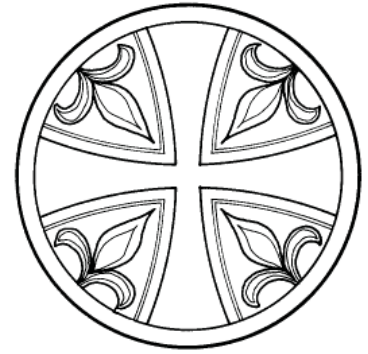


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For All the Saints

by The Rev. David C. Killeen

*For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia!*

It's known as the "Kentucky Derby" of bicycle racing. The Tour of Somerville, first held in 1940, is one of the oldest races in the U.S. Located in a town not far from Princeton, New Jersey, the tour attracts athletes from around the world. During my high school years, I competed in the race, which is held during Memorial Day weekend. Tens of thousands of spectators cheer on the riders, including many stars from cycling's past. One year, after the race, I was introduced to Alf Goulet, the most famous athlete you have never heard of. Goulet raced in the 1920s, a time when cycling was more popular than baseball. Cyclists like Goulet made \$100,000 a year racing on steeply-banked wooden tracks in arenas like Madison Square Garden. As I shook Goulet's hand, I felt such a strong connection to cycling history, and it amazed me that one of the greats of the sport had cheered for me and the other racers.

November is the month when we remember the saints of the church who are cheering us on from the sidelines. They have completed their earthly race and now rest from

their labors. In Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, we read an important verse that pertains to saints: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." (Heb. 12:1-2a) Here we glimpse an image that can help us understand our relationship with the saints: They are like a crowd of supportive spectators cheering us on as we run the race of the Christian life. Jesus is the One we all — the living and the dead — praise and focus on; He is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

The saints are members of God's family whom we are "bound to . . . in sacrament, prayer and praise." (*Book of Common Prayer*, 862.) We may not be able to reach out right now and shake their hands, but we are connected to them nevertheless. We can be inspired by their life and witness just like I was inspired by the career of Alf Goulet.

Run the race with perseverance. Pace yourself. The Christian life is a marathon, not a sprint. Lay aside every weight and turn away from the sin that clings so closely to all of us. Follow Jesus, who is leading the way, and be confident that the communion of saints, that great cloud of witnesses, is cheering you on.

All Saints' Sunday: November 6

Service schedule (Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!)

The names of St. John's deceased since last All Saints' Sunday will be read during all services, and a candle on the altar will be lit in their memory.

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9 a.m. Holy Baptism and Sung Eucharist

The choir will sing selected movements from Maurice Durufle's Requiem, a choral masterpiece.

11:15 a.m. Sung Holy Eucharist, Incense, and Procession to the St. John's Cemetery

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New this year: *The congregation will process from the church directly following the service to St. John's Cemetery, where we will hold a brief service of commemoration. A bagpiper will accompany the procession, and police will assist with street crossings. A self-guided tour of the cemetery will be available.*

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Join us!



St. John's Market
Saturday
November 19
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Stained Glass Windows in Carter Chapel and Bell Tower Repairs

by Sandra Howard, St. John's Foundation Treasurer

On September 15, 2011, the St. John's Foundation Board met and approved funding for two noteworthy church construction projects.

The interior of St. John's beloved bell tower had suffered extensive damage due to water intrusion, and the south entrance to the church had also been affected. The total cost of the roof and other repairs was estimated at approximately \$15,000. Jr. Warden Fraser Smith wrote a memorandum requesting that the foundation consider paying for these repairs, and Senior Warden Kathy Bye presented the memorandum to the foundation board. The motion supporting this expenditure of funds by the foundation passed unanimously and the repair has since been completed.

For 10 years, the St. John's Foundation has received quarterly financial installments from the Emily G. Lively Trust, and those payments have made possible several welcome physical improvements to the church and its properties, most notably the refurbishing of St. John's kitchen and improvements to Alfriend Hall. Ms. Lively's family had expressed interest in St. John's using a portion of the trust proceeds to fund a stained glass window in Ms. Lively's memory. To that end, the foundation board has approved the purchase of stained glass windows (designed by J. Wippell & Co., Ltd. of Exeter, England) to be installed in the west wall of Carter Chapel from a design entitled "Gethsemane," in which Jesus is depicted in prayer in the center window and the two adjacent windows contain images of Roman soldiers (left window) and Peter's denial of Jesus (right window). The center window will be dedicated to the memory of Emily G. Lively. The windows to the left and right of the center window are available for memorial dedication by other parish families wishing to honor loved ones. Interested parties may contact Sandra Howard, foundation treasurer, at 878-1434. Fr. Dave Killeen has suggested Holy Week 2012 as the time during which the installed windows will be dedicated.

Pastoral Care at St. John's

by Mother Teri Monica, Priest Associate

Within the brief time that I have had the privilege of working here, I have observed that St. John's is committed to providing excellent pastoral care to a variety of needs within the church family. Given the fluidity of concerns, there are several committees hard at work offering God's people the love and concern that comes with knowing Jesus and wanting to share His love with others.

One such ministry is our Stephen Ministry. These ministers utilize their gifts to meet people where they are and enable them to develop to their full potential by listening, being present, offering suggestions, and praying with them. We believe that the Holy Spirit works through our Stephen Ministers to bring others to a fuller life in Christ.

Our Card Ministry is vital and reaches out to those who are ill or who have lost a loved one. Ginny High has been sending out cards for many years to those in need of cheer and her ministry is an integral part of pastoral care here at St. John's.

Our altar flowers are arranged and sent to those in need of comfort. We currently have several wonderful volunteers who deliver flowers to parishioners and offer words of comfort and prayer.

Several women have been getting together on a monthly basis to knit prayer shawls that are blessed by a priest and given to people in the hospital or those who are unable to leave their homes. This group, Knit Together, has become very popular here at St. John's and offers a tangible reminder of the love and concern that our parish family has for one another.

We also have an Angel Ministry that provides meals for those who have just had a baby, lost a loved one, or have come home from the hospital. Please call Lindsay Hardy, ext. 14, if you know of someone in need of a warm meal.

Our Circle of Hope is a group of people who support one another while searching for new employment. They come together every other Wednesday for lunch in the Café and offer support and advice in obtaining employment. This ministry is very appropriate as we all struggle during these difficult economic times.

St. John's also has trained eucharistic visitors who will bring communion to people who are unable to attend one of our church services. We are so very grateful to have these dedicated people to provide Holy Eucharist and pray with our fellow family members.

These ministries are a testament to all of you out there who give of your time and talent to share God's love and concern with our parish family. I am very grateful to be working with all you in these various capacities, and hope that in the months to come, our ministries will extend out beyond our walls and welcome new people into this wonderful parish family.

My phone number at St. John's is 222-2636, ext. 16.

Please see page 5 for an interview with Mother Teri to learn more about our associate priest, pastoral care.

Introducing the Children's Education Commission

by Mother Abi Moon, Associate Rector

What a gift it is to be working with the Children's Formation Ministry of St John's! I arrived after a wildly successful Vacation Bible School, under the directorship of Holly Dickinson and Mandy Schnittker and have had the blessing of working with Sara Merrill as she has coordinated the 15 Sunday school teachers, their classrooms, and preparations for a wonderful Sunday School year.

St. John's has also launched M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) under the direction of Carol Killeen and are continuing our weekly offerings of Children's Chapel, Sunday school, and Wednesday Children's Offerings. All in all, St. John's has some incredible opportunities for children and their formation!

All of these offerings require a strong team of leadership and a great support system. We are establishing a Children's Formation Commission to help support our leadership with prayer and communication. While this commission is open to all who would like to participate on the commission, we will also have a team of core members to represent the major activities of the Children's Formation program. Members would include the head of Vacation Bible School, Sunday school coordinator, MOPS coordinator, Children's Chapel coordinator, Wednesday evening coordinator, vestry liaison, and Epiphany pageant coordinator along with other active parishioners in children's ministry.

Please support this commission with your prayers and your participation! Keep your ears and eyes open as we keep you aware of what opportunities exist for your children's formation!

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP



Sunday, Nov. 20
10:15 AM

\$7 donation/ wreath

(includes wreath, candles,
candle holders & devotional)

Please bring greenery / evergreens

Hot cocoa, cider & cookies will be served at this inter-generational parish-wide event as we prepare for Advent!

St. John's Strategic Plan: *Onward into the Future*

by Dennis Howard and Teresa Jackson,
Co-chairs, Strategic Planning Committee

St. John's is about to embark on a critically important and exciting project: The development of an actionable, values-based strategic plan with a timeline for accomplishing definitive goals and initiatives from 2012 through 2017. This plan will help us move forward on a clearly defined path to worship God and do his work in the parish, the community, and the world. The importance and value of this critical work has been recognized and encouraged by our clergy and vestry and by the St. John's Foundation, which is providing generous financial support.

Progress is already underway. A Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) is being recruited; a highly regarded planning consultant has been retained; and a detailed process outline has been created. The SPC will be composed of groups who specialize in different elements of the planning process, such as research and analysis, writing, and communications. While the SPC serves to draft key planning issues and objectives, input and insights from the congregation are equally vital. Thus, a facilitated full-day symposium will convene in February 2012, at which time the entire parish will have the opportunity to respond to the work of the committee and help shape a final framework. Through this combined effort, a final plan is scheduled for rollout in the fall of 2012. With God's help, and if we have done our work well, the plan will be widely known and accepted by the parish family, and rather than simply sitting on a shelf, it will serve as a frequently referenced guide to directed growth in the next five years.

In the coming months, you'll be hearing much more about the planning process and about opportunities to participate. With a good plan, the best is yet to come!

Vestry Notes

from Kathy Bye, Senior Warden

In its September meeting, the vestry unanimously approved its stewardship statement and approved a strategic planning proposal that will be funded by the St. John's Foundation. In its October meeting, the vestry discussed 3rd quarter financials and agreed to look at ways to lower utility costs of the church.

Advent Lessons and Carols



Sunday, December 4, 2011
Organ Recital at 6:30 p.m.

Service at 7 p.m.

Dessert Reception

following the service in Alfriend Hall
Childcare provided

FSU Cantores Musicae Antiquae, Sunday, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m.

This all scared concert will feature two five-part settings of Psalm 116 by German composers Michael Praetorius and Heinrich Schütz. The singers will be accompanied by member of the FSU Early Music Ensemble which includes two



recorders, three violas da gamba, organ, theorbo, and regal. Other works include Victoria's O magnum mysterium and Thomas Morley's Burial Service. The concert is free and open to the public.

Sunday, Nov. 13, 3 p.m. *Bach is Back*

The Tallahassee Bach Parley Presents
"Brandenburg Concerto No. 4"

The Tallahassee Bach Parley will begin the 2011-2012 season with J. S. Bach's beautiful and popular Brandenburg Concerto No. 4, and will also feature G. P. Telemann's "Paris" Quartet in E minor and two vocal works by G. F. Handel.



Tallahassee Bach Parley concerts are unique to our area because the musicians use period instruments — both antique instruments from the 18th century and modern reproductions — that give the audience a glimpse into the past. By using the same models of instruments that Bach,

Handel, and Telemann would have used themselves, Bach Parley concertgoers will hear Baroque music performed as it might have sounded when composed over 300 years ago.

"Parley" means discussion in French, so true to the spirit of the Bach Parley name, music director Valerie Arsenault will offer commentary before each piece to help the audience to understand what to listen for in the music, providing background for listeners new to Baroque music and offering musical and historical insights to experienced Baroque fans as well.

The Interfaith Book Club

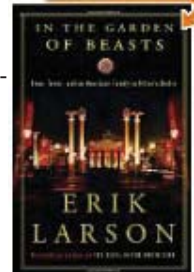
by Virginia Perkins

The Interfaith Book Club had its second meeting at Temple Israel on Thursday, October 13. Preceding the discussion of *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay, Dr. Jan Tanenbaum, retired professor of French history at FSU, delivered a very informative talk to the group on the role Vichy France played in the removal of French Jews to Auschwitz.

In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larsen is the book selection for November and the meeting will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, Thursday, November 17 at 7 p.m. All who are interested are invited to become a part of this monthly group.

The Interfaith Book Club is sponsored by the Holocaust Education Resource Council in partnership with Temple Israel and St. John's Episcopal Church. The purpose of the club is to foster understanding and good relations between the two congregations and to keep alive the memory of the Holocaust.

Meetings alternate between the two churches and the selected books are available for purchase at The Spinning Dredel, Temple Israel's bookstore, and the St. John's Bookstore.



Taking care of holiday shopping while enjoying wine and cheese and socializing with friends.

... does it get any better? The YAMS (Young Adults, Married & Single / in their 20s, 30s, 40s) have been

invited for an evening of fun at the St. John's bookstore. Join us on December 2 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. We will have time to explore the great inventory of the bookstore while catching up with friends.

A 10% discount will be offered on all items purchased during the event, and there is free gift wrapping. Childcare will be provided in the nursery.





An Interview with Teri Monica, Priest Associate for Pastoral Care

Are you originally from Tallahassee? Would you tell us about your background? Your family?

My roots are in New York. I grew up in a small upstate town called Plattsburgh, where dairy cows and maple trees are the norm. I attended St. John's Academy for my formative years and was taught by the Sisters of Mercy, a good Roman Catholic group of nuns. After graduation, I felt called to serve God, but since I was a Roman Catholic woman, my only outlet would be a convent. After a few attempts at visiting convents, I realized that I wanted children of my own, so I decided to go to college and get a bachelors in education. I then was married and

had two beautiful girls who are truly the joy of my life. I taught for 18 years and then decided to get a master's in special education. I then taught children with an emotional disturbance in a self-contained classroom for six and a half years. Those were some of the most rewarding years of my life. But during all of this time, I still felt called to something deeper; something was tugging at my heart and I felt restless and began to search.

How did you receive God's calling to enter the ministry?

One day, my husband told me that I would make a good priest and I recall responding with a chuckle. Remember, I was a Roman Catholic woman for many years. But, then various events occurred where I knew that God was certainly calling me to the priesthood. For example, I recall being at a retreat where other clergy and bishops were. After feeling compelled to do so, I went up to our bishop and said that I felt that God was calling me to be a priest. His response, "Yes, I know. I was just waiting for you. Just a few minutes ago, I was thinking where I would place you to do your internship." I attended St. Bernard's Seminary out of Rochester, NY, and graduated with a master's in theology. Interestingly enough, my focus was in pastoral care. After my ordination, I recall having a very strong sense of peace. I was restless no longer. The searching was over and I was and am left with a deep sense of peace.

What other churches have you served?

I have served at St. John's in Johnstown, NY, as an associate in charge of the youth. I formed a teen Bible study there and we would meet on Sunday mornings at the rectory for a big breakfast and then have our study. I have very fond memories from that time in my life. I was also priest-in-charge at St. Teresa's in Crawfordville and Ascension in Carrabelle. Unfortunately, St. Teresa was unable to maintain itself after "the split," but I have enjoyed the people in Carrabelle very much and believe that they have truly taught me what being "priest" is all about. I am currently at Holy Comforter half-time as the assistant priest in charge of youth and, of course, here at St. John's as priest associate in charge of pastoral care. God certainly does know what He is doing! I feel very at home in my two roles at these churches!

Do you have a special interest in pastoral care?

Yes, very much so. My focus in seminary was on pastoral care and I have always said throughout my life, that I enjoy working with people in need, especially older people. I feel particularly called to the sick and dying and believe that my gifts lie with people who are either chronically ill or terminal.

What do you do to relax?

I enjoy gardening, shopping, and most of all, reading. Right now I am reading a book called, *This Burns My Heart* by Samuel Park.

Blessing of the Animals and Pet Wash, October 9



The Palmer Window

by Virginia Perkins

The Palmer window on the north wall of the nave represents Mary, the mother of Jesus and was given by Dr. Henry Edwards Palmer in memory of his first two wives, Maud Hamilton Myers and Sarah Lucile Saxon.

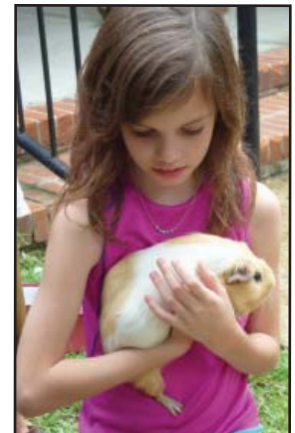
Maud Myers, the daughter of Mary Hamilton Scriven and Thomas Perkins Myers married Dr. Palmer at St. John's in 1894. They had four sons and tragically she died in 1903 two weeks after the youngest child was born. In 1911, Dr. Palmer married Sarah Lucile Saxon, the daughter of Sarah and George Saxon. Once again, Dr. Palmer became the father of four children and once again he was widowed when the youngest child, born in 1927, was just two weeks old.

Dr. Palmer was born in Monticello and attended the medical school at the University of Maryland, where he received his M. D. in 1892. In that same year he came to Tallahassee to assist Dr. George Betton and remained as his associate until Dr. Betton's death. In 1896 he began practicing alone. Dr. Palmer and his wife, Lucile were confirmed at St. John's in 1913. After his election to the vestry, he served as senior warden for 23 years. He died in 1944.

The Palmer plot at the Old City Cemetery contains the graves of Dr. Palmer, his first wife, Maud and her parents, and his second wife, Lucile as well as other members of this family.

Correction: It has come to our attention that in the March 2011 issue of the St. John's Newsletter the memorial column listed the mother of Jane Carey Whitner as Elizabeth Brevard Randolph when, in fact, her mother was Margaret Esther Hayward, who died when her daughter was a young girl. Dr. Randolph later remarried. We regret the error.





Fran's Best Loved Recipes

Parish favorites from Fran Doxsee, Culinary Director of The Lively Café at St. John's

Pecan Pie Bars

Crust

- 1 cup melted butter
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 2 cups flour
- ½ tsp. cinnamon
- ¼ tsp. nutmeg

Mix ingredients together.
Press into a lightly greased 9 x 13in. pan.
Bake at 350° for 12 to 15 minutes until light brown.

Filling

- 4 eggs
- ¼ cup flour
- 1 cup coconut
- 3 cups dark brown sugar
- 2 cups chopped pecans
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Mix and spread over crust.
Bake at 325° for 40 minutes.
Cool and cut into 24 bars or cut into bite-sized pieces for mini desserts.
Sprinkle with XXX sugar.



Fran's note: Everyone thinks this is a chocolate dessert because it's so dark and rich. (Now you know!)

Transitions

Births

Gabriel Elias Chal Staggs, September 16, son of Scott and Anne Staggs
 John Brach Childs, September 22, son of Lizbeth and David Childs
 Eleanor Olivia Blalock, October 5, daughter of Jennifer and Adam Blalock

Deaths

Ethel D. Ramsay, September 22
 Paul H. Morgan, September 24
 Charles Crawford, October 24

Transfers:

Christopher Stokes from St. Paul's in Macon, GA
 Paul Raymond Weimer from Holy Trinity Parish, Decatur, GA

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Join us!



The St. John's Market is held annually right before Thanksgiving. Join us this year on Saturday, **November 19 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

The Market supports both inreach and outreach projects that are precious to St. John's Episcopal Church.

St. John's Church Calendar* November and December

November

Wed., Nov. 2 - Service for Remembrance of Those Departed
 Fri., Nov. 4 - Seven Hills Guitar Series
 Sun., Nov. 6 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
 All Saints Day / Cemetery Service
 Fri., Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day / Church Open
 Cafe & Bookstore Closed
 Sun., Nov. 13 - Crop Walk
 Bach Parley
 Fri., Nov. 18 - Cafe Closed for Market Setup
 Market Preview Party
 Sat., Nov. 19 - St. John's Market
 Sun., Nov. 20 - Ingathering Sunday
 Advent Wreath Workshop
 Cantores
 Tues., Nov. 22 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
 Wed. through Fri., Nov. 23 - 25 - Office, Cafe Closed for Thanksgiving
 Wed. - Thurs., Nov. 23 - 24 - Bookstore Closed
 Fri., Nov. 25 - Bookstore Open
 Thurs., Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Day Service

December

Sat., Dec. 3 - Bookstore Open
 Festival of Lights / Church Open
 Sun., Dec. 4 - Organ Recital
 Lessons and Carols
 Reception
 Wed., Dec. 7 - Last Wed Dinner & Classes for 2011
 Sat., Dec. 10 - Bookstore Open
 Sun., Dec. 11 - Classical Guitar Concert
 Sat., Dec. 17 - Bookstore Open
 Sun., Dec. 18 - Last Sunday School Class for 2011
 Caroling
 Fri., Dec. 23 through Jan. 2 - Cafe Closed
 Sat., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Services 4 p.m., 8 p.m., 11 p.m.
 Sun., Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Service
 Mon., Dec. 26 through Jan. 2 - Office & Bookstore Closed

* Please see *The Chimes* for a detailed calendar of activities and meetings.