



From the Priest-in-Charge

Dear Friends,

I would like to share with you a piece that appeared in the Anglican Digest, Summer edition.

When you hear someone called a “good Church goer,” forget it. There is no such thing. The Church is not a place to go to: it is baptized people who go places. Regularly they come together to worship, but most of the time the Church is out in the world, washing cars, selling insurance, making hospital rounds. You are often asked to bring people to church, and would be very unhappy if, when you did, the building was dirty or the priest unprepared. In what kind of shape is the Church that you take to everyone you meet, every day, and how well prepared is its minister – you?

Maybe this spring is a good time to make repairs and clean up and out our inner churches. Remember you are the first church that many people will meet. What kind of impression do you give?

Blessings,

Fr. Bob+

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



May Birthdays

3 Andrea Hauck
3 Donald Ayers
16 Tegan Paige Vincent
16 Jim Siglin
17 Leroy Reaves
21 Michael Goodwin
22 Benjamin Gower



May Anniversaries

3 Wendell & Jutta Moser
16 Bob & Vickie O'Grady
19 Nelson & Chandanie Baboolal

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

May Calendar of Events

May 2 - 9:00 - Noon, Rain Date Spring Clean-Up
May 6 - 8:30 a.m. - Noon, Trinity at Food Pantry
May 7,14,21,28 - Meditation Group, 7:00 p.m., Library
May 10 - Mother's Day
May 10 - 17 - Trinity to host Family Promise
May 11 - Trinity Crafters, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Library
May 17 - Annual Red Cross "Run for the Red" Marathon
May 22 - Newsletter Deadline for Information
May 23 - Popcorn & Movie Night, 5:00 p.m. Covered Dish Dinner
6:00 p.m. Popcorn & Movie, Library
May 24 - Pentecost (Don't forget to wear red)
May 25 - Memorial Day (Parish Office Closed)
May 29 - Newsletter Mailing
May 30 - Vestry Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
May 31 - Potluck Lunch & State of the Parish Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Parish Hall

Our Prayers have been requested for:

Mary Baker
Sean Beech
Ed Benintende
Lee Connolly
Fr. Bob and Neil Criste-Troutman
Bishop Jack Croneberger
Leeann Flynn
Victoria Forstein
Bill Gessner
Annaliese Harris
Rob McMahon
Alexis McNeese
Jenn Morse
Jim Rawson
Fr. Charles Rice
Lois Rothrock
Christopher Rose

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

Cats in the Belfry



Young Betsy, who often looks skyward from her place on the roof, posed a question for which we have no answer. Everyone has seen animals in the night sky: a goat, two dogs, two bears, a rabbit, a fox, a giraffe, a dragon, various snakes, a bull, a pack of hunting dogs, a flying horse, a whale, a lynx, a lion, some fish, a crab, a big bug, exotic birds, and even a donkey with a horn on its head. The brightest star is even called the “Dog Star”.

Betsy was insulted. **“No celestial cats?”** Is this due to ancient prejudices? Deliberate oversight? There are no cats in the Bible. Yet we *must* have been with Noah because we are *now* here with you.

How come the Babylonians could write about a comet later known as “Halley’s”, but couldn’t find even a kitten in the night sky? (Come to think of it, no mice or rats up there either!). We conclude an anti-cat constellation conspiracy concocted by Ptolemy, the Ailurophobe Astronomer, kept us from our place in the firmament.

You can help us correct this error: Some moonless, balmy night, please gaze up at the heavens and find the coordinates of a star-studded cat (who is bigger than all those dogs). We’ll name it “Trinity’s Tabby”. (*Isaiah 40:26*)

Mark Your Calendars!

Happy Spring All! Thanks to all of you who have so generously donated to our upcoming book/media sale! We have about another four to five weeks for collection so if you're planning on weeding out those bookshelves, now is the time. Again, if you need assistance with books, etc., don't hesitate to contact me (Cathy Siglin @ 595-02099), I'd be happy to help.

"Where is human nature so weak as in a bookstore?"

-Henry Ward Beecher-

Also the day of the Book & Media Sale we will be offering a Pasta Dinner. The menu for the evening is Baked Ziti, Salad, Bread, Dessert. We will be serving from 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by seeing Bob Butiste during church on Sunday mornings or by calling the parish office at 570-839-9376. Tickets are \$8.00 Adult 13 and older, \$5.00 Children 6 - 12, Children 5 and under are free. Take out orders will be available by calling to reserve at 570-839-9376. See you all on June 6th!

Little Boy's Explanation of God -- Fabulous!!!

EXPLANATION OF GOD:

'One of **God's** main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.'

'**God's** second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. **God** doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.'

'**God** sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.'

'Atheists are people who don't believe in **God**. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista . At least there aren't any who come to our church.'

'Jesus is **God's** Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about **God**. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and **God** said O.K.' And **God** did not let **Jesus** stay in the grave, but raised him from the dead

'His dad (**God**) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for **God** to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother **God** . Like a secretary, only more important.'

'You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.'

'You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes **God** happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's **God!**

Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.'

'If you don't believe in **God**, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but **God** can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.'

'But...you shouldn't just always think of what **God** can do for you. I figure **God** put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases.'

'And...that's why I believe in **God**.'

The Best Laid Plans

THE BEST LAID PLANS

Jill and Gerry Long

We had a plan. Our daughter Beth and her family (they live in Middle Village, Queens) would come for brunch and our friend, Bill, would join us for brunch too. 6:30 our friend, Carolyn would join us for dinner. Good plan on paper. Beth and Darin and our granddaughters live on NY time. I should know better than to expect them at the appointed hour. Christmas, they told us they'd be over at 7pm. They arrived at 9 and didn't leave til 1:30 am. They are fun and entertaining and we love them. BUT, when our eyeballs felt like they had pins in them and our bodies were only reasonably held up by the back of a chair, my brave husband invited them to leave. *ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ*

Easter Day dawned and brunch preparations began before we went to church. The service at Trinity Bethlehem was lovely. They have a tradition of opening the service with the door knock and "Alleluia, alleluia, the Lord is risen" then the procession singing Oh the Golden Glowing Morning, a beautiful service ending with the Hallelujah Chorus.

We busied ourselves bringing up an extra table for dinner, finding tablecloths, you know the drill. I had to time the Texas almond coconut crusted French toast for 1:30. We had a yogurt bar and steel cut oatmeal, ham and fruit. All set for 1:30 and no family or friend, 2:00 past and the French toast was cooling off. 2:30 they arrived. We waited for Bill and decided to eat at 3. (Easter dinner was set for 6:30). As always, we had a joyous time as our 9 and 12 year olds entertain with fervor.

4:30, our friend Bill arrived. Nothing to eat for him as "I have to be hungry as my sister is expecting me at 6:30 for dinner. (Didn't need that extra table after all). Bill is an author and motivational speaker for teenagers. He taught Middle School English for 12 years. He 'speaks teenager'. He regaled us with stories. So much laughter. I lost track of time when the phone rang. It was our friend, Carolyn, asking if dinner was still "on time" – she's aware of our NY familys' habits. When she heard that we didn't brunch til 3, she gracefully understood and we made Easter dinner for another time.

In the end Bill, Beth and Darin and family left at 8:30. We looked at each other and decided this Easter Day was awesome. Easter dinner would wait for another day.

Alleluia, Alleluia, the Lord is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia.