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Rector's Voice

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Hebrews 13:2)

Dear Parish Family:

This issue of our Quarterly Newsletter is known as the Michaelmas Edition. When we decided to rename the issues by liturgical seasons, I decided that the one for the early autumn would be named Michaelmas, mostly because that is what the fall term was called when I went to Nashotah House Seminary. Michaelmas refers to the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, which occurs at the end of September.

Often times in the sermons I refer to the thought that we find ourselves wrestling with ideas and concepts within the Church which are hard for people who live in a scientific society to accept. Our whole faith is based on the idea that someone could be born of a Virgin, perform miracles, die, be raised from the dead, and ascend into heaven! These are all concepts which the world around us finds hard to accept.

On this list can also be added the idea of angels. Yes, angels are popular in our culture. People collect angel statues; we will have TV shows or commercials in which there is an angel on one shoulder and a devil on the other. But still, angels are often relegated to the same status as unicorns. People think they are nice to look at, but do not really think that they exist.

As a person of faith, I can tell you that I do believe that angels exist. Let me share one story from my past. I was going to take a bus from Bangor, Maine, to Philadelphia to come home for a holiday. There was a lay-over in New York City (NYC), and I would have to change buses. At that time in my life, I was afraid of NYC (today I love visiting there!). On the way back to Maine, there was going to be a two hour lay-over. The night before my trip, I prayed about how scared I was. When I arrived at the bus station in NYC, I got off the bus and was met by someone in shabby clothes. "Oh boy, he is going to ask for money", I thought to myself. He came up to me and said, "Where are you headed?" I answered that I was going towards Boston. "There is a bus for Boston right over here that is leaving in just a minute", he said. He walked me over to the bus and said to the person who was letting people on the bus, "This guy is going to Boston!" I spent a total of thirty seconds in the terminal. I believe that that was an angel.



Angels do not have to have wings, in fact, I think that they look like you and me! I am sure that I have entertained angels unawares. I know that when Sasha and I had the car accident all those years ago, the witness who saw the accident said to me, "You must have had angels in the car with you!"

As people of faith, we are asked to believe in things that the world may find impossible, but we find more than possible. Why believe in the ordinary, when you can know that there is the extraordinary!

Blessed Michaelmas,

### *All Souls'*

In this edition of the newsletter, you will find the information sheet to fill in the names of your departed loved ones to be remembered at our annual All Souls' Requiem Eucharist. This is held on Thursday, 2 November, which is All Souls' Day.

The Church remembers the saints who lived extraordinary lives on All Saints' Day, but there are people who lived quiet lives of Christian faith -- people who have been a part of our lives. The Church decided to remember them on the day after All Saints' Day. Yes, we are all Saints of God, but some of us would not put ourselves in the category of St. Francis or St Paul! Please take the time to not only fill out the names of your loved ones, but to attend the Eucharist. It is a meaningful time to remember those who were in our lives on this earth and whom we hope to meet in paradise. Fr. Moyer is a member of the Guild of All Souls. As a priest-member, he is asked to celebrate a Requiem Eucharist every month.

This is usually done at one of the Wednesday mid-week Eucharists. He usually looks at the calendar to find a week in which there is not a saint's day celebrated on a Wednesday. If there is interest in people having their loved ones remembered in the month that they died, and if people would like to attend the monthly requiem, he would be happy to publicize it. Please talk with him if you are interested.

### *Stewardship*

Stewardship is really about relationship -- our relationship with God, with one another, and with God's creation. Taking the time to recycle a plastic bottle can be an act of stewardship. Taking the time to pray is an act of stewardship. Supporting ministries like the Church Mouse is stewardship. All too often, we get caught up in the idea that stewardship is just about money. Then stewardship gets connected with paying the bills. Stewardship is a way of life, and about the decisions we make every day. Stewardship really is about our relationship with God, with one another, and with God's creation. Please prayerfully think about this as you consider what you will write on the stewardship card.



Last year, we tripled the number of people who either mailed in or put their stewardship card in the offering plate. Put it in an envelope -- it is between you and God. The only other person who sees them is the treasurer. It is important to make a commitment in any relationship -- including your relationship with God. Being a good steward is worth making a commitment! Please bring the card in or mail it by the first Sunday of November when they will be dedicated and blessed at our All Saints' Sunday worship. The Saints of God are the Stewards of God!

The Stewardship card can be found on the bottom of page 4

## Ocean Cluster News

The Diocese of Easton is divided into clusters, churches that are geographically close, that can get together for events, worship or study, and support each other's ministries, eg. the Church Mouse, and the Shepherd's Crook. St. Paul's Berlin, Saint Paul's By the Sea, and the Church of the Holy Spirit make up the Ocean Cluster. Representatives from each parish meet quarterly to catch up on what's going on with each, as well as to plan activities for the cluster.

The latest activity was the picnic at Northside Park on Sunday, September 17. It was a great success with fantastic food, prayer, and games. A huge thanks to our own Tony Spina, and a gentleman from St. Paul's By the Sea, who cooked the burgers and dogs. There was an excellent turn-out, about 60 people, and the weather cooperated with a breeze, and no rain.



We will create a spot on one of the bulletin boards in the parish hall for up-coming Cluster events, as well as programs and activities from the other two churches. We encourage everyone to watch for things in which you may be interested. We will continue our Three Church Pilgrimage during Holy Week as our Cluster activity for that quarter.

Carolyn Cummins and Ann Wheeler are the current Cluster representatives. If you have any questions or suggestions, please talk with one of them or Fr. Michael. As with many things, this is a work in progress, and will continue to evolve during the course of the church year.

## Additional Cluster Information

We are invited to be a part of a Bible Study every Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Holy Eucharist. It is currently being held at Fr. Matt D'Amario's house in Pittsville. You can call St. Paul's By The Sea at 410-289-3453 for more information.

There is also a Book Club on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. It is held at Atlantic Methodist Church in Ocean City. The next book is The Relevance of Religion: How Faithful People Can Change Politics by Senator John Danforth.

Mark  
Your  
Calendar

## St. Paul's Advent Tea

The Second Annual Advent Tea will be held on Saturday, December 9th in our fellowship hall at 1:00 P.M. Please look for a signup sheet to appear in October on the church bulletin board by the kitchen door. You can sign up to be either a table hostess or a guest at any table. Additional information will appear in the Sunday bulletin as we get closer to the date.



NAMES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 29 OCTOBER, 2017  
(In the Offering Plate or Mailed to the Office)

*All Souls' Day Remembrances*  
*Requiem Eucharist*  
*Thursday, 2 November 2017*  
*7 O'Clock in the Evening*



(Your Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Please Remember these departed Loved Ones at the service  
Please Print

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*"The Soul's of the Righteous are in the Hand of God"*  
*(Wisdom 3:1)*

**Pledge Card For 2018**



In support of our parish's mission and ministry, I/we pledge the following  
Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly     Monthly     Yearly

*All gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.*

This pledge can be changed at any time by contacting the church office.

*In conjunction with your annual pledge, you may also want to consider making a planned gift, such as a bequest in your will, gift of life insurance, or a charitable trust.*

*Please bring this card to Church with you on Sunday, drop in plate, or mail by the First Sunday in November*

## Studying the Book of Acts

*During his address at the Diocesan Convention, Bishop Marray invited the entire Diocese to study the Book of Acts, so that we might be able to understand ourselves as a prayer centered, mission focused diocese. Each parish has been able to choose how they will study the sixteen excerpts from the Book of Acts which will give us a good overview of the entire book. We have chosen to include times on Fridays and Sundays. Please see below, and mark your calendars. We hope that in offering two different times, we can have more people participate. When we are finished, we will write an overview of what we learned, and what we have learned will be added to that of the other parishes in a document to be printed for our Convention in 2018. Please consider joining us for this time of learning as a Diocese!*

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Fridays (6:00—7:30 p.m.) With Pizza !</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sundays (9:50-10:20 a.m.) In Between Services !</i></p>
<i>29 September</i>	<i>1 October</i>
<i>13 October</i>	<i>15 October</i>
<i>27 October</i>	<i>29 October</i>
<i>10 November</i>	<i>12 November</i>

# Blessing of the Animals



Two Opportunities:  
Sunday, October 1st:  
\*2:00 in the afternoon\*  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
3 Church Street  
Berlin, Maryland

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Saturday, October 7th  
\*11:00 in the morning\*  
Historic St. Martin's Church  
11413 Old Worcester Highway  
(at the junction of Rt. 589 & Rt 113)  
Showell, MD 21862

Animals must be on leashes, held in  
your arms, or otherwise contained.

For more  
information, call St. Paul's at  
410-641-4066



## September Birthdays

- 1 Deb Ritz
- 3 Emma Hopkins
- 4 Nancy Evans
- 6 Sara Thompson Jerrie Birch
- 12 Clay Warrington
- 13 Jack Barrett
- 16 Mary Hall Jason Cole
- 18 Mike Wiley
- 19 Raymond Nichols, 3rd.
- 20 Charles Nichols
- 21 Ann Hastings Andrew Cropper  
Sylvia Angstadt
- 25 Christopher Ashley  
Sandy Pacella  
William Fsham, 111
- 28 Wayne Hopkins
- 30 Kirk Burbage

## October Birthdays

- 4 Mechelle Nichols Ruth Dodds
- 10 Jessica Beckstead
- 11 Garnette Crawford
- 13 Ruth Kemp Donald Fischer
- 14 Douglas Berry
- 17 Ray Coates, Jr.
- 18 Alex Reddick
- 21 Ann Abbott Liz Warrington
- 24 Sara Backstead
- 30 Jane Doherty

## November Birthdays

- 3 Marie Lundberg
- 5 Shirley Hartman Ellie Scott
- 6 Colin O'Neill
- 14 Brooke & Brittany Wellman
- 15 Melissa Reid
- 18 Diane St. Clair Ramona Smith
- 19 Susan Wellman
- 20 Lindsey Coates  
Stephen Nichols
- 23 Joe Moore Cliff Birch
- 29 Lauren Coates Jude Cole



## September Anniversaries

- 5 Jim & Sylvia Angstadt
- 16 Roger & Ida Bredehorst
- 24 Bruce & Marie Lundbrg
- 29 Clay & Liz Warrington

## October Anniversaries

- 5 Maury & Susan Wimbrow, 111
- 9 Wayne & Emma Hopkins
- 11 Joe & Susan Moore
- 15 Dick & Diana Brown

## November Anniversaries

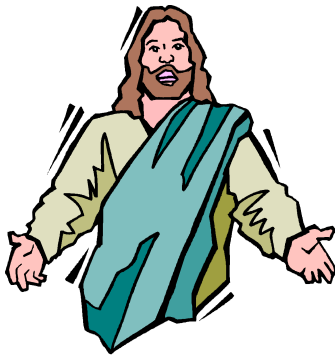
- 11 Steven & Nancy Lehman
- 12 Bunky & Margaret Schul
- 25 Buddy & Laura Jenkins
- 26 Wade & Susan Wellman
- 28 Roger & Sandy Pacella



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## *Mission Statement*

*Our Mission is to offer and nourish a relationship with God in Jesus Christ, our Lord, through worship, outreach, fellowship, and study.*

### Vestry and Officers

Senior Warden: Donna Main Junior Warden: Ray Coates, Jr. ,  
Treasurer: Susan Wellman,

Vestry Members:	Phyllis Ashley	Connie Duke	Ray Coates, Jr.
Jerry Freeman	Donna Main	Sarah Thompson	Gail Whaley