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The Little White Church on the Corner

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Clergy Clatter

s I write this, I'm kind of excited about tomorrow. The Gnarly Nine meet.

Every time I mention The Guarly Nine,

someone asks what I'm talking about. So -anumber of years ago, a group clergy") decided to gather on a regular basis for sharing, support, occasional study, devotion, and general chit chat. I was invited to join the group after it was formed, so I'm not sure how it was put together. But the group was limited to nine clergy, both male and female. And we are still together, and still meet monthly in a lovely little

house owned by Grace Church, Yorktown, that overlooks the York River and Yorktown.

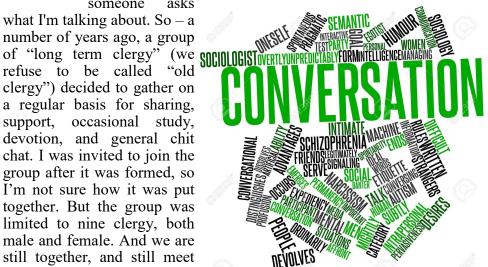
I am the oldest of the group, except for one other priest who is three weeks older than I. I am easily senior in years ordained. While we were all working at the time the group was formed, only two of us are still working full time. All of us continue to work in retirement at some level. We have a pledge of strict confidentiality regarding our personal sharing. We've met for so long, that our trust level is very high, which is wonderful gift.

Our meetings start with a meditation led by one of our members. We then go around the room and share what's going on in our lives and what's on our minds. Each person gets as much time as he/she needs. We end with a late lunch at one of the local

eateries, or have pizza brought in if the weather's

When the group was put together, it was with the realization that long term clergy have different interests than younger clergy. We're beyond the

> professional point of ambitions. None of us has "purple fever", aspiring to be a bishop. Our ambitions have matured. If we have kids, they are grown and on their own. We have a special interest in things like health insurance, the pension fund, and Social Security. We have many stories that we enjoy sharing that would be far beyond boring to younger clergy. I would never want to imply that we sometimes gossip. Heaven forbid!



We can get really wound up over politics. The future of the church always gets honorable mention. But most important, this is a chance for nine "long term clergy" to let down their hair, be just who they are, share their concerns with honesty in a safe and trusted environment. And that's why I so look forward to meetings of 7he Guarly Nine.

So, tomorrow we gather. There is no agenda, just an informal format. But it will be with friends of many years who have shared all sorts of professional and personal "things." We can be hardnosed and tough. We can be tender and sensitive. But we're always polite, kind, and compassionate to each other. Maybe that's why I so look forward to our meetings.

Richard+

Vestry Highlights



June 2018 Vestry

- Elected Chris Colburn to fill Todd Bissonnette's seat on the Vestry. Todd moved to Massachusetts.
- Elected Mike Scott and Bob Everett to serve as Delegates to Diocesan Council and Ann Bolen and Brian Pritchard to serve as Alternates.
- Approved a small white board at the kitchen door for refreshment sign-up.
- Discussed new storm insurance policy being issued by Church Insurance. Tabled until cost is obtained.
- Discussed progress on "Clergy Clatter Book" and publishing details.
- Reported that new Epiphany coffee mugs with red roof and door have arrived. They are \$5 each, to be counted as a contribution toward the Discretionary Fund.



Epiphany Prayer List

Kevin LaPointe Sheila Brinck Grace Strid Jerry Cronin Ray & Nell Steckman Jim Fisher Kenneth Barrineau Patty Poore Linda Armstrong

Worship Volunteer Schedule

Jul	Lector	Chalicer	Usher	
1	M. Scott	J. Cronin	C. Colburn	
8	J. Cronin	M. Scott	J. Rochelle	
15	M. Kidd	B. Pritchard	A. Stein	
22	B. Pritchard	A. Fernandez	K. LaPointe	
29	A. Colburn	M. Scott	D. Swain	



5th Carlos Fernandez III Blake Pípís 10th Ron Braswell 17th Ariel Fernandez 18th Patricia Jones 22nd Randy Eason

28th Lem Apperson



22nd Chris & Anita Colburn 30th Ray and Nell Steckman 30th Sharri Keller & Barbara Lester

CHURCH



Join us for a cook-out on **Sunday**, **July 1**st after the 11:00 service as we celebrate Independence Day. Bring a dish to share. Meat & drinks are provided.

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Summertime

Summertime, and the livin' is easy
Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high
Oh, your daddy's rich and your ma is good-lookin'
So hush, little baby, don't you cry

One of these mornings you're gonna rise up singing And you'll spread your wings and you'll take to the sky But till that morning, there ain't nothin' can harm you with daddy and mammy standin' by

"**Summertime**" is an <u>aria</u> composed in 1934 by <u>George Gershwin</u> for the 1935 <u>opera *Porgy and Bess*</u>. The lyrics are by <u>DuBose Heyward</u>, the author of the novel <u>Porgy</u> on which the opera was based, although the song is also co-credited to <u>Ira Gershwin</u> by <u>ASCAP</u>.

Summer faith practices



Be a gardener.
Dig a ditch, toil and sweat,
and turn the earth upside down
and seek the deepness
and water the plants in time.
Continue this labor
and make sweet floods to run
and noble and abundant fruits to spring.
Take this food and drink
and carry it to God as your true worship.

-Julian of Norwich, Christian mystic (ca. 1342-1416)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Holy Eucharist 8 and 11 am Cook-out noon		Office open 9-noon	Office closed		Al Anon noon-1 PM	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Holy Eucharist 8 and 11 am		Office open 9-noon	Office open 9-3	Vestry 6:30 PM	Al Anon noon-1 PM	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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