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LENT

On Wednesday, February 6, we and all Christians everywhere will be marked with ashes in the sign of the cross – “Remember O man that dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return.” These startling words and ritual are meant to awaken us to deeper realities: the reality of our sinfulness, and the reality of our need for mercy and salvation.

During Lent, we will embark on the internal journey of our souls. If we have been faithful Christians throughout the year we may find our souls to be a flourishing place filled with the good things which we have allowed God to give unto us – and, having tasted of the sweet things, we will inevitably desire more! Most of us, however, will find that we have allowed ourselves to become spiritually dry and barren – a desert in need of refreshment. It will be in this desert that we are called to imitate Jesus: to fast, to pray, to confront and overcome evil and temptation in our lives.

Although this spiritual passage into the desert can be painful and difficult, it reminds us that Jesus is the only One who can quench our thirst. Many times we seek material possessions and different types of activities in the hope that our thirst will be satisfied. The truth of the matter is that we are left spiritually dehydrated and still thirsting, for only God can quench the soul’s thirst: My souls *thirsts* for God, for the living God (Psalm 42:2).

As we make our necessary journey through the dry and barren places of our lives this Lent, let us remember that we indeed have a destination. We are not making this journey for the journey’s sake, we are doing this so that we might go to Him who can quench our thirst - “whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life” (John 4:13-14). Let us keep our eyes upon the goal, and that will make our journey all the more special and worthwhile.

May God bless all of us during this special time +
Father Hines

MITE BOXES

The traditional spiritual exercises of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The Mite Box deals with the latter two. As a person gives up things (*fasts*) for Lent, they will have a little more pocket change leftover than usual. The Mite Box is a good place to put that money which is then given toward a charitable purpose (*almsgiving*).

These boxes will be collected on Easter Day and blessed on the following Sunday. All the money will go to benefit the seminary in California via the provincial Anglican Church Women. The Mite Boxes will be available in the narthex starting on Ash Wednesday.

The term “Mite Box” comes from our Lord’s praise of the poor widow woman who, although only having two *mites* (coins), put them both in the Temple’s treasury. Jesus praised her sacrifice which, although small, was worth more in the eyes of God than those who gave larger amounts without sacrifice.

LENTEN READING ON DISPLAY IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Father Hines, Father Schultz and Deacon Wilson have selected their “picks” from our collection of material you may find helpful and appropriate for Lent. Their choices are in a display on the counter in the church library. Help yourself to some special reading material from the display or browse the shelves to find books to help in your spiritual journey. Procedures for check out are posted in the library.

Sue Peterson
Parish Librarian

STATE OF THE PROVINCE

I have many good things to report from my recent visit to San Francisco to attend the Enthronement of our new Archbishop, James Eugene Provence. The three day event included many meetings and ended with the Enthronement Ceremony at St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral. The following are some of the highlights from the special occasion:

- The Archbishop has formally closed the Archdiocese of the Parish of Christ the King, Washington, D.C. and plans to incorporate that parish into the Diocese of the Eastern States. It will now be referred to as the Provincial Cathedral and its priest, Fr. Paul Russell, will be its first dean and Fr. Albert Starr, assistant priest, will be the Cathedral's curate.
- Our Seminary continues to thrive. It now even includes a postulant from the ACC, which is a further sign of our jurisdictional unity with them. Archbishop Emeritus, Robert Morse, now focuses his time and talent on strengthening the seminary for the future. The Seminary's Academic Dean, Fr. Paul Russell, said that the seminary has now incorporated video conferencing for off-campus instruction.
- The biennial Pilgrimage to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, will now be replaced by a national Provincial gathering every two years instead. Our first national gathering will be in Washington, D.C., at the Provincial Cathedral.
- Archbishop Provence has already selected a Provincial Staff to help him in provincial administrative duties :
 - Mr. Lou Sid (Chief Financial Officer of the Province)
 - Dr. Monty Stanford (National Communications Advisor)
 - Fr. John Upham (Canon Law Advisor)
 - Deacon Jim Prudhomme (Assistant for Logistics and Jurisdictions)
 - John O'Donnell (Chancellor of the Province)
 - Christine Sunderland (American Church Union Directress)
 - Nona Gourley (National ACW President)

All of these people bring their various talents to the Province and we are grateful for them. They are a great help to our Archbishop and enable him to focus his time on being our chief Pastor.

- The three days culminated with the Enthronement Ceremony at St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral in Oakland. It was a glorious event attended by nearly 500 people.

- Representatives from both the UEC and the ACC were among those present at the ceremony to show their commitment to the APCK and our new Archbishop. The representatives were extremely gracious and they publicly stated their strong commitment to our shared union with them.
- Photos of the events of these three days can be found at www.anglicanpck.org.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 27, was successful, and we appreciate the food service provided by the ladies of the ACW. Prior to the meeting, in the Nave, Father Hines presented the "Shield of All Saints Medal Award" to Norma Stafford and Barbara Jepson. An article on this award is in this issue of "The Sanctus."

In addition to receiving the reports of the elected and appointed leadership for 2007, Donnie Marini and Charles Bolton were elected to their second three-year terms on the Vestry, and Sue Ross and William Gelert were elected to their first three-year terms. At the request of Father Hines, I will serve as the Senior Warden for 2008. If you missed the Annual Meeting, extra copies of the packet of reports are available in the Narthex.

The Treasurer's report was a significant part of the Annual Meeting, as there were a number of details to discuss. We ended the 2007 fiscal year with a surplus of \$10,400, due in large part to greater income received in non-pledge categories. The Budget for 2008 was reviewed, with a projected income from all sources of \$135,000, noting additional planned expense related to Clergy, the Parish Choir and outdoor maintenance. Most importantly, the mortgage on our building will be retired by applying the surplus from 2007, \$3,400 in our account at the First DuPage Bank, which holds our mortgage, and by an allocation of \$14,000 from the General Reserve Account. The 2008 Budget calls for returning \$10,000 to the reserves from our income.

At its session following the Annual Meeting, the Vestry elected Donnie Marini Junior Warden and Sue Peterson Clerk of the Vestry for 2008. Carol O'Sullivan was appointed Parish Treasurer for this year, and Marcia Wilson was confirmed as the Editor of "The Sanctus" and Chair of the Development Committee. The 2008 Parish Calendar was basically finalized, projects for 2008 were discussed and the terms of the pending contract for a professional lawn service were reviewed.

The first of four Morning Prayer services for 2008 will be held on Saturday, February 2, at 8:30 AM, with breakfast provided afterward by Chris Hall and Donnie Marini. The Annual Super Bowl Party will be held at 5:00 PM on Sunday, February 3, at the home of Sue and Phil Ross in Montgomery. If you missed the signup sheet in the Narthex, give them a call: 630-844-5726.

The traditional "Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper," hosted by the ACM, will be held in the Undercroft from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 5. Chuck Bolton and Dick Konigsfeld are handling the arrangements. In order to accommodate everyone's schedule, Mass with imposition of ashes will be held at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM on Ash Wednesday, February 6.

The 2008 Parish Directory will be distributed in the Narthex after Mass on Sunday, February 3, so please be sure to take your copy home with you. Additional copies of the Directory are always available. If any changes need to be made to your listing in the months ahead, please be sure to tell Father Hines so our parish records are kept up to date.

Membership growth needs to be an objective in the months ahead. As Father Hines said at the Annual Meeting: "This year, I hope that you will try to invite people to church ... people are searching for what we have to offer."

Bill Jepson
Senior Warden

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following totals for 2007 show that it was a very good year indeed!

	<u>December</u>	<u>2007</u>
Receipts	\$18,752	\$150,534
Expenses	\$12,955	\$140,112
Difference	\$5,797	\$10,422

More good news - First DuPage Bank is preparing our final payment letter for our mortgage. I expect that our final payment will be made on Monday, February 4.

Statements for 2007 were delivered in January. They included confirmation of your 2008 Pledge. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this information.

Carol O'Sullivan
Treasurer

SHIELD OF ALL SAINTS MEDAL AWARDS

Prior to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 27, Father Hines presented "The Shield of All Saints Medal Award" on behalf of the Vestry. Initiated at the time of the Dedication of the Church on November 3, 2002, this award was created to recognize exemplary service to the parish. Although the Vestry considers nominations every year; this is not an annual award, but is given solely on the basis of merit, and the unanimous vote of the Vestry is required for presentation. Two parishioners were honored with this award in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.

Norma Stafford has served as the Parish Fellowship Chair for over six years, and she has been responsible for the Sunday morning coffee hours and all of the related supplies. She assisted with the 2002 and 2007 Synods of the Diocese, and played a major role in our All Saints Day celebrations, the parish Flea Markets, the Tenth Anniversary and the Ordinations of Father Schultz and Deacon Wilson. Norma also takes care of the Nursery on Sunday morning and actively participates in all ACW activities. At the time of the Annual Meeting, Norma completed six years of service on the Vestry.

Barbara Jepson has been a constant asset to the parish family. She served as President of the ACW, 2003 to 2006, has been a Sunday School teacher for three years and was a member of the Parish Choir. Barbara has produced the Parish Directory since 2002, and she provides the individual name tags. She produced the master copies of the materials and programs for the 2002 and 2007 Synods, the Dedication of the Church in 2003, the Tenth Anniversary and for the Ordinations of Father Schultz and Deacon Wilson. She played an active part in the three parish Flea Markets and assists with all ACW activities.

The Shield of All Saints Medal Award Plaque is in the Narthex area and lists the clergy and laity that have received this award. Norma and Barbara deserve this recognition for all they have done to help All Saints Church grow and prosper.

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Dates to Remember

Saturday, February 2,
Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM
followed by fellowship and breakfast

Sunday, February 3,
Super Bowl Party, 5:00 PM
hosted by Sue and Phil Ross
Parish Directory distribution

Tuesday, February 5,
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30 PM

Wednesday, February 6,
Ash Wednesday Services,
10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Mite Boxes available

Sunday, February 10,
ACM and ACW Meetings

Wednesday, February 13,
Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM

Sunday, February 17,
Vestry Meeting
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Wednesday, February 20,
Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 27,
Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM

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Holy Eucharist and Church School
Sunday, 9:30 AM
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10:00 AM
Wednesday, 7:00 PM

The Rev. John A. Hines, Rector
The Rev. Blair W. Schultz, Assistant Priest
The Rev. Mr. Robert L. Wilson, Deacon

Newsletter Editorial Staff
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Deacon Wilson

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or
wish to contribute in any way,
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