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## Candles in the Church

### *Background*

Light is something we take so much for granted that we hardly give it a second thought. Nowadays our houses are lit by electricity, but not long ago people relied on gas, oil, and candle power for artificial light. The need for light is fundamental. There can be no life without light. It will come as no surprise, then, to learn that images of light and darkness recur throughout the Bible. Almost the first thing that we read in the Old Testament (*Genesis* 1:2) is that in the beginning “the earth was without form and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep.” The very first action of God in creation was to say, “Let there be light”; and there was light and God saw that the light was good” (*Genesis* 1:3). In the New Testament too, light is a key image. The Gospel according to St. John describes Our Lord as “the light.” Not the light *created* by God, but the Creator Himself! Our Lord, too, uses the image of light to teach His disciples, when He says that we should shine as lights exposed on hilltops, and not hide our faith under buckets.

### *The Pascal Candle*

A Pascal candle can be found in most churches during the Easter season, and it is easy to identify. It could well be taller and fatter than any other candle in the church, but it is certain to be the only candle decorated either with a decal or paint. From Easter to the Ascension, it will be in a prominent position in the sanctuary near the high altar. The Pascal candle is blessed at the Easter Vigil ceremonies, and represents Christ the light of the world. The Easter Vigil includes the first Eucharist of Easter, and is a dramatic representation of the mysteries of creation and redemption. It begins in total darkness, but ends in a flood of candle-lit glory!

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Two ceremonies are associated with the Pascal candle at the Easter Vigil: 1) Immediately after lighting, the Pascal candle is carried in procession through the darkened church. As the candle approaches the sanctuary, the ministers and congregation in turn light candles they are holding from the Pascal candle, and from each other. This is a powerful image of the way in which we come to share in the living light of Christ, and also spread that light throughout the world. 2) Towards the end of the Vigil, before the Eucharist, the Pascal candle is taken in procession to the font. There, using the candle as a symbol of Christ, waters of baptism are blessed as the candle is dipped three times into the font. This reminds us that in baptism we enter into the tomb of death with Christ, only to rise again in Him, whose resurrection we are about to celebrate. After the Ascension, the Pascal candle is used only during baptisms.

### ***Altar Candles and Processional Lights***

The number of candles used to decorate altars can vary, but traditionally two, four, or six candles are used. Side chapel altars normally have two, or sometimes four, candles (two being lit for Low Mass; all four only being lit on high feast days). The high altar will have up to six candles (seven when a bishop is present). A useful rule of thumb is that the more candles an altar has, the more important the altar is likely to be. The more obvious symbolism is that the altar represents the throne of God, from which the light of Christ shines upon His gathered people.

Candles carried in procession are a simple but effective way of honoring both the Cross, which they accompany, and also the priest as he represents the person of Christ. Their use adds both dignity and color to the Church's worship.

### ***Baptism Candles***

Many priests present a lighted candle to the newly baptized person at a certain point during the rite. Before the service begins, the Pascal candle is lit and the baptismal candle is lit from it. The symbolism demonstrates clearly that, through the Rite of Baptism, the newly baptized person shares in the life of the Risen Lord, represented by the Pascal candle. The words that accompany the giving of the candle also point out an important meaning: "Receive the light of Christ, that when the bridegroom cometh thou mayest go forth with all the saints to meet Him . . ."

### ***Votive or Prayer Candles***

Votive candles are found near a statue/shrine of a saint, or near to the Reserved Sacrament. Lighting a candle in prayer is a powerful symbol, with many meanings. 1) The lit candle reminds us of our baptism, and the way that we share in the life of Christ by sharing in the life of the Church. 2) When we go, leaving the burning candle behind, we are reminded that our souls never leave the presence of God, in company with His saints. 3) Prayer is not self centered, but it is God centered, and an important element is prayer for other people and causes. When lighting your candle, it is a very good idea to light a candle for those others you want to pray for.

But remember that the candle is an accompaniment, not a substitute, for the prayer of your heart. It is a small offering which, in giving glory to God, speaks both from the heart and to the heart. Lighting votive candles in church is a devotional practice in which many millions of Christians the world over have found inspiration.

*This article was adapted from the pamphlet "What We Do in Church and Why! No. 3 Lighting a Candle." Copies of the pamphlet are available in the tract rack in the narthex.*

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## **Senior Warden's Report**

Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 7. If you missed the registration on August 24, or have any questions, please contact administrator Chuck Bolton at (630) 769-0691.

The last Morning Prayer service of the year will be held on Saturday, September 6 at 8:30 a.m., with Dan Brush and Bill Jepson officiating. Breakfast will be served in the kitchen after the service.

The Vestry met on Sunday, August 17. Here is a brief summary of the meeting:

- New computer equipment for the church office has been ordered and will be installed within the next few weeks; \$350 was authorized for this purchase.
- Allocated up to \$250 to purchase a shredder for the church office.
- Accepted the contribution from Bonita Scott to provide two trees as a memorial to Robert Scott, Jr. O'Donovan and Sons Nursery, Naperville, will plant an Autumn Blaze Maple and an Emerald Queen Maple on the grounds in late fall, and a

- commemorative service will be held.
- Agreed to consider appointing an Outreach Committee for 2009, which will review charitable projects and agencies that may be of interest for parish support, with final decisions made by the Vestry.
  - Thanked Dan Brush for making some necessary repairs to the main sign on Boughton Road, and for outside light replacements.
  - Noted that work needs to be done on the front gutters of the building to eliminate an overflow problem, causing ice in the winter at the entrance.
  - Expressed appreciation for the success of the third annual parish picnic, to the coordinators Karen and Ron Waitek and Cynthia and Bill Gelert.
  - Noted that the blue carpet in the narthex and hallways will be cleaned by volunteers, in order to determine whether professional service is necessary.
  - Father Schultz announced that he will be on vacation from September 25 to October 8, and Deacon Wilson will officiate at the Sunday services on September 28 and October 5.
  - Reviewed the report on the 2007 Easter mite-box program sponsored by the provincial ACW, which indicates that nineteen parishes contributed \$3,212, with \$228 from All Saints, for the benefit of our seminary in Berkeley, California. We also contribute \$1,200 annually from the operating budget.

The schedule for our Consecration Weekend, November 1 and 2, is reviewed in another article in this issue of “The Sanctus.” Please give your attention to the sign-up sheet in the narthex for the ACM-sponsored Theatre Party on Saturday, September 27, at Pheasant Run in St. Charles.

Finally, thanks to Lisa Richmond for producing this issue of “The Sanctus” for Marcia Wilson, who is recovering from knee surgery.

Bill Jepson  
Senior Warden

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## Letter from Father Hines

Dear All Saints Family,

Well, I have now made it to Texas. After spending a couple of weeks in Wisconsin visiting family, I made the fifteen-hour drive down. The drive certainly gave me a lot of time both to think and to reflect.

First of all, I am still in shock over the farewell gifts which you gave me on my final Sunday. I cannot articulate my feelings—I will simply say “thank you” and only hope you know that sometimes gratitude is beyond expressing.

In my drive down, my thoughts kept taking me back to all of you. Memories that I know I will cherish for the rest of my life flooded my mind. From celebrating baptisms to officiating at funerals, the life of a priest brings him into an intimate relationship with his flock. It was an honor being in such a relationship with all of you. I cannot stress enough how much I will miss you.

I will be starting a new relationship with a new flock soon. St. Mary’s of Plano, Texas, is a mission with just a handful of souls in the congregation. They remind me a lot of All Saints during its earlier years. I can only hope and pray for such success.

The time ahead here will no doubt provide challenges, but by God’s grace all will be well. May all continue to be well with you as you continue in His service.

Looking forward to seeing you in November!

In Christ our Lord,  
Father Hines

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## Consecration of All Saints Church

Archbishop James E. Provence will be with us to officiate at all the events related to the consecration of our building on Saturday, November 1 and Sunday, November 2. The “Rite of Consecration of the Church” is found on page 563 of the Prayer Book. This special service is performed only when a parish is debt free. Here is the general schedule for the weekend.

### Saturday, November 1

- All Saints Day Luncheon, 11:15 a.m., Hugo’s Restaurant, Naperville  
Guest list will include the elected and appointed leadership of the parish, former members of the Vestry, recipients of the Shield of All Saints Award, and special guests. This event will be hosted by the chairman of the board of First DuPage Bank, Westmont, where we had the mortgage on our property until it was retired in February of this year.
- Office of Institution and Solemn Evensong, 2:30 p.m.  
Father Schultz will be formally instituted as the Rector of All Saints by Archbishop Provence, and the All Saints parish family is invited to attend.

### Sunday, November 2

- Rite of Consecration of the Church and Solemn Pontifical Mass, 9:30 a.m.  
Archbishop Provence will be the officiant and celebrant, and Father Hines will deliver the sermon.

A publication on the history of All Saints Anglican Church is being prepared for distribution to the parish on Sunday, October 26, the week before the consecration. In addition, a display on our Bolingbrook location, similar to the photographs of the first building in Naperville, will be placed in the narthex.

Additional information is forthcoming. This consecration weekend will be one of the most unique and memorable events in the life of All Saints Church.

## Choir and Music

It’s time for the choir to start up again! The choir will begin singing again on September 7. We are always looking for new voices, so if you can sing and are interested in being part of this important part of our parish life, please join us. There will be an initial rehearsal on Saturday, September 6 after Morning Prayer (approximately 9:30 a.m.). The choir rehearses every Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. prior to Mass. If you are interested but cannot attend the first weekend, please let me know either at church after Mass or by email ([jldavid@freeshell.org](mailto:jldavid@freeshell.org)).

Speaking of Mass, there will be a small change involving music starting September 7. Father Schultz has requested that the choir and congregation sing the responses to the Sursum Corda (just before the Preface). He will not chant the lead-ins as Father Hines did, but will speak them and we will sing the responses with organ accompaniment. Fr. Schultz will say “The Lord be with you” and we will sing (with organ) “And with thy spirit,” followed by “Lift up your hearts” (spoken), “We lift them up unto the Lord” (sung with organ), “Let us give thanks unto our Lord God” (spoken), and “It is meet and right so to do” (sung with organ). Each time, I will play a starting note for the response. The remainder will be the same, with Fr. Schultz reading the Preface and the congregation singing the Sanctus and Benedictus with organ.

In addition, we will be singing the Lord’s Prayer on special feast days and holidays. Tentatively, this means Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, High Mass on Easter Sunday, and All Saints Day at the very least. While the exact plans have not been determined, in general we can expect to sing the Lord’s Prayer whenever there is incense. If the Lord’s Prayer is to be sung, then it will be noted as such in the bulletin.

Yours in Christ,  
Jeff David  
Organist and Choir Director

## Anglican Church Men

Thanks to the Waiteks and Gelerts for a great time at the picnic; the food was terrific. Thanks to Dan Brush for setting up the games.

The ACM is hosting an event at Pheasant Run on Saturday, September 27 at 5:00 p.m., with a buffet dinner to follow at 8:30. The title of the show is "Some Enchanted Evening." You will experience a memorable revue of the world's best-loved musicals that have defined musical theater. This tribute to Broadway icons Rodgers and Hammerstein is a celebration of their songs and lyrics, including music from "Carousel," "Oklahoma," "South Pacific," and "The Sound of Music."

Tickets for show and dinner are \$56 per person. Please make your check payable to All Saints ACM and give it to Dan Brush. Dan will hand out tickets at the event. Please check the sign-up sheet in the narthex and ride-share to the event. The address of Pheasant Run is 4051 East Main Street in St. Charles, on Route 64 (North Avenue) just east of Farnsworth Boulevard, three miles west of Route 59. Meet a little earlier in the lounge area next to the theatre for libations.

We have selected red wooden doors to be installed on the front of the church. They will be delivered and installed in October, just in time for the dedication on November 2. Thanks again to Chuck and Libby Bolton for their generous donation—this could only happen with your deep commitment to the ongoing success of All Saints. We appreciate your support. The doors will greatly enhance the front of our church and show potential members the strength of our viability.

Robert Oschman  
ACM President

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## Anglican Church Women

Please plan to be present at our ACW meeting on September 14, following Mass. We will be making plans for the archbishop's visit in November, a "girls' day out" for the fall, and some new outreach activities.

We will again be taking orders for Ordo calendars. Please see Sue Ross or me for more information.

The kitchen shower will be held after church on Sunday, September 14, in conjunction with the ACW meeting. Gifts may be left on the kitchen table before Mass. If you have questions about the shower, please speak to Janis Semaan.

Jane Munsie  
ACW President

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