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From the Bishop's Pen

by The Rt Rev. Peter Manto



St. Luke. 19:41-47a, *And when He was come near, He beheld the city and wept over it...My dear brothers... fellow laborers in God's harvest...messengers of God's goodness and saving grace; as we go about our Gospel/Kingdom labors, it is good for us to weep and right for us to mourn the devastation the sins of men (ours included) have inflicted upon our Father's good Creation.*

Have mercy upon us miserable sinners...spare us good Lord...Good Lord deliver us...we beseech thee to hear us good Lord...a broken and contrite heart thou wilt not despise!...All cries from our Prayer Book, and in light of the distress and the many complaints we hear today concerning the condition of our world including our own national ungodliness and declining culture, I ask that we consider ways to include a weekly Litany as well as the Penitential Office as part of our parish life together.

The joy of the Lord is indeed our strength, and while we are ever endeavoring *to be filled with the Spirit and speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music from our hearts to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...to follow in the steps of our Lord Jesus... under-shepherds of the Great Good Shepherd...is to relate to the evil of our times with tears and groanings too deep for words. Ranting and raving is counterproductive...political action, community involvement, organized protests, and other responses to the evil of our times may have their place...but a broken and contrite heart Thou wilt not despise, O Lord!*
(excerpt from Gospel homily, Piedmont Clericus 8/27/22)

+Peter M.

Bishop's Travel Schedule

September

- 11-12, Mason, OH: Trinity Episcopal visit
- 18-19, Owensboro, KY: Redeemer Kline ordination/Episcopal visit
- 25, Dayton, OH: Christ the King Costa/Pelot ordination
- 25-30, Ridgecrest, NC
ACNA Bishops conclave

October

- 8-9, Appomattox, VA: St. Andrews Episcopal visit
- 19-21, Lynchburg, VA: All Saints DCS Synod
- 22-23, Lynchburg, VA: All Saints Episcopal visit

November

- 5-6, Fairfax, VA: Holy Trinity Episcopal visit
- 12-13, Fairborn, OH: Christ Our Hope Episcopal visit
- 14-20, Vacation

December

- 3-4, Memphis, TN: St. James Episcopal visit
- 10-11, Dayton, OH: Christ the King Episcopal visit

Pray for the Bishop's health and safety in his travels.

News from Holy Cross, Amelia, VA

by Fr Ken Mills

Episcopal Visit

Bp Manto visited Holy Cross Mission Parish in March, 2022. The mission began at Chesterfield Heights Senior Living facility in Midlothian, Virginia, and now includes a newly purchased church building in Amelia, Virginia. Church services are held at both locations, and the ministry continues to grow.

For Bp Manto's visit, there were 50+ in attendance at the Amelia church and another 20 in attendance at Chesterfield. Bp Manto confirmed seven people and was warmly and graciously welcomed at both services (*pictures at right*).



At Amelia: Princess Bey, Fr Mills, Bishop Manto, Cyndi Ashman, and Julia Dawson

Groundbreaking: on Parish Hall

Church of the Holy Cross has broken ground on its parish house (*pictures below*). This new space will provide restrooms and an additional meeting room to the sanctuary that was built in 1873.

Your prayers and contributions to the project will be greatly appreciated. Your gift may be mailed to P.O. Box 8, Moseley, VA 23120.



At Amelia: Beverly Midkiff, Fr Mills, and Carol Krepp



At Chesterfield Heights: Susan Parker, Fr Mills, Bishop Manto, and Janice Shelby

Read more about Holy Cross at
<https://holycross-rec.org>



Episcopal Visit, Trinity Anglican Church, Evansville, IN

by *The Rt Rev. Peter Manto*

Trinity Anglican Church, Evansville, Indiana welcomed Bishop Manto for an Episcopal visit on May 15, 2022. Xavier Lacer was presented for confirmation. Xavier has served as acolyte at Trinity for several years, and is known for his attention to detail and sincere desire to serve our Lord and His Church. Fr David Straw and Fr Mike Spieth participated in the service along with Bishop Manto. We especially thank God for Fr Mike's good health and ongoing recovery after liver transplant surgery in 2021.



Xavier Lacer and Bishop Manto



Fr Straw, Xavier Lacer, Bp Manto, Fr Spieth



Bishop Manto preaching the Word

Read more about Trinity Evansville
at <https://www.trinityevv.org>



Episcopal Visit, St. Jude's Anglican Church, Richmond, VA

by Fr Barton Gingerich

On June 5, 2022, the Rt Rev. Peter F. Manto visited St. Jude's Anglican Church in Richmond, VA. We had seven confirmations and four receptions. We thought it was especially meaningful to have our episcopal visit on Whitsunday, and we so appreciated the bishop's homily on the Feast of Pentecost. We praise God for a fruitful year here in the greater Richmond area, and beseech your prayers as we continue to evangelize, catechize, and otherwise proclaim the Gospel of our risen Savior.



**Read more about St. Jude's Richmond
at <http://www.stjudesrec.org/>**



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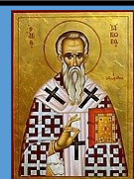
St. James, Memphis, TN: Outreach to the Hungry in Our Community

by Dss Teresa Johnson

As with most cities, Memphis is home to many people who go hungry on a daily basis. In response to our Savior's command to provide for those in need, St. James Anglican Church participates with two local organizations to supply food for the hungry. One of these is the food pantry at a neighborhood church, St. Luke's UMC, which serves about 100 families per month as the centralized food distribution point sponsored by six churches in the University of Memphis area. For several years, St. James has collected food for the pantry during Advent and Lent, but with so many of our neighbors experiencing economic difficulties, the need has increased. As a result, Fr Boettner has made the food collection box available year-round for parishioners to contribute non-perishable items as they are able.

The other organization is Lisieux Community, a drop-in center for women who have endured various types of trauma, including hunger and homelessness. On Mondays at noon, Lisieux serves a home-cooked meal. To help meet this need, St. James parishioner Cindy Uhlhorn, who is Chair of Lisieux's Board of Directors, formed the St. James Casserole Crew, which provides enough food to serve 40 women one Monday every month. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the meal is a veritable feast, for which the women at Lisieux have been extremely thankful.

**Read more about
St. James Memphis at
<http://stjamesmem.org>**



Episcopal Visit, St Andrew's, Asheboro, NC

by The Rev. Deacon Stuart Fitzpatrick

St Andrew's was honored on Sunday, July 10th, to have Bishop Manto present with us to officiate The Order for Confirmation for six members of our church family. Anticipating the attendance of additional friends and family we met in the beautiful chapel of our friends at Central Methodist Church—the same chapel we used for our first Baptism last month. Assisting Bishop Manto was the Rev. Deacon Stuart Fitzpatrick and Senior Warden Nick Wiley. It was a beautiful service followed by a reception and supper back at St Andrew's Church. Everyone was treated to a delicious, authentic, Sicilian lasagna with all the fixings and plenty of deserts. We thank God for this wonderful time and for all his blessings upon us. We pray always for his guidance, and we put our trust in him for whatever the future may hold.



Deacon Stuart and Bishop Manto with the confirmands

Read more about St Andrew's at
<https://www.standrewsasheboro.com>

**ST. ANDREW'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH**



Reception and Dinner at St Andrew's

Episcopal Visit, All Saints Anglican, Raleigh, NC

by The Rev. Canon Ian MacGregor

Bishop Manto's Episcopal Visit to Raleigh was the parish coming out party for the All Saints' Pit Master extraordinaire, Mason Sawyer! Mix a fire, early morning—perhaps a brew or two—and enough time and Mason and his cooking team conjured up a North Carolina style Bar-b-que feast.

Ostensibly Bishop Peter was visiting Raleigh to confirm Colby and Stephanie Gilley the last weekend in June. He arrived Friday afternoon and the cooking began about 2:30 AM Saturday morning. Pit Master Mason Sawyer oversaw the cooking of a whole pig, eastern North Carolina style, which took a little over 12 hours. By 4 PM the pig had been cooked, chopped, sauced (Mason's own 'Hot Vinegar North Carolina BBQ Sauce') and served with beans, slaw, hush puppies and desserts of every kind. A feast was enjoyed by one and all.

On Sunday, Bishop Peter greeted folks at our 8 AM and 10:15 AM services and Confirmed Stephanie and Colby Gilley. The Gilleys are fairly new to Raleigh and to Anglicanism, but have quickly become active in the parish, including Colby's co-leading a summer class on *The Abolition of Man* (led by Kristen Rudd).



Cooking started early as the chefs enjoyed the sunrise



'Pitmaster' Mason Sawyer checks on progress



Canon McGregor, Colby & Stephanie Gilley,
and Bishop Manto

Read more about All Saints Raleigh at
<https://allsaintsraleigh.com>



Installation Service of Fr Duane Veley at Covenant Church, Roanoke, VA

by Mary Boitnott, Senior Warden

On August 28, 2022, Bishop Peter Manto presided over the installation of Fr Duane Veley as vicar of Covenant Church. The joyful service was attended by several clergy from Ohio including Fr Wayne McNamara, Fr Mike Fitzpatrick, and Fr Chris Herman, all of whom also participated in the service. From Roanoke, Fr Rich Workowski provided the organ and piano music for the service. Bishop Mel Williams from the Christian Episcopal Church, and former vicar of Covenant Church, also participated and welcomed Fr Duane as vicar.

After the service, all guests and parishioners were treated to an old fashioned cookout to celebrate the momentous event for the parish.

The congregation gives thanks to our LORD for the glorious new beginning for Covenant Reformed Episcopal Church in Roanoke.



**Read more about Covenant Church at
<https://www.roanokeanglican.church>**

Ordination of The Rev. Deacon Jameson Lowery, Redeemer, Wilson, NC

by Fr Paul Edgerton

Bishop Peter Manto travelled to the Church of the Redeemer in Wilson North Carolina to ordain Jameson Lowery to the sacred Order of Deacons on July 31. Deacon Lowery is a native of Wilson and has been a member of the Redeemer parish for seven years. Lowery was raised in the Methodist Church. He met Fr Paul Edgerton, the vicar at Redeemer, as a student at the public high school at which he teaches. As the two began to develop a relationship, religious topics often came up in conversation. Lowery found himself increasingly drawn to historic Christianity as the natural step forward from the values of his upbringing. He began to attend Redeemer and joined the mission parish as a teenager. He was particularly drawn by the sacrament of Holy Communion, discovering the beauty and nourishment in our Reformed Catholic understanding and experience of Christ at the Lord's Table.

Deacon Lowery pursued a Master of Divinity degree at Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, having previously studied for pastoral ministry at Mid-Atlantic Christian University. After his graduation this spring, he moved back to Wilson to serve in his diaconal ministry at Redeemer. He has taken on responsibilities within the liturgy and in teaching and regular preaching. The parish is excited to receive his ministry, and Fr Edgerton is excited to help in Lowery's formation toward priesthood.

Deacon Lowery is the first ordained minister to be raised from the Wilson parish. One other member is in a discernment process toward seminary education as well. Lowery hopes to assist the parish in its discipleship ministries and in its growth so that he is the first among many others.



Fr Edgerton, Bp Manto, and Dcn Lowery

Read more about Redeemer at
<http://www.redeemerwilson.com>

That it may please thee to inspire all Bishops, Presbyters, and Deacons, with love of thee and of thy truth; We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to endue all Ministers of thy Church with devotion to thy glory and to the salvation of souls; We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

From the Litany and Suffrages for Ordination

Ohio Valley Convocation Clericus

The Ohio Valley Convocation held their clericus on May 13-14 in Evansville, Indiana. Trinity Anglican and Fr David Straw hosted the event attended by 16 clergy and laymen. The guest lecturer was Fr Doug Mills. Fr Doug served as rector for REC parishes in Tennessee and Missouri for over 35 years before retiring in 2020. He also served for several years as Archdeacon of our diocese, from its inception as a missionary diocese and for several years thereafter, before moving to serve a parish in the DMA. His “clergy-to-clergy” presentation, replete with personal insights from his years serving local parishes, inspired lively and meaningful conversations throughout the time together. Fr Doug and his wife Jennifer recently moved to Erin, Tennessee, located within our diocese. As a result, Fr Doug is now a resident clergyman (retired) of the DCS. He is available for pulpit supply, and is a great conversationalist. Consult our directory for his contact information.



St. George Classical School

A new K-8 Anglican school in Lexington, VA, The Rev. Dr. Eric Parker: Head of School

From the St. George Facebook Page: Our school year has begun! We finished our first week last week. You can already hear Latin chants, math facts, Medieval stories, and the Psalms and Holy Scripture resounding through our halls as we pray and learn and sing together!



***Read more about St. George's at
<https://www.stgeorgeclassical.com>***

