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Anglican Church in North America

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Don't Forget

We hope you made plans to attend the [Annual Synod](#) this weekend! Friday at 7:30pm is a service with Eucharist open to all. Details below.

The Diocese has just launched a brand new website at www.anglicandoma.org. Please remember to update your bookmark links, links to our site from yours, and other places you publish the site address. We appreciate it!

Also, please "Like" the new Facebook page at www.facebook.com/anglicandoma and follow the new Twitter page at www.twitter.com/anglicandoma to build support for the Diocese online!

Dear Friends,

Last week, we held our first Clergy Day as 60 of our priests and deacons gathered at The Falls Church. We began with the Eucharist and I preached on 2 Timothy 4:1-5, focusing on Paul's two commands: "preach the Word" and "do the work of an evangelist." We then spent all but the last hour of our time together sharing about the joys and challenges of our ministries in these two areas and praying for each one to be more effective in proclaiming the Gospel. (That's the priority I'm hoping we'll live out in this Diocese: give most of our time to the central work of our mission and let the business matters fill in as needed.)

I am so blessed to have already heard excited reports from clergy who were encouraged by the day and prompted by the Holy Spirit to give an invitation to commitment to Christ during last Sunday's worship, invitations which led to a number of people surrendering their lives to Jesus. How good is our God! (I'm holding back from sharing the specifics, because I think we may hear these testimonies at our diocesan Synod this weekend.)

I'm convinced that effective biblical preaching and clear personal evangelism must be top priorities for all of us who are ordained if we are to be faithful to the call of Jesus, if we are to be what we like to say we are: a

biblical, orthodox, mission-minded Church.

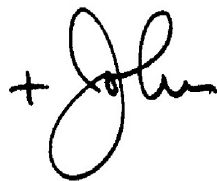
This weekend we will gather at our annual Synod around the theme: “They were all amazed at the greatness of God, ... marveling at all that Jesus did” (Luke 9:43). The focus—and the majority of our time—will be spent in hearing what the Lord is doing in touching and changing lives. Rather than reports on programs and ministries, each church will be asked to offer a short testimony of how Jesus Christ is at work in and through them. I know it will be a great encouragement to us all.

We will begin on Friday evening with the Eucharist at 7:30 p.m. at the new All Saints’ Church, 14851 Gideon Drive, Woodbridge, VA. This Eucharist is open to everyone in the Diocese; no registration is necessary and child care is available for children 5 and under (see www.anglicandoma.org for details). The service will have a particular focus on healing and teams will be prepared to pray for everyone who wishes to receive healing prayer.

On Saturday, much of our time will be devoted to testimonies from our churches. In addition, I’ll offer my address, we’ll hear from our Great Commission Committee about church planting, adopt the budget, hold elections and dedicate our new diocesan offices.

Please pray for this first Synod of our new Diocese, that the Lord will be powerfully present as we give Him glory for all that He is doing among us.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a cross symbol followed by the name 'John' in a cursive script.

The Rt. Rev. John A. M. Guernsey

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Annual Synod

**“They were all amazed at the greatness of God,...marveling at all that Jesus did.”
(Luke 9:43)**

We hope that you join us for a service of worship and Holy Communion this Friday at 7:30pm to open the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic's annual Synod. The service will be held at All Saints' Church (14851 Gideon Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22192) and is open to the public. Clergy are asked to vest with green stoles.

More details about Annual Synod can be found [here](#).

Harvest Sunday at St. Brendan's in the City

Rob Taylor, Senior Warden, St. Brendan's

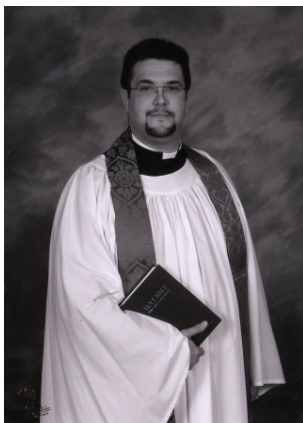


The Rev. Richard Treacy at St. Brendan's in the City imported an Irish tradition of giving thanks to God for his bounty and provision during the fall season. Making Harvest Sunday (November 6 this year) their target date for 2011 DC outreach giving, and combining it with the St. Brendan's food drive, the church was able to support Central Union Mission's Thanksgiving outreach. In addition to providing food items sufficient for 25 complete Thanksgiving meals, St. Brendan's presented the Mission with a check for \$6,000.00 for various ministry needs.

We hope you read more about this great ministry [here](#).

Q&A with The Rev. Andy Morgan

Vicar, Christ the Saviour Anglican Church, Mount Vernon, Va.



Below are excerpts from an interview with the Rev. Andy Morgan, who just joined Christ the Saviour as its vicar this September.

Christ the Saviour Anglican Church (XTS) held its first worship service on Sunday, January 7, 2007 in a meeting room at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center on Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, Va. The parish began without a building or a priest, but with a group of parishioners from a Mount Vernon, Va., Episcopal Church meeting one night a week for Bible Study around the dining room table of one of the participants. As Orthodox

Anglicans, we use the prayer book, with a wonderful eclectic music group which includes keyboard, cello, violin, harp and flute.

It is incomprehensible to me what ministry would be like without my wife. We are partners together for the Lord and he has always called the both of us. We appreciate prayers that the Lord will continue to guide us in our ministry to the Mount Vernon, Fort Belvoir area – and that through His Spirit we will become lights to those in darkness.

We hope you read the full interview [here](#).

Upcoming Events

11.18.11 – 11.19.11

Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic Annual Synod

Everyone is welcome to attend worship service with Eucharist at 7:30pm

11.20.11

John and Susan Yates Parenting Class

The Falls Church

Contact: [Brian Klotz](#), 703.574.4380

12.2 – 12.4.11

December Healing Conference with Mike Evans

“Doing What Jesus Did”

The Falls Church Healing Ministry

Contact: [Cathy Kerby](#): 703.786.1897

12.9.11

Messiah Sing-Along

Truro Church

Contact: [Kirsten Boyd](#), 703-273-1300 x200

Offering to benefit [Crosslink International](#)

03.23 - 03.25.12

Diocesan Men's Weekend

Speaker: Bishop Guernsey. Stay Tuned for Registration Details.

[Info Link](#)



2012 Men's Spiritual Weekend

Save the date: The Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic will once again host the Men's Spiritual Life Conference the weekend of March 23-25, 2012. We will once again go to the lovely Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Shepherdstown, WV. Our speaker this year will be our new bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Guernsey. Bishop John would like to take this opportunity to get to know the men of the Diocese. Please mark your calendars and spread the word! Registration will be open soon. [More details.](#)

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