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81ST GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Part of the Southeast Florida deputation at the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church held in Louisville, Kentucky, from June 23—28, 2024. From left to right: The Rev. Canon Debra McConaughey, Duncan Hurd, Joan Smith, Michelle Lane, Ingrid Cheesborough, The Rev. Bobbie Knowles, and Father Tony

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Houg Hall was transformed into a deep sea underwater experience for Vacation Bible School: "SCUBA diving into friendship with God."





A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

81st General Convention in Review

The 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church took place at the Kentucky International Convention Center, Louisville, in the Diocese of Kentucky, Louisville has

produced 90% of the world's disco balls, and is still the only city in the U.S. that makes them. The official dates of the



Convention were June 23-28, although there were three non-legislative days of events prior to the official opening. Although this

convention was longer than the one held in Baltimore, Maryland, in 2022, postponed from 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was shorter than previous conventions which usually took two weeks.

This convention provided me with the opportunity to re-acquaint with old friends, to meet new ones, and to share

with my deputation and fellow Episcopalians. It was the second time I was a deputy having previously represented the Diocese of Springfield as a clerical deputy at the 76th General Convention in Anaheim, California.

Over 200 bishops and 830 clerical and lay deputies met during the week for worship, legislation, fellowship and socialization. With the use of an assigned iPad, deputies voted and reviewed resolutions during the legislative sessions. Resolutions included

changes in the structures of a number of our dioceses, approving a constitutional change to define the Book of Common Prayer more clearly, reexamining clergy disciplinary canons, and passing a budget for 2025-27.

However, the joy of sharing in worship with over 1,000 people in the same space with beautiful music and singing led by a choir and band, inspiring and thought-provoking sermons, and a beautiful atmosphere of love and fellowship was the main highlight of the Convention for me.



The Opening Eucharist of the 81st General Convention, June 23, 2024

The Convention was the last for the current **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry**who, having completed his nine-year term and reaching the mandatory retirement age of 72 next March, will demit office on



Presiding Bishop Curry preaching at the Revival Service.

October 31 this year. Curry's last sermon at the Convention was during a revival service

at the KFC Yum! Center with over 2,000 people in attendance. He focused on "Love," the hallmark of his episcopacy, encouraging people to "choose love because love can save us. Love comes from the heart of God."

On June 26, 2024, the House of Bishops elected the Right Reverend Sean W.



The Right Reverend Sean W. Rowe, Presiding Bishop-elect.

Rowe, Bishop of Northwest Pennsylvania and Bishop Provisional of Western New York as the next presiding bishop. Bishops and deputies met and listened to the nominees on June 21, in a fish-bowl question session. Rowe was elected on the first ballot receiving 56% of the vote, and was confirmed by the House of Deputies with 95% in favor. Incidentally, Curry was also elected on the first ballot when he became presiding bishop in 2015 with over two-thirds (69.5%) of the vote, and 98.5% of the deputies voted in favor to confirm him. When Bishop Rowe takes office on November 1 this year at the age of 49, he will become the youngest presiding bishop ever elected and the second youngest overall since the first

presiding bishop, William White, who was 41 at the time he began the first of his two terms in 1789.

Rowe, in his address to the House of Deputies, spoke of the need for changes in various aspects of the structure and governance of

the Church so that it can face the challenges of, and be relevant to, a changing world and church. He said, "It's not too strong to say we're facing an existential

too strong to say we're facing an existential crisis, - not because the church doesn't have something to offer the world, but because the world around us is changed and continues to change and is changing all the time. God is calling us ever more deeply into the unknown." He further remarked, "We know that we cannot continue being The Episcopal Church in the same way, no matter where we live. It's time to reorient our church ... to support dioceses and churches on the ground, where ministry happens." The other nominees for presiding bishop were Bishops J. Scott Barker of Nebraska, DeDe Duncan-Probe of Central New York, Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez of Pennsylvania, and Robert Wright of Atlanta.



The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows

Meanwhile, the House of Deputies reelected **Julia Ayala Harris**, 43, a deputy from the Diocese of Oklahoma, to a second term as president on June 25.



Julia Ayala Harris President of the House of Deputies

She won on the first ballot with 63% of the vote in what was a closely watched election. It is unusual for a sitting president to face a challenge, even though it has happened once before in 2003 when



Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe addresses the House of Deputies.

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Deacon's Report

As many of you will recall, I have decided to stop doing two of my ministries, after having done them for 12 years. I have resigned my position as TRUE Program administrator as of May 31. In the upcoming months, Father and I will be looking at how we can continue this program which gives so much to people in financial need.

If anyone has an interest in doing this work



with TRUE, please let me know. It is essential work that is needed and has been active for more years than I know. We do have several people in our church and community that need a small amount of financial

assistance to help them. Sometimes just a small amount of help can really help someone, and they are so appreciative of this help. The amount may be small, but with our help and that of other agencies in the community, it is so needed. The program is well organized, and I will assist anyone who wants to do it.

We also provide food coupons for \$25 that can be utilized at Publix. Sometimes people can be helped in emergencies with just enough to feed their children when all other bills have been paid.

My other ministry was assisting inmates in our prison. I have been engaged in a weekly Bible Study and Evening Prayer at MCI otherwise known as Martin Correctional Institution where in our County up to 1,500 inmates are incarcerated. Over time, I have developed a way to for the men to participate in Bible Study within the context of Evening Prayer. I begin with an invocational prayer. Then I proceed to do all four (4) Bible readings for the day along with Evening Prayer. After the

Evening Prayer, I say the communion prayer which is used by the Lay Eucharistic ministers so as to provide communion for the men. We close with the prayer attributed to St. Francis, which we stand and recite in unison. When we do the Evening Prayer, we also sing the Lord's Prayer which participants really like.

In addition, the Kairos Program (Kairos means God's time as opposed to our chronological time) which is an international program is to provide inmates with the love of Jesus to transform their lives and those of others. Kairos is based on Cursillo, a program we provide here in our Diocese to help us become more spiritual in our lives.

I have continued my work as Deacon here at All Saints' by participating in all three of our Services in collaboration with Father Tony and have been approved by the bishop to do this. My primary function is to provide pastoral care to members of through congregation Eucharistic Lav Ministry and other outreach to people in need of spiritual help.

Please advise me of anyone we haven't seen recently, especially if they have physical or emotional problems or are in a hospital or assisted living facility. I will contact them and visit them.

In God's love, **Deacon Alan**



Daughters of the King



On Sunday, June 2, 2024, at the 10 o'clock service, the All Saints' Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King welcomed two new Daughters to the Order and as members

Now we have two more members to pray for the needs of anyone who requests prayers. Just let a Daughter know...you will know us by the cross we wear!

"Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred
Name."

Respectfully Submitted, FHS

Sandy MillerPresident



Members of the All Saints' DOK, with Father Tony, welcome Joan Whitting and Adrienne Sacco (fourth and fifth from left — front row) as new Daughters.

of our chapter. Adrienne Sacco and Joan Whitting completed their study under the direction of Marilyn Mawhinney. With most of the Daughters in our chapter present, Father Tony led us through the Admission Service and Adrienne and Joan received their DOK crosses. The Daughters of the King cross is a unique Greek Fleury Cross, meaning that each end is splayed out into three pointed lobes. The cross is inscribed in Latin, "Magnanimiter Crucem Sustine," meaning, "With heart, mind and spirit uphold and bear the cross." At the base of the cross are the letters "FHS", initials that stand for the Motto of The Order: "For His Sake."

At the Service of Admission, the cross is blessed and entrusted to a Daughter as long as she remains a member of The Order. Members wear it as a constant reminder of their vows.





New DOK members Joan Whitting, and Adrienne Sacco at coffee hour with Sandy Miller, DOK current chapter president

Vacation Bible School

SCUBA-Diving into Friendship with God VBS Was a Huge Success!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this summer's VBS 2024 a huge success!



Thirty five children, ranging in age from 4 to 16, spent a week diving into a friendship with God. They left knowing that God is a friend who is real. God is a friend who loves. God is a friend we can trust. God is a friend forever. God is a friend for everyone. Thanks God!



We had a fun filled week, both kids and adults, and parents have already asked to reserve a spot for next year's VBS!

Again, thank you to everyone who helped fund VBS, helped decorate for VBS, donated items for VBS and gave time to participate during the

week.

Next year we will be out of the ocean and in the northwest woods! 2025 VBS will be "True North -Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." See you next year!

Karen Neff

Children's Christian Education Director



Check out more fantastic Vacation Bible School photos on the next two pages!

AND watch the video on the All Saints Episcopal Church YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=euXr6hLDtdM)

- And while you're there, please don't forget to Like & Subscribe!



Vacation Bible School 2024







Vacation Bible School 2024





Celebrations!

Anniversaries of Birth

JULY

Pat Sanders Norman Townsend Danielle Neff Anthony Perratto 10 16 **MaryRose Morris Dorothy Ulmer** 22 **Chris Jones** 24 Pat Kahrimanian 24 26 **Judith Holder** 26 **Diane Johnson** Paul Neff, Jr. 30

AUGUST

2	Leslie Lambros
3	Sandy Lee
3	Maryann Sinagra
8	Karen Bonney
8	Donna Brenner
9	Gale Forchelli
9	Lanny Morris
10	Bonnie Perratto
12	Elyta Watkins
16	Wanda Beymer
16	Anissa Bidot
17	Dianne Pierce
18	James Riccio
20	Maureen Longo
29	Margaret Cox
30	Wayland Morris
31	Jorge Palacio
31	Chuck Rose

Anniversaries of Marriage

JULY

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Birthday

3	Maryann & Tom Sinagra
5	Sandy & Jack Miller
10	Megan & Lanny Morris
14	Karen Wagner & Mike Inman
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- Julie & Bradley FosterBethAnne & Jim Potter
- 21 Mary & Ralph Painter
- 27 Deb & Chris Scharbo
- 31 Karen & Paul Neff

AUGUST

- Brinley & Andrew JohnsonWanda Beymer & Steve Ankner
- 21 Marilyn & George Mazsa
- 23 Bonnie & Anthony Perratto29 Viviennne & Wally Wallace
- 31 Judith & Father Tony



Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate

AUGUST

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The Very Rev. George Werner

the Very Rev. George L. W. Werner, a clerical deputy of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, was reelected after being challenged by Louie Crew, a lay deputy of Newark. Ayala Harris' challengers were the Rev. Rachel Taber -Hamilton, the House of Deputies' Vice President; and Zena Link, a former

Executive Council member. Unlike the presiding bishop, who is elected to lead the House of Bishops and the Episcopal Church for a nine-year term, the House of Deputies president is elected to a term of normally three years with the possibility of re-election of two additional terms.

The Rev. Steve Pankey, a 44-year-old clerical

deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky, was elected from among three other candidates to the position of Vice President in the House of Deputies. When the president is a lay person as is currently the case, the vice president must be a clerical deputy, and visa versa.

The Rev. Steve Pankey, Vice President of the House of Deputies

Therefore, the presidential election determines who is eligible for vice president. The Church is being led by a younger group of leaders and we look forward with hopefulness to see the direction in which they will lead.

The Convention adopted a change to the Constitution defining **the Book of Common Prayer** in clearer terms:

"Those liturgical forms and other texts authorized by the General Convention per this article and the Canons of this Church." The reason for this change is that there are a number of liturgical texts authorized by previous conventions for trial or experimental use that are not made available or

practice. This change allows this to happen and is effective January 1, 2025.

An alternative version of Prayer C in the Holy Eucharist Rite II, and alternative biblical readings or parts of biblical texts for the Good Friday Liturgy were approved by the Convention. In Eucharistic Prayer C, the line: "On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing," is to be replaced by:

"Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, ..."

As regards to the biblical texts for the Good Friday liturgy, which many saw as antisemitic, changes include a revision to the Epistle to use: "Ephesians 1:3-14 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9," and in the fourth bidding of the Solemn Collects, the line "For the contemptuous and the scornful" is now to read "For those who are contemptuous or scornful."

The Houses of Bishops and Deputies approved the following changes in the **structures of a number of dioceses** with great celebration.

☐ The three dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac and Milwaukee have reunited as one diocese reverting to its original name as the **Diocese of Wisconsin**, which has not been used since 1886. The Right Reverend



The announcement from the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac and Milwaukee that they are reuniting and becoming once again known as the *Diocese of Wisconsin*.

Matthew Gunter, former Bishop of Fond du Lac is the new Bishop of Wisconsin.

- ☐ The Dioceses of Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan have merged to become the **Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes**.
- ☐ The area mission of
 Micronesia, which includes
 the Pacific islands of Guam
 and Saipan, was merged
 with the Diocese of Hawai'i.
- ☐ The **Episcopal Church in Navajoland**, another area mission, was elevated to a missionary diocese, with the ability to elect their own bishop while still receiving financial and other support from the wider church.

The Convention passed a \$143 million budget for the next triennium (2025-27), with

some flexibility as a new presiding bishop takes office. The budget includes a 15% assessment on revenue which dioceses are expected to contribute to the Episcopal Church. The Convention rejected a proposal to have dioceses' assessments to the Episcopal Church reduced to 10% by 2033.

The Convention refused to review whether only baptized persons should receive Holy Communion, and made a similar decision to authorize a new supplement to the 1982 Hymnal. However, it requested the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop a digital collection of hymns that address "colonialist, racist, white supremacist, imperialistic, and nationalistic language."

Title IV resolutions overseeing clergy discipline clarify the roles and authority of the church attorney and the Title IV investigators. We approved changes including the independence of the complaint intake officer, intake reports be filed within 45 days of complaints, and a reference panel meet within 45 days of receiving the intake report in order to determine the next steps.

Although Title IV only pertains to clergy discipline, the Convention asked for a study as to if canonical changes are necessary for discipline involving elected and appointed lay leaders.



The presentation of the Dioceses of Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan becoming the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes.

The Rev. William Porcher DuBose, a priest and theologian, whose date in Lesser Feasts and Fasts is August 18, was withdrawn from the calendar after it was realized he was a white supremacist. His actions were deemed contrary to that of a Christian disciple.

In the midst of demonstrations taking place at the General Convention over **the Israel**-

Palestine conflict, deputies were engaged in an intense debate concerning the conflict particularly over the use of the words.



Protestors in the guests section of the House of Deputies.

"genocide" and "apartheid." After a lengthy debate and prayer, a compromised resolution was realized stating that the Israeli government "continues to commit acts and pass laws that result in fragmentation,

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segregation, and dispossession against the Palestinian people and the Occupied Territories." Though deploring Hamas' attack on Israel as "an indefensible act of terrorism, the Convention removed the phrase "ongoing genocide" when referencing a call for ceasefire in the Gaza area, and rejected calling Israel an "apartheid" state in its treatment of Palestinians.

The Houses of Bishops and Deputies, youth, and friends, publicly witness against gun



violence and the Convention hosted a panel discussion on the church's role in Indigenous boarding schools.

The Episcopal Church is moving more toward a relationship of full communion with the United Methodist Church and continues to have mutual conversations with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We are already in full communal relationships with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, India; the Moravian Church-Northern and Southern Provinces; the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht; the Philippine Independent Church; and the Church of Sweden.

Special moments of the Convention for me included the official presence of youth, many of whom made valuable contributions toward the debate on a number of resolutions; having dinner with my deputation and with old and new friends, tasting different bourbons, and sampling locally brewed beers with friends. I also attended the Episcopal Church Women Triennial Party with Canon Debra

Maconaughey, Duncan and Pam Hurd, which was a fun time of good music and dancing.

Throughout the week, the Convention hosted an Exhibition of various Episcopal Church entities and other booths featuring clerical clothing, seminaries, and other religious stores, organizations and individuals.

At the end of the second day of General Convention, bishops and deputies were invited to attend various events on the "Diocese of Kentucky Night." The event I enjoyed most was the "Episco-disco" dance party, held in the nave of Christ Church Cathedral. Party-goers listened to music through wireless headphones with colorcoded lights and three different music channels. There is silence in the dance space. It was attended mostly by the youth but older ones, like me, had a fantastic time listening, dancing, and singing to music by Queen, Village People's and Usher.



Throughout the Convention in the House of Deputies, prayer played a prominent role particularly in a number of emotional issues and sensitive topics that were being debated. These prayers were led by Chaplain of the House of Deputies and Rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Laguna Beach, California, the Reverend Lester V. Mackenzie. He was ably assisted by the Reverend Dr. Mauricio J. Wilson, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Oakland, California.

Overall the experience was wonderful and it was a joy for me to be a member of my deputation and to represent my diocese at this year's convention.

Father Tony



The following is a transcript of a **Sermon delivered by Presiding Bishop-elect, the Right Reverend Sean Rowe** during the **June 28 Closing Eucharist Service** at the 81st
General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky.

It's a great day in the Kingdom.

Now you have to imagine this scene. It's not quite 25 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The early church is struggling. The Apostle Paul is undertaking his third missionary journey to spread the Gospel across the world.

He lands in Ephesus, one of the most important cities in all of the Mediterranean, and then he proceeds to harangue the congregation for three months.

When he leaves the synagogue after three months—and you can imagine what that vestry meeting must've been like—he takes his followers to a lecture hall where they have daily discussion. We're told in the Book of Acts that this goes on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord, or more likely they just said they did so he would stop talking. I don't know.

Now, one of the remarkable things about this story of the early church in Ephesus is there are a lot of evil spirits and demons in that place. The power of evil seems to be present like it is in the world all the time. It is real. They're possessing people to become violent. They're generally wreaking havoc. Practitioners of magic seem to be everywhere in Ephesus. What in the world is going on?

It turns out that the temple of the goddess Artemis was in that place, and Paul's sermons were really messing with the economy of the place. The people who benefited from this goddess' temple were very unhappy. They were uncomfortable, so uncomfortable that when Paul was talking, there was a riot in the amphitheater. And instead of leaving, Paul wants to do what Paul likes to do, which is talk some more.

Paul is sort of part beautiful mystic—he really is—and then just pedant. But after encouraging his disciples, he leaves the town because the disciples step in and



kind of rescue the day; he leaves town bound for Macedonia. And I'll bet it was the kind of sigh of relief that everyone breathes when the bishop drives out of the parking lot after the visitation. See you in 18 months. Let us know if you need anything. But Paul being Paul, just keeps talking, just keeps bringing the Good News, just keeps bringing the word of God even when people are recalcitrant. Thankfully, we don't know anything about that.

That's how we get to today's reading. We can tell from the passage that the magic and the spiritual forces are all very much at play, and they're all on Paul's mind. So he wants them to imagine themselves suiting up for battle. He tells them to put on the whole armor of God: breastplates, helmets, shoes, belts, the equipment of might and power in the Roman Empire, which may sound a bit uncomfortably martial to our ears, but you can imagine how it fell on theirs—probably landed on it very differently.

Now, I went to a good evangelical college. I can tell you that this passage has a lot of currency when it comes to individual spiritual warfare, which is real. The powers of evil are real in the world. We are living in a world where these are very much alive. This Scripture was often interpreted as encouragement to individuals to fight against that. And that's a good thing, and far be it from me to discourage us from fighting against temptation.

But there is another meaning in this passage I think for us now in this time in The Episcopal Church where we are right now.

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Like the church in Ephesus, we're small, countercultural. We're not struggling to survive in the cult of Artemis, but there are other cults in our midst.

We are standing firm in the face of those. We're holding fast to our promise to uphold the full inclusion of LGBTQI+ persons as children of God. We're proclaiming and investing in our longing to become a Beloved Community. We're committing to caring for God's creation and respecting the dignity of every human being.

And we are not backing down in our proclamation of the Gospel just because other people who understand it differently are bigger or think they're more powerful or louder or have a vision that denies humanity.

At the beginning of this liturgy, we prayed the collect for the commemoration of the great author and activist James Weldon Johnson. In it, we asked God for the strength to "speak with joy and boldness to banish hatred from your creation." That was Johnson's struggle, and it is one of ours.

Johnson understood that the spiritual warfare that was taking place in that day was not an individual one only, but a war that the people of God were fighting against the evil of racism and the legacy of chattel slavery.

"We have come treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered" is not a metaphor, and the battle is not yet won. Friends, to continue that righteous struggle, we must arm ourselves against the forces within us: the way we intellectualize our avoidance of a true reckoning with racism; our internal strife that divides us from one another and depletes our capacity to proclaim the love of God in Christ to the world. What's up with that? That's a problem. If we can't figure it out in here, how are we supposed to carry it out to the world? How about our attachment to the old ways that no longer serve us?

And finally, what about our idolatry of structures and practices that exclude and

diminish our witness? We have to get it together. That's going to mean laying some things down. The struggle ahead will require a tolerance for uncertainty, a willingness to make real sacrifices. We'll actually need to let go of some of our grievances and hold more lightly our beliefs about how the church should work and who has a voice.

And we must learn to have hard conversations with each other, with love and respect, so that we're all pulling in the same direction: the transformation of the world by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, this is a tall order, and yet in the work that lies ahead, we have what we might call an armor of love that will help us withstand whatever comes our way, because, thanks be to God, the church in our day has been given Michael Bruce Curry. His ministry is incomparable.

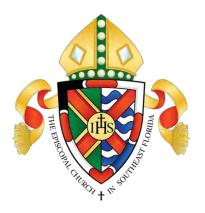
And through our brother Michael, God has shown us again what the power of love can do to transform the world around us. One of his schoolteachers in an all boys' classroom, Mr. Saunders, told him that a gentleman is always ready to speak a word. I think he took that seriously.

He has guided us in a struggle against racism and the wicked forces that divide us and given us the gift of his powerful and prophetic preaching to sustain us. In the words of James Weldon Johnson, he has brought us thus far along the way.

Now Michael's Curry's legacy of love and the love of God in Jesus Christ—this legacy is ours. And to steward and share it, we must hammer out the dents in the armor; refasten the belt of truth; make our dioceses and congregations stronger; collaborate for the sake of the Gospel; counter division and injustice in our communities, all with the witness to the risen Christ.

Let us go forth from here in the name of Christ, with thanksgiving for the witness of Michael Curry, the power of God working in Him and us, his example, and the love of Jesus Christ our Savior sustain us on our journey.

Amen.



Weekly Reflection from the Bishop

The Feast of Saint Irenaeus of Lyons 28 June 2024

In Christ we all belong.

Live the Gospel.

Pray every day.

Walk in the Way of Love.

Share the faith.

And get a COVID booster if you need one.

Whenever we move from...concern about man to concern about things, we make things - it may be ideals, ideologies, world outlooks - into an idol, and there is no idol that doesn't claim blood. And [the] blood is always human blood - it will always be men and women and children that will have to pay the cost of it.

Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



Presiding Bishop-elect, The Right Reverend Sean W. Rowe

Today our
General
Convention
ends, and we
begin a new
chapter in the
life of the
Church. At this
Convention the
House of
Deputies
re-elected Ms
Julia Ayala
Harris as their
President, and

the House of Bishops elected Bishop Sean Rowe as our next Presiding Bishop. Ms Ayala Harris is 43 years old; Bishop Rowe is 49, becoming the youngest bishop to occupy the primacy. At no time in our history has the senior leadership of the Church been in such comparatively youthful hands. Not only is this a new chapter in our life as a Church; a new generation has come into its own.

We cannot but give thanks for the ministry of our retiring Presiding Bishop, Bishop Curry. He has been a remarkable leader, and his combination of genuine humility, evident love of God and of us, and his electrifying preaching, have been gifts to the Church. We shall miss his gracious presence as our primate, but we are hopeful that we shall still hear his voice from time to time.

In the prayer for the ordination of a bishop, the Presiding Bishop prays these words:

We give you thanks that from the beginning you have gathered and prepared a people to be heirs of the covenant of Abraham, and have raised up prophets, kings, and priests, never leaving your temple untended.

In the election of Bishop Rowe, we see God's faithfulness continued, for the temple of the Church will not be untended. And we see in the leadership of both Ms Ayala Harris and Bishop Rowe the hope that a new generation brings to us. It is not true that there are not fine younger leaders who can assume the mantle of leadership in our Church, and two of them we now receive. They know each other well, trust each other, work together confidently, and have received clear mandates in their elections.

We do not wait to see what they will do. We pledge ourselves to be their partners in the work of the Gospel that is ours to do together. We often breathe a sigh of relief when a new rector is called or a new bishop elected; but we ought rather to take a deep breath, because in fact the real work only then begins. We often say that we want youthful leadership. Well, we have what we say that we wanted. Will we support them, work with them, follow their lead?

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In his first remarks to the Convention after his election, Bishop Rowe quoted Thomas Merton, whose words seem written for us today:

In a time of drastic change one can be too preoccupied with what is ending or too obsessed with what seems to be beginning. In either case one loses touch with the present and with its obscure but dynamic possibilities. What really matters is openness, readiness, attention, courage to face risk. You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith, and hope. In such an event, courage is the authentic form taken by love.

There could not be a better manifesto at the beginning of this new primacy.

Bishop Rowe also has said this in an earlier occasion:

I believe that we do not have to settle for being a declining, dying Church. I think that the idea that this Church is in decline, that we can't do anything about it, that it's never going to get much better, and that what we are really going to have is a remnant of faithful people, is a lie straight out of hell.

Let us be ready. These are not the words of a leader who will be patient with laziness or

doleful resignation. The Church is in the hands of a new Presiding Bishop who will want us to get on with the job in renewed vigour and expectation that God is not yet finished with us.

So we give thanks to God for the renewal of hope and expectation, not in particular leaders, but in God. For it is in our hope in God, not in our faith in leaders, that the way forward will be found. Good leaders can help show the way, but it is God that makes the way.

We pray this prayer a lot, as it is one of the most beautiful and majestic prayers in our Prayer Book. And it is just right for today:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

With love and prayers,

+Peter



Men's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship is taking the summer off. Have a safe and pleasant summer. Next meeting will be the first Monday in October.

George Mazsa

President

Fund Raising Team

Music Bingo held on April 26, 2024 with 63 attendees and a profit of \$812.00.

The Fundraising Team will be taking the summer off after a successful year so far.

Our next activity will be another Music Bingo on October 25, 2024.

If anyone has an idea for a fundraising activity let a member of the committee know. We are also always looking for new members and ideas.

Thank you for your continued support of our activities.

George Mazsa



Food Pantry

Many thanks to all who continue to donate food. Your generosity is needed and appreciated. The summer months bring additional stress to the food insecure as utility bills increase and food budgets increase for households with children who no longer have access to meals provided at school.

All donations are used. Always needed items are peanut butter, rice, pasta and sauce, and cereals. Cans with "pop-tops" are preferred and no glass containers please.

I also want to thank Jerry Walters for taking over the responsibility of food delivery over the summer as I go north to New Jersey. Jesus tells us "whatsoever you do for the least of these, you do for Me."

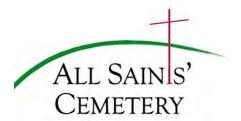
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Jimmy Smith's 100th
Anniversary of Birth Celebrations



All Saints' Cemetery



There are 24 niches for ashes in our third mausoleum. GET 'em while they last! We are ready to sell those at today's prices.

To be able to provide for future needs going forward, **a new columbarium** is in the works and will hold 72 niches for cremations. It will be adjacent to the Serenity Garden and of course will cost more.

You may have noticed the **new banner sign**, on the pump house on SR 707 entrance. With so many activities going on in the life of the church, it is hard to fit our marketing on our lovely roadside sign, hence the banner going up.

Talking with people outside the church and with Chamber Members, consistently the feedback is 'we didn't think there were spaces available' or 'we didn't realize how big that cemetery really is'.

Thank you Natalie Walters for the baby coconut trees. (See the baby pictures.) They'll grow up to be big and tall like their neighbors.

These replacement trees help the staff determine where blocks of graves stop and start – so they aren't just there to be decorative.

This saves the cemetery a great deal of money.

Joyce Fletcher Menard Administrative Assistant, Cemetery Office







Peering Into the Past

Another member of the greatest generation and member of All Saints' Church was David B. Blues. He and his wife, Mildred, lived in the southernmost trailer on the river side of what was Ocean Breeze Park; it was one of the last to be replaced. David and Mildred were regular attenders of the 11 o'clock service and were active in the life of All Saints'.

He was a native of Rhode Island. David was a private chauffeur retiring in 1959. The Blues came to Jensen from Williston Park, Long Island, NY, having raised a son and a daughter. He was only here for four years prior to his death at age of 69. David was a Mason, an Army veteran of World War I and a member of the American Legion.

His veteran's grave marker reads: David B Blues Rhode Island Bugler Co B 109 MG BN* World War I SEPT 11 1894 NOV 21 1963 MG BN is a Machine Gunn Battalion Some of you may recall The Andrews Sisters, a World War II singing group who sang "The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B." Who knew that bugler was in our cemetery?



Joyce A. Fletcher Menard Historian

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will have their next meeting September 21st.

In the weeks between now and then, please work on your crafts, sewing projects, Christmas items or gift items for Holly Fair. Remember Holly Fair is set for NOVEMBER 16th this year, so we can include fall items!



I'd like to have several Gift baskets available for Raffle. Please let me know if you are going to do one, or several. My contact information is: mlmazsa@gmail.com Our September meeting is very important as we will discussion some of the details for Holly Fair.

Enjoy you summer and stay busy!

Marilyn Mazsa President

Garden Happenings!

"Draco, I'm too tired all the time; I don't know if I will be able to stay awake." Groggy wide awake at the time, was lobbying for Draco to take charge.

Draco thoughtfully answered him. "Hmm, well alright, I will do it, but I'm warning you we need to talk about certain things. If the others do not bring them up for discussion, then I will do so."

A week later, sometime in the early morning.

"The meeting of the All Saints' & Houg Hall Garden Residents will here by come to order." Draco's deep voice centered everyone's attention up into the large tree in the middle of the yard.

The statue of the Blessed Mother Mary very

quietly said: "Draco, I will listen, but it is very difficult for me to turn and look up at you."

"Me too, I fall over if I look up." Said the little cherub.

The statue of St. Francis looked up and smiled, but as usual, he said nothing.



Draco, the large firefly, replied:

"That's just fine Mary, we appreciate you watching out for all us from your place in the garden. Cherub, you are fine as well; in fact if you get sleepy, you may lay down. However, Groggy, you must try to stay awake.

"The population of lizards has recently grown by twofold, and they have requested to be represented by only 3 or 4 of the elders. I granted them that courtesy. They are over here on the palm tree." Draco pointed both his wings toward that particular tree.

Groggy mumbled: "I bet I can do something to cut down their population."

"Is it time for prayer yet?" Greta asked. After receiving a nod from Draco, she began her prayer:

> Heavenly Father, we gather together as friends to celebrate the community you have given us. We are very privileged to live along the Indian River Lagoon in this oasis of your making. We are thankful to the people of this congregation of All Saints' Episcopal Church for their constant care and attention. Lord, we ask for your blessings on all who traverse this campus. Bless all who come to you in prayer and thanksgiving. Bless this meeting and help us to be kind to each other and our neighbors. Bless the children who were here last week for Vacation Bible School and all the big people that helped Ms. Karen and Ms. Sandy. We thank you for Father Tony and his ministry and for all the blessings we have received. Amen."

After a chorus of "Amen" from all, Drago took a big breath ready to start the business of the gathered garden folk; but Groggy muttered: "It is almost nap time!"

Greta replied: "I'm going to poke you if you start to fall asleep." She was smiling and so was Groggy. Then he winked at her. Little One smiled too.

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He continued to look around, then stood up: "Draco, we had lots of people around last week. Ah, where are you, I can't see you? Did all of those kids playing games in the garden make you move higher in the tree?"



"No, I'm right here. I'm a bit faded, but I have not moved in quite a while."

"There were so many people on campus that one day; there were adults and children at Vacation Bible School in Houg Hall, and more VBS children with Ms. Natalie out here in the garden. There were other people in the Thrift Shop, the offices and in the church were lots of people at a funeral remembering a young adult. The cars were parked down the hill into the cemetery and I know there were no parking spaces left out here. I just wondered if anyone counted all the people. Because um, I want to know how many people were here last week.

"Thank you Little One, for your observation. Buzz, buzz." Bea, the big red bee, spoke up and then asked: "Draco, may I continue?" But she did not wait for his answer. "I had the privilege of being inside Houg Hall for quite a while, getting my eye fixed. I was flabbergasted at the transformation! One day I was sitting in Houg Hall, the next day it looked like I had taken a trip under the sea. The ladies put up tall back drops – it made the hall look like it was under water. Miss Dara helped Ms. Karen put fish everywhere, and big shells were on the floor where the 'sand' met the underwater scenery. Ms. Adrienne made fish paper, and Ms. Marilyn with material and all kinds of fish were hanging

from the ceiling and looked like they were swimming near the reef. It was truly amazing. There was another underwater reef in the nursery too.

Personally, I'm glad I knew that big turtle was not alive!

The submarine had.....

"Ahem, thank you Bea." Draco cleared his throat and interrupted "That Bea. was a very nice report but several things have come to my attention. mostly folks



complaining. I can assure you I do not have all the answers, but let's try and go through this expediently.

"Groggy, I cannot change how much daylight there is in one day. God set the moon and the stars and all the planets in their orbits around the sun-changes happen seasonally over the course of a one year cycle. So by October you will not be seeing as much daylight. If it gets very cloudy during a day, it might get darker for a time, but the eclipse of the sun came and went in April. There is not another total eclipse until the year 2044. I don't know if we might be able to view that – or even if I will still be here in my tree. There are other partial eclipses coming up but we won't see 'em, Antarctica and South America will experience them.

"Next: Greta, you must ask the Garden Whisperer or Ms. Joyce for a new dress – I can't help you on that either. But I see a different dress on you now – so maybe that was taken care of already."

"Oh yes, Draco it was – but I might need another one in the fall. A new dress for the Holly Fair would be really nice. The Holly Fair will be on November 16th." Greta was quick to get her new request made.

Rolling his eyes to the left, Draco moved on... checking with the others. "Lizards your community is growing. I'm not sure what we can do to help you."

Lizard #1 said: "Well sir, as long as there are ants and bugs around we will have new little lizards. Despite our population growth, we seem to be losing the young adult lizards. I don't know why that is but maybe you can help us." Looking at Groggy and Greta, Lizard #2 started to point his claws at our frog friends.

However, Jackson, standing quiet until now shouted out: "If they stop crawling up my pants and shirt I will stop eating them! I could go after all of you – but I don't because you eat the ants and bugs and so do we. That is our job around here! And we all know the ants and mosquitoes taste better."

Before Lizard #2 could say anything; Lizard #3 spoke up: "I will go to lizard school tomorrow and speak to them! We have to get along here in God's Garden."

Draco thanked him and turned to the group of our friends: "We all need to be on our best behavior around here. Bea, you just said your eye was fixed – so you ought to be good for a while."

"That is correct. However, I overheard the critter nurse say my colors might change soon. I don't know why that might happen."

"Bea, are you afraid of that change?" asked Draco.

"Well, I have been fearful of that change and of getting old, but Father Brandt's sermon on Sunday is helping me to trust God, and Father Tony always reminds us to pray. Together they have helped me, and God is taking away that fear." As Bea's was talking, Greta reached out and stroked one of her friend's wing.

"I am so glad that is helping. Let's all remember to include Jackson, Bea and the lizards in our prayers." Continuing to look around, Draco then turned to our small frog friend.

"Little One, I did not count the people that came to All Saints' last week; but you are correct, it was more than usual. I believe, in the long run that is a great thing for the congregation of All Saints'; though it might stress us out a bit. I do enjoy watching the many humans around; and it is fun to see the children. Especially when we have seen them coming to Sunday school and worship services with their parent or parents. Hopefully we can all be refreshed with prayer. I believe that is all we needed to discuss...

Groggy was still awake. He had been mostly silent, but now spoke in a commanding voice: "Don't forget to pray and talk with God. I move this meeting be done!" Every statue, live critter and ornamental piece there, laughed.

Draco proclaimed: "Whew! Meeting adjourned!" As I thought about the events of that morning; I was reminded about our own national situations that surround us every day. We as people, would be so much better off if we gathered our troubles and turned them over to God; put our trust in our God, and spoke with Him regularly. Let's all remember to do that!

The Garden Whisperer

Bible Word Search

The Transfiguration of Jesus

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MOUNTAIN WHITE LISTEN RISEN **CLOTHES** WORLD **APPEARED JAMES FRIGHTENED** DEAD JOHN **TALKING BLEACH** DAZZLING LOVE **JESUS** TRANSFIGURED CLOUD MOSES RABBI MAN **SHELTERS** THREE **ELIJAH**

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Bible Trivia

JULY: What did God create on the third Day?

AUGUST: Finish this verse. There is no _____ for those who belong to Christ Jesus.



- **Sunday Services** Every Sunday
 - 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by coffee hour
 - 10 a.m. Festive Holy Eucharist with music, Nursery is available, followed by coffee hour. Sunday School will resume in September.
- Every **Wednesday–Healing Service at 10 a.m.** in the Church
- Thrift Shop Reopens Monday, July 15
- Rally Day, Sunday School resumes September 8: +
- September 21: Women's Fellowship Meeting
- September 29: 30th Priesthood Ordination Anniversary

of Father Tony

- October 7: Men's Fellowship Meeting
- October 25: Music Bingo November 16: 2024 Holly Fair



Bible Word Search Answers



Bible Trivia Answers

JULY:

God created dry land, seas, plants, and trees on the third day of creation Genesis 1:9-11

AUGUST:

Condemnation Romans 8:1

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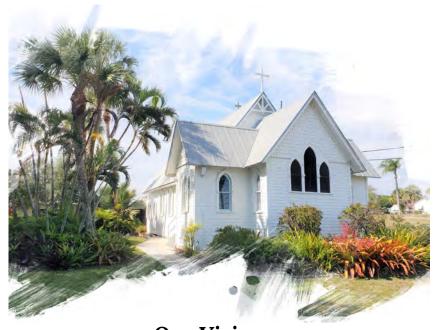
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