

THE QUILL

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ANNUAL MEETING & VESTRY RETREAT SET TONE FOR 5TH DECADE

The 40th Annual Meeting of St. Bede's Parish celebrated the ministry of the Neighborhood Youth Association and charted a continued strong course as St. Bede's entered its 5th decade of ministry in this area.

The Meeting elected new vestry members Kathy Hartley, Ricky Lewis, Phyllis Morrison & Reed Wilson. Later, the Rector announced that Annette Graw would be the Senior Warden and Jerry Hornof was elected Junior Warden. Joelle Underwood & Paul Thompson were reelected to be the Clerk and the Treasurer. Also elected at the meeting were Frank Basile (Delegate) and Mike Mullins (Alternate) to Convention Representative for two year terms joining Kyle Ferstead (D) and Annette Graw (A) who were elected in 2005.

Canon Newman announced that the pledging for 2006 set an all-time high with 86 households pledging just under \$202,000. The meeting was presented with an operating budget of \$220,000. He also announced that Mthr. Golie Haynes would be serving at the Church of the Advent on Sundays in February, March & April while their Rector is on sabbatical. Guest clergy in February: the Rev. Canon Warren Nyback (2/5) & the Rev. Pam Tyler (2/12).

Canon Ruth Nicastro made a presentation on the history and ministry of the Neighborhood Youth Association. Ruth is quite active with the Friends of NYA, which is raising funds in this centennial year. She introduced Bernardo Alejandro who, for 3 years, has been the recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship given by St. Bede's in memory of the late Bonnie Dawson. Bernardo, a student at CSUN and Santa Monica College described the positive impact the NYA had made on his life. Earlier, during the Eucharist, Canon Newman announced a second scholarship — a \$1,000 gift in thanksgiving for the ministry of Canon Ruth Nicastro.

The Vestry met for its annual Vestry Retreat on Saturday, January 21. The Rev. Canon Warren Nyback facilitated the meeting. The Vestry was joined in the morning by Bishop Jon Bruno. Bishop Bruno heard of the progress made in recent years and engaged in conversation with the Vestry about several issues involving ministry on the west side of Los Angeles.

LUTHERAN/EPISCOPAL UNITY CELEBRATION—FEBRUARY 19 @ 3 P.M.

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THIS MONTH

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CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

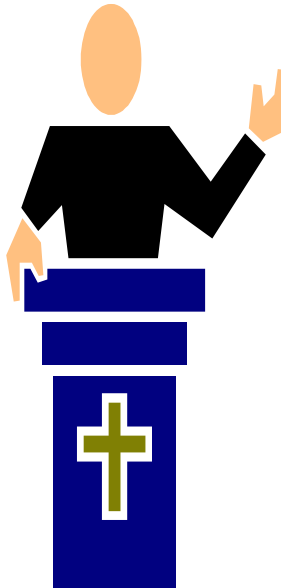
Dear Friends in Christ:

A year ago, we were all living through the trauma of the fight over Terry Schiavo's right to die with dignity. "Wills", "power of attorney", "funerals", "pastoral directives", "DNR" — all of this led many of us to look at our own plans.

For the last seven months, a subcommittee of the Vestry has been meeting with Diocesan Missioner Ben Harrington to look at our plans and procedures (both individual and congregational). This "Life Planning Committee" is composed of Annette Graw, Jerry Hornof, Peggy Levenstein, Mike Mullins, Mike Olsen, Samira Tamer & Paul Thompson along with myself.

Our mandate is quite broad really: How do we plan for a quality of life each and every day of our life? How do we plan now for medical, financial & pastoral decisions which relate to the end of our life? How do we both involve the parish in the planning and make provision for the parish in the future?

Many people do not like to think about wills, funerals, etc. Well, the one reality of each of our lives is that it will end. We must be as aware of the plans surrounding that event as in keeping a solid roof over our heads.



In the seasons of Lent and Easter, we will spend six Saturday mornings looking at "**Planning for Our Futures**". We will look at the following areas: (1) Faith, (2) Healthcare, (3) Wills, Trusts & Estate Planning, (4) Funeral Issues, (5) Life Income Gifts, and (6) Elder Care.

This will NOT be a class for the senior members of our congregation. I wish that I had attended sessions like these before my step-mother and mother went through the health crises in the last decade of their lives.

We need to train ourselves and each other how we can be family one to another. Please watch for the schedule in the March *Quill*.

By the way, our **Lenten series** this year will be on *The Narnia Chronicles* by C. S. Lewis. "**Lent in Narnia**" will focus on the books now re-introduced to a new generation by the fine movie that is currently playing. I would advise everyone to see it before we begin this study on March 1.

In Christ,

Jim Newman+

VITAL STATISTICS

Visitors:

Dave & Christine Hook, The Woolery Family,
Sheila Marshall, Gardner Elher, Sean Legore,
Sarah-Amanda Lewis, Michael Shin, John Adams

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, Marlowe, John

February Birthdays:

02/02	Jim Kelley
02/03	Devon Jackson
02/11	Amanda Mester
02/12	Jackson Butts
02/14	Frances Knight
02/24	Marian Leng
02/29	Charles Raef

COMPUTERS NEEDED

Bring your computer-related questions to the St. John's Guild on Wednesday, Feb. 8. Jeff Manley will be leading a class on "Discovering Your Computer" [Note: we are also looking for anyone who would be interested in donating a computer — new or used — to the church].

LUTHERAN/EPISCOPAL COVENANT TO BE CELEBRATED FEB. 19th

A special festival eucharist will be held to commemorate the 5th Anniversary of "A Call to Common Mission" — the agreement of full communion between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church.

Date: Sunday, February 19

Time: 3:00 p.m.

*Site: St. John's Episcopal Church,
514 West Adams (at Figueroa) in Los Angeles*

"MOTHER" TO TEND ANOTHER GARDEN FOR AWHILE

Mthr. Golie will not be with us for the Sunday liturgies in February, March & April. During that time, she will be the Sunday substitute for the Rev. Vanessa Mackenzie, Rector of the Church of the Advent on West Adams, who will be on sabbatical leave. Golie WILL be coordinating those who teach in the Church School, leading the Breakfast & Bible Class, meeting with the SoB's and SJG, and making pastoral & hospital calls.

SUNDAYS

February 5, Epiphany 5 (Canon Nyback)
Isaiah 40.21-31; Ps. 147.1-12,21c; 1 Cor. 9.16-23; Mark 1.29-39

February 12, Epiphany 6 (Mthr. Tyler)
2 Kings 5.1-14; Ps. 30; 1 Corinthians 9.24-27; Mark 1.40-45

February 19, Epiphany 7 (Canon Newman)
Isaiah 43.18-25; Ps. 41; 2 Corinthians 1.18-22; Mark 2.1-12

February 26, Last Sun. aft. the Epiphany (Canon Newman)
2 Kings 2.1-12; Ps. 50.1-6; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9.2-9

NICASTRO & DAWSON SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED AT 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 will be presenting **two** \$1,000 scholarships this year — one in memory of Bonnie Dawson, the former President of the St. John's Guild, who was a great supporter of the NYA and one in thanksgiving for the ministry of Canon Ruth Nicastro.

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.

PANCAKES ON 2/28 !!

The BoB's will be selling tickets for the **Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper** to be held on Feb. 28 from 6-7 p.m. Tickets: \$3/individual or \$10/family.

FEBRUARY LESSONS

WEDNESDAYS

2/1, The Presentation (eve) (Mthr. Haynes)
Ps. 84.1-6; Malachi 3.1-4; Hebrews 12.14-18; Luke 2.22-40

2/8, Wed., Epiphany 5 (Fr. Hancock/Mr. Olsen)
Ps. 37.1-7,32-33,41-42; 1 Kings 10.1-10; Mark 7.14-23

2/15, Thomas Bray (Canon Newman)
Ps. 102.15-22; Isaiah 52.7-10; Luke 10.1-9

2/22, Wed., Epiphany 7 (Canon Newman)
Ps. 49.1-9,16-20; James 4.13-17; Mark 9.38-41

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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 10 am, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

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

TUESDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE

07 I. Klem, L. Jennison
14 J. Dahler, A. Haynes
21 J. Newman, R. Jayne
28 J. Fox, H. Haddad, M. Kosinski

**WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:
NEW TESTAMENT CLASS**

2/1: Pauline Ethics
2/8: Paul's Letter to the Romans
2/15: Paul, Jesus & James
2/22: The Deutero-Pauline Epistles

***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

Annette Graw ('07) — Senior Warden

Jerry Hornof ('08) — Junior Warden

Joelle Underwood — Clerk

Paul Thompson—Treasurer

Susan Funk ('08) Michael Gallagher ('07)

Kathy Hartley ('07) Ricky Lewis, Jr. ('08)

Liz Mohler ('08) Phyllis Morrison ('07)

Reed Wilson ('08)

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

Kyle Ferstead (D)/Annette Graw (A) - ('07)

Frank Basile (D)/Michael Mullins (A) - ('08)