

The Preparer

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From Your Rector

Fr. Harry Way

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer is here and yet God is so kind. So far into the second week of June (when I write this column) the temperatures have remained quite mild for the most part. There have been only a couple of supremely hot days (105+). The weather reports say that this is the norm for this time of year, but in the last seven years things haven't apparently been normal. I am sure that by the time you all read this missive, you will be tired of 100 degree plus weather.

During the month of July this year we are going to be trying something a little different for St. John's in recent years. We will have **only one service at 9:00 am during the month of July**. This means that there will be changes for all.

Those who normally attend at 8 a.m. will have to come an hour later and will be able to enjoy music for a change. Those who normally come at 10:30 a.m. will be coming 1-1/2 hours earlier. I know that this a real change for everyone, but it will accomplish several things.

Having only one service during July will give our members an opportunity to meet others whom they seldom see. Try finding out how many people you don't know come regularly and take the chance to get to know as many as you can. Our summer cooling bill will be helped by having only the one service as well, since the church need be cooled only during the earlier hours of the day. Also, since Deacon Dick will be conducting the services on the first two Sundays of the month, he will have a lighter load while I am gone. The Adult Ed Class will be meeting immediately after the service during July.

Pat and I are taking a two week cruise along the western coast of Norway during July, but will be back to cover the last two Sundays of the month. As I am sure that we will not be the only ones who are escaping the heat and going on holiday, I am constrained once again to remind all of you that the bills of the church continue throughout the Summer. It is important that you try to keep up your pledge, even when you are not here. Thank you very much, and have a great summer.

Saint for the Month

Declan and Drostan

This month we are becoming acquainted with two of our Celtic Saints, the first Irish and the second Scot. We don't know a great deal about either of these two saints, but they come to us at important stages in the history of the Church in these two countries.

St. Declan, the Irishman, was born in Ireland of noble parentage and was baptized by St. Colman. Declan preached the gospel throughout Ireland and was famous for many miracles, by which he converted many souls to Christ. He laid the foundations upon which St. Patrick built the church in Ireland. He died in the midst of the fifth century.

St. Drostan was a prince of the blood royal in Scotland and was educated under St. Columba on the Isle of Iona. As such, he was in on the groundwork of much of the conversion of Scotland. Having served in Iona, Drostan left that holy place and began a monastic community (using the Rule of St. Columba) in Dalgongaile. Here he served as abbot through most of his active life, retiring in his old age to a cave in a forest where he died about the year 809.

Though little is known about these two men, their lives, lived out in service to Christ, made a great impact on the developing churches in two countries. In just such a way, our lives count greatly in the work of Christ in the world today, though we may be little known to the world at large.

Fr. Harry +

July Wedding Anniversaries

- 7/1 Jim & Viva Henley
54 years
- 7/4 Bentley & Andi Stanfield
7 years
- 7/7 Arthur & Marjorie Jernigan
20 years
- 7/10 Doyle & Bev Moxley
59 years
- 7/14 Steve & Gloria Johnson
29 years
- 7/17 Cory & Kate Kelsey
15 years
- 7/19 Art & Marnie Layne
11 years
- 7/23 Dick & Margaret Kline
41 years
- 7/28 Dean & Cathie Kieborz
18 years
- 7/30 Chuck & Stacy Milhoan
31 years

July Birthdays

- 7/1 Gloria Johnson
Jan Parsons
Norman Smith
- 7/2 Ricky Bentley
Alyssa Woodyard
Arielle Woodyard
- 7/3 Sharon Betts
- 7/4 Mac McPherson
- 7/5 Carolyn Jarowicz
- 7/6 Jim Hohnbaum
- 5/9 Stacy Milhoan
- 7/7 Ray Lyman
- 7/8 Todd Milhoan
- 7/9 George Mathewson
Nancy Gonzales
- 7/10 Steve Beck
- 7/15 Ryan Seely
- 7/17 Jeremy Hall
- 7/18 Dick Lanier
- 7/19 Joshua Butler
- 7/20 Margaret Kline
Louise Bubel
- 7/22 John Adkins
- 7/23 Vicki Hohnbaum
Cullin Dobson
- 7/24 Sue McPherson
- 7/25 Ron Apodaca
Sonya Heuer
- 7/26 Michael Brown
Helen Cochran
- 7/27 Kim Puckett
- 7/28 Lillian Baribault
- 7/29 Dick Cornell
Jim Baribault
- 7/30 Doyle Moxley
- 7/31 David McAnally

Did you know that you can submit a **Prayer Request** to the *Daughters of the King (DOK)* by visiting our website?

It's a great way to get a request to this conscientious group for immediate prayer. Your request is automatically e-mailed to the members of the DOK. To submit a prayer request, visit our website at www.stjohnsaz.org and click on the **DOK** link on the left-side of the page – or click **Prayer Requests** under **Quick Links** on the right-side of the page.

All prayer requests are kept in strictest confidence.



St. John's Financial Position as of the reporting period ending May 31, 2008

| | <u>YTD Actual</u> | <u>YTD Budget</u> |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Total Plate & Pledges: | \$ 90,961.08 | \$ 81,824.55 |
| Total Misc. Income (includes special Funds designated for general use) | 15,962.11 | 17,533.30 |
| Total Building Fund pledges and E-Script Program: | <u>11,285.66</u> | <u>10,604.15</u> |
| Total Revenues YTD | <u>\$118,208.85</u> | <u>\$109,962.00</u> |
| Total Expenses YTD: | <u>\$117,239.66</u> | <u>\$135,184.97</u> |
| <u>Net Total</u> | \$ 969.19 | (\$ 25,222.97) |

NOTE: It is important to realize that we are in arrears \$10,000 YTD on our Diocesan Assessment. We are being diligent in keeping the Diocese apprised of our financial situation and that we fully intend to pay the Diocesan Assessment in full by year's end. In the meantime, we are not depleting our reserves in case there are unexpected expenses incurred and, because of the state of our economy, our cash flow should take an unexpected downward trend.

If you have concerns, questions, suggestions about our financial situation, please feel free to talk with our Treasurer, Suzy Mortenson, or any Vestry member. We are here to serve the people of St. John the Baptist.

Deadline for newsletter articles for the August 2008 edition is Monday, July 14th.

Please send your articles to info@stjohnsaz.org. Our wonderful Folding Crew will meet on Tuesday, July 22nd at 9 a.m. to get this issue ready for the mail.

Need help or have any questions, please call the Church Office at 623-582-5449.

This Month's Events

**Sundays in July:
Holy Eucharist celebrated at
9 a.m. only.**

**Sunday, July 20th
Deacon Dick Recognition Sunday:**

**Holy Eucharist . . . 9 a.m.
All Parish Potluck Brunch
Immediately following the Service**

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