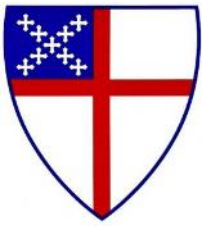


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The monthly newsletter of St. Clements by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

Welcoming all since 1929



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PARISH MISSION:

*Follow Christ through
the way we live and
love, spreading the
good news of God in
Christ, opening our
hearts to all, and
experience and spread
joy in the process.*

**“This Church of
Ours is Open To
All...There Will
Be No Outcasts.”**

-The Most Rev. Edmund
Browning *Emeritus*
Presiding Bishop
of the Episcopal Church



Formation...

With Fathers' Day coming up this month, I thought I might offer a little reflection on one aspect of being a dad that has been incredibly meaningful for me. It's amazing to me still how small your world gets when you become a parent. I jokingly told a friend recently that she and her husband needed to come over right away and tell us what was happening in the "outside world," because we live vicariously through them as they travel here, there and everywhere. Meanwhile, in some ways, our world has shrunk down to around 5-10 miles square. There are benefits to that, for sure. We now know our immediate area exceedingly well, for example. Ask me about any park or playground!

That's one way in which our world has contracted. But things have also expanded exponentially, as we discover all that is involved in being parents to a precocious child. To see and to be able to participate in the growth of this young person, is one of the greatest joys and honors of my life. And I've grown too. I can now quote to you from a plethora of children's books and videos that I didn't even know existed just three years ago. I've come to love books like Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (published in 1969 and still a crowd pleaser!), and you know you don't have to stretch your imagination too far to see theological threads in such texts (of course, we priests look for the theological everywhere!).

I've had the joy of seeing my daughter grow mentally and physically of course, but one of my greatest joys is to be witness to her faith formation. Gabriella has her own little Bible, and she asks us to read to her from it almost nightly. At meals, she starts us (most of the time) with her favorite prayer, "Thank you for the food before us; thank you for the love between us; and for all our many blessings. Amen." This is not always without prompting, but the fact that she is praying, astounds me! Her mom and I do talk to her about God. We tell her about Jesus. And she knows that name. How do I go on without sounding like an overly proud father? Let me just say this all leaves me deeply humbled.



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I once read that we are “hardwired,” was the phrase the author used, for faith – even at birth. That we are preprogrammed in a sense to believe in things yet unseen. That may be. And it might have something to do with what happens in our young people as they start to use the words of faith, to pray, to speak of God and Christ. Also, every parent has a significant role in the faith formation of their children. Kids can see very well the things that are important to us. As I tell parents and godparents as I prepare them for the baptism of their charges, “this child will hear what you say, but he/she will pay much more attention to what you do. If your faith is important to you, they’ll pick up on that.”

There is also no substitute, in my opinion, for the community of love that is the Church, and in which the very fortunate child is raised. It does, in the end, take the village for the child to mature into “the full stature of Christ,” which is why, in modern times, we do baptisms in the midst of the worshipping community, and not as separate events. The community too has a role. And it is the experience of that Christian love in community that has a dramatically affirming affect upon our youngest members. It is also the shared experience (not just the experience of the parents) of our proclaiming what “We believe” and the very living out of that faith, which can shape the young person’s belief.

As you’ve surely noticed, children participate fully in the life of our Church. Adhering to Jesus’ command, “let the little children come to me,” we both baptize infants and small children and permit them to share in Communion. One might wonder, what benefit such young ones receive from ingesting the Body of Christ, if their young minds can scarcely grasp what it is they are receiving. It is a worthy question, and the answer may depend upon your own understanding of Holy Eucharist. If, for example, you believe (as we proclaim) that Christ is indeed present in this sacrament, the benefit is obvious, regardless of the age of the recipient. We are taking Christ into ourselves.

If, however, your theological understanding of the Eucharist is more focused on the receiver, i.e. that one must already believe and have an active and mature faith to first discern the very presence of Christ, before any spiritual benefit is experienced, you might struggle a bit more with the idea of young people receiving Communion. I would say, as a wise counselor has said in the past, that what young people understand about the Eucharist is, in essence, “love offered and love received.” They also likely perceive themselves as not excluded from our holy feast, but indeed, full participants in it. They will certainly get instruction in time of its many meanings for their lives, but for now, to receive is sufficient.

Well, I didn’t expect to be so long winded, but once I get going... My point was really to just share what an amazing blessing it is to see my daughter, and all our young people, growing in faith. All the parents, and all of you in our community of blessing, are instrumental in their growth. We benefit also from the excellent tutelage of Sarah Harrison in our Sunday School. What a gift it is to have these young heirs of our tradition and faith in our midst. They are God’s great gift to us. They will surely go through a time of questioning, when they will evaluate for themselves what they believe. And that is natural and good. But we have given them many resources for that discernment, both through our words and actions.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

Welcome Alicia Strube

Alicia Strube is the new parish administrator. She will be in the church office about 20 hours a week. Please stop by and say hello to Alicia.

With the reduction in administrator hours the church office will now be open from 9am-1pm on Mondays and 8am-1pm Tuesday-Friday.

Volunteers who are able to sign up for a few regular hours each week to extend the time in the afternoon when the church is open would be most appreciated; duties would be to answer the phone, greet visitors and occasional clerical tasks. For more information talk to Father Patrick.

Join us for Laundry Love

The next gathering will be

*June 21st from 2pm-5pm
Laundry Basket South
2405 S. El Camino Real in San Clemente*

*New volunteers are welcome and should arrive at 1:30pm for a brief orientation.
Laundry will be done in two hour shifts between 2pm-6pm*

***The first Sunday of every month we gather donations for
Laundry Love. The monthly collection takes place during coffee hour.***

***Since November this ministry has done over 2,000 loads of laundry for families
in need. Let's keep the momentum going! Contact Janice Geneviro for more
information on this ministry.***



Ascension Sunday 2017

What an “uplifting” service!

Ascension Day, when Jesus ascended into Heaven, falls 40 days after the Easter Resurrection. This year, Fr. Patrick had white balloons distributed to each attendee at the May 28 services, and during his homily we all released them. If you missed the service, here is the first lesson, from Acts 1:6-14:

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.



Something for Everyone

Book Club

The Little Paris Bookshop, by Nina George

June 6th at Rocco's

A sign-up sheet is in the church hall for those who wish to attend.

For more information, please contact Mary Ann Morrison
at (949) 361-0031



Anchors

Potluck Supper Club

June 16th, 7:00 pm

Hosted by Kate Styles and Joe Wharton
Cypress Cove Clubhouse

Please sign up at coffee hour
Guests must be on list to get past security gates



NEW!

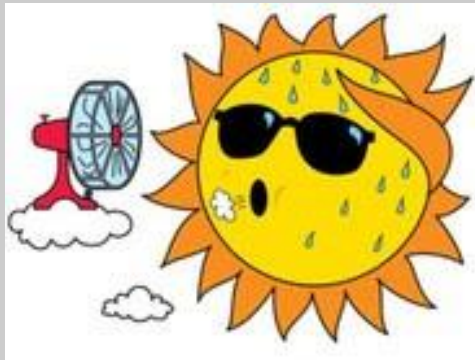
TAI'YO

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Monday and Friday mornings from 9 -10 a.m.
In the Parish Hall
(Note: no classes June 2nd & 5th)



Fundraising Goal Met; New AC System Installed

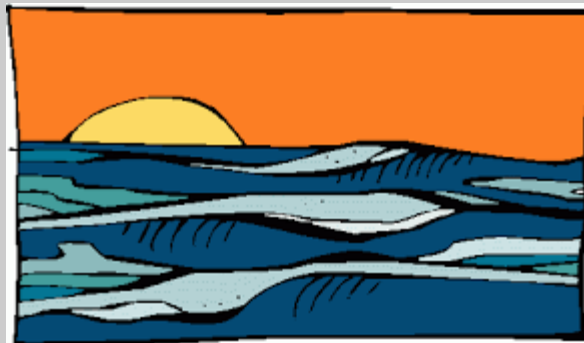
A new air conditioning system has just been installed for the sanctuary, sacristy and church library/meeting room. This new system will ensure that we can always offer a comfortable, welcoming environment during the hot summer months. Big thanks to the many people who contributed quickly and generously to this capital campaign. We exceeded our goal, so those funds will be held in reserve for the other big AC need, which is for the parish hall and kitchen. Special thanks to Autumn Air of Orange, who discounted the price by several thousand dollars as a donation to St. Clement's.



Save the Date!

Sunset at Salt Creek– August 4th, 2017

Sunset at Salt Creek is an annual fundraiser for Mary Erickson Community Housing. It's an annual event for many of us at St.Clement's and throughout San Clemente, as this is a very worthwhile cause providing housing for the working poor. The date has just been announced for 2017- Friday August 4. St.Clement's will have a couple tables at the event. Parishioners and guests can purchase tickets directly from Mary Erickson at 949-369-5419. More information will be distributed at church closer to the date.



Improvement Suggestions

We are currently creating a list of needed repairs and improvements that the vestry can address over the Summer months. Several items are already suggested. If you've noted something that needs attention, please write it down and either put it in the offering on Sunday or drop it by the office.

Items suggested already:

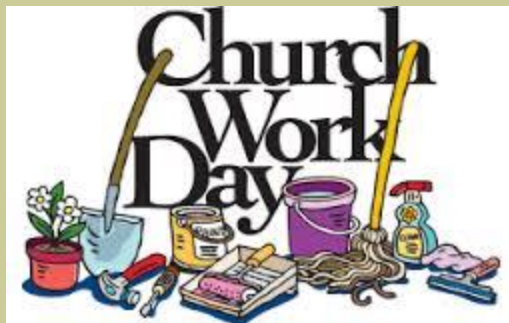
1. Refinish all our hardwood floors.
2. Improve security around the back of the sanctuary.
3. Repaint the exterior of the rectory.
4. Resurface, seal and restripe the parking lot.

It is unlikely that we will be able to address all these things over the summer, but we need to have a plan for such improvements going forward. Your suggestions enthusiastically accepted. Also Marc Allen, our Buildings and Grounds chair, will be coordinating a work day when we can fix some of those things that are without our skill set to do (See Below).



Come one, come all!

An upcoming summer date will soon be announced for a Buildings and Grounds work day. If you have a handy skill or tools that might be beneficial please let Marc Allen know. "Many hands make light work," we hope to see you there!



Bell Choir Being Formed



Come Join Us!

We're planning to ring some music to the Lord!

St. Clement's has a wonderful set of handbells, and we're forming a combined youth/adult bell choir to provide joyful music for worship. Larry Gates, Choir Director, would like to get the bell choir started quickly because the vocal choir takes a couple months' break during the summer months.

Beginners are definitely welcome, age 8 and up. There will be one rehearsal a week at the church.

You don't need to be able to read music. Anyone who loves music can play the bells.

All instruction is being provided without charge by an experienced bells teacher. If you are interested, please contact Larry at larry@scbythesea.org.

Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn

Sunday, June 18th

9:00 am

Please join us for this very important ministry



Tai Chi + Yoga Class Underway Mondays and Fridays

A Tai'Yo class is underway Mondays and Fridays at 9 a.m. in Okie Hall, under the instruction of parishioner Dr. Cassandra Rodgers. The class is open to everyone – parishioners, friends, and the general public. An enthusiastic set of students are already attending, and there's room for more.

Tai'Yo combines the fluid, meditative movement of Tai'chi with the strength, flexibility, and calm attained through the practice of Yoga postures. If you are willing to breathe, focus, and move with awareness of your mind and body, no matter your present abilities, then our sessions are for you.

This class is a ministry of St. Clement's by-the-Sea; the convener is a volunteer. Please consider a monthly donation to St. Clement's based on the value of this ministry to you.

Don't worry if you don't have yoga clothes and yoga experience; there are plenty of people "of a certain age" in the class, eager to improve our flexibility and balance. Cassandra is a wonderfully supportive teacher who works with each student to gain a benefit.



Dr. Cassandra Rodgers

Gain Strength and Flexibility in a Welcoming Environment!

Endowment Fund Goals

Have you considered designating St. Clement's-by-the-Sea as a beneficiary? In case you missed Fr. Patrick's article last month, here's something to consider...

"We probably have commitments toward our Endowment Fund on the order of one million dollars. These are the people in our Anchor Society, who have designate St. Clement's by-the-Sea in their wills. Others may have a general desire to contribute to the church in this way, but haven't specifically designated our parish or perhaps even told those who need to know of their desire. My advice is that we do so, and right away, to ensure that our intentions are honored. My belief is that we need commitments for the Endowment Fund more in the range of three million dollars to ensure that our future as a parish is more fiscally secure...

So this (along with many other things) is our gift to the next generation, and for all the generations to come after that, since the endowment principal is preserved. The income derived from the Endowment will enable ministries that we haven't even considered yet, and provide for greater stability and growth for our parish going forward. I hope you will prayerfully consider whether designating St. Clement's is a possibility in your estate. Those who came before us have given so much and handed on to us this incredible place. Now we can consider our own legacy to those who will come after us. What can we do for them, for the St. Clement's by-the Sea, 30, 60 and 100 years from now?"

The full article can be found on our website under the May 2017 newsletter.

If you are interested in designating St. Clement's, please speak with Father Patrick.

**Do you know a parishioner that
needs help with rides, meals, or
that would like a home visit?**

Please contact the church office or
Tina Borden for further information.

***Join us for our weekly
Bible Study!***

Every Wednesday

In the Library at

11am (English)

6pm (Spanish)

**Centering Prayer Group
meets each Monday at
6:00pm in the Library**

For more information
please contact Matt Duncan

May 2017 Birthday Celebrants

3-Melanie Grigg
5-Blaise Forster
9-Diana Olmedo
12-Christina Crerar
14-Thomas Seminoff
16-Robert Hagstrom
17-Anna Brownell
17-Amanda Harris
18-Judy Johnson
20-Judith McDonald
21-Wendy Berube
22-Jowan Mothershead
23-Jon Sherman
24-Kent Anderson
24-Gerald McDonald
27-Dain Adamson
27-Pat Kensler
29-Jose Farias Jr.



Wedding Anniversaries

7-Thomas & Christi Seminoff
14-Mel & Jowan Mothershead
17-Robert & Susan Hagstrom
18-William & Tatia Walleit
23-Claire Morrison &
Fred Robinson
26-John Bottjer & Lauri McIntosh
27-Bertie & Bob Lloyd
27-Mark & Sherilee Pocino



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8 a.m. Holy Communion Rite I, Nursery

10 a.m. Holy Communion Rite II with Choir, Nursery, Sunday School

12 p.m. La Misa en Español

OFFICE HOURS

9am-1pm Monday

8am-1pm, Tuesday— Friday