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ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Reflections From the Rector's Desk

By The Reverend
Canon
Stephen C. Casey

Reflections on a Royal
Sermon

I had not intended to watch the royal wedding of Harry and Meghan, however, when it was announced that the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Michael Curry, was to preach the sermon, I changed my mind. Having had a "selfie" taken with the Presiding Bishop at an event only a few days prior, how could I not watch the royal wedding, if for no other reason than to see how the English Church received Bishop Curry's unique style of preaching. Steeped as we are in over one thousand years of tradition, we

British do events such as royal weddings well; it is a part of our national DNA. So it came as no surprise that the service was indeed beautiful, but I do not think anyone could have anticipated the reaction Michael Curry's sermon created.



"It was a wedding sermon per excellence, that spoke not just to the couple but to the whole congregation. The measure of it is that people all around the world took notice."

Since the royal wedding I have read and received numerous comments and observations, mostly positive, some negative, on the Presiding Bishop's sermon, and a few people have asked for my thoughts. So for what it's worth, I offer these few reflections.

Michael Sadgrove, a much respected English clergy friend, former Dean of Durham Cathedral, and no mean preacher in his own right, in his blog summed up Bishop Curry well when he writes of his "personal, extraverted, apparently more spontaneous, style." I have heard it remarked that Bishop Curry's sermon was "thin", and likely preached extempore. In my view, there was nothing "extemporaneous" about it. Any preacher who quotes Dr. Martin Luther King and the French Jesuit Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, drops in a Negro Spiritual and quotes from the Gospel of Matthew, mentions the Prophet Micah, St. Paul's hymn of love in 1 Corinthians, not forgetting the Torah all within the context of the Song of Songs has clearly thought about what he is to preach. This was a carefully crafted sermon on a difficult text in an extraordinary set-

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Reflection

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ting, in front of the kind of congregation few priests ever get to face. It was a wedding sermon per excellence, that spoke not just to the couple but to the whole congregation. The measure of it is that people all around the world took notice.

When I was taught homiletics in seminary my professor spoke of good sermons having a trajectory, taking the hearer from some point to a place they had not thought of; he talked a lot about finding one's "voice", one's "preaching style". Above all, good sermons and good preachers, he opined, should possess authenticity. It literally takes years for good preachers to find their voice and be comfortable with their style of preaching. Bishop Curry brought all these things into the pulpit when he preached in St. George's Chapel, Windsor - his African-American heritage, with it's own unique preaching voice, as well as his years as an Episcopal priest and bishop and social activist.

The amazing thing about his sermon was that he preached on one word - love. Any priest who has performed weddings will tell you, the word "love" is very much over-sentimentalized. In his sermon at the royal wedding, Michael Curry gave the word "love" weight, moving us from the warm, sentimental emotions of a wedding to the power love has if we only exercised it on a global scale. What amazed me was that it seemed to have escaped most commentator's notice that the following day was the Feast of Pentecost, and more than anything, Bishop

Curry's sermon was a Pentecost sermon preached about the "fire" of God's love in Jesus for us all.

One final observation. Some commentators have used Bishop Curry's sermon to draw a comparison between preaching in the Episcopal Church and the perceived moribund preaching style in the Church of England. Having lived in the Episcopal Church for over thirty years, I suspect few priests preach as well as Bishop Curry. In other words, neither the Church of England nor the Episcopal Church has the monopoly on fine preaching. That said, I was baptized and confirmed in the Church of England; to be honest, it is my spiritual home. But I was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church, and when he preached at the royal wedding, Bishop Curry made me feel very proud to call myself Episcopalian.

Fr. Stephen+



See the "selfie" of Fr. Stephen and Bishop Curry on page 9.



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Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.
Due date for July/August will be:
June 20th.
Send articles and announcements to:



Information

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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.



Third Saturday of
Each Month

5:30 PM
Next Service

June 16th

The Saturday service will
not take place in July and
August.



Sunday June 17th

Military News

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

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



By Brian Newsome



Over the last few weeks, Dottie Gschwend has been leading the middle school Christian Education class in a study of the Lord's Prayer. Among many topics, the children have examined similarities and differences between the two versions of the prayer that appear in the Prayer Book. The most apparent distinction is the use of "thy" in one iteration and "your" in the other. When asked about this difference, the children immediately indicated that the first is more formal and the second less so. Their response afforded a wonderful teaching opportunity, as the opposite is actually the case. The use of informal and formal versions of second person pronouns has fallen out of favor in the English language, but "thy" (informal) and "your" (formal) used to play the same role in English that "ton" (informal) and "votre" (formal) still do in French.

When seventeenth-century scholars translated the Scriptures at the behest of King James I, they used "thy" to convey an important element of Jesus's model prayer—that we should seek a personal relationship with God the Father, just as God the Father desires a personal relationship with each of us. He is as close—even closer—than the friends and family with whom one would use the pronoun "thy."

The next time you say the "old fashioned" version of the Lord's Prayer, reflect on the intimate relationship with the Heavenly Father that Jesus urged his disciples to cultivate.

"A truly rich man is
one whose children
run into his arms
when his hands are
empty."
—Ziad Abdelnour



Donohue Girls' Commencements

Pictures by Catherine Donohue

Marielle graduated magna cum laude on May 6th from Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences with a B.S. in Food Science. She is continuing her studies in the Penn State Food Science department pursuing a Master's degree in Food Science/Sensory Science and researching the sensory evaluation of Pennsylvania wines.



Eliza and Marielle Donohue

Eliza graduated from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh on May 20th with a primary major in Policy and Management, a secondary major in Social and Political History and minor in Politics and Public Policy. She begins work in Arlington, VA in July. She will be working for the consulting firm Accenture.





We love to include graduation information in the Scepter. Please share pictures and information about those in your family who reach this milestone. Send pictures and information to Michelle at

stedsoffice@comcast.net

or to Mac at

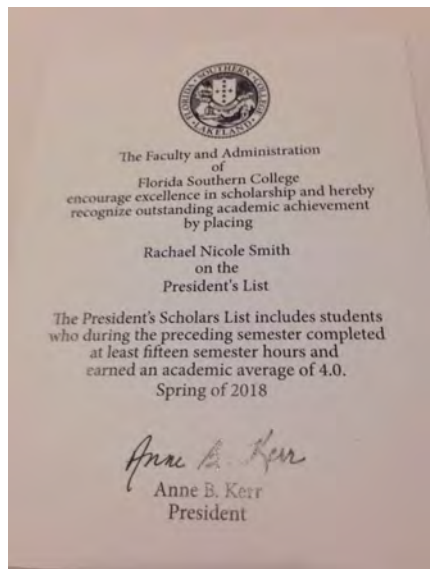
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Pentecost Sunday



Children's sermon

Award



This award was given to Peg Reiley's daughter Rachael Smith.

DADS are a BLESSING

Surprise your dad or another special man with this Father's Day gift.



What you need:

- Photos of you and your loved one (together, if possible)
- Scissors
- 8.5" x 11" paper
- Glue stick
- Marker
- 8.5" x 11" photo frame

What you do:

1. Cut photos into shapes (hearts, circles, etc.).
2. Arrange photos on the paper, leaving room for a message, and glue them down.
3. Write: "I'm blessed as can be. My heavenly Father has given me the best _____ [dad, uncle, friend] in the world, and he belongs to me!"
4. Place your picture message in the frame.
5. Give your gift to show love and appreciation.



What does God mean when he commands us to honor our fathers and mothers (Exodus 20:12)?

Complete this word search to discover words that mean the same as *honor*.

admire • adore • appreciate • cherish • esteem
look up to • praise • respect • revere • value

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Bible Quiz

What word can be placed in all four blanks to complete this Bible passage?

"But just as he who called you is _____, so be _____ in all you do; for it is written: 'Be _____, because I am _____.'"

- A. righteous
- B. holy
- C. loving
- D. merciful



Answers
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Answer: B (See 1 Peter 1:15-16, NIV.)

Eagle Scout Work Day

By Dina Carter Ishler



Here is something I bet you have never seen before- the service of “Blessing of the Swing set“! (It’s a rarely used service, I might add.) But in all seriousness, this just makes my heart so glad in multiple ways. I am so grateful for our rector, the Reverend Canon C. Stephen Casey, who supported and encouraged Carter in this project and made the celebration of it today such a joyous and unforgettable moment. For Rayelenn Sparks Casey, who suggested yesterday a Blessing of the Swing set might be in order. For William Swiernik and Mike Freshwater who provided invaluable advice and guidance, for the Scouts from Troop 44, Lititz, who gave of their holiday Saturday to work so hard, for all our church family who has supported and loved our children as their own since our first service there in July, 2009. This, friends, is what community looks like. Wise mentoring, teaching and leadership, support and friendship, caring and working and worshipping, interlaced with joy and laughter and love.

We are thankful and glad to be a part of it.

With love,

The Ishler family



Stephen blessed the structure with oil from the chrism.(a mixture of oil and balsam, consecrated and used for anointing at baptism and in other rites.)



See video of the blessing:
<https://youtu.be/t0qAos5hjtk>

Wedding At Lauxmont Farms

Pictures by Wendy Costa Heim and Fr. Casey



From Fr. Casey's Pentecost Sermon:
... I officiated at the Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage between John Landin - son of our own Susan and John Landin - and his betrothed, Lindsay Roschel.



... It took place in a beautiful setting overlooking the Susquehanna River above Wrightsville. ... there was a wonderful spirit there. ...as family and friends came together to celebrate two people who had fallen in love bind themselves, one to another, in the bonds of marriage.

Carter Ishler Intern at Clipper Stadium

Reprinted with permission from the 5/24 Lititz Record

By Lillyan Hassler

Three Warwick High School seniors have found themselves in a program where they can work in a real world environment. These interns are Evan Popalis, Carter Ishler, and Brooks Morgan.

Carter Ishler

Carter Ishler generally assists salesmen with odd tasks. He does a little bit of everything. He got the internship by getting an interview through Warwick High School. He has had this internship since the end of January.

The best part of going to work every day for Carter is that "you never know what to expect."

The hardest thing Carter had to do was moving materials around the stadium. He finds it cool to watch the fans enjoy what the staff has been working on for months.

Some good memories there for Carter include eating with the rest of the staff and getting to know each other. He likes to work there and learn a lot. It felt weird at first to go from school to work, but now it



Warwick seniors (left to right) Brooks Morgan, Evan Popalis, Carter Ishler were interns this semester at Clipper Stadium

only feels weird when he does not do that.

He has no regrets about joining this program. He wanted to start working there because it related to his major for college in business management. He learned a lot about how to make sales. Working this

program helped confirm his plans for the future.

All three boys are excited to utilize the skills they have learned during their internships and incorporate them into real paying jobs.

Hempfield Food Pantry

From the social outreach committee.

It has been a tradition of our parish to donate food to the pantry year round. Each month the pantry suggests certain types of food. Those suggestions are posted in the bulletin every Sunday. However, any donation is greatly appreciated.

Every Fourth Sunday the food is blessed during the Children's Sermon, with the food delivered on the following Monday. Fresh produce is accepted by the pantry. If you wish to donate fresh produce it must be at the church on 4th Sunday only.



March Food Collection is blessed and delivered.



Soles 4 Souls

From the social outreach committee.

St. Edward's is collaborating with St. John's Parish in the collecting of old and used shoes. This ministry allows individuals to start and sustain small businesses to lift themselves out of poverty. Donated shoes are a viable resource to help entrepreneurs provide crucial necessities for their families. A collection site will be set-up at St. Edwards in early June.



Children are Quick

TEACHER: Why are you late?
STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?
JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.
(I Love this child)

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it.

Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.....

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mum is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's.

Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog.

(I want to adopt this kid!!!)

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher



Back To School Supplies

From the social outreach committee.

The School Supply drive will be starting later this summer..

Last year we had a great response to the school supplies drive!

Church members donated:

25 backpacks

21 3-ring binders

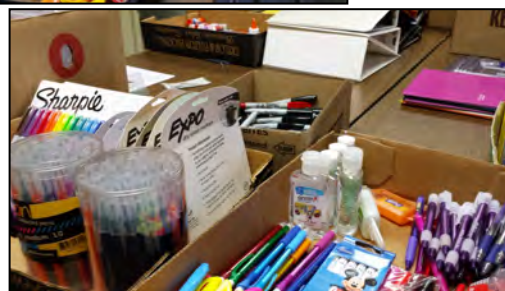
\$120 in monetary donations

and a total of 259 (!) pencils, crayons, highlighters, notebooks, folders, scissors, glue sticks, erasers, etc.

These items will be distributed to Hempfield students through the Landisville Food Pantry.



Some of the supplies from last year's collection.



Bishop Curry and the Caseys



Selfie with Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Michael Curry at a pre-General Convention meeting in Martinsburg, WV May 2018.



These two pictures were taken on the occasion of the Bishop Michael Curry's Installation as Presiding Bishop. At the Washington National Cathedral where Rayelenn was interpreting for the Bishop. November 2015.

General Convention Preparation

Pictures by Rayelenn Casey



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, The Rev'd Gay Jennings President of the House Deputies explain the General Convention.



Bishop Scanlan, Amy Swiernik and others at the Province III Synod in Martinsburg WV in preparation for General Convention.



Adult Fellowship

WHAT: Picnic at the Radcliffe house, 3190 Grande Oak Place – West Hempfield, near Oyster Point.

WHEN: Sunday, June 10, 4:00 p.m.

PLEASE BRING: Finger food, potato/macaroni/green salad, baked beans, dessert, etc. IN SHORT, I'll provide hot dogs and drinks; please bring all else.

SIGN UP: On the sheet in the Parish Hall, which will have categories for appetizers, side dishes, and dessert.

DEADLINE: Sunday, June 3.

QUESTIONS?

Call Elaine Radcliffe,
717-285-4912.



Coffee Hour



Thank you to the following hosts during the month of May:

Larry and Bev Hess

Roger and Ginny Kloepping

Gloria Kacinko

The McLaughlin Family

The Milligan Family

Dottie Gschwend

Bob Young

R.B. Mullineaux

The men of St. Edward's for their service on Mother's Day

Men's Group

By Mike Patrone



The St. Edward's Men's Group meet the last Saturday of the month in the parish hall. The group meets at 9am for a continental style breakfast and to have Bible Study.

It is lead by Fr. Stephen. Start your weekend off in a positive way.



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Pentecost Sunday

Pictures by Ted Cardwell



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- ✦ **Dina Ishler (2020)**
- ✦ **Mark Jakiel (2021)**
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Secretary**
- ✦ **Brian Newsome
(2019) Sr. Warden**
- ✦ **Bill Swiernik (2020)**
- ✦ **Meredith Westgate
(2020) Jr. Warden**

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)

No Saturday service during July and August
