



The Magnificat

Newsletter of
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
El Dorado, Arkansas
November 2017

Chaplain's Corner

By: Father Michael Millard+

Choose the good portion

A family friend and his family came by the house after a long absence. The whole family rose to meet them and wanted to talk and reminisce about old times. They stayed not only for dinner but for coffee and cake, and the celebration of their visit lasted into the wee hours of the morning. It was not until after they left, that anyone noticed how upset the mother of the house seemed to be. She had been just as happy about their visit as everyone else; in fact, she had spent most of the day and evening preparing and serving food and drinks for everyone else as they talked and laughed. Mother had spent some time with the rest of the family in between burst of activity, but her attention had been on serving her guests and, as it turned out, all the rest of her family. Now, the kitchen was a wreck, there were dirty glasses and plates all over the dining room, and the living room looked as if Patton had bivouacked his 3rd Army between the sofa and the fireplace.

No one set out to exclude Mother from the festivities that night. She sought to serve her family, but in the process, she missed out on time she could have spent with her guest, she wore herself out trying to keep up with everyone's needs, and she ultimately felt like someone else should have stepped up to help her, but they didn't.

Now as they went on their way, he entered a village, and a woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." Luke 10:38-42 RSV

People who have chosen, or been called to, lives of service to others find purpose and peace in providing for, caring for, and protecting those people whom we serve. It is not always easy, and, on occasion, we find ourselves tired and possibly overwhelmed. In order to care for others, every caregiver, no matter how dedicated, must step away from the kitchen or from the bedside in order to recharge their batteries. Doing so allows us to return to those we serve with clear heads and rejuvenated hearts.

Likewise, as followers of Christ, we must take time away from our busy schedules, even if the work we are doing is in service of the Kingdom, to spend time listening, learning, and just being in His presence. In this way, we are enlivened by the Word of God so that we can go forth into the world and do the things that He has called us to do.



The Wednesday Kids pose (left) with a giant Halloween cat. The EYC group (right) stops for a photo between serving at the Shrimp Boil and helping with the cleanup.



**Sunday Readings for November
Year A
Revised Common Lectionary (RCL)**

Sunday	Psalm	Readings
November 5 All Saints' Sunday	Psalm 34:1-10, 22	Revelation 7:9-17 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12
November 12 Proper 27	Psalm 78:1-7	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 1 Thes 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13
November 19 Proper 28	Psalm 123	Judges 4:1-7 1 Thes 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30
November 26 Christ the King	Psalm 100	Ez 34:11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46



The Daughters of the King will pray for every family in the Parish during the course of the year.

November Prayer List:

Julie & James Tidwell
Lark & Robert Tommy
Joan and Jordan Tribble
Sue & Larry Tucker
Lisa & Ian Vickery
Richard Wharton
Jan & Goodwin White
Jenny & Don Williams
Ann & Burney Wilson
Betty & Jack Wilson
Jim Yates

Costume ring found on parking lot. If you've lost one, call office to identify.

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



Directory Update

Jeanne Baumgardner's new mailing address is:

2601 Andover Court
Apt. 617
Little Rock, AR 72227

**UTO Sunday
November 19**
Your UTO Envelope
is in this Magnificat

November Birthdays

- 1 Bubba Roberson
Julia Peace
- 4 Patti Parnell
- 7 Mary Pat Anthony
- 9 Mark Brown
Fred Franklin
- 10 Linda Bledsoe
- 11 Jim Barton
- 14 Renee Skinner
- 16 Jim Sheppard
Camille Sinyard
- 17 Betty Wilson
Peppermint Rushing
- 19 Hannah Burroff
Greg Arnold
- 20 Clark Hale
- 21 Jay Powell
- 23 Rosanne Morris
- 24 Helena Milner
- 28 Dee Smith
Mickey Murfee
- 30 Jay Burroff

If your birthday has been omitted or listed incorrectly, please call the Parish Office.

Holy Days in November

- 1 All Saints**
- 3 Bl Richard Hooker, Priest, 1600
- 7 St. Willibrord, Archbishop of Utrecht, Missionary to Frisia, 739
- 10 St. Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, 461
- 11 St. Martin of Tours, 397
- 12 Bl Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836
- 14 Consecration of Samuel Seabury, First American Bishop, 1784
- 16 St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093
- 17 St. Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200
- 18 St. Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680
- 19 St. Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary, 1231
- 20 St. Edmond, King of East Anglia, 870
- 23 St. Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100
- 25 Bl James Otis Sargent Huntington, Priest and Monk, 1935
- 28 Bls Kamehameha & Emma, King and Queen of Hawaii, 1864, 1885
- 30 St. Andrew, Apostle**

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Matins 8:30 am Annual EYC Ladies Style Show, Auction & Luncheon Doors open at 10:30 Lunch served Noon NO Wednesday Kids 5:30 Evening Prayer*	2 Matins 8:30 am Noon-Men's Lunch at Great China Buffet	3 Matins 8:30 am	4
5 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9 am Adult Christian Formation, Stump the Priest, St. Columba 9 am Children's Sunday School, upstairs classroom 10 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:30 EYC, Youth House	6 Matins 8:30 am Priscilla Shirer's "The Armor of God" 11-12 Discussion 12-1 Video, St. Columba	7 Matins 8:30 am	8 Matins 8:30 am 3:30-5:15 Wednesday Kids 5:30 Evening Prayer*	9 Matins 8:30 am 9:30 Cooking Together-I H S 5:30 Daughters of the King, St. Benedict 5:30 pm Brotherhood of St. Andrew, SS room	10 Matins 8:30 am	11 <i>St. Barnabas</i>
12 PROPER 27 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9 am Adult Christian Formation, The Study of Advent, St. Columba 9 am Children's Sunday School, upstairs classroom 10 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:30 EYC, Youth House	13 Matins 8:30 am	14 Matins 8:30 am 11:30 am ECW meeting, St. Augustine, Lunch served at Noon 5 pm Finance, Library	15 Matins 8:30 am 3:30-5:15 Wednesday Kids 5:30 Evening Prayer*	16 Matins 8:30 am 5:30 pm Vestry, Library	17 Matins 8:30 am	18
19 PROPER 28 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9 am Adult Christian Formation, The Study of Advent, St. Columba 9 am Children's Sunday School, upstairs classroom 10 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II followed by Annual Meeting 5:30 EYC, Youth House	20 Matins 8:30 am	21 Matins 8:30 am	22 Matins 8:30 am 3:30-5:15 Wednesday Kids 5:30 Evening Prayer*	23 Thanksgiving Day <i>Office Closed</i>	24 <i>Office Closed</i>	25
26 PROPER 29 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9 am Adult Christian Formation, The Study of Advent, St. Columba 9 am Children's Sunday School, upstairs classroom 10 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:30 EYC, Youth House	27 Matins 8:30 am	28 Matins 8:30 am	29 Matins 8:30 am 3:30-5:15 Wednesday Kids 5:30 Evening Prayer*	30 Matins 8:30 am <i>St. Andrew</i>	Notes: • *Sippin Saints & Sinners at Main Street Pizza	



Thanks to all the folks that helped make possible our annual EYC Shrimp Boil! It was a huge success. There was a great crowd, the food was excellent, and the live auction was a blast. All in all, a fun time was had by all. We are still working on tallying up our receipts, but we'll post the results soon. Again, a huge thanks to everyone, including an enthusiastic group of EYC'ers!



**Parish Organizational Reports,
EOY Financial Statements Due November 13**

All parish organizations must submit a report for the Annual Meeting of activities for the previous year. They must also provide a reconciliation of their bank account (if applicable) for the current year through October.

November Dates to Remember

- Nov. 4**
Daylight Saving Time Ends-Fall Back 1 Hour on Sat.
- Nov. 5**
All Saints Day-2 Services and *Stump the Priest* at 9 am
Pledge Cards and Time & Talent Sheets Due
- Nov. 13** - Annual Reports Due
- Nov. 19**
Annual Meeting, following the 10:00 service
NO Vestry Election

Join Us Sunday, Nov. 5, 9 am for *STUMP THE PRIEST*

Fr. Michael will begin a study of the *Season of Advent* beginning the second Sunday of November. All Saints' Sunday he will have an open forum discussion called "*Stump the Priest*". Please come prepared with some hard questions!

St. Mary's Youth Group (EYC) Needs Your Unwanted Furniture

The youth group of St. Mary's (EYC) has decided that they want to clean and update their youth house on Hilton Street. The kids want to make it a more comfortable and homey place to have their Sunday night meetings where they play games, eat dinner, study the Bible, and have fellowship. They are asking for donations of furniture, especially a couch, love seat, and comfy chairs, as the present furniture is old and worn out. If you have something that you would be willing to donate, please call the church office at 870.863.7064 to see if it is something they need. Thank you!

Remember that the first Sunday of the month is Discretionary Fund Sunday

**Interfaith Help Services
Financial Statement September 2017**

Beginning Bank Balance	\$39,799
Total Income	3,933
Expenses Administration	168
Program Services:	
Program Equipment	0
Groceries	3,398
Dental	296
Eyeglasses	0
Medicine	0
Gasoline/Bus	987
Assistance with utilities:	
Electricity	2,118
Water	332
Natural gas & Propane	87
Total Program Services:	7,218
Total expenses:	7,386
Ending Bank Balance	\$36,346

**Interfaith Help Services
Activity Report September 2017**

Prescriptions	3
Dental	3
Utilities	
Entergy	35
Water	6
Gas	4
Propane	0
Gasoline	12
Bus Fare	1
Food	
People Served	381
Total Clients Seen	174
First Time Clients	35



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Pam Marietta: Fr. Bob Allen

Florence Gorman: Fr. Bob Allen

Worship Schedule

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 am Adult Sunday School
Children's Sun. School

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Wednesday 5:30 pm

Evening Prayer

Monday-Friday 8:30 am Matins

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