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ON THE COVER: “Young Corn” by Grant Wood, an American painter best known for his paintings depicting the rural American Midwest, particularly American Gothic, an iconic painting of the 20th century. (Source—Wikipedia)

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RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Beloved in Christ,

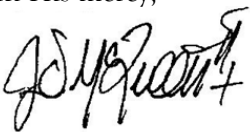
The end of Eastertide and the beginning of Ordinary Time is always an opportunity to pause and give thanks for all that God has done, but it's especially true in 2016. With barely over a month between Epiphany and Ash Wednesday, this whole Church year, beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, has been a blur. While there still hasn't been much time for reflection, some of the highlights for 2016 overall have been hosting even more concerts than we'd anticipated and increased involvement in our Sunday morning Christian Formation.

This Easter season alone was full of blessings. Some of them built on Lent, like the attendance for "Foundations in Christian Belief," our class focused on what it means to be a mature Christian disciple. Others built on Easter Sunday, with some first-time visitors from that day returning several times since, plus a handful of others who will be formally received as new members in the coming months. Also, Bishop Mathes made his visitation on Trinity Sunday, during which he confirmed 2 people and received another into our communion. He was delighted to be able to participate in a Blessing Bag assembly that exceeded our goal, and his meeting with the Vestry left us energized to continue exploring new ways to reach out to those around us.

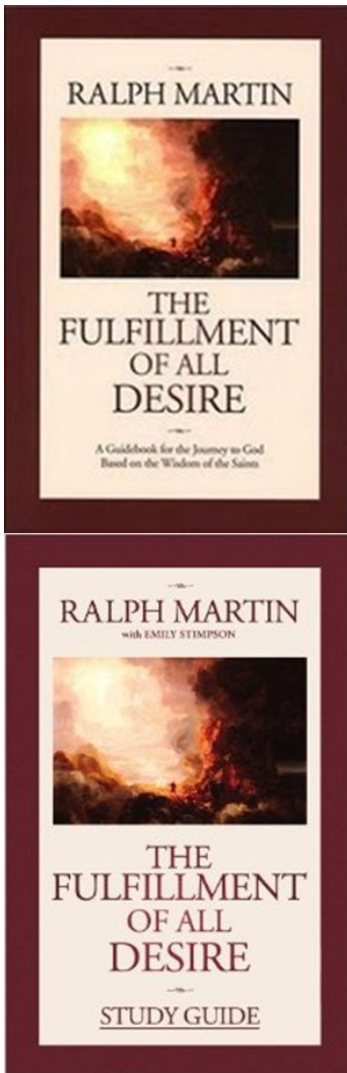
Of course we'd already made a lot of recent contact with those who are not yet members of All Saints', with concert attendance for just April and May easily exceeding 500 people. We've also tried to take advantage of the enormous amount of foot traffic around the church by making This Sunday and Beyond, a flyer with a Sunday reflection and calendar notices, available in boxes on the gates. While it's hard to gauge the exact impact of something like that, we do know that they're getting picked up, as well as being viewed on our website and Facebook page.

As we enter this new season, please join me in offering to God a "sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving" for all that's happening here at All Saints', as well as in your own lives. Then, having planted those seeds with our reflection, we can expect another fruitful harvest when the seasons change again.

In His mercy,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Smith", written in a cursive style.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Beginning on Sunday, June 12th, Christian Formation will resume with a course based on the spiritual classic “The Fulfillment of All Desire” (FAD) by Dr. Ralph Martin. Dr. Martin is a cradle Roman Catholic author and professor who has also been a leader in the charismatic renewal of Catholic Church for decades, beginning in the Cursillo Movement and now as the president of Renewal Ministries. Over the course of his graduate study and teaching in universities and seminaries, Dr. Martin fell in love with the great masters of Catholic spirituality and led him to write FAD.

The reasons I’ve chosen this particular book can be found in its subtitle: “A Guidebook for the Journey to God Based on the Wisdom of the Saints”. We need a “guidebook” because navigating the experiences of our interior life can be difficult and even treacherous without one. Far too often people with an earnest desire to grow closer to God stop progressing, fall back, and sometimes even get discouraged and give up because they’re unaware of the different stages of spiritual growth and what characterizes them. With nothing else to go on, we tend to be led by our feelings and experience, which can leave us exploring all kinds of other avenues for pleasure, comfort, and validation. “Exploring” is fine, and can even be fun, if it doesn’t matter where you’re going or how long it takes to get there. However, nothing matters more than where your soul is headed, and so we need to avoid wasting time and running the risk that we get lost in our wandering and never make it to the destination at all.

To keep making headway on the journey to God we need a picture of where we’re headed, what the route looks like, and what it will take to travel it. Of course, scripture points the way to God, but we’re not always good at following the signage, and we find a great example of this in the Acts of the Apostles. As he’s traveling home from a pilgrimage to

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Jerusalem, a God-fearing Ethiopian eunuch from the royal court is reading aloud from the prophet Isaiah. Led by the Holy Spirit, the apostle Philip runs up and asks him if he understands the passage, to which he replies, “How can I unless someone guides me?” (8:31), and this is where the wisdom of the saints comes into play.

Generally speaking, the communion of saints is not made up of people who were angelic from birth, but of men and women that struggled with all of the same things that we do. By God’s grace they used those very struggles as rungs on the ladder to heaven and are eager to help us do the same. Still, many of us need help making the most of that wisdom, for a variety of reasons. It may be because of the language or illustrations of their cultural and historical context or that they’re describing a spiritual landscape we have yet to come across. With so many volumes of material, it could even be just knowing where to begin!

Knowing this, Dr. Martin organizes the book around the stages of spiritual growth and then uses the saints’ writings as a kind of commentary. This context helps clarify their writing and makes them much more accessible, which is a big part of why FAD has become an almost-instant spiritual classic. Also, while not necessary for the class, Dr. Martin has created a very helpful study guide for the material, along with Emily Stimpson, another Roman Catholic author. It provides a summary of each chapter, as well as some questions for comprehension and reflection to help process and internalize the material.

Several times in Leviticus, God emphasizes his instructions for serving by telling the people to be holy because he is holy. We hear this echoing through Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5), where he deepens the law, and especially in his conclusion, “You therefore must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Growing in holiness is not an optional part of life in Christ, but the expectation for every single one of us. God demands it of us because even in our best moments he always has so much more still to offer and he wants us to have it now, so why wait? Join us on Sunday, June 12th.

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

3 **The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886**

Morning Prayer 9:00am

Mass 9:30am

4 **The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (tr)**

Societies of Mary 11:00am

All are welcome to join the Societies of Mary for their monthly day of devotion, beginning in the Chapel with Rosary at 11:00am with Mass to follow. After which we will adjourn to the Parish Hall for a potluck luncheon.

5 Rock 'n' Roll Marathon & 1/2 Marathon 6:15am

7 Mass Noon

10 **St. Barnabas, Apostle (tr)**

Morning Prayer 9:00am

Mass 9:30am

14 **Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379**

Mass Noon

Finance Committee Meeting 6:00pm

17 Morning Prayer 9:00am

Mass 9:30am

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June (continued)

18	St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble Concert	7:00pm
19	Father's Day	
21	Alban, First Martyr of Britain, c. 304 (tr)	
	Mass	Noon
	Vestry Meeting	7:00pm
24	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	
	Morning Prayer	9:00am
	Mass	9:30am
28	St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles (tr)	
	Mass	Noon

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

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| 1 | The Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ | |
| | Morning Prayer | 9:00am |
| | Mass | 9:30am |
| 2 | Societies of Mary | 11:00am |
| | <i>All are welcome to join the Societies of Mary for their monthly day of devotion, beginning in the Chapel with Rosary at 11:00am with Mass to follow. After which we will adjourn to the Parish Hall for a potluck luncheon.</i> | |
| 4 | Independence Day: <i>Parish Office closed</i> | |
| 5 | Mass | Noon |
| 8 | Saints Aquila and Priscilla, Martyrs, 1st century | |
| | Morning Prayer | 9:00am |
| | Mass | 9:30am |
| 12 | Morning Prayer | Noon |
| | Finance Committee Meeting | 6:00pm |
| 15 | Bonaventure, Bishop of Albano, 1274 (tr) | |
| | Morning Prayer | 9:00am |
| | Mass | 9:30am |

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July (continued)

19 Macrina, Monastic and Teacher, 370

Mass	Noon
Vestry Meeting	7:00pm

22 Saint Mary Magdalene

Morning Prayer	9:00am
Mass	9:30am

26 Saint James the Apostle (tr)

Mass	Noon
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29 Mary and Martha of Bethany

Morning Prayer	9:00am
Mass	9:30am

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BLESSING BAG CORNER

A thank you to everyone for participating in our blessing bag event on Trinity Sunday! A special thanks, too, to the Women's Relief Society of the Church of the Latter Day Saints in Escondido for their very generous contributions to our homeless outreach ministry. Sherry Elder the leader of this ministry is Louise Lawson's neighbor.

Bishop Mathes and Deacon Nelson helped our parishioners fill **110 blessing bags** which will be distributed to the homeless and those in need. If you were not able to grab a bag on Sunday, please take several to distribute the next time you attend services. We continue to receive food items and toiletries, as well as monetary donations for this ministry. Your thoughtfulness and giving spirit is very much appreciated.

Our next Blessing Bag event will be held in the fall. In the meantime the Social Action Committee will be filling smaller blessing bags for distribution over the summer months. We are especially in need of the following travel-sized items: deodorant, soap, shampoo, lotion and Kleenex. If you would like to help set-up for our next event, please let any of us on the Social Action Committee know. We welcome you and your participation to help those who are less fortunate, in need and/or homeless. A confirmed date for our next Blessing Bag event will be announced over the summer by Father McQueen.

In service,
Your Social Action Committee



Photo by John Gray III

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LEARNING AND LAUGHTER FLOURISH AT ALL SAINTS' PRESCHOOL

By Rick Ochocki

Learning and laughter are flourishing at All Saints' Preschool. With 78 students enrolled as of the beginning of May, there are plenty of reasons for All Saints' Episcopal Church parishioners to rejoice in the blessing of good work at the Preschool.

Two recent occasions highlighted the vibrant spirit of joy surrounding the Preschool. On the afternoon of Friday, April 22, the inaugural Tour de Tot was held. A crowd of admiring parents and envious younger students watched as older preschoolers tooled around the cul-de-sac behind the school in a peppy procession of tricycles and scooters. On Monday, May 2, Lu Locke, John Gray III, Gayle Murken, and Rick Ochocki delivered a bagel breakfast and boxes of See's candies from the Church to the teachers and staff to kick off Teacher Appreciation Week at the Preschool.

Thank you to Preschool Director Renika Battles and the dedicated teachers who bring enthusiasm and caring to their important work. Thank you to All Saints' Business Administrator Gayle Murken for her professional attention and assistance. Thank you to the parents who trust their precious children to the care of our Preschool. And finally, thank you to the parishioners who contributed financially to our token of appreciation and those whose diligent prayers have resulted in a new vitality that makes such a positive difference in the lives of our community's youngsters.

Photo credit to John Gray III for the Teacher Appreciation picture. Pictured from left to right: Renika Battles, Gayle Murken, Lucretia Locke and Rick Ochocki.

Photo credit to Rick Ochocki for the Tour de Tot pictures.

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TEACHER APPRECIATION



Awaiting the Start



Packed Tour Field



Tour de Tot at the Corner

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TRINITY SUNDAY — MAY 22, 2016

Bishop's Visit — (Photos by John Gray III)



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Confirmation, Reception, Assembling of Blessing Bags, Bishop Giving Blessings to Adam Kallel and to Fr. and Sarah McQueen



Eva Dreyer, Geoffrey Tremper, confirmands; Monique Jeffries, reception into communion; Bishop Mathes.



TREASURER'S CORNER

By Mary Maust



Operating income is under plan for the month of April, but expenses were also under plan.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues	\$17,525	\$26,004	\$(8,479)
Expenses	\$34,443	\$45,206	\$(10,763)

Key *REVENUE* deviations from plan were:

Current month pledges were \$2,861 under plan

Property Management revenue was under plan due to Scripps/WIC check not being deposited until May

Investment income was \$3,728 under plan due to distribution timing differences

Key *EXPENSE* deviations from budget were:

Pastoral expense was \$1,127 under budget

Business expenses were \$7,069 under budget

Facilities expenses were \$1,898 under budget

Property Management expense was \$1,000 over budget due to a large plumbing project at the Preschool/WIC building

Totals through April:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledges	\$41,171	\$40,837	\$334
Total Revenues	\$117,358	\$105,534	\$11,824
Expenses	\$170,697	\$173,809	\$(3,113)

For the first four months of 2016, we are under budget by \$14,936

PRESCHOOL CORNER

By Mary Maust



Operating income is over plan for the month of April, but expenses were also over plan.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues	\$46,167	\$33,242	\$12,925
Expenses	\$35,154	\$32,729	\$2,425

Key *REVENUE* deviations from plan were:

Current month tuition was \$13,367 over plan and \$69,139 over plan year-to-date

Key *EXPENSE* deviations from budget were:

Operating expenses for April were \$2,425 over budget, and we are now over budget YTD by \$9,994. The overage is due to expenses related to the increased enrollment.

Net Income for April was \$11,012 and is \$71,015 YTD

Preschool Update for May:

We currently have 78 children enrolled for May – of those 11 are toddlers.

The Mothers' Day Tea Party was held on May 6th at 2:30 pm.

CONCERTS AT ALL SAINTS'

BACH AT NOON (Photos by John Gray III)



CONCERTS AT ALL SAINTS'

BACH COLLEGIUM SAN DIEGO MONTEVERDI VESPERS

(Photos by Gary Payne)



UPCOMING CONCERT

At All Saints' — St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble Concert

Saturday, June 18 at 7:00pm

Suggested Donation: \$10



Enjoy a concert of masterpieces of Russian choral music from baroque to classical as sung by the St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble on **Saturday, June 18th at 7:00pm.**

The first part of the program the Ensemble will sing Russian spiritual music from the 17th century including Diletsky's hymn "Only Begotten Son" to the 20th century Rachmaninoff's "Blessed Art Thou, O Lord". In the second half of the program the Ensemble will sing classical songs from 19th-20th century written by composers such as Glinka and Tchaikovsky.

This evening concert will be a great opportunity to become acquainted with Russian spiritual music as well as the diversity of Russian secular music sung by Kirill Sokolov, Sergey Shapinskiy, Andrei Volikov, and Vadim Smantser.

Visit YouTube (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZmfKpEEPZg>) to listen to some of their previous programs. A great enticement to hear them live at All Saints'. Plan to bring a friend to the concert.

Immediately following the concert there will be a reception on the church patio to meet the singers.

THE WINDOWS OF ALL SAINTS'

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

(1090-1153)



In this issue we continue our exploration of the stained glass windows at All Saints' with St. Bernard as he is depicted in the Nave, north wall. We are grateful to Dr. Stephen Cox and Mr. John S. Gray III for their gracious permission to reprint excerpts and pictures from their books, *Changing and Remaining: A Journey of All Saints' Church* and *The Windows of All Saints'* respectively. (Both are available for purchase in the Parish Office.)

St. Bernard of Clairvaux, the son of a Burgundian knight, was one of the most important figures in the medieval church—philosopher, author, preacher, reformer, and institutional authority. He founded the Cistercian Abbey of Clairvaux, attracted hundreds of people to its discipline, and expanded its influence in replicas throughout western Europe. In the glass, the saint stands with a determined expression, holding a book in his right hand and a crozier, emblem of his office as a mitred abbot, in his left. Above is a crossed pair of croziers, and in front of them a beehive, symbolic of eloquence. Sweet words are like honey, and Bernard has often been called “doctor mellifluus” (the title of an encyclical by Pope Pius XII) - the “honey-sweet doctor” of the church.

* All blue type indicates text from *Dr. Cox's Changing and Remaining* (2011)

COMMEMORATION

Alban, first Martyr of Britain

c 304



There were probably Christians in the British Isles already in the first century. However, Alban is the first recorded Christian martyr. The traditional date of his death is 304, during the persecution under the Emperor Diocletian; but many scholars now date it as around 209, during the persecution under the Emperor Septimius Severus. Alban was a pagan, and a soldier in the Roman Army. He gave shelter to a Christian priest who was fleeing from arrest, and in the next few days the two talked at length, and Alban became a Christian.

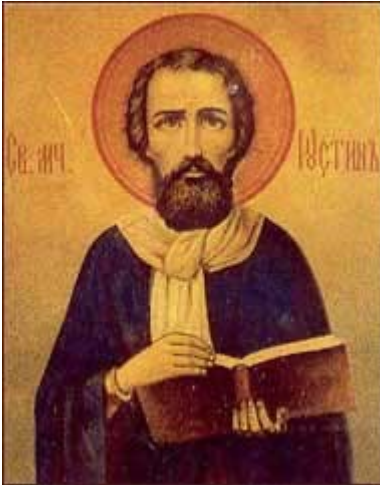
When officers came in search of the priest, Alban met them, dressed in the priest's cloak, and they mistook him for the priest and arrested him. He refused to renounce his new faith, and was beheaded. He thus became the first Christian martyr in Britain. The second was the executioner who was to kill him, but who heard his testimony and was so impressed that he became a Christian on the spot, and refused to kill Alban. The third was the priest, who when he learned that Alban had been arrested in his place, hurried to the court in the hope of saving Alban by turning himself in. The place of their deaths is near the site of St. Alban's Cathedral today.

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COMMEMORATION

Justin Martyr, Philosopher, Apologist, and Martyr

c 167



Justin was born around 100 (both his birth and death dates are approximate) at Flavia Neapolis (ancient Shechem, modern Nablus) in Samaria (the middle portion of Israel, between Galilee and Judea) of pagan Greek parents. He was brought up with a good education in rhetoric, poetry, and history. He studied various schools of philosophy in Alexandria and Ephesus, joining himself first to Stoicism, then Pythagoreanism, then Platonism, looking for answers to his questions.

While at Ephesus, he was impressed by the steadfastness of the Christian martyrs, and by the personality of an aged Christian man whom he met by chance while walking on the seashore. This man spoke to him about Jesus as the fulfilment of the promises made through the Jewish prophets. Justin was overwhelmed. "Straightway a flame was kindled in my soul," he writes, "and a love of the prophets and those who are friends of Christ possessed me." Justin became a Christian, but he continued to wear the cloak that was the characteristic uniform of the professional teacher of philosophy. His position was that pagan philosophy, especially Platonism, is not simply wrong, but is a partial grasp of the truth, and serves as "a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ."

He engaged in debates and disputations with non-Christians of all varieties, pagans, Jews, and heretics. He opened a school of Christian philosophy and accepted students, first at Ephesus and then later at Rome. There he engaged the Cynic philosopher Crescens in debate, and soon after was arrested on the charge of practicing an unauthorized religion. (It is suggested that Crescens lost the debate and denounced Justin to the authorities out of spite.) He was tried before the Roman prefect Rusticus, refused to renounce Christianity, and was put to death by beheading along with six of his students, one of them a woman. A record of the trial, probably authentic, is preserved, known as *The Acts of Justin the Martyr*.

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