



The Grapevine

Vestry News

Michael P. Sclafani was ordained a Deacon by Bishop George Langberg on Saturday, July 9th. Dcn. Sclafani's 10-year-old son, Andrew, served as acolyte during the ceremony. Members of the ACA clergy who attended and were involved included Fr. Miller and Dcn. Park from St. Joseph's in Brooklyn, NY; Fr. York and Dcn. Monroe from the Cathedral of St. Paul in Portland, Maine; Fr. Davis and Dcn. Haney from Trinity in Rochester, NH; Fr. Sutter from St. Luke's in Amherst, NH; Fr. Steward from All Saints in Concord, NH; Fr. Bolduc from St. John the Evangelist in Methuen, Mass.; Fr. Hanner from Christ's Church in Littleton, NH; and Dcn. Moody from Trinity in Cornish, NH. Also in attendance at the service were ECLA Pastor Paul Lamoureux and RCC Deacon McGinn, as well as approximately 80 guests. A reception luncheon was held in the church's parish hall following the ordination. The All Saints parishioners presented Deacon Sclafani with gifts of a beautiful tabernacle, which he has donated to All Saints, a sick-call pyx, a congregation-size pyx, and a pair of cruets. For the time being, Dcn. Sclafani will be preaching at All Saints on the third Sunday of every month. Since his ordination, he has been asked to serve Deacon's Masses at St. Luke's, Amherst; All Saints, Concord; and Trinity, Rochester

On Sunday July 10th Bishop Langberg also confirmed parishioners Andrew Sclafani, Cindy Lamprey, and Rob Thompson. What a Spirit-filled weekend it was!

Our Evangelism Teams that were established at our Vestry Retreat in April -- Communication, Fellowship, Outreach and Welcoming/ Newcomer, have been busy working on tasks to make the parish run smoothly, a few of which include maintaining our Website, advertising, special events, food pantry donations, guest book follow-ups, updating new member forms, and developing a parish photo album and scrapbook. Teams meet among themselves to decide how to carry out their responsibilities. It is hoped to make the Retreat an annual event, since everyone who attended agreed it was a very positive experience. We are also planning a Parish Retreat for sometime in October or November. Details will be shared with everyone as soon as plans are formalized.

Our Welcoming/Newcomer team has been busy providing parishioners with name tags to be worn at coffee hour after Mass and at any other function where it will be helpful for newcomers in identifying members of the parish. They have also begun to put together a parish photo album to be displayed during fellowship.

A new Bible study was begun in May using Nicky Gumbel's "Challenging Lifestyle" tapes and study guide. JoAnn Samson once again volunteered to lead this group. We recently combined a Bible study evening with a pizza party at the home of parishioners Michael and Candice Robinson for an enjoyable change of pace.

Our second annual parish family picnic was held at Elm Brook Park in Hopkinton on June 4th. It was a lovely, warm day and swimming was available as well as a feast of food and barbecued items.

Congratulations!

Cindy Lamprey was Baptized by Fr. Steward in June!

Cindy Lamprey was confirmed by Bishop Langberg in July!

Andrew Sclafani was confirmed by Bishop Langberg in July!

Dcn. Michael Sclafani was ordained by Bishop Langberg in July!

Rob Thompson was confirmed by Bishop Langberg in July!

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Weekly Schedule

Children's Sunday School
12:30pm to 1:30pm

Holy Communion Worship
Service Sunday at 1:00pm

Coffee Fellowship
following Worship Services

Adult Bible Study Wednesday
evenings at 6:00pm

Baptism and Confirmation
Contact us for information

Reconciliation / Confession
by appointment

Home and Hospital
Visitations as requested

Happy Birthday!

Sept. 10 - Gloria Dunphe

Sept. 27 - Cindy Lamprey

Oct. 4 - Larry Thomas

Oct. 6 - Dianne Crean

Oct. 7 - Bob Currier

Oct. 9 - Gordon Humphrey

Oct. 28 - Don Smith

Nov. 5 - Betty Currier

Nov. 24 - Nancy Smith

Nov. 26 - Joann Samson

Nov. 26 - Andrew Sclafani

Happy Anniversary!

Sept. 14

Michael & Peppy Sclafani

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Rector's Ramblings

We are called All Saints Church, and this is a very good name indeed. For this is also our vocation: we are all called to be saints. What is more, we are called to be saints now, not in the past or just in the future. We have been given these days, and Our Lord wants us to make the most of them.

The wonderful thing about All Saints is that we are doing our best to actively follow Jesus as He leads us on to do his will. Like Mary we seek to listen to His Word. Like Martha we seek to diligently do the work before us, even if we don't always have the sense of proportion that He would desire. Like Saints Benedict and Scholastica we live in difficult times, but we continue to be a people of prayer who organize and do what we can to be a people of charity and accomplishment. We at All Saints have formed an effective team, most everyone is doing their part. We seek to support one another in our own particular ministries. So it is that our little parish which isn't even two years old has weekly worship of Almighty God, a Bible Study, helps the Salvation army with its important work, teaches English to recent immigrants from Somalia, has a flourishing Coffee Hour where we can meet new members and keep up on the news of our present members, etc. I want to thank everyone for all that you have been doing to make All Saints such a warm and friendly community where so much is being accomplished.

What is more I think Jesus is calling us on to more and even greater things. Eventually land will become available, we will be able to construct or purchase a church structure of our own, to serve as a visible symbol of our Faith and a base for carrying out our many ministries. We need to be faithful now, and we need to plan for the future. Each of us have our own special role to play in this. Let each of us be a person of prayer who goes on to lovingly accomplish much.

I also want to tell you about another special project which you may find of interest. Some of our parishes in NH have been actively helping the mission of St. John the Baptist to construct a church building in Mamotintante, South Africa. This year their dream came true and they were able to construct and start using their building after meeting in a school house for many years. There are still many details to be worked out. One of these is the construction of a Vestry room. This is a multipurpose room attached to the church where business and meetings can occur and facilitate the work of St. John's. We might want to send them several small contributions to help in the construction of the Vestry. There will be an article on St. John's in the next issue of the International Anglican Fellowship's newsletter. As the Saudi Arabians pump huge amounts of money into Africa to build mosques, we Christians must not be inactive in supporting our fellow Anglicans as they go about their evangelistic work of bringing people into the fold of Christ's Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. If you would like to make a contribution to St. John the Baptist, it can be sent to the International Anglican Fellowship, 51 Riverfront Drive, Unit 2, Manchester, NH 03102.

Let each of us be actively engaged in the work of charity at home and abroad. We have been given a rich and prosperous land, for this we must give thanks, and go on to use our wealth in the manner that Jesus would have us do it.

Yours in Christ's love, Dean Steward +

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O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee. I grieve that I have so often offended Thee by my sins. I resolve henceforth, by Thy grace and mercy, to lead a better life. Amen!

Bible Study

Why not join us for Adult Bible Study? We meet in the church parish hall every Wednesday evening from 6:00pm—8:00pm for fellowship and to study the Holy Scriptures. Bring your own "brown bag" supper and a Bible and join us. Everyone is welcome so invite a friend. An enjoyable time is guaranteed by all! Is there a better way to spend one evening a week than studying God's Word?

Mark Your Calendar!

Sept. 19-22

Anglican Church in America General Synod in Portland, ME

Sept. 23-24

Diocese of the Northeast Diocesan Synod in Portland, ME

* visit www.acahome.org for more information *

Altar Flowers

Interested in donating Altar Flowers in memory of a special event or in memory someone special? Simply fill out this form, place it in an envelope with your donation, and drop it in the collection plate on Sunday. You can take the flowers home after Mass if you like, or we will pass them on to brighten someone else's day!

Name: _____

Intention: _____

Date I would like the flowers: _____

Number of vases donated: _____
(flowers cost \$20 per vase)

The Deacon's Bench

I want to take a minute to thank each and every member of our very special All Saints family, for making my ordination to the Diaconate on July 9, 2005 so special and memorable. Words cannot describe how deeply touched and blessed I feel to be a part of this wonderful family. The level of respect, support, and encouragement shown me has truly been incredible.

I've been asked if I feel any different since my ordination, and my answer to that question is YES! As when Peppy and I were married 20 years ago, and again when Andrew was born almost 11 years ago, I now feel more complete and at peace.

God has truly blessed me in this incredible adventure He has taken me on, and I suspect that there are many more adventures waiting just around the corner! I would ask that each of you continue to pray for me and my family as I learn and grow the ministry God has called me to serve in as an ordained Deacon in His church today.

I have resumed my studies for the priesthood and, if it's God's will, I hope to complete those additional studies within the next year or two. May the Lord continue to guided and richly bless all the saints at All Saints!

Your brother in Christ, Dcn. Michael +

Community Outreach

The inspiration of Bishop George Langberg's article in the Northeast Anglican led me to propose to a colleague at work that we teach English to her neighbors during the summer. There are several Bantu refugee families living in the Concord-Manchester area who were originally from Somalia, but had lived many years in a Kenyan refugee camp. They came to this country with a strong desire to work hard to provide for their families and their new communities. They face formidable challenges in that they cannot read or write in any language and cannot speak English.

They have been sponsored by Lutheran Social Services, but LSS cannot offer English language classes during the evenings. Second Start, the local source for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) training tested them and determined that they were not yet ready for their evening classes. So, Sky and I agreed to ask All Saints Anglican Church for volunteers to work with the Bantu men during the summer in hopes of preparing them to attend Second Start's classes in the fall.

Father Dean Steward, Diane Williamson, Larry Thomas, and myself, all of All Saints, joined Sky Merritz and Melissa McIntosh to teach fundamental English to 7 Bantu men and women. They formed 2 teams: one teaches for 2 hours on Tuesday evenings and the second team teaches 2 hours on Thursday evenings at the Second Start facility in Concord. We have just 4 more sessions and have really enjoyed the opportunity to work with each other.

We are now thinking about our next outreach challenge: more ESOL? Or is there something else waiting for us?

-Marilee Horn

Non-perishable Donations

Every Sunday before mass begins we have a basket at the main entrance to the church. This basket is used to collect donations of non-perishable items each week. The basket is brought forward and offered to God with our alms at His holy altar.

After mass the donated items are brought to the Salvation Army in Concord to help support McKenna House, which is the area's only homeless shelter. Your support for this incredibly important effort is very much appreciated by the residents at McKenna House!

In addition to non-perishable food, the Salvation Army currently has a need for back-to-school items such as back packs, pencils, crayons, paper, socks and underwear. There is always a need for personal items such as toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo, toilet paper, etc.

Please try to remember to pick up an extra item for the basket the next time you go grocery shopping!

'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' *Matthew 25:40*

Variety Show!

Sept. 22

An amateur variety show will be presented by the residents of Horseshoe Pond Place at 26 Commercial Street in Concord, on Thursday September 22 at 1:00pm, and on Friday September 23 at 7:00pm. The shows theme is "*Crusing Across America*".

Every is invited, so mark your calendars today!

For more information call Charlie Still at 224-5192

WVNH Underwriting

Starting August 15th, All Saints began underwriting several programs on WVNH Christian Radio. Our underwriting agreement runs for three months throughout the fall.

All Saints Anglican Church is currently underwriting the following programs:

- Mondays at 5:00pm - "Prime Time America"
- Tuesdays at 7:40am - "Proclaim!"
- Wednesdays at 5:00pm - "Prime Time America"
- Fridays at 5:00pm - "Prime Time America"
- Saturdays 1:05pm - "Prophecy Today"

WVNH has some excellent Christian programming and it can be heard on 91.1FM, 96.1FM, 96.9FM, and 104.3FM

Sunday School

Children's Sunday School resumes on September 11th. We are extremely fortunate to have three dedicated Sunday School Teachers; Peppy Sclafani, Diane Williamson, and Marilee Horn. We are always looking to add to that great team, so if you're interested helping please talk to one of our teachers.

**Invite and offer to bring a child to Sunday School.
They are the future of the Church!**

Prayers For Christ's Church

O GRACIOUS Father, we humbly beseech thee for thy holy Catholic Church; that thou wouldst be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

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"Catholic"

The family of believers at All Saints Anglican Church are Anglicans who have chosen to continue in the Traditional Faith of the Church. The word Anglo-Catholic is sometimes used to describe us because a true Anglican Church has *always* been a Catholic Church. The word Catholic is very meaningful and is used in many places in the Anglican Book of Common Prayer, while the word Protestant does not appear even once. Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury said, about half a century ago, "We have no doctrine of our own – we only possess the Catholic doctrine of the Catholic Church enshrined in the Creeds of the Church, and those Creeds we hold without addition or diminution". In the Creed we recite and believe, "I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church."

The Catholic Church has three main groups of churches, namely the Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Anglican Traditions; their common identity as *Catholic* is found in the common Scriptures, Creeds, Sacraments, Morals, and Male Apostolic Ministry. The antonym of the word Catholic is Heretic, not Protestant as many think. The three separate words Anglican, Catholic, and Christian all mean the same. Traditional Anglicans hold firm to the ancient Catholic beliefs of the undivided Church.

There are those who reject the word Catholic and substitute the word universal, but we should be careful in using the word universal in connection with the Faith because there are those who hold that a universal Church is invisible and existing in many forms and doctrines. (They do not mean the Communion of Saints as in the Apostles Creed). The concept of an invisible Church on earth is a man-made illusion, for the Church was instituted by Christ with a definite and visible structure, government, sacraments, and scriptures. The word Catholic in the sense of the Church being universal applies only to that period in the history of the Church when there was agreement as to what constituted true doctrine. This was after the Church had been through severe persecutions, and had confounded the heresies. The word Catholic was used to denote the commonly held doctrine of the Church 'by all men everywhere'. This rule of faith was formulated in the fifth century by St. Vincent of Lerins: as "Let us hold that which has been believed every-where, always and by all, for that is truly and properly Catholic." The word Catholic cannot be interpreted as meaning universal alone unless it includes universality of doctrine, order, morals and sacraments. The Church is not ours to change as we see fit, to make into a social club or a political organisation to bring about secular change.

Pray for Christ's Holy Catholic Church!

What is an Evangelism Leadership Team?

Our eight All Saints Vestry Members have been paired up into four Evangelism Leadership Teams of two members each. These teams are responsible for specific ministries within the body of Christ we call All Saints Anglican Church. Each team is empowered to develop and implement an evangelism strategy specific to their area of responsibility.

The primary purpose of these four Evangelism Teams is to strengthen our immediate church family, and to help create an atmosphere and attitude that promotes the spiritual and physical growth and development of our extended and future church family.

Evangelism Teams

Communication Evangelism Team	Fellowship Evangelism Team	Outreach Evangelism Team	Welcoming/Newcomer Evangelism Team
Dianne Crean and Michael Sclafani	Bob Currier and Candi Robinson	Don Smith and Marilee Horn	Everett Hunt and Barbara Barrett
<i>Ideas for areas of responsibility may include, but should not be limited to:</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter • Website • Keeping Member Info. Current • Press & Advertisement • Tracts & Devotionals • Birthdays and Anniversaries • Prayer List • Other Ideas???? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foyers Groups • Suppers, BBQs, Picnics, Breakfasts • Sunday Coffee Sign-up Sheet • Special Holiday Events like a Christmas Party Yankee Swap etc • Planning Parish Concerts and Movie Outings • Baptism and Confirmation Fellowship • Focus on Kids • Other Ideas???? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate Food Pantry Donations • After Mass Altar Flower Ministry • Charities • Shut-Ins • Prayer Chain • Community Events • Other Ideas???? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervise Ushers • Guestbook Follow-ups • Fellowship Greeters • Annual Newcomer Supper • New Member Forms • Develop and maintain a Parish Photo Album and Scrapbook to be displayed during Fellowship • Other Ideas????

Join a team today!!!