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FROM THE RECTOR...

YEAR OF THE FAMILY

GOOD SAMARITANS

Certainly everyone would agree that our parish has the feel of a family. And as a family we have made sure to look out for one another, especially during times of need. This year alone we can recount the many times we have all joined together to help care for those amongst us who were in need of a little extra attention. By the giving of our individual time and through our various talents and treasures we have always risen to the occasion!

To keep this momentum going, All Saints is now starting a new ministry by the name of *Good Samaritans*. This outreach will be similar to our already existing ACM and ACW groups in that it will have a President(s) and it will have Members. Marie and Will Spencer have graciously agreed to be the first presidents of this group and they will be taking on the task of contacting and coordinating the ministry members when certain parishioner needs arise.

This is where you come in : consider being a member of this group. Your membership will involve your simply being able to be counted on when needed. Perhaps a parishioner falls ill and needs help – can you provide a meal for them? If not, can you provide them with some transportation for a doctor's visit? If not, can you give a little of your time to shovel the snow off their driveway for them? The needs will vary of course, but the main thing is that our parish will have a group of volunteers in place who are ready and willing to meet those needs at any given moment.

If this is something you would like to be a part of, speak with Will or Marie Spencer and they will put you on the "list". Remember, you aren't obligating yourself to do everything, you are just saying that you are always willing to do something – and with the combined effort of a few, we will be sure to meet the needs of many.

Lastly, we will not be catering to every need. The Priest, as the spiritual father of the parish, will ultimately determine what should and should not be done. With our parish growing, requests for help have grown as well – and this new outreach will enable us to come to peoples' aid more responsively. *Good Samaritans* is merely a more formalized way of doing what we have always done – loving each other and caring for one another. (John xv. 12)

A SIMPLE RULE OF LIFE

As Christians we all have a great standard put before us – to emulate the life of the One whom we follow, Jesus Christ. To meet this wondrous task, it is helpful then for all the faithful to have what is called a *Rule of Life*. This rule is not meant to lay out the high standard for which we should strive to reach, but rather it is the bare minimum which we consider we should never let ourselves fall below.

The following is a suggestion for a basic Rule of Life :

- 1) Eucharistic Worship – definitely every Sunday and, if possible, a weekday.
- 2) A quiet time each day – 20 minutes if possible, no less than 5 minutes
- 3) Daily Prayers – in the morning and in the evening. The Book of Common Prayer offers outlines for both times ; see pp. 3,21 *or* 587,589 for the various options.
- 4) A Retreat or Quiet Day - once a year.
- 5) Self-Examination regularly – confession.

C.S. LEWIS ON FORMALITY

Many people might think that traditional worship, such as that experienced at All Saints, is too formal and too rigid. Traditional worship is indeed formal but this is for good reason – read what C.S. Lewis has to say about the subject of traditional worship and the formality involved :

“The advantage of a fixed form of service is that we know what is coming. *Ex tempore* public prayer has this difficulty: we don’t know whether we can mentally join in it until we’ve heard it - - it might be phony or heretical. We are therefore called upon to carry on a *critical* and *devotional* activity at the same moment ; two things hardly compatible.

“In a fixed form we ought to have ‘gone through the motions’ before in our private prayers; the rigid forms really set our devotions free. I also find the more rigid it is, the easier it is to keep one’s thoughts from straying.

“Also, it prevents getting too completely eaten up by whatever happens to be the preoccupation of the moment (i.e. war, an election, or what not). The permanent shape of Christianity shows through.

“I don’t see how the *ex tempore* method can help becoming provincial, and I think it has a great tendency to direct attention to the minister rather than God.”

Letters, 1 April 1952

FLOWERS

Please take special note that there are many empty slots available for donating Sunday flowers. Donating flowers to adorn the Altar is a wonderful way to outwardly express one’s love and devotion for God and perhaps celebrate/memorialize a special occasion as well. The cost of flowers is only \$20 per vase, and people traditionally donate toward two vases. However, more than one person/family may sign up for a particular Sunday and thereby donate one vase each. After Mass one Sunday take a look at the sign-up sheet and see if you can fill a slot.

FAREWELL

In mid-August we will be “losing” our beloved Deacon Schultz to the Provincial Seminary in California. He is expected to be there for a time of *at least* six months, if not longer. We will pray for him and think of him often as he is away.

Once done with his seminary education and, God-willing, ordained priest, it is not certain where Blair will be assigned. There are many groups of Christians across the nation who are wanting and needing a priest for their sacramental welfare. He may be sent to one of them – only God knows, and it is to His will we always defer.

Deacon Schultz’s absence will be noticeable for us to say the least. Not only has he been a great helper to me in the parish office during the weekdays, he has also been an invaluable aid for all the parish as we gather for our Sunday worship. A deacon is meant to help the priest serve the people, and Blair has done very well in fulfilling that role.....We will greatly miss Blair and we will pray for him as he goes his way “doing the Lord’s work”.

The Wisdom of Fr. Andrew

Life is made up of a continual succession of weanings. ‘My soul,’ says the Hebrew poet, ‘is as a weaned child.’ When we were babies and our mother laid us down, we cried because we missed the security of our mother’s arms. Perhaps when we went to school we were afraid, because it meant leaving the security of home. All our life we fear insecurity. . .When our mother laid us down, when she weaned us, it was the only way in which we could pass to a richer development of our being. We had to pass from a felt security through a felt insecurity to a greater development. . .It is facing that insecurity that draws out the manhood of a soul. Our souls are given faculties of thought, conception, imagination. It is the sense of insecurity that draws them out. . .The last great weaning is death. We have to know what it is to pass from the sense of the security of physical experience out into the unseen and unknown. The last Word of all [of the Seven Words from the Cross] is the final answer, ‘Into Thy hands I commend My Spirit.’ All life is a continual process of weaning from something that is good but not yet the best, that we may pass through the sense of insecurity which develops our faculties to the perfect security at last of the presence of God.

The Seven Words from the Cross, The Fourth Word, A. R. Mowbray & Co. London, 1954.

Submitted By Deacon Blair Schultz

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, SPECIAL DAY FOR DEACON SCHULTZ

On Sunday, August 7, we will host a special program and reception for Deacon Blair Schultz to mark his leaving for our Provincial Seminary in Berkeley, California to enter a course of study to prepare him for Ordination to the Priesthood. Details will be forthcoming, but mark your calendar for August 7th, when the All Saints parish family will wish him our best as he takes this step in his commitment to serve our Lord and our Anglican faith.

SENIOR WARDEN’S REPORT

With the completion of the Nave and new ceilings in the Narthex and the main hallways, we are now moving forward on the last major project for the year – the reconstruction of the parking lot. The Village of Bolingbrook is completing the processing of the site plan after we made necessary revisions. We will soon begin the process of soliciting bids from local contractors, and our goal is to have this project completed by Labor Day. With this done, we will turn our attention to landscaping our property this fall and next spring.

In keeping with our theme for 2005 – “The Year of the Family” -- the Good Samaritan Ministry has been initiated by Father Hines, and Marie and Will Spencer have assumed the responsibility to head up the program. An article on this effort appears in this Newsletter. If you are interested in taking part, please let Marie or Will know.

Plans for our 3rd Annual Flea Market are complete, and Co-Chairs Chris Oschman and Jane Munsie, with the assistance of several others, have completed the task of pricing and sorting all the merchandise we received a few months ago. Information on sorting and pricing everything you plan to contribute is available in the Narthex, and it's essential that everything be priced – by you – before delivery to the church.

All parish families will receive copies of the new four-part All Saints business card. Initiated by the Development Committee and finalized by the Vestry, this piece is designed for your use in contacting perspective members. We need to concentrate on growth, and although newspaper ads and articles, committees and literature are helpful, personal contact with friends, co-workers and those we know from our former parishes is the key to success. We all need to try to do our part to help All Saints grow.

Thanks to Donnie Marini and Chris Hall for taking care of the All Saints Booth at the Village of Bolingbrook Picnic on Sunday, June 26. This is a major event, and our participation helps us to become better known in the community.

As you know, Deacon Schultz will be leaving for Seminary in mid-August. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 7, for a parish family event to wish him well and to let him know how much we appreciate all he has done for All Saints.

Bill Jepson
Senior Warden

TREASURER'S REPORT

At the special parish meeting held in April we began the 2005 Building Fund Pledge drive to raise \$150,000 needed to complete the projects approved by the Vestry. Elsewhere in this Newsletter are reports of the wonderful accomplishments we have already seen. The installation of the new pews, new tile and new carpet has transformed our church into a beautiful house of worship. Still to come is the major work of replacing the parking lot.

As of May 31, 2005, we have received 25 pledges totaling \$ 53,240. Please give prayerful thought to how you can help All Saints Parish by making a building fund pledge. Pledge cards are available and your pledge can be paid over a three-year period.

We have reached the halfway mark in 2005. The total income to date is below the budgeted figure while the expenses are what we anticipated. Since our expenses do not take a vacation during the summer, we ask that you continue to make your contributions.

Bob Wilson
Treasurer

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

The ACW met on June 12th. It was decided that we would not meet formally during the summer months to work on our Angel Comfort Wraps, but we do encourage you to continue working on them by yourselves. The recipients of the wraps have been very appreciative of our efforts. Sue Stines will continue to lead us in this ministry and will advise us of the meeting schedule in September.

Our thanks to everyone who participated in the April Jewel Shop and Share days, which brought an additional \$44.90 to our treasury. Dominick's Benefit Days will be August 22, 23 and 24. Coupons will be available in early August – please share them with friends and family.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, August 14th after Mass – no meeting in July. Hope you all have a nice summer!

Barbara Jepson
ACW President

FLEA MARKET

The pricing has now been completed!! Thank you to Norma, Cynthia, Tosin, Marcia, Jan, Jean, Marie, Barb, Libby, Chris and Natalie – we couldn't have done it without you! Beginning the week of July 11, we invite you to begin bringing your **clean and priced items** to the Undercroft. There will be signs directing you where to place your items. If you inadvertently brought items that were not priced – now is your opportunity to price your items. We will not be pricing any more items before the sale. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Pricing guidelines will be available in the Narthex. We look forward to a great sale and your continued assistance.

Chris Oschman and Jane Munsie
Co-Chairs

Dates to Remember

July 2 – Morning Prayer – 8:30 AM
July 4 – Independence Day Mass – 10 AM
July 17 – Vestry Meeting
F.I.S.H.
July 24 through 29 – Diocesan Youth Summer Camp!
July 24 – Deacon’s Liturgy
July 31 – Deacon’s Liturgy
August 6 – Morning Prayer – 8:30 AM
August 7 - Reception for Deacon Schultz
August 14 – ACW and ACM Meetings
Deacon’s last Sunday – going to seminary!
August 21 – Vestry Meeting
F.I.S.H.

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