

# ACA DEUS AMONG US

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## FROM THE BISHOP



### OUR CALL TO TITHE

by  
**Bishop John  
Vaughan  
Bishop Ordinary**

Dearest brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus our Blessed Lord;

My heart is rather heavy these days. I am pleased that I have been called by God to be your bishop, the ministry of the Episcopate, Confirmations, Ordinations, and parish visitations enrich me. These sacramental actions bring me closer to my Lord. Spending time with you, the loving wonderful people of God in this diocese, enriches my spirit. So WHY am I heavy of heart? It pains me to talk of finances, however our diocese is experiencing grave financial hardship. And I must think that it is so in part because we may have, or at least some may have, neglected to read the scriptures. We are called by God in the Scriptures to tithe to the church to give 10% of all that we have to the church for its' mission.

We all work hard to fulfill the Scripture as it tells us what we ought not to do, we all know the "Thou shalt not's"

**Thou shalt not steal**

**Thou shalt not bear false witness**

**Thou shalt not commit adultery**

**Thou shalt not kill**

We know them all and by God's grace we do all that we can to observe God's "Thou shall not's".

But WHAT about the 'Thou Shall do's. Love thy neighbor as thy self, Judge not and there are many of them and also thou shalt tithe.

I pray you please let everyone who gives to the Church give with a cheerful heart.

I recall growing up in the church, in a Roman Catholic family in Ireland. Sunday Mass sometimes meant as many as three collections. Our family had very little final resources (a political correct way of saying we were poor.) However my mom attended the 7am mass (with some or her ten children in tow) my dad attended the 10am Mass (with the rest of the ten children in tow) and of the little they had they both gave to all three collections during each Mass. When I remember my parents' financial commitment to the Church I am reminded of the widow's mite. She gave of her need, not of her access.

I am not suggesting that any one go hungry to give to the Church, but surely 10% is not unreasonable. I encourage everyone of us to do reach into our hearts and ask if we truly tithe to the church, and if we are not then we must admit that we are not living according to the Scriptures and ask God's forgiveness. We must then, having repented of our short

comings, amend our lives and commit to giving of our 'treasure' to God's Church according to the prescription of the Bible.

We will be rewarded for our sacrifice in giving to the Church, the reward will be in the knowledge that the Church we love will not only survive, but thrive and go on into future.

Prayers and blessings to all of you and your entire families,

**Bishop John Vaughan +**

## FROM THE CLERGY WIVES...Spotlight



Meet Ardis Rovelstad, a vibrant member of her community and DEUS, faithfully committed to her husband and St. Peter & Paul Mission! She lives in a condo on the west coast of Florida (Largo) loves to read, knit and sew, but is also a BIRDER, walking with her husband, binoculars in hand....

If you need an updated listing of Clergy Wives of the ACA DEUS, please contact [carolyn.kerouac@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.kerouac@gmail.com). Conference calls with our Bishop planned beginning in September!!



This is the 50th anniversary picture of the Jesuit retreat at Manresa. 8 members of our group had not missed a retreat since the first one in February 1963 ! Deacon David Munn was allowed to participate with the other deacons of the Roman Diocese's of New Orleans and Baton Rouge at the High Mass.

## ✠ACA DEUS PRAYER LIST ✠

**TRAVEL:** Bishop Vaughan ✠, Bishop Marsh ✠ All Clergy

**RECOVERY:** Fr Guy✠, Rhae✠, Charlotte, Brice

**ALL of those ON ACTIVE SERVICE and ALL Clergy**

**DAILY PRAYERS:** ALL CLERGY, POSTULANTS, THEIR WIVES AND FAMILIES WHO SUPPORT THEM

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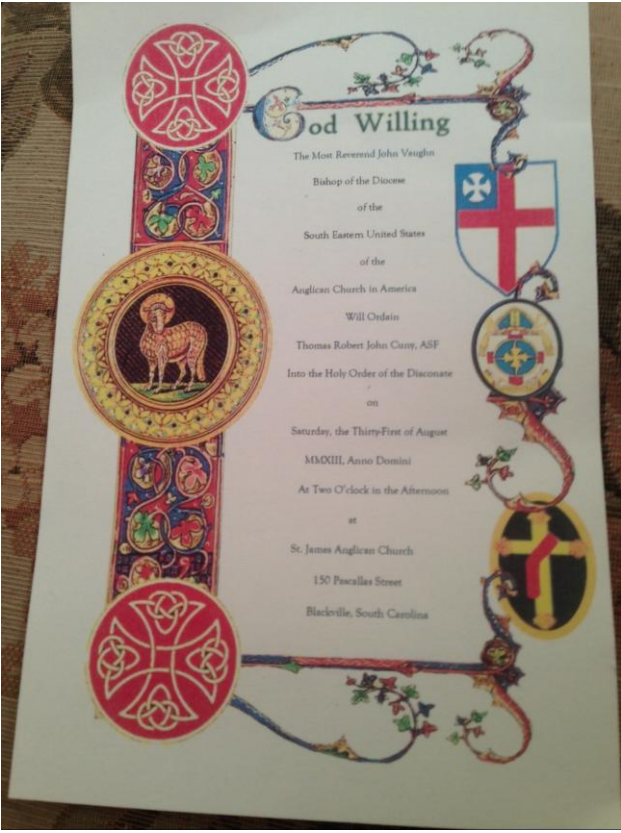


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**ORDINATIONS AMONG US**



**Deacon’s Corner**

God Willing, Tom Cuny will be ordained a Deacon on August 31, 2013 at St. James Anglican Mission in Blackville, SC with Bishop John Vaughan presiding.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

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*The Right Reverend John Vaughan,  
Bishop Ordinary*

**MAP OF OUR DIOCESE WITH CHURCH LOCATIONS:**

<https://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msid=206281082708119464064.0004e11a905fd0b539aab&msa=0&ll=34.379713,-80.200195&spn=16.035424,28.256836>



**FUNDRAISING AMONG US**

With summer suppers ending in my home parish, and let me say they were so much fun, allowing for quiet time over a wonderful dinner to get to know everyone better and welcome visitors to our community, it is time to recap and move to the next. A wonderful supplement to the treasurer’s coffers during vacation times for many, suppers were \$10 each plus beverage of choice extra \$. Of course, these can be year round events, or continue into the Fall months to build community awareness. They can be as simple as salads and breads, or a Spaghetti dinner once a week, use the resources that you have and be creative!

A sign-up sheet during coffee hour for volunteers looked like this:

DATE	Main Course	Vegetarian Salad	Bread	Dessert	SETUP
:	:	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:

**Fundraising ideas are finally here!**

**GET READY TO HOST A COOKIE WALK**

**From Fr. Guy**

**The History of a Cookie Walk**

“The Cookie Walk is St Stephen’s premier Fall community event. What’s a cookie walk? Well, shortly after St Stephen’s was founded, we held our first Christmas bazaar. A parishioner suggested we make our annual parish fund raiser a “cookie walk”. What’s that, our volunteers asked? And then he told us: “a cookie walk is a large assortment of homemade cookies that prospective buyers browse, walking down a long table stacked high with cookies”. He suggested each parish family make five pounds of cookies so we would have a wonderful selection. We would sell the cookies by the pound and let our customers mix and match their holiday selection.

We liked the idea very much and Cookie Walk was born. That first year we had over 250 pounds of cookies for sale, which sold out in less than four hours. That would be about 50 cooks from the parish. In each successive year we have had more cookies. In recent years we have had in the vicinity 1000 pounds of cookies and our selection is unbeatable. We regularly sell out in a few hours, and there is usually a line of people waiting for the doors to open. In addition to cookies, we make homemade jams and jellies, ornaments, table decorations, and decorated fresh wreaths. (There are also bags of greens so you can make your own decorations.) We have a children’s corner, a gift table, and hard-to-find special items. Cookie Walk has been and continues to be a wonderful success. It has been a St Stephen’s favorite from that day to this.”

**BE UNIQUE in your Town**



This amazing event can be all that your parish wants it to be, in early December, pick a Saturday, involve everyone in your parish to bake, make crafts, make peanut brittle, sell bows and greens for Christmas decorating, sell church cookbooks ( next year as they take planning and work) and ACA memorabilia such as key rings for only \$2! Advertise this with flyers, ads in local newspapers, word of mouth, radio, and your websites! There are usually free announcement sections in small magazines for local non profits, which is what we are !!! So advertize as much as you can, and early enough for people to plan their day of fun!

For a parish just getting started, on the day of, setup tables with paper table cloths, arrange your cookies and bags for filling, (you can write on the disposable table cloths the kind of cookies in the containers or make small folded signs) then at checkout, with a scale, you charge by the pound the varied cookie selection, last year it was \$10/lb!! Price other goods at a fair price.

This is the simple setup, but of course as you can see from pictures below, decorating and marketing go a long way to successful selling...Here is a sample listing:

- Christmas Cookies                \$10/lb**
- Bag of Greens                    \$10**
- Wreath                             \$20 with bow**
- Bows                                \$10 for large red**

The wreath committee purchased pre-made wreathes for \$6 and added decorations, then sold them for \$20! In case you were wondering...This year we are planning to make bows out of old Christmas men’s ties, or ties that are red and green, as something unique. Plan to sell them for \$10, time to hit the thrift stores and ask parishioners for donations of ties!

We are also making OYSTER ORNAMENTS, DEUS southern parishes should consider sea shell ornaments!! Drill two holes in the top, thread red ribbon, and voila! Keep it simple!

Show us the MONEY ! Be sure to have enough change in the change box, take

checks, and in some churches they use an app on a smart phone to take credit card payments! I highly recommend this as your sales will increase! (must be setup way in advance....

**REMEMBER, THESE ARE ONLY SUGGESTIONS AND A HINT OF WHAT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL, FEEL FREE TO MAKE YOUR OWN EVENT TO FIT YOUR PARISH...**



The crew gets ready for first customers!



Santa sells bags of greens... AND WREATHS ON THE CORNER OF THE CHURCH DRIVEWAY!



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From Fr. John Jacobs...

The DRC meeting went pretty much as expected with the addition that we will have to pave 8 parking spaces instead of four. Final evaluations of our plans will now take place with the plans examiner and final bids for the work that needs to be done. Once we have the final bids we will then see if we have enough money to complete the project.  
Please pray for God to make clear our path forward and the resources to do it with...

I found the following article and I suggest that you all read it. It is not too long.  
<http://thegospelside.com/2012/09/23/whats-so-uncool-about-cool-churches/>

We have the liturgy, theology, and dogma that people require to have a lifetime of commitment to His Church. We should not be ashamed of these great assets of the Anglican Church. We are not a mega-church and will never be one for just the reasons pointed out in this article.  
May God continue to bless us spiritually, numerically, and physically as we seek to build His Church,  
Fr. John

**St. Stephen's Anglican Church  
Timonium, MD**



**Readying for the Parish Picnic, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>  
at Ellen's Farm, Check the weekly  
newsletter for directions, salad or dessert  
assignments! Come one, come all!**

I am working with the ACA webmaster to update all parish listings, and create a web presence for DEUS, please contact me if you need to build a new yet simple website! So far, no one has asked for a website...I see that some have a facebook page, another wonderful tool to advertise the ACA! \_editor  
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Fr. Filkins, President of the Lions Club, at an awards ceremony marking 70 years of service.

**SYNOD AMONG US**

**St. George's, Columbus, GA will host the  
2014 DEUS Synod**

Synod dates are May 7-9 2014. Lodging will be at the Columbus Marriott, which is in the historic district and about 5 blocks from the church. This is the same host hotel that we have used in the past and rates are to be \$125.00 per night. We will use the parish hall for the Synod meeting. Banquet is set for Friday, May 9 at the Columbus River Club. More details will be mailed after the first of the year.



St. George's Anglican Church will hold the  
9th annual English Tea in Patterson Hall  
Saturday, September 7, 2013

Call Janet for reservations and tickets:  
334-214-9832

