



Help Halleck Horticulture began as just a “blurb” in our weekly bulletin insert. Wanting to illustrate the history and significance of this special place, I took pictures and penned an accompanying article for placement on the church bulletin board, newsletter, and web page. The parishioner who wrote the original piece was thrilled with the results.

HELP HOE THE HALLECK . . . MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Halleck Memorial Garden was named after the Rev. Edgar W. Halleck, who served as rector of St. John’s for 24 years (1925 – 1949). Mr. Halleck is remembered as a devoted pastor and a solid preacher who was very generous to the down and out. He also encouraged outreach ministries, an emphasis that remains strong at St. John’s to this day.

With its graceful gothic arches, bubbling fountain, St. Francis statue, loquat tree that was resurrected after being uprooted during Hurricane Charlie (evidenced by the post and cables), and year-round greenery peppered by bursts of color from the amaryllis in the spring, the Halleck Memorial Garden is a St. John’s landmark. Some wander along the brick paths, others pause on the stone benches, all find the garden to be a place of beauty and peace.

The ashes of forty-nine individuals have been laid to rest in the ash garden in the corner and in the newly reopened section near the back of the courtyard. A dedicated parishioner sometimes assisted by her 2-year-old twins, has taken on maintenance of the Halleck Memorial Garden as her ministry at St. John’s. She invites you to call her if you would like to learn more about “adopting” a small section of the garden and helping with its upkeep. Her message is below.

HALLECK MEMORIAL GARDEN ONLY
I’ll do the trimmin’ if you’ll do the weedin’!!
 If you are interested in weeding a small part of the Halleck Memorial Garden and keeping a close check on it, please give me a call.

