

The Herald

January 29, 2012

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

From the Rector: Of Middle Eastern Matters

Not that we will hear anything substantive from our politicians regarding recent developments in the Middle East, now that the national election campaigns are headed into full swing, but we best be paying attention to the rapid destabilization in the Arab world. Egypt is at a crucial crossroads as it attempts to form a government less oppressive and more responsive to its people. Tunisia and Libya and Yemen also in transition towards a more democratized form of governance; Syria also with the current regime desperate to hold on to power and thereby facing a possible human catastrophe with exponentially increasing loss of lives; Iraq is still a powder-keg with renewed sectarian violence sprouting with the so-called Arab Spring;

Iran now threatening to blockade the Strait of Hormuz, through which the greatest proportion of crude oil is exported. Left out of the conversation, at least in the news, is the fading possibility of the so-called two state solution between Israel and Palestinian Arabs. This is a potential disaster in the making. Israel continues to occupy increasing acreage of Palestinian territory deemed illegal by the United Nations for decades. It seems that the United States has lost energy and interest in making a bona-fide attempt to resolve the issue, an issue with global ramifications.

Ironically enough it is this Holy Land, Israel/Palestine, sacred to Jews, Muslims, and Christians that is at the heart of all matters Middle Eastern. Each example of conflict I cited above has some substantial contingency to the resolution of the seemingly intractable Israel/Palestinian deadlock. This conflict reflects the larger issue affecting the entire Arab world and that is the issue of the loss of dignity of populations in the face of oppressive power for power's sake; and the corollary: the disparity of wealth between the elite few who garner 90+% of the wealth and the rest who struggle for a living, struggle for a dignified life. This problem of course has now made its way insidiously into our own country.....multi-millionaires paying lower tax rates than the secretaries who work for them.

What will stabilize matters in the Middle East will be an impassioned effort by all parties to create a means of shared power and shared wealth...In the political and socio-economic rhetoric of the gospels that is exactly what is called for...when people are freed from poverty and indignity...when people have the option for a better life...then there is no need for the wars that such oppression and indignity engender. Had we, the U.S. as a nation, spent the countless billions on creating opportunities for shared wealth and power in the Middle East beginning with Israel and Palestine, the critical domino for Middle Eastern stability, instead of fighting two hyper-expensive and unwinnable wars, I believe things would look quite different. The gospel imperative is the human imperative, that the abundance of this planet belongs to all, that every living soul has a birthright for freedom and therefore dignity....that violence is not an option....because the well-being of humanity is deeply interconnected....one organism, we humans...Should our own nation in its capacity as leader take on such a predisposition in the coming critical negotiations on matters of the Middle East, I believe violence will wane, and our common humanity will become the rule of the day....May it come ever so swiftly.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, January 24
3:30pm St. Michael Choir

Wednesday, January 25
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
4pm St Cecelia Choir
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, January 26
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Saturday, January 28
9am-12pm Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, January 29
8am Holy Eucharist
8:30am-1:30pm Blood Drive
9am Breakfast
9:20am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following
5pm Conde Explorers

Tuesday, January 31
3:30pm St. Michael Choir

Wednesday, February 1
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
4pm St Cecelia Choir
6pm Rector's Forum & supper
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, February 2
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Thursday pm - Saturday noon
February 2-4
Diocesan Convention

Sunday, February 5
8am Holy Eucharist & Baptism
9am Breakfast with the Bishop
9:20am No Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist, Baptism &
Confirmation
Reception following

So he can take his first steps.
Give blood.

**All Saints
Episcopal Church
Blood Drive**
Stirling Hall
Sunday, January 29th
8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
All blood types are needed.
All registered donors will be entered into a drawing for an Apple iPad2!

Drawing for iPad2 on January 31

Find us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/lifesouth

LIFESouth
CommunityBloodCenters
Connecting our donors to our patients

Donors must be 17 or older (16 with written parental consent), weigh 110 pounds or more, and show photo I.D. For more information, call 888-795-2707 or visit www.lifesouth.org.

As you can see above, the LifeSouth Community Blood Centers will hold another blood drive in Stirling Hall this Sunday, January 29, from 8:30am to 1:30pm. You must show a picture ID, be 17 years old or older, and weigh 110 pounds or more. The procedure takes just a short time., and afterward, you get snacks! If the snacks aren't incentive enough for you, register to donate and you will be entered into a drawing for an Apple iPad2!! You can register by contacting Mary Robert, 438-2492 or asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org, or leave a voicemail if no one is available. Please consider giving one of the greatest gifts you can give—the gift of life!

The Rector's Forum is going to read *A Theology of Liberation* by Gustavo Gutiérrez and discuss it. The books have arrived and can be picked up during the week or on Sunday. Cost is \$13. The next Rector's forum will not be until Wed, Feb. 1. Supper begins at 6pm and discussion at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

Thanks to all who helped with Food Share this past weekend. Your help is always needed and appreciated!

The Bishop will visit All Saints on Sunday, Feb. 5 to preach, confirm and celebrate. Everyone is invited for breakfast in Stirling Hall at 9am to meet the Bishop.

The Confirmation Retreat will be held this Saturday, January 28, at All Saints from 9am-12 noon. All those who want to be confirmed should plan to be there. Breakfast will be served. Please let Mary Robert know if you will attend: 438-2492 or asstrector@all-saintsmobile.org.

Kitchen Cleaning A morning of cleaning and organizing the kitchen and closets of Stirling Hall is being planned for Saturday, Feb. 11 at 10am. All interested and willing folks are invited to come!

IHN/Family Promise Week will roll around again in February, beginning Sunday evening, 2/12 and ending Sunday morning, 2/19. This is a little sooner than normal, but we will do a good job as usual! Please check your calendars now. Henry Brewster will send out sign-up sheets next week.

Refugee Pantry news: Thanks to all who have donated soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste. We still need toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap and laundry detergent. Please drop them off at the church office during the week or put them in the basket in the Ann St. entrance on Sundays. Your help is always appreciated!

Prayers of thanksgiving are offered for the safe return of Scott Tanos from Afghanistan.



Steadfast Hope

The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace

This Lent we have a special opportunity. We will study a recently published documentary curriculum that looks at the realities of the relationship between Israel and Palestine. The curriculum is very professionally produced and highly credible. It was produced originally in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A and now has been replicated and adapted and made available for study by the Episcopal Church via the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. (The cost of the materials is \$5.00 per person or couples may share.)

The course will look at issues of land hegemony, virtual apartheid, media bias, the fading opportunity for a two state solution, and other important realities on the ground in Jerusalem, its environs, Gaza, and Palestine in general.

We are most fortunate that this Lenten series will be led by Dr. Ed LaMonte, retired professor of history at Birmingham Southern College, and his wife, the Rev. Ruth LaMonte, an Episcopal priest with extensive connections and experience in the matters of Israeli and Palestinian relations. We feel this is a timely conversation, given the increased instability in the Middle East, the relationship between Israel and Palestine being of central importance.

Our Lenten series will occur on **Tuesdays** to accommodate the LaMontes' schedule. The first program will be February 28, beginning with supper at 6:00 p.m. and concluding at 7:30 p.m. As usual, we encourage various groups in the parish to create our suppers. Supper clubs, the Vestry and the choir have been the usual suspects, but if you are part of any other group or guild, please consider getting together to cook a meal. Call the church office to let us know which Tuesday you want (438-2492). A nursery will be provided.



About the EPF: The Episcopal Peace Fellowship is a national membership organization that brings Episcopalians together to do justice, dismantle violence, and strive to be peacemakers. We pray, study, and take action to build peace and justice in our communities, our Church and the world. EPF/Palestine Israel Network (PIN) was created in 2010 by Episcopalians dedicated to a more robust Episcopal Church witness for justice and peace for our Palestinian and Israeli brothers and sisters. Find out more about the Episcopal Peace Fellowship at <http://epfnational.org> or 312-922-8628 and the Palestine Israel Network at <http://epfnational.org/PIN>.

Please look at this page when you receive it to see if you are scheduled this month!

If you cannot be present for the date you are scheduled, please try to get a substitute and let the church office know who it is. 438-2492. If you cannot find a sub, let us know as soon as possible.

Lay Ministers for February 2012

Date	Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild & Bread	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Reception
Feb 5 <i>5th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	8:00	P Wilson	S Willcox	B Ratcliffe		F & B South	Altar: M Petithory K Gray G Thiel L Williams Bread: B Hardaway L Carsten	B Bentley E Doyle	J Clearman M Harris S Cleveland B Evatt	
	10:30	J Ayres L Carsten	T Locke D Nichols R Coarsey R Greene R Gray F Rouse J Ayres	B Hardaway	D Williams E Kelley K Gray L Wood	C Doyle D Greene R Pappas				E Mosley
Feb 12 <i>6th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	8:00	MH Slaton	W Butler	M Taylor		B & B Evatt		B Ratcliffe D Nichols	J Tucker B Ratcliffe R Rodriguez	
	10:30	M Hennessy B Harris	H Caddell	B Ayres M Morrison	M Williams G Williams S Williams C Mosley	A Mitchell J Hamilton B Hines				D Foster
Feb 19 <i>Last Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	8:00	S Willcox	E Wilder	L Van Dyke		M Taylor C Coker		B Hardaway C Ryan	C Mackey V Case W Hannum B Schneider	
	10:30	S Williams M Morrison	D Foster	B Barrett J Irving	B Foster E Doyle S Greene M Mosley	D Mosley C Conte S Robertson				J Tucker
Feb 22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	12N	RE Stanbery								
	6pm	R Gray V Mitchell		F Rouse L Thomas	D Williams	M Hennessy R Bradford				
Feb 26 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	8am	J Clearman	J Basenberg	S Willcox		R Dillard W Hannum		B Wilson S Hester	K Flowers K Gray R Greene C Ryan	
	10:30	M Kelley H Thompson	M Harris	B Harris N Lancaster	B Reeves D Reeves D Reeves W Kuot	L Wood H Callaway M Morrison				M Morrison

February Birthdays:

2 Danielle Juzan	15 Dick Van Benschoten	18 Douglas Greene	22 Johnna Rogers	28 Hayley Praytor
8 Henry Seawell, IV	15 Charlotte Hall	19 John Arnold	25 Bill Evatt	28 Thomas Praytor, IV
10 Kim Gray	16 Rob Nichols	20 Meg Caldwell	25 Renea Greene	29 Richard Coarsey
13 Allan Tucker	16 Avery Kelly	20 Laura Hampton Greene	26 Paula Reeves	
13 Nick Galanos	18 Hank Caddell	21 Gillian Ayres	26 Laura Chamblee	

**The Bayou Bash Auction Committee
is inviting
everyone to
a**

Mardi Gras Parade Party

**Come
Friday, Feb. 10
before and after the parade!**

**'Before' starts at 6pm at the home of
Curt & Elizabeth Doyle
201 Roper Street**

**Enjoy a supper of beverages and
red beans & rice
then walk to the parade about 7pm**

**Cost is \$15 per person
Children 12 and under are free**

**Call Elizabeth (694-3019) or the church office (438-2492) to sign up.
Checks should be made out to All Saints Episcopal Church.**

All proceeds go to Community Ministries Fund

Sunday, January 29, 2012

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Lessons

[Deuteronomy 18:15-20](#)

[1 Corinthians 8:1-13](#)

[Psalm 111](#)

[Mark 1:21-28](#)

The Collect of the Day

God of liberation, confronting the powers that exclude the unclean and bind us to death: may we receive your word of authority, your rule of peace, your earthy holiness, which comes not to destroy but to set us free; through Jesus Christ, the holy one of God. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Barbara Evatt, Barbara Caddell, Kathy McKenzie, Bill Evatt, Rose Ellen Stanbery

Bread bakers: Nancy Lancaster, Bruce Rockstad

Flower Guild: Charlotte Hall, Kathrine Butler

Breakfast: Clark Kelly, Curt Doyle, Will Hester

Reception: Karen McDonald

8:00am

Lector: Joe Basenberg

Intercessors: Bill Evatt

Chalice: Albert Lilly

Ushers: Mark Taylor, Caroline Coker

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30am

Lectors: Melanie Petithory, Clayton Ryan

Intercessors: Valerie Mitchell

Chalices: Thomas Locke, Ben Harris

Acolytes: Brewer Ayres, Liam Ayres, Gillian Ayres, Emma Gray

Ushers: Mark Williams, Hank Caddell, Jim Ayres

Music for Sunday

Voluntary William Boyce *Voluntary in A minor*

Processional Hymn 449 *Deo gracias*

William Mathias S-278 *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

Richard Massey *Psalm 111*

Sequence Hymn 593 *Dickinson College*

Offertory Anthem Hans Leo Hassler *O Sing Unto the Lord*

Presentation Hymn 567 *St. Matthew*

William Mathias S-128 *Sanctus and Benedictus*

Mason Martens S-152 *Christ our Passover*

Communion Hymn 339 *Schmücke dich*

Motet William Byrd *Teach Me, O Lord*

Post Communion Hymn 493 *Azmon*

Processional George Frederic Handel *"Allegro" from Suite VIII*

Please keep in your prayers

✚For healing:

Curlie May Pigford

Dusty Roberts

Nick Simpson

JoAnn Pappas

Monica Ventress

Buck St. John

Norma Bruce

Tripp Tate Diedrich

Martha Rose Hester

Dunn Chandler

Elizabeth Smith

Geoff Peach

Jami Salac

Scott Podstata

Abraham Kuol

Ethan Fisher

Logan Barnhart

Becky Boulter

Roy Muth

Jim Gray

Jane Arnau

Jessica Montalvo-Lopez

Butch Boyington

Gregg Pounds

Evina Valera

Ed Givhan

Iris Prosch

Jerry

Richard Melton

Martha Murdock

LaNiece Bland

Lamar Elledge

Sharon Cleverdon

Mike Downing

Patsy Childress

Anna Marie Brown

Laura

✚For those who serve in the armed forces:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Wes Parks

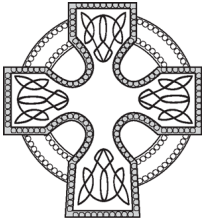
Jonathan Carter

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Randy Johnson

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Rob Gray
James Hamilton
Woody Hannum
Amy Hunter
Emily Kelley
Don Mosley
Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker
Darrel Williams

Curt Doyle, Treasurer

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IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Bill Evatt
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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)