

May Agenda

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3	Finding of the Holy Cross
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19	S. Dunstan, B.C.
20	S. Bernardine of Sienna, C.
21	Feria
22	Corpus Christi
23	Of the Octave
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25	Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi
26	S. Philip Neri, C.
27	Venerable Bede, C.D.
28	S. Augustine of Canterbury
29	Octave Day of Corpus Christi
30	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
31	Feria

Standing Notices

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Confession, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary.

Please notify the Church Office or the Rectory to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in hospital.

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Dear Family and Friends of S. John's,

As we look forward to the new month, most of us are aware of the changing weather, with the promise of summer around the corner. However, before we get lost in our summer plans, our retreats, holidays and get-aways, we still have a lot of activity on the church kalendar for the month of May.

I'm sure I don't need to remind you of Ascension Thursday, arriving on the first day of May, a Holy Day of Obligation for the faithful. But with those words, we immediately run into trouble. For once we read "obligation," our first impulse is to reject anything that follows. May I make a couple of suggestions? First, my goal at S. John's has been to challenge each of us to go more deeply into our faith, into our heritage as Anglican members of the Catholic Church. This is not any hidden agenda; I've expressed this routinely both from the pulpit and in this newsletter. Still, with such an inheritance as we have received, I remain mystified at the resistance of some to explore this treasure, this "pearl of great price." Perhaps we have been too used to "doing things the way we have always done them." But that argument is not legitimate in itself; it's quite possible to do something the same way all one's life, only to discover at the end that there was a better way of doing it.

Secondly, when we read "obligation," hopefully we understand that we are obligated not so much by the duty implicit in our vocation to follow Christ (although there is nothing wrong with living up to one's duty), as much as we are obligated by the love God has lavished so abundantly upon us. Only a distorted notion of love, such as came out of the 1960's cultural revolution, would suggest that there is no obligation associated with love. So then, as an expression of *our* love for God, we should do all within our power to respond to the Church's precepts, for is she not the Bride of Christ, of whom we are members individually? Should we not respond positively to the call of the Bridegroom, to be faithful within this relationship of love, with fidelity and singleness of purpose?

I am confident that the answer to those questions is a resounding "yes!" May we with joy respond to Our Lord's invitation to come to the wedding feast, celebrated at each and every Mass.

Your friend and Pastor,

From the Deacon's Dais

The new bishop of Chur (Switzerland), H.E. Msgr. Vitus Huonder, who has already said and done important things for the cause of orthodoxy and orthopraxis since taking office last September in this difficult diocese, has given a wonderful sermon during the Maundy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper in his cathedral. He had chosen the improperia of Good Friday as leitmotif for all his Holy Week sermons, and on this occasion, after briefly explaining what we celebrate on Maundy Thursday, he gave his entire homily in the form of the *popule meus*, focusing on the Sacrifice of the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament, instituted on this day by our Lord. Here it is in my translation:

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! What have I done to you that you so unworthily treat this Sacrament? What have I done to you that you spread teachings about this Sacrament which are not in accord with my institution; that you say this were common bread and common wine, and it were unthinkable that the changing of the bread into my sacred Body and of the wine into my precious Blood were possible? I myself after all have said: "This is my Body, this is my Blood." Why do you not believe in my words?

My people, what have I done to you that you do not raise the children in awe and love before this most holy Sacrament anymore; that you do not impart to them the

truth of this Sacrament anymore; that you do not tell them either that they are to receive this Sacrament with a pure heart free of sins? My people, what have I done to you? Answer me!

What have I done to you that you no longer want to acknowledge this Sacrament as the Sacrament of my Sacrifice on the Cross; that you say that holy Mass were not the making present of the Sacrifice of the Cross; that you want to avoid the word sacrifice, although I have said: "This is my Body which will be given up for you?" What have I done to you that you have made out of this holy celebration a meal of amusement and of your self-affirmation? My people, Answer me!

My people, what have I done to you that the Sacrifice of the Mass is worth to you so little; that you do everything else but participating in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, and stay away Sunday after Sunday? What have I done to you that you overlook and despise my Presence in the tabernacle? What more could I have done for you than giving you this Sacrament and thus let my Sacrifice of the Cross remain efficacious through all times and for all men? What more could I have done for you than commanding my Apostles: "Do this in memory of me?" My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! Amen.

From Gregor Kollmorgen

The New Liturgical Movement

Kudos

To Arch Hoxton who drove down from West Virginia during the week to clean up the broken and downed branches that were left after the last ice storm.

To Clay Smith for his donation of a new sacristy bell for the church.

To Chip (Paul) Onstad for his donation of new office lights for the altar.

Transitus

Aden Michael Bolum, son of Kimberly Ann and Kyle Michael Bolum (great grandson of the Rev'd Deacon Larry Anderson) was baptized on 27 April, Rogation Sunday.

Mr. Jeremy Boccabello is to be ordered a Deacon at S. John's on Saturday, 17 May at 10:30am, to function within the Diocese of the Holy Cross. Bishop Hewett will officiate.

A Look at the Liturgy

One of the great joys in attending the Diocese of the Holy Cross Annual Synod was to get to know the Rev'd Canon Arthur Middleton, Canon to Durham Cathedral and Tutor of St Chad's College, also in Durham, England. You may recognize Fr Middleton's name as he is a regular contributor to [New Directions](#). But to the point of this column, both Fr Middleton and Fr Neal are also members of an organization called the Anglican Association, dedicated to articulating and advancing distinctively Anglican contributions to the Catholic religion.

Apparently, the last night of each annual Synod is an occasion for a banquet, complete with speaker. This year, Fr Middleton had been tagged with that honor. In his thoughtful address, he articulated key elements of what he termed "the patrimony of Anglicanism." It is not my purpose to delineate them here (his address will be posted on the Anglican Association website in due course, www.anglicanassociation.co.uk/index1.htm), but to bring attention to one of his comments.

During his address, he gave an overview of the history of Anglicanism, century by century. When he came to the 18th century, which is of particular interest to the developments in America, he remarked that Deism was the prevailing philosophy, which had a pernicious effect on Anglicanism both in England and in the Colonies. We might not be aware that the framers of the American Constitution and the framers of the first American Book of Common Prayer were both influenced by Deism. Deism, we will recall, is the notion that God is benign at best but most certainly does not concern Himself in the sphere of human affairs. Furthermore, the Deists taught that God can be found only through reason. A rigorous application of reason to the nature of God also precludes any notion of a Trinity, thus eliminating any notion of revelation or the supernatural as well.

This discussion of Deism is far from academic, for it formed the backdrop to the way in which Anglicanism was practiced in the early years of the American Colonies, particularly here in Virginia. Far from communicating both the immanence and the transcendence of God within the mystery of the Liturgy, worship was often reduced to an intellectual endeavor, within a framework of moralism. The "Divine Service" consisted of Morning Prayer, the Litany, Ante-Communion followed by an hour-long sermon. Holy Communion would be offered at most four times a year. But with the advent of the Oxford Movement in the early 19th century, which sought to return to the first millennium Church and the weekly celebration of the Mass, once again the balance between God's immanence and his transcendence was restored. This is our heritage and the tradition in which we stand. May God bless our efforts as we endeavor to uphold our Anglican patrimony.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christian Formation: Sundays, 9:30am

We will begin a new discussion 11 May on the meaning of the Mass, using Scott Hahn's book, *The Lamb's Supper* as our main text. Pick up a copy from your local bookstore or Amazon.com and come prepared to join in a lively discussion.

Vestry Meeting: 4 May, 12pm

The Vestry will meet after the coffee hour on Sunday, 4 May, for their usual meeting. The agenda has been circulated via e-mail. Please make every effort to be in attendance if you serve on the Vestry.

ACW Meeting: 18 May, 12pm

The next meeting of the Anglican Church Women is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, 18 May, after the coffee hour. All interested ladies of any age should plan on attending.

Vacation Bible School: 23-27 June

Once again, S. John's will be helping to host the summer VBS with the Marshall Baptist Church next door. While several of our parishioners have expressed both a desire and a willingness to assist, we could always have a stronger showing from S. John's. If you are interested in helping out, please speak with Fr Ostman.

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Ab=Abbot; Ap=Apostle; B=Bishop; C=Confessor; Dn=Deacon; D=Doctor; Ev=Evangelist; K=King; M=Martyr; P=Pope; Pr=Priest; Q=Queen; V=Virgin; W=Widow; SCF = School of Christian Formation

ANNUAL SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF THE HOLY CROSS

Meeting in Greenwood, South Carolina at S. Andrew's Parish, Wednesday through Saturday, 23-26 April, the Synod began with a silent clergy retreat led by Fr McKenzie, Wednesday through Thursday morning. At the Clericus meeting on Thursday, the Bishop welcomed new postulants into the Diocese, including three candidates for the priesthood and one to the permanent diaconate. The Bishop also spent some time discussing the Federation of Anglican Churches in America, of which we are a constituent member (www.anglicanfederation.org). Bishop Hewett was appointed Moderator of the Federation this year.

Friday morning, Bishop Hewett celebrated the Pontifical Chrism Mass, consecrating Holy Oils for each parish in the Diocese. At the business meeting held that afternoon, two missions were admitted into the Diocese, one in Cheyenne, WY and one in Hickory, NC. In the Bishop's address, he spoke of three roles of Anglicanism: the prophetic, the missionary and the teaching role and reminded us that our Anglican vocation is to live the Gospel as the "first millennium Church." He then quoted the Prophet Isaiah: "And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in." These words formed the basis of his charge to the Diocese and to those called to live out the Gospel in the Anglican tradition in America. Lastly, we were greeted by Fr Bill Ilgenfritz of Forward in Faith/North America, of which we are a member.

Fr Ostman

ACW NEWS

Our Fauquier and Loudon County Home and Garden Tour on Sunday, 20 April went very well despite the rain. It did not stop us from having fun and enjoying the beautiful scenery and interesting homes on display. Thank you to all our drivers. All who attended agreed we should do something like this again and soon. We welcome your ideas for future outings and gatherings that will enable us get more acquainted with each other more and to grow as a community.

At the 6 April ACW meeting, we voted to bring to our next meeting ideas for possible charities and outreach recipients. Please think about and consider where you would like ACW funds to go. Feel free to call or e-mail me with any suggestions of charities and programs that you favor or support locally, in the county and further away in the US and overseas. We were hoping to present a list to the Vestry at their next meeting so that the Treasurer could begin dispersing some of the funds, but an early Vestry meeting has preempted that. We are beginning to collect from you some wonderful ideas of where we should focus our assistance and some of us would like to present those ideas at our next ACW meeting, tentatively scheduled for 18 May so that we can launch our program with gusto by the end of May.

At our last meeting, we discussed holding a food drive. Please watch out for further details of that coming very soon.

Also on the horizon is a lunch for Betty Wells, to be held in our Community room the second half of May. A mid-week date is still being worked out, but this will be a nice opportunity for us to get together and spend a little time with our friend Betty over a nice Spring lunch that the ladies will be bringing and preparing in our kitchen. Stay tuned.

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