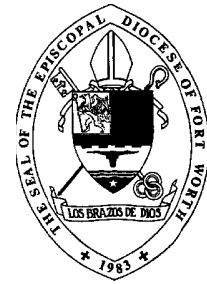


# The Epistle



A PUBLICATION FOR THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES

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## FROM THE RECTOR:

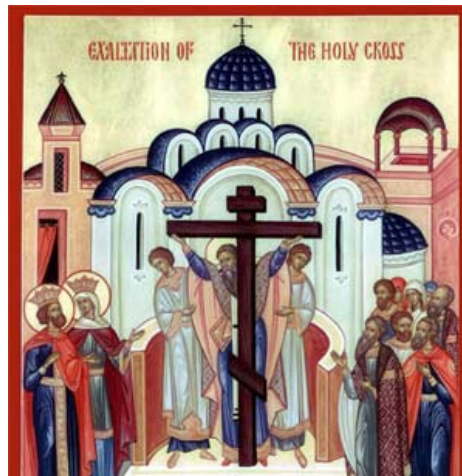
**B**ELOVED in Christ,  
THE month of September is just about upon us. All sorts of transitions occur this time of year—the most obvious being the start of the school year. At our house, the departure of our daughter Hannah for college has left a void in our daily lives that takes some getting used to. She, of course, begins an exciting new chapter in her life and will have to get to know a new community and geography. And Lydia is on the verge of getting her driver's license. Transitions and changes!

**I**N the parish, we have enjoyed having a Deacon among us, but now Sam is leaving for college and will leave a void in our parochial life. I have truly appreciated his ministry - He was of great relief to me this summer and for that I am very grateful. Now he gets to move on and begin a new chapter in a new location. We will miss him and pray that God will bless him richly. Deacon Sam's departure also opened the position of parish secretary. I am happy to welcome Justin Smith to our parish staff and look forward to working with him in the days ahead. I did ask Justin to introduce himself to all of you - Inside this issue you will find that introduction. If you get the opportunity, call or drop by during the week and introduce yourself to Justin.

**T**HIS year we will keep Sunday, September 12th as Rally Day. It is not really a feast day of the church kalendar, Rally is not a saint, not even an event in the life of our Lord, but it is an important day for our parish. Rally Day is the Sunday in September that we use to rally the parish to our collective ministry. It is an opportunity for us all to consider our involvement in all

of the various aspects of the ongoing life of the parish. On Rally Day, you will have the opportunity to sign up to participate in the committees, groups, guilds, and ministries of our parish. The current leadership of those groups will be available in the parish hall after church that day to answer your questions and to sign you up. Inside this issue you will find a description of all those ministry opportunities.

**I**T is time to get another round of Foyer Groups organized. Foyer Groups are groups of about eight people who get together once a month simply to share a meal and each other's fellowship for a couple of hours. The idea for Foyer Groups originated in Coventry England in the Community of the Cross and the Nails, a ministry of reconciliation that began at the Cathedral that was famously destroyed in the bombing of World War II.



It is based upon the idea that understanding between peoples can only come when they meet and get to know each other. Our Foyer Groups are meant to do just that - To enrich the life of our parish by getting to know one another better. The meals are meant to be simple. The evening is intended to have a definite start and stop time. All of the members of the group can bring something to contribute to the meal, so it is not a burden on any one member of the group. We have done Foyer Groups for a couple of years now. Those who have participated have found it to be a great way to get to know others in the parish in a better way than might happen just during Coffee

Hour on Sunday. Give it a try, sign up this Sunday.

**W**E are also looking for those of you willing to serve as Sunday School Teachers and/or Godly Play Instructors. Please speak to Alice Brown on Rally Day if you are interested. Parents, please sign your kids up for Sunday School this Sunday. We need to have a good idea of what our needs actually are. Our plan is to begin classes on September 13th. If we are able, we may

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*The purpose of the Church of the Holy Apostles  
is to glorify God through worship, discipleship, stewardship, fellowship, and love.*

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## AROUND THE PARISH

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### FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN:

AND now, back to our regularly scheduled program.”

WITH school back in session and the Labor Day holiday just around the corner, we've effectively reached the end of summer — and with any luck, we won't see any more 107-degree days.

IN MOST churches, attendance picks up with the beginning of the school year, as families return from summer vacations and fewer weekend activities interrupt churchgoers' regular schedules.

AND in most churches—Holy Apostles included—activity picks up as parish programs like church school, choir and mid-week youth programs resume their regular schedule.

I WANT to commend you for your attendance and stewardship during the summer months, and I'd like to encourage you to be involved in the programs of the parish as we resume our regular schedule of activities. In particular, I encourage you to be in attendance on Rally Day, September 12, and sign up to participate in one or more of the many programs that are vital to our parish life.

MANY thanks to our deacon for the summer, Sam Keyes, for his ministry to us. I know you join me in wishing him the best as he leaves us to continue his education and pursue his vocation.

AS ALWAYS, please continue to be faithful in your attendance, your stewardship, your prayers, and your participation in the life of the parish.

In Christ,  
*Todd Marchand*

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

September 7 Tuesday  
7:00 PM Parish Life Commission in the Library

September 12 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Rally Day

September 14 HOLY CROSS DAY  
9:00 AM - Low Mass

September 15 Wednesday  
6:30 PM - (Walsingham) Low Mass in the Lady Chapel  
7:00 PM - Basic Christianity (Library)  
Youth Group (Parish Hall)

September 18 Saturday  
Starting at 11:30 AM - Family Fun at Camp Crucis

September 21 -24 Fr. Cantrell at SSC Provincial Synod  
Newport, RI

September 21 SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST  
7:00 PM Vigil Mass on Monday the 20th  
9:00 AM - Morning Prayer

September 28 Saturday  
8:00 AM Holy Apostles Men's (HAMs) Breakfast

September 29 SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS  
6:30 PM - Low Mass

### PARISH OUTREACH:

OUR present project is to help supply the food pantry run by **Iglesia San Miguel**, our Hispanic mission on the south-east side of Fort Worth. We are collecting non-perishable food items & canned goods. Place them in the basket in the narthex

PLEASE remember that green box sitting on the table in the narthex. It costs about \$100 a month to support a priest in Northern Malawi. Please be generous.

### ALTAR FLOWERS:

FLOWER guild volunteers are needed to help make the weekly floral arrangements and water plants. Experience is helpful, but not necessary, we will provide training as needed. It's a fun and creative way to serve. If you are interested, please contact Leah Lancaster at 817-709-5776 or [lelanc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lelanc@sbcglobal.net).

## FROM OUR PARISH SECRETARY:

When Fr. Cantrell asked me to write something for the Epistle as a way of an introduction of myself to your community, I thought, “Hmmm, short or long, funny or austere, could they possibly want to see my C.V.?” So I said to myself, “Forget all that and just start typing.” Well, here goes....

I WAS born in a Catholic Church in Beaumont, TX, raised a Southern Baptist, fell out of the Faith near the end of my teenage years, then after years of agnosticism I studied at a Buddhist monastery for two years, and finally went to University and became a confirmed Catholic on Easter of 2003 at the age of 30. My path was set from the beginning, and although I fought it for years, in the end, Jesus always wins out. The Hound of Heaven’s ways are seemingly full of hilarity and mirth when viewed through the lens of history. Or rather His-story.

MY MAIN charism is the same as my formal training—music. I began playing and performing music at the age of six and continue to this day. Like all gifts, I sometimes curse it, and sometimes I praise it. But what I found is that I can never leave it. It is part of my make-up. To borrow a metaphor from Lewis, I use music to look along the shaft of light towards God, rather than just what it is currently illuminating. Of course, I am the worst of practicing Christians. I fail daily to heed His teachings.

I AM extremely happy to be here. Throughout my life, I have always been attracted to people. I have never been really that concerned with money, nor have I ever signed up for a community’s “mission statement” or vision. I subscribe to people who are trustworthy, loyal, and above all, good. And there are very good people here.

SPEAKING of my affinity towards people, that is probably why I feel so fulfilled as a Christian. In the living Christ, I have more than a creed, code, or cult. I have a Person. I have often thought about the seemingly strange act of two lovers staring face to face in embrace whispering back and forth “I love you” over and over again. But when its happening to you, it’s not strange at all. It’s completely natural and happens without any hesitation. I truly hope that meeting the living Christ will be like that. (Can you tell that my favorite of the OT books is Song of Songs?) Of course, it is true that since Christ is living, when He shares my secret name with me in Heaven it will probably refocus the history of my life as a song between Him and me that has already begun. Only I am just barely aware of it today.

I THINK that should be good for now. Feel free to call on or come by the office anytime. If we aren’t here, leave a message.

I am in your employ but also I like meeting people. If you have any questions, just ask. I may even bore you with the story of that time I got in a fight with a shark.

*Justin Smith*

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## MANY THANKS:

To Cary Foster for re-tiling the beverage area in the parish hall.

To Gordon Henry for tending the Garth and flower beds so well.

To Jim McClellan for keeping things stocked up and refilled.

To Carole Huebner and the Altar Guild for faithful behind-the-scenes service to us all.

To the HAMs for the new drink fridge for the parish hall.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

The Stephen Ministers will meet next on September 20 at 7 pm in the Library. If anyone is interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or learning more about this ministry, contact Joe Rubin at 817 922-8810 or talk to Fr. Chris.

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## HAM (HOLY APOSTLES MEN) NEWS:

The HAM breakfast will take place the morning of September 25th at 8:00 AM. The breakfast will now take place every 4th Saturday of the month.

Mark your calendars for our HAM fish fry on October 23rd at 5:30 PM and ends at 8:00 PM. The other parishes of the Deanery will also be involved. Tickets will go on sale soon: \$10 for adults, \$6 for kids age 6-12, free for kids under 6.

*Yours in Christ,*  
*Jim Owens*  
Head HAM

HAM questions or suggestions?

Please contact: Jim Owens: [softtextplus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:softtextplus@sbcglobal.net) or Richard Weber, *HAMs clerk*: [rfweber3@gmail.com](mailto:rfweber3@gmail.com)

## FROM THE RECTOR, *continued*

have an older kids class between services while the adult Bible Study is meeting. The Godly Play class for the little kids will continue to meet during the first part of the 10:00 service. We need your support!

**T**HE Basic Christianity Class will be resuming on Wednesday the 15th. The Course is one put together originally by Fr. Homer Rogers, onetime Rector of St. Francis' Church, Dallas, with some development by my own dad, Canon Richard Cantrell and a tweak or two from me. It is an excellent introduction to the Christian Faith. The Course consists of 23 sessions. We take a break during the season of Lent so it takes most of the school year for us to get through the entire course.

**I**F YOU have not been confirmed and would like to be — you need to plan on attending this class. (Bishop Iker will be making his annual visitation to us on November 14th.) If you have never attended an Inquirer's Class, this class is for you. If you know of someone who does not have a church home you could reach out to them with an invitation to come with you. We will meet on Wednesdays starting right after Evening Prayer at 6:45 pm and concluding promptly at 8:30. There is no obligation to do the entire course, just invite them to come and see.

**A**NEW initiative is coming into being - a Rosary Chapter. I have been approached by several folks in the parish about having a regular posted time to pray a corporate Rosary. I think it is a wonderful idea! The suggested plan would be to have a monthly meeting time usually associated with the monthly Walsingham Mass on the 15th. Keep your eyes peeled on Rally Day for more information.

**I**WOULD like to meet with the Parish Life Commission on Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Library. If you are interested in being a part of this commission, by all means, come to this meeting. We will be getting our act together in preparation for Rally Day.

**A**S I started out — Changes, transitions, new opportunities. There is quite a bit about to get rolling around here - Will you jump on and be a part of it all? I am excited about the possibilities, and I expect that God will bless us richly. Why? Because I believe He is the one bringing it all about. And for that — Thanks be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost!

**G**od bless you all,

*Father Chris +*

## HAY NEWS

**T**HE HAY (Holy Apostles Youth) is looking forward to a new and exciting year. All youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited to join us for fellowship, prayer, service, and exploring our faith and applying it in our daily lives. Please be sure to visit us on Rally Day for more details about our meetings and fellowship opportunities.

**W**E WILL be kicking off the new year with our first weekly meeting on Wednesday September 15th immediately following mass. We'll have pizza and discuss events and service opportunities for the year. Sunday School will resume on September 19th.

**O**UR first fellowship get together will also be on September 19th with a trip to Whirly Ball! Exact details will soon be following. And finally, we will be looking for a return of Holy Apostles Youth Dinner Theater on Saturday November 6th.

**I**F YOU have any questions about getting involved with our youth group or our activities, please don't hesitate to contact Jim Stubblefield at 817-312-3625 or e-mail at [jimestub@gmail.com](mailto:jimestub@gmail.com). Please join our Facebook group "The HAY" for event information and announcements.

*Jim Stubblefield*



### *CAMP CRUCIS FAMILY FUN FEST* September 18

Activities start at 11:30 am

BBQ dinner, live music,  
hiking, fishing, swimming,  
and many other activities

Pre-register for some activities and purchase dinner tickets at  
[www.campcrucis.org](http://www.campcrucis.org)

Drawing Prizes include a 7-day Caribbean cruise!  
Tracey Mince will be selling drawing tickets in the parish hall.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the scholarship fund  
for the camp as well as contribute to camp improvements.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

## COMMISSIONS

**Christian Education** – This commission plans and coordinates the Christian education programs for youth and adults, recruits and trains leaders/teachers for the programs and reviews, researches and recommends curricula for the various classes.

**Outreach** – Our Outreach Commission seeks ways outside the church to spread the Gospel through missions and programs aimed at helping feed the poor, house the homeless, support seminarians and other practical ventures that really make a difference in people's lives. Some of the church's regular income as well as special gifts fund these endeavors and provide the items we donate.

**Parish Life** – Members of Parish Life are responsible for welcoming visitors and planning events that encourage others to seek a commitment to Jesus Christ as members of our church family. They maintain visitor cards, introduce guests to clergy and the Vestry, and then make follow-up contacts with those visitors. This commission is also responsible for advertising, news releases, planning social events, maintaining coffee and drink service in the Parish Hall, and consulting with outside groups who wish to use our facilities.

## WORSHIP

*Opportunities for liturgical service open to members over the age of 9 years.*

**Acolytes** – are basically anyone who wears vestments and assist during worship. Torchbearers may begin serving at seven and adults are welcome to serve as well.

**Chalice Bearers** – assist in the administration of Communion at Mass and must be licensed by the Bishop. Speak to the rector and Vestry for approval.

**Lectors** – serve by reading the scriptures during worship.

**Oblationers** – are teams of two who bring forward the bread and wine at the offertory part of the service as a sign of the offering of the entire congregation. This is an excellent choice for families who wish to participate.

**Ushers** – also work in teams of two assisting worshippers, distributing bulletins, taking attendance and taking up the collection at services.

## GUILDS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

**Altar Guild** – is responsible for the care of the vessels, cloths and vestments used during worship. They set up for services throughout the week, clean up after services and generally make sure the altar is prepared for services as needed.

**HAY (Holy Apostles Youth)** – is open to anyone in grades 6-12. Friends are also welcome to attend. HAY focuses on fun, fellowship and spiritual growth of our young people.

**Flower Guild** – Flowers on the Altar are donated to mark special days or in remembrance of special people. The guild is in charge of purchasing and arranging the flowers you see on the altar weekly.

**Holy Apostles Gals (HAGs)** – work for the beautification of the church through crafts and projects. Future projects include painting and decorating the nursery, Bride's Room and classrooms by the Garth, They also oversee the care and maintenance of the Garth throughout the year.

**Holy Apostles Men (HAMs)** – Our men's group sees to the physical needs of the church including building maintenance, yard work, tree trimming, landscaping etc. They also host our church picnics in the spring and fall.

**Telephone Calling Committee** – A group of parishioners who make phone calls to other members of the parish in cases of importance that require rapid response.

**Stephen Ministers** – Trained parishioners who render care through a ministry of friendship and presence.





## ANNIVERSARIES:

September 2 Bruce & Sharon Trahey  
 20 Fr. Richard & Margaret Cantrell  
 29 Collin & Jane Andrus



## BIRTHDAYS:

September 1 Fr. Zachary Rogers  
 3 Ruth Smith  
 4 Debbie Sneed, Ann Wilson  
 7 Robert Bohler, Adelynn Strong  
 8 Sean Wilson, Peggy Bruce  
 10 Robert Schultz, Jack Judson  
 13 Mack Snead  
 14 Pam Upward  
 15 Sandra Magnusson  
 22 Linda Hentz, Margaret Pinnau  
 23 Will Wilson  
 25 Jimmy McClellan  
 26 Collin Andrus, Becky Marchand  
 27 Lydia Cantrell

### YOUR VESTRY:

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Nikki Wilson, Clerk	817 568-2357
Bruce Trahey	817 271-6204
Susan Henry	817 926-0376
Debbie Reddick	817 236-9874
Paul Simpson	817 594-0379
Jim Owens	817 925-2611

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at announced times  
 and by appointment.  
 Holy Day Services are as announced.  
 A Nursery is provided 9:30 - 11:30 on Sundays.  
 The Parish Office is open 9:00 AM.- 4:00 PM. Monday - Friday

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<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM. Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
	9:00 AM. Sunday School
	9:30 AM. Choir Practice (starting 9/12)
	10:00 AM. Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
	11:15 AM. Coffee Hour

Mon-Thursday	8:30 AM Morning Prayer
Tuesday	9:00 AM Holy Eucharist
Friday	Rector's Day Off



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