



"The Communion of Saints"

Thoughts to Ponder

1. The more frequently we say something from memory, the more apt we are to neglect the deeper meaning of the words and phrases we're using.
 - a. When did you last give serious thought to the various petitions in the Lord's Prayer? How might doing so enrich your prayer life?
 - b. Please give a few examples of other things you say on a daily basis that have become more of a reflex than an intentional effort to meaningfully communicate. (i.e. "God bless you" in response to a sneeze)

2. We say the Apostle's Creed or the Nicene Creed in most of our worship services; and in doing so, we say we believe in "the communion of saints."
 - a. What does the word "communion" mean to you in that context?
 - b. Is it possible that you are or could be a saint? Please explain.

3. In Hebrews 12:1, the author states that "we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses."
 - a. What do you think the author is referencing? Do you believe it?
 - b. Have you ever sensed such a "surrounding?" If so, please give examples.

4. The best way to teach courage to your children and grandchildren is to tell them the stories of the courageous people who lived before them because who and what we remember has a way of defining us.
 - a. Who were the courageous people that were extolled as examples for you during your formative years at home, school and church?
 - b. Who are the courageous people you're lifting up as examples for your children and grandchildren? Do your examples differ from those being offered elsewhere for your family to emulate? If yes, why is this so?

5. A columbarium exists adjacent to our Historic Church; another will soon be completed adjacent to The Chapel. The ashes buried in each will be marked by simple bronze plaques. Like cemeteries, columbariums are important. Give several reasons why you do or don't believe this to be true.

