



### Rector's Letter

Dear Friends in Christ:

I write this just having returned from a CREDO Conference. CREDO conferences are fully funded by the Episcopal Church Pension Fund, and each priest is invited to two during their active ministry, and one more as they move into retirement. There are 5-10 conferences each year, held at diocesan retreat centers all over the country. Mine was at the Trinity Center near Atlantic Beach, North Carolina, in the Diocese of East Carolina, and I was one of about 25 retreatants.

The CREDO experience provides clergy with an opportunity to reflect on their vocation, and discern God's abiding presence and continued call, while being mindful of the realities of life reflected in personal health and finances. I was warned by someone who knows me that I would probably like about 75% of the conference, and loathe the other 25%, but I'm happy to report that I didn't actually loathe any of it, and I found the experience overall to be very useful. Each day focused on a different aspect of vocation, discernment, health or financial well-being, and the sessions were led by experts from diocesan staffs across the country. There was a fair amount of prep work to be done in advance, and the facilitators made good use of resources and information. I'm glad I went.

As you can imagine, being with more than two dozen other priests facilitated a fairly extensive exchange of ideas – informal occasions to share what has been tried in a parish, and learning how that worked (or didn't), and why. I got an idea for adult education and evangelism that I think we could apply here at St. John's, and I look forward

to developing that idea further and sharing it with you in the near future.

My main regret in going was missing the Pierogie and Sausage Dinner. I am very aware of the effort and planning that went into that meal, and be assured that I wished I could be here with you for it. That said, the reports I have heard are that things went extraordinarily well, and the team of Tina Scott, Deacon Alex, and Charlotte Zmyslo – among many others – was brilliant! Congratulations to everyone on a job well done. Selling 90+ dinners and making over \$1,000 is nothing short of extraordinary, and everyone who helped – in whatever form that took – deserves our deep, deep thanks.

And now, November is about to jump out of the gate this Saturday in a big way. Please see the articles below to learn more, and plan to join us for food, fun, learning, and fellowship all month long.

Faithfully yours,

(The Rev.) Christopher V. Pyles

**FOURTH PRAYER BREAKFAST ON NOVEMBER 2 – MISSION: TANGANYIKA**

On Saturday, November 2, we will welcome the Very Rev. Canon Harry E. Krauss as our guest presenter. Dean Krauss will share the details of a mission trip he made to the Diocese of Western Tanganyika in Tanzania, East Africa. Few of us have the chance to engage in international mission, so this breakfast affords us a rare opportunity to learn about it. Breakfast is at 10 in the parish hall, followed by Morning Prayer, and then the talk. We will finish by 11:30 at the latest.

Dean Krauss served as dean of St. John's Cathedral in Providence, RI, until he retired in 2011. Previously, he was Vicar at St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, in

Manhattan, and prior to that, he was rector of All Saints, Wynnewood, on the Main Line outside Philadelphia. He grew up in Drexel Hill, PA, attended the College of William and Mary and the Virginia Theological Seminary, and served in the Army Signal Corps in the Vietnam era. He lives in New York City.

There is no charge for prayer breakfasts, and all are welcome!

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**ALL SOULS' DAY IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2**, and one Mass will be celebrated at St. John's that day at 12 noon at the Mary Altar. Although every Eucharist lifts the veil between heaven and earth, the All Souls' Mass is unique in that it brings to mind the fact that we are united through prayer with those we love, but see no longer. Believing in saints means believing that those who have gone before us are capable of prayer (since we ask saints to intercede for us); therefore, it follows that have died are still praying, and likely remembering those of us still on our earthly pilgrimage. All Souls' Day is a time for us to pray for *them* – when we remember them before God, and commend their going from grace to grace in his service.

Many of you have submitted names to be remembered at the altar at that day. But remember that *you are very welcome – and encouraged – to be present as those names are offered*. The service is short – only about 30 minutes long, and all are welcome.

### CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX COLLECTION FOR THE FAITHCENTRE

The first two Sundays in November (3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>), we are continuing to collect the following items for Christmas boxes that the FaithCentre will be putting together:

Instant potatoes – 32 oz. box	Stuffing mix – 6 oz. box
Jello – any size	Sugar – 1 lb. box
Noodles – 1 lb. bag	Cookie mix – any variety – 1 lb. 5 oz. bags
Hot chocolate – any size box	Coffee – regular or decaf – 1 lb. can
Sweet potatoes – 30 oz. cans	Cranberry sauce – 14 oz. cans
Gravy – 10.5 oz. cans	Fruit cocktail – 14.5 oz. cans

The FaithCentre needs these items by the week of November 10<sup>th</sup>, so we ask that all donations be brought by that Sunday. The need is very great – St. John's is always incredibly generous with these food drives; let's continue that tradition for this holiday

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### HOLIDAY BAZAAR COMING UP

The annual holiday bazaar at St. John's Church will be held Friday, November 8, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch and food to take away will be available both days: soups, Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, and desserts; the baked goods table will be full of cookies, cakes, pumpkin rolls, and pies; hand-made craft items – which a group from our church has worked on since the summer – will be available; and, as always, there will be a white elephant table; theme baskets; a Chinese auction; and much more.

Please support St. John's most popular fundraiser and join us for the bazaar on Friday and Saturday, and indicate how you can help on the sign-up sheets on the table in the back by November 3. Thank you, and see you at the Bazaar!

### ADVENT ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

This Sunday morning series, which will be held on the four Sundays of Advent (Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22) at 9:15 a.m. in the rectory, seeks to offer new insight to Mary & Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, addressing the logistics, the terrain, the culture and the people they would have encountered as they traveled. Each session will begin with a 10-15 video (similar to the ones used during Lent), which will focus on a different aspect of the journey each week. By virtually journeying with Mary and Joseph, participants will spend time preparing for the coming of the Christ child. Light refreshments will be served.

### 2014 PLEDGE CARDS DUE BY NOVEMBER 24!

Our 2014 pledge campaign is already off to a great start. In just the first two weeks since the campaign kickoff, nearly half the expected cards have been returned. Everyone should have received a card in the mail; more cards can be found in the pews. Please help us to do God's work in Bellefonte by participating in the campaign. If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Treasurer Leigh Meeker at 814.880.1317 or [lameeker@hotmail.com](mailto:lameeker@hotmail.com), or Father Pyles. Many thanks!

### THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE ON NOVEMBER 27 AT 7:30 P.M.

We are delighted to offer once again a Thanksgiving Eve Choral Eucharist – followed by a festive reception – as a way for our parish to corporately give thanks to God for the many blessings he has given us.

The reception following this service is an occasion when members of the parish do not need to bring anything but themselves – all food and beverages will be provided. That said, parishioners need to demonstrate *by their presence* that this service is a priority. Please mark your calendar now, and plan to be with us for worship and fellowship on the eve of our national day of giving thanks.

### DON'T FORGET TO "FALL BACK" ON NOVEMBER 2!

Before going to bed on Saturday night, remember to turn your clocks back one hour as we return to Eastern Standard Time

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Are you on Facebook? So are we! Search for "St. John's Episcopal Church-Bellefonte, PA" and send a request to join the group. You'll then be able to see news, events, comments, pictures, and more pertaining to our parish life and the Episcopal Community.

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**GREAT CROP WALK, EVERYONE!**

Our thanks to Betsy Quigley for organizing our participation in this year's CROP Walk. Our parish raised nearly \$900 in support of feeding ministries, and nine St. John's members walked! The ninety-minute, four-mile journey was a perfect time to reflect on all the good things God has given us, as we walked with our brothers and sisters in Christ from all over Bellefonte. Special thanks go to the Quigley Family, Tina Scott, Father Pyles, and Vestry members Susan Christy, Jennifer Zeigler and Keith Cummings for putting their best foot forward and participating in the walk.

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**THE BATHROOM IS FINISHED!**

If your travels have not brought you into the undercroft recently, you have not seen the work of art that is our new bathroom. Senior Warden Larry Roberson and Vestryman Patrick North have labored continuously over the past few months to see this project through, and their hard work is obvious to us all. The attention to detail and careful, intricate planning necessary to work in an awkward space are clearly visible, and we are so grateful to Patrick and Larry (and to their families!) for the time they devoted to doing this job so well.

Phase II of the undercroft project is already underway. As described in previous editions of the *Herald*, a new Sunday school classroom is being carved out of the undercroft hallway, to enable us to turn the back half of the current Sunday school space into a nursery. While the primary physical change that will take place is the addition of a wall, some restoration work will be done in the process to make the space not only functional but beautiful as well. Everyone's patience is appreciated as we restore and expand our downstairs facilities so that we can better meet the changing needs of our parish population.

LAY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.
November 3 All Saints	Deacon Dyakiw	Deacon Dyakiw Charles Hilderbrand, Jr
November 10 Pentecost XXV	Deacon Dyakiw	Deacon Dyakiw Jason Dench
November 17 Pentecost XXVI	Deacon Dyakiw	Deacon Dyakiw Kathryn Grossman
November 24 Christ the King	Scott Mauger	Deacon Dyakiw Sara Witmer
November 27 Thanksgiving Eve		7:30 p.m. Deacon Dyakiw Dave Cree



**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

November 3 Ellen Dyakiw  
 November 10 Nancy Andrews, Sara Witmer  
 November 17 Charity & Mitch Holland  
 November 24 Shannon & Charlie Hilderbrand, Jr.

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

November 1	Mark Eminhizer
November 5	Nathaniel Duminiak Matthew Reid, Jr.
November 7	Carol Fyfe Kathleen Mulligan
November 16	Harry Witmer
November 19	Fred Raymond
November 20	Zackery Fitzgerald
November 21	Dylan Arrington Charles Hilderbrand
November 23	Logan Strouse
November 24	The Rev'd Christopher Pyles
November 26	Daniel Hough Leigh Meeker
November 29	Emma Jobeth Lucas
November 30	Charles Hilderbrand, Jr.



NOVEMBER 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 10 Community Lunch	<b>2</b> 10 am Prayer Breakfast  12 noon All Souls' Mass Turn Clocks Back 1 hour at 2 a.m.
<b>3</b> All Saints MP 7:45 8 Rite I 10 Rite II Coffee Hour	<b>4</b>  7 Men's Group	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30: Low Mass with healing	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9 – 7 Holiday Bazaar	<b>9</b> 9 – 1 Holiday Bazaar
<b>10</b> Pentecost XXV MP 7:45 8 Rite 1 10 Rite II Coffee Hour	<b>11 Veterans Day</b>  Office closed  7 Men's Group	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30: Low Mass with healing	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Pentecost XXVI MP 7:45 8 Rite 1 10 Rite II Coffee Hour	<b>18</b>  7 Men's Group	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:30: Low Mass with healing  7:30 Vestry Meeting	<b>21</b>  Book Group 7 p.m., Rectory	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Christ the King MP 7:45 8 Rite I 10 Rite II Coffee Hour	<b>25</b>  7 Men's Group	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:30 Low Mass with healing  7:30 Sung Mass, reception following	<b>28 Thanksgiving Day</b>  Office Closed	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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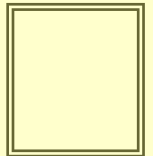
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