

THE QUILL

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WHAT IS A BISHOP?

Bishop Suffragan Chester Talton will make an official visitation to St. Bede's on Sunday, October 21 at the 10 a.m. service. Because it is the Bishop's official visit, there will be ONE service of Holy Eucharist; the 8 a.m. service will be Morning Prayer.

We announced the Bishop's visit last month in the Quill. But what is a Bishop?

The early Church decided that each Christian community needed an "overseer" (or in Greek, *episkopos*). Bishops are first mentioned in 1 Timothy and became the "face" of the various Christian communities. As the Church grew, each basic unit of the Church -a Diocese (or community of Churches)-was led by a Bishop.

A Bishop guards the faith & unity of the Church, is the chief "celebrant" in the Diocese, ordains new clergy, and is the "chief pastor" (*BCP, p. 517,855*).

In this Diocese, we have four Bishops. The Diocesan (since 2002) is Jon Bruno. He is assisted by Chester Talton (suffragan, elected), Bob Anderson and Sergio Carranza (assistants, appointed).

Church law (canons) require that the Bishop visit all congregations and assess their health.

(more in the October Quill)

HOMECOMING IS COMING HOME

9/16: HOMECOMING SUNDAY!!!

What does this mean? Well, it is the start-up for our fall activities.

**Tom Elliott, Mthr. Golie & folks from the Christian Education department will be registering church-school students.

**Frank will announce the 2007-08 Friends of Music program & encourage interest in the choir.

**The SJG, the SoB's and the BoB's will be telling of their fall activities.

**Vestry committees will seek help in spreading the mission of the parish.

**The Parish outreaches will be asking for your help to reach out to those in need

All THIS & a Bar-B-Q!! - \$3/person-\$10/family.

**Morning Prayer at 8 —
ONE EUCHARIST at 10 a.m.**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our education program for children begins on Sunday, September 23. We need all families to be at St. Bede's on Homecoming Sunday (Sept. 16) to register **and** for the next Sunday's kick-off of the atriums and classes.

The **Via Media** program will continue with session #4 on Sept. 9 following the 10 a.m. service. [For those wishing to catch-up, a mini-V.M. Retreat on Sessions #1-3 will be held beginning at 9 a.m. on Sat., Sept 15].

The **Breakfast & Bible** group will re-convene on Tuesday, September 11 at 9 a.m. in Luther Hall. Breakfast will be hosted by Jean Dahler & Mthr. Golie. Needed: a Bible & textbook.

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THIS MONTH

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CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

Dear Friends in Christ:

I do not usually pass on internet jokes, sayings or, well, "pass-ons". However, a friend recently sent me one that I thought was quite to the point;

Three things in life that once gone, never come back—1. Time; 2. Words; 3. Opportunity

Three things in life that can destroy a person - 1. Anger; 2. Pride; 3. Unforgiveness

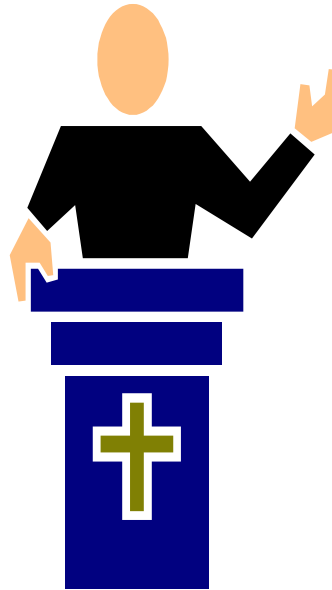
Three things in life that you should never lose - 1. Hope; 2. Peace; 3. Honesty

Three things in life that are most valuable - 1. Love; 2. Family & friends; 3. Kindness

Three things in life that are never certain - 1. Fortune; 2. Success; 3. Dreams

Three things that make a person - 1. Commitment; 2. Sincerity; 3. Hard work

As we complete our summers and gear up for the fall activities, let us work on strengthening the positive triads and healing the negative ones. We are gathered because



we are called together by Jesus who looks at each of us and loves us. We are called to be Christ's Body in the world and reach out with his saving arms full of

love.+++++

I am still working on my office, but now the Sacristy and the offices are air conditioned which makes it far more enjoyable to actually do the work. The outside of the Church building, the cross, the wall and the west wells in the Atriums (lower level) will be painted by Homecoming Sunday in September.

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Mike & Sandy have docked in Richmond and their mailing address will be in next month's Quill. **Giovan** began work at St. James on August 6. We look forward to seeing **Tom & Giovan** on social occasions when their schedule permits. We welcome **Amy Cox** who arrives as intern through next May. She has a welcome for us on page three of the Quill.

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Homecoming Sunday with the BBQ and presentation of the "fall program" will be on September 16. I really encourage everyone to attend the 10 a.m. service and then to stay for the luncheon on that day. I am hoping to have a special guest speaker for us that afternoon.

I always say that we will "start up" again with Homecoming Sunday, but this year attendance and giving have remained "up" all summer. That has been due, in part, to the Vacation Bible School and also to a number of special events — departures, instructed services, etc.. Whatever the case, please come to the 16th with a call for renewal & recommitment for the next program year.

In Christ,

Canon Jim Newman+
Rector

VITAL STATISTICS

Please Pray for:

Fr. Giles, Tina, Jim, Lois, Jean, Eugenia, Dulcie, Diane, Harriet, John, Fr. John, Elsie, Daniel, Joe, Wes, Kim, Ted, Frances, Peggy, Jeff, Sandi, Kelly, Ergun, Don, Caleb, Dennis.

September Birthdays:

09/01 Alex Hornof 09/05 Kathy Russell
09/06 Ina Klem 09/07 Brian Byers
09/10 Steve Vielhaber 09/13 Kristen Weirick
09/16 Patti Duval 09/21 Peggy Levenstein
 09/24 Connor Jackson

September Anniversaries:

09/13 Russ & Liz Harter
09/28 Tom & Melanie Elliott

MEET INTERN AMY COX

I am a third year seminary student (out of four to five years) at the Episcopal Theological School at Claremont and the Claremont School of Theology. I am excited (and yes, a little scared) to be at this point in my seminary studies, when I come out from behind the books and into the life of a parish and its people. I trust that God will use me to serve the people of St. Bede's and will use the people of St. Bede's to teach me in the upcoming year. I come from All Saints Church, Pasadena and bring with me a love of God, a passion for justice, and a genuine appreciation of people. I love parish life in all its forms, from scripture study to social justice, from liturgy and music to lay eucharistic ministry, from preaching to pastoral care.

When I am not in church, I love to camp, especially in the mountains of California and the lakes of Minnesota, where I experience God in the non-human parts of creation. I'm originally from the midwest (Illinois and Minnesota), and I lived in the Washington, DC area before moving to Los Angeles ten years ago. I am trained as a sociologist and work conducting research on public policy issues related to the labor market and social programs. I live in Los Angeles near Culver City with my partner, Lisa, and her three teen-aged children. I look forward to getting to know all of you.

S.O.B. VENUES NEEDED

See enclosed sheet.

JOIN THE ST. BEDE'S AIDS MINISTRY!

The AIDS Ministry was founded by University Temple in Brentwood and All Saints Beverly Hills to serve AIDS/HIV outpatients at LA County/USC 5P21 Clinic. These patients would wait in line for their appointments, but either had little money for food or were unable to leave the line to go and get something to eat. Now the lunch program is being served most weekdays by synagogues, Episcopal churches, and other protestant churches.

Volunteers from St. Bede's meet at St. Mary's Church in Palms, 9 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month. We prepare four kinds of sandwiches, fresh fruit (bananas/apples), deviled eggs, cookies, assorted candies, and juice. From there volunteers drive to the clinic (not all—some just come to make lunches). One vehicle drops off lunches for the women and children at a nearby facility, and then we serve food at the main clinic.

Each year we also collect toiletries for our patients to help fill holiday gift bags. We purchase socks, toothbrushes and tooth paste, combs, pens, notebooks, toys for the children, crayons and ten dollar gift cards from Target for our adolescents. We also put in a holiday card and stamped envelope for mailing.

In all, we fill 228 bags, and at this moment have seven dozen bags completed and the remaining bags ready for sewing. If you are a sewer and would like to assist, we need your help! It is easy sewing—just seams and a closure for the drawstring. Please see Jeannette Young if interested—our gift bag ingathering this year will be on November 18.

SEPTEMBER LESSONS

SUNDAYS

September 2 (Proper 17) — Canon Newman Jer. 2.4-13; Ps. 81.1,10-16; Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16; Luke 14:1,7-14

September 9 (Proper 18) — Canon Newman Jer. 18.1-11; Ps. 139.1-5,13-17; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

September 16 (Proper 19) — Canon Newman Jer. 4.11-12,22-28; Ps. 14; 1 Timothy 1.12-17; Luke 15.1-10

September 23 (Proper 20) — Ms Cox Jer. 8.18-9.1; Ps. 79.1-9; 1 Timothy 2.1-7; Luke 16.1-13

September 30 (Proper 21) — Mthr. Haynes Jer. 32.1-3a,6-15; Ps. 91.1-6,14-16; 1 Timothy 6.6-19; Luke 16.19-31

WEEKDAYS

Sept. 5 — Canon Newman Colossians 1.1-8; Ps. 34.9-22; Luke 4.38-44

Sept. 12 (Holy Cross, tr.) — Canon Newman Isaiah 45.21-25; Ps. 98.1-4; Philippians 2.5-11; John 12.31-36a

Sept. 19 (Ember Day) — Canon Newman Exodus 19.3-8; Ps. 15; 1 Peter 4.7-11; Matthew 16.24-27

Sept. 26 (Lancelot Andrewes) — Canon Newman 1 Timothy 2.1-7a; Ps. 63.1-8; Luke 11.1-4

We need you for the 2007-2008 Sisters of Bede venue series!

The annual Party of Parties, sponsored by the Sisters of Bede, will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., in Luther Hall. This is the kick-off dinner for the 2007-2008 venue series hosted by parishioners throughout the year. At the party, you have the opportunity to sign up for the venues you wish to attend. These venues give parishioners a chance to get acquainted and have fun in casual intimate settings.

The Sisters of Bede need to know by Sunday, September 16, 2007, if you would like to host a venue. You can sponsor an event with a couple of friends or another family. You can host at your home, the Parish Hall, or other sites. An event can be a dinner, a cooking class, dancing lessons, an excursion to your favorite place in Los Angeles-be creative!

Pick a theme, create a menu, choose a date, time, and place, decide how many guests you can host, and an appropriate charge. Events last year were priced from \$15.00 - \$75.00. Two venues were also available through silent auction. If you have any questions, need ideas, etc., see one of the Sisters.

Please fill out the form below and return it to Samira Tamer or Annette Graw by Sunday, September 16, 2007.

Host(s): _____

When: _____

Where: _____

Theme: _____

Max # Guests: _____ Price: _____

Menu: _____



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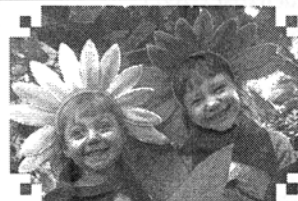
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10 am, Church School & Nursery
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer

TUESDAYS 10 am, Morning Prayer & Bible Study
(not in July or August)

WEDNESDAYS: 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class (not in July or August)

TUESDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE

11 J. Dahler, A. Haynes
18 I. Klem, L. Jennison
25 J. Fox, H. Haddad

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:

"Ethics after Easter"

9/5: The Walk from the Font
9/12: Seeking to Live a Good Life
9/19: The Book of Nature
9/26: The Book of Scripture

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