



September 2013

## Rector's Rambling

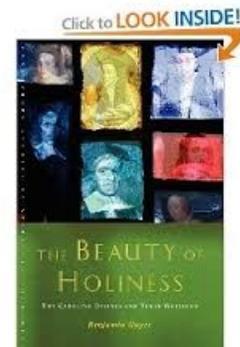
### The Caroline Divines: Recommendation for September Reading



King Charles I; Henrietta Maria; and their two eldest children, King Charles II and Mary, Princess of Orange  
by Sir Anthony Van Dyck.

I've always been attracted to those writers known as the "Caroline Divines." They were for the most part men of good will who sought to follow God faithfully during the reigns of King Charles I, the Protectorship of Oliver Cromwell, and the reign of King Charles II. Their writings reflect the realities of the age in which they lived, were firmly rooted in the classical Christian past, and hoped for a better day when the Kingdom of God might be expressed in a more ecumenical and ordered form. They are a very foundation stone of Anglican thought and ethos, and God uses them to feed my soul. .

I recently purchased a new book edited by Benjamin Guyer: [The Beauty of Holiness: The Caroline Divines and Their Writings](http://www.amazon.com/Beauty-Holiness-Caroline-Canterbury-Spiritual/dp/1848250983). It was published in 2012 by Canterbury Press in Norwich as a volume in *The Canterbury Studies in Spiritual Theology*. <http://www.amazon.com/Beauty-Holiness-Caroline-Canterbury-Spiritual/dp/1848250983>.



Theirs was a difficult age filled with religious conflict and dynastic struggles, with regicide and social uncertainty, with civil war and divided families. But through it all they managed to focus on developing relationships with God which valued the past, acknowledged the present realities, and never lost hope. As one literary historian of the period has said, "they did the best of things in the worst of times." Theirs was a vision of an earthly kingdom where Christ's Church was

united even as the prophets had predicted it would be after the great in gathering of God's people from every nation. They envisioned a world where the powers of men acknowledged the authority of God and ruled justly and righteously in his name. It was a world where imperfection lived alongside holiness while men and women signed as Christ's own sought to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil (as they lived together in God's earthly kingdom!) Today, many would call their vision idealized and naive, but it was born of painful human reality as people of different parties sought to live together, affirming revealed faith and discovered knowledge as their twin guides. They sought to chart a course which avoided the pitfalls of radical religion on the one hand and of easy believism (or denial of real differences) on the other. In so doing they set a tone for Anglicanism, an ethos if you will, which affirmed the faith received while avoiding the harsh doctrinal pronouncements and actions of many of the reformers in both the protestant and catholic camps, as well as the rejection of Biblical teaching and tradition which characterized some more pragmatic churchmen. They did not leave their faith undefined, as so many do in such an age. They rather stated their faith simply and clearly while seeking to live it without rancor or hardness or hatred for those with whom they disagreed.

You can learn more about them at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caroline\\_Divines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caroline_Divines). They provide wonderful examples for people like us in an age like ours. Their spirit and approach to difficult times provides an example which compels me to continue to embrace the Anglican Way, even in our current difficulties. Here I have found a peace, and a way of maintaining that peace which feeds my soul and overcomes him who would destroy me. For your reading profit and pleasure, might I suggest the following list of free online books, available at <http://anglicanhistory.org/caroline/>. More great Anglican titles are available free online at <http://www.anglicanlibrary.org/>.

+ Bill

## Horizontal and Vertical Integration

Horizontal and vertical integration of services here is not always perfect. For example, the HIV Unit at the public health hospital used to refer AIDS patients with suspected tuberculosis to us at the Clinic to make the referral to the Tuberculosis Control Unit at the same hospital. For whatever reasons, the integration of services within the hospital was not working.

The integration of services can be particularly important in domestic violence ministry. The “victims’ unit” here has counselors & case workers. Those personnel coordinate with the police, health services, legal services, social services, and the courts. They all work together as a team. There is a system. Well, at least that is the idea.

An experience in one rural community runs something like this: A woman had a baby about nine months after her husband was sent to prison. Sometime after he was released from jail and moved back home, he found out that the baby was probably not his. He began abusing his wife and threatening to kill the baby as well as the other man. The baby was secreted at a neighbor’s home until a move to a relative’s house was arranged. The husband moved out, but returned frequently to beat-up his wife and make threats. He was a dangerous guy by all accounts and the neighbors faced similar threats when they tried to get involved.

Neighbors called the police. When the policemen came, the mother hid and would not meet with them. The neighborhood had expected that the police would call the victim’s unit to send more appropriate personnel: women, not in uniform, sensitive counselors, and skilled at finding alternatives in these situations. As of this point, no one from the victim’s unit has appeared.

As we accompany communities in developing their local plans to respond to violence in their midst, our hope was that a single call from the community would activate the whole victims’ system. That hope has yet to be realized.

Meanwhile, the community is deciding who should call the victims’ unit. They are also praying for God’s presence in the situation – the ultimate vertical integration.

Keep praying, Anita and Michael

## We Are The Chosen Ones!

It is exciting to have our work recognized for excellence by the Dominican Ministry of Health. We were selected to pilot a medical record system for people living with HIV who are receiving treatment. We were selected because the Clinic’s HIV unit is up-to-date in the present national electronic data-base for HIV/AIDS. The present national HIV/AIDS database is incomplete, full of errors, and rife with discrepancies. In contrast, the Clinic’s data has always been accurate and current. We are told that the present system is apparently too complex for most centers to manage. For example, some units had registered 2,000 patients, but had less than 500 patients when audited. Problems with the list of active patients included multiple registrations for the same patient and failure to remove deceased patients. Which medicines the patients are taking is frequently uncertain in the present database – a big problem for the Ministry of Health as it wants to use the database for ordering anti-HIV medicines and planning future needs. We will be piloting the new streamlined system while continuing to duplicate entries in the old system. This means that we will have triplicate records on our patients. We rely on “old-fashioned” paper charts because of the frequent electricity outages.

For the Clinic’s efforts, the Ministry of Health has provided two new file cabinets, a new computer, and a data entry technician (the technician is temporary for the pilot program, but the Clinic keeps the file cabinets and computer). One might argue that the Ministry of Health should choose one of the worst centers to pilot the new system to determine how well it works under “real life” conditions. We are committed to quality patient care. We have the resolve to make whatever system work because at some point we know that it does impact the quality of patient care. Whatever improvements in are made in the hardware and software, commitment and resolve are probably not something that can be programmed into the system.

Keep praying, Anita

**Birthdays**

- 1 Alex Shook  
 2 Diane Downard  
 3 Kaitlyn Perkins  
 Fran Utley  
 Sarah Young  
 10 Linda Eager  
 Nancy Russell  
 13 Doug Carr  
 Jean Hammer  
 15 Ora Miesse  
 20 Claudia Powell  
 21 Ashley Snyder  
 24 Cindy White  
 Rachel Young  
 25 Mike Parker  
 26 Louise Young  
 27 Morgan Spires  
 Sean Wright  
 29 Kathy Canter  
 Denise Denton  
 Nicolas White  
 30 Jane Hurley

**Wedding Anniversaries**

- 10 Ron and Judie Miller (60)  
 17 Jim and Mid Hall(66)  
 21 Bill and Louise Young (85)  
 22 John and Amy Eyman (90)  
 29 Mike and Wendy Garbrandt (01)

**Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 3 Polly Gray (95)  
 10 Steve Messerly (50)  
 11 Robin Harris (55)  
 16 Nick England (50)  
 22 Lloyd Kittle (74)  
 Mike Whiley (57)  
 25 Milt Taylor (94)  
 27 Tim Hall (36)  
 Tyler Spires (98)

**Our Sympathy** to Steve and Jane Wood on the death of Jane's brother David A. Stout who died August 10, 2013 at Fairfield Medical Center.

**CROP Hunger Walk** will be Sunday, October 13th. Watch for further details regarding how you can help by walking and/or contributing funds.

**Fellowship Breakfast**

Please join your parish family for breakfast on Sunday, September 1st after the 8 AM Eucharist.

**Thanks for Your Help!**

Thanks to all those who shared their artistic talents during the Lancaster Festival Art Walk. Also, many thanks to those who donated cookies and served as hosts and hostesses.

**Lectors and Ushers are needed.** If you are interested in serving St. Johns' as a volunteer in either of these areas, please contact Jim Hall at 654-5819.

**Wednesday Luncheon**

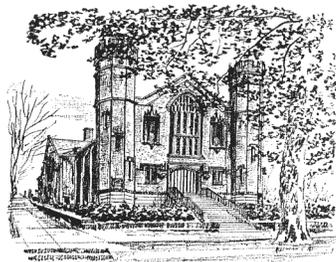
Parish Health Ministries will resume luncheons after the Wednesday noon Eucharist beginning on September 18th.

**E & R Giving Tree**

Please notice that the "Giving Tree" at the back of the church once again has leaves on it. This means that the committee is in need of items to fill tote bags for those parents, usually single mothers, who have temporarily lost and have now regained custody of their children and are in need of items to start their household.

**Vestry Meeting**

A reminder to Vestry members, that monthly meetings will resume September 19th.



St. John's Episcopal Church  
Broad and Wheeling  
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# *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 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.

All proceeds benefits St. John's Church.

## **The Classes -2013**

### **October 3: Family Night\*\*-Autumn Pasta**

Rosemary Tagliatelle with Creamy Wild Mushroom Madeira Sauce, Sweet Potato Ravioli with Amaretti Brown Butter, Mixed Greens with spiced pecans, local apples, ruby port vinaigrette  
\$35/person Children under 10 years of age receive a \$10 discount.

### **December 5: Adult Class\*\*\*- Midnight in Paris**

Beef with Wild Mushroom Bordelaise, Soubise (braised rice and onions),  
Blackberry Clafouti with Crème Fraiche \$40/person

### **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**

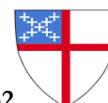
Classes are designed and taught by Susie Cork, who is also the General Manager of Shaw's Restaurant & Inn. A Lancaster native and member of St. Johns', Susie is a graduate of The Culinary School at Kendall College in Chicago and honed her skills at Chicago's top restaurants for 17 years. She has taught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



## September 2013 Serving Schedule

September 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Carol Ralph	Ivan Smith & Doug Carr	Jeremiah 2:4-13
Acolytes		Hannah Hurdley & Asher Carr	Psalms: 81:1, 10-16
Lectors		Mark & Jeanie Conrad	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Ushers	Tim Hall & Mike Whiley	John Eyman & William Eyman	Luke 14:2, 7-14
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe	Sarah Perlow & Ann Canby	Set-up: Deanna Roshong
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Robin Rhodes	Nick England & Chuck Canter	Jeremiah 18:1-11
Acolytes		Morgan Spires & Libby Garbrandt	Psalms: 139:1-5, 12-17
Lectors		Ivan Smith & Richard Bailey	Philemon 1-21
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Hannah & Chris Hurdley	Luke 14:25-33
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Mid Hall	Set-up: Anna Adkins & Judie Miller
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Jim Hall & Ivan Smith	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Acolytes		Alex Shook & Katie Shook	Psalms: 14
Lectors		Charlie Voss & Joy Malinski	1 Timothy 1:12-17
Ushers	Tim Hall & Anna Adkins	Nickie Leckrone & Diane Downard	Luke 15:1-10
Altar Guild	Mid Hall	Barb Parker, Deanna Roshong & Kathy Canter	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Nick England & Chuck Canter	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Acolytes		William Eyman & Libby Garbrandt	Psalms: 79:1-9
Lectors		Diana Turpin & Paul Heim	1 Timothy 2:1-7
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Morgan Spires & Jennifer Matz	Luke 16:1-13
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton & Gitta Sadoni	Sally Stallsmith, Chris Hurdley & Reda Kittle	Set-up: Mid Hall & Judie Miller
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Nick England	Doug Carr & Jim Hall	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Acolytes		Alex Shook & Katie Shook	Psalms: 91:1-6, 14-16
Lectors		Sara Perlow & Kathy Heim	1 Timothy 6:6-19
Ushers	Tim Hall & Mike Whiley	Hannah & Chris Hurdley	Luke 16:19-31
Altar Guild	Mid Hall	Barb Parker, Deanna Roshong & Kathy Canter	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl

### Trinity Newark to offer “Blue Mass” To Honor Police and Firefighters on Sept. 8, 2013

You are invited to attend a special service at Trinity Church in Newark to honor police, firefighters, and emergency services for their dedication to the safety of the public. It will also be a memorial to those who lost their lives in the line of duty, including those who died on September 11, 2001.

The service is sometimes called a “blue mass” but is, in actuality, a memorial service based on the burial office and Holy Eucharist of the Episcopal Church. It is planned for Sunday, September 8th at 4 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, 76 East Main Street just east of the courthouse. The Rev’d Canon John Johanssen will preside along with clergy from other churches in the area.

The service will be solemn and dignified with combined choirs representing local churches. It is open to the public and is especially intended for the officers in the various services. They will be encouraged to bring their families and come in uniform so they can be recognized. Ceremonial units will participate as an honor guard. As reception at the church will follow.

# *St. John's Episcopal Church*

## September 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00 HC 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 HC	<b>2</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	<b>3</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>4</b> 12:00 HC	<b>5</b> 2:30P Pickering House	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00 HC 10:30 HC 2:00P Lanfair	<b>9</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	<b>10</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>11</b> 12:00 HC	<b>12</b> 2:30P Pickering House	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:00 HC 9:00 Daughters Of the King 10:30 HC	<b>16</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	<b>17</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>18</b> 12:00 HC Parish Health Luncheon	<b>19</b> 1:00P Eagle and Lamb deadline 2:30P Pickering House	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:00 HC 10:30 HC 2:00P Carriage Ct. Service	<b>23</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	<b>24</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>25</b> 12:00 HC	<b>26</b> 2:30P Pickering House	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:00 HC 10:30 HC	<b>30</b> 7:00P Evening Prayer Service					

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