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RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

February is the month for our hearts to turn to thoughts of love. We celebrate Valentine's Day on the 14th, and many will think about how to express their love for the special people in their lives. Many want to buy chocolates or flowers while others may be searching for that special card that exclaims just what they wish to say. Jewelry has become the gift of choice for many as they look to share love with their girlfriend or spouse. But I often think of the words of Jesus when He mentions in scripture that, "greater love has no person than to lay down their life..." (John 15:13)



I wonder how many of us would be willing to respond to the need or call to lay down our life for another. When I was serving in the military, we were reminded many times that some would have to pay the ultimate price so that others could enjoy the freedoms and life that they have. While many did not have to die, many did give much to keep life as we know it a gift that all could enjoy. I also think back on some who did give the ultimate sacrifice so I could enjoy the freedom I have. What a gift I have received.

Perhaps, in this season of love, we can remember those who still remain on foreign soil as their final resting place. We can look back over the years and celebrate the lives of so many who

ALTAR GUILD

Our next meeting will be February 5th at 9:15. The Love Offering will be due then, girls.

Any interested people are more than welcome to come to the meeting. Join the Guild??!!

The Altar Guild would again like to thank all who contributed to the Christmas decorations. If you have forgotten in the holiday rush that you signed up or forgot to pay, please let me know. We seem to be off by five donators. Thank you.

Mickie Solari, Directress



THOUGHTS ON THE SOUL

We are like an ocean wave that believes it is fragile and ugly and that the other waves are more beautiful, more powerful. The wave has an inferiority complex. But when this wave gets in touch with its true nature, water, it sees that water goes beyond all concepts of beautiful, ugly, high, low, here, and there. Whether it's a large wave or a small wave, half a wave or a third of a wave, it is still made out of water. Water is beyond all these qualifications—it is without birth and without death. A wave is really only water, and as far as water is concerned, all waves are equal because all waves are water.



— from *The Art Of Power*, Thich Naht Hahn

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS, CONT'D

respond to these words in John's gospel. I hope we will appreciate the gift that was so freely given by these often young men and women who had so much life before them but answered the call and gave their life for their country, family and friends. We celebrate those lives today.

Jesus would ask each of us to sacrifice in our own way that we might make life better for others who suffer and fear where their next meal may come from or where they might rest their head for the night. I attended a meeting of the executive committee of the board of directors for the South Brevard Sharing Center this morning and found myself lost in the numbers of people and families who needed our help over the holidays to simply get a toy for their child or a meal for the family. The number of homeless children at this time is staggering. Greater love has no one than to share the wealth that they have received with others. We may not be asked to give our life but we are all called to take care of one another. The best way we can do that is to share by giving to those organizations and agencies that are trying to assist. The need has never been greater.

I would hope in this season of love that we might all pause and remember that each person is our brother and sister. Let us show our love by doing what we can to make their life a bit easier. God has blessed us, let us be a blessing to others.

Father Norm



Mother-Daughter

Valentine's Day Tea Party

Save the Date!

February 11, 2012



Sponsored by ECW, Details to come...

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2nd, Tiffany LaBarck

2nd, Jennifer Miller

6th, Rita Haynes

6th, Charlene Hudson

13th, Jeanette Stanley

17th, Bud Springer

23rd, Mickie Solari

28th, Kelsey Nemeth

A BLESSED ANNIVERSARY

12th, Randy & Pat Godfrey

12th, Ed & Karen Taff

19th, Keith & Jeanette Stanley

28th, Dutch & Betty Spanagel



FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION OF THE VIRGIN
CANDLEMAS DAY (FEB 2)

The events commemorated today are recorded in Luke 2:22-39.

Counting forward from December 25 as Day One, we find that Day Forty is February 2. A Jewish woman is in semi-seclusion for 40 days after giving birth to a son, and accordingly it is on February 2 that we celebrate the coming of Mary and Joseph with the infant Jesus to the Temple at Jerusalem (1) to offer sacrifice on behalf of Mary to mark the end of her seclusion (see Le 12:1-8), and (2) to ransom or redeem (buy back) Jesus as a first-born male (see Ex 13:11-13; 22:29; Nu 18:15-16; Dt 15:19). As they did so, they were greeted by the aged Simeon. In a Sunday-School pageant, I once saw, the narrator said, "And now Simeon bursts into a spontaneous song of praise, assisted by the Temple Choir." His song, called the *Nunc Dimittis*, has always had a prominent role in Christian worship. It has often been rendered in verse. I append one example.



Lord God, thou now hast set thy servant free,
to part in peace according to thy word.
Mine eyes have seen the Saviour, Christ the Lord -
prepared by thee for all the worlds to see;-
to shine on nations lost in darkest night, -
the glory of thy people, and their light.

Because an old reading for this festival contains the line (Zephaniah 1:12), "I will search Jerusalem with candles," the day is also known as Candlemas, and sometimes observed with a candle-lit procession. On the other hand, Groundhog Day ("If the groundhog (or woodchuck, a kind of marmot, which burrows and hibernates) sees his shadow on 2 February, there will be six more weeks of winter.") is strictly a secular holiday, brought to the United States and Canada by German immigrants.

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4; ("Behold, I send my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.")

PSALM 84:1-6; ("O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou LORD of hosts!")

EPISTLE: Hebrew 2:14-18; ("Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy the power of death.")

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40; ("And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.")



by James Kiefer

TREASURER'S REPORT

DECEMBER 2011

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
INCOME	\$18,307.16	\$16,989.13	\$1,318.03
EXPENSE	<u>\$21,506.78</u>	<u>\$19,624.77</u>	<u>(\$1,882.01)</u>
VARIANCE	(\$ 3,199.62)	(\$ 2,635.64)	\$ 563.98

YEAR-TO-DATE

INCOME	\$211,100.24	\$203,870.00	\$ 7,230.24
EXPENSES	<u>\$202,899.52</u>	<u>\$209,347.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,447.48</u>
VARIANCE	\$ 8,200.72	(\$ 5,477.00)	\$13,677.72

By the time you read this report, you will already have received the information at the Annual Meeting. As you can see, the December cash flow for the month was negative by \$3,199. We can account for the expenses as not unusual. However, the Year End cash flow was positive by \$8,200. Once again, we end the year in the black.

As presented at the meeting, we have a balanced budget for 2013. This is the first time, since I don't know how long, that we have not had to struggle over a shortfall budget. Praise be to God. He certainly shines on this parish.

A full financial report is always available upon request.

Thanks for your support.

Beverly A. Gallup, Treasurer

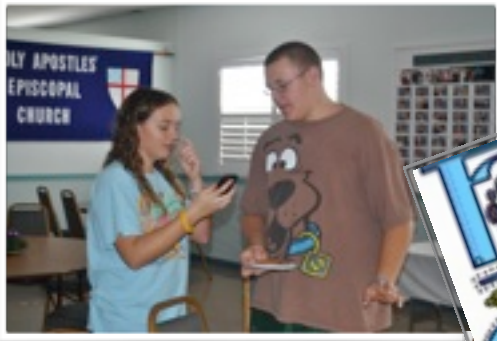
PARAPROSDOKIAN SENTENCE

A paraproisdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to re-frame or re-interpret the first part. It is frequently used for humorous or dramatic effect.

When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.



HA YOUTH



The year ended with a party on December 28th. Marc Spurlock brought his cotton candy machine and we enjoyed a white elephant gift exchange. My favorite event of the year was the night we had a LATE NIGHT get together in our pajamas and sweatsuits and the Youth Group had the opportunity to spend an hour with Father Norman asking him questions. Father Norman was a great sport, and the kids showed very little mercy in their questions. However, I know that the time he spent with us made an enormous impact on all of our lives that evening and changed the hearts of our youth.



God wants the Youth Group to study next. Suggestions are always welcomed.

February will begin our *Soles4Souls* ingathering, so please tell your friends and collect any shoes that you wish to donate. Soles4Souls is an international charity that donates shoes to people that do not have any all over the world. They take 1 shoe, 2 shoes, broken shoes, dirty shoes as they recycle everything that can not be worn.



January began a bit more slowly. We met on the 1st but only a few spirited youth were able to attend. On Tuesday the 10th we began our study of 2nd Timothy and hope to complete this book by the end of the month. I ask for your prayers as I try to discern what

The Youth Group continues to meet Sunday nights from 6-8 pm. If you are interested in providing dinner for the Youth Group, on a Sunday night, please call me at 321-480-4090. We usually have about 10

First Annual Camp Wingman Golf Invitational February 20, 2012



Where: River Greens Golf Course
47 W. Lake Damon Drive
Avon Park, FL 33825-8902

Registration: 12:00 PM
Rules Brief: 12:50 PM
Tee Off: 1:00 PM

Cost per player: \$70.00 (all proceeds benefit Camp Wingmann)
Entry Fee Includes: Green Fees, Cart & Range Balls
1 Mulligan may be purchased for \$10.00

Barbeque at Camp Wingmann after Tournament (included)

Prizes will be awarded at this time for the and lowest scoring foursome

Format: Scramble

Partners will be provided if a group needs an additional player to form a group of four

Hole in one Prize is \$10,000

Closest to the Hole Prize – a weekend at a Gulf Front Home on Anna Maria Island

River Greens: 863-453-5210

Questions: Call Camp Wingmann Toll Free 1-866-526-3380

Make Check Payable to: Camp Wingmann

Mail to: Camp Wingmann, 3404 Camp Wingmann Rd, Avon Park, FL 33825

Absolute Entry Fee Deadline February 14, 2012

Team Captain:	Phone:
Name:	Phone:
Name:	Phone:
Name:	Phone:
Name:	Phone:



READINGS FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH

FEBRUARY 5

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-12,21c;
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

FEBRUARY 12

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30;
1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45

FEBRUARY 19

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6;
2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

FEBRUARY 26

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-9 ;
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

MARCH 4

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:22-30; Romans
4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

MARCH 11

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

MARCH 18

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians
2:1-10; John 3:14-21

MARCH 25

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-13;
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

EDITOR'S CORNER

The deadline for *The Epistle* for March is the third Wednesday of the month: **Wednesday, February 15th**. *I know that I told you the editorial responsibilities were changing this month, but that has been postponed until the March issue. Beginning with the February 15th deadline, please send your articles and contributions to Deanna at deanna@holypostles-sbfl.org.* I will be working with her to make the transition as painless as possible. It has been a pleasure being your editor these past 5 years. Peace.

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Columns

Father Norman Desrosiers

Mickie Solari;

Senior Warden &

Altar Guild

Beverly Gallup;

Treasurer's Report

Marie Gerlach;

Sunday School & VBS

Martha Baird; HA Youth

Sheri Strength; Outreach

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