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# St. Peter's Anglican Church

Mathew 16:18: "Upon this rock"



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## Priestly Precepts

Rev. Canon

John Jacobs:

### God's Blessing

As you know, the first week in October was our diocesan Synod in Timonium,

Maryland. I am very happy to say that it was boring. In other words, there was no political infighting, there were no prima donnas, and there were no surprises. It was indeed a wonderful time of fellowship and renewing of friendships separated by great distances.

Additionally, it was a good thing that we did not have the synod here this year, basically because a storm called Matthew. It would have been incredibly difficult, if not impossible, to actually have people come here and live through a hurricane. Dianne and I were of course in Maryland and only got some bad rain going from Timonium to Greenville, South Carolina, where we spent the night before coming home on Saturday. There was no damage to our home or, to any great extent, the church.

The only thing that was made evident by the storm was that there was a weak spot in the seam of the roof in the parish hall building. It is a small leak and if we

merely reseal the seam it should solve the problem entirely. There were, of course, downed tree limbs at the back of the property and palm fronds in abundance. All of this has been cleaned up and neatly stacked at the back of the property.

The only drama which I experienced during this time occurred on Thursday morning. I had looked at the storm track and it seemed to indicate that Matthew would come directly over Palatka. If that had happened I was utterly convinced that our buildings would be destroyed and we would have to start over again. Since there was nothing that I could do about this I made a decision. I placed all of our worldly goods, both church and home, in the hands of God and left it

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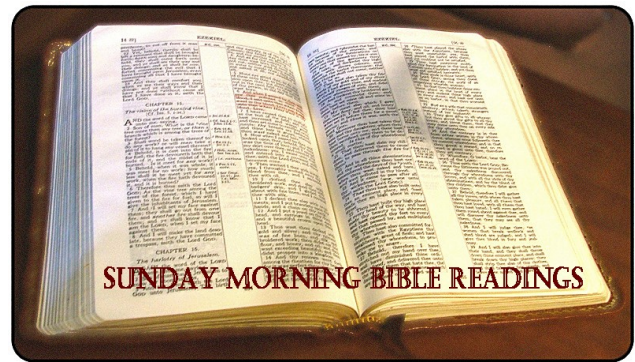
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there. By His grace, Matthew stayed out to sea and we were spared damage on a much greater scale than we actually experienced.

I was at peace with this decision because of the experience which I had, which we had, in seeing how God worked in building St. Peter's in the first place. If our buildings were destroyed, then God would see to it that it was rebuilt. As I made this decision and placed it in His hands I was given a peace which lasted the entire trip. I thank God for this gift of peace, for it is not something that I could have manufactured on my own.

I pray that you will remember this when you are in the storms of your life. By placing all that we have in the hands of God, and leaving it there, we will find that we are at peace for there is no safer place in this universe to place this trust. Even if we lose everything that we have, including our lives, we will find that peace which passes all understanding and safely transition from this world into the next carried by His loving hands.

Father John



### **Sunday, November 6th**

All Saints' Day:

*Epistle: Rev. 7:2-17 (BCP 256)*

*Gospel: St. Matt. 5:1-11 (BCP 257)*

### **Sunday, November 13th**

25th Sunday After Trinity:

*Epistle: I St. John 3:1-8 (BCP 117)*

*Gospel: St. Matt. 24:23-30 (BCP 118)*

### **Sunday, November 20th**

Sunday Next Before Advent:

*Epistle: Jer. 23:5-8 (BCP 225)*

*Gospel: St. John 6:5-14 (BCP 225)*

### **Sunday, November 27th**

1st Sunday In Advent:

*Epistle: Rom. 13:8-14 (BCP 90)*

*Gospel: St. Matt. 21:1-13 (BCP 91)*



Sunday	Holy Eucharist	10:30AM
Wednesday	Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist	6:15PM
Friday	Holy Hour of Prayer and Meditation	11AM

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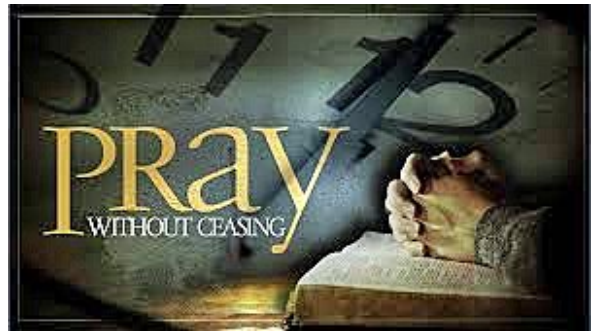


Wednesday, November 2, will be a Holy Day of Obligation with the celebration of All Souls Day. There will be a pad underneath the visitor's book where you may add people to be remembered on this day who are not already on our Memorial List. You can also email Fr. John those names and he will add them.

Sunday, November 6, will be the celebration of All Saints Day, also a Holy Day of Obligation.



Thanksgiving Day Mass will be on Thursday, November 24th at 10AM.



### **Prayer Requests:**

#### **Healing:**

Barbara	Carol
Deacon Joe	Eileen
Fr. Tim	Gene
Richard	Ted

#### **Special Needs:**

Elanor Patrick  
Thomas & Bridget

Our Church - Our Community  
Our Nation

A Women's Resource Center  
The Palatka Christian Service Center  
The Palatka & Ormond Beach Police Depts.  
All First Responders  
The Persecuted Church worldwide  
Safe return for our deployed military



#### **BIRTHDAYS:** **NOVEMBER:**

Charles Gauthier	11/14
Tina Perham	11/14

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**ANNIVERSARIES:**  
**NOVEMBER:**

Richard & Cecile Barry

11/02



**PERSECUTED CHURCH**

**“Don’t Pray For Us”**

“Don’t pray for the Persecuted Church.”  
Huh?

Yes, that’s correct. Don’t pray *for* the Persecuted Church; pray *with* them.

This is not just a word game. Think about painting a room *for* someone or painting it *with* them? Can you sense the shift in feeling between the prepositions?

*For* has a singular feel and an I’ve-got-this attitude. *With*, on the other hand, denotes company, at least one buddy, maybe even a crowd, all working together.

One way we can learn to pray with believers in areas unreached or rejecting of the gospel is to listen in on *their* prayers. This is possible through the wonders of technology and Prayercast.com. Prayer-cast.com is a ministry that uses

multi-media resources to “activate world-changing prayer and advance the Gospel”.

With Prayercast.com we can learn how to pray with believers from countries on our prayer list this month. If you will pause momentarily in your reading and bring up prayercast.com on your computer, I’ll walk you through the simple steps to open this unique prayer resource for any country in the world.

Prayercast.com takes you to their home page. Click on the “Nations” tab where you will be given option to search Prayercast videos by Alphabetical List of Nations, Regions, or World Map. Choose “Nations”. An alphabetical list of all countries in the world opens before you. The first nation on our prayer list this month is Nigeria. Scroll down to Nigeria and right click.

A page filled with current information about Nigeria opens. In the upper left corner, a list of prayer points are given. Click on the video on the right side to see images of the people and country side and hear a native intercessor pray passionately for his nation.

Northern Nigeria is being torn apart by terrorist group, Boko Haram. On any Sunday in Nigeria, an average of five churches are attacked. Thousands have been killed, assaulted, kidnapped and forced from their homes in a six-year insurgency.

Who can pray so passionately for Nigeria as one of its own? But now that we have seen his people, his country and heard his distress, we can pray with him. After you watch the video, please return to the newsletter and write down two prayer points for Nigeria this week.

Use Prayercast.com to learn about the

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other nations on this month's list and find prayer points for them also: Yemen, Libya, and Iran.

Let us hear from you about your experience with Prayercast.com. and praying with the Persecuted Church.

"PRAY WITH US."

**November 6 - NIGERIA #12 WWL**

Persecution: Severe

Population: 182 mil/80.5 mil Christians

Source: Islamic Extremism

Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa, and possibly one of the most corrupt. The nation's wealth from large petroleum resources has remained in the hands of the rich and powerful, doing little to aid the people. Persecution comes from three sources: Boko Haram terrorism, Muslim Fulani herdsmen, and Muslim religious and political elites that dominate the government. Killing of Christians rose 62% in 2015.

Pray For:

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**November 13 - YEMEN #11 WWL**

Persecution: Severe

Population: 26.5mil/few thousand Christians

Source: Islamic Extremism

With already 6,000 killed and 2.4 million displaced, AlQaeda and IS affiliated groups struggle to control Yemen in a war that has drawn in Saudi Arabia and Iran. Meanwhile eighty per cent of the population is dependent on some kind of humanitarian assistance and fifty percent are food insecure. Yemen is a hungry nation and thirsty nation. Poor water management and

illegal drilling of wells is draining their aquifer. Women spend 4-5 hours a day collecting water. Life is a struggle for everyone in Yemen, especially for Christians who are constantly harassed by their family and the government. Still the message of Christ is being heard via television, Internet and radio, and people are coming to Christ.

Pray For:

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**November 20 - LIBYA #10WWL**

Persecution: Severe

Population: 6.68 mil/180,000 Christians

Severe: Islamic Extremism

Christianity in Libya is limited to Christians hidden in the basements of their homes. Claiming to be "100% Muslim", proselytizing is forbidden under penalty of prison or death. Libya's governing forces are unstable. Surrounding countries are threatened by the spread of ISIS terrorism in the region. People and weapons are smuggled in and out of the country. Christian women are especially vulnerable to abduction, being used as currency to attract and reward fighters in Libya, Syria and Iraq. There are no missionaries in Libya, radio, satellite, and internet offer viable ways to evangelize and disciple.

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**November 27 - IRAN #9WWL**

Persecution: Severe

Population: 80.5 mil/450,000

Severe: Islamic Extremism

IRAN is 98% Shi'ite Muslim. The people are Persian and speak Farsi, not

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Arabic. Christians are not allowed to conduct church or print religious materials in Farsi. Anyone who converts to Christ is declared apostate and can face death. Yet the people experience Holy Spirit-inspired dreams and visions of Christ. Many are curious about the Bible. Since the Iranian deal with US, the government has expressed a "softening" of sorts and has increased the speed of the Internet in the country which is fast enough to allow the viewing of Christian videos. Iranian diplomats, seeking Western money and technological knowledge, are encouraging American businesses to invest in the country – but without their politics or religion.

Pray For:

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"Blessed are the persecuted for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."



REACH OUT  
LEARN. PRAY. GO. SEND. WELCOME.  
MOBILIZE.

### **MARY'S MEALS**

If you could skip lunch one day a month and feed a hungry child one meal every day at school for the whole school year, would you do it? You can, if you will – through Mary's Meals, a Scottish

family ministry that has gone global with its "... simple solution to world hunger....all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic necessities."

Founder and CEO, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, says, "What's important to us is the hungry child. When there are hungry children in front of us today, we're going to feed them, and at the same time we're going to work on the solution to getting them fed in the long term, creating a global movement of people who believe in this vision."

There are 58 million children in the world today who should be in school but aren't because they're in the streets begging for something to eat, or if they have a family, working to help their parents provide a subsistence living. Many of these children are orphans. War and disease or famine and oppression have taken their parents, leaving children young as 12 years old as head of household. Every day for these children is a struggle for survival. Mary's Meals is feeding over a million of them.

Back of Mary's Meals is an amazing work of the Spirit. Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow tells their story in his book, The Shed That Fed A Million Children. A video about Mary's Meals, "Child 31", ([www.child31film.com](http://www.child31film.com)) will rend your heart.

Sometimes we are so overwhelmed by the magnitude of the problems of the world, in comparison to the smallness of any difference we think we can make, that we decide to do nothing. Wrong! Wrong! Hear Mother Teresa, "If you cannot feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

For \$19.50 you can feed a child Mary's

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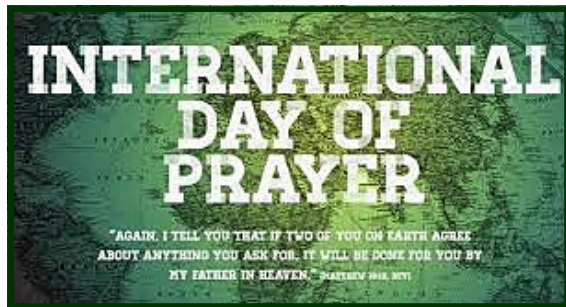
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Meals for an entire school year.

Skip lunch one day this week. Feed one child.

Share Mary's Meals with a few friends and feed a few more. Reach out! There is power in multiplication.

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

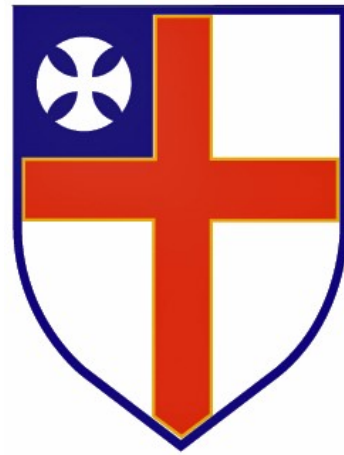


INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
NOV 6<sup>TH</sup>

Christian persecution is worldwide.  
So is Christian prayer. Join in.

See these resources:

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topics/i/international-day-of-prayer-for-  
the-persecuted-church/  
idop.org/web](http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/topics/i/international-day-of-prayer-for-the-persecuted-church/idop.org/web)



**Synod – Timonium Maryland – October  
06, 2016**

Bishop message: Christians need to reunite with each other.

National Synod was held in Georgia from 10/02/17 – 10/06/17 at the Crown Plaza Hotel. We are celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Affirmation of St. Louis. Therefore it was a joint synod with the ACA, APA, ACC and The Dioceses of the Holy Cross. The hotel has approx. 500+ rooms and they all had been reserved for these meetings.

Because of the Ordinariate, our parishes have greatly suffered. We have gone from 24 missions and parishes to only 8. They are persevering and are going strong.

William Hawkins, our synod treasurer, has requested that our contributions be sent to him by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month with a reference on the memo line as to what month they are submitting the funds for. St. Peter's is already doing this and will continue to do so. This way the Dioceses can see how much they have on a regular basis. He also requested that the delegates remind their parishioners that even when they are on vacation, they

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should continue to contribute to their church.

National Dues were discussed and we were reminded that we are to be collecting \$30.00 per person for anyone over the age of 18. Each parish/mission is required to send these funds to the treasurer. He reminded everyone that whatever is not collected by the parish has to be made up by the Dioses according to our parish report. It was suggested that each church chooses one Sunday out of the year and designate the funds collected be sent to the National Church.

At this point we separated into our respective houses: the House of Clergy and the House of Laity:

The house of Laity voted Howard Elliot as president and re-elected William Hawkins as treasurer.

We chose two representatives to sit on the Dioses Court.

We chose 8 delegates and 8 alternates to attend the National Synod next year (John and Dianne were both nominated to attend)

We chose 1 person to sit on the marriage tribunal.

After much discussion regarding our youth program, it was decided that we have only two options to consider since our numbers are so small. We could join the Dioses of the North East when they go next year or try to go with Bishop Garcia on their mission trip which plans to go to Porto Rico next year.

The two houses then came together and each gave their reports.

The Bishop then announced his appointments which are as follows:

Chancellor – Fr. Hawtin

Secretary – Deacon Bursi

Treasurer – William Hawkins

Ecumenical Officer – Fr. Kelly

He also announced that Fr. John Jacobs was now Canon John Jacobs and that this recognition was far overdue.

It was also agreed and approved that a new mission be establish in Louisiana.

It was then announced that our next Synod would be co-hosted by St. Peter's Anglican Church and St. Patrick's in Palatka Florida from June 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dianne Jacobs

Delegate







# 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Evening Prayer / Holy Eucharist 6:15pm  All Souls Day	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Holy Hour of Prayer & Meditation 11am	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> All Saints Adult Study - 9am Holy Eucharist 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Evening Prayer / Holy Eucharist 6:15pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Holy Hour of Prayer & Meditation 11am	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Trinity 19 Adult Study - 9am Holy Eucharist 10:30am	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Evening Prayer / Holy Eucharist 6:15pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Holy Hour of Prayer & Meditation 11am	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Trinity 19 Adult Study - 9am Holy Eucharist 10:30am	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Services Cancelled	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving Mass - 10am 	<b>25</b> Services Cancelled	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Trinity 19 Adult Study - 9am Holy Eucharist 10:30am	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Evening Prayer / Holy Eucharist 6:15pm	<b>Prayer Requests:</b> <b>Healing:</b> Barbara Deacon Joe Fr. Tim Richard Carol Eileen Gene Ted		

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**Please Don't Throw Me Away Before Reading**

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