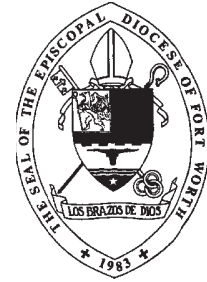


The Epistle



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From the Rector:



BELOVED in Christ,

I really was hoping to get this newsletter done before the first of the month in which it was sent to you. Obviously, that didn't happen. I had grand plans to write about the Feast of All Saints' - before the event. And now, after the event, I need to say thank you.

ALL Saints' Day was a glorious day. It was a delight to be able to keep the feast with Fr. Rogers preaching and to get to baptize Jacob Brown into the Church. It is my delight and honor to be your priest. This week is my thirteenth anniversary as rector of Holy Apostles, a baker's dozen, as my mother would say. On a side note: Small world - I discovered on the eve of his baptism that Jacob's aunt and uncle are members of the parish already - Greg and Alice Brown. I had not put them together as Jacob came to us through his friendship with Travis Wilson.

Likewise, the Parish Requiem on All Souls' Day was also a joy of another flavor - bittersweet. Both of these great days are about the Church - in general and in particular. I was caught, as I am every year, by the deep connection with those who have gone before us. I don't know why I am surprised. But I do find myself surprised how deeply moved I am by the recitation of the names of our family and friends. It is so much more than the speaking of names. Heaven draws near in a tangible way. I believe that is because of the fact that the Church really does extend beyond the boundaries of this present time. Baptism into the Body of Christ is entry into the Kingdom of Heaven. And in the Kingdom the grave is but a gate not an end. The great testimony to that is, of course, the resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.



THIS month sees the ending of the Church Year with the Sunday of Christ the King on the 22nd. Advent and the new Church Year begins on Sunday the 29th. So we have some things we need to take care of. It is that time of year when we ask everyone in our parish to indicate how they will financially support the ministry and operation of our parish in the coming year. We will be sending you a pledge card for 2010 in the next few days.

IN THE General Thanksgiving, said at Morning and Evening Prayer, we bless God for "our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and the hope of glory." That is quite a lot to consider! Please spend a bit of time in prayer reflecting upon the provision

of God in your life and then, in gratitude for all of that, fill out your card and bring it with you to Church on Sunday. I think that this is a pretty good exercise at Thanksgiving time. We would like to have all the pledges in by Sunday the 15th. We're counting on you.

IT IS also time to begin thinking about who I should be elected to serve on our vestry. Collin Andrus, Tony Hiller and Michael Pinnau will be rotating off of the Vestry in January when their successors are elected at the Annual Parish Meeting. Tony is eligible for reelection, Collin and Michael are not. I am happy to inform you that in the interim

Charra Wright has agreed to step into the position of Treasurer picking up the position vacated by Sabrina Caudill. We are grateful to her for her willingness to serve. If you know of someone that you think would be good in any of these positions please speak to me, or to Collin, or Michael.

IAM ALSO very happy to commend to you the 10:00 AM Wednesday morning Healing Mass. Fr. Rogers is the regular

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

AROUND THE PARISH

FROM THE SR. WARDEN:

I HOPE everyone is doing well and starting to enjoy the Fall weather (minus the rain). I have noticed that we are having quite a few new visitors. The visitors I spoke with were all very complimentary about the warm reception they have been given and how friendly we are.... Thanks to everyone for making our guests welcome.

I HOPE everyone has noticed how great our landscaping looks; we all need to thank Gordon Henry for the outstanding work he has done for all of us... Thanks Gordon.

AS YOU come to church take a look around, a lot things get done behind the scenes with no one knowing who or how they get done. Take for example the altar flowers, the altar itself and the priests vestments. There are folks that come in every week to see that everything is correct; the flower guild does a magnificent job on the flowers and they go unnoticed by us as does the altar guild and the labors they put in for all of us. Take time out of your schedule to find out who these folks are meet them and tell them thanks, you may even consider lending a hand. This also goes for the ladies and gents who put out the Sunday snacks, and handle all our supplies... Let's give them all Parish wide thanks!!

AS WE near the end of the year we all need to ensure our pledges are up to date and we need to start thinking about next year. Just like any household or business Holy Apostles has obligations and bills to pay. Please take a look at what each of you can do as individuals and families and be as generous as you can. Thanks in advance for seeing to this.

PLEASE keep up the great work making folks feel welcome in our "Parish Family", and as always wear your nametags.

Peace be with you,

Collin Andrus

CONGRATULATIONS: to Joe Stevens and Dehn Wilson on their reception. To Karen Gauntt, Michaela Kelly, Cody Self, Troy Henry and Dakota Foster on their Confirmations.

And likewise congrats to Jacob Brown, baptized on Sunday, November 1st.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Monday, **November 9**, 7:00 PM Vestry meeting beginning with Evening Prayer.

Wednesday, **November 11th** is Veteran's Day - Give thanks for all who have given themselves in the service of our country.

Sunday, **November 22** - Christ the King Sunday.

Thursday, **November 26**, Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed - Mass at 9:00 AM.

Sunday, **November 29**, Advent Sunday

Monday, **November 30**, Saint Andrew the Apostle 7:00 PM Mass.

THANKS:

To Charra Wright for agreeing to take over as Treasurer since Sabrina's move!

To Karen Gauntt for helping fold the weekly Bulletins!

To Andrew Martin for patching holes and painting.

To Tim Gauntt for tackling the lighting issues.

To the HAMS for doing the grilling for the Parish Picnic.

To the Huebners for assisting with the folding of the monthly Epistle!

To Jim McClellan for keeping things stocked up and refilled!

PARISH OUTREACH:

OUR present project is to help supply the food pantry run by **Iglesia San Miguel**, our Hispanic mission on the southeast 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.



FROM THE RECTOR, *continued.*

celebrant and administers unction and/or the laying on of hands for healing. This is another opportunity for you to attend the Eucharist during the week. I am grateful to Fr. Rogers for his help with this service.

VERY shortly we will be into the renovations in the Garth rooms that I told you about last month. We intend to start with the Nursery and St. Bride's room, and the classrooms on Monday the 9th. Once those rooms are done, then the offices. That means that we need to empty out those rooms to allow the work to happen. We will be asking for help moving things around. Please bear with us - it will be well worth the inconvenience in the long run.

LAST month the Vatican made history by announcing that the Pope, Benedict XVI, was making a provision for "disaffected Anglicans." It will be a structure within the Roman Catholic Church that will allow former Anglicans to retain, what Rome is calling, aspects of our "Anglican Patrimony." Potentially, this is huge. And without doubt, this is historic. But, as of this writing, the document outlining all the ins and outs of this Apostolic Constitution has not yet been released. Some reports have said that it may be out by the end of this first week in November. So, until that happens, there is nothing concrete to consider.

I HAVE recently been appointed to serve on two diocesan dialogue committees - one with the Roman Catholics, and one with the Orthodox Church in America (OCA). Our diocese is committed to working toward the visible unity of the Church Catholic. The RC committee has had one meeting (*prior to the Vatican announcement*) and the OCA committee will have its first meeting the end of this month. We really would like to see the fulfillment of our Lord's prayer on the night in which he was betrayed - "*I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*" (John 17:20,21) Our Lord's credibility is on the line. Both sides of both of these dialogues appear to desire to achieve the same end. Please keep these efforts in your prayers, that God would guide them and bring to pass what He wills for his church.

ON A much more mundane level, please take a look at the sign-up sheets on the table in the Parish Hall. There are a number of opportunities available. We particularly need folks to sign-up to be Coffee Hour Hosts. Please consider helping out with this ministry of hospitality.

AND finally, for the season of Advent we plan to use a new musical setting of the service music for the Mass. This is new original music, composed by our own Todd Marchand. I am very grateful to him for sharing his talent so richly here for the glory of God. We will be the first congregation to sing it. All of that is to

YOUTH NEWS:

EYC is open to all students in 7th through 12th grades. We meet on Wednesday evenings immediately after evening prayer at 6:45. Please join us for fun, fellowship, prayer, and study.

The tentative event schedule for the school year is as follows:

11/8/2009	Thanksgiving Dinner
12/13/2009	Advent Gathering
1/10/2010	Bishop's Ball (exact date TBD)
2/14/2010	Valentine's Dinner & Dance
3/14/2010	Lenten Event
4/11/2010	Ice Skating
5/9/2010	Baseball Game?
6/13-19/2010	Saint Michael's Conference

OTHER opportunities for young people to develop their faith and Christian relationship are weekend retreats put on by the Episcopal Renewal Center. New Beginnings weekends are for students in 7th - 9th grades. Happenings are for 10th-12th graders. Further information is available at www.episcopal-renewalcenter.org.

10/2 - 10/4 New Beginnings

11/20 - 11/22 Happening

3/5 - 3/7 Happening

We look forward to having a great year.

Jim Stubblefield

say - we need to learn it. We need to give it time and opportunity to become familiar. I know how much we all love change and variety (*wink, wink - I really do know!!*) And because I know this about us, I ask you to please plan to be with us to give this the best trial it can be. You may, in fact, decide that you like it.

God bless you all,

Father Chris +



Saint Andrew from a 13th Century Psalter.
His feastday is November 30th.



ANNIVERSARIES:

November

- 7 Viktor & Ann Heinz and
Michael & Margaret Pinnau
13 Paul & Kathy Simpson



BIRTHDAYS:

November

- 6 Lisa Kelly
8 Ron McClellan
13 Richard Weber
14 Gomer Jones IV
15 Rebecca Upward
17 Powell Bohler
Suzanne Capko
Pat Hendon
18 Sheri Owens
Joel Bailey
19 Forrest Bradley
21 Jeanne Boatman
Lorraine Callender
Brian Strong
Cyndi Weber
24 Coleman Thompson
25 Mike Luptak
27 Leah Lancaster

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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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Sunday
8:00 AM. Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
9:00 AM. Sunday School
9:30 AM. Choir Practice
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
Wednesday 10:00 AM Healing Mass
6:45 PM Evening Prayer
Friday Rector's Day Off



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