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ANOINTING WITH OIL

Oil as a Symbol

We are all familiar with oil, in one form or another, in all aspects of our daily lives. We use it for cooking, healing, lubricating, and in a thousand and one other ways. Without it there would be no industry, no transportation, and we would have to do without many of the “plastic” goods we take for granted.

Oil has always been the “life-blood” of society, a fact that the Jewish people of the Old Testament were very aware of. The oil which the Jews knew, and which is still in use today, is olive oil and it is the same oil which we use in Church. For the Jews a plentiful supply of oil, along with corn and wine, was a sign of God’s favor (Psalm 4:8). Oil was, and still is, a sign of God’s blessing because it represents all that is best in life and God’s generosity to the people He loves.

Oil in Church

We use oil in Church in two ways: we sometimes burn it in votive lamps, and we anoint people with it. In both cases its use can be tracked back to the earliest times, and is recorded in both the Old Testament and the New. The Christian Church adopted the use of oil very early in its history.

Anointing with oil largely fell from favor in the Church of England for several hundred years. But in recent times, Anglo-Catholics have rediscovered its use. Oil has its proper place in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Unction, or the anointing of the sick, and in the Ordination of priests.

Sacramental Oil

Oil as a symbol reminds us of God’s boundless generosity towards us, and of His never-ending love of us. When we use it to anoint people in Church, it is more than merely a symbol, or reminder. It becomes one of the channels by which He blesses us with His Holy Spirit.

The oil is essentially no different from any other olive oil, but it is made special by being set aside specially for God’s purposes. God takes the ordinary things of this world, in this case olive oil, and makes them holy. He works through material things to show Himself to the world and to bring people back to Himself.

The Three Oils

The oils used for anointing are specially blessed for this purpose by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass on Maundy Thursday, so called because one of the oils used is called “Chrism.”

1. The Oil of the Sick - In the letter of St. James (5:14) we read, “Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the Lord will raise him up.” The rite of anointing the sick in mind or body, those about to undergo surgery, those nearing death, is one of God’s gifts available to His people through His priests. This kind of anointing is itself a Sacrament. Those who receive it can be confident that God will respond to the prayer of faith.

2. The Oil of Catechumens - A “catechumen” is somebody who is preparing to become a Christian, and so this oil is used to accompany the Rite of Baptism.

In Baptism we are “born of water and the Spirit” (John 3:5). The Holy Spirit is the gift of Christ to His Church. When used, anointing at Baptism is a symbol which points to the gift of the Holy Spirit which comes to the newly baptized person as it did upon Christ at His Baptism in the Jordan. This anointing also reminds us at Baptism that we are made inheritors of the Kingdom of God.

3. The Holy Chrism - Holy Chrism is the oil used to anoint people at their Confirmation, and is also used to anoint priests at their Ordination. It is also used in the consecration of altars and Church buildings. Additionally bishops use it when they consecrate chalices and patens. Consecration means making holy or setting apart for God’s purposes. It differs from the other two oils in that it alone is not pure olive oil. A scented balsam is mixed with the oil to make the Chrism.

NEW CROSS FOR SANCTUARY

How the Oil is Used

The oil is almost always applied using the right thumb, or occasionally is poured on. When applied with the thumb, it is usually applied in the form of a cross. This is to remind us that all blessings come from the crucified Christ, the source of all healing and life for the world.

When anointing accompanies Baptism, the cross is marked in oil on the baptized person's forehead. (See Holy Baptism in the *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 280) In this way they are "sealed" with the Holy Spirit as a reminder of Revelation 7:3 in which the servants of God are "sealed...upon their foreheads." In Baptism we are made servants of God.

Confirmation candidates and the sick are anointed in the same way on their foreheads, and for the same reasons. The sick are also anointed, as the need arises, on the infected part of their bodies. In this way their prayer is acted out.

In the Sacraments of Confirmation and Ordination the anointing is in addition to the action of "Laying-on of Hands." In the Sacrament of Unction the anointing with prayer is at the heart of the rite, and although accompanied by the 'Laying-on of Hands,' is itself the essential element.

Conclusion

As with all things Christian, God chooses the ordinary things of this world and by His Grace makes them extra-special. He then uses them to make His presence felt in the world. He does this when through the Holy Water of the Font He gives new and eternal life to His people. He does this supremely when He takes the bread and wine at the hand of a priest and returns them as the Body and Blood of Christ. He does this when, by means of Holy Oils, He pours His healing and life-giving Spirit into the Church and upon her members.

This article was adapted from the pamphlet "What we do in Church and Why! No. 5 Anointing with Oil." Copies of the pamphlet are available in the Tract Rack in the Narthex.

If you are sick, or about to undergo an operation, the Sacrament of Anointing is available to you. Please contact Father Schultz to set up an appointment.

A project Father Hines started some time ago, and that we are now able to complete, is the replacement of the cross and corpus over the altar with a different cross and corpus. The reason for replacing the cross and corpus is pastoral. The people who attend All Saints come from a variety of backgrounds. Some people are from a more Catholic background, others from a more Protestant background.

Father Hines felt, and I agree, that it is necessary to make all who are attracted to All Saints comfortable with the Church and its decor. This has not been the case with the current cross and corpus. And unfortunately, if a person comes to All Saints and doesn't feel comfortable with the facilities there isn't another Anglican Church just around the corner that he or she can attend. We want these people to attend All Saints rather than to not attend Church at all.

The new corpus will be a carved wood figure of the Resurrected Christ wearing a robe with a stole and a crown. These symbols are emblematic of Christ our High Priest and Christ the King. The new corpus is also emblematic of Christ the King of Saints. Thus in one figure we will have a representation of Christ's Passion and Death because the figure will be displayed on a cross and the figure is of Christ the High Priest who offers the sacrifice of Himself on the cross. And a representation of Christ's Resurrection because the figure is the risen Christ and the figure shows Christ the King who reigns eternally in heaven.

The corpus will be a light wood color with gold highlights on the crown and robe. The cross will be a plain Latin cross, stained to match the altar rail, pulpit and pews. The size of the cross will be six feet tall with the corpus being three feet tall. The size was chosen to fit the available space.

The cost of the cross and corpus is being funded by a gift from an anonymous donor. The corpus is being carved in Italy while the cross is being made in Florida. The expected delivery date for both is the middle of November. We hope to have the new cross and corpus hung for services on Christmas Eve.

Father Schultz +

CONSECRATION OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Consecration Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, November 1 and 2, should be one of the most memorable events in the life of All Saints Church. Not only is the Rite of Consecration done only when a parish is debt free, but the weekend will be the culmination of the hard work and generosity of the parish since moving into our building in Bolingbrook in 2002.

The Most Reverend James E. Provence, Archbishop, Anglican Province of Christ the King, will be with us for the weekend and will officiate at all events. Following is the complete schedule:

Thursday, October 30

6:30 PM Altar Guild Rehearsal for the Vesting of the Altar.

Saturday, November 1

9:30 AM Rehearsal for the Institution and Evening Prayer Service

11:15 AM All Saints Day Luncheon, Hugo's Frog Bar, Naperville
By invitation – to include the elected and appointed leadership of the parish, recipients of the Shield of All Saints Award, former members of the vestry, special guests and spouses of all. This event is hosted by the Chairman of the Board of First DuPage Bank, Westmont, where we had our mortgage.

2:30 PM Office of Institution and Solemn Evensong
The All Saints Parish Family is invited to attend this special service during which Father Schultz will be formally instituted as the Rector of our parish.

4:00 PM Rehearsal for the Consecration and the High Mass

Sunday, November 2

9:30 AM Rite of Consecration of the Church and Solemn Pontifical Mass

11:00 AM Consecration Day Reception in the Undercroft in honor of Archbishop Provence, clergy, all Saints Parish and guests.

Additional information will be forthcoming in October which will describe the services. Everyone will want to reserve Saturday and Sunday, November 1 and 2, for two very special days for All Saints.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

The Vestry met on Sunday, September 21, and appointed Chris Oschman and Fabi Brush, Co-Chairs of the 2008 Thanksgiving Basket Project in cooperation with the Bolingbrook FISH organization. The goal is \$850 to take care of eight families. Please make your contribution via the collection plate on any Sunday in October, or give it to one of the Co-Chairs.

As previously announced, new wooden doors will be installed at the entrance of the church. Delivery is expected within the next few weeks, and if all goes well, this project will be completed in time for the Consecration of the Church on November 2. The exterior of the doors will be red, in keeping with the custom for churches which are debt free.

The Vestry appointed Carol O'Sullivan, Sue Ross, Bill Jepson and Father Schultz as the Nominating Committee for 2009. Anyone interested in serving on the Vestry should contact a member of this committee. Two, 3-year, terms are to be filled by election at the January Annual Meeting.

A new wireless fire alarm system is being installed in cooperation with the Bolingbrook Fire Department; the Undercroft floor will be stripped and refinished by Home Pride Service at a cost of \$585, and the furnaces were inspected and are ready for winter at a cost of \$570. In October, the Vestry will consider a report from the special committee, Donnie Marini, Dan Brush and Bob Oschman, on plans to replace the heating and air-conditioning systems in the future.

The ACM sponsored Theatre Party has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 18. A sign-up sheet for this event is in the Narthex.

Two trees have been planted in memory of Robert Scott, Jr., a gift from Benita Scott and family. A commemorative service will be held on Sunday, October 12. We will meet in the Narthex at 9:30 AM, go outside for the brief service that Father Schultz will lead, and then return to the church via the parking lot entrance for the regular Sunday morning Mass.

The Vestry discussed the invitation from the Boy Scouts of America to host a "Venture Scout Troop" at All Saints in 2009, and additional information is necessary before a decision can be made. Also, the Vestry is considering the request from "Lifesource" to host a blood donation day at our church. The basic guidelines for establishing a new mission in our area were reviewed.

Final plans for the Consecration Weekend have been made and all the details have been approved by Archbishop Provence, who will officiate at all events.

Bill Jepson
Senior Warden

TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>2008 Actual</u>	
	Income	Expenses
August	\$ 11,866	\$ 6,883
YTD through August	\$104,131	\$89,672

	<u>2008 Budget</u>	
August	\$11,267	\$11,258
YTD through August	\$90,133	\$90,060

Carol O'Sullivan
Treasurer

THANKSGIVING BASKETS 2008

The time has come once again to consider a donation to a most worthy cause and tradition at All Saints. Since 2003 we have provided Thanksgiving meals to a number of needy families in Bolingbrook through the FISH ministry. In addition, we provide many staples for the weeks ahead for these same families, such as flour, canned goods, powdered milk, and so on.

Last year we were able to give seven families a bountiful Thanksgiving. This year we hope to provide for eight families. We need to collect at least \$850 to meet this goal. The month of October is the crucial time of giving, as we need to inform the FISH program of our number of families by the first week of November. Checks should be made payable to All Saints with "Thanksgiving Dinners" noted on the memo line.

We will shop two weeks prior to Thanksgiving and many volunteers would certainly be welcome. Please contact Chris Oschman or Fabi Brush if you wish to volunteer, and may God bless your generosity.

In His Service,
Chris and Fabi

KITCHEN SHOWER

The kitchen shower was held in September and was a great success. Thank you to all who brought gifts for our new and improved kitchen!

If you have purchased items from the registry list and have yet to deliver them to the church, please bring them in as soon as possible. Thanks again for your generosity!

Jan Semaan
Coffee Hour Coordinator

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

Your ACW is becoming involved with two new outreach activities! Women of the Parish are encouraged to knit helmet warmers for soldiers - please contact Sue Ross for the pattern. Sue has also contacted "Feed My Starving Children" to sign up to help package food supplies that will be distributed to starving children in over 55 countries. Sue will have a sign-up sheet available for group times as well as walk-in opportunities. I have brochures about the program if you would like to know more about this organization. This project is open to everyone in the Parish.

Our fall "Girls Day Out" will be on Saturday, October 25, at Burr Ridge Village Center and Coopers Hawk Restaurant. We can carpool from the Church (meet at 10:00 AM) or meet at the Center at 10:30 AM; lunch will be at 11:30 AM. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Join us for shopping, just lunch or both! Call me for further information.

Jane Munsie
ACW President

ACW OUTREACH PROJECT

The ACW is sponsoring a parish outreach project - "Feed My Starving Children." This project entails going to the "FMSC" facility at 555 Exchange Court in Aurora and packaging meals to be sent world wide.

Saturday morning sessions for 2008 are not available. Alternately, I will be going on "Walk-In Nights" where we can have ten or less participants. The dates are October 16 and November 12, 6:30-8:30 PM. We are asked to arrive at 6:15 PM to sign in and sit down for an explanation of the process. We then go to the processing area where ten stations are located. Each station has several jobs and there are tasks for those who need to sit. After working until 8:15 PM, we return to the reception room where we learn how many meals we made and have an opportunity to taste what we have packed. If a full pallet is completed, we are asked to go to the warehouse where everyone places their hands on the pallet and a prayer is said. It is an educational and gratifying experience for all.

Dates for 2009 have been scheduled. Reservations have been made for 15 people per session on January 10, March 7 and September 19. Each of these Saturday sessions is held from 9:00-11:00 AM (please arrive at 8:45 AM). Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex.

Sue Ross
Project Coordinator

Ron and Karen Waitek would like to thank their church family for the outpouring of love through phone calls, emails and cards regarding the passing of Karen's mother, Lois Shilts. Your sympathy has been very much appreciated.

Dates to Remember

October 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7,
No Weekday Mass
Office Closed
Sundays throughout October,
Thanksgiving Basket collection
Sunday, October 12,
ACM and ACW Meetings
Saturday, October 18,
ACM sponsored theater party
(postponed from September 27)
Sunday, October 19,
Vestry Meeting
F I S H
Friday, October 31,
No Mass
Church Office Closed
Saturday, November 1,
Installation of New Rector and
Solemn Evensong, 2:30 PM (DST)
Sunday, November 2,
Consecration of Church, 9:30 AM (CST)
(Daylight Savings Time ends)
Tuesday, November 4,
No Mass
Church Office Closed
Election Day
Wednesday, November 5,
Mass for Feast of All Souls and
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

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

The Rev. Blair W. Schultz, Rector
The Rev. Mr. Robert L. Wilson, Deacon

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