



The Trumpet

of the Church of the Holy Nativity

Dear brothers and sisters,

I write this the morning after our celebration of St. Michael and All Angels. We were blessed to have Bishop Stanton with us to celebrate the Mass. And we ceremonially burned the paperwork of the mortgage that we have just recently paid off.



The retirement of the mortgage is a great accomplishment, one for which I cannot take much credit, since I have only been here for about seven years. It is the people who have given faithfully over the last 27 years that really made this happen. Of course they are more than can be named. Some are still with us, some have moved on to other places and other obediences, and some have gone to their eternal reward. But they are all a part of Holy Nativity, and they are all a part of this accomplishment. Especially to be thanked are all of you who have given sacrificially, either this year or in the past, to see the ministry of Holy Nativity prosper.

As we prepared to burn the mortgage last night, Bishop Stanton commented that, in nineteen years as Bishop in this Diocese, ours was only the second celebration of its kind he had attended. Only one other parish had retired its mortgage in that time. So, as I have said, it is a great accomplishment. To all of you who have contributed, thank you! And congratulations!

Just remember that the ministry of Holy Nativity does not end, simply because we no longer have a mortgage. For Christians, there is no rest until we come to be with Jesus. Let's press on to do whatever God has prepared for us to do next.

God bless you all!

Garrin +



Evangelism Committee, September 22 ,2011

Present were: Fr. Kline., Jon Browne, Phil Masquelette, Vibert LaMaison, Kay Wynn and Shawn O'Neil.

Fr. K read Acts 28: 16-31, then opened with prayer.

Intercessory prayer ministry will begin October 2. The primary objective is to be sure each person on the list is prayed for on a regular basis. An attempt will be made to keep the prayer list current. Julia Deslatte will coordinate the prayer ministry.

Small group ministry will begin September 26 at Jon and Marilyn's home. The initial (pilot) small group has 11 persons. Intent is to perfect the group process, and then expand to form additional small groups within the parish.

Marilyn Browne presented the Acts 15 program to the Vestry at their September 18 meeting. Phil and Shawn reported that the presentation was very well done. The Vestry has tabled action on this program. Fr. G will be reminded that Stephen Ministry/Acts 15 management in St. Louis wishes registration and initial payment on or before November 15, unless other arrangements are negotiated.

Kay and Fr. K reported on the Alpha Small Group Leadership training held August 27 at Trinity United Methodist, Irving. The training was excellent and was fast paced. Fr. K passed out his notes consisting of 14 typed pages, double spaced. Much of what was learned applies to our beginning small group ministry. Additional information is available on the internet. Kay has the links.

Phil reported that banners are still being discussed. John Phipps has ideas which

Phil will pursue.

Blessing of Animals will take place October 4. Publicity is in progress, Fr. K alerted the Committee to a Diocesan Evangelism Conference, announced by Carrie Boren at Incarnation, Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The leader will be Rebecca Manley Pippert of "Salt Shaker Ministries." She is the author of many books and is considered outstanding.

Phil reported that the Vestry had suggested that the Committee consider contacting families which had sent their children to VBS. Concern was raised over the passage of time since VBS. Fr. K will attempt to get the list of participating families. Letter writing is under consideration.

Kay has been working with Allison to put together a new Parish Directory. The work is essentially complete. Draft pages will be on display soon for parishioner corrections and additions.

Next meeting will be October 20.



New Members/Adult Confirmation Class, Fr. Garrin has resumed teaching his educational series/preparation for confirmation, Sundays 9:15 in the church.

NOTICE! The printed Trumpet newsletter is available for pick-up in the Narthex. You may download your own copy of the electronic format at www.holynativity.org



STEPHEN MINISTRY

For “book of the month” for October, I have chosen a book on listening. Listening is a major part of what Stephen Ministers do. It is something we all do ... or think we do. And it is actually something, I hazard to guess, more of us should do more of the time in our interactions with others.

James E. Sullivan, a Roman Catholic priest, has written and published a guide to interpersonal communications called **The Good Listener**. Fr. Sullivan is also a counselor with 26 years of experience as director and fulltime counselor at the Religious Consultation Center for the diocese of Brooklyn. This small book covers succinctly the measures many of us need to take to really become better, more effective listeners.

Fr. Sullivan asks “Why does it mean so very much to us that we be listened to?” And then answers his question, “Because good listening fulfills three of our most deeply felt human needs, needs that cannot really be fulfilled in any other way:

1. Our need to ventilate our feelings, to find a healthy outlet for them;
2. Our need for emotional intimacy;
3. And, most important of all, our overwhelming need to have our self-esteem validated and affirmed.”

Reading this book will not make you a better listener, only practice can do that, but it will definitely teach you about the why it is so important and the foundations of good listening so you will know what to practice. The book is available to order from Barnes & Noble or from Amazon.

(Plano's Holy Nativity Chapter)

September, 2011 Newsletter

Every 20 seconds, a child is aborted in the United States. That means that over one point two million abortions are performed every year! This figure is not a “hard and fast number”, but is the most accurate one that can be obtained by organizations that monitor abortions in the United States. For even more shocking information about this number, go to the CDC website <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss5511a1.htm>.

Even if you consider yourself “pro choice”, when it comes to abortion, you need to know the impact of abortion to the women, not just the aborted children. All our “choices” should be as informed as they can be.

There is a suspected causal-link between breast cancer and abortion. This has been acknowledged since, at least, 1986. Did you know this? The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons issued a statement, in 2003, calling on doctors to inform patients about a “highly plausible” relationship between abortion and breast cancer. Dr. Janet Daling, a cancer researcher at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and the University of Washington, a “Pro-choice” doctor, published the following key findings in 1994:

1. Women under age 18 who had an induced abortion have an increased breast cancer risk of 150%
2. Women of age 30 and above who aborted a first pregnancy increase their breast cancer risk by 110%
3. Overall, women who have an induced abortion have an increased breast cancer risk of 50%

The above statistics were published in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* (pp. 1584-1592). This is a publication by black medical professionals concerned with black health problems. In their December 1993 issue, they published the key finding:

1. Black women of age 50 and above who had at least 1 induced abortion have an increased breast cancer risk of 370%

Dear reader, please ask yourself why this information is not promoted as much as much as abortion is. If you know of anyone contemplating abortion, please let them know the risk they are taking, to themselves, even if they have no regard for the precious baby they are denying life.

THE APOSTLES' CREED -

A NEW ADULT FORUM SERIES BEGINING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

“The Apostles’ Creed” DVD is billed as an immensely interesting documentary about the foremost Christian declaration. While we may or may not say the Apostle’s Creed regularly in church or as a personal prayer, we are all generally familiar with it. Perhaps so familiar that we don’t really think about what the words mean. There are many questions about it that you may or may not have contemplated. The scholars and theologians featured in this documentary have thought about and answered, through Scripture and historical context, many of these questions.

Where did the Creed come from? Why do Christians have a Creed? How is the Creed relevant to Christians today?

The scholars and theologians, including Alastair McGrath and Bp. N.T. Wright discuss each segment of the Creed, its meaning, and its context, both historical and Biblical. Join us in the parish hall at 9:15 for a video followed by discussion.



PARISH PRAYER LIST - UPDATE

Each Sunday we publish the list of prayer requests, and those who have e-mail are notified whenever new requests for prayer are received. This will continue, and we hope that you remember those persons in your daily intercessions.

But we want to make an extra effort to assure those who need prayer that some members are interceding for them every day. We have now identified a large number of our members who are willing to do so, and beginning in October, they will be given a few names from the list to add to their daily intercessions throughout the month. (If you would like to be included in our team of intercessors, please notify Julia Deslatte mwjad2@hotmail.com, or the church office h nec@holynativity.org)

In an effort to keep the list as current as possible, we are asking that requests for prayer be renewed each month. For the November 6th list, renewal requests need to be received by November 1st. Of course, as the need arises, new requests may be submitted at any time. (The Missionaries and those in the Military Service, will not need to be renewed, although we do ask that the church be notified if someone leaves the military.)

Julia Deslatte has graciously accepted the task of “Coordinator,” working closely with Allison Mayberry, our church secretary. They, together with Marge Batzler, Marilyn Browne, and Kay Wynn worked on this project which originated in the Evangelism Committee.

Mass is offered at 12:10 Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and 7:30 a.m. Saturdays. If you are praying for people, attend and offer them to the Lord in the Eucharistic meal.

Intercessory Prayer – is offered every Sunday morning after both services. Please come to the altar rail and a Stephen Minister will offer private prayer for your request, whether for yourself or for another’s need.

Holy Nativity Nursery is in need of a **TV that is in good working condition**, has sound, a DVD player and an old large cassette player too. Please contact Charly Clark if you can help.

Women’s Bible Study, Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed: A study of David. *You’ll laugh, you’ll cry, you’ll learn to love God.*

This study meets every Thursday for 12 weeks from 9:30 – 11:30/12:00, depending on the length of the video. Contact Marilyn Browne with questions, 972-867-5857, fiskusbrownne@hotmail.com.

Tuesday Bible Study: N. T. Wright Bible Study Series on the Gospel of Matthew begins Tuesday, October 25, meeting in the parish hall from 7 - 8:30 and continuing weekly for the duration of the series. Study Books will be available for \$9. Please let Janice Ashmore know you are interested so there will be enough books. To contact Janice: 214-435-4246, janiceashmore@yahoo.com

The Stable book and gift shop will begin a sale on Oct. 2nd; save on last year’s merchandise . . . to make room for this year’s! **Come in and SAVE!**

Daughters of the King is an Episcopal Order for women dedicated to prayer and service. If you would like to be a part, or just want information, please call Amy Strow at 972-437-1455.

Choir – Rehearsals at 7:40 p.m. Wednesday evenings and warm up Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Anyone who wants to try out the choir should show up at the Wednesday practice.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Sid Bigby | 01 |
| Emily Tryon | 03 |
| Ian McNeny | 03 |
| Amy Leonard | 04 |
| Richard Kincaid | 04 |
| Jason Richards | 06 |
| Garrett Thomas | 08 |
| Jon Browne | 11 |
| Bonnie Sheridan | 13 |
| Nona Light | 13 |
| Janet Gilder | 13 |
| David Easson | 15 |
| Joyce Gray | 15 |
| George Belshaw | 16 |
| Marge Smith | 17 |
| Daniel Gerber | 20 |
| Marilyn Browne | 24 |
| Vida Wheatley | 24 |
| Robby Gerber | 25 |
| Marilyn Ragan | 27 |
| Terry Bell | 30 |
| Rebekah Kunz | 31 |
| Carolyn Winans | 31 |

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

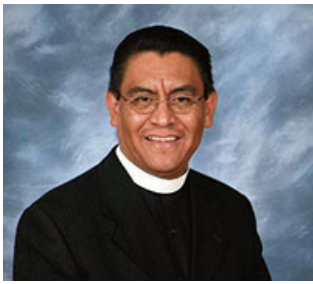
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| Doug & Ina Garber | 06 |
| Jon & Holly Mullins | 16 |
| Larry & Vivienne McNeny | 23 |
| Don & Melissa Lawrence | 24 |
| Ed & Annick Simmons | 26 |

PRAYER LIST

PARISH FAMILY: Vibert LaMaison, Don Webb, Pinkie Webb, Stephanie Gentry, Sid Bigby, Sarah Niday, Joyce Eberle, Virginia Brandon, Nona Light, Carol Wright, Ed Simmons, Louise Turner, Geri Carpenter, Pat Sessions, Bill Shrewsbury, Bonnie Jean Chase, Bill Backvold, Rob Backvold, Ginny Hale, Marty Johnston, Ann Vibbert, Bud Marecek, Ben Moore, Stephanie Hilton, George Belshaw, Justin Clark, Sue Adams, Isabel Kirscht, Bob Braack, Sharon Macduff, Juanita Frances, Nancy Darley, Frances Andersen, Helen Rhine, Richard Gay, Marge Shrewsbury, Chris Tao, Amy Strow, Richard Kincaid, Patty Dahlberg, Phil Wylie

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Kiersten*, Tavis, Jim*, Bernice*, Miriam (Tex), Jessie*, Robert*, Allison, David*, Grover*, Irina*, Donnie*, Brian*, Ginny*, Ron+, Barbara*, Ronnie*, Donna*, Ronald*, Howard*, Ann & family, Charly*, John*, Lindsay, Jesse, Terry, Cherry, Jonathan, Mazie, Pat

SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Vernon Allison, Karl Anker, Norman Bodley, Frank Colon, Kevin Fralish, Devin Frank, Jesse Gerber, Brice Glasscock, Aaron Greenhaw, P. J. Grube, Mark Jones, Nathan Jones, Orion Jones, Glenn King, Christopher Kirscht, James Kirscht, Bengamin Luker, Nick Mitchell, Brett Muse, Brian Patton, Greg Phillips, Todd Prichard, Dion Quintanilla IV, Anthony Rives, Edward Matthew Schmidt, Timothy Shrewsbury, Garrett Stevens, Albert Tao, Rob Taylor, Patrick Webb



Ministerio Hispano

Origen de Halloween: (Fiesta pagana) Ya desde el siglo VI antes de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, los celtas del norte de Europa celebraban el fin del año con la fiesta de samhein (o la fiesta samon) fiesta del sol que comenzaba la noche del 31 de octubre.

Marcaba el fin del verano y de las cosechas. El colorido de los campos y el calor del sol desaparecían ante la llegada de los días de fríos y oscuridad. Creían que aquella noche, el dios de la muerte permitía a los muertos volver a la tierra fomentando un ambiente de muerte y terror. La separación entre los vivos y los muertos se disolvía aquella noche y haciendo posible la comunicación entre unos y otros. Según la religión celta, las almas de algunos difuntos estaban atrapadas dentro de animales feroces y podían ser liberados ofreciendo a los dioses sacrificios de toda índole, incluso sacrificios humanos. Sin duda samhein no es otro sino el mismo demonio que en todas las épocas busca implantar la cultura de la muerte. Aquellos desafortunados también creían que esa noche los espíritus malignos, fantasmas y otros monstruos salían libremente para aterrorizar a los hombres. Para aplacarlos y protegerse se hacían grandes hogueras. Estas hogueras tuvieron su origen en rituales “sagrados” de la fiesta del sol. Otras formas de evitar el acoso de estos macabros personajes era preparándoles alimentos, montando macabras escenografías y disfrazándose para tratar de asemejarse a ellos y así pasar desapercibidos a sus miradas amenazantes.

¿Cómo savia aquella gente la apariencia de brujas, fantasmas y monstruos? **Al no conocer al verdadero Dios vivían aterrorizados ante las fuerzas de la naturaleza y las realidades del sufrimiento y la muerte.** De alguna forma buscaban desahogar aquella situación dándole expresión a toda clase de fantasías. Todo lo feo, lo monstruoso y lo amenazante que se puede imaginar en figuras de animales y seres humanos constituye la base para darle riendas libres a la imaginación del terror.

Mezcla con el cristianismo: Cuando los pueblos celtas se cristianizaron, no todos renunciaron a las costumbres paganas. Es decir, la conversión no fue completa. La coincidencia cronológica de la fiesta pagana con la fiesta cristiana de todos los santos y la de fieles difuntos, que es el día siguiente, hizo que algunos las mezclaran. En vez de recordar los buenos ejemplos de los santos y orar por los antepasados, se llenaban de miedo ante las antiguas supersticiones sobre la muerte y los difuntos.

Algunos inmigrantes irlandeses introdujeron Halloween en los Estados Unidos donde llegó a ser parte del folklore popular. Se le añadieron diversos elementos paganos tomados de los diferentes grupos de inmigrantes hasta llegar a incluir la creencia en brujas, fantasmas, duendes, drácula y monstruos de toda especie. Desde USA, Halloween se ha propagado por todo el mundo.

La calabaza: Según una antigua leyenda irlandesa un hombre llamado Jack había sido muy malo y no podía entrar en el cielo. Tampoco podía ir al infierno porque le había jugado demasiados trucos al demonio. Tubo por eso que permanecer en la tierra vagando por los caminos, con una linterna a cuestas. Esta linterna primitiva se hace un hueco a un vegetal y poniéndole dentro un carbón encendido. Jack entonces se conocía como Jack el de la linterna, la gente supersticiosa ponía una linterna similar en la ventana o frente a la casa. Cuando la tradición se popularizó en USA, el vegetal con el que se hace la linterna comenzó a ser una calabaza la cual es parte de las tradiciones supersticiosas, paganas de Halloween. Para producir un efecto tenebroso, la luz sale de la calabaza por agujeros en forma de rostro de una calavera o bruja.

Como vive hoy la humanidad, sin conocer a Cristo: La cultura moderna, jactándose de ser pragmática y científica, se aparta de Dios considerando un mito ya superado. Al mismo tiempo, para llenar el vacío del alma, el hombre de hoy retrocede cada vez más al absurdo de la superstición y del paganismo. Ha cambiado a Dios por el mismo demonio. Sin la fe, el hombre se arrastra hacia la necesidad de protegerse de fuerzas que no puede dominar. Vive con miedo lo necesita expresarlo. Busca de alguna manera con sus ritos exorcizar las fuerzas superiores. No debe extrañar entonces que vivamos en una cultura de la muerte. Donde existen sectas que la adoran, hasta se hacen ídolos en forma de calavera, y estas personas ciegas, depositan su fe en algo que invoca el mal, para hacer el mal.

Nuestro Señor Jesucristo es victorioso sobre el mal

Como cristianos, profesamos que solo Nuestro Señor Jesucristo nos libera de la muerte. Solo El es la luz que brilla en la oscuridad de los largos inviernos espirituales del hombre. Solo Nuestro Señor Jesucristo nos protege de la monstruosidad de Satanás y los demonios. Solo Nuestro Señor Jesucristo le da sentido al sufrimiento en la cruz. Solo Nuestro Señor Jesucristo es vencedor sobre el horror y la muerte. Solo Dios basta para quien ha recibido la gracia y vive como discípulo de Cristo. Ante Nuestro Señor Jesucristo la cultura de la muerte cede el paso al amor y la vida. Solo Nuestro Señor Jesucristo nos da una nueva manera de vivir fuera de las prácticas paganas como Halloween, la idolatría y las fiestas paganas.

Queridos hermanos de Holy Nativity, nosotros somos el cuerpo de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, somos su iglesia. Una, Santa Católica y Apostólica Iglesia de Cristo. Por lo consiguiente somos llamados a vivir en santidad obedeciendo su Santo Evangelio. Mostrando y viviendo una nueva vida que nos diferencia de las personas que no conocen a Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Les exhorto como su pastor que abandonen las practicas paganas como Halloween, apártense del mal, no permitan cualquier oportunidad que el diablo busca para apartarlos de Dios, disfrazado en la fiesta de Halloween. Debemos explicarles a nuestros hijos de manera sencilla y clara, pero firme, lo negativo que hay en el Halloween y la manera en que se festeja. Es necesario explicarles que Dios quiere que seamos buenos y que no, nos identificamos ni con las brujas, ni con los monstruos, pues nosotros somos hijos de Dios.

REUNION FAMILIAR

Domingo 31 de Octubre: Nos reuniremos en el salón del edificio de la escuela dominical y el jardín central, a las 6:00 PM. Tendremos juegos para los niños, película y antojitos. **No se pierda la oportunidad de convivir como familia en la fe, en Nuestro Señor Jesucristo.** El Rev. Fr. Noe Méndez



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The Rev'd Fr. Garrin W. Dickinson, Rector
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