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A Hymn For Friday

I Sing a Song of the Saints of
God

I sing a song of the saints of God,
Patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived
and died

For the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one
was a queen,
And one was a shepherdess on the
green;
They were all of them saints of
God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so
dear,
And His love made them strong;
And they followed the right for
Jesus' sake
The whole of their good lives
long.
And one was a soldier, and one
was a priest,
And one was slain by a fierce wild
beast;
And there's not any reason, no, not
the least,
Why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past,
There are hundreds of thousands
still.
The world is bright with the
joyous saints
Who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or
in lanes, or at sea,
In church, or in trains, or in shops,
or at tea;
For the saints of God are just folk
like me,
And I mean to be one too.

The Good News

November 4, 2016



Book Sale Report

A big thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and shopped! Just under \$1100 dollars was raised for our outreach projects and will be used to support those in need. Thank you again!

Tami Rolley

Tami, a founding member of our Quilters Group and the model for the statue of Our Lady, passed away on Wednesday. Her funeral will be held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, with visitation at 9AM.

Pam Laws is coordinating volunteers to help serve refreshments following the funeral.

Roy Laws is coordinating volunteers to move books from the Parish Hall tonight (Friday) at 5:30PM.

Parish Education

We continue our Christian Formation program this Wednesday. We start with a soup and salad supper at 5:30 with classes for all ages at 6pm. There is no need to bring items to the supper, it will be provided this week. Adults will be studying Hebrews and Trinitarian Theology.

Training for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Annual training will be held on November 6 (note change of date) at 8 & 11 AM. All current lectors/Eucharistic Ministers and anyone who wishes to serve in these ministries are invited to training.

This is a classic children's hymn, and with its almost Seussian rhythm it is a favorite of mine. While the lyrics are simple, they are very memorable and convey a strong message to us. This hymn understands the goal and purpose of the Christian life--to make us saints--and they way that is done through following Jesus and doing his will.

I pray you mean to be one too!

Blessings,

Dave+



Ministry Links



St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield
Rector's Blog

Constitution and Canons

A new Diocesan Constitution and a new set of Canons will go into effect on 1 January 2017. Please watch this space for information on the changes made and how it impacts this Eucharistic Community.

Another important change, this time in the Constitution, regards the manner for determining the number of delegates to Diocesan Synod (regular or electing) to which an Eucharistic Community is entitled. Previously, a parish was entitled to delegates proportionate to the number of Active Baptized Members. Unfortunately, this number in many places is an elevated number as registers often over report and removing inactive members is a thankless task in many parishes. Thus, being rewarded for these numbers skews the number of delegates that larger parishes may send, and giving them disproportionate representation.

The new Constitution links the number to Average Sunday Attendance (ASA). This is a better estimate of the health, size, and involvement of a Eucharistic Community. Eucharistic Communities with an ASA of 74 or less will be entitled to two delegates. Communities between 75 and 124 will have three, 125-199 will have four, and above 200 will elect five. As the Constitution goes into effect on 1 January, we will have three delegates in 2017. This puts us on par with the other larger Eucharistic Communities in our Diocese.

Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule

Morning Prayer is offered at 7AM on Monday and Tuesday, 8:30 AM Wednesday and Friday, and at 7:30 AM on Thursday. The fourth Thursday at 7:30 AM is Holy Eucharist.

Intercessory Prayer - Fall Schedule

Intercessory Prayer is offered at 8 p.m. on Monday, and on Thursday at 12:15.

Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 20th, there will be only one worship service, at 9:30 a.m. followed by the annual Thanksgiving pot-luck. Sign up sheets are available for your participation.

Silent/Secret Auction

The quilters are offering a quilt for a silent/secret auction, that Peggy Blackley pieced and the quilters have finished. ALL of the MONEY will go to THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE for their community activities. The reserve on the quilt is \$100.00. The quilt and the auction box are located in the Fellowship Hall.

- RULES:
1. Name, telephone number and \$\$\$\$\$ on bid paper
 2. Put bid in designated box
 3. All bids must be in by Nov. 25, 2016
 4. The bids will be opened and the winner notified by Nov. 26, 2016

Happy bidding, The Quilters

Outreach Opportunities

Help keep someone warm this coming winter by donating your discarded but gently used coat to the **Salvation Army's annual coat drive**. It's easy - just place the coat(s) and any used gloves, mittens and hats in decent condition into the big white box in the hallway across from Pat's office. The outreach committee will deliver them to the Army's west Washington St. headquarters. Thank you for helping those in need.

Outreach Committee meeting, Sunday, Nov. 13, 8:30, in the parish hall.

Parish Schedule for the week of November 6

Coffee Hour follows worship, in the Parish Hall

Sunday-8:30 a.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

Monday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Monday-8:00 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer

Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Tuesday-10:00 a.m.-Quilters

Wednesday-8:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-pot-luck supper

Wednesday-6:00 p.m.-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd &

Adult Bible Study

Thursday- 7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Thursday-12:15 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer

Thursday-6:00 p.m.-Cub Scouts

Friday-8:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Saturday-8:30 a.m.-Women's Breakfast

Office Hours: Monday - Friday: Mornings, 8:00 a.m.- noon

If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.

Good News Daily

This Week's Good News Daily is [here](#).

Readings & Music for November 6, 2016

Hymns: #625, #188, #321, #526

Old Testament

Job 19:23-27a

Job said,

"O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Psalm 17:1-9

Exaudi, Domine

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;

give heed to my cry; *

listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *

let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *

melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *

I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *

in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *

incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *

O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; *

hide me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me, *

from my deadly enemies who surround me.

The Epistle

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Ministry Assignments for November 6 & 13

6-November

7:30

Greeters: Doug and Dede Dyson

Lector: Mona Johnstone

E.M.: Diane Gardner

10:00

Acolytes: Jack White & Nolan White

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Lector: Alex Davingman

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: SB Carter

Coffee Hour: Coopers

13-November

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolytes: Alley Roberson & Shelley Brenneman Carter

Crucifer: Alex Davingman

Lector: Amy Halt

E.M.: Bob Kohlase

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: Janet Hoffman & Dedee Champion

Birthdays & Anniversaries November 6 - 12

Birthdays

Sandy Kohlase

Collect for November 6th

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

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