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RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Grace and peace, brothers and sisters.

We have been celebrating the lives of Saints, and now are getting ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Annual Council is right around the corner, too. A busy time of preparations and love challenges us all to remember the source of that love.

Take a look at the calendar of events but also keep in mind all those who are suffering in these times. They are close to the heart of Jesus.

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Prayers & Sympathy:

Prayers for health and healing:

- Marcia Jenkins has been out and about, even cooking a bit. Short visits are welcome.
- Prayers for our service people in the Military: including Andrew, Michael, and others in our hearts.
- Bob and Marilyn Slocumbe have our sympathy for the death of Bob's son Bobby on Wednesday, October 1st.

Transitions:

- Birth: Marcia is a grandmother again on the birth of Marjorie's daughter Lydia MarciaAnne Moon on Thursday, October 2nd. Congratulations!
- Moved: Joe and Anna DuFault called to say they have moved back to New Jersey. We will miss them.

TAKING NOTE

- Nov. 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th worship will be at 9 am followed by Coffee Hour.
- Advent begins on Nov. 30th.
- Vestry will meet at 7pm Nov. 10th & Dec. 8th.
- Dec. 14th worship is at 9am followed by Coffee Hour.
- Wed. Dec 17th we will have Crèche Night at 6pm followed by a soup supper.
- Dec. 21st will be Lessons & Carols with Mediatory in Washington GA, beginning at 10:30 am.
- Dec 22nd Decorate the church for Christmas Eve beginning at 9am.

FIRST SUNDAY

WORSHIP @ 10 AM:

DECEMBER 7TH AT

ST. ALBAN'S



New Rector at St. Andrew's in Hartwell

St. Andrew's, Hartwell has called the Rev. Lee Peyton as rector. Recently ordained a priest in the Diocese of Missouri, he served 20 years as an engineering professor at the University of Missouri, Columbia, followed by pastoral roles for three parishes.

He has earned several engineering degrees beginning with a bachelor's from Louisiana Tech in Ruston LA. Fr. Peyton has studied at Union Theological Seminary, General Theological Seminary, Aquinas Institute in Chicago and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary in New York. He began serving in his new role Sept. 23.



Calendars and Readings

2009 Calendars are available now. Pick one up for your use.

In addition, the new Forward Day by Day devotional books are in. Pick one up and pray with us. Using the Daily Office lectionary, we can share the same inspirational readings and scripture in our daily quiet time.

Daughters Remember Favorite Saints

Daughters of the King met 6pm Thursday Oct 23rd
Topic: All Saints.

After prayers for our country and the community we adjourned to Marcia's house.

Each of us presented saints important to us.

- Marcia: St. Augustine of Hippo.
- Marilyn: St Antony

of Padua (the "Wonder-working Saint") and St Francis of Assisi. We read the "Lord Make us instruments of your peace" prayer and found it as a hymn in our hymnal.

- Louise: William Tyndale (a surprise!)
- Suzanne: St. Catherine of Siena.
- Sara: St. James of Jerusalem ("The Just").

DOK plans to participate in the Crèche Night December 17th along with the rest of the congregation.

Our next regular meeting will be January 22nd at 6pm.

In Memoriam: Bobby Slocumbe

Robert (Bobby) Jesse Slocumbe, Jr., 47, of Athens, formerly of Elberton, GA, died Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at St. Mary's Hospital in Athens. Born in Elbert County, he was the son of Robert J. Slocumbe, Sr. of Elberton and the late Joan C. Slocumbe. He was a member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church.

An Eagle Scout, Bobby graduated in 1979 from Samuel Elbert Academy. He attended the Univer-



sity of Georgia, where he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He graduated in 1983 with a liberal arts degree in Economics. He was the former owner of Slocumbe Oil Company in Elberton.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth (Lisa) E. Slocumbe; a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth Slocumbe; and a son, Robert J. Slocumbe, III, all of Athens. In addition, his father, Robert J. Slocumbe, Sr. and his stepmother, Marilyn N. Slocumbe of Elberton; a sister and brother-in-law, Lawana and Steve Pennington of Statesboro, Ga.; and two nephews, Rob and Reid, survive him.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, October 4th, at 3:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Athens GA. Reverend Robert Salamone officiated.

A graveside service was held at Elmhurst Cemetery in Elberton on Sunday, October 5th, at 3:00 p.m. The Reverend Denni Moss officiated.

St. Catherine of Siena

Patron Saint of Italy along with St. Francis of Assisi, Catherine (or Katerina)

was the 24th child of a prosperous Sieneese wool dyer. After the death of one of her sisters in childbirth, Catherine resisted all efforts to push her towards marriage. She became instead "a widow", a habited Dominican tertiary when she was 16 years old. She worked at first as a nurse among the sick of Siena.

She also explained sermons to the house-bound who could not go to church.

Miracles of all sorts were attributed to her prayers. She became renowned as a peacemaker and was able to mediate between squabbling individuals, families, political factions and even city states. A group of disciples gathered around her.

Between 1377 and 1378 she dictated her Dialogue, a compendium of "conversations with God" whom she called "Truth". This work was written in Italian, so it was accessible to lay people as well as clergy.

Catherine devoted the last years of her short life to trying to re-establish peace in the Roman



church which was in schism. Several weeks before her death she saw a mosaic of St. Peter's fishing boat on a basilica wall in Rome. It held the apostles but she saw it sinking.

In the icon above by Robert Lentz she is shown with a "ship of faith" on her shoulder, a symbol of how she "carried" the medieval papacy and church hierarchy of her time. She is a patron for all those who pray for troubled religious institutions.

More Events

Diocesan Council will meet in Decatur on Nov. 14-15.

Dec. 28th, the Sunday after Christmas, we will have Holy Eucharist at 9am, with Herschel Atkinson as celebrant.

*You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.
Matthew 5:14*



Altar Angel Call

Sign up for 2009 service on the bulletin board. Girl and guy angels welcome.

Crafts & Things

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Hartwell will hold its Fall Arts & Crafts Sale on November 15th. Our own Jenifer Duke will have wares on display. Y'all come!

Walkathon

The Safehouse Ministries annual Walkathon was on November 1st at 8 am on the Square in Elberton. Sara and David walked with Suzanne. Thank you for your support of this mission. A safe place is a great gift to those in trouble.



Lessons & Carols

Plan to come sing and celebrate at Church of the Mediator in Washington GA on December 21st.

Candle Light Christmas Eve @ St. Alban's

We will have our traditional Candle Light Service with Holy Eucharist on Christmas Eve, December 24th at 10pm.

Come and bring friends to this special and beautiful time.



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