

The Messenger

July – August 2017

Clergy Corner

With Fr. Bwechwa traveling in Africa there will be no Clergy Corner. Instead the editor decided to put in some interesting snippets that were supplied to him and things he found. The order is quite random and a bit off kilter. We can just say that the editor will come to his senses prior to publishing the next newsletter.

It appears that an Anglican church in Worcester England has reverence for the lineage of asparagus and shows this in an epic yearly festival where in April celebrants obtain a special blessing for the vegetable by local priests as costumed asparagus prance through the street praising the stalks as representing “the generosity of God.” It is reported that critics, including clergy from other parishes, likened the parades to a Monty Python sketch, and “an infantile pantomime.” I’d say it is just silly.

King George III addressing Parliament, October 31, 1776.

Nothing could have afforded Me so much Satisfaction as to have been able to inform you, at the Opening of this Session, that the Troubles, which have so long distracted My Colonies in North America, were at an End; and that My unhappy People, recovered from their Delusion, had delivered themselves from the Oppression of their Leaders, and returned to their Duty. But so daring and desperate is the Spirit of those Leaders, whose Object has always been Dominion and Power, that they have now openly renounced all Allegiance to the Crown, and all political Connection with this Country. They have rejected, with Circumstances of Indignity and Insult, the Means of Conciliation held out to them under the Authority of Our Commission: and have presumed to set up their rebellious Confederacies for Independent States. If their

Treason be suffered to take Root, much Mischief must grow from it, to the Safety of My loyal Colonies, to the Commerce of My Kingdoms, and indeed to the present System of all Europe. One great Advantage, however, will be derived from the Object of the Rebels being openly avowed, and clearly understood. We shall have Unanimity at Home, founded in the general Conviction of the Justice and Necessity of Our Measures. And the rest, as is said, is history.

Who’s in the Pew?



Have you wondered who in the choir has a very nice soprano voice and sings a solo? That was Grace Gona.

Grace is from Kenya and came to the USA by herself in September 2013.

In Kenya, Grace was a member of the ASC: the Anglican Church of Kenya, and worked as an accountant in Mombasa, Kenya. Grace stated that she came to Milwaukee for school. She enrolled in MATC and earned a certified nursing assistant degree in health. Presently Grace works as an administrative assistant for Caring Palms in Brown Deer, an organization that supports independent living.

Grace is the oldest of 4 children. Still living in Kenya are her parents, twin sisters Mary and Martha, and a brother, Isaac. Grace is our little Ian’s aunt!

Although she’s a bit shy, Grace does love to sing and loves people! We love her too! We are so happy that Grace chose to be part of our St. Martin’s family!

Maren’s Corner

This newsletter Maren Vila is sharing a poem with us.

Happiness keeps you sweet.
Trials keep you strong.
Sorrows keep you human.
Failures keep you humble.
Success keeps you growing,
But only God keeps you going.

Rummage Sale

The rummage sale was a great success. Thanks to all that helped. We were able to raise almost \$400. The Vestry is looking at using these funds toward the repair of the sign. The lighting of the sign needs to be repaired. The options are to repair and keep the existing florescent lighting or to replace the lighting with LED lighting. The LED lighting is longer lasting and uses less energy and is less expensive than repairing the existing lighting.

The Eucharist

We are continuing with information about the Eucharist. Last newsletter we had a section on the vestments. In this edition we look at the start of our worship. The material is from an Episcopal Instructed Eucharist from a parish in Georgetown Delaware. In this segment we will cover the vestments.

The Holy Eucharist has been celebrated for 2000 years. The early Christians assembled in private homes and often celebrated the Eucharist in combination with a larger meal. Practical difficulties resulted in the Eucharist eventually being separated from the larger meal. The early Church organized its life around the Sunday Eucharist. The service began with the words "The Lord be with you." A lector would read Old Testament, Psalms, and New Testament lessons. The celebrant would preach a sermon while seated in a chair. Anyone not baptized would then be dismissed and a deacon would lead intercessory prayers followed by the "kiss of peace." The people would bring their offerings of bread and wine to the linen covered table. The celebrant would lay hands upon the bread and wine and recite

prayers of blessing and prayers entreating the descent of the Holy Spirit. The bread would then be broken and the priest would give it to the people, by either the people coming forward to receive or the priest circulating among the people. Bread and wine would be taken to people who could not attend. Does this sound familiar? Almost two thousand years later, Holy Eucharist remains the principle act of Christian worship.

Our worship begins with a processional with the entire congregation singing. In the early church, the priest would enter casually, visiting with the people along the way. By the fifth century, the formal procession was instituted to help prepare the congregation to be attentive. The celebrant and other liturgical assistants process to the altar as representatives of the whole congregation. This symbolizes the procession to heaven. It is at the altar where heaven and earth meet. It is where we symbolically go up to heaven to the Lord's heavenly feast and it is where God comes down from heaven to meet us.

Birthdays

July

6	Andrew Gaulke
20	Rev. Oswald Bwechwa
25	Don Jean-Philippe

August

3	Shade Longe
16	Johanna Baldwin
18	Evelyn Beale
21	Martin Keily
21	Janet Bates
24	Thomas Keily
31	Kathy Horn

Anniversaries

July

12	Larry & Ramona Lewis
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August

2	Tom & Kathy Horn
24	Claude & Evelyn Beale

LAY SCHEDULE JULY-AUGUST, 2017

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Usher	Baldwin	Longe	Keily	Bates/Buth	Baldwin
Acolyte	Andy	Mugi			
Reader	Beale	Rath	Kristiana	T Gaulke	Decker
Prayers	Dyett	Horn	Rath	Beale	Vila
Chalice	Lewis	Keily	Beale	Longe	Lewis
Altar Guild	Decker	Buth	Bwechwa	Gona	Longe
Coffee Hosts	Horn	Keily	Bates/Buth	Dolly Grimes-Johnson	T Gaulke

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27	Sept. 3	Sept. 10
Usher	Longe	Keily	Bates/Buth	Baldwin	Longe	Keily
Acolyte						
Reader	J Jean-Phillipe	Dyett	Horn	Beale	Rath	T Gaulke
Prayers	T Gaulke	Decker	Dolly Grimes-Johnson	J Jean-Phillipe	Dyett	Horn
Chalice	Keily	Beale	Longe	Lewis	Keily	Beale
Altar Guild	Decker	Buth	Bwechwa	Gona	Longe	Decker
Coffee Hosts	Lewis	Barnes	Beale	Decker	Baldwin	Washington

REMEMBER: If you are unable to fulfill your part in this schedule, please find a substitute! Also if you are going to be away for a block of Sundays please inform Fr. Jerry. Thanks to those who have already so.

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