

# THE WORD

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### **ASAC ESSENTIAL INFORMATION**

Officially our Parish is named All Saints Anglican Church and is a member of the Diocese of the Eastern United States of the Anglican Province of America. The Most Reverend Walter H. Grundorf D. D. is our Bishop and his headquarters is located at Saint Albans Parish, Oviedo, Florida. Contact information available through either Father or me.

Our Priest is The Reverend Franklin a.k.a. Father Frank P.R. Bartlett SSM Vicar. Father maintains regular summer Church office hours from 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Fridays. Ample notice (probably 5 September) will be given as to the exact date of return to his winter/spring schedule. He is available at other times based on a prior request and can be reached at his home in Ocala 352-304-6792 or his cell 603-275-5371

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### **SERVICES INFORMATION**

Ongoing services: Sunday--- Holy Communion @ 11:00 A.M. or 1100 hours for aging ex-military types

After Holy Communion, potluck (feeding), social time in the Parish Hall. A chance to get to know better other members of the Parish and for visitors to view our friendliness to help decide whether or not they want (assuming they are searching for a church home) to begin the process of becoming a member. As talking in the Sanctuary is frowned upon before or during the Holy Communion the social hour also gives you a chance to talk with old friends. We are a bit “sticky” as to audible conversations prior to and during Holy Communion in the Sanctuary thus greetings should be confined to a quick whisper or a simple nod of your head.

Wednesday---Holy Communion @ 6:30 P.M. or 1830 hours as above. See below, please.

With summer officially starting in mid-June, this activity has been cancelled as of the 23 May session; scheduled to return shortly after Labor Day on Wednesday 5 September. Ample notice will be given, prior to the return to normal (winter) schedule.

### **ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS**

If you are married and a male, no question the most important date to remember is your wedding date. Usually a husband forgets once, an experience not likened to occur “ever again”. The wife’s birthday comes in a very close “second”. As anniversary instructions, forget at your peril. Known events are as follows.

Birthdays:

No known birthdays

Other birthdays solicited

Anniversaries:

No known anniversaries

Other anniversaries solicited

### **HARD HATS, ASAC APPLICATION?**

I suppose everybody who reads “The Word” has knowledge of a commercial “hard hat” a.k.a. helmet when referring to bicycle or motorcycle riders as to the purpose of them. Go to the “head of the class,” if you answered protect the wearer from a head injury in an industrial or highway accident or similar.

Now comes the “hard” (pun unintended) part; just when have you heard, read of or have personal knowledge that wearing the “hat” for protection saved that person’s life? Ergo, he/she would have been killed but the hat saved their life. Of course, I don’t know as to you, however, in such a situation and to the best of my memory, I would say “no”. Thus, they are worn to satisfy some OSHA or similar law/rule. Established to guard against a hazard that in 99,999% of the situations doesn’t exist. About like the need to wear a scarf to protect one’s neck from the cold on the 4th of July in Palatka. Useless, quickly comes to mind.

Only use this preamble to illustrate a situation I have noticed occurring occasionally at ASAC. Now before you think, wow, Don etc. Just let me explain, I am NOT referring to physical injuries to one’s head but the mental ones which can be just as deadly.

I am referring to unkind words spoken to or about a certain individual that is the catalyst which causes someone to permanently leave the Parish. Did the

speaker mean to run somebody away, probably not, but never the less it has the same affect, the loss of a Parishioner that shouldn't have happened.

No one should take this as being critical or in any way directed at them, however, judging your audience is the "keyword" before marking remarks/comments. Even jokes can come into the picture, what you may think is cute and/or funny may not have the same result to the listener.

One of the worse comments you can make to a person suffering in particular the recent death of a loved one or friend is: "I know how you feel" based on some personal experience. Quick response merely "you don't." Each individual, handles grief differently and since you have no ability to read a person's mind as to their inner feelings your comment only makes the pain worse and makes the individual think how "stupid" you are to try.

Another factor is, what I mentioned as part of my "eye witness" comments in a previous issue i.e. not so much as to what is said but how the person thinks he/she heard, often quite different. The really sad aspect is all the apologies possible, seldom erase the original memory of the unkind words.

Don, you are very good at giving advice, but you can "come out" with some "very cutting" "one liners". Guilty as charged, however, those who have around me very long quickly realize they are 100% in jest. As to new comers I try to be very careful what I might say. The caution, I must admit, comes from the experience, in former years, when I won many battles but seldom the war.

## **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

September and the beginning of the fall/winter seasonal activities aren't that far into the future to consider to participate, especially the Wednesday evening event. Those who are "regulars" can attest the benefit. After 1830 Mass and a sandwich or so, Father puts a lot of effort into preparing and presenting a Biblical program to stimulate a "free-wheeling" discussion. So, if you like to express an opinion or to merely listen this is your opportunity. .

Unfortunately, recent attendance has been rather sparse, however, there is a seat reserved for any newcomer! So, commit yourself to try.

## **MYSTERY, CHAPTER ONGOING**

Perhaps, I sound like a "broken record" in repeating over and over again why "The Word" never seems to get approval of certain members/attendees of ASAC. If the term is meaningless for my younger readers, I suggest Wikipedia.

Thus, I will try again, is it the content or how it is presented? Rather continuing to try to suggest, that approach has become passé at best, I will come "flat out" and ask "what is your problem"? Do any, of our (Father and I) detractors have the "moxie" to tell either one of us the "error of our ways" to be as charitable as possible.

So, you have a choice, come forth, in writing preferred, or continue "as is" to no one's advantage. Might call it a "Mexican stand-off"; you continue to disapprove and we (Father and I) haven't the foggiest notion as to why? Sort of detracts from thinking we are all "adults" not some kids on a play-ground; "are so, are not"!

Our (Father and I) goal continues to be, have a publication everyone feels they are a part and all contributions are welcome to be printed i.e. autobiography, idiom, tale from your past, joke or whatever.

### **IDIOMS THOUGHT INTERESTING**

Once again, no suggestions, it is your (ASAC) newsletter why not participate?

### **ALWAYS SERIOUS, A LITTLE HUMOR**

A young man was being interviewed for a white-collar job. The interviewer asked him to give the main reason he felt he should be hired. He paused for a moment, then responded, "I am very good at acting like I know what I am doing."

Adapted from a cartoon that recently appeared in the "Wall Street Journal"

Above meant as a joke, however, upon a second look, I see something else. Will give no clues or make any further comment, other than, what do you see? Will print unedited any written submissions.

### **GREETINGS, ASAC LIBRARY STYLE**

There are many new additions to our Church library. The shelves are arranged into the following categories: fiction, non-fiction, periodicals (magazines), religion and children's on the bottom shelf.

Please take the time to explore the many new interesting historical, biographical, religious and children's books that have been added to our Church library. Please sign out any borrowed items entering the requested information on the large envelope visible on the shelf.

Some new titles:

Confessions St Augustine

The Gift of Peace-Joseph Cardinal  
Bernardine

Just As I am-Autobiography of Billy Graham

Tacitus-The Histories (Ancient Rome)

Inner Calm-A Christian Answer to Modern  
Stress

Strawberry Girl-Lois Lenski

Guidepost Magazine-current issue

Wall Street Magazines (monthly)

Pam Garris

Editor's note, Pam is a retired school teacher and has retained her sharp ruler, thus I suggest you follow her instructions or....

### **ARE YOU SMARTER THAN YOUR PHONE?**

Is the answer up for grabs? As one who stills depends on a wired land line to basically communicate, I wonder. My smart phone goes by a different name called "my brain". Stores 99% of the useful (not trivia) information I need to function. The remaining 1%, I know where to find. Main reason, I was taught to think! While occasionally it fails probably no worse than a computer saying "trash in trash out".

If you depend on a computer/smart phone to be perfect, you are due a major awakening at the most crucial moment when it truly matters. Besides my brain works "just fine" without any electrical source. How often to you hear the computer is down and/or my phone doesn't function here (wherever that is). Thus, useless vs my brain 100% as needed.

Another unfortunate downside, unless you have learned the basics, how do you know the computer information is correct? Thus, one tends to believe merely what one reveals. Called verification of information.

Most information is useless unless you can verify.

Not saying a smart phone or similar isn't useful under certain circumstances but what about your lack of basic speaking communication or can't eat your lunch without your smart phone operating, for examples!

God gave you the ability to think, why not use it? Might even save you some money.

### **QUESTIONS, YOUR ANSWER?**

From time to time I see terminology, titles or whatever in the media that "winkles my brow" in thinking just what does the author mean? So, without any comment from me, in order to promote discussion, just what does it mean to you? Don't intend for you to do any research, before giving an answer, just merely what you think the usage means "off the top" ergo your initial and usually your final reaction if it concerns you at all.

With this preamble, I will pose three recent "usages".

Someone in the media makes the statement:  
He/she is a NAZI or perhaps a FASCIST.

He/she is a DEVOUT CATHOLIC.  
He/she is a BIGOT or perhaps a RACIST.

There is an answer using a maximum of ten words covering all three. What is it?

Attempting to be a Christian is much more than merely regular church attendance.

### **I AM A MIKE HUCKABEE FAN**

I have been a fan of his for many years and actually met him when he was in Jacksonville, some years ago. Currently he has a daily free blog. I enjoy reading his comments on the political scene with a touch of humor and religion. He recently reported the results of a "study" by some group, name unimportant. Findings were rather terse, entitled: "People of Faith" Study concludes, people of faith live four years longer than atheists. Mike added, Actually, I believe they live an eternity longer. Agree?

### **PRAYER LIST**

As of 1 July, no changes

Kym, Linnie, Kenny, Sharon, Jacob, Richard, Yvonne, Pat and to those loved ones known to us and to God.

Always remember new entries for the prayer list can be submitted, in writing to either Father or me including whether or not chronic or acute, at any time, however, the entire list is subject to revision in the first Bulletin/Word issue of a given month. Thus, only chronic like hospice for example will remain indefinitely till some resolution (death) while others are removed after four weeks insertions with the assumption they are well and no longer qualify for "special" prayer. Removal process is to avoid having a "mile-long" list where once listed NEVER removed. Your co-operation to make this goal work will be appreciated by Father Frank and your, not so humble editor.

### **SANCTURY ETIQUETTE AND OTHER REMINDERS**

Dislike having to harp on something but some of us are rather "sloppy" with etiquette in the Sanctuary. If you come from a Protestant background, like me, not particularly an issue but now as an Anglican

or a wannabe, formality is an issue of concern.

When you approach the Altar for any reason, you use the center aisle but where the “rub” comes you always exit the Altar Rail/area via the side doors either Gospel (Father’s sermon side) or Epistle depending on the side you have knelt on. Never, never walk back via the center aisle to exit nor use the same as part of your route to your pew. Please tattoo on your brain! Taking “short cuts” is not an option.

Our new air conditioning and heating equipment, with a stated cost of approximately \$11,000.00 remains under funded, with approximately \$8,500.00 raised. Entire cost was “borrowed” from our reserve account to avoid the cost of outside financing, so to restore there is \$2,500.00 outstanding. Help? Even small amounts count up.

### **GIVING SCHEDULE**

Is your weekly giving schedule current? Perhaps you have missed a few Sundays, in attendance for various reasons, are these outstanding? Always remember your share of monies to keep the “doors” open depends on a commitment/pledge to give for 52 Sundays each year not merely when you attend. Otherwise, you are expecting someone else to pick-up the shortage. We would be in “sad shape” monies wise if everybody felt the same way.

### **FINAL EDITORIAL COMMENT**

You are always entitled to my opinion!

## **VICAR’S THOUGHTS**

### **Penance**

“Penance” is one of those “gloomy” words which is considered unfashionable and counter-productive these days. Penance suggests that we have done something wrong and there is practically nothing which is considered wrong in the present age! That is a curious perversion of the modern mind in view of the fact the modern mind accepts psychiatry without question and even with enthusiasm. Yet what is the psychiatric couch but a modern variation of the religious confessional box? On the couch, the patient pours out all the things which have gone wrong in his life – or, more accurately, all the things he has done wrong. We call these wrongs complexes or traumas. But what are complexes and traumas but sin? And what is the story poured forth to the psychiatrist but confession and a search for healing and forgiveness? Christ and His Church discovered these truths long before medical psychiatry did.

Repentance is as old as Christianity and it ended with the command to preach repentance. Accordingly, the Christian Church has always included the confession of sin, the asking for forgiveness and the resolution to do better as among the duties of a true Christian. Penance starts with repentance, with sorrow and regret for the mistakes we have made, the sins we have committed. For what is sin but a mistake in the eyes of God, a transgression of the laws of God? In some cases it may be a major and deadly sin, like murder or adultery. In most cases it is a minor sin, like cheating, gossiping, an unkindness. These are things we are all guilty of at times. We prefer not to think of them as sins, but they are and unless repented of, they can be damaging to us and our relationship with God.

The starting point, then, is acknowledgement of error, mistakes, wrongdoing, sin-acknowledgement first to ourselves, then to God, either, directly or to his priest. That is repentance, resulting in confession. Then comes the asking for forgiveness and the obtaining of absolution from God, directly or through his priest, so that a new start can be made, a new path followed. A new start, of course, involves a resolution to do better. Repentance, confession, forgiveness, and a resolve to do better—these are the elements of penance.

Most parts of the Catholic Church provide formal ways in which penance can be made. In some Anglican Churches, this is also true. However, Anglicanism certainly recognizes the need for repentance and absolution, even though it provides no special office for this purpose. In Holy Communion and in the daily Offices, The BCP makes provision for a “general”, or common and public confession, followed by absolution in God’s name by the priest. The office for the Visitation of the Sick makes provision for confession of sin if the sick person so desires. And the second Exhortation, printed at the end of the Order for the Holy Communion, all whose consciences are uneasy are specifically enjoined to confess to God or the priest for counsel and forgiveness.

Thus Anglicanism implicitly and in some ways explicitly recognizes Penance as one of the sacramental ways in which the Christian worshiper and believer can draw nearer to and reconcile himself to God seeking forgiveness, and thus healing and spiritual health. The Church knew and preached these values long before psychiatry did and it still offers them as free and priceless gifts of God for all who seek Him. Yet what is the psychiatric couch but a

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