



WARDEN'S LETTER

What a summer it has been! I hope most of you have been able to take at least a little time to rest and recharge during what is traditionally a less busy time of year.

We have had a busy and productive summer for members of the Vestry and the Search Committee. We have secured an **Interim Priest**, who arrives in Bellefonte at the end of August, and will conduct his first official services on September 3. Please join with the Vestry in welcoming Reverend Carlton Kelley and his partner Don to our church.

The **search committee** has had several meetings. They are working hard on the tasks identified by Canon Morrow. In the coming weeks there will be some minor but inviting changes to the website, as a start. Canon Morrow advised us that an engaging website is the top priority in attracting candidates.

Lastly, around this time of year, we can expect to see some unfamiliar faces in church. Folks joining the Penn State community will be church shopping, and trying us – and other churches – on for size. First impressions are important. Please greet our guests warmly. Take special care to make clear to them that they are welcome at St. John's, and that we are honored they have chosen to worship with us.

A number of interesting events are happening here this month and slightly beyond. I invite you to read about them in the pages that follow. I look forward to seeing you in church.

Yours faithfully,
Larry Roberson, Sr. Warden

CHANGES IN THE OFFICE

After 27 years of faithful service as church secretary, Sara Witmer retired on August 31. She and Harry will be on vacation the next two weeks, and on September 17, we will honor her service during Coffee Hour.

Trish Weidemann, our new secretary, starts on September 1. She has extensive office experience and has spent the last two weeks in training with Sara. Welcome, Trish, to the St. John's family!

LETTER FROM FATHER KELLEY

There are certain joys about living out our Christian faith in an Anglo Catholic parish. What some might regard as our liturgical eccentricities, we see as universal expressions of the Christian faith and, indeed, as faith incarnated – the Word made Flesh. Because God has given us senses to use for our maturity in faith, hope and love, we use them to praise the One who is at the same time Absolute Mystery and Incarnated Love, totally removed from us, yet completely and intimately personal.

Sight, sound, color and texture, taste, touch and smell all play their parts in making worship rich and evocative of divinity. Irenaeus, 2nd Century Bishop of Lyons, said that the glory of God is a person fully alive. That is what our liturgies endeavor to do for us – make us fully alive to the reality of God so that we might bring others to the only reality that is truly and unconditionally alive; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As we praise God in his fullness through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are given the desire and the need to live fully into our humanity for the good of others. Our liturgies are then fully evangelical in that they are vehicles of the Good News of Jesus Christ to a world so desperately in need of the only love with the power to save.

Beauty in liturgy is of the utmost importance but this is a beauty of God and his love. The beauty we invest in objects we use in worship are but a pale yet necessary reflection of the ultimate and only beauty of the Holy Trinity. And because God's Trinitarian beauty is expressed in complete and reciprocal community, so our beauty as humans is best expressed as a people, not as a collection of isolated individuals. This is why we must resist trends in the church that exalt the individual over the community, such as promoting the giving of Holy Communion to the unbaptized. That is not an expression of community but of fragmentation which cannot be beautiful and has no power to contribute to our salvation.

I look forward to our time together as we as God's people of St. John's Church, Bellefonte, grow more and more into a community of the beauty of God.

FROM THE DEACON'S PERCH

My dear friends:

“After he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray.” Matt. 14:24

Well, I wasn't too far off from our June newsletter; we did have a lot of rain - 7" more than last year at this time - Green, green, green. Vacation Bible School at Bald Eagle State Park in July was a big success. More than 35 children and adults participated. The theme was the "Bee Attitudes."



Ellen provided many children's activities, crafts, and games; Erik played the guitar and we sang; grilled hamburgers and hot dogs plus covered dishes were served. I think this was the first year we didn't get soaked from the rain, and the children were able to go swimming. Thanks to all the parents and volunteers who made this happen and share a great Sunday afternoon.

We had good attendance at our 8 and 10 a.m. worship services during the summer months, and supply clergy presided at most of our Eucharistic Masses. Many of the Gospels we listened to were about being a servant rather than being served, Christ's healing the sick, wheat stories, mustard seeds, and others. My hope and prayer is that we can put this all into action in the fall as we gather together from our various vacations and travels. Remember that even Jesus went off quietly to pray, but immediately after that he went back to his ministry, and so must we.

A special thanks to Erik and Rebecca Clayton; the summer music was excellent and made our services

so much more sacred and a blessing to our ears. Thanks also to Deb Cree who filled in at the organ - always a treat for us. Deb comes to Centre Crest each month for our community service and plays for the residents. They really love her music ability.

We continued our outreach that included Dave and Deb's Peanut Butter and Jelly collection and August in-gathering of cereal for the food bank. Rosemary Catchmark kept the community lunch program functioning. Thanks to Christine and George Holt, Myrna Alterio, Lois Fetzer, and Mitch Holland for their help as well. Great story there: ask Mitch about it!

George Holt and his grandchildren, along with Ellen and I, helped unload 900 cases of food at the food



bank, so with great delight, we continued to serve while enjoying summer.

Thanks also to the people who stepped up to be greeters, Old Testament readers, crucifers, servers, book bearers, torch bearers, altar guild, grass cutters, and coffee hour hosts. These ministries need to be remain active this fall. Please look at the signup sheets in the back and see where you can assist.

I am very excited to have Fr. Carlton Kelley join us on September 3, as this is the first time that we will have an Interim in my 24 years at St. John's. Let us all give a warm welcome to Fr. Kelley and his partner, Don. Fr. Carlton and I talked briefly when he visited us, and I was very excited because he was interested in Outreach ministries we are involved in as a church and how we can foster growth in that area. When he settles in, feel free to discuss things that we can do as a church as well as a collective community of churches.

As Fr. Carlton takes charge, I will be going back to my primary duties of bringing the gospel to the community - and its needs to you, the church. I will be available when you need spiritual direction and counseling, but let us fully support Fr. Kelley.

MEN'S GROUP RESUMES SEPT. 11

The **Men's Group** will begin its 18th year on Monday, Sept 11., 7-8 pm at Deacon Alex's home. We will be starting a study of the book of Revelation by John Stott. We always pray for the empty chair, so if you desire to deepen your study of Scripture, please prayerfully consider joining our group.

FROM OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

After a brief hiatus in August, our Sunday School Classes will resume on September 17 with a short meeting for parents in the chapel after the 10:00 service. I would like to take that time to discuss with you some improvements to our program. Please attend. Refreshments will be served.

Canon Robyn Szoke-Coolidge will visit our church on October 29 for our Children in Worship service. After the 10:00 service, Robyn will provide a



Safeguarding God's Children workshop for anyone who wishes to work with children in our parish. This is mandatory for all volunteers, and updates are required every three years. Please plan to attend.

I am looking forward to working with the children of St. John's again; as the children grow and change, so will our program. ~ *Miss Ellen*

PARISH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 10

Our Annual Church Picnic will be Sept. 10, at the home of Deacon Alex and Ellen Dyakiw, 337 East Curtin Street.



The Eucharist Service will be outdoors at 10 am. Fr. Carlton Kelly will be presiding. **There will be NO 8 am or 10 am services at the church.**

Signup sheets in the back of the church. Please sign up if you plan to attend so we know how much food to buy. There is also a signup sheet for a covered dish or dessert to share. **Everyone is invited to participate.**

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

At a liturgical church like ours, in which a good number of people are needed for services to be offered in the way to which we have become accustomed, **altar servers** and **altar guild members** play a critical role. Appointment to these two groups is by the rector; if you feel called to either of these ministries, please speak to Fr. Kelley, Larry Roberson, or Alex Dyakiw.



On Sundays, additional help is needed: **greeters** welcome worshipers at the door and distribute bulletins; members of the 10:00 congregation serve as **readers of the Old Testament lesson**; and **coffee**



hour hosts offer hospitality after the 10:00 service to perhaps 20-25 people in the parish hall. Potential hosts should not worry about what is necessary: items served can be bought from the store, and may be as straightforward as donuts and/or cookies and/or cheese and crackers; cooks who are so inclined may make a cake or a pie or brownies. Others make a breakfast casserole, and/or serve fresh fruit and vegetables.

Polish Dinner at
St. John's Episcopal Church
Saturday, October 7; 4-7 p.m



Haluski Or Perogis with Keilbasa
Drink and Dessert
Take-Out Available
\$10

Feel free to be creative, and as simple or as extravagant as you like. The church provides coffee and paper products; the host supplies the food and other drinks if desired, and sets up and cleans up. Pairs or groups of people may sponsor coffee hour together; if you have questions, please speak with Larry Roberson or Alex Dyakiw on Sunday morning; or phone or email the parish office during the week: 814-355-0497; stjohnsepiscopal@comcast.net.

REMINDER: DOES YOUR HEATING OIL COME FROM JJ POWELL?

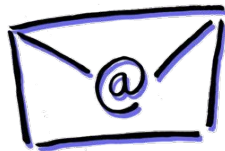
As cold weather will be here before we know it, this is a reminder that all churches and their members who are Powell customers and on the EasyPay or Prebuy program can request that three cents of every gallon of fuel oil that they purchase be given to their church.



This is money that JJ Powell is donating – *it will not cost the customer any more per gallon*. Call JJ Powell today (Bellefonte office: 355-4749; headquarters in Philipsburg: 800-432-0866) to sign up.

REMINDER: EMAIL ADDRESS ARE IMPORTANT

- Has your email address changed?
- Do you want to get the Herald as an email?
- Have you missed some of the email announcements of the Summer?



Please provide us with an update, either by calling or emailing the parish office during the week: 814-355-0497, or stjohnsepiscopal@comcast.net.

CEREAL SUNDAYS A SUCCESS!

Once again, our parish responded generously to our "Cereal Sundays" appeal during the month of August.



The boxes have been delivered to the FaithCentre to provide breakfast for school-aged children. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

LAY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER, 2017

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.
September 3	Dcn Dyakiw	Dcn. Dyakiw
Pentecost XIII		Kathryn Grossman

September 10		Mass at Dyakiw home
Pentecost XIV	NO 8:00 MASS	PARISH PICNIC

September 17		Dcn. Dyakiw
Pentecost XV		D. Cree

September 24	S. Mauger	Dcn. Dyakiw
Pentecost XVI		T. Quigley

ALTAR SERVERS' ROTA (10 A.M. MASSES)

September 3	Book/Server	TBA
Pentecost XIII	Crucifer	
	Torches	

September 10	Parish Picnic, Dyakiw home	
Pentecost XIV		

September 17	Book/Server	TBA
Pentecost XV	Crucifer	
	Torches	

September 24	Book/Server	TBA
Pentecost XVI	Crucifer	
	Torches	

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

- September 3 Charlotte & Goldie
- September 10 Parish Picnic at Dyakiw home
- September 17 Tina Scott
- September 24

VESTRY COLLECTION COUNTERS

September, 2017 - Keith Cummings, Mitch Holland



BIRTHDAYS

September 1	Diane Fusco
September 4	Jayden Reid
September 5	Mary Harpster
September 6	Beth Mauger Lucas
September 7	James Jackson
September 9	Sean Hough
September 20	David Lucas, Jr.
September 22	Susan Kurten
September 29	Steve Snyder
	Erin Mattocks

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3 Pentecost XIII Low Mass 8 Solemn Mass 10	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5	6 9:30: Low Mass with healing	7	8	9
10 Pentecost XIV Parish Picnic – Dyakiw Home – 1 service 10:00	11 7 pm – Men’s Group	12	13 9:30: Low Mass with healing	14	15	16
17 Pentecost XV Low Mass 8 Solemn Mass & Coffee hour 10 Sunday School parents’ meeting after 10:00 service	18 7 pm – Men’s Group	19	20 9:30: Low Mass with healing 7:30 pm-Vestry Meeting	21	22	23
24 Pentecost XVI Low Mass 8 Solemn Mass & Coffee Hour 10	25 7 pm – Men’s Group	26	27 9:30: Low Mass with healing	28	29	30