



Crossways

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May 4, 2016, Feast of Monnica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

Dear Friends in Christ,



There are many cartoons and even jokes which tease about the problems Mary may have had raising her son Jesus. One could almost use the same ones about the relationship of Monnica and her son, Augustine of Hippo, the great theologian. She's a fitting holy woman for Mothers' Day! If you've read any of his *Confessions*, you know that it probably was not easy raising Augustine to be a Christian. As the *Holy Women, Holy Men* states, "In [Augustine's] restless search for truth, he was attracted by Manichaeism and Neo-Platonism and was constantly engaged in an inner struggle with his personal morals." (*Holy Women, Holy Men*, page 544) "Inner struggle with his personal morals," is certainly an understatement of his libertine lifestyle.

Nevertheless, Monnica finally prevailed and Augustine was baptized at age 32 by Ambrose of Milan, another theologian and Doctor of the Church. Four years later, as Monnica, Augustine and his brother prepared to return home to Africa, she died at the port of Ostia. Just before she died she told her sons, "It does not matter where you bury my body. Do not let that worry you. All I ask of you is that, wherever you may be, you should remember me at the altar of the Lord...Nothing is far from God, and I have no fear that he will not know where to find me when he comes to raise me to like at the end of the world." (*Holy Women, Holy Men*, page 358). Just how Augustine could have resisted the strong faith of his mother until he was 32 is remarkable.

But Augustine of Hippo never looked back. Upon his return to Hippo in 391 he was chosen by the people of Hippo to be their priest. Four years later he was chosen to be bishop of Hippo. In addition to his *Confessions*, *The City of God*, Augustine wrote countless treatises, letter and sermons. He is generally regarded as the greatest theologian of Western Christianity. He owes it all to Monnica!

This May we get to celebrate Easter (2 Sundays), Mothers' Day, the Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and Memorial Day! You are invited to a full month of activities and celebrations at All Saints':

- First Chicken BBQ on Saturday, May 7th 11 AM until sold-out;
- Soup & Sandwich Saturday Lunches on Saturdays at 12 noon;
- Weekend celebrations of Holy Eucharist on Saturday at 5 PM and Sundays at 10 AM (Pentecost is the weekend of May 15th—remember to wear red!);
- Weekday celebrations of Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays at 10 AM;
- May Vestry Meeting on May 11th at 6:30 PM;
- Life Goes On meets on May 25th at 12:15 PM at Apple Hills Cafe;
- Book Club also meets on May 25th at 5:30 PM

Happy Easter! Happy Mothers' Day! Happy May!
Faithfully,



The Rev. Christine J. Day
Rector



VESTRY MEETING FOR MAY IS MAY 11TH 6:30PM



LIFE GOES ON MEETING ON MAY 25TH

Life Goes On will meet May 25th at the Apple Hills Cafe at 12:15 pm.
If you are planning to attend, please phone Arlene Foley at 797-2111
to aid in planning the group's reservation

MAY 15th IS PENTECOST—WEAR RED!

Red is the traditional color of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is the Feast which celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to Christ's first followers in Jerusalem. Pentecost is also the birthday of the Church. So come, wear red and be prepared to celebrate the Holy Spirit.





BOOK CLUB TO MEET MAY 25th AT 5:30 PM READING: A SPOOL OF BLUE THREAD BY ANNE TYLER

Due to busy schedules and illness, the Book Club did not meet in April. Therefore, we will meet next on Wednesday, May 25th at 5:30 pm at the Rectory. We are reading Anne Tyler's new novel, *A Spool of Blue Thread*. The book has been nominated for the Mann Booker Award.

Here's the publisher's blurb:

"It was a beautiful, breezy, yellow-and-green afternoon. . ." This is how Abby Whitshank always begins the story of how she fell in love with Red that day in July 1959. The Whitshanks are one of those families that radiate togetherness: an indefinable, enviable kind of specialness. But they are also like all families, in that the stories they tell themselves reveal only part of the picture. Abby and Red and their four grown children have accumulated not only tender moments, laughter, and celebrations, but also jealousies, disappointments, and carefully guarded secrets. From Red's father and mother, newly arrived in Baltimore in the 1920s, to Abby and Red's grandchildren carrying the family legacy boisterously into the twenty-first century, here are four generations of Whitshanks, their lives unfolding in and around the sprawling, lovingly worn Baltimore house that has always been their anchor.

Brimming with all the insight, humor, and generosity of spirit that are the hallmarks of Anne Tyler's work, *A Spool of Blue Thread* tells a poignant yet unsentimental story in praise of family in all its emotional complexity. It is a novel to cherish."

Sound interesting? Then pick up a copy of the book, come on Wednesday, May 25th at 5:30 p.m. at the Rectory and let's talk!



Episcopal Relief & Development is supporting local church partners in Texas and Ecuador as they respond to recent disasters. In Texas, as much as 20 inches of rain fell overnight on April 17-18 in northern and northwestern parts of Harris County, affecting the city of Houston and surrounding areas. The flooding has killed eight people, flooded more than 1,100 homes and caused upwards of \$5 billion in damage. In

Ecuador, at least 570 people have died and 155 are reported missing following a 7.8-magnitude earthquake centered off the coast on April 16. Ecuador's Risk Management Office says that more than 7,000 people are injured and 25,000 are taking refuge in emergency shelters. Please

help as you can. Checks can be made out to All Saints' Church and write ER&D in the memo line.

Saturdays, May 7th and June 18th

Serving 11 AM until sold out



Full Dinner: \$9.00

[1/2 chicken, baked beans, cold slaw and roll]

Half Chicken: \$5.50

Spring is coming and so are All Saints' Chicken BBQs...

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helps, year after year, on these important fundraisers. The vestry has scheduled our 2 Chicken Barbecues for May 7th and June 18th. Please reserve these dates, we need your support to make these BBQs successful. When you are out shopping please pick up charcoal to help reduce the cost of the BBQ.

If you can't work as many hours on the BBQ as you would like, this year there is another way you can help make this fund raiser more successful. The cost of the chicken and other food for the 2 BBQs is about \$2,500. If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost and increase our profit, please make your check out to All Saints' and put Chicken BBQ in the memo line.

Sign up now! The BBQs are always a good time for fellowship and the more help we have the easier it is for everyone.

If anyone has any questions, contact the chairperson of the BBQ: Linda Barkman or Barbara Freed for May BBQ and Matt Labosky for June BBQ.

Volunteer to help and sell tickets to your friends and neighbors!

All I ever wanted to know about how to help at a chicken barbeque.

Have you ever thought to yourself I would like to help but I really don't know what I can do? Well, here you go a list of the many different tasks that it takes to make a barbecue happen. If you think you could.....

- Place or hang a flyer! i.e. – at club, place of employment another place you volunteer.
- If you can distribute a flyer, see Linda Barkman or Barbara Freed or Matt Labosky
- Bake cookies, cup cakes, goodies for the Bake Sale
- Stack cinder blocks
- Bring buckets up from the kitchen
- Spray buckets out with the garden hose
- Place chicken halves in buckets and bring to pit
- Pyromaniac? Work the pit!
- Carry buckets back to the kitchen
- Scoop coleslaw and baked beans and put them into a Styrofoam container
- Stuff buns into sandwich bags
- Add buns and plastic silverware to the Styrofoam containers
- Carry containers to pit crew
- Sit in a chair and sell tickets
- Collect the money for the tickets
- Sell baked goods
- Collect the money for the baked goods
- Set up portable shelters
- Take down portable shelters
- Open up fold up chairs
- Close fold up chairs
- Help pull fold up chairs from the garage
- Help put the fold up chairs back (usually both are done by loading onto a pickup truck)

.....well then come and join us and help make our May 7, 2016 and June 18, 2016 barbecues a success. Many hands make it light work. It doesn't need to be an all day commitment. If you can give an hour so someone else can have a half shift that helps. It really does. Thank you for your help in advance.

May BBQ co-chairs: Linda Barkman and Barb Freed

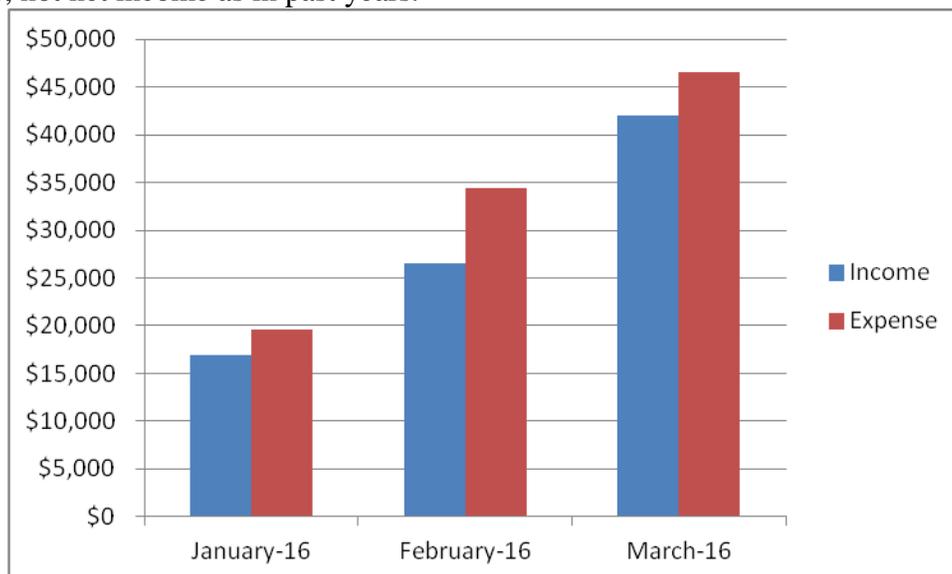
DOLLAR\$&CENTS APRIL 2016 FOR MARCH 2016

All Saints’ 2016 budget—it is not a balanced budget. It is once again a “faith-based” budget. In other words, it will require faith to create \$14,524 more income for 2016 for operating expenses than budgeted. The need for \$ 14,524 in “Faith Income” for 2016 is primarily due to pledge income remaining flat and expenses which have increased about 6%. (Compare 2016 with 59 pledges for a total of \$129,454 to 2015 with 56 pledges for a total of \$126,226). In 2016 a monthly income of \$15,506 will be needed to balance the expenses.

As *Crossways* goes to press before the most recent monthly bank statements and parish financial statements are prepared, “Dollars & Cents” provides information for the previous month: in this case March 2016. Please try to keep up your pledges. It really helps All Saints’ cash flow. Better yet, make a gift to “faith income!” Truly, with “God all things are possible” (Mt. 19:26)

	Actual as of March 30, 2016	Annual Budget 2016
Offering & Pledges	\$34,632	\$143,504
Fundraising ✕	\$1,484	\$18,450
Other Income	\$5,919	\$9,590
Faith Income	\$0	\$14,524
Total Income	\$42,035	\$186,068
Total Expenses	\$46,557	\$186,068
Profit (Loss)	(\$4,522)	\$0

✕Most of the income from Gances’ Fundraiser will be in the March financial statements. Please note that in 2016 that the amount shown as income from fundraising is gross income, not net income as in past years.



	As of March 30, 2016	Total March 2016
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Petty Cash	\$400	
All Saints' Checking	\$7,807	
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$8,207	
Savings Accounts		
Soup & Sandwiches Savings	\$2,849	
Designated Funds	\$9,953	
Rebuilding All Saints'*	\$43	
Total Savings	\$12,845	
Total Cash & Savings		\$21,052
UIF Investment Funds*	\$26,374	
Total Cash, Savings, Investments		\$47,426



**SEARCH FOR THE
ELEVENTH BISHOP OF
CENTRAL NEW YORK
UPDATE...
Four Candidates Nominated
for Position of Eleventh Bishop
of the Diocese of
Central New York**

Syracuse, NY, May 2, 2016: The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York has announced a slate of four candidates for the position of 11th Bishop of the Diocese, succeeding the Right Rev. Gladstone B. “Skip” Adams, who is retiring after 15 years of service. A bishop serves as the chief priest and pastor of a diocese (geographic district of The Episcopal Church).

The candidates are:

- **The Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe** (Rector, St. Peter's in the Woods Episcopal Church; Fairfax Station, Diocese of Virginia)
- **The Rev. Canon Debra Kissinger** (Canon for Transition Ministries and Leadership Development, Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis; Diocese of Indianapolis, Indiana)
- **The Rev. Noah H. Evans** (Rector, Grace Episcopal Church; Medford, Diocese of Massachusetts)
- **The Rev. Nora Smith** (Rector, The Church of St. Barnabas (Episcopal); Irvington, Diocese of New York)

The slate was announced after a nationwide search by the Search Committee. The diocese will elect the next bishop at a special electing convention on August 6, 2016 at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool, New York. The consecration of the bishop-elect is tentatively scheduled for December 3, 2016 at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool, New York.

“We are delighted with this strong slate of candidates, any one of whom would be capable of leading our diocese into the future,” said the Rev. Christine J. Day, president of the Standing Committee, which oversees the election process.

“They have all undergone extensive interviews, background checks and reference checks,” the Search Committee chair, the Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, said. “Our committee has been working since last summer to develop a rich pool of candidates, get to know them and help them get to know our diocese. We think the people of the diocese will be pleased at the rich experience these candidates offer and their deep desire to be part of our lives here in Central New York.”

A petition process, during which additional candidates may come forward, opens on May 2, 2016 and runs through May 9, 2016. Information about the petition process is available at <http://bishopcny.org>.

Candidates will engage in a series of meet-and-greet sessions, called "walkabouts," at four locations in the Diocese. Walkabouts allow members of the Diocese to learn more about the candidates.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend at least one walkabout:

Wednesday, July 20, 5:00-10:00 p.m., at Trinity Church in Watertown

Thursday, July 21, 5:00-10:00 p.m., at Saints Peter & John Church in Auburn

Friday, July 22, 5:00-10:00 p.m., at St. John's Church in Oneida

Saturday, July 23 at St. Paul's Church in Owego (note: time for this meeting will be announced at a later date. Tentative time is 5:00-10:00 p.m.)

Thank you for your continued prayers for the nominees, the Search & Transition Committee, and all members of our Diocese as we pray and discern.

For more information about the Search for the Eleventh Bishop of Central New York, please visit the [Bishop Search and Transition website](#).



CALLING ALL MINISTRY ASSISTANTS, LECTORS, ACOLYTES, USHERS AND COUNTERS: IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN –SCHEDULING JUNE-SEPTEMBER!

During May, the Duty Rosters for June, July, August and September will be prepared. If you know that you will be unable to serve on a given weekend, please contact your scheduler.

If you would like to learn about or volunteer for any of the Ministry Groups above, please phone the scheduling chair(s) above or speak to Mother Day.

Changes in assignments for regular Sunday bulletins should reach the office by Monday mornings.

Scheduling Coordinators

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WANTED ALTAR FLOWERS!

Altar flowers in thanksgiving are a perfect way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or the birth or adoption of a new child. They are a perfect gift for “those who have everything.” Altar Flowers, given in memory, are a wonderful way to remember one’s parents, spouse, siblings and friends.

If you’d like to make a gift for either Altar Flowers or the Sanctuary Candle, it’s simple to do. Complete a “Flower” or “Candle” form (found in the rack by the pew in the Narthex or on our website under “Quick Links”) giving the date you wish.

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website under “Quick Links”) giving the date you wish, and who you wish to honor in thanksgiving or in memory.

Altar flowers are \$10 and the Sanctuary candle is \$6 for each person commemorated. You can use the same form for a number of commemorations and for Christmas and Easter flowers as well. Then take the form and your check (memo line Altar Flowers) and place in the mailbox on the office door or send to the office.



Flower Fund and Sanctuary Candle Forms for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

[Flower Fund](#) and [Sanctuary Candle](#) Forms for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 are found on the website or in the narthex at church. **The next *Crossways* will be a combined issue for June and July.**

Additional Memorials for ***June 2016*** [the final month of the fund year that started July 2015] and ***new*** Memorials for the start of the new fund year -- ***July 2016*** must be received in the office ***no later than, Wednesday, May 11th to be included in the June/July issue.***

Memorials ***for the August issue*** must be received by the office ***no later than Sunday, July 15th*** to be published in the August issue. Your cooperation is appreciated!

Reminder! Our Flower and Calendar Fund forms begin on July 1st and run through June 30th of the following year. **New forms are available in the narthex as well as online by early May.**



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th

Give thanks for all women who have been an influence and blessing in your life!

PRAYER LIST BEGINNING MAY



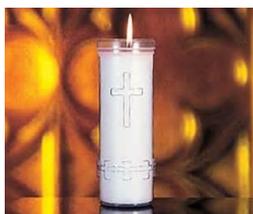
Policy reminder: Submitted names are placed on the short term list for four weeks and then moved to long term by request of the person submitting the name, or by need known by the Rector.

Short Term: Rose Braman, the Taylor family, Jeanie Canon, Barb Freed, Frank Holbus, Jeffrey Dunham, Matthew Jacob, Tom Tinder, Jim Isaming, Lucy Grabowski, Chieyann Grabowski, Nan Grabowski, Lee Grabowski, Elizabeth Holt, Gloria Denny, Jason Diaferio, Mary Kille, Ryan Lane, Missy Avery, Margaret (Darlene), Christopher & Anna Lake, and Oliver, Larry Kasmarcik, John Mando, Bob McCurry, Larry Kiley, Donald Nauerz, Guy Billings, Sandra Perry, Phillip Kasmarcik, Laura Harmon, Ceil Cwikla, Nancy Miller, Roberta Szwalla, Rev. Joell Szachara, Elaine Mc Bride, Joy Kasmarcik, Alicia LaMaine, Jaden Kasmarcik, Bella LaMaine, Joseph Dotolo, Louise Rogers , and Sarah Harrison-Pautard,

Long Term: LaVonne Zdimal; Sam McMullen, Eli Pierce; Dreux Cook, Jessica Mc Bride, Lorie Szwalla, Ardis Rogers, David Pierce, Luther Chergosky, Jane Chomyszak, Tony Szwalla; Dick Kimble; Kayleigh Mahon; Ralph and Patricia Holloway; Connie Whalen; Bob Gillmer , Clark Byarley; Nanette McIntosh; Ken Barkman; Megan Gillmer



Military: Ben Holbus, Curtis Sholtes, Robert Preston, Joe Gentile, Steven Serbun, Justin Gillmer, Michael Lake



Sanctuary Candle

May 1 — None

May 8 — given by Linda Barkman in memory of Iva Chamberlain

May 15 — given by Nan Grabowski in thanksgiving of Leroy Grabowski's birthday

May 22 — None

May 29 — given by Marilyn Doersam in loving memory of her niece Patty Bennett; given by Allen and Carol Motsko in memory of all military veterans; and given by Linda Barkman in memory of Bill Barkman



Altar Flowers

May 1 – given by Lonna and David Pierce in thanksgiving for the birthday of their grandson, Sebastian Jimenez

May 8 – given by Ralph & Patricia Holloway in thanksgiving of their son Scott Holloway and given by Lonna Pierce in thanksgiving of David Pierce's birthday

May 15 –given by Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving of Sally Cole's birthday; given by David Pierce in thanksgiving of Lonna Pierce's birthday by David Pierce; given by Lonna Pierce in thanksgiving of the birthday of her son Dylan McKeon; and given by Shirley Lipman in memory of Werner Lipman

May 22 –given by Don & Debbie Thorpe in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of their children, Stephanie & Ben Holbus and given by Larry & Ida Taft in thanksgiving of the birthday of their granddaughter, Adrianna Finta

May 29 – given by Lonna & David Pierce in thanksgiving of the birthday of their granddaughter Adabelle Jimenez

The Deadline for the June/July issue of *Crossways* is May 20th



CELEBRATIONS IN MAY



01 Vivian McDonough
03 William Lawson
04 Darlene Byarley
08 David Pierce
13 Margaret Vollrath
15 Sally Cole
16 Lonna Pierce
William Trowbridge
17 Lee Grabowski
19 Ceil Cwikla
Addison Grabowski
23 Adrianna Finta
Christopher Lake
25 Stacy Davie
Conner Hrebin
27 Tucker Hollenbeck
30 Isabella LaMaine

10 Larry and Ida Taft
25 Allan and Marcia Sholtes
30 Rob and Christy Fint

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="font-size: 2em; color: blue;">May 2016</h1>						
1 Easter 6 10:00am HE Rite 1 4:00pm French Band mtg. 6:30pm Boy Scouts mtg.	2 Office Closed	3 † 1:00pm Tai Chi 6:30pm Jr. League Bd. Mtg.	4 10:00am HE .	5 1:00pm Tai Chi	6 Office Closed 5:30pm Pit Set-Up	 7 11am to ? 12:00 Noon Soup and Sandwich 5:00pm HE
8 † Easter 7 10:00am HE Rite 1 2:30pm Bridgewater Nursing 4:30pm Rector/Warden mtg.	9 † Office Closed	10 1:00pm Tai Chi 6:30pm Boy Scouts mtg	11 † 10:00am HE 6:30pm Vestry	12 † 1:00pm Tai Chi	13 Office Closed	14 12:00 Noon Soup and Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE
15 † Day of Pentecost 10:00am HE Rite 2	16 Office Closed	17 1:00pm Tai Chi	18 † 10:00am HE .	19 † 1:00pm Tai Chi	20 Office Closed	21 12:00 Noon Soup and Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE
22 Trinity Sunday 10:00am HE Rite 1 2:30pm Susquehanna Nursing 4:00 – 7pm Ryan Tolomei Eagle Scout	23 Office Closed	24 † 1:00pm Tai Chi	25 10:00am HE 12:30pm Life Goes On Apple Hills 5:30pm Book Club	26 1:00pm Tai Chi	27 Office Closed	28 12:00 Noon Soup and Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE
29 Pentecost 2 10:00am HE Rite 1 3:00pm Vestal #1	30 Memorial Day Office and CHOW Pantry closed	31	Building Notes: Office Hours: Tues-Thurs. 9:00am – 3:00pm †By a date indicates that the Rector is away all or part of the day			