

Update from All Saints'
Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn
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So, I am out driving last evening after sending my last email. A snow squall hits; that's okay; it was only April 21st. I am driving in Barrhaven and making my way through one of our many “roundabouts” or “traffic circles” (they love them out here). I stopped quickly as I was coming out of the traffic circle; there waddling along the middle of the road in front of me was a duck—a female Mallard! She took her time getting out of my way. Perhaps it is nature re-establishing itself; perhaps it is the wacky world we live in right now. I just had to laugh, and then I had to wait patiently for her to continue walking down the road before heading for the drainage ditch.

Today is the 50th **Earth Day**: A reminder to care for God's earth, to touch it gently, and to love it because it is our home. Many of you have commented on the photos that I place on the front of our Church Bulletins; they are always a reminder that there is so much beauty in creation. We must learn to do better at caring for this “island home” that we share.

I received a different **piece of “art”** today. Shea wrote,

My seven month old pup created a face out of the empty box for poo-bags. His name is Mr BoJangles. Bo for short. Usually he just shreds stuff, which is cheap entertainment when you have an empty box of any sort. This is his first artistic endeavour.

So, Mr. BoJangles you made me smile today—and perhaps some doggie art is appropriate on Earth Day!



Photo of Mr. Bo Jangles by Shea Miller



Photo of Mr. Bo Jangle's "art" by Shea Miller

Tonight's prayer is a prayer for the Environment and God's Creation:

*O God, the source of all life, you have filled the earth with beauty. Open our eyes to see your gracious hand in all your works, that rejoicing in your whole creation we may learn to serve you with gladness, for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Stay well, stay safe, and stay strong,

Chris