

# THE MESSENGER

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS ANGLICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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PARISH WORKDAY and COOKOUT with our TRAIL LIFE TROOP  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8  
9:30 am until 1:00 pm  
TRAIL LIFE SUNDAY on February, 9

ANNUAL ARCHBISHOPAL VISIT ON SUNDAY, MARCH 16

**Authentic Anglicanism...**A question I'm often asked is "What is Anglicanism?" It's not an easy one to answer given how it has developed over the almost 500 years since the Church of England separated from the Roman Catholic Church. Years ago I was told the unofficial mascot of Anglicanism is the duckbilled platypus; a mammal that lays eggs, with a duck beak that doesn't have feathers or fly. Very difficult to categorize!

The best way for us to understand what Anglicanism is supposed to be is by learning what Anglicanism started out to be. In 1533, King Henry VIII authorized the English bishops to separate themselves from the authority of the papacy. The reasons for this are greater and more complicated than Henry's desire for an annulment (not a divorce). The reasons have more to do with the office and authority of the Bishop of Rome over the Church; a matter that is still greatly debated today, now even within the RCC.

What was then called the Catholic Church in England maintained the Western Catholic faith, seven Sacraments, apostolic succession and historic Eucharistic liturgy (the mass). In 1552, the influence of Continental Protestantism caused the alteration of the Book of Common, which was further revised in 1559. But despite these revisions, the essentials of the Catholic faith and Catholic order were maintained.

With the ascension of Charles I to the English throne in 1625, the Protestant overgrowth was cleared away and the fullness of the Catholic faith in its English expression shined forth once again. With the assistance of Archbishop William Laud, the Catholic heritage and practices of the Church of England were fully restored. Though this restoration cost both Charles and Laud their lives, their martyrdoms were not in vain as after the English Civil War (1642-51) England rejected Presbyterianism and re-embraced her Catholic heritage.

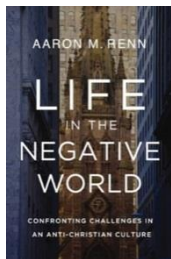
Bolstered by the Oxford Movement in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the Parish Communion Movement in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, Anglicanism remained predominantly Catholic-minded until The Episcopal Church in the late 1960's into the 70's, and then afterwards the Church of England abandoned the Catholic faith with the "ordination" (so called) of women. Both of those churches today are essentially Unitarian. The largest split from the Anglican Communion, the ACNA, tries to hold "two integrities" together (those who claim to ordain women to the ministry and those who do not). Within the ACNA there are high ritual, Calvinist and contemporary Evangelical (celebrant dressed in Dockers and a polo) parishes. It may best be described as *Forrest Gump Anglicanism* ("Life is like a box of chocolate, you never know what you're gonna get.")

The Continuing Church or G3 (ACC, APA, ACA) is the one Anglican Body that fully embraces and "continues" the established English Catholic heritage from 1533. [The Anglican Province of Christ the King and Traditional Anglican Communion are also Continuing bodies, though not currently part of the G3].

What binds the continuing churches together is the Affirmation of St. Louis. Done on September 17, 1977, the Affirmation is the guiding document to assist the jurisdictions that subscribe to it in navigating through the choppy waters of what is called Anglicanism. It is a document all of us should be familiar with, for it helps us answer the question "What is Anglicanism?"

In our spring 2025 Sunday catechesis we will be reading and discussing the Affirmation of St. Louis. I hope you will consider taking part starting on February 23. –Fr. Beutell

**Theology on Tap...** This Sunday, February 2 we will meet at IHOP on East-West Pkwy from 5:00-7:00 p.m. to discuss the book Life in The Negative World by Aaron M. Renn. This book discusses the way the culture has changed in its acceptance of Christianity and how churches and Christians can navigate it and remain faithful to the Great Commission. A sign-up sheet will be posted. Please buy the book and make plans to join the discussion on February 2! All are welcome to participate, even if you've not read the book.



**Trail Life Weekend...** On Saturday, February 8, our Trail Life troop will join us for a parish work day and cook out. Last year a good number of repairs and improvements to the parish grounds were completed and we hope to do the same this year. Sunday, February 9 is Trail Life Sunday. Troop members, leaders and their family members will join us for mass and fellowship. Please be in attendance for both to show your support for the troop!

**The Annual Parish Meeting...** was held on Sunday, January 26 after mass. During the meeting the 2025 Budget was presented and approved, Mable Lee Quina and Zach Houghton were elected to three year Vestry terms and Fr. Beutell presented his Priest in Charge report. After the meeting, the Vestry met and selected its officers. Laurie McDonagh was chosen by Fr. Beutell to remain as Sr. Warden, Alan DiMiao-Leach was selected by the Vestry as Jr. Warden, Todd Allerton will remain as the Treasurer and Kay Cain as Secretary. The 2025 Vestry will have its first meeting on Sunday, February 16 after the mass.

**Society of Mary...** The next meeting of our ward will be this Saturday, February 1 at 10:30 a.m. (one week early due to the Trail Life work day). Regular meetings consist of mass, praying the rosary and lunch. All are welcome to join us! If you would like more information, please see Sue Krall.

**Spring Catechesis...** Will begin on February 23. In this session we will meet after mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays to read and discuss the Affirmation of St. Louis.

**Archbishop Haverland...** will make his annual Archepiscopal Visit on March 15 and 16 (Lent 2). Isaac Allerton will be confirmed by the Archbishop during the mass. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend mass on the 16<sup>th</sup> so we may receive the Archbishop properly.

**Lenten Day of Reflection...** On Saturday, March 22 from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm we will have a Parish Day of Reflection on the topic of Temptations. A signup sheet will be posted in the parish hall. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.