



THE ANCHOR



"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast." Heb. 6:19

*Gather us in . . . and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.*

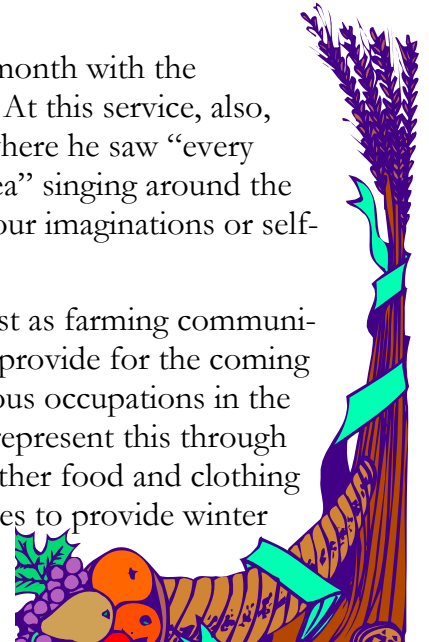


The secular celebration of Halloween so dominates the American landscape in October that it is easy to forget that All Hallow's Eve is fundamentally Christian holiday. Followed immediately by All Saints' and All Souls', it is the first of the three days (sometimes called the *Fall Triduum*), that comprise the great harvest feast of the Church. Observed at the traditional time that much of the Northern Hemisphere completes its ingathering of edible produce, the Church celebrates the human harvest, God's ingathering of souls.

Whether dressing up in costume, setting out the homemade gargoyles we call Jack-o-lanterns, or keeping vigil in church, most of the Halloween observances are enactments of the ongoing battle between good and evil that continually besets our souls. Many people choose to emphasize the scary, evil side of things in their Halloween observances, but among the readings for All Hallow's Eve is the story from Revelation of Michael slaying the dragon.—the reminder to us that God's forces of good are always stronger and will ultimately prevail. Indeed, we awake the next day to joyously remember the many Saints of the Church whom God has already gathered in to their heavenly home, and continue on the following day to remember in prayer those lesser known, but dearly loved, who are also included in the divine ingathering of souls.

These days commemorate the human harvest, but we begin the month with the observance of St. Francis's Day and the Blessing of the Animals. At this service, also, we read from John's heavenly vision in the book of Revelation where he saw "every creature on earth and under the earth and in the sky and in the sea" singing around the heavenly throne. God's ingathering is not limited to that which our imaginations or self-centeredness would design.

We in the Church do our own ingathering at this time of year. Just as farming communities used to make sure they had enough produce safely stored to provide for the coming winter months, we collect the "harvest" produced from our various occupations in the preceding year in order to provide for the year to come, and we represent this through the ingathering of our pledge cards. We also begin to gather together food and clothing and other items to share with those who do not have the resources to provide winter sustenance for themselves.



2010 Honduras Mission



We are starting our scholarship fundraising efforts for the students in Honduras. As you know, the government only provides education up to the fifth grade. The \$250.00 scholarships enable deserving students to continue their education, even through college in some cases.

Our goal this year is \$1500.00. Any amount you can donate will be appreciated.

Now with the unrest in the government, the opportunities for these students will be even less. Your thoughts and prayers for the people of Honduras are always appreciated.



Jim Kasterko

Honduras Project

Remember: Any contribution dropped into our “Honduras Chicken” bank on the transept rail benefits the Honduras Mission.

Blessing of the Animals

4:00 pm Sunday, Oct.4



Camp Stevens



Join us on Saturday, October 10, as we journey into the Laguna mountains to visit Camp Stevens, and do some hands-on ministry in the post-fire rebuilding efforts. (You can take a photo tour at: www.campstevens.org).

The camp staff asks us to arrive by 11:00 AM. They will take us on a camp tour, and then we will gather in the dining hall for lunch. After lunch we will spend about 4 hours working on the new Chapel.

Car pools will leave early that morning from St. Andrew's. Or, you may want to take advantage of it's being apple harvest time in the mountains, and plan a little longer stay.

Coordinator for the event is Amy Sisson. Contact her through the church office.

Note from the Editor:

If anyone sees anything that needs to be changed in the regarding outdated anniversaries and birthdays, or anniversaries and birthdays that are missing, please contact me ASAP so the changes can be made. And please remember that articles are due by the 15th of each month. My new email is: Marie_gibson@att.net

If you wish to receive the Anchor electronically, please send your request to: newsletter@saintandrewstorrance.com



October Birthdays

Oct 1 - Lisa Partain
Oct 2 - Connie Albertson
Oct 6 - Arthur Ano
Alec Iorio
Oct 8 - Arlene Poole
Oct 11 - Noman Cleveland



Oct 14 - Greg Allen
Oct 15 - Alex Will
Oct 20 - Faith Ezeofor
Oct 29 - Nora Gibson
Oct 30 - Joan Waddell

Cheyenne



October Anniversaries

October 9 - Judd and Pam Greene

St. Andrew's Prayer List

*The people whose names are on this list have long-term prayer needs.
Please include them in your intercessions and remember them in your daily prayers.*

Al Biddlecomb
Betty Lawson
Margaret Gittings
Sarita Peery
Carole Jean
Cynthia
Dick Gorelick
Juliet G.
Antonio, Victor & Family
Cheryl
Dottie
Doug
Earl
Flora
Kathy
Doug
Sandi
Robert
Cary
Deb
Eric
Dawn
Connie



Those on active duty in the Armed Forces:
John
Shawn
Thomas
Michael

And the peoples of:
Israel, Palestine, Somalia, Darfur, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Myanmar (Burma), Tibet, Iraq, India,
and all who are persecuted for their faith.



October, 2009



Sun

Mon




Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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4 8 AMHE 9 AM Choir 10 AM HE & Sunday School 11:30 Men's Group 4pm - Blessing Of the Animals 	5	6 \$	7	8 7:30 Choir	9	10 8 AM Dep. Camp Stevens Chapel Work Day 
11 8 AMHE 9 AM Choir 10 AM HE 11:30 Men's- Group	12	13	14	15 7:30 Choir	16	17 10 AM Loaves and Fishes
18 8 AMHE 9am Choir Men's Group 10 AM HE Sunday School	19	20	21	22 7:30 Choir \$	23	24 11am DoK Meeting
25 8 AMHE 9am Choir Men's Group 10 AM HE Sunday School	26	27	28	29 7:30 Choir	30	31 All Hallow's Eve 

Lay Ministries, September 2009

MINISTRY	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
ACOLYTES-10:00 AM	C – Malcolm Finney Jr. T – Marilyn Finney T – Brisse Perez	C – Gethin Wied T – Shannon Jurado T – Sean Jurado	C – Liz Sisson T – Sarah Spencer T – Joanne Gibson*	C – Liam Gaugh T – Paul Geerligs T – Sean Jurado
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Lead: Open Assist: Open	Lead: Open Assist: Open	Lead: Open Assist: Open	Lead: Open Assist: Open
INTERCESSOR -8:00 AM	Lizz Spencer	Beverly Bird	Judy Beldam	Deb Tutson
INTERCESSOR-10:00 AM	Gethin Wied	Shelly Benner	Elizabeth Sisson	Pat Hyland
LAY READERS / LECTORS 8:00 AM	Deb Tutson	Judy Beldam	Deb Tutson	Gethin Wied
LAY READERS / LECTORS 10:00 AM	Marge Cooley Pat Hyland	Dawn Starzynski	Liz Sisson Jennifer Byrd	Amy Sisson-read Marge Cooley -chalice
GREETERS & OBLATIONERS	Pauline Hatt Nora Gibson	Joan Waddell	Carol Porter-Jurado	Earlene Parsons
152.3ALTAR GUILD	Florence Kuwashira Lillian Lubang Ethel Kim Sawako Ojima	Kathy Judson Carol Porter-Jurado Marie Gibson	Kathy Judson Carol Porter-Jurado Marie Gibson	Marge Cooley Karen Kasterko Gethin Wied
ALTAR FLOWERS	Lillian Lubang	Picnic	Nikky Uchekwe	Florence Kuwashira
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Betty Ano	Picnic	Nikky Uchekwe	Marie Gibson
COUNTERS	Marge Cooley Marie Gibson	Pat Hyland Jennifer Byrd Pat Ringer (alt.)	Shelly Benner Lizz Spencer	Pat Hyland Joan Waddell Gethin Wied (alt.)
USHERS	Malcolm Finney John Jones	Richard Hatt James Ano	Malcolm Finney John Jones	Richard Hatt

“O God, make the door of this church wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor straying feet, but rubbed and strong enough to turn back the tempter’s power. God, make the door of this house the gateway to thine eternal kingdom. Amen”



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**The Rev. Virginia H. Benson,
Priest in Charge**

The Rev. Jane S. Jones, Deacon

The Rev. H. Douglas Judson, Associate

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday:

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 am	Family Eucharist, Rite II
	Church School
	Child Care

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