

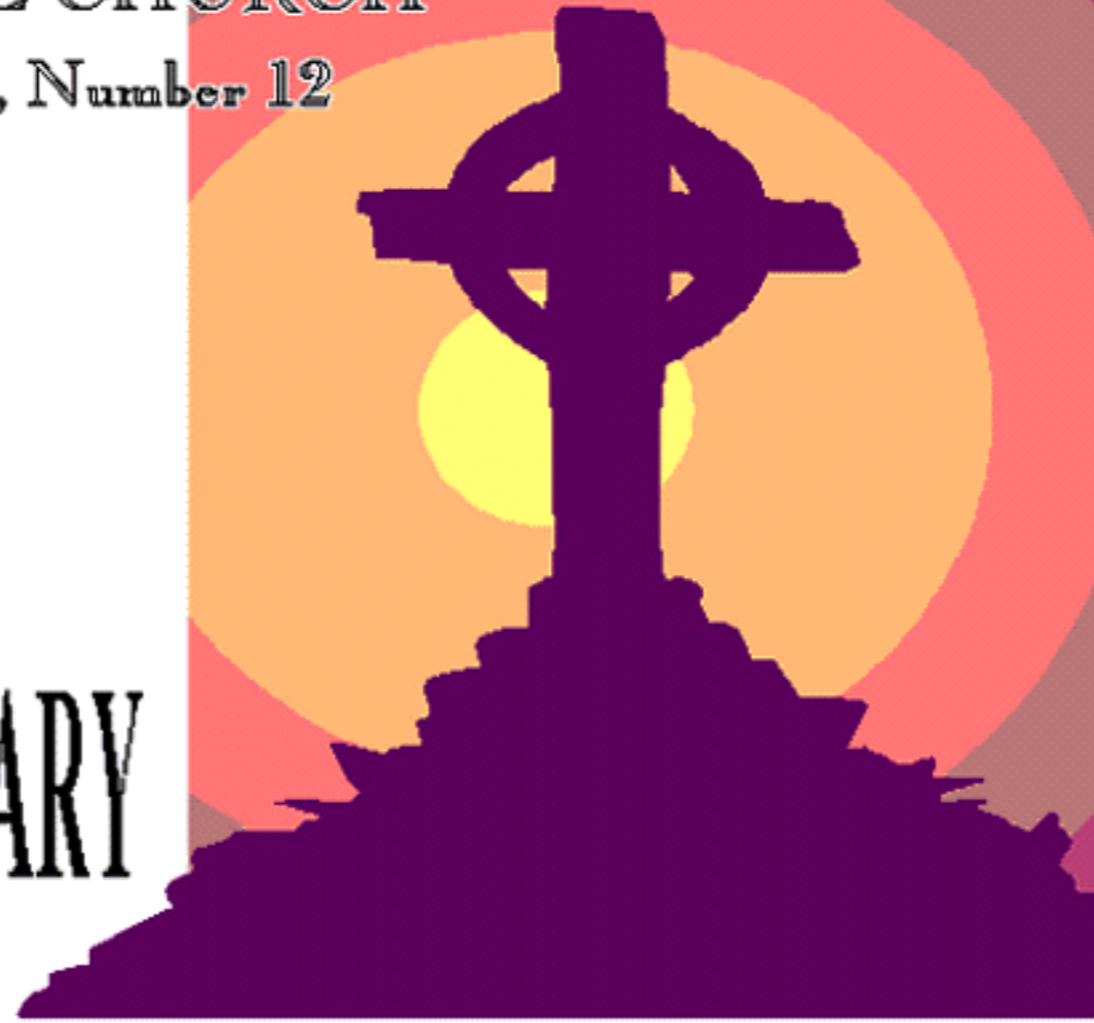
THE QUILL

ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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TWO MAJOR GIFTS

ADD TO "NEW" SANCTUARY



By Easter of 2002, the sanctuary will begin to look substantially completed. In November, Bp. Jon Bruno announced that he was presenting the new baptismal font in memory of the Rector's mother, Lillian Eiser. At the same time, conversations were (and are) going on about a proposed memorial to provide the ambry (the repository for the consecrated bread & wine) and a memorial to cover the newly crafted Paschal candle stand. Finally, the remaining kneeling hassocks have been given (and should arrive in January).

Stained Glass Work:

East clerestory windows (\$ 49,184); Window Box in NE stairwell (\$ 3,527)

Chapel:

Altar (\$ 3,700); Chairs [25] (\$ 5,100)

Sanctuary furnishings:

Stand for Thurible (design under way); Stand for Ashes (design under way);
Ambrey & Flower Stands [2] (\$ 2,990); Sanctuary Lamp (\$ 1,800); Altar rails [2] (\$ 4,865);
Privacy Screens for Choir (\$ 5,910); Advent Wreath (design under way); Music Stand (\$ 900);

Narthex:

Cabinets (\$ 2,500)

Parish Hall:

Renovation -- repainting & flooring (\$ 5,000)

Offices:

Repainting NE offices & installation of carpeting (\$ 2,000)

SUMMARY OF VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE

Last year, Frank Basile talked with both of the clergy about his feeling that he had a call to the ordained ministry -- namely the priesthood. While in some parts of the wider Church, Frank would have been handed a Bible and given a street-corner, the Episcopal Church (as you would imagine) is somewhat more formalized.

A person's interior call needs to be discussed and prayed over by the individual, the clergy and representatives of the parish. A vocational discernment committee was named (Mike Mullins, Kyle Ferstead, Paul Thompson, Ina Klem & Mthr. Golie). They met with Frank on a monthly basis for over a year.

While the content of the discussions is confidential, the committee issued the following statement as part of its final report to the Vestry: "...the Committee feels that ordained ministry seems to be the form of ministry to which God is calling Frank."

The Vestry affirmed that report at its November meeting and will send its recommendation to the Diocesan Commission on Ministry. Frank will next meet with that Commission in February. [Note: the Ministry Study Year, which brought us Ellie, Robin, Golie & Pam is currently being re-thought, so he may not have to do that].

RENOVATION PROJECTS

Completed Work

1. speaker in Luther Hall
2. create external signage
3. Altar, ambo, sanctuary cabinets & votive stand

Ongoing work:

1. soliciting memorials
2. replace sign at SW corner
3. exterior lights
4. painting the building
5. Office painting & carpeting
6. Renovation of Luther Hall

**FRIENDS OF MUSIC
LESSONS & CAROLS of ADVENT
Sunday, December 16, 10:00 a.m.**

FR. JIM'S JOTTINGS



I don't know about you, but the season in which to prepare for the end of the year is too short. The "end of the year" is that time from Thanksgiving until the 12 Days of Christmas. My chief goal is the completion of my Christmas Eve sermon and the sending out of the final group of Christmas cards. However, there are many minor goals to achieve during that time:

- finding and paying all 2001 bills
- making sure that I update my address list
- helping to prepare the budget for the next year at St. Bede's
- finding all of the Christmas presents that I have been buying and ferreting away all year
- making sure that I pay my parish pledge by the last Sunday in December AND pay all of my estimated taxes by Dec. 31st
- finish one cleaning /sorting project in my office or home so that it can be erased from my resolutions for 2002

*There is a poem,
I believe, entitled
"Slouching
toward
Jerusalem".
I am not sure of its
words, but I think
I know the
feeling...*

On top of that there is the final Christmas shopping (thank God for Jeannette and the Alternative Christmas Market) and the wrapping, sending, etc. of presents for niece & god-son (they are VERY AWARE of when Christmas Day is).

No, I am not trying to tire either you or me out with this, but I think that our lives are relatively similar in this season of preparing for the Messiah. If we just do all that we have on our lists, we may end up straggling to Jerusalem ...or at least the Christmas Eve services more tired than thankful.

We need to remember that we are preparing for the birth of the Prince of Peace ... and that the "peace of God that passes all understanding" is the gift of Christmas, the fruit of the Holy Spirit, the only gift that is important.

In Christ,

Jim Newman+

FROM THE RECORDS

Visitors: John Norton, M.D., Janet Lonsdale, Rita Shaker,
Andrew Roberts

Marriage: Talbot McLanahan & Benjamin Harrison

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & CLASSES

SUNDAYS 8 am, Holy Eucharist (no music)
10 am, Church School & Nursery
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer

TUESDAYS 9 am, Breakfast, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & the Sacrament of Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

BREAKFAST & BIBLE

*A weekly class - beginning with breakfast -
which looks at the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.*

-- No class on December 25 or January 1 --

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated each week at 7 p.m.

December 4, 11, & 18

Healing Touch - The Sacrament of Healing in the Church

ST. BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF

RECTOR: The Rev. James A. Newman

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