



EPIPHANY STAR

Church of the Epiphany

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The little white church on the corner

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Clergy Clatter

It appears that the two dogs that allow me to house share with them are acquiring an ever expanding vocabulary. "Burger" means a midnight car ride to Wendy's with the car windows open, ears flopping in the breeze, and plain Jr. Cheese burgers. (Don't tell their vet). "Burger" stimulates the very highest level of excitement. "Bath" means "run and hide." "Treat," of course, means jump all over the place, especially on my feet. "Outside" and "walk" mean leashes and chasing the neighbor's cats. "Go to office" means a fun day of ride, people, treats, and a break from the boring stay-at-home routine. And strangely, if any of these magic words are spoken in "baby talk," it heightens the excitement.

Well, recently a new phrase has been added: "Go to Church." They haven't learned yet that it means "Blessing of the Pets," but they get excited about it, anyway. I'm just waiting for them to discover that "Go to church" gets preceded by "Bath."

Titi and Vladimir have not been to a Blessing of the Pets, since I adopted them just last February. So this will be a new experience for them. I've been giving them nightly instructions on how to behave at church and not act like Preacher's Kids. I'm not sure how much is sinking in, but they seem to be getting more excited every time they hear "Go to Church."

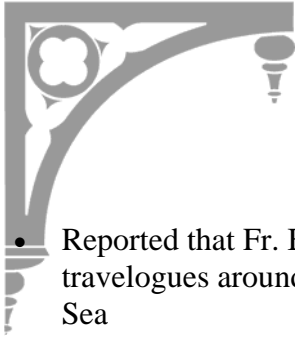


My prayer is that all of us get as excited about "Going to Church," as my pets. Church should be an exciting place to go. I know how much I look forward all week to Sunday Morning and "Go to Church" time. I look forward to the people, the music, the flowers on the altar, the smiles, the little vignettes of what's happened in

peoples' lives. I look forward to a few quiet moments in church, and then the sounds of people entering. I look forward to the kids with all their energy... Who would want to miss "Going to Church?"

Richard †

Church of the Epiphany's Annual Blessing of the Pets is this Sunday, October 2nd! Please bring your pets on a leash or in a carrier for their safety and comfort! Please consider bringing pet blankets, toys or treats to the service, which will be donated to the City of Norfolk's Animal Care Center.



Vestry Highlights

- Reported that Fr. Bridgford would present two travelogues around the recent trip to the Baltic Sea
- Reported that the new Finance Committee had held several organizational meetings
- Reported that Barbara Hays, Bureau Manager of Norfolk's Animal Care center would be our guest homilist at our October 2nd Blessing of Pets service. (see separate article)
- Approved October 29th as the date of the Yard Sale.
- Approved one service at 10 AM on Christmas Day which this year falls on a Sunday.



Dan and Linda Swain - October 21st



4th Delani Beilsmith	27th Shirley Stull
10th Susie Pedigo	28th Betty Owen
19th Joyce Bailey	29th Lora Phelps
20th James Jordan	29th Marcia Cronin
22nd Molly Hardin	29th Albert Godden
25th Jackie Rochelle	31st Joyce Fernandez
25th Wendy Fernandez	

Epiphany Prayer List

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| <i>Louise Bailey</i> | <i>Robert Kidd</i> |
| <i>Steven Brausewetter</i> | <i>Barbara Kledzik</i> |
| <i>Jeremiah Cronin</i> | <i>Shirley Mulderrig</i> |
| <i>Al Godden</i> | <i>Nell Steckman</i> |
| <i>Jim Hanson</i> | <i>Elva Wilson</i> |
| <i>Richard & Louise Jacobs</i> | |

Remember John Paiz on deployment!

Adult Discussion Group

If you are new to the parish, or looking for an adult discussion group, consider our Adult Class that meets in the upstairs conference room at 9:45 on Sunday mornings.

Mike Scott serves as mentor of this group. It's currently using one of Bishop Spong's books as a platform for discussion. The group would love to have new members. So feel free to give it a try. There are no tests!

Sunday School Off to a GREAT Start!

Sunday School is going so well! We are excited to see all the children coming to learn about their faith and their Creator! The dates for classes will be the 2nd and 4th Sundays, from 9:45-10:45 AM.

However, in December we will meet the first three Sundays to prepare for our Christmas Program:

- October 9th and 23rd,**
- November 13th and 27th,**
- December 4, 11 and 18th.**

Worship Volunteer Schedule

Oct	Lector	Chalicer	Usher
2	Patty Poore	Dottie Isaac	Nancy Reynolds
9	Jerry Cronin	Mike Scott	Mike Scott
16	Marcie Kidd	Brian Pritchard	Kevin LaPointe
23	Todd Bissonnette	Jerry Cronin	Jimmie Jordan
30	Mike Scott	Jimmie Jordan	Jim Gardner

We pray for the Repose of the Soul of Diana Bruns, sister of Carol Fernandez; Phyllis Godden, wife of Al Godden and choir member; Joan Warren, mother of Jackie Warren; and Ida Mae Jones, aunt of Jimmie Jordan.

We rejoice with the Paiz Family at the birth of young Donovan Murphy Reinert Paiz, born on August 17th! Keep new mom Amanda in your prayers for plenty of rest during this time!



October 2011

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						1 Phyllis Godden Funeral 11 AM
2 Blessing of Pets Holy Eucharist Rite II 8 and 11 AM	3 AA 7-10 PM	4	5 GS Tr 186 6:30 PM Choir 7 PM	6	7 Al Anon 10 AM- 1 PM	8 Bishop's Day 9 AM to 3 PM
9 Holy Eucharist Rite II 8 and 11 AM The Vikings 6:30 PM	10 Columbus Day AA 7-10 PM	11	12 GS Tr 186 6:30 PM Choir 7 PM	13 Vestry 7 PM	14 Al Anon 10 AM- 1 PM	15
16 Holy Eucharist Rite II 8 and 11 AM	17 Fr. Bridgford on vacation AA 7-10 PM	18	19 GS Tr 186 6:30 PM Choir 7 PM	20	21 Al Anon 10 AM- 1 PM	22
23 Holy Eucharist Rite II 8 and 11 AM	24 Fr. Bridgford returns AA 7-10 PM	25	26 GS Tr 186 6:30 PM Choir 7 PM	27	28 Al Anon 10 AM- 1 PM	29 YARD SALE 7 AM - 2 PM
30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 8 and 11 AM	31 GS Haunted Hallway AA 7-10 PM					

Food Fundraiser A Tasty Success!

Donkey Dawgs, a Virginia Beach Restaurant, along with Randy Eason and Jimmy Teeters, hosted a very successful fundraiser for Epiphany on Sunday, September 11 after the 11 a.m. Worship service.

\$700 was raised for our general fund! Special thanks to all involved in putting this together, and to the parish for supporting this venture!



Bishop's Day at Good Shepherd

It's not just for Vestry anymore!

Saturday, October 8th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Diocese of Southern Virginia will be offering a large variety of workshops (13 in all!) to strengthen and support the local parish. Workshops cover such topics as:

- * *Using the Gifts of the Generations*
- * *God Gives the Growth*
- * *Understanding the Diocesan Budget*
- * *Building an Infrastructure for Pastoral Care*
- * *Communication in the Digital Age*

Certainly Vestry and Wardens are strongly encouraged to attend, but *all members are invited!*

Registration Deadline is noon on Monday, October 3rd. Registration includes refreshments, supplies and lunch. The discretionary fund will pay your registration! Please speak to Father Bridgford if interested. **We really need folks from our parish to represent us at this diocesan event!**

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Saturday Oct 29

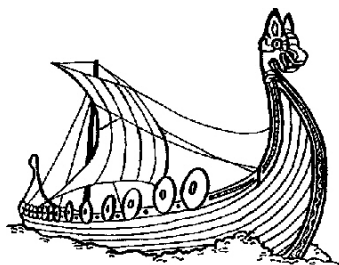
Start cleaning out your car, cabinets, closets, attics, garage drawers, trunks...

Please insure that your items are cleaned up and gently used to insure that we can actually sell them! Items for sale can be brought to church starting Sunday, October 9th if they are small and can be carried upstairs. Larger items should be brought in starting Monday, October 10th! The Yard Sale will be held from 7 AM to 2 PM.



Baltic Sea Travelogue

Join **Richard the Terrible** on Sunday, **October 9th** and **November 6th** for a tour of the **Baltic Sea** and little bit of time travel too, as you see the sights and hear the stories about the lands of **The Vikings** on



October 9th. We'll look at Denmark, Finland, Sweden and Estonia. On November 6th, we'll visit Russia and Germany for our program **The Tsars and the Iron Curtain**.

The evening will begin with a potluck supper at 6:30 PM followed by the presentation. Food appropriate to the lands discussed would be fun! Don't miss it!



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