



The Angelus

October 2020

A Word from the Rector: *Greetings in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!*

Members of Grace,

Where I come from, most folks live for the colder months that “end in ‘er’” because those are the best months for harvesting and eating (preferably raw) oysters, a delicacy of the Lowcountry like soft crabs. Likewise, I understand that October is a big month in Sheboygan for a host of reasons that are not unrelated to good locally brewed beer and good locally made bratwurst. All of this will be different this year, but let’s not let go of such a venerable tradition entirely?!

This will be my final ‘Angelus’ to you as your Interim Rector. From the moment I arrived, you have been unfailingly gracious and kind to me, extending to me the great and abiding gift of the “benefit of the doubt”. Even when I went astray, you assumed I intended well by it, and when I was on target you were appreciative and cooperative. I am grateful for your hospitality and your trust.

We are in the midst of an apocalyptic year. ‘Apocalypse’ is a word that comes from my discipline, theology and biblical languages. It derives from Greek and means, literally, ‘uncovering’ something that heretofore has been hidden. It has come to refer to events of catastrophic scope and gravity. It is not an irresponsible use of the word to employ it today.

When I arrived on your shore in late October 2019, our state and country were not without challenges. But as soon as 2020 began, our present travails began as well. Illness, contagion, catastrophic weather events and of course racial discord and its subsequent reorientation of a nation built initially in large part by slave labor have all ensued.

So, as I depart your shore for a further shore, I commit you to God who alone can make all things right. The government cannot make all things right, nor can the church or any other institution.

Luck cannot make things right. And, of course, as we now know only too well, neither can we all together or on our own. Only God can save us and then refashion the world alongside of us for a better and more lovely future, a time of restoration and of hope. Your new rector will make this journey with you into the vast mystery of the morrow, and s/he will be blessed indeed for being in your company.

God be with you.

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(The Rev.) Jonathan B. Coffey,
Interim Rector





Memories of Walsingham

By Bernie Markevitch

Twenty-three years ago as part of our sesquicentennial observance, a group of pilgrims from Grace Church and the Diocese of Fond du Lac, organized by John and Marion Keller and led by Father Andrew Sloan, left for ten days in England.

The weekend we spent in the small Norfolk village of Walsingham is still fresh in my

memory. We arrived in the rain and started our visit exploring the Shrine before we met at the visitor's center for room assignments and the beginning of three days of prayer, contemplation and focus.

We began Friday morning boarding the bus to go to All Saints, Gospel Oak, the parish of Fr. Houlding, a choir school classmate of Fr. Sloan. They sang at St. Paul's Cathedral and were part of the choir for Winston Churchill's funeral. A half dozen of his parishioners and Fr. Houlding formed our group. After Mass we left for Walsingham with a stop in Ely to see the Cathedral and have a box lunch in the cloisters. The stone for the massive cathedral was shipped over from France.

That first night, after dinner, we followed the bells to the church for Compline. We followed the bells all weekend as they called us to each service. Saturday afternoon we traveled in our trusty bus to Norwich to see the Cathedral and visit the Julian of Norwich Shrine. We were back in Walsingham in time for dinner and then the bells called for solemn Benediction and a procession through the Shrine gardens.

Father Sloane carried the exposed host, under a canopy, following the Way of the Cross. Then off to the Bull, one of three pubs, for mirth, merriment and to watch Mary Kohler smoke a cigar!

Sunday morning after a traditional English pub breakfast the bells called us back to the Shrine for Solemn High Mass. After Mass we ate lunch and had a few hours to explore the village, its parish church, and the river (which is only a tiny stream) that we sang about in our processional hymn around the block. At three, the bells called us to a service that included a visit to the Holy House within the Shrine church, the healing water and shrine prayers.

A farewell Mass Monday morning offered an opportunity to have whatever we bought at the shrine shop blessed.

We left for London, stopping at Kings College, Cambridge, to visit its famous chapel. We were hoping for a choral Vespers service which didn't happen as the choral scholars were on vacation. The chapel is the site of the annual Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service. We were offered High Tea as guests of the college.

We returned to the Strand Palace (owned by the Queen) for our final night in London. More next month about that final night plus a few extra memories.

October Birthdays

Cory Bouch	10/1	Karen Wilhelm	10/22
Jennifer Keller	10/2	Peggy Montgomery	10/23
Russ Green	10/4	Doug Hamilton	10/25
Susan McIntosh	10/5	Marshall Horne	10/28
Scott Bailey	10/7	Stuart Schmidt	10/28
Elizabeth Coffey	10/10	Jill Stagner	10/30
Houa Wa Yang	10/10	Zachary Whitford	10/30
Jane Hanson	10/12	October Anniversaries	
Ruth Kalk	10/13	Robert and Mia McMillan	10/3
Betty Potter	10/13	Eric and Kathleen McClure-Meulemans	10/7
Tony Fessler	10/14	Greg and Brenda Burget	10/7
Dale Munro	10/14	Luke and Amelia Fitzsimmons	10/11
Mary Clabots	10/16	Steve and Mary Gallimore	10/20
Tom Ambelang	10/19	Scott and Jeanine Mullen	10/20
Flower Shine Lin	10/22	Jay and Katie Maki	10/24

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 The Reverend Paul Aparicio, *Deacon*
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