

SAINT FRANCIS DAY BLESSING – SUNDAY - OCTOBER 5 . .



Always, a favorite event, our Annual Saint Francis Day Liturgy and Blessing of animals takes place following Coffee Hour on the Sunday closest to 4 October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Bring your pets – and friends and their pets – to Mass and be part of this rewarding event. The special liturgy will take place at about 10:30 AM in Saint

Francis Garden...Discussion Group will be suspended on this day. We will adjust for any who need to retrieve a pet from home.

RESTORATION CONTINUES...NEW SIGN...

Our migration process remains on schedule...our elegant new sign now in place...



The sign will shortly feature a changeable banner to announce special events and days...

Once again...we are now more identifiable as who we are and what we represent...nothing changed on the insides...we remain who we are from our founding...*THE CONTINUATION OF ANGLICANISM We affirm that the Church of our fathers, sustained by the most Holy Trinity, lives yet...are determined to continue in the Catholic Faith, Apostolic Order, Orthodox Worship and Evangelical Witness of the traditional*

Anglican Church, doing all things necessary for the continuance of the same.

REACHING NORTHWARD...



Father Craig Looney, in addition to serving as Curate at Saint Joseph Parish, is Priest in Charge of St George's Mission, Juneau...as such, from time to time Father Craig travels there to care for those some 2000 miles distant.

Always inquisitive about Alaska, he's an avid reader of church historical information. Several times, through Father Craig, we have been introduced to the work of *Hudson Stuck*...a fascinating missionary priest, adventurer and iconoclastic worker amongst native peoples of far-flung Athabasca in the Yukon.

Here is Father Looney's review of a recently read book...

BOOK REVIEW...

TEN THOUSAND MILES WITH A DOG SLED...by Hudson



Stuck...The Reverend Father Hudson Stuck was the Anglican Archdeacon for the Yukon from 1904 until his death in 1920. Father Stuck co-led the first successful climb of Mount McKinley in 1913 that he documents in his book *Ascent of Denali* published in 1914.

Ten Thousand Miles with a Dog Sled is Father Stuck's narrative of his Winter travel to the various native villages and mining camps in Interior Alaska. He and his traveling companions and native guides faced challenges and not just from harsh weather. Upon entering a village he encounters a funeral procession for an infant and discovers the village ravaged by diphtheria. He puts his travel plans on hold, sets up a tent hospital, and helps care for the sick. He visits the missions that see a priest



perhaps once every year or two, and they are eager for him to celebrate Mass and baptize their children. This is a wonderful book about a priest who was committed to

serving the native Alaskans of the Interior at a time before roads, automobiles and airplanes existed. Ever the adventurer, Father Stuck in the closing chapters of the book talks about his dream to climb to the top of

Denali...the Great One...and for him it was a dream that came true.

- Father Craig Looney

RECTOR'S THOUGHT AND REVIEW

Random thoughts as we enter the secular final quarter of 2014, Autumn on the Solar Calendar, Late Trinity on the Church Calendar...each of these elements has its own set of particulars and 'importances'...

- As we live and work in and, therefore naturally conform to world practices of the secular world – 'rendering unto Caesar' as someone famous once said – there are a number of 4th Quarter things to consider...yes, though important' it's more than the impending "Big Game" and who is coming for Thanksgiving Dinner...in the over-all scheme of things the Fourth Quarter is vitally important as it sets the stage for both Secular and Church Year 2015...while they have slightly separate start dates, nonetheless connected!

- Autumn...the natural winding down, shortening of days, attention to gather gathering of the harvest...making certain loose ends are tied down...securing the harvest. Given our non-agrarian focus, things we do not consider this as naturally as we should.

- Late Trinity - the Church Calendar...accounting for that which we have accomplished...making ready for our *next steps*...not nearing the 'last page'...

All brings us to focus on one of the 'Big Days' of the Church Year...**All Saints' Day**...the actual day being November 1, a Saturday...we will celebrate Sunday,

November 2. All Saints' Day must be a new beginning. Expect renewed focus on that which we are called to be..."too"..."!

Meanwhile...things to think about right now...

Saint Francis of Assisi for whose life and work we give special thanks and recognition this week...while we quite rightly connect St Francis with animals, peace and quiet



and nature – but that was just one side...to the dismay of his family and those in high places, he was not given to conventional approaches...against all expectations, he was given over to putting all others first, himself last. Much like Father Hudson Stuck, Francis was focused always on compassion...he did what needed to be done, when it needed to be done without regard to convenience or social custom. One from medieval Italy, one from early 20th century Alaska via England and Texas...we find examples of sainthood everywhere and in the most unexpected ways.

- Father John Altberg



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