

# The Herald

January 13, 2013

1st Sunday after Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord

## From the Rector: [Of Beauty and Ambiguity](#)

This coming Sunday, the first Sunday after the Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Katharine and I have recently returned from Austin. During our stay there we celebrated Elliott's first birthday, our granddaughter, and James, our son's birthday as well. Elliott, being one year old, knows beyond a shadow of a doubt that the world revolves around her; and why not, she is adorable, smart, perpetually happy; all those things one says about babies. Indeed, in whatever room she occupies she is the center of attention. When she was baptized, the priest allowed her father James to hold her over the font while the priest baptized her with water. It was a poignant image for me that I still think about.

Baptism is the outward and visible sign that in fact we are not the center of the world; but that we, as humans, are initiated into a community which vows to serve the world in which they live; that we live not for ourselves, but for others. Water is the operative symbol. In water we are drowned to sin and reborn into a new life, a life that bears life to others. Water is the source of life, and it can also be destructive and dangerous as well, like the world we inhabit... Water, an ambiguous symbol, to be sure. As the baptized, it is for us to stand in such ambiguity bearing God's life-giving love to our world. Seeing James holding Elliott over the font seemed an apt image of the church; that we hold each other up in our vocations as the baptized, for there are times when we can't make it alone. We are all meant to be there for each other, to steady each other as we work towards God's vision of the world made right.

Elliott, like the rest of us, will grow into her baptismal life. Indeed, baptism is a life long process. She will learn, as we are learning, that she is not the center of the world, but that the center of the world is God's self-giving love, into which we are called to live. It is a process that is both joyful and painful, a process of dark and light. It is a life bathed in ambiguity. Ours is to stand amid the ambiguity of life and proclaim that amid God's love life has a mysterious beauty, and that it is worth living; and in so standing, we find the joy that comes with serving the greater good. May she find that joy, the ambiguity notwithstanding; may she find it sooner than later, and may we find it as well, and let us hold each other up along the journey, so that as God's community in earth we might discover enlightenment enough to proclaim this ambiguously beautiful life so very good.

### On the Calendar:

#### Tuesday, Jan 8

5pm Murray House Bd Mtg  
6pm Rector's Forum & Supper  
6pm Trinity Property Committee Mtg, Chapel

#### Wednesday, Jan 9

9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)  
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
4pm St Cecilia choir rehearsal  
5:30pm Trinity Choristers  
7pm All Sts & Trinity Adult choirs rehearsal

#### Thursday, Jan 10

10am Trinity St Anne's Guild, Chapel  
10am Visitation Stewart LeBlanc  
11am Funeral Stewart LeBlanc Reception following  
12N Al-Anon  
7pm AA

#### Saturday, Jan 12

10:30am PFLAG, Smith Rm  
6pm Integrity Eucharist & pot-luck supper

#### Sunday, Jan 13

8am All Sts Holy Eucharist, Chapel  
9am Breakfast, Stirling Hall  
9am Trinity Annual Parish Mtg, Church  
9am Trinity Youth Sunday School  
9:30am All Sts Sunday School  
11am All Sts Holy Eucharist Reception following  
5-7pm Conde Explorers, Church

#### Tuesday, Jan 15

12N Congregational Support Grp



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

**All Saints & Trinity together** As everyone surely knows by now, the Christmas Day tornado damaged severely the church itself and heavily damaged the parish hall and other buildings of Trinity Church. Since we have been neighbors and friends in many endeavors over the years, it seemed obvious that we could open our doors to the Trinity congregation and offer them a temporary home-away-from-home while the parish hall is repaired. At that time, they will return to worship there while the church is fixed.

We began on the 30th of December with joint services and continued on Epiphany Sunday with our new schedule. Everyone is giving up a little here and there to accommodate each other with service times, classrooms, sharing of office equipment and altar linens, and even finding some time of fellowship to get to know one another better. We are doing our best to offer hospitality—please continue to “show up” to make that happen!

This Sunday, the schedule will be slightly different than what will become the norm for the next couple of months. For Trinity, there will be only one service, beginning at 9am and followed by the annual parish meeting and elections, all in the church. Trinity youth Sunday School will begin at 9am and there will be no adult class this week.

All Saints will have Holy Eucharist in the Chapel at 8am, followed by breakfast in Stirling Hall at 8:45am. Sunday School will begin at 9:30am. Parents of young children in the Godly Play class need to pick them up promptly at 10:25! Our second service of Holy Eucharist will begin at 11am in the church and a reception will follow as usual.

**This will be our regular schedule for the next 6-8 weeks.**

During the week, the buildings will be used by both congregations as scheduled. The Wednesday noon Eucharist takes place in the Chapel and both congregations are already mixing and mingling. Trinity meetings will be added to our calendars so that everyone can plan around them as they plan around ours.

If you have questions about what is going to happen where, or some helpful comments about how to streamline logistics, please call the clergy at 438-2492.

## **All Saints 2013 Stewardship Campaign**

Thanks to those who have already made a pledge for this year! We still have approximately 35 pledge cards that have not been turned in as of today. Your vestry is trying diligently to finalize a 2013 budget, but we need your help. Christmas and New Year's celebrations are winding down and the National Championship will have been decided by the time this goes to press, so if you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do, so we can have an accurate count. If you have lost it, do not worry. Just call Mary Hollbrook (438-2492) and let her know. Thank you!

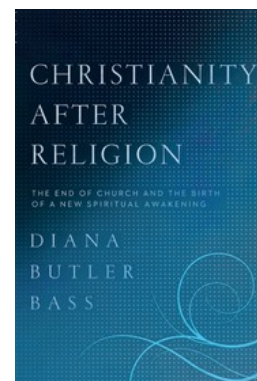
**The Beth Murray adult class** will start discussing on Sunday Diana Butler Bass's new book, Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening. Here's what one reviewer has said about the book:

*The data is clear: religious affiliation is plummeting across the breadth of Christian denominations. And yet interest in "spirituality" is on the rise. So what is behind the sea change in American religion? With the same comprehensive research and insider reporting that made Christianity for the Rest of Us an indispensable guide to cultivating thriving churches, Diana Butler Bass offers a fresh interpretation of the "spiritual but not religious" trend.*

*Some contend that we're undergoing yet another evangelical revival; others suggest that Christian belief and practice is eroding entirely as traditional forms of faith are replaced by new ethical, and areligious, choices. But Bass argues compellingly that we are, instead, at a critical stage in a completely new spiritual awakening, a vast interreligious progression toward individual and cultural transformation, and a wholly new kind of post-religious faith.*

*Offering direction and hope to individuals and churches, Christianity After Religion is Bass's call to approach faith with a newfound freedom that is both life-giving and service driven. And it is a hope-filled plea to see and participate in creating a fresh, vital, contemporary way of faith that stays true to the real message of Jesus.*

The class meets in the Walter K. Smith room on Sundays at 9:30 and all are invited to participate. If you'd like a copy of the book (\$16), call Henry Callaway at 694-6224 or e-mail him at [hcallaway@handarendall.com](mailto:hcallaway@handarendall.com).



**Trinity and All Saints EYCs** will meet together this Sunday. Watch for details on FaceBook and email. If you know Trinity EYCs, please invite them to like the All Saints EYC page so they can see the information, too.

**Funeral Information** There will be a visitation for Stewart LeBlanc, who died last week, in the Smith Room this Thursday, Jan 10 at 10am. The funeral will follow in the church at 11am and a reception will follow back in the Smith and Saad rooms. Interment follows the reception at Magnolia Cemetery.

**Integrity Eucharist** A celebration of the Holy Eucharist will be held on Saturday, January 12, at 6:00 pm in the chapel at All Saints. Saturday is the feast day of St. Aelred, Integrity's patron saint. A potluck dinner will follow. Drinks will be provided. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Marathon this Sunday!** The annual First Light Marathon, benefitting the L'Arche Community, will take place this Sunday morning. The marathon route goes through many of the neighborhoods in which we live as well as the All Saints area. Please check the route to see how you might get here easily on your way to church. Even though the runners pass All Saints fairly early, other neighborhoods have the runners later on and those streets may be hard to cross. Click [here](#) for maps of both the 1/2 and full marathons.

**The first meeting** of the Vestry's Congregational Support Group—an outgrowth of the Appreciative Inquiry interviews—will be held from 12-1pm on Tuesday, Jan 15 in the Saad Room. All are welcome. If you have any questions about the group's mission, call or email Jean Tucker at [jwtucker08@gmail.com](mailto:jwtucker08@gmail.com) or 251-753-1984.

**The Memorial Service** for the Rev. Pat Sanders, former rector of All Saints, who died this past weekend, will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1116 Twenty-Third Ave, Meridian, MS at 11:00am on Monday, January 21, 2013, with visitation at 10:00am.

**The January Calendar** has been re-printed for your convenience, adding the changes in the Sunday schedule and meeting times of some of Trinity's activities.

**Our prayers are offered for** Will English and his family at the death of his brother, Greg English, between Christmas and New Year's; for the family and friends of Stewart LeBlanc who died last week; and for the family and friends of the Rev. Pat Sanders, former Rector of All Saints, who died last Saturday night. *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

**Thanks to all the wonderful** IHN volunteers during the pre-Christmas week: Beth Hardaway, Rose & Jack Stanbery, Woody Hannum, Mark & Rosemary Williams, Lizzie McDonald, Laura Hampton Greene, Breck Pappas, Clark Kelly, Debi Foster, Ruth & Ed LaMonte, Henry Callaway, Homer McClure, Clayton Ryan, Michael Morrison, Emily & Don Mosley, Caroline Mosley, Martha Harris, Pete Mackey, Doug Woodhouse, Alan Blair, Hank & Barbara Caddell, John Caddell, Karenina Wolfe, Fred South, Forrest Brewster, Brewer Ayres, Liam Ayres, Jim Ayres, our St. Mark and Trinity helpers, and most especially Matt & Karen McDonald and Martha Durant for taking over coordination as well as handling time slots while I was gone.

-Henry Brewster

The next IHN/Family Promise week will be the week of Easter, March 31-April 7. Mark your calendars!

**A Diocesan Resolution** As many of you will recall, the All Saints Lenten program last year included five evenings spent exploring the ongoing Israeli/Palestinian conflict, with particular focus on the study guide **Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for a Just Peace**. Ruth and Ed LaMonte, both of whom are now members of the All Saints family, served as our discussion facilitators. When Ed and Jim assessed the completed program, they agreed that the sessions, and particularly **Steadfast Hope**, were valuable, informative, thought-provoking, and deserving of wider exposure in the Diocese. They agreed to prepare a resolution for the 2013 Diocesan Convention, encouraging parishes "to develop programs of education and to explore methods of engagement which have as their goal the promotion of a just peace in this conflict."

The resolution has been submitted for consideration by the Convention; a copy has been posted on the bulletin board outside the Saad Room. Please feel free to get in contact with Ed if you have any questions about it. He can be reached at 928-4631 or by e-mail at [elamonte@bsc.edu](mailto:elamonte@bsc.edu).

The Diocesan Convention will be held Feb 21-23, 2013 in Panama City Beach. All Saints' delegates are Andi and Bruce Barrett, Michael Morrison and Clayton Ryan. All of the clergy will be attending as well.



# January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>AS = All Saints</b> <b>T = Trinity</b> <b>B = both</b>	1	2	3	4	5
6 <i>Epiphany</i>	7	8  5p Murray House Board Mtg 6p Rector's Forum & Supper <b>B</b> 6p Property Com <b>T</b>	9  9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist <b>B</b> 4p St Cecelia Choir <b>AS</b> 5:30p Choristers <b>T</b> 7p Adult Choirs <b>B</b>	10  10a St Anne's Guild <b>T</b> 10a Visitation for Stewart LeBlanc 11a Funeral Reception following 12N Al-Anon  7p AA, Smith Rm	11	12  10:30a PFLAG  6p Integrity Eucharist & Potluck Supper <b>B</b>
13 <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i> 8a Holy Eucharist <b>AS</b> 8:45a Breakfast <b>AS</b> 9a Annual Parish mtg <b>T</b> 9a Sunday School <b>T</b> 9:30 Sunday School <b>AS</b> 11a Holy Eucharist <b>AS</b> Reception following 5-7 Conde Explorers EYC meets <b>B</b>	14	15	16  8am Race Relations Committee—Saad 8a Murphy IB in SS rm 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist <b>B</b> 4p St Cecelia Choir <b>AS</b> 5:30p Choristers <b>T</b> 7p Adult Choirs <b>B</b>	17  8a Murphy IB in SS rm  12N Al-Anon  6pm Taizé Service <b>B</b> 7p AA, Smith Rm	18  8a Murphy IB in SS rm	19
20 <i>2nd Sun. after Epiphany</i> 8a Holy Eucharist <b>AS</b> 8a Holy Eucharist <b>T</b> 8:45a Breakfast <b>B</b> 9:15a Holy Eucharist <b>T</b> 9:30 Sunday School <b>AS</b> 10:45a Sunday School <b>T</b> 11a Holy Eucharist <b>AS</b> Reception following 5-7p Conde Explorers	21 <i>Martin Luther King</i>  Office closed  6p Vestry mtg <b>AS</b> 6p 15 Place Board	22  6p Rector's Forum & Supper <b>B</b>	23  9:15a L'Arche –chapel  12N Holy Eucharist <b>B</b>  4p St Cecelia Choir <b>AS</b> 5:30p Choristers <b>T</b> 7p Adult Choirs <b>B</b>	24  12N Al-Anon  7p AA, Smith Rm	25	26
27 <i>3rd Sun. after Epiphany</i> 8a Holy Eucharist <b>AS</b> 8a Holy Eucharist <b>T</b> 8:45a Breakfast <b>B</b> 9:15a Holy Eucharist <b>T</b> 9:30 Sunday School <b>AS</b> 10:45a Sunday School <b>T</b> 11a Holy Eucharist <b>AS</b> Birthday Reception	28	29  12N Golden Circle - <b>AS</b>	30  9:15a L'Arche –chapel  12N Holy Eucharist <b>B</b>  4p St Cecelia Choir <b>AS</b> 5:30p Choristers <b>T</b> 7p Adult Choirs <b>B</b>	31  12N Al-Anon  7p AA, Smith Rm		

**Sunday, January 13, 2013**  
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**The Lessons**

[Isaiah 43:1-7](#)

[Psalm 29](#)

[Acts 8:14-17](#)

[Luke 3:15-17, 21-22](#)

**The Collect of the Day**

God of freedom, your beloved meets us where we are, immersed in the flow of life: by his humility and solidarity raise us from fear and guilt; may the arc of the Spirit's flight make us a people of peace; through Jesus Christ, the Son of Righteousness. Amen.

**Those Who Serve**

Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Paula Reeves, Clayton Ryan  
Bread Bakers: Nancy Lancaster, Bruce Rockstad  
Flower Guild: Jean Tucker, Kathy McKenzie  
Breakfast: Carol Mackey, Valerie Case, Betsy Schneider, Don Mosley, Kim Kelly  
Reception: Martha Durant

**8:00am**

Lector: Mary Hunter Slaton  
Intercessor: Bill Evatt  
Chalice: Serena Willcox  
Ushers: Pete Mackey, Harold Dodge  
Greeter: Renee Dillard

**11:00am**

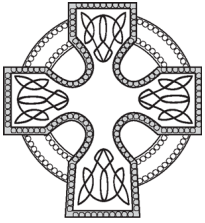
Lectors: Martha Durant, Thomas Locke  
Intercessor: Michael Morrison  
Chalices: Brewer Ayres, Ruth LaMonte  
Acolytes: Boone Reeves, Dustin Reeves, David Reeves  
Ushers: Don Mosley, Alan Blair, Ray Pappas

**Music**

Voluntary Dietrich Buxtehude – *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam*  
Processional Hymn 135 *Salzburg*  
Craig Phillips – *Festival Eucharist, Gloria in Excelsis Deo*  
Anglican Chant James Turle – *Psalm 29*  
Sequence Hymn 294 *Point Loma*  
Offertory Anthem John T. Sakellarides – *En Iordani Vaptizome nu su Kyrie*  
Presentation Hymn 116 *This Endris Nyght*  
Craig Phillips – *Festival Eucharist, Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*  
Craig Phillips – *Festival Eucharist, Agnus Dei*  
Communion Hymn 121 *Caithness*  
Motet Spiritual arr. Carl Haywood – *Deep River*  
Post Communion Hymn 120 *Solemnis haec festivitas*  
Processional Alexandre Guilman – *Grand Chœur in D*

**Please keep in your prayers:**

- ✚ For healing for: Helen Sewell, Nancy Golson Smith, Charlie Myers, Thack Dyson, Trinity Church, Nancy Quittmeyer, Mark Wilson, Jeff Jenks, Regina Slayton, James Henry LeBatard, Julie Tadlock, Eleanor Mae Hunt, David Leff, Brittany, Angelo Harris, Melanie Wright, Jack Ratcliffe, Steven Bodiford, Arthur Johnson, Walter Sims, Alan Grubbs, Mitch Price, Austin Brown, Barbara Deming, John Stephens, David Barrineau, Johnny Madden, Brian Hammond, Heather and family, Martha Collier, JoAnn Pappas, Dunn Chandler, Scott Podstata, Abraham Kuol, Roy Muth, Jim Gray, Jane Arnau, Jessica Montalvo-Lopez, Evina Valera, Ed Givhan, LaNiece Bland, Sharon Cleverdon, Patsy Childress, Anna Marie Brown, Laura
- ✚ For those who serve in the armed forces, especially: Spencer Abbot, Matt Abbot, Jonathan Carter, DeMario Snead, Randy Johnson, William Wesley Pollard
- ✚ For those who have died, especially Stewart LeBlanc and Pat Sanders
- ✚ In thanksgiving for the safe return of Joseph Caturia from Afghanistan



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Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert  
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Adult Christian Education: The Rev. Jim Flowers  
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Parish Development: Clark Kelly  
Property: Ricky Bradford  
Refugees: Martha Harris  
Ushers: Harold Dodge, Louie Wood  
Stewardship: Don Mosley, All Saints Vestry  
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## All Saints Episcopal Church

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## Service Schedule

Sundays	8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Breakfast 9:20 am Christian Education Classes (during school year) 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays	12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)