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FROM OUR RECTOR

The Rev. Robert Beauchamp



SPRING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

As we are engaged the Lenten season with the forty days before Easter as a season of penitence and renewal, let us not lose focus of the meaning of it purpose - A Holy Lent means to be set aside for God.



There are so many ways to offer ourselves to God. When we strive for a Holy Lent, when we take a look at ourselves and repent, we often find that there are things that we need to change. We are then called to action. We are then called to take on new life and yes, to give up those things that keep us from being the wonderful people that God has created us to be. Now is a time during this holy season that we can begin the discipline that will lead us to the renewal that comes with Easter and a new life in Christ.

With the long-standing tradition of “giving up” something for Lent we often set ourselves up for discouragement. Just as when we make New Year’s resolutions, we often find that we are unable to live into our usually overzealous expectations; we then feel as if we have failed. But we need not set ourselves up for failure.

As we enter into this Lenten season, may we strive towards a holy observance of this time as we move towards the glorious celebration of Our Risen Lord.



Our prayer Book calls us, “to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.” A Holy Lent, one that is given to God – set aside for God, can be accomplished in many ways. It need not only mean “giving up,” it may in fact mean taking something on! Through our self-examination, we see areas that need work. Repentance calls us to “turn around” and move in the opposite direction. We can accomplish this through the means of prayer, fasting, and self-denial. Prayer renews our conversation with God, and directs us in all things. Fasting reminds us that we do not *live by bread alone*, and self-denial helps us to strengthen our resolve – to discipline our physical desires.



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This Lenten season may we strive towards that new life and a renewal of our faith. Lent concludes with Palm Sunday and Holy week. Holy Week is an important end to our Lenten journeys, and I would encourage all of us to participate in all the services of the week. They remind us of what the brokenness of humanity is capable of and yet brings us to Resurrection Sunday—new life.

With spring time just around the corner as we see the new buds that are forming, the grass that is greening and all the signs that tell us a new growing season is about to begin, let us take the time to look inwardly to see the new life that God is calling us to live. Now is the time to turn the soil, feed it and begin planting for the coming season. So it is with our souls as well. What is it that needs our attention, our tending, that will bring forth the fruits of the harvest? Spring is upon us, what a joyful time to see the renewal of the earth as it blossoms into summer. What a joyful time it is to live into the abundance and joy of God's creation within us and around us.

God's peace,
Robert+



BLESSING OF THE RECTORY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024



PARISH NEWS ...



Wolfe Scholarship

—Marsha Nelson

Recipients of a Wolfe Scholarship must be a communicant or a clergy of Holy Innocents or an Episcopalian who resides in Vance County, NC. Wolfe Scholarships are annual awards for post-secondary education. Applications can be obtained from the church office.

Completed applications are due back to the church office by our deadline, May 1, 2024.



Everyone is invited to join the choir and make a joyful noise unto the Lord. We have choir practice on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the church.



Allen Bean, Church Musician



Sunday Church Nursery

—Caroline Burnette

We will have nursery every Sunday until Memorial Day and resume Labor Day!



Betsy W. Seifert, President

Attention Churchwomen!



The next meeting of the ECW will be on Tuesday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m, in the Ladies' Parlor. We look forward to having you join us!

Altar Flower Chart

Frank Madigan & Tracy Madigan



The 2024 Altar Flowers sign-up chart is located in the Bell Tower. If you have a date you would like to have reserved for you, you can sign on the chart or email your date to either ;

Frank Madigan (fhmadigan@ mail.com)
or

Tracy Madigan (tracymadigan@yahoo.com)

Old St. John's Visitation

—Greg Taylor

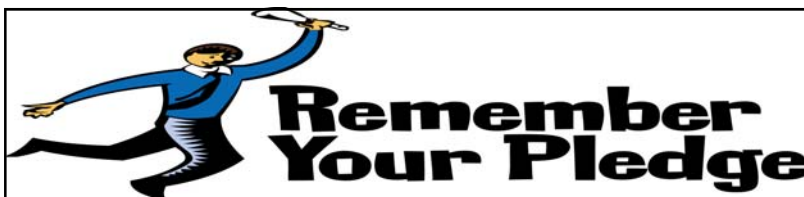
Old St. John's will be open the Saturday afternoon of April 27th for visitation. This is per request of the Diocese to recognize the first Diocesan Convention which was held at OSJ in 1824. We are having the interior windows painted ASAP.



Treasurer's Report
2/17/2024

Church Of The Holy Innocents
Revenue and Expense Summary
Year-to-date, Through January 2024

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)
Revenues				
Pledged Income	\$24,185.00	\$25,900.00	\$24,185.00	\$25,900.00
Other Income	\$1,017.71	\$1,167.00	\$1,017.71	\$1,167.00
Total Revenues	<u>\$25,202.71</u>	<u>\$27,067.00</u>	<u>\$25,202.71</u>	<u>\$27,067.00</u>
Expenses				
Compensation				
Salaries	\$3,727.54	\$3,875.00	\$3,727.54	\$3,875.00
Employee Expenses				
Rector's Expenses	\$334.59	\$800.00	\$334.59	\$800.00
Other Employee Expenses	\$5,913.81	\$4,474.00	\$5,913.81	\$4,474.00
Total Employee Expenses	<u>\$6,248.40</u>	<u>\$5,274.00</u>	<u>\$6,248.40</u>	<u>\$5,274.00</u>
Total Compensation	<u>\$9,975.94</u>	<u>\$9,149.00</u>	<u>\$9,975.94</u>	<u>\$9,149.00</u>
Administrative				
Supplies	\$481.09	\$600.00	\$481.09	\$600.00
Preschool Income/Expense	(\$5,485.05)	(\$1,320.00)	(\$5,485.05)	(\$1,320.00)
General Insurance	\$2,851.25	\$2,000.00	\$2,851.25	\$2,000.00
Other Administrative Expenses	\$209.00	\$250.00	\$209.00	\$250.00
Total Administrative	<u>(\$1,943.71)</u>	<u>\$1,530.00</u>	<u>(\$1,943.71)</u>	<u>\$1,530.00</u>
Utilities	\$2,094.90	\$1,800.00	\$2,094.90	\$1,800.00
Maintenance	\$1,226.23	\$2,150.00	\$1,226.23	\$2,150.00
Parish Life	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Diocesan & Seminary Support	\$2,014.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,014.00	\$2,000.00
Outreach	(\$50.00)	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	\$0.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$13,417.36</u>	<u>\$16,829.00</u>	<u>\$13,417.36</u>	<u>\$16,829.00</u>
Net Total	\$11,785.35	\$10,238.00	\$11,785.35	\$10,238.00



Remember that the church has to pay its bills. Pledge checks and special donations are always appreciated and can be mailed in to the office at: The Church of the Holy Innocents / 210 S. Chestnut Street / Henderson, NC, 27536

Note from the Editor...

Marsha Nelson

**APRIL NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

March 27

Please submit any newsletter items either to the church office or e-mail them to marleene125@gmail.com

Thanks for your support !

Birthdays



Annette Roberson..... 3/01
 Mary Beth Parish 3/04
 Sarah Rose Parish..... 3/04
 John Stevenson 3/04
 Scott Brinkley..... 3/04
 Caroline Burnette..... 3/06
 Robin Scott Williams..... 3/08
 Jordan Williamson 3/22
 Mildred Kimball..... 3/23
 Hunter Roberson 3/29
 Linda Shaw 3/31

Anniversaries

Mildred & D. Boyd Kimball 3/01
 Annette & Tommy Roberson 3/26

Remember In Your Prayers

Pray for Healing and Comfort:

Mary Shearin
 Margaret McCaskill
 Veneal Williams
 Blanton Hartness
 Rose Flannagan
 Kimberly Hunter Hartness
 Robert & Edna Moss
 Nancy Brooks
 Cynthia Shaw
 Tom Church
 Peggy Mast
 Kathy Hughes
 Lee Hight
 Mike Rainey
 Betsy Catlett
 Janet White
 Susan Beauchamp
 Cass Meeks

You're in Our Prayers



Special Dates

- World Day of Prayer
March 1, 2024
- Daylight Saving Time begins
March 10, 2024
- St. Patrick's Day
March 17, 2024
- First Day of Spring
March 19, 2024
- Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024
- Maundy Thursday
March 28, 2024
- Good Friday
March 29, 2024
- Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024

Altar Flowers

TBD..... 3/03
 Bob & Marsha Nelson..... 3/10
 Tracy Madigan..... 3/17
 Craig & Cathie Clodfelter..... 3/24
 (Easter) Bennett Perry..... 3/31

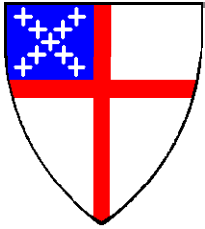
MARCH SERVING SCHEDULE

MAR	ACOLYTES	USHERS	LAY READER / CHALICE BEARER	ALTAR GUILD
3	Chapman Scott Burnette	Richard Davis	8:00am—Bob Nelson 10:30am—Roberta Scott	Anne Almand
10	Jack & Kaitlyn Paynter	Richard Davis	8:00am—Tracy Madigan 10:30am—Nick Long	Anne Almand
17	Chap Burnette & Sam Goodwin	Richard Davis	8:00am—Rix Edwards 10:30am—Linda Shaw	Ellen Dickerson
24	Jack & Kaitlyn Paynter	Richard Davis	8:00am—Greg Taylor 10:30am—Porter Shaw	Ellen Dickerson
31	Chapman Scott Burnette	Richard Davis	8:00am—Tracy Madigan 10:30am—Caroline Burnette	Mariana Davis

NOTE: IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO SERVE AND HAVE A CONFLICT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT AND NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE.

SHROVE TUESDAY





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All are welcome to join us as
we joyfully greet each person present at our worship.
May our love and respect for one another be
steady and true as we strive to follow Christ our Lord.