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PARISH TO CELEBRATE 40TH ANNUAL MEETING ON JAN. 15

The **40th Annual Meeting** will be held in Luther Hall following the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist and a pot-luck luncheon on Sunday, January 15. The Annual meeting is a time when reports covering the year past are made to the parish, the Vestry reports on the 2006 Budget which was passed by the Vestry in mid-December, and elections are held for open seats on the vestry and on St. Bede's representation to the Convention of the Diocese of Los Angeles.

The Nominating Committee of the Vestry has presented the following slate of candidates:

For Vestry (2-2 yr. Terms; 2-1 yr. Terms):

Kathy Hartley, Ricky Lewis, Phyllis Morrison, Reed Wilson

For Delegate to Diocesan Convention (2 yr. Term): Frank Basile

For Alternate to Diocesan Convention (2 yr. Term): Michael Mullins

Because of the meeting, there will be one celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. The early service at 8 a.m. will be a service of Morning Prayer. The short program following the lunch and prior to the meeting will be on the Mission and Ministry of the Neighborhood Youth Association and will be coordinated by Canon Ruth Nicastro.

Preceding the Annual meeting, the Vestry will hold a pot-luck luncheon. To determine what you should bring, first determine the last digit of your home telephone number. If the last digit of your telephone # is, bring:

4-6, main course 7, bread 8-9, salad 0-1, vegetable 2-3, dessert

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THIS MONTH

Rector's Column

40th Annual Meeting

January Birthdays &

Anniversaries

ST. BEDE'S:
THE PARISH OF MAR VISTA, VENICE, OCEAN PARK &
PLAYA VISTA

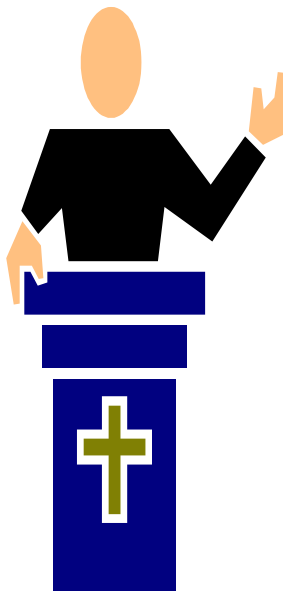
CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

Dear Friends in Christ:

“**New Year**”. We have many ways at looking at the year. Our program year begins in September with Homecoming Sunday. The Church Year begins with Advent 1 (late Nov.). The secular calendar begins on January 1st. This year, that falls on a Sunday and we will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus (formerly known as “The Feast of the Circumcision” — a change of the focus, not the reality).

It is interesting to note that Archbishop Thomas Cranmer used the secular year to define his Calendar of daily readings in the 1549 Book of Common Prayer. This is noteworthy because of the artificial issue that has been created about “Merry Christmas—Happy Holidays—Season’s Greetings”.

This has been created by fundamentalist rabble-rousers in league with ultra-right wing media mavens. Will you lose your belief in Jesus if someone says “Season’s Greetings” to you? Will your Jewish or Moslem friends be offended that you celebrate Christmas? How about “Happy Holidays”? After all, the word “holiday” means “A religious feast day; a holy day” [Middle English *holidai*, *holy day*, from Old English *hlig dæg* : *hlig*, *holy*; see **holy** + *dæg*, *day*; see **day**.] Therefore, if you use the “traditional” meaning of



the word, it would encompass **Christmas** (Dec. 25-Jan. 5), **Hanukkah** (Dec. 26 - Jan. 2), **Eid al Adha** (Jan. 10) or **Kwanzaa** (Dec. 26-Jan. 1).

We recently celebrated a funeral here with people attending who from all faiths or none. It was a Christian liturgy (w/eucharist) in the Episcopal/Anglican tradition. I understand that it was appreciated precisely because it had its own integrity and did not try to be “all things to all people”. One does not have to apologize for one’s tradition if it has integrity and you are not diminishing the tradition of belief of another.

So, to the people who are making an issue and to those of us who have to listen to all of this: **GET OVER IT! GET A LIFE!** And, by the way, a Merry Christmas; may these Season’s Greetings wish you whatever Happy Holidays you celebrate and may your New Year be one of peace and unity!

In Christ, **Jim Newman+**

JANUARY 22nd CHAMBER MUSIC

We welcome Alma Nova, two members of the new Protégé program at USC. Consisting of Jessica Pierce (flute) & Almer Imamovic (guitar), the duo will perform music of Mauro Giuliani and Celedonio Romero.

VITAL STATISTICS

Visitors:

Enrique Ortega, Nazrudeen Latiff, Rick Pearce,
Geneve Chan

Please Pray for:

Tina, Peggy, Frances, Daniel, Eugenia, Diane, Dulcie,
Fr. Giles, Fr. Howard, Pastor Carol, Fr. John,
Michael, Kelly, Wes, Don, Charlotte, Sandi, Mary
Jane, Nabila, Jean

January Birthdays:

01/04	Lana Spraker
01/05	Greg Demer
01/06	Denise Vale Mendelson
01/12	Sandi Burnett
01/12	Sandy Olsen
01/13	Joelle Underwood
01/15	Michael Gallagher
01/15	Michael Mullins
01/18	Ruth Nicastro
01/22	Laura Matlack
01/22	Madeline Vielhaber
01/25	Donald Thomas
01/28	Liz Mohler

NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT TO BEGIN LATER IN 2006

The program which was presented last month will begin later in 2006. At the Annual Meeting, Canon Newman will present a brief explanation of the Program. The Coordinating Committee is Susan Funk, Stephen Hunter, Liz Mohler & the Rector.

BISHOP'S GAY & LESBIAN MINISTRY COMMISSION TO HOST EPIPHANY PARTY ON JAN. 8th

Join members of the Bishop's Commission on Gay & Lesbian Ministry and their friends for a festive evening of food and fellowship on Sunday, January 8th from 7—9 p.m. The party will be at the home of Canon Ed & Hope Hendricks Bacon (Ed is the Rector of All Saints' Parish in Pasadena). Suggested donation: \$10. To RSVP (and for directions), please e-mail: JimWhite@SBCGlobal.net or call Canon Newman if you do not have an internet connection.

RECTOR TO LEAD HAWAII RETREATS

Canon Newman will lead three retreats or workshops out of state in late January or February. He will lead a workshop on pre-marital counseling at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Honolulu, Hawaii, on Jan. 25, the St. Bede's-on-the-Beach retreat Jan. 30-Feb. 6 & the Pre-Lent Preaching Conf. Feb. 6-13.

PLAN AHEAD FOR THE ANNUAL NYA SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

Each year, the Neighborhood Youth Association holds their Scholarship Dinner at the Riviera Country Club. This year's event will be on Friday, March 3. It will begin with a silent auction and refreshments at 6 p.m. [Note: if one attends, they are automatically freed for that evening from any Lenten disciplines they have just begun two days earlier.]

St. Bede's presents a \$1,000 scholarship each year in memory of Bonnie Dawson, the former President of the St. John's Guild, who was a great supporter of the NYA.

YOU can be a part of this event in several ways. One of those is by attending the dinner and being part of the St. Bede's table(s). Another is by making a donation toward the "Bonnie Dawson NYA Scholarship" to St. Bede's by Feb. 15th.

You may learn more about the NYA and the good works they do on Sunday, January 15th. Canon Ruth Nicastro will present a short program immediately before the Annual Meeting [note, that will be the "Rector's Forum" for January].

JANUARY LESSONS

SUNDAYS

January 1, Holy Name (Canon Newman)
Numbers 6.22-27; Ps. 8; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.15-21

January 8, Epiphany 1 (Canon Newman)
Genesis 1.1-5; Ps. 29; Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11

January 15, Epiphany 2 (Canon Newman)
1 Sam. 3.1-10; Ps. 139.1-5,12-17; 1 Cor. 6.12-20; John 1.43-51

January 22, Epiphany 3 (Canon Newman)
Jonah 3.1-5,10; Ps. 62.6-14; 1 Cor. 7.29-31; Mark 1.14-20

January 29, Epiphany 4 (Mthr. Haynes)
Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Ps. 111; 1 Cor. 8.1-13; Mark 1.21-28

WEDNESDAYS

1/4, Epiphany (transferred) (Canon Newman)
Ps. 72.1-7,10-14; Isaiah 60.1-16; Eph. 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

1/11, Wed., Epiphany 1 (Canon Newman)
Ps. 40.1-10; 1 Samuel 3.1-20; Mark 1.29-39

1/18, Confession of St. Peter (Canon Newman)
Ps. 23; Acts 4.8-13; 1 Peter 5.1-4; Matthew 16.13-19

1/25, Conversion of St. Paul (Mr. Gallagher)
Ps. 67; Acts 26.9-21; Galatians 1.11-24; Matthew 10.16-22

ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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We're on the Web!
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Hear Sunday's Sermon!

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 10 am, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

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

TUESDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE

03 ----NO CLASS
10 J. Newman, R. Jayne
17 J. Fox, M. Kosinski, H. Haddad
24 N. Holly, M. Leng
31 L. Beitzel, E. Harter

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM: NEW TESTAMENT CLASS

1/4: The Acts of the Apostles
1/11: Paul: The Man, the Mission, the Modus Operandi
1/18: Paul & the Crises of His Churches—1st Corinthians
1/25: Pauline Ethics
2/1: Paul's Letter to the Romans

ST. BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon James Newman

ASSOCIATE: The Rev. Argola Haynes

ASSISTING CLERGY:

the Rev. Giles Asbury, the Rev John Hancock

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Frank Basile

FACILITIES MANAGER: Tom Ledsam

VESTRY

Mike Olsen [06] - Senior Warden
Annette Graw [07] - Junior Warden
Joelle Underwood (06)—Clerk
Paul Thompson—Treasurer
Susan Funk (08) Michael Gallagher [07]
Edmonde Haddad [07] Jerry Hornof [08]
Ina Klem [06] Liz Mohler (08)

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

Angus Mackay (D)/Frank Basile (A) - (06)
Kyle Ferstead (D)/Annette Graw (A) - (07)