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GREETINGS, FRIENDS!

What a delight it was to serve at the ordination of Dr. Carson Webb to the Sacred Order of Priests! That mid-August evening saw an absolutely bursting parish church. The nave was filled with the people of God, lay and ordained, gathered for the intention of his praises and to be a party to the ordination of new priests for Christ's own Church. On the operational side, I am deeply grateful for all the hard work Amanda Storms and her team of volunteers offered to make a memorable evening. I believe God was honored in our effort, and that Father Carson now joins the ranks of priests, now a steward of Christ's sacraments and a shepherd of his flock.



The Rev. David Bumsted, Rector

Since ordinations have a necessary focus on the candidates for Holy Orders, we can make the easy mistake that the liturgy is "for them." We can do this with any Christian liturgy if we're not careful; how many times have I said something like "I didn't get anything out of Church today" as if I myself am the object of the service and not God himself. I was glad that Bishop Poulson remembered the 20th century Anglican writer Evelyn Underhill as part of the corrective to that impulse. Some of her great insights, as Bishop Poulson reminded us, were parts of a letter she sent to Archbishop of Canterbury, Cosmo Lang:

"We look to the Church to give us an experience of God, mystery, holiness, and prayer which, though it may not solve the antinomies of the natural world, shall lift us to contact with the supernatural world and minister eternal life."

What a stunning reminder of the vocation of the Church, a body capable of so much good but no greater good than that of entering into the Lord's presence and the proclamation of the full life of God in Christ. Later, she writes:

"God is the interesting thing about religion, and people are hungry for God. But only a priest whose life is soaked in prayer, sacrifice, and love can, by his own spirit of adoring worship, help us to apprehend Him."

What a humbling reminder of the role to which the priests of the church have been called. Notice, though, that Underhill rightly understands that the priests are those whose work is meant to lead the people of God to his adoration, that the first priority in the life of any body of Christians is to love God with all of their heart, mind, soul, and strength. All the other amazing aspects of our common life work best when they flow out of our devotion.

I pray that God would ever inspire my heart and subdue my will for such a rich calling! Pray for me, beloved! This September, I hope that in our all of our exciting events, all of our ministries new and old, all that we do here at Saint John's would be devoted to God's glory and the extension of Christ's loving Kingdom.

Your servant, 

BUILDING & GROUNDS NEWS

I hope this letter finds you well this late summer as we prepare for our upcoming autumn season.

Over the summer, we had a very good Garden and Grounds clean-up day. We successfully removed the

The Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests

"The calling of the priest is to, like Mary, magnify the Lord. To direct the gaze of all whom you encounter not to yourself, but to Christ."
Bishop Poulson Reed



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Feast of St. Mary ~ August 15, 2024



remaining fence post between the sidewalk and the north parking lot. This has opened the lot access to sidewalk and playground all along that walkway. We also weeded and mulched several garden beds.

We are definitely seeing steady progress on our Transfigure project. Over this summer, we've successfully upgraded and expanded our fire suppression system to the kitchen as a part of our remodel effort. The new fire suppression system was approved by the Fire Marshal in August. New floors have been completed in both the kitchen and flower room. Plumbing and electrical upgrades/moves have been completed as well. In our kitchen, we should be completing construction in September after receipt of our new stainless steel countertops. We've already seen the installation of the new FRP walls and stainless-steel splash panels that look great on the walls!

In the basement, we've completed a lot of work and are beginning to see the shapes of the concept layout come to life. All framing was completed last month, and we have also completed the sheetrock installations to create our rooms. Electrical and mechanical rough-ins have also been completed, and all plumbing lines have been run to their new locations. We've also removed the old wire and piping in the basement, pulling many old runs that are no longer in service. This has made the ceiling significantly cleaner looking for our final product. Our updated grease trap for the kitchen has been installed in the basement. Its location will allow for much easier maintenance access for future cleanouts.

We've also ordered a limited amount of new furniture for the basement classrooms, which is due to arrive in November. This will allow the rooms to be usable as soon as they are complete. The furniture is designed to be comfortable, durable, and more storable, aligning with our vision of a multi-use space concept for the basement.

Overall, we expect the kitchen and flower room to be completed in September and our basement to be ready in November.

Lastly, if you are interested in serving on the Buildings and Grounds committee, stop by and see us at our table on Rally Day on September 15th. We're always looking for more people to help around our parish.

All the Best, *Marc McCaw*

BISHOP VISIT: RALLY DAY & MINISTRY FAIR

The Bishop is moseying into town for our next big event! So, put on your Boots and get down to your Roots at our next Annual Rally Day & Ministry Fair, partners! Folks from the parish, the neighborhood, and new visitors are all invited to this hootenanny following the 10 am Holy Eucharist on Sunday, September 15.

There'll be something for everyone to reckon, chow down on, and have a grand ol' time! Yeehaw!

ADULT FORMATION & ACTIVITIES

Wednesday Evening Formation - Following our Wednesday Eucharist service is a Bible Study with Fr. David. This month, the Wednesday class continues its journey through the last chapters of Genesis, the story of Joseph.

Sunday Morning Formation - Our Sunday formation for the summer involved an exploration of heresies with Father David and Father Carson.

Dead Theologians' Society - Our Dead Theologians' Society (DTS) alternates its meetings on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings. If you are interested in early church history or are curious about why we read the Bible the way we do, please get in touch with Dr. Zach Malavolti and join this group. Currently, we are reading through Augustine's *Enchiridion*.

Iron Gate - Our church has a volunteer crew that serves at Iron Gate on the first Saturday of every month. Iron Gate is a feeding ministry located in downtown Tulsa, and it aims to provide food and housing assistance to our neighbors who are experiencing insecurity in those areas. Our team gathers at Iron Gate at 8 am and serves until 10:30 am. We would love you to join us on the first Saturday of September. If you're interested in being a part of our team, please send an email to jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org.

Young Adult Pool Party - We will host our Young Adult's Pool Party at the Hicks' residence on September 13 at 6:30 pm! This is a BYOB party, so please feel free to bring your own drinks, food, or dessert to share. We are excited to see you there!

Josh Corsaro



GETTING TO KNOW HANK CARRILLO

Q: What is your job title, and what do you hope to accomplish with Saint John's? A: My job title is Principal Organist. I hope to help the choirs and the music ministry of Saint John's be successful in spreading the word of God through sacred song. I would also like to improve my skills as a composer and conductor.

Q: Where were you born? A: I was born in Corpus Christi, Texas in a hospital about a mile away from the house I grew up in as a child.

Q: What is the most unusual place you have lived? A: For one year, when I was in 5th grade, I lived on my parents' ranch. On one hand, getting to do all kinds of farm things with my dad was a fun experience. On the other, I was two hours away from all my friends back in Corpus. I was glad to move back.

Q: What books are you currently reading or that you recommend? A: I love reading! My favorite books are usually historical fiction. Currently, I am working through the Jack Aubrey novels by Patrick O'Brian, but I also love reading pure history, particularly about the history of Rome.

Q: What is your proudest accomplishment? A: My proudest accomplishment was completing a very difficult Masters Program at Rice University. There were a lot of difficult moments when I felt very low, but thanks to the encouragement of my classmates, friends, family, and especially my teacher Ken Cowan, I was able to complete it.

Q: What are you most excited about? A: I am most excited about getting married to my beautiful fiancée Brittany! I cannot wait to begin the rest of our lives together.

Q: If you have a pet(s), tell us about him/her/them. A: No pets at the moment, but I hope to have a dog or a cat someday. I always had dogs growing up; my mom currently has a Jack Russell named Clyde who is very sweet.

Q: What activity or travel is on your bucket list? A: I have always wanted to hike Hadrian's Wall- the old Roman wall that separated England and Scotland- with my brothers. Also, doing an organ tour of Europe!

Q: What is an unusual talent, interest, or experience that your fellow SJC staff members or the congregation might find surprising to learn about you? A: I don't have many unusual talents. I was chased up a tree once by an angry cow!

Q: Tell us about your family. What are your favorite things to do together? A: When my family gets together, we love to cook as a family. My brothers and I have always enjoyed fishing, and my Mom and I love talking about anything science related- particularly birds and birdwatching! My dad and I love to talk about old bands and music.

Q: Would you share a favorite passage that is of help, comfort, healing, or inspiration to you? A: I have always liked Revelation 21:4. I think of those whom I love who have passed on, and that one day the sadness I feel of their will become never-ending joy of eternal life.

Q: What is your favorite pastime activity? A: I love playing video games with my friends, watching my favorite sports teams, and playing guitar when I get the chance.

Q: If there were three words you would use to describe this church community, what would they be? A: Welcoming, loving, caring.

Q: Is there anything else you are interested in sharing? A: I am honored to serve the people of Saint John's I hope to share with you all the gifts I have been given and to make glorious music with my colleague and friend Zach!



THE DAILY OFFICE
You are invited to join us every weekday
at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. as we pray.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

VBS – For all of you who helped with this year’s VBS, we want to give you a huge shout-out! We had the biggest group we have ever had, and it was all the hard work you all put in that made it our most successful and fun. Thank you all!

First Communion Classes – We will start First Communion classes September 22nd following the 10 am service. If you wish to sign up your kids for this, please contact the main office.

Sunday Morning Formation – Sunday Morning Formation is for kids in PreK-5th and meets after the 10 am service on Sunday Mornings. This month, we are continuing our exploration of the books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth via our Storymaker’s Curriculum. As children go through this program, they will learn how God was with Israel as it developed into a nation, and how God is with us even to this day!

Kids’ Night and Youth Group Return! – We had a lot of fun Summer Days with our Kids’ Night and Youth Group, but now that summer is over, we are excited to resume meeting weekly! We will plan to resume our weekly meetings on September 18 at 6 pm. During Youth Group, we will go through the letter to the Romans, and in our Kids’ Night, we will learn about Abraham.

Rally Day Snowball Fight – Get your throwing arms ready for another snowball fight! On September 15, we will set up coolers in our yard to have another great snowball fight! May the best person win!

Nursery Care is every Sunday! Our nursery team is ready to welcome your children ages 0 – 4 starting at 9 am. The nursery is in Fox Library.

Children’s Chapel is for PreK through 5th grade and meets on Sundays at 10 am, in Powell Hall. We’d love to see you there!

Acolyte Recruiting – If you are interested in assisting our Sunday services, then consider joining our acolyte program! If you want to be an acolyte, you can start as early as 8 years old. If you, or your child, is interested in being an acolyte, contact David Stibbs at dstibbs@sjtulsa.org.

Josh Corsaro

Choristers - On September 22, we will also have a matriculation service where we commission our acolytes, choristers, and choir directors. This commissioning service will happen during the 5:30 pm Evensong service.

Dr. Zach Malavolti



OUTREACH

In September, Outreach will kick off a fundraiser for all three schools we support: Eliot, Patrick Henry, and Edison Middle and High School. A table is set up in the Common Room for your donations.

Here's a list of requested items: Copy Paper, Baby Wipes, Clorox Wipes, Spiral Notebooks, Loose Leaf Notebook Paper, Crayola Crayons, Ticonderoga Pencils, Dry Erase Markers, Highlighters, Glue Sticks, Paper Towels, Zip Lock Bags (snack and sandwich sizes), Snacks and Granola Bars, Pop Tarts, Deodorant (major item requested by high school teachers!), Boys Socks, Small Hairbrushes, Hair Ties, and Chapstick. Our local students need lots of items - **so let's get shopping!**



Thank You Teachers! Have a great year!



The Outreach Committee started early in August this year with teacher appreciation meals for Eliot Elementary and Patrick Henry Elementary Schools. On August 12, breakfast was served to the teachers and Eliot Elementary, and lunch was served to Patrick Henry's teachers and staff on August 15.

Janice Ingle



MUSIC NEWS

The music department is excited to return from summer with plans with many new and creative offerings this fall. First and foremost, I am incredibly excited for our new Principal Organist, Hank Carrillo. I will let him speak for himself on the other pages of this newsletter, but I want everyone to know that he is a versatile musician and an inspiring colleague. I am overjoyed to have him on our music team! We hope you will not only be uplifted by music on Sunday mornings but join us frequently for our choral evensong fall season. Several special dates include September 22, when we will feature new works by both myself and Hank's freshly composed "Saint John's Tulsa Service" (a set of evening canticles). We will also showcase our choristers that night for their first choral evensong. We have increased and grown our choristers' participation this season and are working to increase the music offerings of our Children's Chapel also. The following month, our Chamber Choir will offer a special Oktoberfest-themed evensong showcasing German choral selections for the day's theme. Be sure to also save the date on the evening of November 3rd when we will offer Gabriel Faure's Requiem in the context of an evening Mass for the Departed. Finally, throughout the entire season, we will continue to offer our newly formed Schola Cantorum on Thursday nights at 5:15 pm. It has been thrilling to watch this volunteer group, which was formed to teach monastic chanted prayer, develop into a committed community of musical prayer and fellowship. We will be taking our group down to OKC in September for a service sponsored by The Living Church. We always welcome new members to join us. In closing, it is my great honor to serve as your new Director of Sacred Music and I look forward to curating our expanding output of sacred music for everyone at the highest level. S.D.G.

Dr. Zach Malavetti

PRAYERS & SQUARES

We are excited to see everyone at Rally Day! Please stop by and see us for a chance to win one of our two prizes: a Heirloom Quilt or a Handmade Rug! Tickets are only \$5 each, or 5 for \$20! You can also enter the raffle ahead of Rally Day; please look for one of the Prayers and Squares members in the Common Room after the service on September 8th. We can take cash or checks at this time. All proceeds will be used to restock the Prayers and Squares Ministries.

To request a quilt, please email Landrum.peggy@yahoo.com and provide enough detail to help us choose an appropriate quilt for the recipient and enough information to be included in the Sunday bulletin.

Peggy Landrum



LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

LEV is still in start up mode. We are in various stages of the Diocese's Safeguarding God's People computer program. The sooner we can complete the program, the sooner we can begin our ministry of bringing communion and the Word of God to the shut-ins of our parish. Moreover, working with Fr. David and Amanda Storms, LEV has commissioned a LEV banner for use in the life of our parish. If you are interested in learning more about LEV, please contact Fr. Carson at the church, or Sharon Bell at 918-625-4940.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

After a quiet summer, the Daughters of the King will have two meetings in August. The first meeting will be to prepare Birthday Cards for September birthdays as we juggle schedules around building construction closings. The second meeting, on August 22, concerns plans for our fall calendar. Rally Day will be on Sunday, September 15, and DOK will be there in full force to spread the word about our mission of prayer, service, and evangelism (and how much fun we have during our meetings). DOK will begin our quarterly, Sunday food service on Sunday, October 6. After some false starts, training for postulants will begin in September. If you are interested in learning more about DOK, please contact Sharon Bell at (918) 625-4940.

Sharon Bell



HOSPITALITY NEWS

RALLY DAY – SEPTEMBER 15TH!

Stop by our Hospitality Team Table and say “Howdy” on September 15th after the 10:00 am service. Our team members will be available to answer all your questions about our exciting and fun Hospitality ministry and fellowship.

The Hospitality Team welcomes anyone interested in helping with Sunday Snacks. Our enthusiastic and creative teams bring delicious food to share and create an atmosphere of Christian fellowship and hospitality. We enjoy one another and bond with our shared vision of providing warm hospitality at Saint John’s. Want to learn more? Call, text or email Kathleen Moss: Kathleen.moss@me.com or 918-633-8881.

ST. BARBARA'S GUILD

SEE YOU ON RALLY DAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH! Stop by St Barbara’s Guild Table and meet our wonderful members. Information about our guild will be available.

St Barbara’s Guild is a group of women dedicated to the study of the Bible, service projects, fellowship, and support for each other and St John’s Episcopal Church.

Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 11:00 am in the Common Room. Bring a sack lunch and your Bible. Water and coffee are provided.

Join us on September 19th and October 17th at 11:00 am in the Common Room. We will continue our Bible Study of the book of Esther with Father David. *Kathleen Moss*

LEM

We are seeking volunteers to serve as LEM-Lay Eucharist Ministers at our church. This important role involves reading the lessons, sharing the cup during Communion, and assisting at the altar to prepare Communion. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

Please reach out to Diana Carter in the office or Lynn Kimmel at 862-202-9874 or Lynnkimmel71@gmail.com if you are interested in this opportunity. Thank you for being part of the Saint John’s family. We look forward to your response! *Lynn Kimmel*

MATRICULATION SERVICE & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our devoted volunteers and warmly invite all of you to join us at the Matriculation Service & Volunteer Appreciation Night to celebrate your contributions.

Join us for the commissioning ceremony during the Evensong Service at 5:30 pm on Sunday, September 22.

Please join us in the Common Room for a reception after the service.

Dr. Zach Malavolti



**MATRICULATION SERVICE
& VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION NIGHT**

**Please join us at 5:30 on
Sunday, September 22, for the
commissioning during the Evensong Service.
Reception to follow.**

Thank You!



Grab your boots and pearl snaps! Following the heel steps of the most important, most successful Western Days ever, we are gearing up for another ride! Join us for Western Days 2024 on Thursday, September 12, 2024, as we GO WEST! The Discovery

For 64 years, Saint Simeon's has pushed senior care with big and bold ideas. Thank you for continuing to support this big, beautiful organization. Due to your generosity and support, we can continue providing compassionate care, the best in senior care practices, technology-enhanced therapies, innovative training, and exceptional hospitality.

As in years past, gifts to Western Days support Saint Simeon's Foundation's mission to enhance through philanthropy and stewardship the physical, social, and spiritual well-being of the Residents of Saint Simeon's and their families.

You can register online by visiting <https://saintsimeons.org/foundation/western-days/>

Should you have any questions, please get in touch with Tyler Davis, Executive Director of Saint Simeon's Foundation, at (918) 794-1977 or tylerdavis@saintsimeons.org

We have a special offer for local Episcopal congregations. If you purchase a Western Days table sponsorship (\$3,000), you will receive a second table for FREE. Each table seats 8 individuals.



ANGLICAN FOUNDATION



THE LIVING CHURCH

What does it mean to be human?

How do we live fully as creatures created, loved, limited, and liberated by God?

This conference will focus on how to be a human being faithfully, from birth to death, how we live well and take care of one another, and how we can answer the great commission in light of this reality. Those who have not yet embraced the gospel need a winsome, skillful, and faithful presentation of this vision, in various creative forms, while those within the Church are re-evangelized and refreshed by understanding who they are as creatures in Christ. The conference will also, we hope, equip any Christian present, including clergy, to address contemporary ethical and pastoral concerns related to living well in the full integrity of body and soul, from welcoming new life and navigating relationships, to embracing change and dying well.

Visit livingchurch.org for more information and tickets.

MILESTONES

September Birthdays

- 1 Alex Abney
- Blu Lawson
- Marc Mccaw
- 2 Elizabeth Crews
- Marian Greenwood,
- 3 Noah Baum
- Betty Swindle
- 4 Peter Galbraith
- Kathy Hoyt
- 5 Susie Byers
- 6 Ivan Cox
- Michael Pugh
- 8 Karen Abney
- Cooper Smith
- 9 John Burkhardt
- Julianne Eidson
- 10 Mari Masterson
- 11 Jack Brown
- Michael O'Kelly,
- 12 John Brock
- Claire Cummings,
- Rachel Etheridge
- 13 Marilyn Bedford
- 14 Michael Christian
- Thom Crowe
- 15 Brad Brown
- 16 Judy Cairl
- Shannon Johnson
- Gretchen Mitchell
- Chelley Wallack
- 17 Rhonda Breaux
- John Gray,
- Charlie Nutter
- Tim Vogel
- 18 Lacy Beisley
- Tony Beeson
- Dean Luthey
- Clara Shores
- 19 Al Davies
- 21 Elliott Mccaw
- 22 Whitney Bergquist
- Barbara Burke
- Trudy Vestal
- 23 Richard Dodson
- Dale Toetz
- 24 Iona Hoopert
- Bridget Johnson
- 25 Steve Dodson
- Susan McAdams
- 26 Jeff Baum
- 27 Scott Randall
- Lisa Schooley
- 28 Judy Hays
- 29 Carolyn Nierenberg

Passings

- July 28
- Gerene Adwon
- August 3rd
- Linda Arrington

THE GIFT & BOOK SHOP

The Gift & Book Shop is your one-stop shop for Back to School! We have gifts for students such as mini puzzles, toys, and hand-made stuffed animals from our parishioner Jesse Pavlik! And don't forget about teacher gifts such as fun socks, tote bags, and notepads which pair perfectly with a gift card or handwritten note. **We also offer free gift wrapping!**

In August, each purchase of \$10 or more comes with a free set of cocktail napkins! See you soon!

Whitney Moss



BSA TROOP 153 NEWS

Troop 153 enjoyed a summer full of fun, opportunities to advance our skills, and friendships. We had some traditional summer experiences and some new adventures as well. A group of 12 scouts and adults attended a Philmont Trek at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. They spent 12 days on the trail, hiking, camping, and enjoying various legendary Philmont adventures along the way.

Our scouts were honored to participate in the 4th of July service at Saint John's by providing the flag ceremony. It is always a pleasure to serve our Saint John's family.

National Order of the Arrow Conference was held in Boulder, Colorado this summer and Troop 153 had 4 scouts attend with our regional contingent. These Arrowmen spent the week building community with fellow Arrowmen from around the country and learning to improve scouting in their local area. They also enjoyed a stop over of Philmont fun on the way home.

Recently Venture Crew 153 took a long anticipated diving trip to Roatan, Belize, and Cozumel. The crew members and adult leaders have spent many months in preparation for this trip, including all attendees earning their scuba certification. What a memorable adventure for these young men!

Summer meetings are always a lot of fun! This year there were plenty of opportunities for advancement mixed in with movie night, disc golf, and water fun including the opportunity to dunk our Senior Patrol Leader, Eli Thomas, in a dunk tank. As we head into fall Troop 153 is already making plans for our next amazing summer. *Carelyn Davis*





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**BACK TO SCHOOL!
SEPTEMBER OUTREACH
SUPPLY LIST
FOR EDISON, ELIOT &
PATRICK HENRY
IN THE
COMMON ROOM!**

SAVE THE DATE!
BEERS & BRATS
OCTOBER 13
BEERS, BRATS, & FELLOWSHIP!
AFTER THE 5:30 EVENSON SERVICE