

A Little Different “Message” SOMETIMES AN “ACCIDENT” ISN’T, BUT TURNS OUT TO BE A LIFELONG GIFT

He scuttled into the class just under the bell, and took the only remaining place on the other side of the class. It was early July 1968 and I was back at W&M taking FOUR English courses in TWO months. Each one met three hours in the AM or PM., for four weeks in June and then started over in July. This last one I chose was Epic and Romance which traced the development from “good ole” Homer’s Odyssey to King Arthur and beyond. I didn’t expect a turn away crowd, but we had twenty-five with the new guy. The prof was a freshly minted PhD who considered himself academia’s gift to the unenlightened. I remember clearly the first few minutes of class when he was laying out the course. As he explained the material he told us it would be difficult, but not to fear. “I am doomed to think and I will help you to do be the same. I looked to my left and from the other side of the class the new guy and I connected glances. A few days later I bumped into him in the caf and we had lunch. After the usual comments about “His Pomposity” we exchanged names. He was Larry Martin. What made it more interesting was I had just joined my order the Norbertines. I didn’t usually tell people that since they usually said, “What’s that?” or immediately pigeon holed me as a religious fanatic. (Remember this was the less than the progressive South forty + years ago). I had noticed over the last class discussion that we shared similar ideas and views on the various works. It turned out that Larry had just quit the Dominican friars. Both them and the Norbertines monastic communities founded about eight hundred years ago, so we did have some common history. We hit it off immediately when we realized we had worked as waiters in one of the restored restaurants, the King’s Arms Tavern, in Williamsburg. I was eight years older and so had missed him. He was teaching in rural Virginia and like me picking up a second teaching major. We soldiered on in the E&R and Dr. “Doomedtothink”. In early August we said good-bye and I thought that was that. In fact Larry persisted in writing to me in Green Bay and I reciprocated. (Does anyone remember actually WRITING a letter anymore?) The following year he gave up the blackboard for the brief and went to the Marshall Wythe Law School at W&M. Our friendship grew over the years and I soon met Diana whom I quickly realized was more than a friend. On June 20, 1971 I stood in the fading light of the Wren Chapel and read a Yeats poem at their wedding and later MCed the wedding dinner at naturally—The Arms. Years went by and their three daughter arrived. I had the privilege of baptizing them as they came along. The second and third were backyard affairs all very late 70’s thinking. I had the chance to watch them grow up each a unique individual. The oldest an academic who got her MA in France in Paris. The middle child was “infected” with a social conscience. She worked for the Peace Corp for not one but two tours in Togo in Africa. The youngest taught, but really loved the environment and helping kids. At the ripe age of 30+ she had decided to go to med school and just resigned a rather good teaching position. Through these four decades I have been gifted with an extra brother and sister as well as three nieces. No one even thinks it odd when I’m called Uncle Joe. All these wonderful things happened by accident. If the prof had not been so bumptious that first day I doubt if I would have made eye contact and ...Beware of accidents that can shape your life!



**The Week in Parish
November 22 - November 29**

Today: Fellowship!

5:00 pm Sudanese Fellowship

Tuesday 6:00 pm Girl Guide Service

Wednesday ~ 10:30 am Qigong

12:30 pm Advent Bible Study

Thursday~ 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Worship Services

Sunday ~ 8 am Holy Communion

10 am Holy Eucharist

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Anchored in the strength of our community and revitalized
by God’s life-giving Spirit,

All Saints’ is a fresh catalyst for transformative change.

~YOUR COMMUNITY CHURCH ~
ALL SAINTS' WINDSOR

The Reign of Christ ~ November 22, 2015

8:00 am - HOLY COMMUNION

Service begins on page 67 of the Red Prayer Book

Readings: **Ezekiel 34: 11 - 16, 20 - 24, Psalm 132: 1 - 13**

Ephesians 1: 15 - 23, Matthew 25: 31 - 46

10:00 am HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude: Improvisation

Processional Hymn: 375 At the Name of Jesus (King's Weston)

Announcements

Children's Focus: Rev. Joe Ponio

The Gathering of the Community

Service begins on page 185 of the Green Prayer Book

Glory to God page 186

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

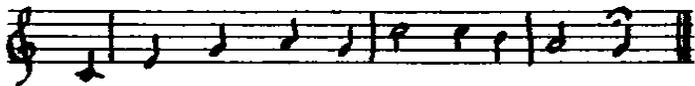
The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: **Ezekiel 34: 11 - 16, 20 - 24** reader: **Phil Ricciardi**

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 132: 1 - 13, 14 - 19 page 889 (setting by George Black)



The Lord will dwell in Zi - on for ev - er.

Cantor: Joan Pepper

Second Reading: **Ephesians 1: 15 - 23** reader: **Sarah Jarvis**

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

(Cwn Rhondda)

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25: 31 - 46

Homily: Rev. Joe Ponio

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop!

From the BCP:

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts: Grant thy blessing, we humbly beseech thee, to the clergy and laity about to assemble for the election of a Coadjutor Bishop; and give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that a chief Pastor may be chosen who shall minister before thee to the glory of thy Name, the good government of the flock committed to **his/her** charge, and the welfare of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop!

From the BAS:

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, look on your Church with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose a Coadjutor Bishop for this Diocese of Huron, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and support us in our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

15 Minutes with God in Prayer Stepping into Advent!

The Advent Season begins Sunday November 29

The Advent booklet and calendar will be available in the Parish Hall on Sunday November 29.

Please place a donation in the box to offset the cost of printing.

*May God bless every step of your
journey during this Advent season.*

Bishop' Friends - Essex Christmas Dinner

Wednesday December 9, 2015

Macedonian Banquet Hall & Community Centre

5225 Howard Avenue Time 6:30 pm - 10: 30 pm

Tickets are \$45.00

Call the church office 519-253-8001 to make your purchase.

All Saints' Holiday Boutique Bazaar!

The Boutique has raised \$3661 + to date, with more to come. Thanks to all those who contributed to work inside or outside, before, during, or after our Boutique.

Special thanks to convenors Maureen Abu-Zahra and Betty McIntosh!

Prayer after Communion

Together we pray: Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Doxology page 214

Blessing,

Dismissal

Recessional Hymn: 86 More Than We Can Ask or Imagine

Prelude: Processional - William Mathias

Greeters: Sheila Bennett, Dolores Foreman, Guy Jolin

Servers: Leah Wilkinson, Dale Hollinsky, Mallory Hollinsky

Host Administrant: Rev. Bev Diet

Chalice Administrant: Marcia Brownhill, Joyce Duffield, Matt Taylor

Chancel Team: Nancy Plantus, Janet MacKenzie,

Minelle Toussaint - Greene

The flowers at the High Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth Durnford given by David & Linda Blagdon & family.

The flowers at the Good Shepherd Chapel are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of parents William Harvey & Isabelle Christina Bridge given by James & Luba Bridge.

November 15

The Sanctuary Candle burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of brother & sister - in - law Art & Kay Avian given by Judy Johns.

November 22

The Sanctuary Candle burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of parents Isabelle Christina & William Harvey given by sons James, William and Robert Bridge.

Christmas Poinsettias! Calls will soon be made enquiring as to whether you wish to donate towards poinsettias as thank offerings, in memory of loved ones. If you do not receive a call, feel free to contact the church office (519-253-8001) or Alice Lord (519-973-7800) to inform us of your wishes. Suggested donation \$10.00. Please mark your offering envelope as Christmas poinsettias or Christmas flower. Thanks. All Saints' Chancel Guild.

The Nicene Creed page 188

Prayers for the People

Intercessor: Sarah Jarvis

Confession and Absolution page 191

The Peace page 192

Offertory Anthem: Soon and Very Soon - Andrae Crouch

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev. Joe Ponio

The Preparation of the Gifts

The Prayer over the Gifts

Together we pray: Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Eucharist Prayer 1, page 193

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: Mass of St. Alban's

The Lord's Prayer: setting by David Haas page 211

The Breaking of the Bread, page 212 # 1

Lamb of God: Mass of St. Alban's

The Communion of the People

During Communion:

BLEST ARE THEY

The Beatitudes
Matthew 5:3-12

David Haas

Re joice! and be glad!

Bless ed are you, ho ly are you, Re

joice! and be glad!

Yours is the king dom of God!

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