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Cross Section

All of you are Christ's Body, and each one is a part of it.

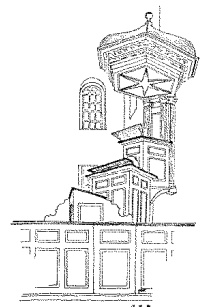
1 Corinthians 12:27

"As I live,
saith the Lord,
every knee shall bow
to me, and every
tongue shall confess
to God."

Romans 14:11, KJV



LENT





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FROM THE RECTOR

Life After Easter

Easter Sunday is April 4th, which falls about a month after you receive this edition of the *Cross Section*. That being noted, please make sure you save this article until its time has come.

In March, our focus will be upon Lent and Holy Week, and by the time that you receive this edition, you probably will have already heard more than you ever wanted to know about the observance of a Holy Lent. Holy Week has its own pace and intensity, and I highly recommend that you try to attend the various services and events in that week before Easter Sunday. On Good Friday we observed the crucifixion and death of Jesus and that interval between death and life, the latter which we celebrate on Easter.

As happens on Christmas Day after the traditional dinner, we often find ourselves giving a collective sigh of relief that all of the busy-ness and celebration are over on Easter Sunday after the traditional dinner. The observations and disciplines of Lent are behind us, and with the Resurrection, all is well in the world. The question is: "Where do we go from here?"

We are tempted during the Season of Easter (as happens after Christmas) to return to "life as usual," despite what we may have learned and experienced during Lent and Holy Week. If we fall for that temptation and so return to life as usual, then the chances are that we will repeat the same observances and disciplines of Lent, starting at the same point in our spiritual journey where we found ourselves last year or the year before.

Lent is not a matter of The Forty Days of Deprivation or Special Observances, but rather a period of time in which to field test new aspects of life which regularly and increasingly bring us closer to God. Easter Sunday marks both the end of the testing period and the beginning of deployment or production, in which we make permanent changes in our lives and in our relationships to both God and neighbor. The "death" that we observe on Good Friday is intended to be not only a remembrance of the death of Christ, but also the death of old ways and habits that separate us from the love of God.

Someone once defined "insanity" as doing the same thing over and over again, expecting different results. Without the permanent life changes that the "death" of Good Friday and the "life" after Easter require, we find ourselves condemned to an insane Lent-Easter cycle: doing the same observances and disciplines, year after year, with little or no observable results despite our expectations. This does not have to be the case in 2010.

When you read this article in March, make the necessary course adjustments that will ensure that your Lenten observances and disciplines will prepare you to "leave for dead" on Good Friday some aspect(s) of life which heretofore have hindered or frustrated your relationships with God and neighbor. When you re-read this article in April, use it to launch your new life in Christ, the life after Easter.

Cuthbert



The Signals of Easter

After all the snow and ice our area received this winter, we search for signs of spring. We cannot wait to see daffodils emerging, dogwoods blossoming, and robins returning. We beg for sunny skies and warmer weather. We eagerly anticipate the arrival of a quite different season in nature.

Something like that is true of the Church's liturgical seasons as well. Currently, we are in the midst of Lent, a forty-day period of repentance and renewal. During these days, we seek the Lord's forgiveness of our sins and rededicate ourselves to leaving them behind, perpetrating them no more and suffering from them no longer. Through fasting and self-denial, and especially through prayer and devotion to Scripture, we cultivate those practices that help draw us closer to our Lord. These are holy moments indeed; yet their time will soon be concluded, yielding the more joyous and glorious season of Easter. While the natural warming that comes with spring is certainly not the same thing as the start of Eastertide, the arrival of spring does announce that Easter Day is close at hand. So these signals become very important to us.

Even more significant, however, are the truths that Easter itself signals to us, or the realities to which Easter points. One is that our Lord Jesus Christ keeps his promises as he is faithful to us. Before his crucifixion, he foretold that he would be put to death and yet would rise again. That resurrection actually happened, and we celebrate it chiefly at Easter (and by extension on every Sunday as a weekly celebration and reminder of his resurrection). The fact that God our Father raised his Son Jesus from the dead as promised, indicates how very trustworthy they are. After his resurrection, Jesus pledged to send us

another comforter—the Holy Spirit of God—to live with us and to guide us; Jesus fulfilled that promise as well. So when Jesus calls us to follow him and promises to be with us until the end (see the Great Commission at the close of Matthew's Gospel), we can trust him to keep his commitment.

Another truth is that God has full power and the final word over everything. He is the Lord not only of life but also of death. We see in his raising Jesus back to life that death is not and cannot be the ultimate power, because death has been defeated decisively. Jesus' promise to raise his faithful followers at the end of time gives us hope to look expectantly for our own resurrection. So we Christians need not fear dying, but instead may await the start of everlasting life with God and with "the blessed company of all faithful people" (BCP 339).

Easter also signals the fact that God stands ready not simply to transform our bodies in the hereafter, but even seeks to transform our souls, our heads and hearts, and every aspect of our lives here and now. When God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, he chose us over death and showed us how much he loves us. When we receive God's grace and live by it, we experience a joy that cannot be found elsewhere. In turn, our gratitude to God should affect everything about us.

When the signs of spring begin to appear, then we can take them as assurance that Easter is on its way. Those signals of Easter will make our hearts glad. While we should look for them, we should look also for the good things that Easter signals to us.

Jay Morris

FROM THE
ASSISTANT RECTOR



SENIOR WARDEN'S NOTES

Glenn Clark

Congratulations to Cheri Cuff, Lascetta Patton, Ann Zecca and Gene Smith for their election to the Vestry during our annual meeting on Jan. 24, 2010. They will be serving the Lord as vestry members for the next three years. Also congratulations to Emily Selz as the Youth Representative to the Vestry for 2010. The service and annual meeting in the basement of the parish hall was very successful with over 100 people participating. Cheri, Lascetta, Ann and Gene were elected on the first ballot. There were two minor issues regarding the vestry elections, but they had no effect on the outcome. The Administration Committee will be looking at strengthening the vestry election procedures during the year. We commend Doug McGinty, Patty Montgomery and John Sonderman for standing for vestry election, and we'll continue to see them involved in various ministries at Aquia Church throughout the year.

Progress continues to be made towards replacing the sanctuary's aging copper roof. In November, the Historic Church Committee recommended a \$137,000 contract with Oak Grove Restoration Company, who restored the lower windows in the sanctuary. The Vestry concurred with this recommendation, authorized the development of a draft contract with Oak Grove, voted to accept a \$87,000 contribution offered by the Aquia Association toward this effort, and set aside \$50,000 from the Moncure-Robinson Trust Fund (restricted for sanctuary work) for this effort. Upon reviewing the draft contract, the Vestry's Executive Committee requested clarifications regarding the type of underlayment, which was not detailed in the bid, and responsibility for the building permit. On Dec 15, 2009, Oak Grove advised that an additional cost, not to exceed \$2,500, is necessary for developing the design and construction documents necessary for review by the Stafford

County Architectural Review Board. On Jan. 26, 2010, Oak Grove advised that they made an error by not including the cost of the building permit in the bid, which is an additional cost not to exceed \$4,000. As of Feb. 9, 2010, the Vestry is awaiting an updated draft contract from Oak Grove reflecting the underlayment and the cost of the building permit. We appreciate the efforts of the Aquia Association members and their contributions toward the preservation of the historic church building.

At the January Vestry meeting, a resolution was approved to enter into a \$17,000 feasibility study contract with the Episcopal Church Foundation. This is the next step that was mentioned at the Dec. 6, 2009, Congregational meeting regarding a new Christian Education building. The feasibility study provides a basis of information to lay the foundation for a successful capital fundraising campaign. It will be conducted by professional fundraising counselor Sue Fornabai. The study takes about three months to complete and the goals are to discover if potential donors are receptive to and willing to support a campaign for the new Christian Education building, ascertain the extent of volunteer interest in and availability to work for the proposed campaign, discover positive and negative factors which might have an impact on the proposed campaign, ascertain the willingness of potential donors to make planned gifts in conjunction with the proposed campaign, determine a campaign dollar goal which is realistic, challenging and attainable, and recommend when the campaign should begin. Ms. Fornabai will be at Aquia Church on dates to be announced to interview a cross-section of the parish. She will survey other potential donors through a direct mail questionnaire and/or an electronic survey.

As such, 2010 promises to be a very exciting year at Aquia Church. And don't you doubt that we can do it!

God bless.



A View From Behind the Scenes

Wow. God is truly smiling upon us. Much needed gifts of time and talent were evident during each of the snowstorms we have endured this winter. Many hearty souls trudged out during the storms to help clear the Rectory, Church walkways, sidewalks, and several times the working parties had to dig out our entrance and exit on Route 1 due to being plowed in by VDOT with four-foot tall mounds of ice (a separate issue which is being addressed with VDOT). These volunteers came from our membership and also several Aquia Harbour neighbors (John Crocker and Mike Shepherd) who felt a need to help fellow Christians. A gracious "thank you" is owed to all of these kind saints.

Removing the snow and preparing the Church's driveways, sidewalks and parking lots for Sunday services (when travel is safe) and events during the week is just a small part of the behind-the-scenes work performed by many staff and volunteers at Aquia Church. All the work is done to ensure our members, Rectors and ministries can carry on their missions, which are the THE focus of our walk with Jesus Christ.

One of the many behind-the-scenes activities that was performed in 2009 was the development of a long-range Operations and Maintenance (O&M) plan for each of our support buildings (business office, Rectory, and the Parish Hall). Each plan includes renovation and/or restoration activities to be performed over the next ten years to address our infrastructure needs. The budget for 2010 includes the O&M activities to be performed throughout the course of this year. A plan was also developed for Clifton Chapel (located in Widewater) for twenty years of O&M activities. That plan was incorporated into the current lease with the Christ the

Savior Orthodox Church to ensure O&M expenses for the next ten years are covered with the monthly lease charge.

The long-range maintenance plans for our support buildings will be presented to the new Vestry during the February monthly meeting and then will be made available to all members (most likely on the website). The purpose of this publication is to enable everyone to see that the long-term needs of our existing support buildings and grounds ARE being addressed.

Also, the Historic Church Committee has been working on a long-range plan for the sanctuary and that plan includes the roof replacement taking place this year due to the generosity of the Aquia Association and some reserved budget funds for such items. The long-term needs of the historic church building will require the continued support of generous donors like the Aquia Association as well as supplemental funding obtained by the newly established nonprofit that is gearing up and will be active in 2010.

Recently, I have heard concerns expressed in several meetings about our ability to take care of our existing infrastructure. The long-range O&M plans that are already in action should address those concerns. If not, please feel free to reach out and we can discuss any aspect of the plans. Many eyes will help to ensure every reasonable concern has already been addressed or is added to the plans so that our main focus is on accomplishing the mission of the church.

It was my pleasure and a wonderful experience to be the Junior Warden in 2009. So many people helped guide (ok, sometimes nudge) me on the right path to what God wants us to focus upon. Thank you all!

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Adam Hawkins



SAINTS MARY AND MARTHA GUILD



Jan Van Metre, President

AQUIA CHAPTER

Fourth Tuesdays at
10:30 a.m. in the Parish
Hall.

Jan Van Metre, Chairman

SAINTS MARY & MARTHA GUILD

First, Third and Fifth
Thursdays in the Parish
Hall.

*Mary Jane Cole and
Lascetta Patton,
Co-Chairmen*

Sts. Mary and Martha Guild continues to enjoy our new study, Rick Warren's "The Purpose of Christmas" as we start replenishing our crafts for the Fall Fest. However, our fellowship and friendships are really what cement this group together. We begin each meeting with Morning Prayer, including the opportunity for intercessions and thanksgivings. We work together for the good of the Parish on service days. And we have plenty of room for YOU. Please consider joining us.

We will be meeting on the first and third Thursdays in March and April starting at 9:30 a.m. After Morning Prayer, we plan to read and discuss a few pages of our study and try our hand at finishing a craft for the Fall Fest. April 15 will be a service day: after Morning Prayer we will help members of the ECW board prepare a luncheon for the

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild has two important dates coming up in April. The first is April 1, Maundy Thursday. At the end of this 7:30 p.m. service remembering the Lord's last supper, members of the Guild will help the clergy strip the Altar. After the Blessed Sacrament is moved to the Wirman Room for the Gethsemane Watch, the Sanctuary will be readied for Good Friday.

On Saturday, April 3, we shall change the Church from the black of Good Friday to the joyful white of Easter. This is also our annual cleaning day, and all members of the Parish are welcome to join us. Fr. Morris will begin the morning at 8:30 with the service for Holy Saturday. This is always a happy and gratifying morning, a great way to meet fellow parishioners and see just what the Guild does.

Bill of Rights Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. They are meeting at Aquia to place a DAR marker on the headstone of Anne Moncure Wall. Anne was a pillar of Aquia Church and the town of Quantico and she departed this life on Christmas Day 2008.

Sts Mary and Martha Guild is always looking for new ideas for the 2010 Fall Fest craft room. We would like to freshen and expand our inventory. If you have a new idea or want to see another round of a past favorite, please let us know. If you have an idea for us to work on and cannot attend one of our meetings, just drop your sample with Joan Nebel in the office.

Mary Jane Cole and Lascetta Patton
Co-Chairs

Thank you so much for listening to our pleas to blot your lips before receiving your Communion. The number of lipstick stains has dropped off drastically since our bulletin announcement. A big thank-you also goes to Sam De Jager for giving us a bottle of Mary Kay Eye Makeup Remover to treat the most stubborn spots.

The Guild gratefully welcomes Maria Britton to Team 1. Maria hails from Charleston, South Carolina, and was recently Baptized at Aquia Church. Welcome, Maria! The Guild still has two teams that need more support. If you feel drawn to this ministry, please let us know.

Mary Jane Cole
Altar Guild Chair



Outreach Winterizes in 2010

At Outreach Ministry's January and February meetings, we reviewed our accomplishments and previewed the seasons of Lent and spring.

Shannon Fraker, who coordinated the adopted families for Christmas outreach, estimated that our parishioners gave approximately \$3000 in gifts to 15 families from the Department of Social Services.

We helped a second nursing student reach her goal of taking her boards. We gave her a money order for \$69 (payable to the CNA certification board) to pay for the fees.

Also in our area, Thurman Brisben was given \$1,000 in January. This shelter works with King George, Caroline, Spotsylvania and Stafford counties, as well as the city of Fredericksburg. Their purpose is to aid the evicted, unemployed men, women and affected children. They have a "Wish List" for anyone caring to donate on a personal basis. Twenty-five percent of their clientele comes from Stafford. For more information, visit the website www.brisbencenter.org

In January, \$500 was used to purchase gas and food gift cards to give to individuals who come to the office seeking financial help. These \$40 cards are from Wawa and Shoppers Food Warehouse. In February, \$1000 was given to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to assist Stafford county residents who have electric cut-off notices. Anyone who wishes to contribute on an individual basis to either of these causes can do so by contacting the office. Remember the times our power went out or we were unable to drive our vehicle this winter because of the snow? This is what many of our local citizens deal with on a daily basis: living without heat because electricity has been cut off or owning a car but unable to afford gas.

In February, Outreach donated \$1000 to Episcopal Relief and Development, our national Church's Outreach program, for aid to Haiti. The Episcopal Diocese of

Haiti is sustaining more than 25,000 survivors in 23 diocesan camps. For a daily aid update from our national Church to Haiti, visit their web site www.er-d.org and click on "Ongoing Response to Quake in Haiti."

Also in February, \$800 was sent to Our Little Roses Ministries in San Pedro Sula in Honduras for the support of our adopted daughter, Elizabeth Pineda.

Traditionally we have two events during the Lenten Season. The first is the Lenten Cross, whereby our members and friends can donate both monetary and non-monetary items to the church and community. Each year parishioners take approximately 100 neon-colored request cards and give heartfelt responses to the needs written upon them. The Cross will be placed on the iron fence outside the church each Sunday, weather permitting. During inclement weather, you will find the Cross in the Baptismal pew.

The second event is our offering of non-perishable food and miscellaneous items, which are blessed at the Altar each Sunday during Lent. This year we have chosen to support Aquia's Table. This ministry serves hot meals every Wednesday to our local guests. Please take note of the list of requested items titled "Lenten Gifts to the Altar Donation List." Any item, regardless of the brand or size, will be use for the hungry in our community.

The word "winterize," from the title of this column, means to put into condition for winter. The Outreach Ministry is stocking up and taking care of the needs it is obligated to fulfill. We protect and we are protected. We plan ahead and we have plans laid out for us. We prepare for the toughest situation, and the situation toughens us. We pray and we are lifted up in prayer. We exist and Our Lord exists for us. We all work together to do the will of Our Lord and His Will allows us to work together. To God be the glory.

OUTREACH

Becky Monger

Lenten Gifts to Altar Donation List

The following is a list of the most needed, non-perishable items. If Aquia's Table finds itself with too many of any item, the gifts will be passed on to Feed His Sheep and SERVE. Please place your donations in the baskets on the picnic table every Sunday during Lent through Palm Sunday.

Red Kidney Beans (16 oz. cans or larger)
Petite Cut Diced Tomatoes (28 oz. cans)
Salad Dressings (any kind)
Ham Base
Green Chili Enchilada Sauce, medium (10 oz. cans)
Red Chili Enchilada Sauce, mild or medium (10 oz. cans)
Bisquick (40 oz. box or larger)
Spaghetti Sauce (meatless)
Vegetarian Refried Beans
Crystal Light (preferably pitcher-size packets)
9 oz. paper cups
1 gallon Ziploc Bags
Dish Soap
Liquid Hand Soap
Paper and plastic grocery bags (used/recycled)



**DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA
ANNUAL COUNCIL
MEETING
JAN. 29, 2010**

**Glen Clark & Libby Vinso,
lay delegates**

The day began with the recognition and investiture of The Right Rev. Shannon Johnston as the 13th bishop of the Diocese of Virginia at St. Paul's Church in Richmond. It was an honor and privilege to be present at this once-in-a-generation event. All contributions collected during the service, as requested by Bishop Johnston, went to Haiti relief.

The Annual Council continued at the Marriott Hotel in Richmond. However, the second day was postponed due to snow and rescheduled for Feb. 20, 2010. When the decision was made to postpone the second day, Bishop Johnston noted, "That's what happens when you're the thirteenth bishop of the Diocese!"

Bishop Johnston made the following appointments of interest to Aquia Church: The Rev. Jeff Packard, Rector, Christ Church Spotsylvania, was appointed Dean of Region One. Our own rector, The Rev. Cuthbert Mandell, was appointed to the Resolutions Committee.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Colonial Beach, received the Lee-Atkinson Energy Award for achieving a 28 % reduction in utility usage.

In his Pastoral Address, Bishop Johnston established five priorities:

- Youth and Young Adult Formation (The Bishop noted that Youth and Young Adult Formation was the #1 priority noted in town hall surveys.)
- Strengthening Existing Congregations
- Evangelism/Proclamation
- Multi-Cultural/Ethnic Ministries
- Mission Beyond Ourselves (local outreach, domestic & world mission).

To meet these priorities, the Bishop made the following points:

- Set measurable goals.
- Increase pledging significantly to the Diocesan budget.
- Recruit leaders from among the parishes.
- Revise communication strategies.
- Start new congregations. (Bishop Johnston will discuss this with Regional deans and presidents.)
- Begin 20-something programs in con-

gregations. (The Diocese will establish Saturday conferences of 20-somethings.)

- Emphasize that evangelism is the primary mission of the church; clergy should review existing programs. (60% of the U.S. population is unchurched; 9 of 10 people come to church because someone they knew asked them.)
 - Improve Sunday attendance. (Average diocesan Sunday attendance decreased 19 % while membership increased.) Sunday worship should not be optional. He challenged clergy and vestries to have 50% member attendance on Sundays within three years.
 - Broaden multicultural ministries. While "Christian" is being defined in the media as a narrow opinion of thought, it is a broad-based community of faith across the left and right. It is time for the three Virginia Episcopal dioceses to expand work with Native Americans.
- Other Council meeting news:
- In the Diocesan Standing Committee election, The Rev. Alexander MacPhail, Beckford Parish, Shenandoah County (formerly Aquia's Curate) made the second ballot, but did not get elected. The Rev. Abbott Bailey, St. Andrews, Richmond, The Rev. Michael Pipkin of the continuing congregation of The Falls Church in Falls Church, Ms. Cindi Bartol, Christ Church, Alexandria, and Mr. Paul Brockman, St. Paul's Memorial, Charlottesville, were elected to the Diocesan Standing Committee.
 - Rev. Lauren Stanley, reported Bishop Duracin of Haiti advises, "Don't come now. Instead, pray and prepare."
 - Resolution R-1, Authorizing the Appointment of an Assistant Bishop, was introduced and passed as part of the budget approval.
 - All other resolutions scheduled to be voted on during the second day were postponed to a future date to be announced. The approved Diocesan budget totals \$4.9M, \$4.3M, of which comes from parish pledges. Our pledge for 2010 is \$25K, up from \$13K.

For more information:

A YouTube video of the investiture service is found at:
www.youtube.com/the-diocese#p/a/u/1/ushYLxiu6mA

The text of Bishop Johnston's Pastoral Address can be found at: http://www.thediocese.net/diocese/annual_council_215.shtml and the You Tube video is found at:
www.youtube.com/the-diocese#p/a/u/0/GxRZibnI5zE



Our first Communion students have been attending classes throughout the month of March to learn about the sacrament of the Eucharist. First Communion will take place on Sunday, March 28 at the 9 a.m. service.

We will have our annual Easter egg hunt at 10:15 on Easter morning. Children in grades K-5 will meet outside the church. Children in preschool and younger will meet at the playground. Don't forget your Easter baskets! Our R13 and J2A groups will be helping with this event. We need donations of plastic eggs filled with Easter treats. This year we are also looking for "3 and under" eggs for our youngest egg hunt participants. Some

ideas are: stickers, individually wrapped snacks (fruit chews, animal crackers, etc.), and candy that is not a choking hazard. Look for collection baskets after services in March.

We are currently planning this year's Vacation Bible School program "High Seas Expedition." This annual event benefits children in our church and the surrounding community, but cannot take place without volunteers. There will be a sign-up poster on the Sunday school bulletin board, outside the Sunday school classrooms, or you can contact Kristen Morgan at: christianed@aquiachurch.com.

Kristen Morgan

The Rector's Sabbatical Leave

From May 11 through Labor Day, 2010, I will be on sabbatical leave, plus taking a few days of annual leave. A sabbatical is an extended period of leave from one's customary work, especially for rest, travel, to acquire new skills or training, etc. In the standard-form Letter of Agreement between a Rector and Parish, some provision is made for the Rector to take sabbatical leave. The duration of the leave may vary, and in my case, I am granted two full months for every five years served. On March 1, I will begin the 10th year of my ministry with you, but I have yet to take any sabbatical leave. My original thinking was to defer the sabbatical until 2011, and take four months, however, I probably will need knee replacement surgery this year, which required me to alter my schedule.

My Letter of Agreement makes no provision for sick or medical leave, nor do I earn compensatory leave which could be applied toward the six weeks or so needed for surgery and rehabilitation. The logical solution is to have the surgery done while on sabbatical leave, recognizing that annual vacation time may be needed should the rehabilitation be extended due to complications. About half of my leave

will be dedicated to the knee replacement, and for the rest I have several options in mind: home repair projects, education/training in sailing or marine maintenance, a spiritual retreat, a course at the Trinity School of Ministry, and rest (the quality sort that comes before the knee surgery). Some travel might be included, but I will have to plan all of this around the surgery.

In my absence, Fr. Morris will assume all of my duties and responsibilities, with the exception of being Chair of the Vestry. That responsibility will be assumed by the Senior Warden, or if he declines, by someone appointed by the Vestry. In the event of an emergency, Fr. Morris or the Senior Warden will be able to reach me by telephone, although I don't expect any problems. The only continuing official responsibility during my sabbatical will be working with the Foundation for Historic Aquia Church, of which I am the Chairman.

Please pray for me while I am out and thank you for your continuing support.

Cuthbert



We, as Aquia Church, joyfully respond to the grace, love, and fellowship of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit at work in our midst by celebrating His presence, sharing His abundance, and proclaiming His word throughout the world.



NEWCOMERS

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2

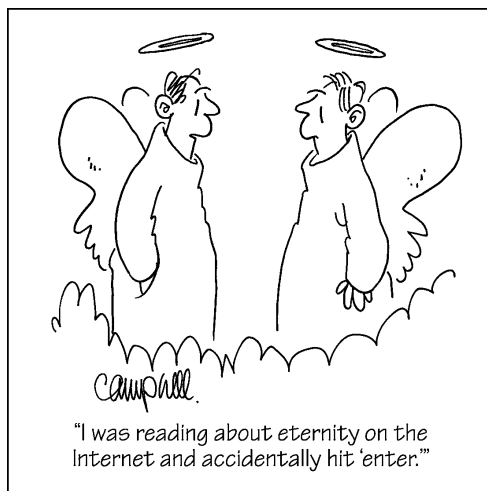
The following families recently have turned in visitor cards:

Robert and Linda Otterstatter, Leia;
Dwight Roberson; David and Christine Plasterer; Bridget Griffin, Sean, Brandon and Jason.

ANGELS IN OUR MIDST

One of the beautiful things about Aquia Church is the love and concern shown by members to others within our parish family. The following acts of Christian kindness were some of the "Angel Acts" observed in recent weeks:

- Snow and ice were removed from the Church's driveway and walkways in time for Sunday service.
- Meals were lovingly prepared for our guests at Aquia's Table.
- Snow and ice were removed from a parishioner's driveway and walks.



FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Baptism:

"... sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever."

Preston Reid Brockmeier, son of Jeremy and Karen Brockmeier.

FUTURE BAPTISMS

The next scheduled date for baptisms according to The Book of Common Prayer is April 11. If you would like to have a baptism on this date or if this date doesn't work for you and you would like to request another date, please contact the church office so that counseling with the clergy can be scheduled.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

New babies:

Thanksgiving for the birth of a child will be offered as part of the service on the second Sunday of the month (Youth Sunday). This will be scheduled as needed. Please call the church office the week prior if your family would like to be included. Also, please call the church office after a birth so that a red rose can be placed on the altar in thanksgiving.

Those being deployed:

Please call the church office so that we can offer special prayers at a service prior to your departure. Also, we want to put you on our prayer list for all those who are deployed in the service of our country.



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One year ago this April, Aquia's Table served its first meal with only a few guests present. Six weeks later in the summer of 2009, enchilada casserole and spaghetti and meatballs were filling about 20 plates a night. By the end of the summer of 2009, 45 plates were being filled with a warm meal prepared with love and in His name.

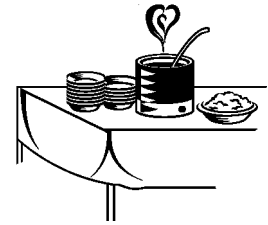
It's amazing how much growth has occurred both within the ministry and within our guests. While it is indeed sad to see so many people hungry, it is a pleasure to help and be given the opportunity to meet new friends. Those who volunteer can attest to the fact that Wednesday night is a joyful night in which we all gather around to enjoy each other's company over a meal.

While our main purpose of coming together is to serve a hot meal, we have also been able to create opportunities for us to continue to give this past year. Many of our guests were moved by the opportunity to write holiday greetings to the wounded soldiers at Walter Reed. The response was so overwhelming that we will be doing Cards-4-A-Cause again in March. We invite you to join us in passing on a friendly hello to our designated recipients. Please look for more information in the bulletin regarding this pay-it-forward opportunity.

A year ago, none of us would have realized the presence Aquia's Table would hold. With God's continuous help, we look forward to what our second year will bring.

AQUIA'S TABLE

Megan Olson



St. Patrick's
Day



St. Patrick's Day Family Dinner and Party

Aquia Church will honor St. Patrick on Sunday, March 7, with a party for all ages.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Potluck supper begins with Grace at 5 p.m.

Games 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Fun for all includes a special appearance by C.C. the Clown, a face painter, apple bobbing, relay races and competitions in whistling, bubble gum blowing, clothes pin tossing, "hot potato" games and more.

The Nursery opens at 6:30 p.m., and will be manned by parents for one half hour each. Call Eleanor Perry to register children for the nursery no later than Wednesday, March 3rd.

For fun and fellowship, plan on joining us as a participant or a spectator.

Please invite a friend.

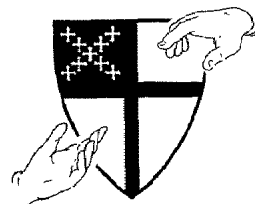
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Holy Week and Easter Services

Maunder Thursday – April 1

7:30 p.m. Stripping of the Altar and Eucharist

Good Friday – April 2

12 Noon – Stations of the Cross;

7:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross and Holy Communion

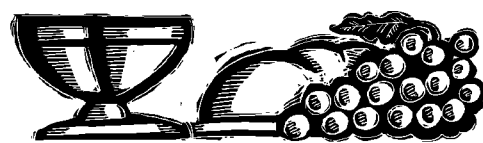
Easter – April 4

7 a.m. – Service of Light and Holy Communion

9 a.m. – Holy Communion

11:15 a.m. – Holy Communion

10:15 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt



HOLY WEEK
