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A Month to Remember

The morning after the sugar-crazed children of our neighborhoods run through the streets in costume, we wake up to a new month driven by holiday prepping: Thanksgiving is almost here! That means it's almost Christmas! Then New Year's Eve! It's practically 2018 already.

Let's slow down. Even before we get to Advent, the Church's season of waiting in darkness and quiet for the birth of Christ on Christmas, we can sink deeper into a special feast day: All Saints' Day.

In our culture, November is a time for gratitude, for gathering with family and friends, and for giving to others. But for many, it quickly becomes a time of stress, over-commitment, and shopping sprees. The winter holidays can often trigger difficult memories of people we love who have died. For those who struggle with depression all year, this time of year might be particularly painful.

In its wisdom, the Church celebrates the feast day of All Saints on November 1 – just at the cusp of our societal holiday madness. This year, take the

time between All Saints' Day and Thanksgiving to focus on remembering – remembering those who have gone before us, remembering what is most important, and remembering to listen to the still, small voice of God.

We participate in a deep tradition of remembering the communion of saints all year long, with a special emphasis on November 1. What is the communion of saints? The Book of Common Prayer (page 862) describes it this way:

The communion of saints is the whole family of God,

the living and the dead, those whom we love and those

whom we hurt, bound together in Christ by sacrament,

prayer, and praise.

Who are these saints we celebrate on November 1? At the All Saints' Day liturgy we remember some of the faithful who have gone before us in the Litany of Saints. It calls us to recall that we are never alone in our faith – we participate in



My Heart is Full of Gratitude

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the communion of saints through sacrament, prayer, and praise. We belong to a spiritual community that upholds us, prays for us, teaches us. Members of liturgical Christian churches begin the “holiday season” with a reminder of our connectedness with all Christians, past and present. The church calendar calls us back to what’s important – loving God, loving others, as the saints lives show us – at a time when it’s easy for us to forget.

All Saints’ Day can help us make sense of the world around us. The world can be scary and feel hopeless sometimes: our neighbors continue to die of senseless gun violence, our community mourns the loss of a young person to suicide – where is the hope?

Dig deep into the tradition of the church: remember those who have died. Say their names. Display pictures of them, tell

stories about them, write a letter to them. Light a candle each night this month as a prayer for those in your life who have died, for those in our faith community who have died, for those in the human family who have died. On the feast of All Saints we are

given permission to mourn, to deeply feel and process the losses in our lives. Our culture tells us: get over it, they’re in a better place, work to distract yourself from the grief. The church tells us: remember. Remember the saints in your life. For it is through memory that we find healing.

~The Rev. Mary Lynn Coulson



Congratulations Mother Mary Lynn and David!

Join St. Bart's in celebrating the marriage of Mother Mary Lynn and David after the 10:15 service on November 5. Instead of gifts, the couple welcomes donations, in honor of their marriage, to St. Bart's partner school in Loranette, Haiti to pay for school uniforms.



Angles Have Appeared

Thank you “Angels” who have joined our Angel Tree program of Prison Fellowship Ministries here at St. Bart’s. Angel Tree Sunday will be November 19. The actual angels will be available for your selection at both Sunday services and also at the Saturday, November 18 5 p.m. service. Your wrapped gifts will be due back to church on Sunday, November 26. If you have any questions regarding the gift selections, Please contact Rosalind Duddy, 858-485-1770 or rosalindduddy@sbcglobal.net.

Remember that Jesus said “Anything you did for any of my people here, you also did for Me”, Matthew 25:40. We can reach out to families broken by crime, and we can make a difference because when mom or dad is in prison, it’s the kids who do hard time. Let us pray for God’s rich blessings on our 2017 Angel Tree ministry. May we all share God’s love with one another and acknowledge how very blessed we are to be able to love and serve Him with gladness and singleness of heart.



Trunk or Treat - A Sweet Time for All

Pirates, fairies, ninjas, princesses and more swarmed our parking lot for St. Bart's annual Trunk or Treat. Dozens of cars lined the parking stalls with fantastic designs from Pirates of the Caribbean (our very own Preschool Director, Cheri and her husband.), to a giant shark that might take a bite out of your board (courtesy of the Jones family)! From pirates to a pizza party on the patio for all! Dinner was enjoyed al fresco on this cool October evening under the lights on our patio. Thanks to all those sugary treats, what goes up must come down so we headed into the sanctuary for fun with a family friendly movie. It was a fun night for all! Many thanks to all who joined in and we look forward to doing it again next year!



Bishop Nominating Committee Report

October 26, 2017

Our retreat was led by the Rev. L. Ann Hallisey, search consultant, and was held at the beautiful Mission San Luis Rey de Francia in Oceanside Oct. 13-14. The Rev. Hallisey is a member of a long-standing consulting group designed to assist dioceses across the country in their search for a bishop; and she will be working with the nominating committee, all sub-committees and the yet to be named transition committee throughout the extent of the process.

The retreat was a wonderful mix of prayer, contemplation, structured team-building, organization, communication, education and preparation for the discernment process to present a diverse slate of three to five candidates by November 16, 2018; following with the election of the fifth bishop of San Diego.

The nominating committee is a diverse group of 18 people from all parts of the diocese, with gifts to match the tall task at hand. The last day of the retreat gave the nominating committee members an opportunity to self-select into sub-committees and define their roles and responsibilities.

Members of the sub-committees expressed energy and passion around each of the committees where they chose to serve. The five sub-committees formed at the retreat are: Education & Communication, Listening Sessions & Survey, Profile, Nominating & Screening, Interviews & Discernment Retreat. The tasks and timelines set for the nominating committee are many; but will be accomplished through the partnership with the standing committee and our search consultant.

The first tasks on the calendar of events are: offering diocesan-wide regional listening sessions, and surveys to everyone in the

diocese. The sessions and surveys will provide information to develop the profile of our diocese for

prospective nominees to read, get to know who we are and what our hopes and aspirations are for our new bishop.

Work is already underway by all the sub-committees to begin with several listening sessions before the diocesan convention in November. At the convention, there will also be workshops about the listening sessions and an opportunity for leaders in the diocese to sign up to host additional listening sessions in their area. The target deadline for completing the listening sessions and surveys is mid-December.

The profile sub-committee is already working on compiling the data and pictures from around the diocese and researching history and accomplishments of the past, including where the diocese is today, in its ministries and community development. The sub-committee is also developing the website where they will post the profile.

Once the listening sessions and surveys are reviewed, the profile sub-committee will develop the profile to include the data from the sessions and survey. This will provide a clear, prayerfully-considered description of our diocese for all prospective bishop nominees to consider as they discern their call to be the next shepherd of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego.

Respectfully,
Mr. Ed Walsh and the Rev. Pamela Rieger,
Nominating Committee Co-Chairs



From the
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The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

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Christmas Service Schedule Announced

This Advent season the fourth Sunday of Advent falls on December 24, Christmas Eve, a day where we normally have extra services. So what do we do? St. Bart's will celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent, where we learn about the birth of Jesus foretold by the Angel Gabriel, as usual at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Then we will celebrate the birth of our Lord with the angels and shepherds at Christmas Eve services later in the day at 4 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9:30 p.m. You will notice that there is no 2 p.m. service this year. Additionally, we have added an extra half hour between the two evening services to allow ample time for parishioners at the 7 p.m. service to exit the parking lot creating space for those worshipping at 9:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar for An Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3. This year we're helping those experiencing an less than festive holiday season with an evening Blue Christmas service on December 20.

Remember to invite your neighbors, extended family, and those you know who do not have a place to celebrate the birth of our Lord to St. Bart's. All welcome!

Advent & Christmas

at St. Bartholomew's

**December 3
4 p.m.**

An Advent
Festival of
Lessons &
Carols

**December 20
7 p.m.**

Blue Christmas

**December 24
4th Sunday of
Advent**

8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist

**December 24
Christmas Eve**

4 p.m. Pageant
7 p.m. Holy Eucharist
9:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

**December 25
10 a.m.**

Holy Eucharist

Bringing Church Into the World

Did you know that St. Bart's parishioners bring communion to those who are ill or homebound? Every week, parishioners meet in homes, hospitals, and facilities to pray, read scripture, and share communion. The bread and wine that we consecrate together at Saturday and Sunday worship is taken out into the world, and connects people to the community. In October the Lay Eucharistic Visitors met for a retreat where we practiced listening skills, explored new prayer practices, and shared stories from our experiences bringing communion to people.

Are you homebound? Do you know someone who is? Contact Pastoral Care Coordinator Cathie Roy (pastoralcare@stbartschurch.org) to request a Lay Eucharistic Visitor. Interested in being a Lay Eucharistic Visitor? Contact Cathie Roy for more information.



It is a blessing and a privilege to be part of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor's Team at St. Bart's! The retreat gave us a chance to get to know one another, have some fun, pray together and practice our listening skills! We learned about the importance of active listening...to God and to those whom we visit. We learned that it is okay to sit in silence together; in fact, that practice makes space for healing to take place. I am looking forward to visiting with those who are unable to get to church, but who wish to remain connected to their faith community through visitation, prayer and sharing in the Holy Eucharist.

~Rita Moufarrege, parishioner

Thank you to Mother Mary Lynn and Cathie Roy for an uplifting Lay Eucharist Visitor retreat on Saturday, October 7. We enjoyed fellowship and meeting new members joining our ministry. We prayed, shared, listened, and learned together the importance of this ministry of taking the church to those who are home bound, in hospital or not able to attend church. We are also commissioned to provide the sacrament to those who wish to receive. We visit on behalf of our rector Father Mark and therefore our ministry is an extension of Pastoral Care from the rector.

We meet on a regular basis in order to ensure that we are not only providing a meaningful ministry for the church, but also to minister to each other.

If you or someone you know is not able to attend church and you would like to have a visit please contact the church to schedule a Visitor.

~Shirley Bunch, Lay Eucharist Minister

Proclaimers Gather

Saturday morning October 14, eighteen lectors and cantors, including two new to the ministry, attended the Proclaimers' Formation session at St. Bart's.

We began the morning with a reflection on "proclamation" and "formation" in our ministry of bringing the word of God to God's people. More than just reading and singing, proclamation, to quote Douglas Leal, "brings the life inherent in the words to our community." We don't know what that life will become: we don't know how different people in their different points of life will hear those words; we don't know how or even whether the preacher of the day will use the text we proclaim. But as proclaimers, we put it out there and become the vehicles through which the Word of God comes alive for others, and for ourselves.

Similarly, "formation" for proclaimers is not just about technical details. As liturgical Christians, we believe that the Word of God proclaimed in liturgy has the power to nourish and continually transform both those who hear and those who proclaim it. This formation is never over or complete. Those who were at our first all-parish gathering after Evensong October 1 heard me say that "good liturgy has the power to grow and inspire faith; bad liturgy has the power to deaden faith." So, too, with proclamation: we know the power the Word of God has to inspire and challenge us – such as when we hear a scriptural text again as if for the first time. We also know when proclamations during liturgy can actually deflate us – when we can't hear the Word, or connect with the reader whose eyes are too much on the page. The Word of God is still there, but it's a lost opportunity to bring that Word even more alive and more clear to a people and world that so needs to hear it.

And so it's a great privilege and responsibility for the one, two, or three people who are the vehicles or conduits of the Word for the whole community: When Scripture is read during liturgy, God himself is speaking to God's people. We say "The Word of the Lord" at the conclusion of a reading because we believe that the Word, Christ, is present in that proclamation and in the encounter between proclaimer and listener, for which we repeatedly respond, "Thanks be to God."

JD Cowart offered an account of his own preparation of a particularly knotted Pauline letter, which included careful and slow reading ways of understanding and praying the text. Others offered their own practices and "tools of the trade," including referring to different translations, practicing the words in our mouths, finding the overall intention or literary pearl in the text, and being aware of the importance of pitch, inflection, eye contact, and bodily presence in all communication.

We spent the majority of our time preparing texts individually, then discussing them with partners, and finally taking

turns proclaiming and offering feedback to one another. We concluded with Janice Miller reviewing some logistics and then adjourned to lunch in thanksgiving for this ministry.

One of our big takeaways is that proclamation is a full-bodied, physical ministry, not just a reading or auditory experience -- one that can feed both the proclaimer and our community as we become vehicles for the Word of God in worship.

Formation in ministry is always ongoing: this was not "training" but rather more about how we can continue to grow with each other into our collective ministry.

For those interested in beginning or growing in this ministry, stay tuned for our next session in the spring for new and veteran proclaimers.

~Nathan Costa

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Treasurer's Report – First Nine Months 2017

This report is intended to accompany the financial statements of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Poway, CA, for September 30, 2017.

For the first nine months of 2017, operating income was \$835,613, \$22,369 more than forecast as we have had an unusually strong third quarter of contributions. Operating income has averaged \$92,846 per month during this period.

On a year to date basis, operating expenses totaled \$862,756 and were (\$36,377) less than budgeted. Operating expenses are averaging \$95,862 per month. As a result, the first nine months of 2017 have produced an operating loss of (\$27,143) with an average monthly loss of (\$3,016). However, on a year to date basis this is \$58,746 better than expected for 2017.

Pledge receipts on a year to date basis are \$642,819 and \$15,352 more than forecast. Pledge receipts are basically on track for the year and represent 68.4% of the total expected for the year.

The General Operating Fund balance sheet reflects liquid assets totaling \$114,935, payables of \$10,601, a reserve for major repairs and replacements of \$27,582 and advanced 2017 pledge, non-pledge gifts and other deferred revenue and charges of \$36,920. Therefore, our actual available free cash reserves total \$37,132 including trusts and bequests in the operating fund.

The Preschool shows a year to date operating income of \$202 after revenue sharing of \$18,000, for the Operating Fund and Vestry designated reserves of \$156,886.

The Outreach Fund reflects Vestry Designated Reserves of \$63,354 including \$19,867 of thrift shop operating surplus and Scholarship funds of \$43,486. Temporarily restricted assets total \$21,886 comprised primarily of a general outreach fund of \$16,215 and the Youth Outreach fund of \$2,054.

The Endowment Fund shows total net assets of \$751,264 including \$78,500 of permanently restricted endowment and \$625,875 in Vestry designated reserves. There is \$22,757 in accumulated permanent endowment earnings available to support ministry. This year to date the endowment has contributed \$20,085 to the Operating Fund.

The Columbarium has net assets of \$120,002 and has realized a year to date operating surplus of \$13,160.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Angus, Treasurer

Regular Meetings

SUNDAY

Interfaith Community Services (ICS) - Merle's Place

4-6 p.m. on the first and third Sunday of the month.

Contact Jill Henderson at 760-807-8445.

Daughters of the King

Third Sunday at 9:15 a.m., Room 3E

MONDAY

Boy Scouts:

7 p.m., Parish Hall

Health and Wellness Ministry:

First Monday at 5:30 p.m., Education Building, Room 3AB

Hand Bell Choir

Mondays, 7 p.m., Choir Room

TUESDAY

Centering Prayer:

5 p.m., Education Building, Room 3AB

The Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry:

Tuesdays (except fifth Tuesday) at 6:30 p.m., Quilt Room

WEDNESDAY

Interfaith Community Services (ICS):

Serve breakfast, fourth Wednesday at 6:00 a.m.

Contact Denny Walters at 760-432-8518.

Thrift Shop Work Night

Last Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., Thrift Shop

Schola

Wednesdays, 5:15 p.m., Choir Room

Youth CREW

Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Youth Room

String Ensemble

Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Choir Room

THURSDAY

Grief and Loss Group

Thursdays, 8:30-10 a.m., Education Building

Book Guild:

Fourth Thursday, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room

B.P.U.S.A. – Bereaved Parents:

Fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

P.A.S.S. – Parent Advocates Seeking Solutions:

Third Thursday, 7 p.m., South Parish Hall

Choir

Thursdays, 7 p.m., Music Room

AA MEETINGS:

Sundays, 6 p.m., Conference Room

Mondays, 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall (Women only)

Tuesdays, 12 p.m., South Parish Hall

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m., South Parish Hall (Women only)

Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m., Parish Hall

Thursdays, 12 p.m., South Parish Hall (Beginners)

Fridays, 9:45 a.m., South Parish Hall (Women only)

Fridays, 12 p.m., South Parish Hall and 6 p.m., Room 3AB

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m., Conference Room

AL-ANON:

Mondays, 12 p.m. – South Parish Hall

Tuesdays, 12 p.m. – Parish Hall

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*That every
person would
see that God
loves them
just as they
are*

*I pray for the gratitude
for all that I have. For
my family to find
strength and hope
in gratitude for their
gifts and challenges.*

*God grant us your
protection, mercy
peace & comfort*

Amen!

*I pray for
victims of
natural and
man-made
disasters*

*I pray for strength
of will for me
to know what God
wants of me*

*If you could change
the world I would
want to teach
others the power of
positivity.*

**Last month, we asked members of St. Bart's
to post their prayers on the Sanctuary
windows under the banners I Pray For...**

Here are just a few prayers of the many.