

# *St. John's Journal*

## *September 2022*

### *September Birthdays & Anniversaries*

#### *Birthdays*

*1: Helen Slack-Miller*

*Michael Mascio*

*6: Kay Marino*

*22: Bob Graville*

*27: Nancy Mascio*



## *Fr. Doug's Iconic Column*

Words play a very important part of our worship. That is why we have a Book of Common Prayer, the Scriptures and hymnals. They teach us about God. They shape our prayers to God. With them, we speak words of "peace be with you" to one another. They provide the very structure of our worship. They are what we most associate with worship.

But actions by themselves can also be a part of our worship.

**Bowing or genuflecting** can be a personal recognition of the importance of the moment and our smallness and weakness before God. Some people bow toward the altar as they enter the sanctuary and as they step out from their pew to come forward for communion or to leave. When I move toward reading the Gospel, I stop before the altar and bow slightly toward the altar and even more toward the crucifix as a recognition of the importance of this word that comes from Jesus. Even more, I bow before the crucifix when I am about to preach, because so often I am insecure about what I am about to say. I recognize my weakness before the one who showed his true strength in his moment of human weakness.

**Standing or Kneeling** are both recognized as appropriate positions for prayer. We come before God in our time of need, or other's time of need, and present our petitions. Kneeling we express that we bring these needs before God knowing that we cannot demand God's action, nor can we purchase what we request, so we request depending solely upon God's generosity. If we pray standing, we bow our heads in recognition of the One upon whom we depend. When we come to the rail for communion, kneeling or standing, we are presenting ourselves to receive the gift of Jesus' presence into our very lives knowing that it is a pure gift.

**Crossing ourselves**, making the sign of the cross upon our head, chest and shoulders, is a reminder to ourselves that we are personally recipients of the work of Christ on the cross. We may be moved to cross ourselves at certain points in the liturgy where the words speak, or the actions point especially to our personal needs. I usually cross myself at the end of the Nicene creed, either when it mentions "the forgiveness of sins" or "the life of the world to come," depending upon which especially speaks to me that day. Quite often people cross themselves as they approach the rail right before receiving the body of Christ.

Near the entrance door from the hall stands the baptismal font with water that has been blessed. It provides an opportunity for us as we walk by it to **dip a finger into the water** and place it upon our forehead as a reminder of our baptism. It is a reminder of who we are, of whose we are. We are marked and changed by the grace of God. We belong to Christ.

Beyond the words, beyond the actions, there is **silence**.

There are brief times of silence when we are called to pray, "Let us pray," or "Let us confess our sins," and we take a moment to prepare ourselves. There is a brief silence after the sermon where we can reflect upon the message of the scriptures and sermon that we have heard. The longest times of silence are during the Prelude and the Postlude. The silence during the Prelude allows us to focus upon ourselves and why we have come to this place of worship. It gives us time to set aside the distractions in our lives to prepare ourselves for encountering God. It gives us time to prepare ourselves to listen, not only to the words spoken during the liturgy but to also how God may be speaking to us directly. During the Postlude, it is a time to take in all that has been said and done during the service and have a little time to let it sink into us before other things distract us. What is important about these times of silence is that they are not just personal practices like those mentioned above. For each of us to have silence, all of us must provide the silence. We come before God together.

May our time of worship be a time where we seek to maximize our awareness of God's presence and guidance in our lives, so that we might go out into the world and be bearers of God's presence.

Fr. Doug



## **Bishop's Advisory Committee Notes – August 2022**

Here's what took place at the August BAC meeting

### **We Reviewed**

The July and year-to-date financial reports.

### **We Discussed**

The results of the financial audit of our 2021 books by Sally Jaeggli. We are in compliance with Diocesan policies and Sally applauded outstanding jobs done by treasurers, Kay Marino and Denise Skillman.

The fall stewardship campaign.

The parking lot expansion project - most likely to be implemented in 2024.

What to put in place of the removed steel cross in the front garden, and the suggestions submitted by congregants.

### **We Learned About**

The new clergy at St. James in Coquille - the Rev. Cathy Clark.

A meditation group that will be meeting Saturdays (from 11-12) in Theresa Hall, starting in September.

## **Save the Date!**

It's Sunday, October 2. Once again, we will celebrate St. Francis of Assisi by blessing the pets. We will provide more details as the date approaches, but there is no harm in telling your fur children about this happy observance. Oops! Does this mean you cannot bring your favorite guppy, snake, armadillo, or rooster for a blessing? (These, too, are God's creations.) Well, let's see what Fr. Doug has to say about it. :-)

**"Love God, love our neighbor, and serve one another."**

## **Wednesday Evening Prayer**

Fr. Doug is leading Evening Prayer at 7pm on Wednesdays using the Zoom platform at this link: [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5042346656?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5042346656?pwd=eGlTMEThTnUyQWk3TW9hNm5zemRsQT09)

[pwd=eGlTMEThTnUyQWk3TW9hNm5zemRsQT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5042346656?pwd=eGlTMEThTnUyQWk3TW9hNm5zemRsQT09) The same link can be used each week. The link to the gathering can also be found in his weekly Saturday evening emails. The same link can be used each week. Join and be blessed by this time of prayer and interaction with other folks from St. John.

## ***BIG, THREE-FAMILY GARAGE SALE***

**Friday, September 2, and Saturday, September 3: 9:00-2:00**

**660 12th Court SW, Bandon:**

**Some furniture & home décor**

**670 12th Street, SW, Bandon:**

**Woodworking tools: chisels, wood,**

**Wood glues, wood stains, clamps,**

**Various sanders, circular saw, camp**

**Chairs, size 11 waterproof boots**





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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4 13th Sun Pentecost HE II	5 7:30 AA	6 8 AA	7 7:30 Eve Prayer 8 AA	8	9	10 11-12 Meditation Class
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18 15th Sun Pente- cost HE II	19 7:30 AA	20 8 AA	21 7:30 Eve Prayer 8 AA	22	23	24 11-12 Meditation Class
25 16th Sun Pente- cost MP II	26 7:30 AA	27 8 AA	28 7:30 Eve Prayer 8 AA	29	30	

## BAC

**Senior Warden:** Judy Jackson  
**Junior Warden:** Sally Glunt  
**Members at Large:** Mary Garrett, Lani Reynolds, Maggie Lowery, Gail Pray  
**Treasurer:** Denise Skillman  
**Clerk:** Beth Wilmot  
**Banker:** Kathy Webb

**Convention Delegates:** Judy Jackson & Sally Glunt

## Staff

**Vicar:**  
The Rev. Doug Hale

**Music Director:**  
Cynthia Mohorko

**Church Administrator:**  
Virginia MacCallum

## OFFICE HOURS

Our Vicar, Fr. Doug, is generally in his church office Tuesday and Thursday from about noon until about 4:00 p.m.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you for your continuing support or our outreach to feed the hungry of Bandon. This is an ecumenical outreach in which we participate with other churches in our communities.

If you wonder what is most needed, consider these: **FOOD:** unopened non-perishable food, food in pull-top cans, canned fruit, canned meat, chili, ravioli, stew, soup, peanut butter, jelly/jam, mayonnaise, ketchup, cocoa mix, cereal. **PERSONAL CARE:** shampoo, conditioner, bath soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, combs, deodorant, cotton swabs, feminine hygiene products, ladies' panties (new & gently used and clean). **CLOTHING/SHELTER:** socks, gloves, belts, knit caps, backpacks, hand-warmers, tarps. **PET CARE:** small bags of cat food and dog food, collars, leashes. **THINGS FOOD STAMPS/SNAP WON'T BUY:** laundry detergent, cleaning products, toilet paper, tissues, non-food items.

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### WHO WE ARE

St. John Episcopal Church is a community where God leads us in healing, teaching, reaching out, and stewardship.

We are a community that sees Christ in all people and judges none. We believe in inclusion for all people regardless of race, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation. We aim to break down barriers that separate us from one another and to provide a home for anyone on their spiritual journey. Our work brings together people of faith who believe in the inherent dignity and worth of all people on their journey.