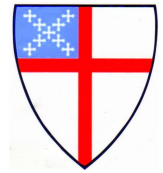




Our Merciful Saviour Episcopal Church
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May 2011 Newsletter



Service Schedule

Sunday

- 9:00 A.M. - Christian Education**
- 10:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist**
- 11:15 A.M. - Coffee and Fellowship**
- 12:30 P.M. - Santa Eucaristía**

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Fr. David's Cell # 903-816-3010

MINISTRY

Bishops:

- Rt. Rev. James M. Stanton**
- Rt. Rev. Paul E. Lambert**

Vicar:

- Rev. Dr. David Petrash**

VESTRY

- Sr. Warden:** Sandy McClane
- Jr. Warden:** Chris Greene
- Vestry Persons:**

- John Burgin
- Mary Donaldson
- Wendy Manning
- Fred Schneider

- Clerk Emeritus:** Reva Arnett
- Treasurer:** Shirley Jasso
- Secretary:** Dennis Moore



Lay Eucharist Ministers

If you are homebound or in the hospital, Fr. Petrash or a licensed lay Eucharistic minister can serve communion from the Reserved Sacrament. If anyone is in need of this ministry, please contact Fr. David at 903-816-3010 or the Church Office (972-932-4646) on Mon, Wed, or Fri (mornings), or leave a message on the answering machine.

PRIEST'S CORNER;

Don't Take the Summer Off from Church!

The Great 50 Days of Easter is a time of joyful celebration. Because Easter was so late this year, our annual Ascension Day Picnic will be on June 2! We celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord 40 days after Easter. You've heard me talk about the number 40. In the Middle East, forty days means a long time. The Feast of Pentecost is 50 days after Easter, which will be June 2nd.

As church activities resume normal activities after the season of Lent, the end of school is already upon us. It is important that we not leave church for the summer like kids will be taking off from school. With that in mind, the choir decided this week to continue their rehearsals during the summer instead of taking off. In addition, the adult Sunday School class decided to continue meeting during the summer.

That class is continuing its study of those books written between the Old and New Testaments, which we call the Apocrypha. These books are not included in the canon of Scripture, and Anglican tradition is that they can be helpful for Christian living, but not for doctrine. Following the Apocrypha, the class has decided that their next study will be about the last book in the New Testament, the Revelation to John. One of the purposes of the church is to teach and interpret the Bible. This is a great opportunity to get a closer look at this unusual book. The class meets on Sundays from 9:00-9:40. Check it out!

June 11 will be a very important day in the life of Our Merciful Saviour. Our own Ron Studenny will be ordained to the diaconate at St. Matthew's Cathedral beginning at 10:00 a.m. I do not know if another person has ever been raised up for ordained ministry in the history of our little church. I ask your prayers for Ron and Pam as they prepare for Ron to receive this sacrament. He will be "Deacon Ron" for some six to twelve months before ordination to the priesthood.

It's not too late to get your Texas Ranger tickets for Saturday afternoon, May 14. Please contact Scott Edwards at 469-595-6923.

Note to guys: Mother's Day is May 8!!!

**Faithfully, your priest,
David+**

Becoming a Welcoming Congregation

By Canon Neal Michell

Good, quality programs in a church can be helpful, but there are times when more is required than simply having a quality program. This is particularly true when it comes to being a welcoming congregation.

Many growing congregations grow, not because they have a particularly excellent newcomers ministry—although that helps. Many congregations grow because they are, quite simply, welcoming congregations. They are aware of the newcomers in their midst, and they have a value of “welcoming the stranger.”

The suggestions for becoming a welcoming congregation are not so much programmatic as they are values that individuals can embrace.

Here are seven:

1. **Remember the Rule of 3 to 1.** (Thanks to St. Nicholas, Flower Mound, for this suggestion.) The Rule of 3 to 1 is this: talk to three newcomers on any given Sunday for every one regular person that you talk to.
2. **Pass off the new person you've just met to someone else.** Don't just greet someone and say, “It was nice to meet you.” Introduce them to someone else. Let your newcomers connect to as many people as possible.
3. **Introduce yourself with a question.** Many people don't like to talk to newcomers because they are afraid of embarrassing themselves by mistaking a long-time member with a newcomer. An easy way to get around that fear is to introduce yourself, “Hi, my name is _____. I've been coming here two years. How long have you been coming to this church?” This open-ended question doesn't presume that the person you're speaking with is a newcomer or a member. It allows them to reveal either.
4. **Don't monopolize the priest.** Most newcomers really would like to visit with the priest. I once visited a church where the line to talk to both priests was about twenty-five people long. So, I left rather than wait to visit with the priests. They need to be available to greet the new folks. The priest is one of the greatest evangelistic tools that the church has.
5. **When giving directions: Take, don't point.** When I go to Academy Sporting Goods, I'm always so impressed when I ask directions; the customer service agent never points me in the direction where I need to go. This person usually walks with me until we get to the department that I'm looking for. In most of our churches, this kind of personal assistance only takes a minute. Don't point them in the direction of the Nursery, take them there. It is so gracious.
6. Have a positive attitude about your church. If you're not excited about your church, nobody else will be, either. A positive attitude is infectious.
7. **Don't just meet, Invite.** That is, don't just say hello to the newcomer, find out what his or her interests are and connect that person with an appropriate activity or person in the church, such as, ministry, small group, Sunday School class, Bible Study, etc.

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” - Hebrews 13:2

May Server Schedule

10:30 Service	May 01	May 08	May 15	May 22	May 29
Altar Guild	Elaine Howard	Sandra McClane	Yolanda Moore	Billie Morgan	Donnie Munson
Acolyte	Layne Greenslade	Scott Edwards	Tina Floyd	Sonny Arnett	Judy Friedel
Chalicer	Laura Petrash	Ron Landen	Mary Ann Sherman	Tina Floyd	Laura Petrash
Chalicer	Sharon Langlais	Judy Friedel	Judy Friedel	Ron Landen	Sharon Langlais
Crucifer	Layne Greenslade	Layne Greenslade	Layne Greenslade	Layne Greenslade	Layne Greenslade
Lector	Judy Friedel	Laura Petrash	Mike Sherman	Mary Ann Sherman	Tina Floyd
Greeter	Cheryl Wynne	Wendy Taylor	Tina Floyd	Jean Greenslade	Sandra McClane
Prayer for Priest	Wendy Taylor	Tina Floyd	Jean Greenslade	Sandra McClane	Sharon Langlais
Usher	Fred Schneider	Fred Schneider	Fred Schneider	Fred Schneider	Fred Schneider
Usher	?	?	?	?	?
Hostess	LAST SUNDAY	Sandra McClane	Laura Petrash	Martha Tolley	LAST
Hostess	LUNCH	Yolanda Moore	Wendy Manning	Mary Donaldson	SUNDAY
Hostess	(Rescheduled)			Shirley Jasso	LUNCH
12:30 Service	May 01	May 08	May 15	May 22	May 29
Acolyte					
Lector	Dari Ocura	Dari Ocura	Dari Ocura	Dari Ocura	Dari Ocura

..THIS MONTH..



Birthdays:

5/02 Gerardo Hernandez
 5/05 Billie Morgan
 5/14 Eugene Walther
 5/23 Aryana Greene
 5/31 Lorraine Wilkinson



Wedding Anniversaries:

5/30 Eugene & Carol Ann Walther

Item of Interest

Please note the addition of "Last Sunday Lunch" for the week of May 1st. This was originally scheduled for April 24th, "Easter Holiday".



Sunshine and Get Well

Birthday and Anniversary cards are sent each month. The cards are in the Parish Hall to be signed by all. If you need an address or phone number, or know of anyone who is ill or in need, please call the Church Office. 972-932-4646



Prayers of the People

For Healing and Guidance

....we pray especially for;

Patrick M., Geneva C., Claudia B., Ray Mc., Katrina M., Kelli Jo., Cheyenne J., Henry P., Linda W., Angie W., Barbara M., Freddie B., Morgan H., Al S., Vicki S., Cheryl M., Carolyn W., Troy E., Penny A., Thurman T., Dana M., Avilano., Mike J., Louise M., Susan Mc., and Chris G., Rag S., Delores S., and Ginger F.

....and for our Military;

Joshua, Matthew M., Amy, David, Randy, Alayna, Mike M., Preston, John, Jeremy, Matthew R., Kevin, Dylan, Tony, Richard, Don, Shad, Cody, Lawrence, John, Dewayne, Mike B., Mike V. and Meagan.

And our troops all over the world, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Upcoming Activities:

God Willing and People Consenting

The Right Reverend James Monte Stanton,
Bishop of Dallas
Will Ordain

Ronald Roman Studenny I

to the Sacred Order of Deacons in
Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic
Church

On Saturday, June 11, 2011
Ten A.M.

The Episcopal Cathedral of St. Matthew
5100 Ross Ave.
Dallas, Texas 75206

Your Prayers and Presence are Requested



Altar Flowers

There is a signup sheet in the parish hall for those wishing to remember someone or some event. Please write "flower fund" on your check or envelope.

A \$40 donation is requested for floral arrangement purchases.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



VBS or "Backyard Bible Camp" will be June 20th – 24th and Grace Fellowship Church will be helping out. Please contact Wendy Manning to volunteer to help.



Ladies of Our Merciful Saviour
You are cordially invited to attend a Summer Salad Luncheon at Our Merciful Saviour Church
Saturday, June 18th
10:30 - 12:00
Given by the Daughters of the King St. Therese of Lisieux Chapter



Come join us for fun, fellowship, information and inspiration!

Please RSVP to Yolanda Moore (972-962-7930) or Sharon Langlais (214-908-3886)

Yolanda Moore, DOK, President

Helping Hands



REQUESTED PANTRY ITEMS FOR

May:

Peanut Butter

The Kaufman Christian Help Center has asked for continuing donations of **dry beans, rice, and cereal.**

(A collection basket is in the Narthex.)

.....Thought of the Month.....

Isn't it Strange?

How difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible

But

How easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular Novel?

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Lead me not into temptation,  
I can find the way myself.

### From the Editor

Do you have contributions or suggestions for the next newsletter? Articles and news items are welcome. [Articles may be edited].

Please email your articles and/or pictures to the editor by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**(schneiter3@gmail.com)**

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**Deadline for June newsletter will be;  
Friday, May 27th\_**

## May 2011 Events Calendar

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Monday                                                    | Tuesday    | Wednesday                                          | Thursday                                           | Friday     | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <p>1.<br/>9:00 A.M. – Christian Education</p> <p>10:00 A.M. -- Holy Eucharist<br/><i>Choral Eucharist</i></p> <p>11:15A.M. -Coffee &amp; Fellowship<br/><i>Last Sunday Lunch</i><br/><i>(Rescheduled from Easter)</i></p> <p>12:30 P.M. - Santa Eucaristía</p> | <p>8.<br/><i>Fr. Petrash's</i><br/><i>family day</i></p>  | <p>3.</p>  | <p>4.<br/>7:30 P.M.<br/><i>Choir Practice</i></p>  | <p>5.</p>                                          | <p>6.</p>  | <p>7.<br/>9:15 A.M.<br/><i>Daughters of the</i><br/><i>King Meeting</i></p> <p><i>Church Body</i><br/><i>Building Day,</i><br/><i>Church of the</i><br/><i>Good Shepherd,</i><br/><i>Terrell, 9:00-1:00.</i></p>                                                                                   |
| <p>8.<br/>9:00 A.M. – Christian Education</p> <p>10:00 A.M. -- Holy Eucharist<br/><i>Choral Eucharist</i><br/><b>Mothers' Day</b></p> <p>11:15 A.M. -Coffee &amp; Fellowship</p> <p>12:30 P.M. - Santa Eucaristía</p> <p>4:30-5:30 - Enquirer's Classes</p>    | <p>9.<br/><i>Fr. Petrash's</i><br/><i>family day</i></p>  | <p>10.</p> | <p>11.<br/>7:30 P.M.<br/><i>Choir Practice</i></p> | <p>12.</p>                                         | <p>13.</p> | <p>14.<br/><i>Kaufman County</i><br/><i>Clean-up</i><br/><i>Call Debra</i><br/><i>Lalumia for</i><br/><i>details,</i><br/><i>469-371-4376</i></p> <p><i>OMS at the Texas</i><br/><i>Rangers Game.</i><br/><i>Call Scott</i><br/><i>Edwards for</i><br/><i>details,</i><br/><i>469-595-6923</i></p> |
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