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Words from the Well - June 2017



Let Go

I'm sure if you have watched any television in the past month or so, you have seen the ad for the website, "Let Go". For those of you who haven't, here is a brief synopsis.

The ad opens with two guys with one in a truck and another trying to load an old pin ball machine into the back of the truck. In the background, there is an avalanche of snow fast approaching the truck. The one man says to the other, "let it go", and the other one says, "I can't, I've had it since high school." So the man who wants to leave before the avalanche hits says, "Let's sell it on Let Go", so he takes a picture of the pinball machine with his phone and posts it on the Let Go website. Almost immediately another man pulls up in a dog sled and says he will take it. End of story, the two leave in the truck, the dog sled loads the item and leaves and all narrowly avoid the avalanche.

There have been several other ads to do with this website, all just as ridiculous; or are they?

All of the ads have a common theme; it is difficult for the person who has the item to let it go. Isn't that an all too familiar part of our own lives? As silly as the ads are (and that's why you remember them), they have a point.

Some items in our lives we can't take a picture of and post to sell on a website. Items such as fond memories that keep us stuck in that time period. While it's perfectly fine to hold on to the memories, living in them is not a good way to be.

We all need to **Let Go**. We all need to **Let God** take care of it. Whether we need to let go of material things or the memories of things and days gone by, God will be there to guide us through everything.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing....For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:22-23, 34)

What do you need to **Let Go** and **Let God**?

Blessings, Mother Sue+





There's a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall for Volunteers/Food

Short Articles

◆ Men's Group

The Men's Group plan to meet in the Parish Hall on Monday, June 19th at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and talk by Fr. John Allison. Fr. John plans to talk about his career and how it led to the priesthood. We look forward to this meeting. ~ Tony Sousa

◆ Talk on Clergy Search

Karin Maag will give a talk on "The Clergy Search during the Reformation" at 7:00 on Wednesday, June 14th. Come learn the differences and possible similarities of choosing a priest for a parish at the time of the Reformation and in the 21st century.

◆ June 4th Pentecost Sunday!

We have new vestments and altar hangings due to the generosity of family and friends of Carolyn Johnston. Larry Johnston and Sue Olson worked together and decided on the design and color. Red with a sunburst was chosen for Pentecost Sunday and other Holy Days in which the color red is used.

Come to the 10:00 a.m. service for the dedication of our newest altar hangings and vestments in 25 years!

Thrift Shop Needs Clothing

The "Waste Not, Want Not Thrift Shop" will open in June 2017!

Cleaning closets?

The E.C.W. is now accepting good clean clothing for the shop.



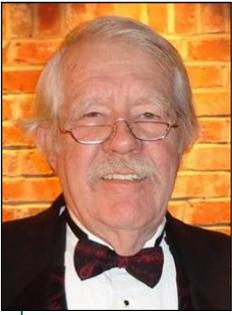
- ◆ Linens,
- ◆ Bedding
- ◆ CDs
- ◆ Books
- ◆ Jewelry and ...glassware for the "Curiosity Corner" are most welcome.

No electronics please.

We welcome helpers throughout the spring and summer.

Call Gail Leland at 288-3674 with questions.

Many thanks for your support of this ministry at Church of Our Father.



“SOUNDINGS II” June 2017

The Saturday, May 13 Spring cleaning of the church and grounds was well attended even with the road construction. Ongoing work is still needed at the church and the rectory in the form of lawn feeding and flowers. We will need to assist with the general housekeeping as Ken continues to recover from his surgeries. I walked parish hall basement with a design/ installer from “Dry Basement of CT”, to get an opinion about our water problem. He thinks whatever we decide, will be expensive. I will give him dimensions and he will give me an estimate to further our knowledge on the needed modifications. We also agreed there is a serious problem with the church chimney and flashing which needs attention soon.

Tony Sousa has agreed to serve and was voted in as Junior Warden until the Annual Meeting in January 2018.

Larry Johnston has agreed to serve and has been voted in to fill the vacancy left by Marge Dahl’s resignation, until the Annual Meeting in January 2018.

I have started coordinating schedules for Acolytes, 8am and 10 am, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers as Tony Hoff is moving to Indiana.

With Mother Sue giving us her time line, we are now entering a time of discernment as to the future at Church of Our Father.

On April 30th, the Vestry met to formulate a list of questions for the Bishops Representative Canon Michael Ambler regarding the suggestions the Diocese could give us for direction that is best for our future.

We received his reply May 24th answering most of the questions.. His response for the near future was:

- ◆ Hire an Interim priest
- ◆ Seek to call a rector (not recommended),
- ◆ Investigating ways to keep the three priests now on the island working with the three churches.

Interim choices would be from the Diocese and presented to address our divisions and suggest ways to bring us together in Christ. (Compensation would be the same as a regular priest and duration could last a couple of years.)

About 9 May I was informed Mother Kathleen’s contract was running out on July 1st, and there was a possibility of Church of Our Father, St Saviours’ and St. John’s being able to work together retaining the benefits of consistent clergy for the following year. The discussion centered around keeping Fr. Tim, Mother Kathleen and Fr. John Allison on the island.

On 14 May members from the three churches met between services at Church of Our Father to consider ways we can further investigate the possibilities of sharing priests, pastoral care, time, housing, and insurance costs.

Fr. Michael Ambler agreed to meet with our wardens and treasurers from the three congregations and the three priests about these possibilities. The meeting of 17 May was informative and we gained information to bring to our respective vestries and congregations.

Outlined for the initial discussions with our congregations

- Fr. Tim would remain at St Saviour’s
- Mother Kathleen would become Priest in Charge at St. Andrew and St John
- Fr John would become Priest in Charge at Church of Our Father
- Three separate letters of agreement would be written by each church with their priest
- This arrangement would only be a one year commitment to the priests and congregations
- There would be One Ministry Covenant among the churches defining how to best share special gifts of each priest
- There would be One covenant defining how each congregation would share in supporting these ministries
- The health care would be greatly reduced with respect to Kathleen and John
- CoOF will reduce the expense of a rectory
- Another question is continued financial support from the Diocese
- Terry Reimer will be meeting with the treasurers and wardens to discuss what the financial situation is for each congregation, and possible solutions to benefit all three churches

All the options will have to be approved by the three churches and the three priests

1 Corinthians 1:10

Now I plead with you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Bullard
Senior Warden.

June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 28 7th Sunday of Easter 8 & 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II	29 Memorial Day Prayer at Bar Harbor Town Pier 9:30 am	30	31 8 am Holy Eucharist & Breakfast	1	2	3 Service for Sygney Frye 2 pm in Parish Hall
4 Day of Pentecost 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II - <i>Dedication of vestments in memory of Carolyn Johnston</i>	5	6	7 8 am Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Noon Hospice Volunteers Meeting Parish Admin lunch @ SSP 12:30pm	8	9	10
11 Trinity Sunday 8 & 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II	12	13	14 8 am Holy Eucharist & Breakfast 7 p.m. Talk on Clergy Search Karin Maag	15	16	17
18 2nd Sunday after Pentecost <i>FATHER'S DAY</i> 8 am & 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II Vestry Meeting after 10 am service	19 <i>E-mail Lena July Labors of Love Positions</i> Men's Group 6 p.m. Dinner	20	21 8 am Holy Eucharist & Breakfast	22	23 Newsletter info due in to office for July	24
25 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 8 am & 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II	26	27	28 8 am Holy Eucharist & Breakfast	29	30	July 1

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

4 June ~ Pentecost The summer chapel congregations of All Saints by the Sea, Bailey Island All Saints', Orr's Island For all graduates.

11 June ~ Trinity Sunday The summer chapel congregations of St. Philip's by the Sea, Fortunes Rocks St. Martin's in the Field, Biddeford Pool For the mission and ministry of Camp Bishopswood, its staff and campers, in the 2017 season.

18 June ~ Pentecost 2 ~ Father's Day The congregations of Trinity Chapel, Kennebunk Beach St. Ann's, Kennebunkport For all students, faculty, administrators and staff as summer vacations begins.

25 June ~ Pentecost 3 The congregations of St. James', Prout's Neck Holy Trinity, Peaks Island For those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights.

Birthdays

6/9 David Evans
6/17 Sheila Sciacca
6/19 Rev Sue Cole
6/22 Nancy Tucker
6/22 Cheryl Labitski
6/24 Jan Sinnett
6/24 Sandra LeFever
6/28 William Kitler
6/29 Ted Higgins



Please remember with a Call, Card or Visit:

- ◆ **Valeria Chiri**—is now stateside...
- ◆ **Beth Kidder** 509 Norway Drive, Bar Harbor, ME 04069
- ◆ **William Kitler** 276 Knox Rd., Bar Harbor, ME 04609
- ◆ **Kay Sawyer** Courtland Nursing Home, 42 Bucksport Rd. Ellsworth, ME 04605
- ◆ **David & Sandra Lefever** 445 North State Street Ephrata, PA 17522 dlefeverinmaine@gmail.com
- ◆ **Aggie Sawyer** c/o McConnell 606A Sawmill Creek Rd Sitka, AK 99935
- ◆ **Edith Wells** 310 Oak Breeze Lane Oakland, MD 21550

Intercessory Prayer for our Friends, Family, Military, Prison Ministry, Diocese & Missionaries:

Stacey Austin, Kate Berry, Karen Brown, Barbara, Rose Calafiore, Donna Cardillo, Cindy, Isabel Cordova, Margaret Delehanty, Kristi Dunn, Ginny & Buddy Eaton, Roger Evans, Laurie Fineman, Christina Heiniger, Helen, Kathi Higgins, Isabelle, Pat Keller, George Kidder, Marilyn Kitler, Cameron Knable, Bill Krenicki, Kim & Jean Lasater, Diane Lefever, Katie Leighton, Lorraine Leland, Ken Linscott, Lisa, Gary Lyons, Joseph Manghan, Andy Mays, Peter Mills, Carly Murphy, Fannie Oldford, Rhoda Olin, Sue Olson, Ronald Olson, Father Bob Raymond, Sara, Kay Sawyer, Deb Scott-Henderson, Claire Shaw, Mel Shaw, Nicholas Shuck, Shawn Smoker, Tony Smoker, Carolyn Sovet, Terry Stanley, Margie Sweet, Bob Theriault, Tom Tukey, Jon Turner, Sharon Walker, Craig Wells, Darlene Wells, Lloyd Woods, Anne Zaslau, and the ministry of Hospice and the Bar Harbor Food Pantry.

Our Military:

Pray for those who serve in the armed forces, especially the Air Force and for Captain Miles T. Hauritz deployed to the Middle East and Samuel Barnes-Army Infantry deployed to Afghanistan through July 2017.

Prison Ministry: Pray for peace in our prisons.

Diocese of Maine: For the Congregations of St. Andrew's, Millinocket, St. Barnabas', Rumford
For our Muslim sisters and brothers as they enter the month of Ramadan on May 26.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Ngbo - (Enugu, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Christian Ebisike

Chuck & Beth Bradshaw: Beth & Fr. Chuck give thanks to God for their faithful partners at Church of our Father in the continuing M2M Mission. We are grateful for our time back home on beautiful MDI because of the generosity of Lynn & Brad Thompson. We give thanks for the recent first annual Missions Fair presented by 22 local & international organizations that are supported by your generous gifts. Special thanks to the OME committee for their good vision & leadership. The afternoon was a glorious celebration of what God has been & is doing through the saints at COOF. Praise God who enables us in all circumstances.

The Lacys: Once more we are so thankful for your partnership with us as we live and work among the Miao people. Your prayers and support make it possible for us to be here. Please pray that God will give us strength, wisdom, and good health, and for His anointing on us to minister in His name. Love in Christ, *Dorothy and Paul*

ANNIVERSARIES

6/16 Fr. David & Audrey Mills
6/17 Fr Doug & Joanne Peterson
6/22 Brad & Kate Berry
6/28 Brad & Lynn Thompson

The Lighter Side... Fish ' n ' chips



It's February 22, the third Sunday in Lent, and the faithful parishioner stumbles through pouring rain past hamburger huts and steak houses into the monastery at Mount Angel and requests shelter. He's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had.

After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He's met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm brother Michael, and this is brother Francis."

"I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"

Brother Michael replies, "Well, I'm the fish Friar."

The man turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be..."

"Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip-monk."

News in the Office

PLEASE note:
NEW E-mail for the Office
ShalomCOOF@GMail.com

Lena will be checking this account remotely and responding promptly.

Lena will not be holding regular office hours during her inn keeping season,
but will work more from her home office.
(and in avoidance of construction obstruction!)

If you need her directly when she's out of the office you may also
call or text message her at: 207-469-8872
(though e-mail is the best manner to communicate.)

Thank you for understanding!



From the Diocese of Maine

As a Parish of the Diocese of Maine, we are part of a church family that extends from Kittery to Fort Kent, and connects us to the rest of the Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion. We share ministry with our Bishop and with worshipping community.

If you are not subscribed to the Diocesan twice monthly email newsletter, the DioLog, please click [\[here\]](#) to subscribe. If you are subscribed, don't forget to open it and read it every time! There is a lot going on in every corner of the Diocese, and you wouldn't want to miss anything! And, if you are a Facebook fan, by all means "like" the diocese at Episcopal Diocese of Maine - there are all kinds of wonderful posts and information there!

In Dio News...

◆ **June 9-11 Register Now:**

Playing with Fire: The Parables of Jesus, a diocesan retreat for adults

Join us for a weekend at Camp Bishopswood on beautiful Lake Megunticook near Camden, to enrich heart, mind and soul. This retreat is for everyone who has wondered what Jesus had in mind when he told a parable. Moral teaching? Confounding truth? Topsy-turvey gospel? Read, pray, sing and embody the parables with others who are wondering the same things. The weekend will be hosted by Rev. Bill Blain Wallace, Merle Marie Troeger, Jane Hartwell and musician Thew Elliott.

There is financial aid for everyone who needs it and also scholarships for Sunday school teachers and youth event volunteers. For more information, contact Jane Hartwell at jhartwell@episcopalmaine.org.

Download an information [flyer](#) and register at www.tinyURL.com/AdultRetreat2017

◆ **August 21-27**

Summer Finale Week - A new summer program for all ages at Bishopswood

The all-ages camp at Bishopswood - (1/2 week options are available)

The Diocese of Maine and Camp Bishopswood invite you to join us for our first-ever Summer Finale Camp. Everyone is welcome - families, adults, grandparents and grandkids, teens, and young adults.

Enjoy a wonderful, meaningful time in this camp community. Bishopswood is one of the most beautiful places to experience a week of Maine summer. The camp is being designed by Mike Douglass, Kerry Mansir, the Rev. Tim Higgins, Emily Keniston, Thew Elliott, Fred Fowler and Jane Hartwell. Visit the Bishopswood [website](#) or check out this [brochure](#) for more on Summer Finale Week.

Register at www.tinyURL.com/SummerFinale2017



Church of Our Father
Holy Eucharist: Sunday 8 and 10 am
Wednesday 8 am
(followed by light breakfast)

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