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DIAMOND JUBILEE TO HONOR OUR EXTRAORDINARY

Save Wednesday December 15th — it will be a gala evening to celebrate the season, to celebrate the lives of some extraordinary men and women, to finish one's Christmas shopping, and to heal in both the renovation and the outreach of St. Bede's Parish.

St. Bede's is honoring those persons who have turned 75 this year and in years past. Like the holiday just past, all we can do is to give thanks for their presence in the life of the congregation.

Refreshments and silent auction begin at 6:00 pm with a program and concert following at 7:30 pm. The evening will be ended with coffee and dessert at 9:15 pm in Luther Hall. The cost is \$25/person or \$60/family. Please RSVP by December 10.

TIME FOR NOMINATIONS

As we approach the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 6, the Nominating Committee is looking for people who wish to offer their names for the Vestry and to represent the parish at the Deanery and Diocesan Convention. This year, the congregation will be electing three members of the Vestry (Gordon Fuglie and Samira Tamer have terms which end; Jerry Hornof may be elected for a full 3-year term). Annette Graw's term as delegate & Kyle Ferstead's term as alternate delegate to convention both end and successors will be elected for 2-year terms. The Nominating Committee is: Annette Graw, Mike Olsen, Gordon Fuglie & Samira Tamer.

HAVE YOU PLANNED FOR THE TIME OF YOUR DEATH?
TAKE A MOMENT AND TALK WITH YOUR LOVED ONES.
IT IS UN-PASTORAL NOT TO DO SO.

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THIS MONTH

The Stewardship of Time

Rector's Column—
Advent waiting

December Birthdays &
Anniversaries

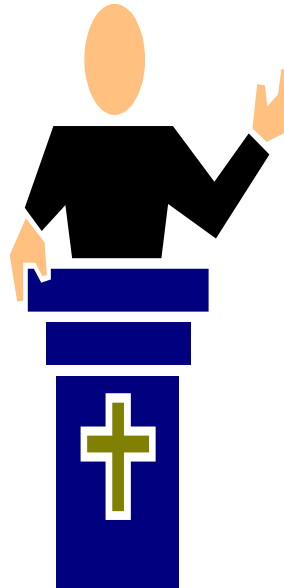
News Briefs-Around the
Parish

CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

Here we are again at the **end** of the Calendar Year and the **beginning** of the Church Year. It is confusing! On one hand, I am trying to finish up all of the loose ends of 2004 during what is the busiest months of the year. On the other hand, I am beginning the story of our salvation yet again, this time following the lead of Matthew's Gospel.

To look at it another way, I am buying the presents to celebrate a birth I am only anticipating. That is why many feel they need to celebrate Christmas NOW ... and why we need to live Advent the best we can so that we can use the **12 Days of Christmas** the way they were intended — in celebration of the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

I will be giving the children Advent Calendars as the season begins this year. Let us all learn with them to pace ourselves during Advent and savor each day of this preparational season — building up like the lighted candles on the Advent Wreath.



As we face the beginnings and ends, we need to say an extra prayer for the men and women serving our nation in the Armed Forces. I had a real face put on those people — for me — last week as I interviewed a young man seeking to become a postulant for Holy Orders. He is currently a 26-yr. old Army captain who want to eventually become an Army Chaplain.

Whether one agrees with the policies of our country, it is our duty as Christians to pray for God's guidance for those in governmental office. We especially need to pray for members of the armed forces, police, fire fighters, etc. who dedicate their lives to the service of the country.

If you do not know a police officer or a fire fighter or a member of the service, go out and find one — put a human face on the "category". Now, when I say my prayers for those serving, I will see this young man's face and remember our conversations.

Marcus Borg calls Jesus the "human face of God". The incarnation gave the World something that was unique, something that the prophets of old had not been able to provide. As the hymn says, "God in man made manifest".

Even if the nativity stories were literally true, there is no way that those witnessing Jesus' birth would or could have known of its importance to the world. It took Jesus' death and resurrection to understand the importance of the incarnation. As it says in Romans 1, "...his unique identity as Son of God was shown by the Spirit when Jesus was raised from the dead, setting him apart as the Messiah, our Master."

We wait for his birth and know of its need because we have "eyes of Easter".

In Christ, **Jim Newman+**

VITAL STATISTICS

Visitors:

Dorothy Funk, Shelly Chessie, Jane Butler, Cassandra Lewis,
Ricky Lewis Jr.

December Anniversaries:

Edmonde & Harriet Haddad	12/22
Mea Combs & Marvin Campbell	12/31

December Birthdays:

Dennis Winston	12/02
Mea Combs	12/03
Stephen Hunter	12/04
Joyce Matlack	12/06
Leo Nicastro	12/09
Annette Graw	12/14
Charlotte Thomas	12/17
Laird Hegamin	12/19
Phyllis Morrison	12/19
Pammela Jackson	12/24
Karen Scharre	12/24
Adelaide Vaughn	12/29

Thank you

to the 66 individuals or households listed below who have returned pledge cards and/or pledged \$ 166,788 toward the operation of St. Bede's in 2005 (including 5 new pledges and 18 increased pledges!). It is not too late to join! Please pick up a pledge card in the narthex or call 391-5522.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Bede's Church

Giles Asbury, Frank Basile, *Jusak Bernhard & Jeff Manley, *Andrea Bolden, Jean Boone, Jean Dahler, Richard Dancer, *Linda Demer, Karen Earle, Eugenia Eaton, Harold Eaton, *Dulcie Ellis, Kyle Ferstead, Tracy Flinders, Janet Fox, *Gordon Fuglie, *Susan Funk, *Michael Gallagher, Diane Gandara, Jean Gould, *Annette Graw, Linda Guagliano, *Edmonde & Harriet Haddad, John Hancock, Howard Happ, Elsie Harter, Russ Harter, *Joe & Kathy Hartley, Wes Hartley, Argola Haynes, Mary Jane Herron, *Tori Patterson & Helmi Hisserich, Betsy Hiteshew, Nancy Holly, Jerry Hornof & Karen Scharre, Evlynn & David Householder, Shirley Hutson, *Andrew & Pammela Jackson, Quinn Kelley, Dorothy King, *Ina Klem, Frances Knight, *Karen Kuchel, *Thomas & Jo Ledsam, Jeff Leng, Marian Leng, Peggy Levenstein, Angus Mackay, Joyce Matlack, Phyllis Morrison, *Michael Mullins, James Newman, Ruth Nicastro, *Mike & Sandy Olsen, Joan Reitzel, *Barbara Sands, *Phil Schultz, Don Shaw, Alice Short & Steve Vielhaber, Donald & Charlotte Thomas, *Carl & Jennine Townsend, Joelle Underwood, *Henry Etta Waters, *Reed Wilson, Jeannette Young, Ron & Kelly Zullo

- indicates new or increased pledge for 2005

This list will be updated in the January Quill as pledges are still coming in. Note: Several people have paid the upcoming year's pledge in full. That does have 2004 tax advantages for the giver. To facilitate clean bookkeeping: we deposit checks during the year we receive them, SO these will be deposited in 2004 into our savings account (as "2005 pledge payments") and listed on this year's pledge statements as 2004 donations; the financial secretary will NOT list these as 2005 pledges for NEXT YEAR'S statements (or it will look like you have not pd. Your pledge); HOWEVER, we will count your pledge as part of next year's total and transfer that money from the savings to general account in January, 2005.

DECEMBER LESSONS

SUNDAYS

December 5, Advent 2 (Canon Newman)
Daniel 7.1-3,15-18; Ps. 149; Ephesians 1.11-23; Luke 6.20-31

December 12, Advent 3 (Canon Newman)
Isaiah 11.1-10; Ps. 72.1-7,18-19; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12
—Advent Lessons & Carols at 10 a.m.

December 19, Advent 4 (Mthr. Haynes)
Isaiah 35.1-10; Ps. 146.4-9; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11

December 26, Christmas 1 (Canon Newman)
Is. 61.10-62.3; Ps. 147.13-21; Gal. 3.23-25 & 4.4-7; John 1.1-18

December 24, Christmas Eve (Canon Newman)
Isaiah 9.2-7; Ps. 96; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-20

Russian Pilgrimage Update

Over 20 people have signed up to date. This is going well. NAWAS suggests that people planning on traveling make their deposits by the end of 2004. That will facilitate the purchase of tickets, etc. To obtain a brochure and registration forms, please see Jim Newman OR download the materials from the Website.

Renovation Update

A matching gift has been made toward the completion of the sanctuary windows. For any December contributions made to the window fund, a matching gift will be made. **NOW** is the time to give a share (or ten!). It is extremely likely that if this challenge is successful, the windows can be ordered in January, 2005.

The December 15 event will initiate the collection of funds for Luther Hall. Again, it is our hoped that work will commence early in 2005.

WEDNESDAYS

12/1: St. Andrew (tr) (Canon Newman)
Ps. 19.1-6; Deut. 30.11-14; Rom. 10.8b-18; Matt. 4.18-22

12/8: Wed., Advent 2 (Canon Newman)
103.1-10; Isaiah 40.25-31; Matthew 11.28-30

12/15: no service

12/22: St. Thomas (tr.) (Canon Newman)
126; Habakkuk 2.1-4; Hebrews 10.35-11.1; John 20.24-29

12/29: Holy Innocents (Canon Newman)
Ps. 124; Jeremiah 31.15-17; Revelation 21.1-7; Matthew 2.13-18

ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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 & Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

BREAKFAST & BIBLE

*A weekly class — beginning with breakfast — which previews
the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.*

December 7 — (N. Holly & M. Leng, hosts)
December 14 — (I. Klem & L. Jennison, hosts)
December 21 — (J. Newman & R. Jayne, host)
December 30 — NO CLASS

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM

12/1, 8 & 22:
The study of "Early Christian Traditions"
By Professor Rebecca Lyman
Church Divinity School of the Pacific

ST. BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon James Newman

ASSISTANT: The Rev. Argola Haynes

ASSISTING: The Rev. Giles Asbury,
the Rev John Hancock, the Rev. Howard Happ, Ph.D.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Mr. Frank Basile

SEXTON: Mr. Masoud Jamneshan

VESTRY

Mike Olsen ['06] - Senior Warden
Annette Graw ['07] - Junior Warden
Kyle Ferstead—Clerk
Tom Ledsam—Treasurer
Gordon Fuglie ('05) Michael Gallagher ['07]
Edmonde Haddad ['07] Ina Klem ['06]
Samira Tamer ('05) Jerry Hornof ['05]
Joelle Underwood ('06)

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

Angus Mackay (D)/Frank Basile (A) - ('06)
Annette Graw (D)/Kyle Ferstead (A) - ('05)