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ON THE COVER: "Virgin and Child" by Elisabetts Sirani, who was an Italian Baroque painter and printmaker who died in still unexplained circumstances at an early age of 27. She was the most famous woman artist in early modern Bologna and established an academy for other women artists. Painting at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC (Source–Wikipedia)

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To Jesus through Wrigley

As you may know, Sarah and I recently had to part very unexpectedly with our dear friend Wrigley, God's love disguised as a blue Great Dane. For those that are unaware of what happened, everything began on Sunday, July 17th, when Wrigley threw up several times over the course of the morning. When treating the symptoms didn't return him to form, the doctors did some further investigating and discovered a large tumor in his stomach, which they believed was probably the result of pancreatic cancer. Because of the likelihood that even a successful surgery would only give us another year at best (though likely much less), and that much of that time would be intensely difficult for Wrigley, we decided that the best way to love him was to say goodbye.

The suddenness of it all left us stunned. Just 72 hours before he'd been his usual self, and it wasn't until late Monday morning that I even began to consider the possibility that this was more serious than him eating something he shouldn't have. Still I'm unbelievably thankful that the last time I saw him, he was able to greet me the same way he always did when I picked him up from the vet: eyes bright, tail wagging, and so excited to see me that he was practically dragging the orderly along behind him.

The morning after he died, as I sat in our chapel crying and praying with our Blessed Mother and Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, I thanked God for the many blessings of Wrigley's life, and was delighted to find more even in his death. I'm sharing some of that morning's reflection here first as a reminder that God's love and blessing frequently seem to come "in disguise." I share it also as an encouragement, because not all of those disguises are as easy to see through as Wrigley's, and sometimes it can seem too painful to lean into them and look more closely. It's my hope then that through my experience you might find some new facets to the blessings in your life, and consider what God is accomplishing in your challenges.

I probably shouldn't have been surprised that God would reveal so much about his love for me through Wrigley's death, given that he'd been doing that unfailingly for the entire 8 years of his life. I have no doubt that this was his idea and purpose in my having a dog in the first place. While I've always loved dogs, by the time I got to seminary I'd long since decided that it wasn't practical to have one of my own. Yet just before the start of

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my senior year, I had an epiphany that turned my objections on their head. It was as if God had said, "Of course having a dog will cost money to take care of, time and effort to train, will often inconvenience you, and keep you from being able to do whatever you want – that's the point!" In that moment I saw that a dog could give me far more rigorous and effective spiritual formation than anything I could (or *would*!) do for myself, and that's exactly what happened.

I did lots of research to find the right kind of dog, and Wrigley ended up being a perfect match. He captured my heart from the first time I saw him and immediately proceeded to go to work on it. Becoming generous, patient, and humble is often difficult work because it means giving up our own desires, not getting our way, and all that Jesus means by "dying to self." What amazed me was how much easier and less painful those things are when we're motivated by love and mercy.

In the presence of love and mercy, things that we never would have chosen or even thought we could suffer before, become things we wouldn't have any other way. So when Wrigley would get lonely at night as a puppy, of course I slept on the couch next to his crate. I would joyfully get up to let him out and play at 4:00 AM when I could have slept until 7:00. I gladly made his schedule mine, arranging my day around when he needed to go out and how much attention he would need. I even reached the point (and astonishingly quickly) where my level of compassion would grow as I was cleaning up the devastating results of an accident.

I'd hoped Wrigley would help make me more selfless in my ministry, marriage, and as a father, and I'm sure he did. Loving is what allows us to love more, because when we sacrifice ourselves we make more room in our hearts for God and those around us. There have been plenty of times where the Holy Spirit has poured a lot more grace into a situation than I thought my heart had room for, and I think at least part of that was the result of Wrigley's relentless decluttering.

Through Wrigley, God has shown me the blessing of the things in our lives that bring more out of us than we could have brought out of ourselves. That's allowed me in other times to trust that if I will just lean into even the most painful of circumstances, God will use them to reveal much more of his love and joy, and that's exactly what's happened in his death.

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Much as God used Wrigley to stretch my heart, he also used him to show me how much bigger it needs to be. I saw how I not only longed to suffer the little things that I'd let annoy me a week before, I'd be glad to suffer more if I could. As I thought of all the ways I could have loved him more or better, I couldn't help but contrast that with the way he loved me. Wrigley was always devoted, attentive, and loving – so much so that sometimes that was one of the things that annoyed me! No matter how I fell short, no matter how indifferent or discouraging I was, he was always offering his whole self, inviting me to love and be loved by him – a nearly perfect sign of God's unconditional love for us.

Even in the midst of sorrow, I was filled with joy and peace at the thought of that. If I, with my imperfect love, could be so overwhelmed by my desire for Wrigley; to scratch and hug his soft neck, rub his velvety ears, get an impossibly demure kiss, and have him lay his head on my chest, how much more deeply and powerfully must God thirst for me? And if Wrigley, in his limited capacity, could show me that much love, attention, and devotion, how much more must that be true of God, who is both all-powerful and all-loving? It was a welcome reminder that God comes unceasingly, always offering his whole self, if I would just accept his invitation.

Beloved in Christ, continually ask God for the grace to see past the "disguises" to all the ways his love and mercy are at work in your life. You will find blessings in the most unexpected places, even in things that before seemed only dark and empty. I can't help but think that this is just a foretaste of eternity, when the Father promises to wipe away our tears and connect all the dots of our lives for us, showing how he's made everything new.

In His mercy,

WRIGLEY



August

2	Morning Prayer	9:00am	
	Mass	9:30am	
5	Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642		
	Morning Prayer	9:00am	
	Mass	9:30am	
6	Societies of Mary	11:00am	
	All are welcome to join the Societies of Mary for their monthly day of in the Chapel with Rosary at 11:00am with Mass to follow. After wh to the Parish Hall for a potluck luncheon.		
7	The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ (tr)		
	Low Mass	8:00am	
	Solemn Mass	10:30am	
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9		Noon	
	Finance Committee Meeting	6:00pm	
12	Hippolytus, Priest and Martyr, 235		
	Morning Prayer	9:00am	
	Mass	9:30am	

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August (continued)

14	Saint Mary The Virgin (tr)	
	Low Mass	8:00am
	Solemn Mass	10:30am
16	Stephen of Hungary, King and Confessor, 1038	
	Mass	Noon
	Vestry Meeting	7:00pm
19	Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153 (tr)	
	Morning Prayer	9:00am
	Mass	9:30am
22	D (1, 1/17	
23	Rose of Lima, 1617	
	Mass	Noon
26	Morning Prayer	9:00am
20	Mass	9:30am
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30	Charles Chapman Grafton, Bishop, 1912	
	Mass	Noon

September

2	The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942	
	Morning Prayer Mass	9:00am 9:30am
3	Societies of Mary All are welcome to join the Societies of Mary for their monthly day of in the Chapel with Rosary at 11:00am with Mass to follow. After wh to the Parish Hall for a potluck luncheon.	
5	Labor Day: Parish Office closed	
6	Mass	Noon
9	Constance, Nun and her Companions, 1878	
	Morning Prayer	9:00am
	Mass	9:30am
13	Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr of Carthage, 258	
	Mass	Noon
	Finance Committee Meeting	6:00pm

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September (continued)

16	Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, c. 430 Morning Prayer Mass	9:00am 9:30am
20	John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop of Melanesia and Companions, Martyrs, 1871	His
	Mass	Noon
	Vestry Meeting	7:00pm
23	Our Lady of Walsingham (tr) Morning Prayer Mass	9:00am 9:30am
27	Vincent de Paul, Priest, 1660 Mass	Noon
30	Jerome, Priest and Monk of Bethlehem, 420 Morning Prayer Mass	9:00am 9:30am

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BLESSING BAG UPDATE!!

Thank you to all the parishioners who have already sent out <u>over 100 Blessing Bags</u> as summer starts!!! There are more than 100 homeless folks here in San Diego who are benefitting from your generosity. Your Social Action Committee will supplement that with another round of smaller bags that will make use of the various edibles that have expiration dates. We recently received a very generous donation of several hundred Kashi granola bars (a new "savory" line) from Naz Athina Kallel who founded EuHerd, which aims to revolutionize the way food makers and food growers find each other and collaborate within the community. EuHerd's social mission is to reduce food waste and food insecurity.

We would like to include more toiletries (travel size) and water. There is a summer shopping list on the tables in the front and back of the church (and, of course, monetary donations are always welcomed). We will be taking inventory of everything in mid-August. At that time we will fill the new, smaller bags and have them ready for you by Labor Day weekend.

All our saints here have been wonderfully responsive . . . thank you again!!!

In service, Your Social Action Committee



LAY EUCHARISTIC VISTORS By Edward V. Heck

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs) are members of a congregation who are trained to take Holy Communion to the sick and shut-in following a parish Mass. The major purpose of this lay ministry is to allow those unable to attend Mass to continue as full participants in the life and worship of the parish. Whereas a priest or deacon can bring Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament to the home-bound at any time, LEVs are authorized to administer the Sacrament only as an extension of a Mass celebrated in the parish church by a priest.

At All Saints' there was an active LEV ministry when Fr. Woodridge was interim rector. Fr. McQueen originally suggested the idea of reviving this ministry in our parish in Vestry meetings and at the annual parish meeting in the months after he accepted the call to become our Rector. Unfortunately, the Diocese at that time provided few opportunities for training of LEVs, and the idea was temporarily shelved.

This summer when the Diocese announced a training session at St. Michael's-by-the-Sea in Carlsbad, I received permission from Fr. McQueen to attend the class. Although I am by no means certain that I am called to this lay ministry or that developing an active group of LEVs is appropriate at this time in the life of All Saints', we both felt that completing the training would help me determine whether this work is appropriate for me or for the parish.

I found the training session on June 26 to be a great opportunity to meet with active members of several different parishes and learn together how lay people can serve in this ministry. Deacon Bob Nelson proved to be an excellent instructor. He had prepared a class that was well organized and thorough, yet allowed participants to share their experiences and ideas. After a brief introduction, Deacon Bob asked us to share simple phrases summarizing what the Eucharist means to each of us. After receiving a long list of responses (many of which went to the heart of what we experience when we attend Mass), Deacon Bob focused on a single word – "COMMUNITY" – as the essence of how LEVs serve their parishes. By taking Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend services, these lay people help the elderly and sick to remain part of the worshipping community.

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We also learned that this ministry is authorized by the canons of the Episcopal Church, with responsibility for training and licensing vested in the Bishop of each diocese. Much of the five-hour session was devoted to problem-solving scenarios and other practical aspects of this ministry, particularly the strong norm that LEVs should always visit private homes in pairs. I learned that St. Michael's has an active LEV ministry, with clearly developed norms for taking the Sacrament from the church to a person's home, hospital, or skilled nursing facility. I am convinced that the practices and procedures used at St. Michael's will be relatively easy to adapt for use at All Saints'.

I came away from this training session with a strong sense that we should continue to explore the possibility of reviving this ministry at All Saints'. Personally, I am still not certain that I am called to this ministry, which means that the process of prayer and discernment will continue during August and September, when Judy and I will be visiting with family and friends and relaxing in the woods of New Hampshire. But I am inclined to think that we will ultimately conclude that we should revive this ministry at All Saints'. Deacon Bob offered a second training session at All Souls' Church on July 16 and has let me know that the Diocese can organize additional classes as the need arises.

Basically, this ministry is open to any member of the parish who attends services regularly. From my perspective, it seems particularly appropriate for younger retirees who drive, but it is by no means limited to any particular demographic group. In fact, a parish guild of LEVs that includes people of all ages is ideal. The four requirements for licensing are nomination by the rector, approval by the Vestry, completion of the diocese's "Safeguarding God's People" class (now offered online), and completion of an LEV training class. I would encourage anyone at All Saints' who might be interested in this ministry to attend a class first, and then make a decision about whether to continue with the other steps in the licensing process.

I will be happy to talk with anyone who is interested and can be reached in New Hampshire for most of August and September at 603-522-3534.

Additional information is available on the diocesan website (edsd.org/equipping-leaders/ lay-licensing/eucharistic-visitors), and Fr. McQueen is without doubt the best source of information and advice within the parish.

PARISH EVENTS

Celebration – Sunday, July 17, 2016



Vilma and Joe Burgess celebrating their July birthdays and 71 years of marriage with their family and the All Saints' parish. (Photo by Judy Borchert)

Grossmont College Chamber Music Concert Sunday, September 18 at 2:00pm

Enjoy an afternoon concert by four leading members of our Grossmont musical family as they perform chamber music for voice, piano and violin. This unique concert event opens the 2016-2017 performance season of the Grossmont Symphony Orchestral & Master Chorale. Featuring music faculty member Audra Nagby, in addition to GSO concertmaster, Ondrej Lewit, plus baritone, Michael Sokol and pianist Irina Bendetsky; the concert includes music from Bach and Beethoven to Faure, Spohr, Wolf and more.

Admission: \$10 General, \$5 Student

Save the Date–Saturday, October 8

Join us on **Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 4:00pm** for a spaghetti dinner prepared by chef Cree Craig. The event will be a fund raiser for All Saints' Preschool and All Saints' Outreach Ministry. (Photo by John Gray III)



TREASURER'S CORNER

By Mary Maust



Operating income is under budget for the month of June; however, expenses were also under plan.

Revenues	
Expenses	

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$23,758	\$26,004	\$(2,246)
\$61,292	\$64,715	\$(3,423)

Key *REVENUE* deviations from budget were:

- Current month pledges were \$1,019 over budget
- Investment income was \$4,651 under budget due to distribution timing differences

Key *EXPENSE* deviations from budget were:

- Pastoral expense was \$2,853 under budget
- Business expenses were \$2,186 over budget due to payment of quarterly insurance premiums
- Facilities expenses were \$177 over budget
- Property Management expense was \$2,100 under budget

Totals through June:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledges	\$65,034	\$61,253	\$3,781
Total Revenues	\$168,074	\$157,542	\$10,532
Expenses	\$282,312	\$280,232	\$2,080

For the first six months of 2016, we are under budget by \$8,452

PRESCHOOL CORNER

By Mary Maust



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

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues	\$42,696	\$33,242	\$9,454
Expenses	\$50,591	\$32,724	\$17,867

Key *REVENUE* deviations from budget were:

• Current month tuition was \$10,690 over budget and \$93,741 over budget year-to-date

Key *EXPENSE* deviations from budget were:

• Operating expenses for June were \$17,867 over budget, and we are now over budget YTD by \$32,626. The overage is due to expenses related to the increased enrollment. In addition the teachers were given a one pay adjustment in June.

Net Income for June was \$(7,895) and is \$72,143 YTD

Preschool Update for July:

- We currently have 79 children enrolled for July of those 11 are toddlers.
- The Pre-K fire station trip was held on July 9th.
- The annual *Family Day in the Park* will be held on August 26th at 2 pm.

THE WINDOWS OF ALL SAINTS'

Bishop Lancelot Andrews, Bishop of Winchester

1626



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.)

Bishop Lancelot Andrews (1555-1626) was the most important figure in the church politics of England and exponent of what can be called Catholic ritual and devotionalism in the Church of England. He was a leader in the translation of the Authorized or King James version of the Bible, the most influential work of English prose, and was the head of the translation committee for the books from Genesis to 2 Kings. Andrews stands with his bishop's crosier in his left hand and his richly gloved right hand pointing toward heaven. He was a famous preacher, and the gesture typifies their role. Above him is a chalice and host, with an open book behind them and another lying open before them – fitting symbols of the two Testaments, and of Andrews' role as Bible translator. At the lower left is a dove in flight, suggesting the presence of the Holy Spirit in the translation as well as the writing of Scripture.

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

THE WINDOWS OF ALL SAINTS'

Bishop John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop of Melanesia and his Companion Martyrs 1871



Bishop John Coleridge Patteson (1827-1871), a grandnephew of the poet Coleridge, was a celebrated Anglican martyr. He was educated at Oxford and ordained a priest of the Church of England, than sailed to the South Seas as a missionary. He became the first bishop of Melanesia (1861). It is reported that he learned to speak 23 Melanesian languages. In 1871, sailing in the Southern Cross, he visited the tiny island of Nukapu, where he was murdered by the inhabitants. The lesson he had given that morning was about the martyrdom of Stephen, who leads the procession in the windows of All Saints'. Yet the circumstances of Paterson's martyrdom are not as clear as they are in Acts' description of the martyrdom of Stephen. Bishop Patteson's murder may have been a mistaken retaliation for European's kidnapping of islanders to serve as a labor force, something that Patteson had vigorously opposed; or the cause may have been the violations of local customs, particularly customs that assigned a lower social status to women. Patteson stands with a bishop's crosier in his right hand; above is the palm of martyrdom and before is a cross surrounded by four other crosses. The five crosses symbolize the five wounds of Christ's passion, and the five wounds that Bishop Patteson received in martyrdom.

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COMMEMORATION

Bernard Abbot of Clairvaux

1153



Bernard was born of an aristocratic and holy family near Dijon, France, in 1090. In the threefold path of recognition by the Church of sanctity through canonization, Bernard's father is "venerable" and his mother and five of his siblings are "blessed." As a child, one Christmas Eve Bernard had a dream about the infant Christ in the manger. This began a life-long devotion to the mystery of the Word made flesh and confirmed his vocation to religious life. Once he had determined to become a monk, he convinced many of his relatives and friends to join him. At the age of twenty-two he and about thirty of his friends and relatives entered the Cistercian order, an austere, reformed branch of the Benedictines.

Three years later, Bernard founded the "daughter" monastery at Clairvaux, where he would spend the remainder of his life. The first year was extremely difficult and the other monks found Bernard's discipline overly severe and discouraging. However, Bernard quickly realized his mistake and by the time of his death in 1153, seventy daughter communities of Clairvaux had been established and ninety-four affiliated communities had joined Clairvaux.



Bernard Abbot of Clairvaux (continued)

Studying on his own, with no formal theological training except a good classical education (he and Augustine are considered to be the two great masters of Christian Latin), in the mid-1120's Bernard began to write some of the most influential works of spiritual theology in the history of the Church. His writings, like many of Augustine's, are overflowing with references to Scripture. He lived and breathed and communicated the Word of God. In fact, looking up his frequent references to Scripture would be a wonderful way for his readers to deepen the impact of his teaching and find a spiritual depth they hadn't experienced before.

While he wrote hundreds of sermons, letters, and theological treatises, the work for which Bernard is most known is his commentary on the Song of Songs. He managed to give eighty-six sermons on the Song of Songs over a period of eighteen years. Unfinished at his death (he had only covered about a third of the Song), they nevertheless contain great insight into the spiritual journey. Besides writing and governing his own monastery and founding others, he was also asked by the popes, one of whom was formerly one of his monks, to work on various projects for the good of the Church. He traveled a great deal in his service to the papacy, and wrote numerous letters of spiritual advice and counsel to ordinary people as well as to leaders of church and state. He was one of the most influential men of his age and continues to form the Church with his spiritual wisdom to the present day.

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Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr of Carthage

258



Cyprian was born around 200 AD in North Africa, of pagan parents. He was a prominent trial lawyer and teacher of rhetoric. Around 246 he became a Christian, and in 248 was chosen Bishop of Carthage. A year later the persecution under the Emperor Decius began, and Cyprian went into hiding. He was severely censured for this (unjustly on Kiefer's view ~ see Mt 2:13; 10:23; 24:16). After the persecution had died down, it remained to consider how to deal with the lapsed, meaning with those Christians who had denied the faith under duress. Cyprian held that they ought to be received back into full communion after suitable intervals of probation and penance, adjusted to the gravity of the denial. In this he took a middle course between Novatus, who received apostates with no probation at all, and Novatian, who would not receive them back at all, and who broke communion with the rest of the Church over this issue, forming a dissident group particularly strong in Rome and Antioch. (Novatus, somewhat surprisingly, ended up joining the party of Novatian.) Cyprian, who held the same position as the Bishop of Rome on the treatment of the lapsed, wrote urging the Christians of Rome to stand with their bishop.

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Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr of Carthage (continued)

Later, the question arose whether baptisms performed by heretical groups ought to be recognized as valid by the Church, or whether converts from such groups ought to be rebaptized. Cyprian favored re-baptism, and Bishop Stephen of Rome did not. The resulting controversy was not resolved during Cyprian's lifetime.

During the reign of the Emperor Valerian, Carthage suffered a severe plague epidemic. Cyprian organized a program of medical relief and nursing of the sick, available to all residents, but this did not prevent the masses from being convinced that the epidemic resulted from the wrath of the gods at the spread of Christianity. Another persecution arose, and this time Cyprian did not flee. He was arrested, tried, and finally beheaded on 14 September 258. This year he will be commemorated on September 13. We have an account of his trial and martyrdom.

Many of his writings have been preserved. His essay On *The Unity of The Catholic Church* stresses the importance of visible, concrete unity among Christians, and the role of the bishops in guaranteeing that unity. It has greatly influenced Christian thought, as have his essays and letters on Baptism and the Lord's Supper. He has been quoted both for and against the Roman Catholic claims for Papal authority.

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