley will be attending Hocking College in the fall where she plans to complete an Associate of Art in Fine Arts degree and then transfer to Ohio University to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design.



Reception for Our Graduates

Please join our graduates and their families as we honor them with a reception in the undercroft on Sunday, June 10th after the 10:30 service.

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

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.



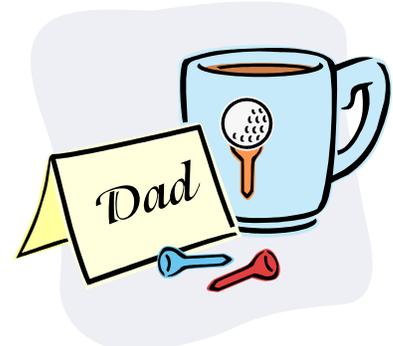
June 2012 Serving Schedule

June 3 rd	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Doug Carr & Jim Hall	Isaiah 6:1-8
Acolytes		Milt Taylor, III & Asher Carr	Psalm: 29
Lectors		Nick England & Richard Bailey	Romans 8:12-17
Ushers	Tim Hall & Peggy Merton	Victor & Mary Pains	John 3:1-17
Altar Guild	Cathy Forbes	Judie Miller, Sarah Perlow, Ann Canby & Deanna Roshong	Set-up: Jean Hammer
June 10 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Nick England & Ivan Smith	1 Samuel 8:4-20
Acolytes		William Eyman & Andrew Eyman	Psalm: 138
Lectors		Sarah Perlow & Charlie Voss	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Chris Hurdley & Hannah Hurdley	Mark 3:20-35
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe	Amy Eyman, Mid Hall & Jesse Smith	Set-up: Anna Adkins & Judie Miller
June 17 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Alma Priddy	Chuck Canter & Robin Rhodes	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Acolytes		Alex Shook & Katie Shook	Psalm: 20
Lectors		Diana Turpin & Joy Malinski	2 Corinthians 5:6-17
Ushers	Tim Hall & Peggy Merton	Nickie Lekrone & Diane Downard	Mark 4:26-34
Altar Guild	Carol Ralph	Barb Parker, Julie Meenach & Kathy Canter	Set-up: Heather Perkins
June 24 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom Hammer	Jim Hall & Ivan Smith	1 Samuel 17:32-49
Acolytes		Alanna Hurdley & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm: 9:9-20
Lectors		Ivan Smith & Paul Heim	2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Chris Hurdley & Nick England	Mark 4:35-41
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley, Reda Kittle & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Mid Hall

Special Offering on July 1st

The Rev. Matthew Canter (Bill and Rebecca Pursley's son-in-law) is the sponsor of a ministry called "Care Packages" for our troops overseas. St. John's Vestry has approved a special offering to be taken on Sunday, July 1st to support Matthew's ministry. For more information, please contact Fr. Bill or Ivan Smith.

Happy Father's Day



June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:00 HC 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 HC	4 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	5 8:00P AA Meeting	6 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry	7 3:30P Pickering House 6:15P Cooking Class	8	9 9:00 Evangelism & Renewal Mtg.
10 8:00 HC 10:30 HC Reception for graduates 2:00P Lanfair Serv.	11 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	12 8:00P AA Meeting	13 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry	14 3:30P Pickering House	15	16
17 8:00 HC 10:30 HC	18 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	19 8:00P AA Meeting	20 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry	21 1:00P E & L Deadline 3:30P Pickering House	22	23
24 8:00 HC 10:30 HC 2:00P Carriage Ct	25 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	26 8:00P AA Meeting	27 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry	28 3:30P Pickering House	29	30

Still Looking for Artistic Talent

The Vestry continues to investigate the possibility of presenting our artistic talents to the community during the evening of The Lancaster Festival Art Walk. If you have an interest in participating, please contact either the church office at 653-3052 or email office@stjohnlancaster.org or call Father Bill at 215-3900.

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