

RECTOR'S REFLECTION

Do you know what the Calendar is? No, I don't mean the annual Canadian Church Calendar that we sell you at the end of the year. I don't even mean the Church Year Liturgical Planner that I put together every fall that has all of the readings etc for the following year. In this case, what I mean is the Calendar of the Church, which is the collection of feasts, commemorations, and memorials that we mark almost every day of the year.

In a small rural parish such as ours, we don't have services throughout the week other than Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. So, we primarily gather Sunday by Sunday and we observe the readings and intentions of that Sunday, whether it's the First Sunday of Advent, the Third Sunday of Lent, or the Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost. Each Sunday has its own set of readings and prayers and we work according to that lectionary cycle. We know the big feasts and fasts of the Church—Easter, Christmas, Pentecost, Ascension, Epiphany, Trinity Sunday, All Saints' Day, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday. But there are a multitude of other saints' days and other commemorations that fall on fixed dates. The Calendar is what keeps them all in order.

If you open a *Book of Alternative Services* and turn to page 14, you'll find an explanation of the Calendar. On page 15 begins some lists: Principal Feasts, Sundays, Holy Days, Days of Special Devotion, and Days of Optional Observance. The liturgical cycle for the year is outlined starting on page 18 and then on page 20, it explains what the difference is between a memorial and a commemoration. Not stuff that most people are interested in or care about, but it is part of our tradition, so it might be a learning experience for you to read through all this stuff.

The Calendar itself starts on page 22. Each month has a page and the days of the month are listed down the left side. If there is a holy day, commemoration, or memorial on that day, the title or person is listed in the next column, and then on the right side of the page it tells us what the category of the observance is (i.e. principal feast etc: the legend is on page 21). So, for example, if you turn to page 24 (March) and then look at the entry for the 10th, you'll see that it's a commemoration (Com) of the Most Rev'd Robert Machray, First Primate of Canada, 1904. There are general prayers for people like this in the BAS, but there is another larger book called *For All The Saints* which has particular prayers and readings for those days and, for many of the observances, there is a second section of the book with inspirational excerpts from the writings of the person being commemorated.

If you take a look at two dates of special interest to our parish—April 16th and June 21st—you'll see in most of our copies of the BAS that there is no entry on either date. In new editions of the BAS, those days now read "Mollie Brant (Konwatsitsayenni), Matron among the Mohawks, 1796" and "National Aboriginal Day of Prayer". The Anglican Church of Canada's General Synod in recent years has added both of those dates to the Calendar, which means that the whole Church across the country observes those days.

The real point of me telling you all this: on October 21st, 2012, the Roman Catholic Church canonised St Kateri Tekakwitha, a Mohawk woman from the Valley who eventually died in Kahnawake. She is not part of the Canadian Calendar yet. At our most recent meeting, Parish Council passed a resolution asking the General Synod of Canada to add her to the Calendar in 2016. We hope that, in a year or two, Anglicans across the country will be celebrating another Mohawk woman.



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF TYENDINAGA

*To be a Spirit-filled and life-giving place where strangers
become friends and friends become disciples.*

SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday 26 July 2015
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

9:30 a.m.

All Saints' Church, 1295 Ridge Rd

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Mission Statement

Our mission, for the glory of God in Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, is to:

- Celebrate all that God has done for us through worship and witness with others.
- Respond to our call to be disciples of Christ by sharing our faith, rooted in the Word of God, with others and encouraging others to become followers of Christ through word and action.
- Practice good stewardship of our human, financial and environmental resources, working to ensure that all of God's Creation is viable for future generations.
- Grow ourselves and others by reaching out to our communities, following Jesus' example of generous caring, giving, and welcoming.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rector's Vacation—Brad is away until 5 Aug. Cathie and Doug will be responsible for worship the next two Sundays. Administrative queries can be addressed to Elsie in the office or to the wardens. Pastoral care will be provided by Cathie (396-2400).

Food Bank Donations—We gather non-perishable food items on the first Sunday of each month and donate them to the Food Bank. The Food Bank is experiencing a significant increase in the number of families it serves so this is a material way we can help our neighbours. The next Food Bank Sunday is 2 Aug.

Friendly Manor Visitors—Due to Brad's holidays, the July Friendly Manor visit will be rescheduled to Thu 6 Aug. We will go again on Thu 27 Aug.

Parish Picnic—our annual outdoor worship and picnic will be on Sun 16 Aug on the east side of All Saints' Churchyard. Please bring a potluck dish to share, a chair, and your feast basket with utensils, cups, plate etc.

Amsterdam Trip—Our visit to St Ann's will take place 18-20 Sep. A block of rooms has been set aside for us in nearby Johnstown at USD106 (approx. CAD135) per night. Please sign up on the sheet being circulated if you plan to attend. If you need a ride, there will be car pooling available: please check the box on the sign-up sheet if you need a ride.

Diocesan Budget Input—If you are interested in the development of the diocesan budget and/or would like some input into it, please visit the diocesan website for more information: <http://ontario.anglican.ca/wp/diocese-of-ontario-2016-budget-development/>. We all have a vested interest in the budget because it is funded for the most part by our assessment through Common Ministry and Mission.

Rectory Rental—The rectory is available for rental on a weekly basis as a cottage for tourists, fishermen, etc (and may be rented for shorter periods in the off season). Check out the website at cottagesincanada.com/bayofquinterectorycottage and please tell your friends who might need a place to stay!

The Mohawk Guild— The Mohawk Guild is a longstanding organization that is committed to the service of our community. The Guild meets at the Parish Hall (1295 Ridge Road) on the last Wed of the month at 7 p.m. Please join us in our efforts. For more information, please call Bev Hill (613-962-5183) or Shirley Maracle (613-962-6137).

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Anglican Communion

The Most Rev'd and Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
The Diocese of the Province of Quebec
The Rt.Revd Dennis Paul Drainville

Diocese of Ontario

The Rt Rev'd Michael Oulton
The Parish of St. Lawrence
The Revd Canon Michael Read
The Ven. George Lambert

Companions

St Ann's Episcopal Church, Amsterdam, the Very Rev'd Neal Longe
HM Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace, the Rev'd Canon Denis Mulliner

Parish of Tyendinaga

Love in Action
Pray for the families of: Carla & Sam Barnhardt;
Matthew, Heidi & Isabella Barnhardt; Vernon & Arline Benn;
Elena Betts; Viola Blewett

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 2 AUGUST

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Ephesians 4:1-16

Psalms 51:1-13
John 6:24:36

Stewardship Reflection

Jesus teaches his disciples an important stewardship lesson — perhaps THE most important of all: God's abundant generosity will be found even when things seem extremely meager!

Financial Report

Weekly Need:	\$2,459
Last week's Offering:	<u>\$1,132</u>
Shortage	\$1,327

Based on the 2015 budget and the number of identifiable givers, the following is what is required of each giver in order to meet our needs:

Weekly: \$40 Monthly: \$173