



# THE GREEN SHEET

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**CLERGY NEWS** - Best wishes to **The Rev. Al Pruitt** who has retired from full-time ministry as Rector of St. Francis, Gulf Breeze, effective August 1<sup>st</sup>. Al and Ellanor will continue to reside in Pensacola. Farewell to **The Rev. John Wallace** (and Trisha) who has accepted a call to be the Rector of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in Rockledge, PA (Diocese of Pennsylvania) effective August 31<sup>st</sup>. Welcome back to **The Rev. David Luckett** who has been appointed Interim Rector of St. Andrew's, Destin. We celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **The Rev. Bob Henderson** as Rector of St. James', Eufaula, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30 a.m., festival Holy Eucharist; reception and lunch following in the parish hall. All are welcome! Congratulations to **The Rev. Reuben and Erin Rockwell** on the birth of their second child, Henry Allan Rockwell on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Baby is doing well; parents are ecstatic! We report with sadness the death of Kitty Dunnam, mother of **The Rev. Canon Mark Dunnam**, who died in her home in Mobile on July 30<sup>th</sup>. She was 93. Graveside services were Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> in Mobile. Memorials can be made to your favorite charity. Please keep the Dunnams and their families in your prayers. We are also sad to report the death of Claudia Riggan, mother of **The Rev. John Riggan**, who died in Mobile, Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup>. A memorial service will be at St. Paul's, Mobile, Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. She will be buried in Little River, Texas. May the souls of the departed rest in peace!

**STAFF NEWS** - Congratulations to **Michael Drinkwater**, Diocesan Youth Coordinator and Katie McLaurin, who will be married Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis, Gulf Breeze. After their honeymoon and preparations to move, Michael will enter General Theological Seminary in New York in the Fall and Katie will enter Rutgers School of Law in the Fall. Best wishes to the newlyweds!

**FALL CLERGY CONFERENCE** - The always popular Church Pension Fund Planning for Tomorrow (*not yet retired clergy!*) and Enriching Your Retirement (*already retired clergy!*) Clergy Conference is **November 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Hilton Pensacola Beach Gulf Front Hotel at Pensacola Beach. Look for your invitations roughly eight weeks prior to the conference date. Please put these dates and location on your calendar!

**CHURCH AUDITS** - All congregations are required by Canon to file a financial audit with the Bishop's office by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year. **Church audits for the year ending December 31, 2008 are due in the Bishop's office on or before September 1, 2009.** If you have any questions about audit requirements, or need an audit form approved by the Commission on Finance, please contact Vince Currie or Jennifer Barnard at the Diocesan office.

**FRESH START** - The next Fresh Start gathering is **Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>** at the Diocesan office in Pensacola. The remaining Fresh Start dates for 2009 are **September 17<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions about this program, please call Salem Saloom, (251) 363-4778, or e-mail him at sawbonz@saloom.net.

**SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN** - training will be conducted by The Rev. David McDowell-Fleming at St. Francis', Gulf Breeze, **Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please bring a bag lunch, beverages will be provided. This program provides educational training for clergy, ministers, educators, parents and other persons in positions of trust with children and young people in church or Diocesan institutional settings in the Diocese. Everyone is encouraged to participate in these classes. Please make your reservation by calling St. Francis' Church at (850) 932-2861.

**ECW FALL CONFERENCE** - Women are reminded to hold the dates **September 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>** for the annual ECW Blue Lake conference. The speaker will be The Rev. Al Durrance, a nationally recognized presenter on intercessory and healing prayer. More information will be coming to all congregations.

**THE ART OF CONTEMPLATIVE PARENTING RETREAT** - is scheduled for Beckwith Camp and Conference Center **October 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>**. This retreat offers encouragement, guidance, insight, as well as practical wisdom to all parents (single, couples, grandparents) who desire to become more aware of and responsive to their children's spiritual needs and gifts. Facilitators for this retreat are Dawn Peck, MD and The Rev. Marshall Craver, Associate Rector, St. Paul's Mobile. Dr. Peck is a Developmental Pediatrician and mother of four. She is a member of the Methodist church and a graduate of the Shalem Institute for Leading Contemplative Retreats. Cost (including lodging and 6 meals per person) is \$231.00; (single room- space available); \$151.00 (double room). Brochures and registration forms are available in the Diocesan office or at Beckwith. Sign up early. Space is limited.

**MAINE EVENT** - Save the date, **October 10<sup>th</sup>** for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Maine Event benefitting Wilmer Hall Children's Home. It's never too early to start planning your party! Lobster parish dinners, supper club dinner, football game parties, block parties, use your imagination and creativity to have a Lobster party. More details to come!!

**CURSILLO 2009** - There is one remaining Cursillo weekend scheduled for 2009: **October 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>**, at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center.

**THE ANNUAL SMALL CHURCH CONFERENCE** - is scheduled for **Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** at St. Mary's by-the-sea, Coden, AL. This popular small church gathering will feature The Rev. George Riggall and Jim Bolter as presenters. It is a good opportunity to share ideas and gather information about small church activities. More information and registration forms will be available soon.

**PLANNED GIVING QUOTE** - "One man gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want " Proverbs 11:24

**HEALTH TIP** - Invigorate your life with a "3-G's" strategy...Get real, get up, get moving!

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE PUBLICIZED IN THE *GREEN SHEET* SHOULD BE SENT TO CARMEN KIMMONS BY THE FIRST OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO THE *GREEN SHEET* MAILING!**

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<p><b>DIOCESAN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED - Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Labor Day. Everyone please have a happy and safe holiday weekend.</b></p>
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**COMING EVENTS**

Fresh Start	Aug 20	Diocesan office
Safeguarding God's Children Training	Aug 29	St. Francis, Gulf Breeze
Fresh Start	Sept 17	Diocesan office
ECW Fall Conference	Sept 18 - 20	Blue Lake Conference Ctr
The Art of Contemplative Parenting	Oct 9 - 11	Beckwith Camp and Conference Ctr
Maine Event	Oct 10	Wilmer Hall
Fresh Start	Oct 15	Diocesan office
Cursillo	Oct 22 - 25	Beckwith Camp and Conference Ctr

**BISHOP DUNCAN'S CALENDAR**

Visitation	Aug 16	St. Mary's, Coden
Visitation	Aug 16	St. Andrew's, Mobile
Fresh Start	Aug 20	Duvall Center
Deacons School - Opening of Fall Term	Aug 22	Duvall Center
Visitation	Aug 23	St. Matthew's, Mobile
Visitation	Aug 23	St. Michael's, Chickasaw
Blessing of New High School	Aug 25	St. Luke's, Mobile
Visitation	Aug 30	St. Thomas', Citronelle
Visitation	Aug 30	St. Peter's, Jackson
Celebration of New Ministry - Long	Sept 2	St. Christopher's, Pensacola
Office Closed	Sept 7	Labor Day Holiday
Bishops Working for a Just World	Sept 14 - 17	Washington, DC
Visitation	Sept 20	St. Stephen's, Brewton
Visitation	Sept 27	Christ Church, Pensacola
Celebration New Ministry - Dwyer	Sept 30	St. James', Port St. Joe

**QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:**

“There are two things essential to a happy marriage...separate checking accounts and separate bathrooms!”