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April 2013

Parish Weekend, April 12-14

It's that time of year again! Our annual parish weekend at the Big House is fast approaching, Friday, April 12—Sunday, April 14. The weekend is all about being together in community on the beautiful grounds of Camp Bratton–Green and the Gray Conference Center. For an entire weekend we visit, we share meals (always too much food), we pray, we walk, we sit, we rest and some folks do some serious fishing! Terry Guynes has been known to fish from pre-dawn to dark!

Charlie and Terry Brantley will cater a Fish Fry dinner on Saturday evening. Everyone is invited—even if you are not spending the

weekend at the Big House plan to come for the Fish Fry. We will get a head count closer to the date. Donations to cover the cost of the meal will be gladly accepted!

The cost for staying in the Big House is \$50.00 per person, per night. Please let Rev. Billie know if you are planning to spend the weekend at The Big House.



Holy Week





Men's Saturday Work Group



New Playground Equipment

Have you noticed the beginnings of our new play ground equipment? Keith Upchurch is spearheading the construction of a swing and slide set for our children.

Upon completion, we will have a blessing ceremony that will include our children in the service---in the spirit of Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:16

Do you want to make a donation to help cover the expense of the play set? You can make a donation in honor of your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren or any child, family or friend! Just include the names of the honorees on your check.



Lenten Arts Series



Josh Nichols, Organist



The Bovina Baptist Church Bell Choir

✠ Billie's Corner

Dear Saint Alban's Community,

As I was developing a program that I have presented at several churches throughout the diocese, I included a family story. The topic of the program was entitled, "Tis a Gift to be Simple ..." The focus of the presentation was the recognition of art in the ordinary.

The program was presented with lots of visual aids. I searched the house for some of my favorite paintings, sculptures, books and quilts. As I spoke, the Power Point presentation projected photographs of members of our church family celebrating the simple gift of a sharing community.

The family story I told pointed out the commonality of a crazy quilt sampler and the community of the Body of Christ. How did a crazy quilt compare to the Body of Christ? My family story will explain.

I have a crazy quilt sampler that my maternal great-grandmother made in the early 20th century. My great-grandmother, Ibbie Smith, was ahead of her time. She was a career woman long before the Women's Movement was ever thought about. She was a widow who needed to make living to support her only child---that child was my grandmother.

Ibbie owned a hat shop located on Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee. The crazy quilt sampler was put together by Ibbie with the scraps of fabric left over from the hats she had made. Lots of different fabrics of random shapes and sizes are intricately stitched together to make a unified pattern.

Community church life can be compared to random patches stitched together to make a unified pattern—we call it the Body of Christ.

The Saint Alban's community is an example of diversity stitched together by way of Baptism, Holy Communion and our relationship with each other. We are summoned to make the Body of Christ visible in the world!

At the beginning of Lent, I received a card from the Brothers of Saint John the Evangelist, an Episcopal religious community whose monastery is located in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The message speaks to our Saint Alban's community:

At the heart of our founder's vision for the Society of Saint John the Evangelist was that our religious community be a 'community of love,' . . . Our founder believed that if we lived like this, others would be drawn to God through us. That is the heart of what we hope is our witness by living community life.



We are not a formal religious community who live together in a monastery; we are a church community confronted with ordinary and sometimes extraordinary circumstances in our homes, workplaces, schools and church. We are called to be a *community of love*—a crazy quilt intricately stitched together by the love God offers us and our reflection of God’s love shining through us and out to others. May we share the vision of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist—to become a *community of love* that draws others to God!

In peace

Billie+

✝ Josie's Journal

Little did I know nine years ago when I ordered the first set of coins for Lent that it would evolve into a tradition that makes Lent special. Each year for Lent I order Lenten coins to be distributed to the community that I touch shoulders with during Lent.

This year I ordered five hundred coins and I have fifty remaining. I shared my Lenten coins with The St. Alban's and St. Mary's (Bolton) communities, DOCC (Disciples of Christ in Community), a Discernment Committee, the Twelve Steps to Wholeness group at the Rectory, the Tuesday night Bible Study and the staff of the Warren County Juvenile Court.

The Lenten Arts performers—the Bovina Baptist Church Bell Choir, the Jubilee Singers, Mississippi Community Clarinet Choir, Holy Trinity Conservatory string students and Josh Nichols, organist—received coins. Coins were mailed to fifteen shut-ins who receive regular monthly cards from me. They were also mailed to the diocesan staff and St. Mark's (Jackson). No one was overlooked including a Mutual Credit Union teller and a customer at Martin's at Midtown.

Well, what do the coins mean? I distribute them in an effort to create a conscious awareness of Lent each time the recipient comes into contact with the coin. Coins are used in various ways by recipients—put in a coin purse, put in a pocket, put on a chain or key ring. The great thing about the coin is that it creates a memory each time the recipient looks at or touches it.

I am an active partaker in *Lent Madness*, an Internet competition created in 2010 by The Rev. Tim Schenck, rector of the Episcopal parish of St. John the Evangelist in Hingham, Massachusetts. Rev. Schenck brainstormed the idea of *Lent Madness* as a fun and engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church's calendar of Saints. The experience is very educational.

Lenten Madness is a creative approach to learning the life stories of forty saints during Lent. The poster on the wall in the parish hall shows the progress starting Ash Wednesday and concluding on Maundy Thursday. The winner of the 2013 GOLDEN HALO is Frances Perkins who was appointed secretary of labor in 1933 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Of her position she wrote, "I came to Washington to work for God, FDR, and the millions of forgotten, plain common workingmen."

I look forward to Lent next year—new coins and a new slate of saints for Lent Madness.

Peace
Josie+

April Schedule

Wednesdays

12 Steps to Wholeness, 7:00 AM, Rectory
Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Thursdays

Cursillo Group, Noon, Parish Hall

Sunday

Adult & Children Sunday School, 10:00 AM

Thursday, April 4

DOCC, All Saints' School Chapel, 6:00–8:00 PM

Friday, April 5—Monday, April 8

Rev. Billie will be visiting family in New Orleans

Sunday, April 7

Morning Prayer, Rite I at 8:30 AM—Rite II at 11:00 AM

Thursday, April 11

DOCC, All Saints' School Chapel, 6:00–8:00 PM

Friday, April 12—Sunday, April 14

Parish Weekend at the Big House

Saturday, Fish Fry Dinner at the Big House

Sunday, April 14

Morning Prayer, Rite I at 8:30 AM—Rite II at 11:00 AM

Sunday, April 14

Second Sunday at Saint Mary's, 4:00 PM, featuring *Carpenter's Wood*,
a student vocal group from William Carey University

Monday, April 15

Vestry Meeting, 6:00 PM at the Rectory

Thursday, April 18

NO DOCC

Thursday, April 25

DOCC, The Rev. John Jenkins, guest preacher & teacher

Sunday, April 28

Saint Mary's Church, Bolton, Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, 4:00 PM

April Birthdays

1	Charlotte Biedenharn	18	Jennifer Harper
2	Jay Harper		Maggi McCarthy
3	Sandra Melsheimer		Greg Tierce
7	Ruth Green	23	Jack Monti
	John Scott	27	Ford Biedenharn
8	Olivia Lee		Russell Sumrall
10	Amy Burr	29	Liz Curtis
	Hayden Guynes		Frank W. Skinner, Jr.
	Chad Toups	30	Allison Nieto
12	Payton Fulgham		

April Anniversaries

16	Charles & Lisa Langford	18	Gene & Wanda Warren
17	Jim & Joyce Butler		

Prayers

For those Sick or in Need:

Scott Mellon	Kim Stribling	Norma & Denny Allman
Laura	Jay	Johnny B.
Joe Johnston	Jessie Ross	Stacy Douglass
Celeste	Kylie	Paul
Allen	Pat Brooks	Sue Mast
Samuel O'Neal	Jackson Monti	Joan Leese
Jessie Ross	Jean Hartly	

Men and women of the Armed Forces:

Cynthia Horan	Christoph Martin	Billie Hubbard
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Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in April

	April 7, 2013 <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	April 14, 2013 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	April 21, 2013 <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	April 28, 2013 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
First Reading	Acts 5:27-32	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)	Acts 9:36-43	Acts 11:1-18
Psalm	Psalm 118:14-29	Psalm 30	Psalm 23	Psalm 148
Second Reading	Revelation 1:4-8	Revelation 5:11-14	Revelation 7:9-17	Revelation 21:1-6
Gospel	John 20:19-31	John 21:1-19	John 10:22-30	John 13:31-35
	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer		
		Parish Weekend		
Lay Worship Leader	Rev. Deacon Josie			
8:30 a.m.	Richard Price	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins
11:00 a.m.	Ann Tompkins	Harvey Smith	Betsy Selby	Richard Price
Master of Ceremonies			Jennifer Normand	Jennifer Normand
Acolytes				
Crucifer			Koury Collins	Jennifer Normand
Gospel Bearer			Genevieve, Sunny Faith, Heaven Leigh	Kelsey, Jonah & Josh Artman
Lector			Ed Shelnut	Susan Price
Prayers of the People			Sharon Hanks	Mary Carleton
Oblation Bearers			Janice Herrington Bertha Kolb	David Normand Ann Tompkins
Ushers & Greeters	Becky & Jim Drake	Becky & Jim Drake	Allen Leese Charlie Brantley	Jeff, Josh, Jonah & Dan Carleton
Altar Guild	Marry Ann Wright Lisa Langford	Judy Morrissey Ann Tompkins	Susan Price Kerri Williams	Cassandra Price Margie Scott
Eucharistic Minister			Ed Shelnut	Susan Price
Coffee Host	Margie & Sherry	Ann Jones & Linda Walker	Charlie & Terry Brantley	Billie, Josie & Kerri
Wednesday Healing	April 3, 2013 Tommy Skinner	April 10, 2013 Harvey Smith	April 17, 2013 Ann Tompkins	April 24, 2013 Tommy Skinner