



Scepter



Reflections From the Rector's Desk

By The Reverend Canon Stephen C. Casey

Dear friends:

At the recent Diocesan Convention, delegates voted to affirm a decision made earlier in the year to close the congregation of Trinity Episcopal Church, Renovo. Some 70 miles north of State College, Renovo nestles deep in the mountains of central Pennsylvania. It dates back nearly 150 years, when the town was a thriving community with an economy built around the logging industry and the railroad marshaling yards. In its heyday, Renovo had a population of over 10,000 souls. Now, logging has long since ceased, and the railroad sheds are nothing but rusty ruins. The population of the town is now less than 1800 - and the shops on the main street, once a busy thoroughfare, are boarded up and a sense of gentle decay pervades all.

Trinity, Renovo was once

of the first churches I served after my ordination. Twice a week, for a little over a year, I would drive thirty miles up the west branch of the Susquehanna from Lock Haven and celebrate Holy Eucharist. At one time I boasted having the longest pastoral visit in the diocese - 120 miles round trip - 30 miles to Renovo and another 30 miles to a parishioner who lived in the mountains. In the short time I served

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Trinity, Renovo, I came to love the people deeply; it saddened me to hear that the parish has now closed.

But, although Renovo is now but a pale shadow of itself, there is one season in the year when the town comes alive - the time of Fall Foliage. Each year, when the seasons change from summer to autumn, and the days go shorter and the nights longer, and the leaves on the trees begin to turn and fall - Renovo

comes alive. On a Sunday afternoon in the autumn season, the town holds a picnic in the local park when people from all over the country, return to the place of their birth to give thanks for the season and for the town and share memories.

One year I met a man who told me each Fall Foliage he flew from California where he lived just to celebrate with family and friends he had known since childhood. As we talked, the warm autumn sun beamed down, and surrounded by the hills bathed in colour, one could not doubt that even in the midst of decline, God in Christ was still very present in this holy community. It felt, one might say, Incarnational.

Autumn, the season of Fall Foliage, is the season when our minds begin to turn towards the Feast of the Incarnation, Christmastide, when we celebrate the time when God took on human form in the Christ-child. The Episcopal Church defines itself as

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- • *Staff and Vestry Members are listed on the back cover of the Scepter*

Reflection

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an Incarnational Church. We believe that God in Christ is not some divine being far and away out of touch with the world, but ever near, meeting us in all the seasons of our lives.

After the long green season of summer I love autumn; I love the return of cooler weather, and the turning of the leaves. Even in decay they take on a vibrancy, all is a shimmering, making one feel God is somehow close. So in this autumn season, say a prayer for the good people of Renovo and towns like them. And as you enjoy this season of Fall Foliage, know that God in Christ is ever present in your life as the Feast of the Incarnation draws ever near.

Blessings

Fr. Stephen+



The Auscultation Brass



Enjoying the Auscultation Brass Band at St. Edward's on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 3 p.m.

The Auscultation Brass is a group of Lancaster doctors who in 1985 decided it would be fun to practice their brass instruments in addition to medicine.

Auscultation Brass members include: Trumpets: Dr. Bob Belser, Sr. and Dr. Bob Belser, Jr., Dr. Dan Diehl, Dr. Andy Lutzkanin, Dr. Bill Roberts, French Horn: Dr. Bill Lovett, Euphonium: Dr. Joe Breslin, Trombone: Dr. Scott Paist, Dr. Jerry Rothacker, Tuba: Dr. Tom Andersen.

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

—Henry Ford



Information

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
9 AM – 3 PM

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If you're the last person to leave the building following Sunday services or an event, please take the time to make sure all the lights are turned off (including the rest rooms) and the doors are locked.

Jesse Tree

In the St Edward's tradition, we will donate gifts again this holiday season to those less blessed than we. This year's bounty will go to children and parents of COBYS and Bridge Housing. Both facilities work with children and mothers who are in need of social services and financial support. You can learn more about both organizations in an upcoming Scepter article.

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to sponsor a child, parent, or both. Please complete the form that is in this week's announcement bulletin and copies in the parish hall and return to the RED drop box in the parish hall by November 5. You will learn the name(s) of your recipients, and the individual's "wish list" during the week of November 19th.

Questions can be answered by any of these members of the Social Outreach ministry: Leslie Arnold, Beth Lynch, Ellen Milligan, or Dina Ishler

Jesse Tree



Military News

Please keep in your prayers those close to us who are serving in the military.

- ★Dustin Burseson
- ★Justin Carnahan
- ★Brandon Fox
- ★Gordon Frankenfield
- ★Matt Fuhrman
- ★Adam and Christina Grim
- ★Jack Hawk
- ★Drew Johnson
- ★Anthony Koser
- ★Alex Kube
- ★John Lewis
- ★Richard Mutari



Vestry

By Brian Newsome



For the past few weeks, Father Stephen has been walking the congregation through the book of Matthew. On several occasions, he has reminded us that this gospel—a product of the early church at Antioch—reflected that community's struggle to define its path, a path that brought together converts from Jewish and Greco-Roman faith groups. One challenge the church ultimately faced was pastoral transition, as one generation of leaders gave way to another. St. Edward's is on the threshold of a similar transition. Father Stephen, who has served our community so well for so many years, will be retiring towards the end of 2018. At the upcoming vestry meeting, Bishop Audrey Scanlan and Canon Dan Morrow will be with us to discuss the transition process. Please pray for the vestry as we embark on this venture, and please take time—over the next year—to let Stephen know how much he has meant to you.

Saturday Service



Third Saturday of Each Month

5:30 PM

Next Services

November 18th

Rite II

Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter. Due date for December will be: **November 20th.** Send articles and announcements to: hj_miller@outlook.com



Ring in the Season with the Hershey Handbell Ensemble

By Libby Sternberg

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 3 p.m. for the very popular holiday concert of the Hershey Handbell Ensemble here at St. Edward's. This seasonal concert always draws a crowd, so be sure to come early enough to get a seat!

This year's concert will include *Fantasia on Greensleeves*, *In the Bleak Midwinter*, *He Shall Feed His Flock* and more.

This is the second program this season sponsored by St. Edward's Cultural Events Committee. It is free, but an offering will be taken.



Thaxted

By Dina Ishler



From Wikipedia:

"Thaxted" is a hymn tune by the English composer Gustav Holst, based on the stately theme from the middle section of the *Jupiter* movement of his orchestral suite *The Planets* and named after Thaxted, the English village where he resided much of his life. He adapted the theme in 1921 to fit the patriotic poem "I Vow to Thee, My Country" by Cecil Spring Rice but that was as a unison song with orchestra.^[1] It did not appear as a hymn-tune called "Thaxted" until his friend Ralph Vaughan Williams included it in *Songs of Praise* in 1926.^[2] This setting was sung at the Funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, in 1997

The choir did this amazing piece with its rich history on 10/29. This picture was snapped in rehearsal. Not pictured is of course the senior choir and Carol Cotnoir at the organ.

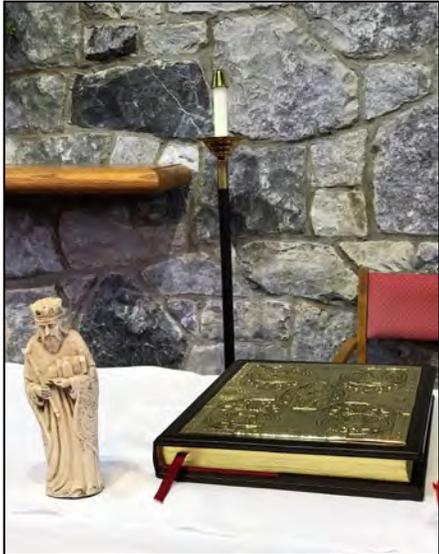
The Manse in Thaxted, where Gustav Holst lived from 1917 to 1925



St. Edward the Confessor



We remembered St. Edward the Confessor in our services on our Patronal Festival.



Holiday PLACE MATS

Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.



- What you need:**
- Large pieces of paper
 - Several large leaves
 - Crayons (fall colors)
 - Fine-tip permanent marker

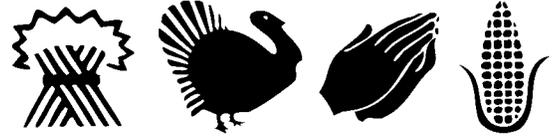
- What you do:**
1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
 2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
 3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
 4. Optional: Laminate the place mats so they're reusable.

PUZZLE

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,
K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,
S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

" _____ will _____
9 16 18 1 9 19 5
_____, _____ name in _____
7 15 4 19 19 15 14 7
and _____ with
7 12 15 18 9 6 25 8 9 13
_____"
20 8 1 14 11 19 7 9 22 9 14 7

answer: "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving," Psalm 69:30, NIV

November

Bible Quiz

After Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown, bound, into a blazing furnace for refusing to worship false gods, how many men did King Nebuchadnezzar see walking around in the fire?

- A. None — they were all dead
- B. Three — unbound and unharmed
- C. Four — and the fourth looked like a divine being
- D. Too many to count



Answers INSIDE

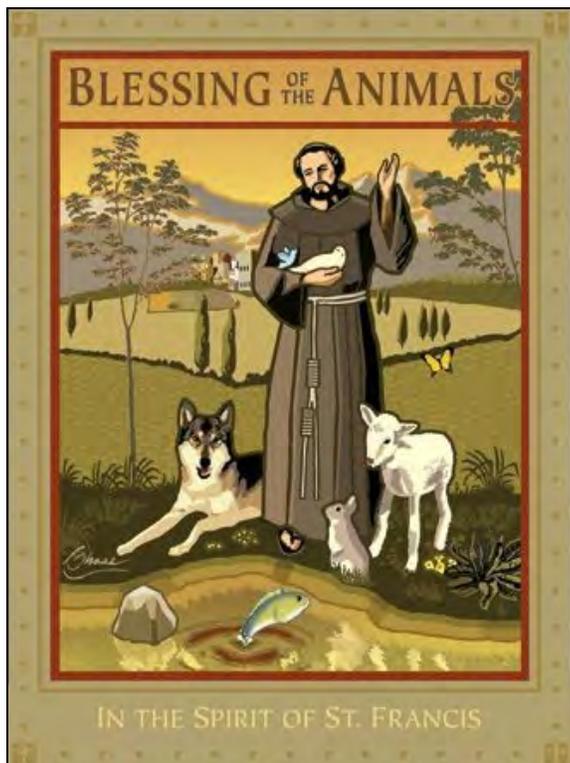
Answer: C (See Daniel 3:25.)

Blessing of the Animals

By RayeLenn Casey



It was a lovely day in the neighborhood at St. Edward's this afternoon as we blessed the animals in honour of St. Francis: present were David and Maura Keener with - Randal; Bill and Carol Hopwood with - Spencer; Seth and Beth Hake with - Plot; Neil and Carol Groty with - Autumn; and Dick and Gail Irons with - Belamena;- present by photograph was Kim Kline's dog - Mikey Ray. Thank you all for a lovely service of blessing.



O Lord, who has looked upon all of his creation and declared that it was good, we thank you for the animals, with whom we share this earth, and particularly for those which you have given into our care. We pray that you will guard them and tend to their necessities, relieve their suffering, protect them from exploitation, and let each of us see in them the beauty and glory of your creative hand. As you raised your servant Francis to declare oneness of all your work, give us gentle spirits, and help us be instruments of your loving providence, that we all may abound in your glory. Amen Fr. Stephen



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Father Stephen was honored to conduct the wedding of Robert Groff and our own Linda Frankenfield, at St. James Episcopal Church in Lancaster on Saturday, October 21. St. Edward's sends Linda off to worship with her husband at St. James with all our good wishes, love, and prayers.



TIME TO START BAKING FOR THE 13TH ANNUAL

ST. EDWARD'S COOKIE SALE

SALE IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND FROM 8 AM UNTIL SOLD OUT!

WONDERFUL COOKIES & BAKED ITEMS SOLD DELI STYLE BY THE POUND.

WE WILL ALSO BE OFFERING A CAFE STYLE BUFFET BREAKFAST!

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR BAKERS & VOLUNTEERS WILL BE IN THE PARISH HALL STARTING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH!



Men's GROUP

By Mike Patrone
Hello all men, Something new is coming to the Men's Group on November 25th. Place is the same and time is the same which is The Parish Hall at 9am.

Want to see the changes?
Well, there is only one way to find out and that is to come and see.

There was no meeting in October due to functions in the Hall.

Coffee Hour



Thank you to the following parishioners who make coffee hours at all services an important part of St. Edward's fellowship and hospitality. Without our coffee hour host volunteers, the fellowship ministry of St. Edward's, that starts with a warm welcome to those who enter through our red doors on any given Sunday and continues through our services and at coffee hour, would not be complete.

- Mark and Barb Jakiel
- Stephen and Catherine Donohue
- Roger and Ginny Kloepping
- Jerry and Julie Hoff
- R.B. Mullineaux
- Larry and Bev Hess
- Carl and Carol Cotnoir
- Rose Dixon
- Buddy and Liz Yeager
- The Milligan Family
- The Newsome Family

We are looking for host volunteers for the month of November and especially on November 12th when we will be honoring Quilts of Valor recipients at the 10:15 AM service. Please prayerfully consider signing up this week for Sunday, November 12th - 9 and 10:15 services.

Annual Fundraising Dinner & Auctions



Joe Holwager, magician extraordinaire, dazzled the guests with his tableside magic.



Gail and Richard Irons enjoyed the event with their daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren. They won the kid's fun basket!



Paul and Linda Bender had great seats for the entertainment.



Guests arrived early to get their table seating with family and friends.



Teresa Mastrobuono was fantastic with her comedy, storytelling and mime.

Our 3rd Annual Dinner Event and Auction, a New York Style supper club, was a true success! We raised over \$4,200 and we thank you for your GENEROUS donations to our Annual Fundraising Event. Without YOU our efforts to raise funds for the ministry of St. Edward's would not be a success!

We thank all of our volunteers and donors and most especially Alessio's Mangia Mangia for the generous donation of their authentic sauces for our meal!

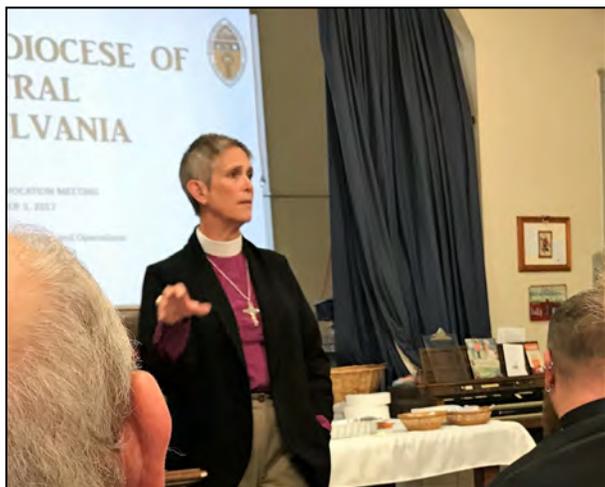
A special thanks to our musician, Doug LaSala, for his fantastic music during the event, and the talents of our very own St. Edward's parishioner, Joe Holwager for his magical talents.

Pre-Convention

Pictures by Ted Cardwell and Rayelenn Casey



The St. Edward's delegates to the Diocesan Convention attended the Lancaster Convocation meeting at St. John's, Marietta on Tuesday evening, where Bishop Scanlan and diocesan staff briefed us on the upcoming convention. In the photographs: Susan Landin, Ted Cardwell, Carter Ishler, Rayelenn Casey, Fr. Stephen. Not in the photographs, but present, was Dina Ishler. Deacon Hank was on his way back from California. Please pray for your delegates as they offer themselves for this important ministry of the church. Fr. Stephen+



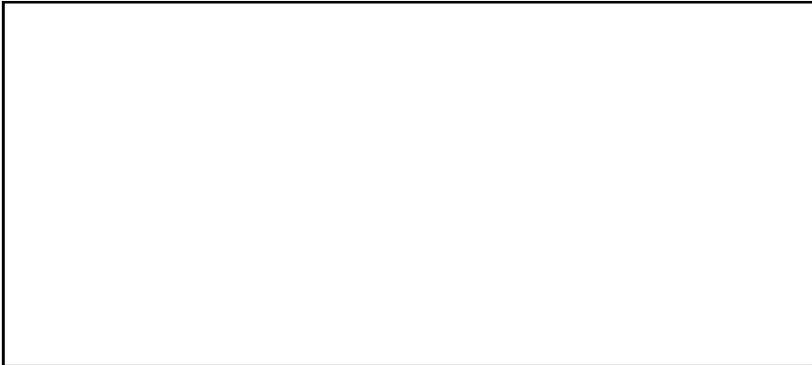
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- ✦ **Camille Horine (2018)
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- ✦ **Dina Ishler (2020)**
- ✦ **Herb Johnston(2018)**
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- ✦ **Brian Newsome
(2018) Sr. Warden**
- ✦ **Bill Swiernik (2020)**
- ✦ **Meredith Westgate
(2020)**

Worship Services

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (said)

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Contemporary Service (2nd Sunday, Sept – May).

Wednesday

12:00 Noon – Holy Eucharist with healing

Saturday

5:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II (Third Saturday)