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The Vestry

Mrs. Ron Harrington, Senior Warden
Mr. Michael Harrigan, Junior Warden
Ms. Amy Hulick, Clerk

Class of '18

Nancy Dini
Michael Harrigan
Stephen Rolfe
Robert Wycoff

Class of '19

Laureen Chang
Bob Packer
Dr. Larry Schulte
Kevin Snaer

Class of '20

Joel Athey
Tony Faught
Ron Harrington
George Seitz



From the Rector

At the 77th Annual Meeting of the Church in San Marino, the parish elected five additional members for Vestry service:

Laureen Chang (Class of 2019)

Joel Athey (Class of 2020)

Tony Faught (Class of 2020)

Ron Harrington (Class of 2020; Senior Warden)

George Seitz (Class of 2020)

In the Episcopal Church, the Rector appoints the Senior Warden, and the Vestry then elects the Junior Warden. It was my privilege to appoint **Ron Harrington as Senior Warden**, and to join the Vestry in the unanimous election of **Michael Harrigan as Junior Warden**. **Amy Hulick**, though no longer on Vestry, has volunteered to continue as **Clerk of Vestry**, attending Vestry meetings. **Gail Rolfe** continues as our **Parish Treasurer**, without vote, though always with voice! Our customary Vestry gender balance is skewing male, and a greater number of women might want to consider standing for office at next year's 78th Annual Meeting and the election of the Vestry Class of 2021.

The Parish also elected Delegates to Diocesan Convention 2018, to be held November 30th – December 1st at the Ontario Convention Center:

Tony Faught
Jim Longthorne
Dr. Sterling Trenberth
Fernando Ureña

I was pleased to present the Rector's Cross 2018 to four outstanding members of our parish:

Tony Faught (Parish Verger)
Marguerite Hennacy
Hal Hennacy
Michael Way (Head Usher)

On Saturday February 10th the Vestry met in Retreat in the Parish Library with **the Reverend Canon Joanna Satorius, Diocesan Canon for Transition**. Canon Satorius spent five hours meticulously discussing the steps toward the discernment of the Eighth Rector of St. Edmund's Parish. All Vestry members left with great clarity regarding procedures in the Diocese of Los Angeles and in accord with the Canon Law of the Episcopal Church. Bob Wycoff summed up the general feeling of Vestry when he told Canon Satorius **"My anxiety level has diminished by**

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about 90% thanks to our time with you today.” Canon Satorius will work closely with St. Edmund’s in weeks and months ahead.

Following Canon Satorius’ departure, the Vestry selected a Transition Team to begin to guide the parish through the small group sessions which will eventually lead toward the development of a Parish Profile. In due course, following profile development, a Search Committee will be established. **The Transition Team** is comprised of:

Michael Harrigian (Junior Warden and Vestry Liaison)

Amy Hulick

Gail Rolfe (Chair)

Alan Steinbrecher

The Transition Committee, Senior Warden Ron Harrington, and the Vestry will prove assiduous in keeping the parish current on all procedural steps through occasional mailings, gatherings, Sunday announcements, Sunday bulletin notes, Edmund’s Notes and all pertinent means of communication.

It is not too soon to embrace this Collect during your daily devotions:

“Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for St. Edmund’s Parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Book of Common Prayer page 818

I ask your prayers also for your current rector as I continue discerning what course my own life might best take in service to Christ and Church, about which I will keep you apprised as clarity emerges for me. No Leave-Taking date has yet been established, and I will be working with the Transition Committee regarding this and all other appropriate matters as the committee finds its land-legs in the days just ahead.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Reverend Canon George F. Woodward III

Seventh Rector of St. Edmund’s Parish



MAUNDY THURSDAY PASSOVER SEDER AND POTLUCK



A Seder is a joyful meal in which participants "eat" history as they celebrate and remember the miraculous deliverance of Israel from slavery in Egypt. As Christians, the meal has additional meaning as this was the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples in the Upper Room. As he led them through the story of God's delivering Israel from slavery through the blood of a spotless lamb, he explains how the blood of another lamb will be shed, rescuing all underneath its frame from slavery to sin.

Join us as we relive these beautiful events with the retelling of the Exodus and a sharing of a potluck meal at 6 p.m. in the Cowan’s Room. Please contact Isabel Roa in the church office for questions or to RSVP. Drinks will be provided.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday, March 25th

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

The Blessing of Palms and Holy Eucharist.

10:00 a.m. in the Church

The Blessing of Palms and Procession, Choral Holy Eucharist.

Bring Noisemakers!

(Child care provided at the 10 a.m. service)

Maundy Thursday, March 29th

6:00 p.m. Seder Meal

Cowan's Room

Good Friday, March 30th

Noon in the Chapel

6:00 p.m. in the Chapel

The Solemn Collects and Veneration of the Cross with Sermon.

Great Vigil, March 31st

7 p.m. in in the Chapel

Kindling of the Pascal Fire and First Mass of Easter

The Feast of the Resurrection, Sunday, April 1st

7:30 a.m. in the Chapel:

The Feast of the Resurrection and Festal Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. in the Church:

The Feast of the Resurrection and Festal Holy Eucharist.

The Choir of St. Edmund's, Organ and Brass

Guest Trumpeters Christopher Still and James Wilt

Music of Vivaldi, Forrester, Willan, Susato

(Dove Release and Easter Egg hunt to follow on the Close)

(Child care provided at 10 a.m., no Sunday School)



EASTER FLOWERS AND LILIES

The Altar Guild is committed to act as prudent stewards of your weekly, Easter, and Christmas flower offerings. As such, we have established a 2018 budget of \$2,500 for Palm Sunday and Easter. It is a tight budget but one that we know will work, with your support.

Our tradition during Lent is to not have fresh flowers in the Chapel and Church, but instead to adorn the altars with dried branches in observation of our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness. We welcome Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday with anthuriums and palms and rejoice in his Resurrection on Easter Sunday with spring flowers and Easter lilies.

You will receive Easter Memorial envelopes within the next 2 weeks, and the envelopes will also be found in the Chapel and Church pews as well as in the Church Narthax. Please deposit your Easter offering in the oblation trays passed by our ushers during Sunday services throughout March, or mail your offering to the Church's post office address, Attention Isabel Roa. It is important to write "Easter Flowers" on your check.

The Altar Guild is grateful for your continued support and extends a heartfelt "Thank You." You may contact Diane McCracken, Altar Guild Director, at (626) 282-0863 or ddmccracken@hotmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.



Easter Flower Offering

Name: _____

Address: _____

Statement for Service Leaflet: _____

Please complete this form, make your check payable to St. Edmund's with a notation on the memo line "Altar Guild", place both the form and the check in the Flower Offering envelope found in the pew, and deposit the envelope in the offering dish passed by the ushers. Alternatively, you may mail the completed form and your check to the Church office (P.O. Box 80038, San Marino, CA 91118; Attention: Isabel Roa).



LENT AT ST. EDMUND'S

PALM SUNDAY CROSSES Please join the Altar Guild for the making of Palm Crosses on Saturday, March 24th, at 10:00 a.m., in Fellows Hall.

This annual event is a wonderful way to prepare for Holy Week and Easter Sunday, as well as to enjoy St. Edmund's fellowship.

We could really use your help! Folding palms into crosses is not hard. All you need is a pair of scissors. Instruction and refreshments will be provided.

Please let us know if you will be, or are interested in joining us by e-mailing Isabel (isabelroa@aol.com).



VOLUNTEERS FOR HOLY WEEK Volunteers are needed for the following services:

- **Maundy Thursday, March 28th:** Seder Meal
- **Good Friday, March 29th:** Six Passion Narrative Readers needed per

service, 12 Noon and 6 p.m. in the Chapel.

- **Great Vigil, March 31st:** One Lector and One LEM.

Please sign up in the Narthex or e-mail Isabel (isabelroa@aol.com) if you are interested.



EASTER EGG HUNT Easter Sunday is right around the corner (April 1st) and we need filled plastic eggs for the Easter egg hunt.

Please let Heather Blackstone, (saintedmundsyouth@gmail.com), know if you could bring a dozen or more filled eggs.



LENTEN CLASS AND SUPPER Join Canon Heffron and Canon Woodward for a one half hour video presentation by Bishop N.T. Wright followed by discussion and a simple supper Sunday Afternoons (4:30 – 6:00 p.m.) in Lent and Holy Week in the Cowan's Room.

March 11th: Why Did Jesus Die?
March 18th: Who Was Jesus?
March 25th: The New Claim

If you would like to participate and/or provide a Simple Supper one of these evenings, please contact isabelroa@aol.com

"JESUS: The New Way"

February 25th: Announcing the Kingdom
March 4th: Longing for a King

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Hello, dear friends, Olympus Choir is coming Sunday, March 11, 2018.

Please join us in welcoming the Olympus Choir for their annual concert at St. Edmund's during the 10 a.m. service.

We host a lunch for the choir immediately following the service, and could use your help... including donations of sweet treats and grab 'n go fruit (oranges, tangerines, apples).

If you can assist us with the lunch and/or donate some cookies (homemade or store bought) or fruit, please contact Amy Hulick at akhulick@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for your support and hospitality to our guests.

— Amy Hulick and Angela Mar



NEWS FROM ST. EDMUND'S NURSERY SCHOOL

We are happy to announce enrollment is now open to Priority Families (parishioners, alumni, returning children and siblings) for the 2018-2019 school year here at SENS.

Applications are available in both the school office and the church office. Please be sure to pick up your application and return it with the \$50 non-refundable application fee.

Open House is on Wednesday, March 14th starting at 5:30 pm. If you have not

had a chance to see the school, please be sure to stop by and say hello while visiting the classrooms.

Remember, you can visit SENS Monday -Thursday between 9:30am-11:00am without an appointment. If you have pre-school age children we would love to meet you and show you our school.

We hope to see you in the near future.

— Liz Westphal



Verger lunch at Slater's 50/50 on February 11th.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

With the Advent and Christmas seasons behind us, we can look back on a very successful holiday season.

St. Edmund's Choir continues to offer singing of the highest caliber, and this year they particularly shined in our Lessons and Carols service. If you were unable to attend, this service is available online in it's entirety on the church's Youtube channel. We welcome you to view it there, and to share it with friends.

We offer hearty thanks to Sylvia Smythe, our esteemed Bell Choir director, and to the individual members of the choir. In spite of Sylvia and Colville's departure for Arizona, we are going to try to have

the bells play on Easter Sunday. We wish Sylvia and Colville Godspeed as they begin a new phase of their lives.

Looking forward to the Spring, the Olympus Choir will be returning again, as well as our Spring Organ Recital Series. Stay tuned for more information regarding these events.

*Robert Hovencamp,
Organist/ Choirmaster*



Financial Update: Actuals vs. Budget

Actual key financial figures for 2016 and 2017 compared to the 2018 budget:

	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Actual 2016</u>
Pledge Income	\$ 375,000	\$ 413,742	\$ 357,390
Total Income	\$ 581,122	\$ 745,066	\$ 788,092
Expenses	\$ 628,258	\$ 852,769	\$ 881,952

Budget cuts in 2018 include 10% reduction in salaries, a 30% reduction in the music budget, the elimination of the hospitality and outreach budgets, a 50% reduction in the repairs and maintenance budget, a 75% reduction in the website maintenance budget, and other various smaller reductions.

The anticipated 2018 deficit is expected to be fully funded with a combination of savings and unrestricted gifts from the Next 75 Initiative. The goal of 2018 is to develop and implement a plan which will allow the parish to fully fund its goal of a \$6MM endowment or otherwise balance its budget for the future.

We currently have \$1.3MM in our new true endowment and another \$200,000-plus is committed for payment in 2018.

FROM OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR



Children's Liturgy

Our children are learning lots with our Children's Liturgy, every Sunday at 10 am in the Chapel. The students take part in every aspect of the service and are learning details about liturgical colors, candles and water. Students are encouraged to explore, ask questions and feel an ownership of the space and of worship.

After Children's Liturgy we go to the Sunday school rooms for our lesson, crafts and games. We have begun studying the book of Matthew which will take us through to Palm Sunday.

Upcoming Events

February 28

The Many Colors of Holi
Norton Simon Museum
3:45 pm -4:45 pm

Holi is a Hindu festival that celebrates the end of winter and represents renewal or new life. Look at Krishna Fluting in Vrindavan and learn how Holi originated from the story of Krishna, his love for Radha and his attempt to color her skin so that it matched his own. Create an artwork using an airbrush technique to spray color in an expressive way and bring this story to life.

Spring Break Activities
"Aladdin" at the Pantages



Two dates are being offered
Sunday, March 25th at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$50 or Tuesday, March 27th at 8 pm. Tickets are \$35.

Tickets are going fast! If anyone is interested, please contact Heather or Antonio with your preferred date as soon as possible.

Monday, March 26

Natural History Museum

Critter Club 10-10:45 a.m.

Critter Club is a family friendly program that introduces 3 to 5 year old and a participating adult to the Museum's live animals.

Junior Scientist

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Junior Scientist is specially designed for 6 to 9 year olds and their families. Packed with activities, demonstrations, and an up-close look at some cool (and sometimes creepy crawly) highlights from our collection, each month is a crash course in one of the many fields of science explored at the Museum.

Wednesday, March 28

Kidspace Museum for Caterpillar
Adoption Days

Thursday, March 29

California Science Center
King Tut Exhibit and Imax

Friday, March 30

Big Bunny's Spring Fling
LA Zoo

"Spring into fun" with this annual celebration featuring musical entertainment, crafts, photo ops, special animal encounters, education stations, and much more.

— The Reverend Heather Blackstone
Youth Director

NOTE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN ON OUR RECTOR'S TRANSITION

This last Tuesday, pitchers and catchers reported to spring training! Throughout Arizona and Florida, every major league baseball team began working full time on a process that will end months from now with a new world champion. For now, a quiet process has begun as each team works on fundamentals: developing player skills, character, and making tough roster decisions before the season begins. I imagine, inside the teams, the work is hard and players' lives are far from idyllic, as cuts and trades come day after day. For fans though, blessed to watch a little removed, it is just a glorious spring, full of fresh expectations, green grass, sunshine, and limitless opportunities.

We are entering a quiet period in our rector transition process. Shortly after Fr. George announced his plans to leave St. Edmund's after 23 successful years, we had a warm meeting with Bishop Taylor and were assured of his complete support for our parish throughout the transition. The Vestry then met with the Rev. Canon Joanna Satorius from the Diocese Office for Clergy Formation and Transitional Ministries. Canon Satorius will be assisting us in the rector search process, and she spent a full day describing the transition process recommended by the Diocese.

We are beginning this process immediately. Gail Rolfe has agreed to lead a newly formed Transition Committee as its Chair; Mike Harrigan, serving as a liaison to the Vestry; Amy Hulick, Debra Spaulding and Alan Steinbrecher also as members.

This committee is intended to provide continuity and guidance throughout the rector transition process. The calling of a new rector is going to take an extended period of time, and the Vestry has not put a timetable or expected end date on the process. Canon Satorius advised us that the most thoughtful, wise approaches to

the rector calling require much information gathering, team building, and reflection on the character of our parish.

We expect to begin arranging small group discussions to address this step soon. Additional parishioners with time and interest will need to be involved throughout, too. So, if you can volunteer time, your help will be welcomed. If you can only cheer or boo, we will welcome that too! Your feedback as to what we are doing well, what we need to do differently, ministries that are currently important to you, and what is not now adequately provided will need to serve as the basis for a coming St. Edmund's profile that will serve as a foundation for our search.

We do need to ask for your immediate help. Continue to support St. Edmund's, mostly with your attendance at services, but as you can, in the small groups offered through Lent. This will be a time to especially appreciate the remaining sermons and homilies from Fr. George! Please stay current on your pledges, and if possible, prepay before summer.

But most importantly, remember us in your prayers:

- For Fr. George, our friend and Rector for 23 years, as he goes through transition too, deserving of our full and complete support, and with thanks for his service;
- For St. Edmund's, as we work through the process of our new rector calling; and,
- For our Vestry and others leading this process, they will need wisdom, grace and all the support you can give.

We are just beginning, and to be sure, there are challenges ahead. But for now, let's enjoy a glorious spring.

— Ron Harrington



SNAPSHOTS OF ST. EDMUND'S



Annual Meeting 2018. Rector's Cross recipients: Marguerite & Hall Hennacy, Michael Way, Tony Faught. Antonio Bartolome and Heather Blackstone make annual meeting report. Our Vestry Class of 2020.



Family Christmas Service 2017.



SHROVE TUESDAY



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