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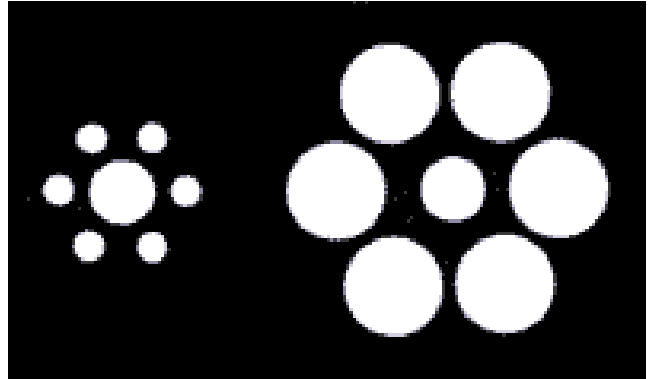
From the Rector's Desk



Dear Friends,

Most people, at one time or another, have noticed the famous

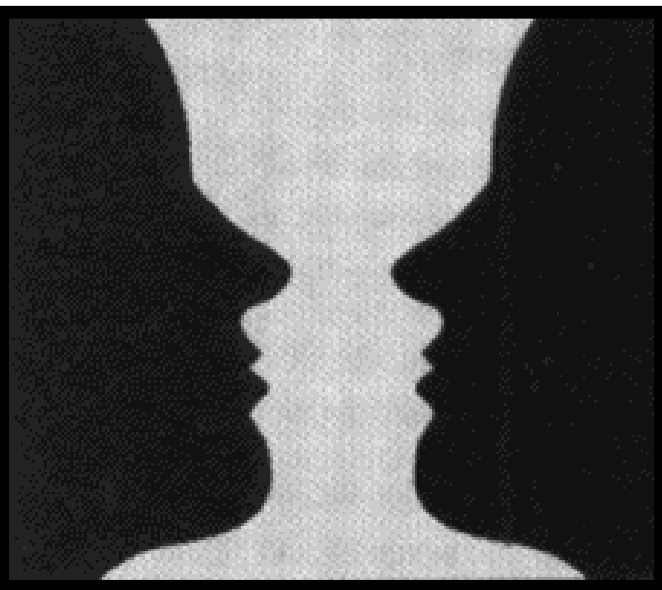
picture illustrated below. The specific question asked of this picture is - "What do you see? Do you see two faces or do you see the vase?" Fortunately, when people try, they can see both the vase and the faces. Most people can quickly move from one image to the other. We



other viewpoints when we try. Without making efforts we might see two faces and never see the vase. Without an effort we may perceive the center circle on the left being larger than the center circle on the right. In other words, we often short circuit our ability to fully explore issues by jumping into single limiting (how-be-it affirming) perspectives. Clearly, we need to be aware and conscious of how we approach issues.

It is a challenge to see other viewpoints. Sadly, we are sometimes so deeply locked into one view that we do not see or listen to others. Sometimes we trick ourselves and believe we are listening, when in actuality, our minds are made up and closed to new information before conversations begin. This is sad. In addition, as noted, when we are locked into one set view we typically only hear or see others who support our viewpoint. In this way, we distort the situations and assume that "clearly, most people think my way." This is not always true. Likewise, it again limits conversations.

Some evidence indicates that in this, "The Age of Information," people do not want to afford time to listen to other views. We are so overloaded with a variety of matters and feel so fractured that it becomes easier to deal with matters quickly rather than invest ourselves into



must try to see both views. The next picture, however, is more challenging. The specific question for this picture is, "Is the center circle on the left larger than the center circle on the right?" The answer is that they are the same size.

The point of the exercise is to help people realize that although we approach issues with diverse and different perspectives, we can see

fruitful dialogue or research. Consequently, we are seeing much polarization emerging. When views become polarized, it becomes more difficult to step back from confrontational barrages. Unfortunately, we are seeing polarization throughout much of Western Society and throughout much of Western Christianity. Instead of talking and exploring issues, people are quick to determine their position, and either attack others or dare others to attack them! This is most unfortunate. In my view, Jesus was not confrontational. Instead, he tried to have people see various views.

Furthermore, while Jesus held radically different views than the Pharisees, he gave them the courtesy to present their views. Instead of overtly challenging them, or telling them off, he allowed them to talk. In other words, he did not bombard them or demean them. He afforded them dignity and respect. They did not reciprocate!

Typically, after listening to the specific comments of the Pharisees, Jesus responded. Sometimes, he repeated their viewpoint, but added a twist which completely changed the situation. Sometimes, after carefully listening to their view, he offered a slight addition that changed the entire context of the situation. In some stories, Jesus countered their use of scripture with another passage. While the Pharisees used scripture to assure their position, Jesus used scripture trying to help all see a broader picture. In other words, Jesus tried to help the Pharisees see the faces and the vase! Jesus listened before he talked. In polarized situations, people talk but do not listen. We need to learn from Jesus.

Today, people sometimes still use scripture as a battering ram to force their viewpoint. Their argument hinges upon, "who can challenge the Word of God." Jesus did not use scripture as a battering ram. Instead, he quietly presented another passage that, at best, nullified the viewpoint of the Pharisees, or at worst, moved the situation in murky waters where the Pharisees found they needed to retreat to rethink.

The Pharisees used scripture to confront Jesus. They presented scripture in an attempt to show that Jesus was wrong. It never worked! In every case, his responses to issues showed Jesus redirecting people to expand their viewpoint.

On occasion, Jesus could be quite pointed in his comments. Sometimes he was caustic. Nevertheless, even in these situations he treated others with respect. In one story Jesus called the Pharisees the "brood of vipers." (Mt 12:34) Jesus was talking over the top to get their attention. I do not buy the argument that he was being hard-lined. In fact, I rarely see Jesus being hard-lined unless talking and showing love and compassion. In this situation, I think Jesus used a "put down," to get the attention of the Pharisees that in other ways he would be unable to garner.

Clearly, as we address issues in the community and in the church, we need to be aware of each other. We need to be like Jesus and allow "respectful conversations." Jesus did not force issues; he allowed ongoing conversations to take place. He was crucified because the Pharisees were so overwhelmed with issues coming through their interactions with Jesus chose the path of least resistance - putting him on trial and discrediting his ministry. At the trial, we do not read of Jesus being bombastic. Instead, we read of a quiet, gentle soul who challenged people to think beyond their normative safe ways. This is a task and path we must follow.

As always,

David +

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRIES

2009

COMMITTEES - GROUPS - SPECIAL EVENTS

This year on Pentecost Sunday we chose to acknowledge and appreciate of the ministries of St. Andrew's. This list, slightly updated, suggests the broad and varied ministries we engage in the name of Jesus.

Anniversary and Birthday Cards

Breakfast Club

Christian Education

- 30 Hour Famine
- Bible and Bagels
- Christmas Eve Assistants
- Diocesan Youth Events
- Education for Ministry

Eucharistic Visitors

Finance Committee

Financial Secretary and Treasurer

Funeral Luncheon Ministry

Gift Cards

Human Resource Committee

Investment Committee

Lawn Care

Men's Club

- Golf outing for J2A

Mutual Ministry

Newsletter Helpers

Outreach Committee

- Angel Tree
- Bowl-a-thon
- Our Daily Bread - Food Ministry
- Phineas Davis - Summer Bags
- Phineas Davis - Readers

Parish Life - Fellowship Committee

Pastoral Care

Property Committee

Stewardship Committee

Transportation Committee

Vestry

Vestry Operating Manual Committee

Web Weavers

Worship

- Committee
- Acolytes
- Adult Choir
- Altar Guild
- Eucharistic Assistants
- Godly Medley
- Hand Chimes Choir
- Handbell Quartet

- Episcopal Youth Group
- Godly Play
- Grades 2, 3 and 4
- J2A
- Lectionary Scholars
- Nursery
- Palm Saturday
- Rite 13
- Rogation Sunday
- Special Evening Events
- Steering Committee - Children and Youth
- Vacation Bible School
- Young Adults in Church

Church Volunteer Staff

Coffee Hosts

Counters - Sunday Collection

Episcopal Church Women

- Prayer Chain
- Rock-a-thon

- Lectors

- Survey

- Ushers

- Welcoming Committee

We tried to identify all the ministries that take place by the people of St. Andrew's. However, we likely missed a few. If can think of a ministry we missed, please let us know.

On **Friday, July 24 - 5:30 PM**

St. Andrew's

is hosting a

† **B.B.Q. Chicken Dinner** †

for our own Mark Heller

Mark and Dixie are regulars at 8:00 AM,
and the "Breakfast Club."

Currently, Mark is undergoing extensive
cancer treatment and is expecting a
partial bone marrow transplant.

We will pre-sell tickets.

As plans about this special ministry
develop we will announce them
in the bulletins.

Scripture Reading for July

July 5	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	Psalm 48	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
July 12	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	Psalm 24	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
July 19	2 Samuel 7:1-14a	Psalm 89:20-37	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 26	2 Samuel 11:1-15	Psalm 14	Ephesians 3:4-21	John 6:1-21

RECENT ATTENDANCE

May 10	8:00 a.m. - 36	10:30 a.m. - 129	10 a.m. - Wed. - 11
May 17	8:00 a.m. - 33	10:30 a.m. - 107	10 a.m. - Wed. - 11
May 24	8:00 a.m. - 35	10:30 a.m. - 50	10 a.m. - Wed. - 12
May 31	8:00 a.m. - 46	10:30 a.m. - 116	10 a.m. - Wed. - 17
June 7	8:00 a.m. - 45	10:30 a.m. - 80	10 a.m. - Wed. - 12

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a newsletter by and for the St.
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PARISH MILESTONES

Baptism on May 20, 2009

Talon Thomas Stahl

Deaths

Virginia G. Mulle
July 27, 1924 - May 27, 2009
Harold Minor Hartley
December 31, 1934 - June 16, 2009

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July Birthdays

01 - Rochelle Jeanmenne
05 - Liam Blood
05 - Trevor Blood
05 - Grace Hare
06 - Wendy McBride
06 - Robert Rowley, Jr.
07 - Mitchell Weber
08 - Jill Fritz
08 - Emily Myers (Bert & Ann's daughter)
09 - Abbie Weber
09 - Darlene Ferguson
10 - James Copenhaver
10 - Gerry Davis
11 - J. Michael Jennings
11 - Mark Strine
13 - Tyler Garrett
12 - Sarah Baker
14 - Arlene Schmitz
14 - Emily Myers (Ralph's wife)
14 - Roy Stavely
14 - Cory Davidson
14 - Raquel Jeanmenne
15 - Patricia Deliz
15 - Walt Hughes
16 - Mia Arcieri
16 - Barbara Murphy
18 - Michael Saxmann
19 - Phillip Jeanmenne
20 - Turner Hare
21 - Roger Stabley
22 - Jon Noel
23 - Frank T. Ross Jr.
24 - Richard Buleza
25 - Harry Snell III
27 - Rick Folkenroth
29 - Delores Beecroft
30 - Barbara Hoopes

If your birthday is not listed please call Neita at the church office 843-3868.

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Time is running out to make your reservations for the ECW Cape May Retreat.

The weekend of September 25-27th the women of the Diocese will gather at the Marquis de Lafayette Hotel in Cape May for fellowship and a bit of "girl" fun. The retreat leader is our own Carol Snell and will be based on the book by Ann Lindbergh, "Gifts of the Sea."

Friday night is the "meet & greet". Saturday morning starts with Eucharist on the beach so you want to be sure take your lawn chair or beach blanket. Several learning and soul nurturing sessions are held on Saturday lead by Carol and of course on Saturday afternoon time to visits the unique shops of Cape May to bring back that "little something" for those at home. On Sunday morning we'll attend the 8:00 am services at the local Episcopal Church followed by a wonderful breakfast at our hotel before we head for home.

Rates vary depending on the room selection and the number of persons in the room for example a triple (3 persons) in a Victoria room would be \$131.96 each for the weekend, and 3 in a Cape May Suite would be \$153.36 each and this includes breakfast both mornings. Reservations are due by August 21st by calling Joan Haber ext 151 at 800-257-0432. So everyone can take advantage of the various group rates in the rooms, let Carol Snell, Lynn Robson or Alyce Peiffer know if you are planning to attend and would like a roommate.

Hope to see all you Ladies there!!

July Anniversaries

01 - Bert & Ann Myers
01 - John & Sandra Mann
02 - Tom & Mary Jane Watt
02 - Ralph & Helen Dixon, Sr.
02 - Steve & Kimberly Michael
03 - Roy & Betty Heckel
05 - Barbara & Joe Mowery
10 - Charles & Dottie Plummer
10 - Adrian & Miranda Stanciu
15 - Robert & Denise Sutton
16 - Larry & Geri Oliver
16 - Doris & Hilary Smits
25 - Richard & Shelly Metzler
26 - Bill & Dorothy Devitt
27 - James & Pam Copenhaver
29 - John & Christie Bracher
30 - Lois & Samuel Galvin, Jr.

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ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. David J. Robson, *Rector*
The Rev. Frederic G. Stevenson, *Pastoral Associate*
The Rev. Charlene Leigh-Koser, *Pastoral Assistant*
The Rev. Carol B. Snell, *Deacon*
Susan B. Stiller, *Interim Organist/Choir Director*
Alma Rooney, *Christian Education Director*
Magali Blount, *Nursery Attendent*
Neita Houseal, *Parish Secretary*
Granger Reid, *Sexton*
Nancy Bush, *Senior Warden*
Philip Blaker, *Junior Warden*
Andy Krebs, *Treasurer*
Al Hassett, *Financial Secretary*

Vestry Members

Philip Blaker
Leigh Dalton
Ralph Dixon, Jr.
Ron Fimiani
Alyce Peiffer
Dan Rooney
Harry Snell, III
Tom Watt
Paul Weber

JULY: "Water Safety"

When the weather turns warm, everyone wants to be in or around the water. Hanging out at the pool or the beach on a hot day is a great way to beat the heat.

Between having fun and checking out the lifeguards, most people don't think much about water safety — but they should. For people between the ages of 5 and 24, drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death. It doesn't have to be that way, though. Most water-related accidents can be avoided by knowing how to stay safe and following a few simple guidelines.

Swimming Smarts

"Buddy up!" That's what swimming instructors say. Always swim with a partner, every time — whether you're swimming in a backyard pool or in a lake. Even experienced swimmers can become tired or get muscle cramps, which might make it difficult to get out of the water. When people swim together, they can help each other or go for help in case of an emergency.

Get skilled. Speaking of emergencies, it's good to be prepared. Learning some life-saving techniques, such as CPR and rescue techniques, can help you save a life. A number of organizations offer free classes for both beginning and experienced swimmers and boaters. Check with your YMCA or YWCA, local hospital, or chapter of the Red Cross.

Know your limits. Swimming can be a lot of fun — and you might want to stay in the water as long as possible. If you're not a good swimmer or you're just learning to swim, don't go in water that's so deep you can't touch the bottom and don't try to keep up with skilled swimmers. That can be hard, especially when your friends are challenging you — but it's a pretty sure bet they'd rather have you safe and alive.

If you are a good swimmer and have had lessons, keep an eye on friends who aren't as comfortable or as skilled as you are. If it seems like they (or you) are getting tired or a little uneasy, suggest that you take a break from swimming for a while.

Swim in safe areas only. It's a good idea to swim only in places that are supervised by a lifeguard. No one can anticipate changing ocean currents, riptides, sudden storms, or other hidden dangers. In the event that something does go wrong, lifeguards are trained in rescue techniques. Swimming in an open body of water (like a river,

lake, or ocean) is different from swimming in a pool. You need more energy to handle the currents and other conditions in the open water. If you do find yourself caught in a current, don't panic and don't fight the current. Swim with the current, gradually trying to make your way back to shore as you do so. Even a very good swimmer who tries to swim against a strong current will get worn out. If you're going to be swimming in an open body of water, it's a great idea to take swimming lessons that provide you with tips on handling unexpected hazards.

Some areas with extremely strong currents are off limits when it comes to swimming. Do your research so you know where not to swim.

Be careful about diving. Diving injuries can cause permanent spinal cord damage, paralysis, and in some cases even death. Protect yourself by only diving in areas that are known to be safe, such as the deep end of a supervised pool. If an area is posted with "No Diving" or "No Swimming" signs, pay attention to them. A "No Diving" sign means the water isn't safe for a head-first entry. Even if you plan to jump in feet first, check the water's depth before you leap to make sure there are no hidden rocks or other hazards. Lakes or rivers can be cloudy and hazards may be hard to see.

Watch the sun. Sun reflecting off the water or off sand can intensify the burning rays. You might not feel sunburned when the water feels cool and refreshing, but the pain will catch up with you later — so remember to reapply sunscreen frequently and cover up much of the time.

ATTENTION REVOLUTION FANS

Seize the opportunity to enjoy a ball game and feed the hungry at the same time. Buy your tickets on line and use the following Code 09 for either the 7 p.m. game on Saturday, July 11th with the Bridgeport Bluefish or the 7 p.m. game on Wednesday, August 5th with the Camden Riversharks. By purchasing your tickets on line and using the Code (CROP 09) you contribute \$4 to Crop Walk and help feed the hungry of York County and the World.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

The Annual Parish Picnic will be held Saturday, July 11th from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the home of Lou Rene Myers. This is a covered dish picnic so bring your favorite dish. Soda, meat, and beer are furnished. Also bring a lawn chair and bathing if you wish to swim. Sometimes there is a pick up softball or baseball game, so bring your ball, glove, and bat.

Come and enjoy a great afternoon with both the 8 and 10 o'clock folks.

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Parish Directory – UPDATES

We are currently updating the **Parish Directory**. Some draft copies are placed throughout the church.

Please look at these and make the necessary address, phone, family member changes.

You may wish to include cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses. In addition, you may send the office an email with your news. The office e-mail is - neita@standrewsyork.org.

Phineas Davis Summer Bag Project

Due to the swine flu, the last day of school for the Phineas Davis students was changed to Friday, June 5th. Fortunately our fun bags were ready, so we were able to distribute them to the first graders on their last day. A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped by purchasing items or donating cash for the summer bags. The 28 boys and 31 girls were especially happy when they received them.

In addition, I would like to extend extra special thanks to the many parishioners who helped with the planning, sorting, filling, and delivering the bags to the students. They are: Erin Kline, Leigh Dalton, Tyler Carson, Brandi Gilbert, Lisa Gandy, Barbara Mowery, Susan Reardon, Lynn Robson, Carol Snell, Ginny Stehle, Mary Jane Watt, and Donna Welty. Thanks also to the youth of our parish who helped by painting the bags for the first graders.

Outreach

Summer...lemonade and BBQs. I want to thank all of the generous support of the Summer Fun Bag project. Did you know we had one of the most supportive years! If you didn't hear the bags were delivered early for fear of the swine flu closing the school. The bags were delivered Friday, June 5 and schools were closed through the district that evening. I want to thank Judy for her continued dedication to this wonderful ministry.

We have been presented another wonderful opportunity to outreach. Paul Mowery, stationed in Iraq, as you may have heard in the prayers of the people, as do all our troops, need our continued support. You often hear of the SOAR and others collecting and sending packages. Since we have a direct connection it is our intention to put together a package by the month of July to send. Please consider some well wrapped, individual goodies, reading material, and toiletries. Our hope is to send the package for Paul to share. A basket will be provided in the lobby for the collection. Please consider what it is like to be in an unfriendly, unsafe place far from home and what would comfort you or bring a smile.

Thank you,

Erin Kline, Outreach Chair

ST. BENEDICT'S SEAFOOD FEST

Following last year's successful, fun-filled sea food fest at the fire hall in Shrewsbury, St. Benedict's is repeating the event this year. The event, to be held on Saturday, August 1, from 4-6 p.m., was so successful in 2007 that all tickets were sold and it was apparent that the fire hall was not large enough. This year we are moving to larger accommodation in St. John's RC church parish hall.

Tickets for adults at \$23 includes a half lb. of Alaskan king crab legs, half lb. steamed shrimp, four steamed crabs, which includes macaroni or potato salad and Pepsi products. Children's portions are available at \$14 without the steamed crabs.

Donated prizes are raffled which includes a week at a beach house on the Outer Banks, NC, from October to May, 2010; a \$900 value.

This is an important fund - raising event for St. Benedict's, struggling to become an independent parish in southern York County. It also provides valuable advertisement for the only Episcopal Church in the southern area. Currently our average attendance at our Sunday services is about 40 and our mission is directed toward growth and service, not only locally but also internationally. We are supporting the diocesan efforts in Sao Paulo and we have "adopted" a young woman in Uganda by providing sustenance and education for her ambition in nursing.

So, come and join in the fun and festivities and meet most of our members who pitch in to make this a memorable evening.

There's a flyer on the notice board and for more information, please contact Harry Cooper, phone, 741-3676 or email, joyjo30@comcast.net.

****NEW INFORMATION****

God's Master Class

New Adult (YAC and up), evening, Lay-led Christian Studies of the Arts.

Starting this Fall St. Andrew's would like to offer a look at the arts and the Christian Faith Journey.

Our mission is to have participants bring along those Art inspirations (Music, art, literature, etc.) that have brought them closer to God.

Webster defines A master class as is a class given to students of a particular discipline by an expert of that discipline—usually music, but also painting, drama, or any of the arts. Within this series God will be the expert within our own personal faith journey.

This group will not involve agendas, pledges, planning, or budgets; just fellowship, friendship and most of all a reverence and worship of Christ's majesty. Attendance will be fluid with everyone welcome at anytime. Guests are encouraged. We are hoping to have childcare available.

If interested, please contact Jennifer Fimiani (jfimiani@epix.net) or Robin Chamberlin.

Dates and times to follow.

Jennifer Fimiani
717-843-9440

ATTENTION MUSICIANS

Calling all singers, ringers, instrumentalists. Please consider offering your talent this summer by providing music during the summer. There is a sign-up sheet in the choir room or see Susan. Thanks.

Deadline for 2009 Net X Work

July 13th for August newsletter
August 10th for September newsletter
September 14th for October newsletter

St. Andrew's Mission Statement

It is our purpose to serve
Christ and his people through faithful
worship, study, ministry, and mission,
so as to reflect God's love for all.

**St. Andrew's Web Site -
www.standrewsyork.org**

NOTICE

**Bulletin Deadline each week is
Wednesday 8 a.m.**

**The Rt. Rev. Dr. Nathan D. Baxter,
Bishop of Central Pennsylvania**

Diocesan Mission Statement

We are partners in Christ with the love of God
on our lips and in our lives.

Diocesan Web Site - www.diocesepa.org

THANK YOU

A thank you to our St. Andrew's Family for many prayers, cards, and calls received during George's recent heart attack. The healing process is slow but we're taking it one day at a time. Again thanks for your concern and caring.

With love, Jean & George Whittles

Thank you to my St. Andrew's family for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, and meals during my recent medical treatment and recovery.

Stacy Sipe and family