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We seek to extend the radical hospitality of Christ to all, whether in our buildings or through the web, in the hope that each person's spiritual journey can flourish from individual faith into communal compassion and action. Home to Holy Innocents' Episcopal School, our campus serves on many levels as an engaging, ever-renewing forum for people of all ages to gather, pray, celebrate, mourn, converse, reflect, learn, and teach.

Membership at Holy Innocents is based on desire. If you are baptized (or desire to be baptized), intend to make this parish your principal community of worship, and you will support the ministries of the parish, you may be recorded as a member of the parish. We offer several opportunities throughout the year when new members are welcomed on Sunday mornings. We also offer opportunities for adult Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation.

For more information on membership contact Caroline Fleming.

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From the Rector

Reflections On Sabbatical

The Rev. Michael R. Sullivan
Rector

Most of us miss the first commandment. I'm not talking about the first of the ones from Mt. Sinai written on stone tablets. I speak of God's first rule, the first proclamation that required action by humanity: at the end of creation, God said to rest. Rest on the seventh day.

Rest doesn't come easy to most of us. Conditioned by hard work and a quest for productivity, we rarely slow down and often don't know we need restoration. I know that's been true for most of my life. On the one hand, I'm thankful for hard work. I love it. It feeds me, both literally and figuratively and I come by it honestly from a father that worked hard and provided well for his family. But on the other, I've realized that I can substitute work for value, thinking that what I do is related to my worthiness. Deep down inside, I think we all know that's not the Gospel.

Sabbatical taught me the first commandment again – how to slow down. I had to learn how not to read emails, make lists, and check the clock. Believe it or not, that last one was the most difficult. I had no idea how incredibly conditioned, and controlled, I was by time. I had to unlearn bad habits that had followed me from the practice of law to seminary and priesthood, most of them habits that made me driven by constraint rather than freedom for exploration. I'm thankful for the lesson.

Now that I'm back in the office, I'm asking myself some hard questions so that I don't just default to old habits. I wonder if you should ask them of yourself?

- Do I see time for God, self, family, and friends as a priority?
- Am I working smart, efficiently using the resources I have?
- What practices would encourage my required meetings to be productive and efficient?
- How does prayer inform my daily schedule? Am I making time for it every day, not just in crisis, but in the ordinary rhythms of life?
- When I'm with people, am I present with them and not thinking about all the other things I have to do?
- What can I take off my schedule because it's not really mine in the first place?

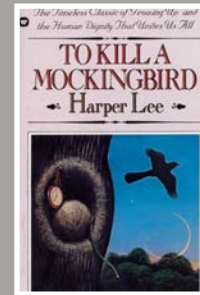
These are just the beginning questions. Many more will follow. For now, I know that Sabbath time helped me see myself more clearly, encouraging me to allow God to change me.

Can you stop this week? Turn off the email for just a while? Can you sit with a cup of coffee one morning and do nothing but take in its aroma and taste? Can you sit with God and pray for just 10 minutes each morning?

Rest. The first commandment. It is a very good thing.

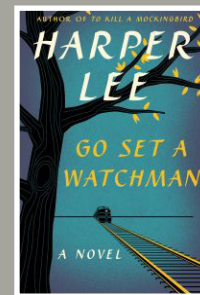
RECTOR'S BOOKSHELF

Our Rector has mentioned the following books recently in sermons or commends them to you for the spiritual journey



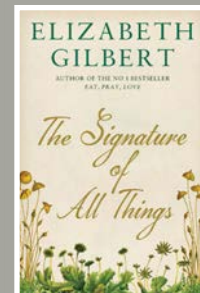
To Kill a
Mockingbird

Harper Lee



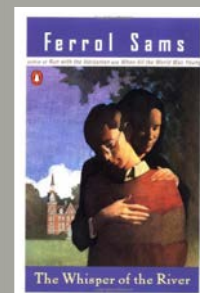
Go Set a
Watchman

Harper Lee



The Signature
of All Things

Elizabeth Gilbert



The Whisper of
the River

Ferrol Sams



Absalom, Absalom

William Faulkner



clergy corner



A Fiery Pilgrimage

The Rev. Lisa M. Zaina
Vicar

Recently I made a pilgrimage to Hayneville, Alabama with several of our parishioners. We were among approximately three hundred people from the Diocese of Atlanta, as well as others from all over the country. It has been estimated that we were one thousand strong.

The purpose of our trip was to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the martyrdom of Jonathan Myrick Daniels, as well as the sacrifices of the other Alabama Civil Rights martyrs. Jon Daniels was an Episcopal seminarian who felt called to be a witness to, and participant in, the civil rights struggles in the early 60s.

It was hot and uncomfortable, but the air was alive with faith, as well as love. One might say that we were on fire, and no pun intended.

Fire.

The words of Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop-Elect of the Episcopal Church, are still ringing in my ears, and burrowing into my heart.

In his sermon to the assembled, Bishop Curry quoted one of my favorite Jesuits, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, scientist and priest. Teilhard said that the greatest discovery was fire. That fire serves as the source of all that we know.

Teilhard goes on to say, "Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of

love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire."

What will it take for us to harness the energies of love? First, we must learn to love and be loved. We must be willing to look for God in all things and all people.

There are times that I feel as though I must turn over all sorts of rocks and look into all of the nooks and crannies in order to find God in everything. But, you know that old break-up line "It isn't you, it's me"? Well, guess what, this time it is true.

I've come to realize that if I'm having a difficult time finding God in something or someone else, it is because I'm having a tough time finding the God in me. When I can't find the God in me, it is because I am not being patient, compassionate, kind, thoughtful, forgiving...the list is without end.

But when I can find God, I will love, even in the most difficult of circumstances. And that love is what we harness together to create the fire that is beyond our wildest imaginations.

It will mean freedom from want, fear, hatred, and hunger. It will mean peace.

It will be the ultimate of pilgrimages.

Memories of Prayer & Hymns

The Rev. Buddy Crawford
Senior Associate Rector

*God, that madest earth and heaven, darkness and light;
Who the day for toil hast given, for rest the night.
May thine angel-guards defend us, slumber sweet thy mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us, this live-long night.*

In the church of my childhood Evening Prayer was offered every day of the week. Monday through Saturday lay readers led the service. But on Sunday afternoons Evening Prayer with hymns and homily preceded EYC. All these years later there are many Evening Prayer hymns that I can sing by heart like the verse printed above. Music not only stirs our souls, it shapes our faith.

As most of you know I had the privilege of traveling with the Holy Innocents' choir this summer as they were in residence at Wells Cathedral. It was a remarkable experience in more ways than I will ever be able to recount. The opportunity to sing the service music with the choir and to listen as their voices filled the magnificent chancel with anthems was a glorious experience that I will treasure for the rest of my ministry. I am particularly grateful for how singing daily Evensong awakened in me a new devotion to the daily office. The routine of prayer, psalms, and scripture lessons keep me grounded in my daily walk with Christ.

Besides singing in the chancel and nave we also had the opportunity to explore the cathedral complex and the Bishop's palace and chapel. They are holy places where thousands of pilgrims have prayed and worshiped for more than ten centuries. I enjoyed discovering several small side chapels for prayer and reflection, going back to the chapel of the Holy Family and the Chapel of our Lady often during the week. I am sure the members of the choir each found their own special place that spoke to their hearts as they explored these ancient buildings.

Most of all, I am thankful for the opportunity to get to know the members of the choir and the spouses and partners who made the journey with us. On buses and at restaurants, over pints of apple cider in more than a few pubs, we exchanged the stories of how we came to be at Holy Innocents. No matter where we were when we told the stories they became holy places where community and communion were shared. And what an honor it was for me to get to know the people God has called me to serve.

*Guard us waking, guard us sleeping, and, when we die,
May we in thy mighty keeping, all peaceful lie:
And when death to life shall wake us, Thou wilt in thy likeness make us;
Then to reign in glory take us with thee on high.*

(Heber & Whateley, The Hymnal 1940)

Photo of a cat napping on the Bishop's chair. ~Photo by The Rev. Buddy Crawford







HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE
Beginning September 13

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)
9:00 am - Holy Eucharist (Nave)
11:15 am - Holy Eucharist (Nave)
6:00 pm - Celtic Eucharist (Christ Chapel)



Sabbatical Thanks

While I was away, many people stepped up to the plate to make life at Holy Innocents continue smoothly. A huge thanks to our Vicar, The Rev. Lisa Zaina, for her extraordinary leadership. A deep, deep bow to our Senior Associate, The Rev. Buddy Crawford, for making sure that pastoral care and liturgy continued at the top of their games. And of course to The Rev. Joshua Case and The Rev. Will Stanley for jumping in to all sorts of good things for our parish.

The office staff worked hard to make things appear seamless as did our wardens, treasurer, and vestry. My deepest thanks.

And of course you. You all continued to attend church, give of your selves, and push your spiritual journeys to new heights.

Thanks for the love that you share with me in this incredible family of faith.

The Rev. Michael Sullivan +



From the Chancel Rail

The Rev. Buddy Crawford
Senior Associate Rector

I was asked recently about icons – why we have them and what is their purpose other than art?

Iconography is the making of a stylized religious picture usually painted on wood and hung on walls or screens in churches and homes.

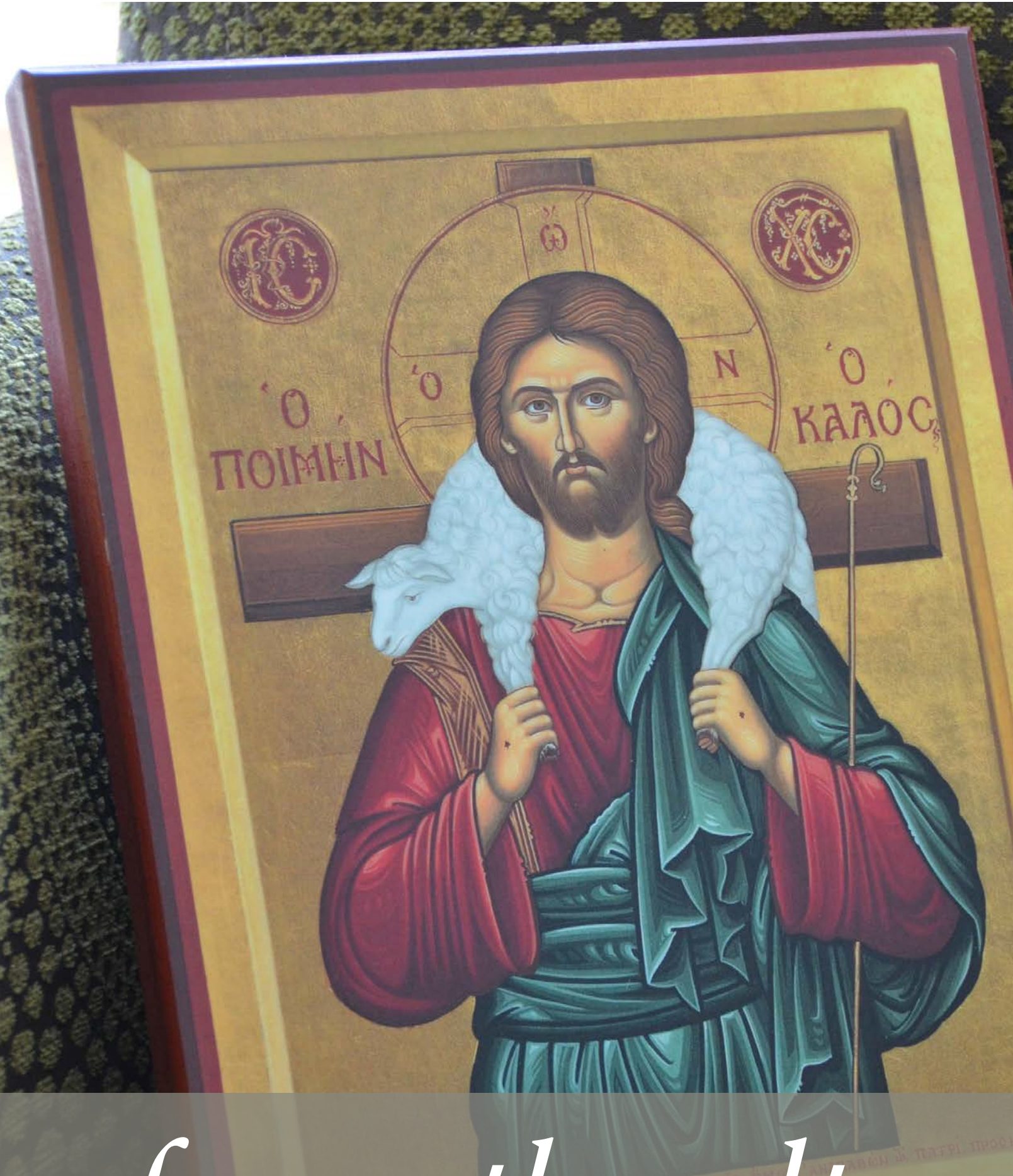
Each time we enter the main doors of the nave we pass between two icons. One icon is of the Holy Innocents, recently written for the parish (icons are written, not painted). The other is of Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary and various saints, it is cracked with age and the colors have lost their vibrancy. They are sacred images that tell a story (as we read them). They are human attempts to grasp the divine.

Eastern Orthodox theologian Leonid Ouspensky writes about Icons,

“There are no words nor colors nor lines which could represent the Kingdom of God as we represent and describe our world. Both theology and iconography are faced with a problem which is absolutely insoluble – to express by means belonging to the created world that which is infinitely above the creature.”

Neither the words of theology nor the images painted with such loving care can ever fully describe or represent the divine – but they can point beyond themselves to the incomprehensible reality of God. In looking at or “reading” an icon we are not viewing purely representational art, rather they are windows into another reality. Find some time to read our icons and ponder the story they tell.



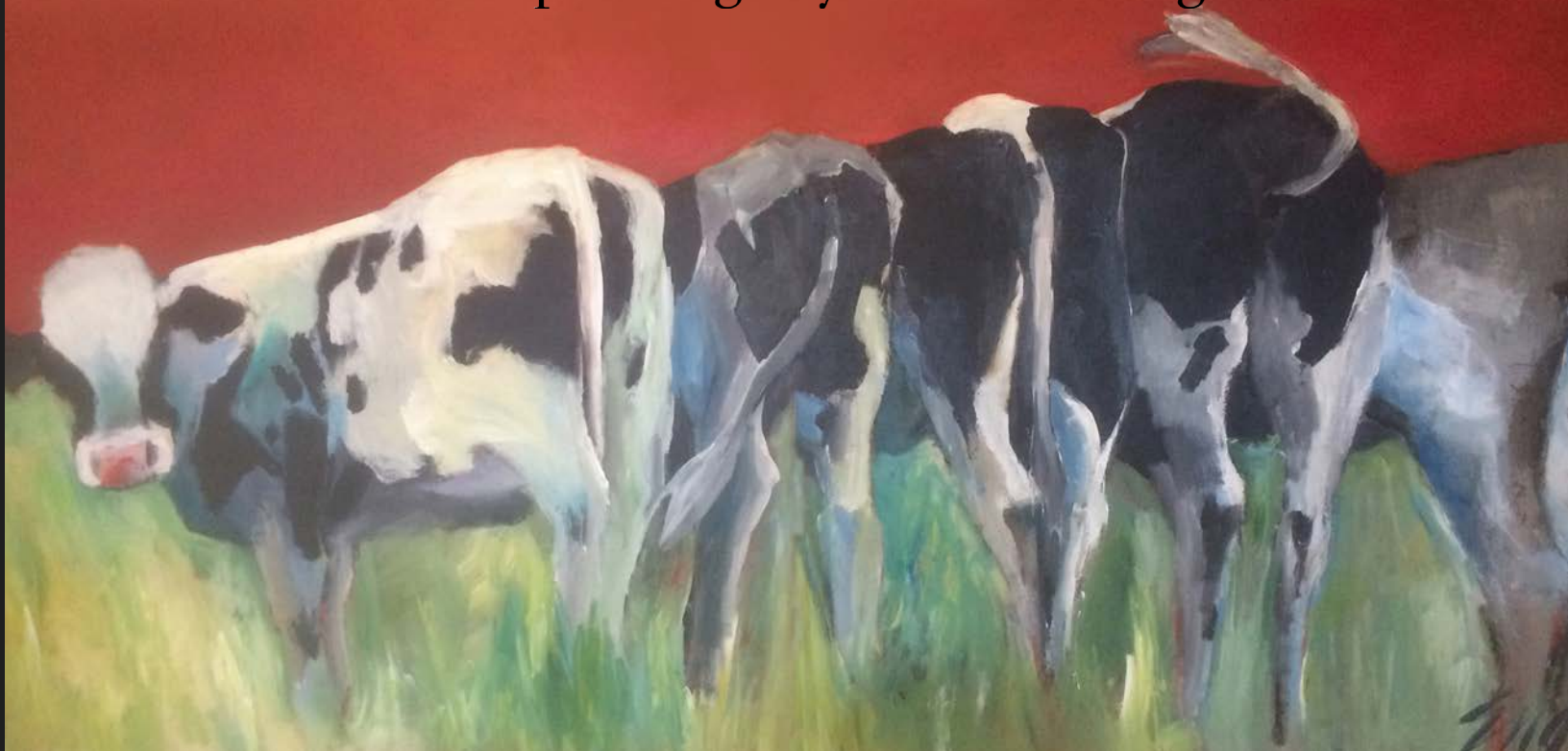


from the altar

The Ventulett Gallery presents

TOPS & BOTTOMS

paintings by Maureen Engle



EXHIBITION DATES | AUGUST 20 - SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

Artist Maureen Engle brings her art to the Ventulett Gallery. Explaining the title of her show, "Tops & Bottoms", Engle says she thinks of "Tops of trees, the cow's behind. Looking up and around familiar subjects. Seeing and experimenting with color and energy in nature."

Originally from Massachusetts, Maureen graduated from the University of Virginia and then spent a year living in Provence, France. There, she furthered her studies in art and began to experiment with a loose and fresh approach to painting. She is passionate about color and its ability to convey energy and emotion, and is well known for her contemporary and abstract work.

For over ten years Maureen has taught art at local art centers and is a current painting instructor at Spruill and Alpharetta art centers. Her work has been in numerous exhibits and shows including Metro Montage at the Cobb Museum of Art and the Atlanta Portrait Society. Maureen is part of the Atlanta Artist Collective, an online gallery of select local artists who offer affordable work with some proceeds targeted to local charities. She also has significant bodies of work at Frameworks Gallery in Marietta, Galerie Matilda in Roswell, Sunshine Gallery near Athens and she has been a guest artist at dk Gallery in Marietta. Her corporate clients include WellStar, PM Realty Group and Horseshoe Bend Country Club.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Save these dates for the remaining 2015 Opening Receptions at the Ventulett Gallery.

October 1: Judy Lampert, photography

November 12: Doug Foltz, painting

December 17: Karen Tunell &

Lynn Pollard, textiles



Save the Date

Old Fashioned
Sunday Supper

Sunday, October 18 at 6:30 PM
Dining Hall — Holy Innocents
Episcopal School





Wells Pilgrimage 2015

David Brensinger
Organist/Choirmaster

During the Winter of 2012, we became aware of an opening for a choir residency at Wells Cathedral. We were required to submit information about the choir and my credentials, as well as a recording of the choir, which would serve as our audition. We were soon approved for the residency, and began to plan in earnest for this trip.

It soon became apparent that this would be both a residency—musically—and a pilgrimage—spiritually, allowing us to visit the country from which our Episcopal roots emanate and to carry on the centuries old tradition of singing the daily office in such a marvelous space, to the glory of God.

The quiet market town of Wells lies in county Somerset, about 2 ½ hours west of London. It is often described as England's smallest city and, technically, wouldn't qualify as a "city," having only about 10,500 residents, except for the presence of the Cathedral. Parts of the Cathedral date back to the tenth century. Wells Cathedral School was founded in 909, and teaches about 700 students ages 3 through 18.

Our residency/pilgrimage took place this summer from July 13-19 when 24 singers, and a total entourage of 37, including me, assistant organist Susan West, the Rev. Buddy Crawford, and spouses, partners, and family members met in Wells for a remarkable spiritual and musical experience which will not soon be forgotten.

David Brensinger

As we prepared for Wells, I wondered whether over the course of an entire week we might grow tired of the evening prayer "routine". I needn't have worried. Instead I felt a deepening identification and involvement in the liturgy helped by the variety and beauty of the music, and by the care the Wells clergy invested in preparing the prayers for each service. (My wife) Tamara called it "the spiritual retreat she did not realize she needed." – Carlos Diaz

The Wells Experience was life changing and surreal. I suspect there's no way to fully understand it without actually doing it, i.e. it's difficult to articulate.

It was an honor to learn how to make music in that space, a joy and a gift to "make friends" with the Cathedral. I can walk all over it in my head so I can visit whenever I want.

The town of Wells is warm, friendly, un-touristy and real. The Cathedral is a vital, alive, busy parish community.

We are not the same people we were when we left; we are not the same musicians. We are singing at another level. I feel a huge sense of responsibility to continue singing at that level. We learned so much: we learned that no matter how well we are doing, we are still fallible. But I believe that also we learned to love and trust each other musically in ways that just would not be available under ordinary circumstances. We made beautiful music together in that beautiful place. I was sad to leave. I will always be grateful. – Judy Perry



Altar Guild

A Reflection

Wendy Corbett
Altar Guild

The first time Charley and I visited Holy Innocents after relocating to Atlanta, the Parish was hosting a Ministry Fair. Serendipity, perhaps? I made a bee-line straight to the Altar Guild table where Laura Burns, Kathy MacDonnell, and Claire Vines welcomed this Texas transplant with open arms and open hearts. It has been my pleasure to serve Holy Innocents as a member of the Altar Guild since that day for 20 years.

Charley's mother, Margaret, first introduced the "gift" of serving on the Altar Guild to me shortly after we were married, and it has proven to be not only a gift that keeps on giving but a gift that is shared between generations here at Holy Innocents as well. No longer a "mystery," my time spent in the Sacristy has been both revealing and an opportunity to prepare (and learn the names of) the chalices, ciboriums, patens, altar linens, and elements with which our common table is set as we gather to share the Holy Eucharist. I now have a much greater appreciation for the different seasons of the Church's liturgical calendar – visible in the vestments worn by the Clergy as well as the frontals, antependiums, veils, and palls on the Altar – just as

we all appreciate the beauty of Atlanta's changing seasons, particularly in the extraordinary canvas that is Christ Chapel.

The time commitment to this wonderful ministry is small – an hour or so on Saturday morning and a Sunday service one weekend each month – compared to the reward of camaraderie and fellowship with the women and men (yes, men!) who serve on the Altar Guild. We are more than just members of a team, we are friends and colleagues who share a devotion to making each worship service meaningful – whether it is a regular Sunday service, the joyous celebration of a baptism or wedding, the solemn rituals of Holy Week, the great festivals of Easter and Christmas, or saying goodbye to a dear friend or loved one.

The subtle work, and reward, of the Altar Guild is always present – you need only look around and see the smiles on our faces.

ARE YOU READY?



The mission of The Friends of Music at Holy Innocents' is to enhance the role of music in our parish and beyond by bringing to our facilities high quality and diverse musical programs by performing artists of exceptional merit for the benefit of both the music lovers in our congregation and, as outreach, to those in the larger Sandy Springs community.

Upcoming Performances

Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Nave
The Matthew Kaminski Organ Quartet

...an evening of jazz with the Organist for the Atlanta Braves, also featuring Will Scruggs, tenor sax, son of former assistant priest the Rev. Perry Scruggs.

Friday, December 11, 2015 at 8:00pm in the Nave
The Skylark Vocal Ensemble, directed by Matthew Guard

...this professional ensemble, comprised of some of the finest choral artists from across the country, sings a program of music for the season.

Upcoming Evensongs

Sunday, September 20, 2015 in the Nave at 3:15 pm
Organ Recital, Charles Higgs, St. Luke's, Atlanta

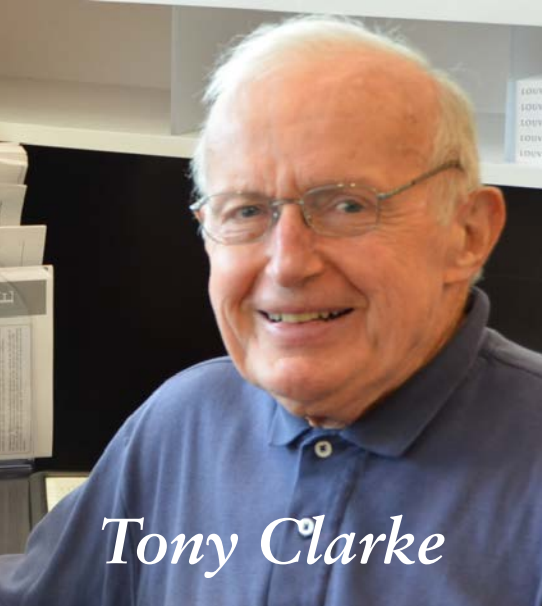
Evensong at 4:00 pm
Music of Urwin, Pavlechko, & Tavener

Sunday, December 13, 2015 in the Nave at 6:00 pm
Evensong for the Second Sunday of Advent

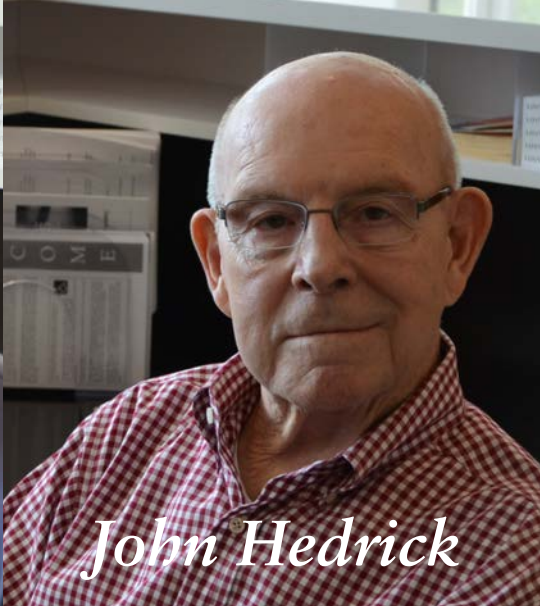
Music of Gibson, Stanford, & Martinson
(Note: because this liturgy is at a later time, and precedes the annual meeting, there will not be an organ recital.)



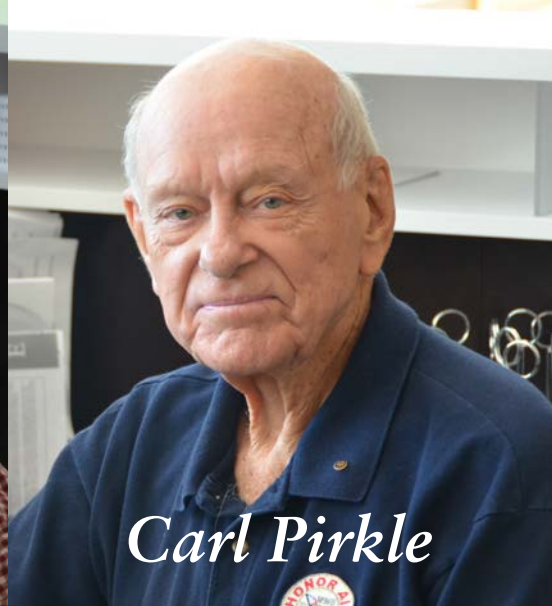
pastoral care



Tony Clarke



John Hedrick



Carl Pirkle

Parish Hosts @ HIEC

Melody McNeil

Receptionist & Pastoral Care Coordinator

The ministry of the Parish Host is to greet and welcome members and guests to Holy Innocents. These parishioners are a vital part of the daily activity in our buildings, and their friendly faces and helpful personalities provide a wonderful first welcome to our church. We thought you'd like to know more about those who cover the Welcome Desk during the week, so Sally Suhr interviewed Tony Clarke, Carl Pirkle, and John Hedrick.

1.) Why do you volunteer at the HI front desk?

TONY CLARKE: To serve Holy Innocents in a small way and enjoy the pleasure of meeting and greeting people, and to be in the company of this dedicated and marvelous staff and clergy.

JOHN HEDRICK: Because it helps to leverage the staff's time and keeps me involved in the day-to-day life of the church.

CARL PIRKLE: To give back to the church. On a volunteer day a couple of years ago there was a whole list of things you could sign up to do, and I just checked off "welcome desk", and the rest is history!

2.) How long have you been doing it?

TONY CLARKE: Around 2 years (since we moved into the new building)

JOHN HEDRICK: 3-4 years

CARL PIRKLE: Since the new building opened

3.) What other ministries at HI are you involved in?

TONY CLARKE: Ushering, greeting, laying on hands

JOHN HEDRICK: Ushering, greeting, "Dinner and a Book", moderator of Men's Third Friday

CARL PIRKLE: Chalice bearer and lector, ushering, laying on hands, lay Eucharistic visitor

4.) When you're not at the church, what are 1 or 2 hobbies you enjoy?

TONY CLARKE: Gardening, walking, reading

JOHN HEDRICK: Ceramics, photography

CARL PIRKLE: Sandy Springs rotary club, volunteer with National Park Service (trails and rails between Atlanta and New Orleans), officiating track and field events and high school swimming meets

5.) What's your favorite part of manning the front desk at HI?

TONY CLARKE: Assisting the staff by relieving them of phone calls and drop-in visitors that we can handle, and giving visitors and guests of Holy Innocents a good and pleasant introductory experience.

JOHN HEDRICK: The interaction with the clergy, staff and visitors to the church.

CARL PIRKLE: Meeting and greeting people, and getting to know the staff, which I really didn't before I started volunteering.

A big thank you to these guys! They consistently offer radical hospitality to everyone contacting the parish. As you can see, Tony, Carl, and John are faithful members who enjoy spending time at the Welcome Desk. We also want to thank Shirley and Ralph Thurmond who graciously offer help when our hosts are unavailable.



Being Claimed, Getting to Work: The Journey of Mission and Purpose

Historical moments will change, but God's design will ever be the same: to save human beings in history.
-Oscar Romero

In the six months since taking over my new post as Associate Rector for Mission I have had the honor and pleasure of having some great conversations with many of you, many people in our neighborhood and with many missionally concerned strangers. These conversations have been exciting, challenging, inviting and prophetic. They have been discerning, hopeful, and at times, blunt. To say that people expect Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church to participate in changing the world for the better through Christian community may be an understatement. What is more, there is more than enough work to be done and God is ever-calling us, Holy Innocents, to act on behalf of those most in at risk in our world: children.

Over the course of the next two months I look forward to being able to envision, co-author, and convene new-yet-old ways for us to engage our missional work on behalf of the holy innocents of our day. The truth of the matter is, of all the conversations that I've had, this message was the loudest: we must live fully into the name that possesses us. You see my friends, we could be called by another name. We could be St. Marks or All Saints or St. Stephens or Emmaus House, but we are not. We are Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church. And believe me, the apostrophe means something! To let this name claim us, as the apostrophe suggests, is to live so deeply and purposefully into our mission that we expect more from one another and from the world when it comes to children in Georgia.

Our purpose as a people of faith must be clear: to make Georgia a holier place for the holy innocents of our day to live, learn,

and thrive. We must embrace this. We must live-pray this. We must claim this...for our neighbors, our children, and ourselves. After all, we are the Holy Innocents.

In his address at the 2015 Requiem Mass for the Holy Innocents of Our Day, Bishop Wright wondered, "Isn't it great that we (Holy Innocents) don't have to go out fishing purpose? That we already have it in our name. And wouldn't we get some headlines and capture the holy imagination of people, if the word went out that there was a church up in Sandy Springs that was radically committed to poor children in middle and north Georgia." My friends, the time to let our name claim us and for us to claim it as our mission in the world is now. Our children cannot wait any longer. God's children deserve better. Our time has come.

Beginning September 20, I will be teaching a class entitled, "Who is our neighbor?" I invite you to join me as we look at how our identity, worship, and embodiment of mission will inform the work that God is calling us to. During the class I will also give some practical next steps for how you can mobilize yourself and others to act on behalf of children. And who knows, with a little luck and maybe a little Spirit, we may discern a whole next way of going out together. Please also mark your calendars and make it a priority to attend our parish gathering on the evening of October 18th where we will be exploring how mission and community go hand-in-hand!



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children's ministry



Back to School

Wynn Henderson

Director of Children's Ministry

Think back when you were 13,14 or 15. Remember how you felt when school started. I was so sad that summer was over yet I was so excited to start a new year. There were new notebooks, new teachers, old friends. We knew to run back and look on my parents bed to see if there were new clothes for us piled up there. You see, my mom is a smart woman - or at least has a good sense of self-preservation. Instead of taking the four of us out clothes shopping, it was easier for her to shop by herself, bring it home for us to try on, and then return or exchange what didn't work. As I said - smart woman.

She was already using good practices to preserve her sanity. That was a challenge for her with four kids, a husband and a rapidly growing business, but she managed quite well. Nowadays we call it having a good balance in your life. Back then it was just common sense.

Things seem so much busier now. Most of us work as well as having to take care of our families. But even if someone is lucky enough to stay home there are still many things pulling at us, vying for our attention. Volunteer work, friends, Bible study, the children's school and the baseball, ballet, karate, piano, soccer, Young Life.....etc; activities with which we "enrich" our

children's lives - to the detriment of their sleep sometime.

I think it is important for all of us to have balance in our lives. I told my kids that they could play one sport at a time after school, knowing that there would be other things they wanted to do. I wanted them to have some downtime to just play.

Parents also need balance and down time, but that can be a challenge. For me I try to think ahead. At the grocery store I try to have a rough idea of what I'd like to cook that week. Sometimes I try to keep my priorities in mind and run things through that filter before agreeing to take on something new. I make to do lists and cross things off as they are accomplished. And I put everything on a calendar, everything, with alerts set to remind me. Finally I treat things as important as church, as if it were an appointment that cannot be missed. It is one of the most important parts of balance - stopping to listen, pray and give thanks.

I will look forward to seeing all of you this year in church and beyond, and I hope you all find peace and balance.

Youth Action!

The Rev. Will Stanley
Curate

The youth of Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church (HIEC) were active and engaged in the summer months of 2015. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, youth formation events took many forms, including a trip to a Braves game (we won!), a nature hike offsite, and fun outdoor and indoor games at the parish. In addition to these consistent events, many of our youth also participated in two formative experiences: a pilgrimage to Ireland and atlSERVE 2015.

For eight days in July 2015, youth pilgrims from HIEC journeyed to Ireland. Led by Associate Rector for Mission, the Rev. Joshua Case, together they followed in the ancient footsteps of pilgrims past and learned of its rich history and distinct expression of Christianity. Two Irish locals—Con Moriarty and Ann Kurran—served as hosts and guides for the group. Harris Calhoun, one of the youth pilgrims, recalled that getting to know Con and Ann was one of his favorite aspects of Ireland. Harris remembered that even though the weather was in his words “wretched”, the pilgrimage was nonetheless an incredible experience and he’s appreciative to HIEC for offering the chance for the group to journey to Ireland together.

Just over a week later, youth from HIEC joined youth from All Saints' Episcopal Church in Midtown for atlSERVE 2015, a local, mission engagement experience in the city of Atlanta. Led by the Rev. Joshua Case and the Rev. Will Stanley from HIEC and the Rev. Tim Black from All Saints', atlSERVE 2015 was the second year of this partnership. During the day, missionaries engaged at one of two sites: Emmaus House in Peoplestown and Senior Services of Meals on Wheels Atlanta on the Westside. Outside on hot, hot days at Emmaus House, participants built a brand new wheelchair ramp, allowing safe access for all folk to the building regardless of physical ability. At Senior Services, youth helped prepare and deliver meals, as well as spending precious time with seniors amongst art projects and more than a few games of bingo! The week ended with the youth throwing a fun-filled pool party for refugee children in Clarkston, GA! Christian and Ethan Terrell from HIEC both thoroughly enjoyed their time on atlSERVE, with one of them saying it was, “the best experience I had over the summer.”

One prayer infused the life of both the pilgrimage and atlSERVE: the prayer of St. Brendan. It is a wonderful prayer that calls for us to be open to the movement of God in our lives, no matter what journey we find ourselves on. I offer it to you in its entirety for your own prayers.

I invite you to pray our time together through this responsive reading inspired by the prayer of St. Brendan.

Please respond to each petition with:

Holy, Holy is the Lord.

*As I go I will not question the journey, for...
As I go I will not refuse any destination, for...
As I go I will embrace all that crosses my way, for...
As I go I will open my heart to the good in all creation, for...
As I go I will hold close to the Word of God, for...
As I go I will not be bound by self-doubt restricted by my weakness, for...
As I go I will not be limited by my strengths, for...
As I go I will see each struggle as a place of learning, for...
As I go I will welcome any companion who wishes to journey with me, for...
As I go I will never cease to pray, for...
As I go I will not be corrupted, for...
As I go I will not be tempted to predict outcomes, for...
As I go I will relish the surprises, for...
As I go I will take great risks, for...
As I go I will not hold to my culture as it were right and pure, for...*

As we go we will look for God in all people, for...

Amen



youth ministry





Pilgrimage Reflection

Jonathon Davis
Youth Pilgrim

This summer I was able to attend the youth pilgrimage to Ireland with HIEC. Before embarking on this trip I really didn't know what to expect, other than the weather I could predict from the packing list... This trip was easily the best trip I personally have ever been on, from the mountains, to the Irish people in the towns. In Ireland, the people had a very simple feeling of just being happy with life itself, despite the groaning every now and then about the weather. Our tour guide, Con, grew up in the Gap of Dunloe. He always had a smile on his face, and always emitted a feeling of adventure to everyone else. When people see pictures of the Irish mountains, and beautiful places all around the world, they see curves and straights of the land, but it is nothing like being there.

People forget the smells, feelings, and sounds of the experience. My most memorable moment in Ireland was when we all climbed to the top of the Gap of Dunloe. All the way up we were all talking, laughing, tripping here and there, but overall in a trance. One foot in front of the other. The thing about climbing for an extended period of time is that you forget the height that you are at and where you are, so finally when we made it over the very top, the 50 mph winds came howling over the peak. The blast of the wind, with smells that we had never smelled before, was a shock, and that is something you don't experience in a picture.

This trip was part of my Confirmation in the end, and just the pure beauty of God's creation really touched me. It definitely left a mark. If anyone else has the opportunity to experience a trip like this with the church, I highly recommend it!



news and events

Fall Formation @ HIEC

The Rev. Michael R. Sullivan
Rector of Holy Innocents

Dear People of The Holy Innocents,

Do something for yourself: come home. Whether you attend often, haven't been with us this summer, or honestly, in quite a while, we want you to come home this September. So, I'm inviting you to do something simple: attend Holy Innocents each Sunday in September, starting after Labor Day.

Spiritual exercise is a great deal like the physical. If you go to the gym often, you get in the routine, discover community there, and benefits start showing quickly; physical health comes. If you go every now and then, you don't connect, accountability does not come, each run on the treadmill is difficult and the results – well, you get what you put into it. The same can be said of spiritual health. If you come to the community often, joining with those struggling to live faithfully, you find support and strength for your journey with God. If you don't, it's hard to feel supported and faith falters.

I'll be preaching at all morning services, 8:00, 9:00, and 11:15 on September 13, 20, and 27. Our topic:

Engaging the Community for the Glory of God.

We'll sing the great hymns of the church and welcome one another back to this special community, our spiritual home.

At Sunday School, just after the 9:00 liturgy, the Men of HI will be providing sausage biscuits and fresh coffee. We have also listened to your input from our recent survey and will be offering the classes featured in the sidebar of this letter.

I hope you'll join us in September as we all Engage the Community for the Glory of God. I look forward to seeing you.

And as always, if I or any member of the HI clergy can be helpful, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Grace and peace to you all,

Michael +

Sunday Adult &
Youth Formation
10:10 am -11:00am

On September 13

Finding Sabbath
Inglett Hall

Join Michael for pictures and stories from his journey on sabbatical

Starting September 20

Did Jesus really say that?
Inglett Hall

10 minute introduction of Gospel text by Michael followed by table discussion, applicable to everyday life

So you want to be an
Episcopalian?
Parlor

Buddy will lead new and old alike who either want to refresh their knowledge of our tradition or prepare for confirmation here at HI when Bishop Wright visits on Dec. 20.

Who is our Neighbor?
Chapel

Joshua has been working with our parish and community leaders to fine-tune our outreach, helping us deepen our commitment to those often forgotten. This class will offer Biblical and theological reflection as well as information about our efforts and how to get involved.

Youth Formation
Frost Youth Center

We will offer a full spectrum of youth formation opportunities for those in grades 6-12, which will include a course of preparation for confirmation.

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 14

Reading Connections

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 16

The Parson's Table

5:15 pm - 6:30 pm

Thursday, September 17

Women's Time Out

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, September 18

Men of HI Third Friday

7:00 am - 8:15 am

Sunday, September 20

Holy Eucharist

8:00 am - 8:50 am (Christ Chapel)

9:00 am - 9:50 am (Nave)

11:15 am - 12:30 pm (Nave)

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Christ Chapel)

Sunday Formation

10:10 am - 11:00 am

Organ Recital & Evensong

3:15 pm - 5:00 pm

Wednesday, September 23

The Parson's Table

5:15 pm - 6:30 pm

Sunday, September 27

Holy Eucharist

8:00 am - 8:50 am (Christ Chapel)

9:00 am - 9:50 am (Nave)

11:15 am - 12:30 pm (Nave)

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Christ Chapel)

Sunday Formation

10:10 am - 11:00 am

Wednesday, September 30

The Parson's Table

5:15 pm - 6:30 pm

Thursday, October 1

Ventulett Gallery Opening

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, October 2

Friday Night Crowd

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sunday, October 4

Holy Eucharist

8:00 am - 8:50 am (Christ Chapel)

9:00 am - 9:50 am (Nave)

11:15 am - 12:30 pm (Nave)

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Christ Chapel)

Sunday Formation

10:10 am - 11:00 am

Feast of St Francis: Pet Blessing

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday, October 6

Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Wednesday, October 7

The Parson's Table

5:15 pm - 6:30 pm

Sunday, October 11

Holy Eucharist

8:00 am - 8:50 am (Christ Chapel)

9:00 am - 9:50 am (Nave)

11:15 am - 12:30 pm (Nave)

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Christ Chapel)

Sunday Formation

10:10 am - 11:00 am

Monday, October 12

Columbus Day

Office Closed

Reading Connections

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm (offsite)

Wednesday, October 14

The Parson's Table

5:15 pm - 6:30 pm

Thursday, October 15

Women's Time Out

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, October 16

Men of HI Third Friday

7:00 am - 8:15 am

Sunday, October 18

Episcopal School Sunday

8:00 am - 8:50 am (Christ Chapel)

9:00 am - 9:50 am (Nave)

11:15 am - 12:30 pm (Nave)

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Christ Chapel)

Sunday Formation

10:10 am - 11:00 am

Tuesday, October 20

St Monica's Guild

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Wednesday, October 21

The Parson's Table

5:15 pm - 6:30 pm

Sunday, October 25

Holy Eucharist

8:00 am - 8:50 am (Christ Chapel)

9:00 am - 9:50 am (Nave)

11:15 am - 12:30 pm (Nave)

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Christ Chapel)

Sunday Formation

10:10 am - 11:00 am

Wednesday, October 28

The Parson's Table

5:15 pm - 6:30 pm

Spooktacular Costume Blessing

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Friday, October 30

Friday Night Crowd

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



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For more information about events throughout the year subscribe to Hi-Lights, the church e-newsletter, or visit the Holy Innocents' website.

(<http://www.holyinnocents.org/news-events/hi-lights-hiec/>)



Save the Date

CELTIC FESTIVAL

All are invited for a night of revelry-
A celebration of fire, light and fun,
Irish food, and beverage,
Gaelic music, Scottish dancers,
Irish dancers, Bagpipes, People in kilts,
Fire-breathers and jugglers,
Arts and crafts for children of all ages. So make your plans to be
here, Sunday November 1, from 6:30 to 9pm!

More Information Coming Soon!



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THE PARSON'S TABLE

Join us at the first Parson's Table of the Fall season on Wednesday, September 16. The Parson's Table welcomes the Parson himself, The Rev. Michael Sullivan. He will be preparing shrimp with grits provided by Farmer Tim. Please RSVP before Monday, September 14 at 5:00pm at the Holy Innocents' website to join us for this tasty meal. Iced tea included with the meal. Home brew and wine available for additional donations

2:30pm - 6:30pm - Farmer Tim's Market
(Bi-Weekly)

5:15pm - 5:45pm - Dinner for Children

5:15pm - 5:45pm - Wine & Cheese Con-
versations

5:45pm - 7:00pm - St. C & N Choirs
(3rd - 8th graders),

Primary Choir/Arts Program (1st - 2nd
graders),

Music/Arts Program
(preschoolers & kindergarteners)

Nursery (infants & toddlers)

5:45pm - 6:30pm - Dinner for Adults

BOGO (Buy one Give one): When you reserve your space, consider giving away a meal, "Buy one, Give one: BOGO". We will bank contributions each week and when enough are available, we'll provide meals to Sandy Springs organizations such as the Police and Fire Departments. Look for announcements when your BOGO meals are donated around Sandy Springs. Thank you to donors who have contributed thus far.

FARMER TIM'S MARKET

In addition to the Parson's Table, you can come early and shop with Farmer Tim from 2:30pm to 6:00pm every other Wednesday. He will be offering a variety of vegetables and farm goods such as fresh eggs, home-made jellies, assorted hot and sweet peppers, and much more.



The Parson's Table & Market

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