

The Herald

February 5, 2012

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

From the Rector: Of Light Bearing

Our presiding bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, just recently preached at All Saints Episcopal Church in Birmingham. The occasion was the Baptism of Christ at which there were several baptisms. Her theme was, that as the Baptized, we are called to be light bearers amid a world shrouded in darkness. She reminds us that God's first act in the process of creation is to call light into being to cover the darkness, for the light to order the abounding dark of chaos. But as experience teaches us this is not a one time act, but an ever unfolding process of creation still being created, the resonant big bang continuing, as it were....that the light must continually be called upon to calm the roiling dark. That is the role of the Baptized, the generations of the saints of God, the living and the dead, to remind the dark that the light will have the last word. On the ground, in the "real" world," such light bearing requires hope and courage and perseverance, our fears and doubts notwithstanding.

As the season of Carnival arrives, I am also reminded that the vocation of light bearing requires a sense of humor as well. Carnival, as you know, was not founded in Mobile (although we claim it began here before it began in New Orleans), but is a very ancient custom among many cultures around the planet expressed in myriad ways... the indigenous natives of this continent during the season following the winter solstice would light torches, partake of hallucinogens (not suggesting anything here!) and process through the tribal villages and camps singing and dancing until sunrise.... During the Carnival season we put on a garish display of light mocking the cold dark, perhaps even frightening it with such outlandish rollicking bravado...putting the dark on notice that the light dares to sing and dance in its midst.

This Sunday we will initiate eleven more through Baptism and Confirmation into the fellowship of light bearers, again putting the dark on notice that the light persists still. May these eleven souls bear this light of compassion, liberation, dignity and justice honorably and with whole hearts, for the world will be changed yet again, the process of creation alive and well...as we the fellowship of light bearers repeat God's first words of creation with authority and in loud refrain... "Let there be light!"

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, January 31
3:30pm St. Michael & St. Cecilia
Choirs

Wednesday, February 1
8am Race Relations Committee
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
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
No Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist, Baptism &
Confirmation
Reception following

Tuesday, February 7
12N Golden Circle
3:30pm St. Michael Choir

Wednesday, February 8
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
4pm St. Cecilia Choir
6pm 15 Place Board mtg
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, February 9
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Saturday, February 11
10am Kitchen cleaning, Stirling Hall
10:30am PFLAG



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

The Rector's Forum will be reading and discussing *A Theology of Liberation* by Gustavo Gutiérrez, starting this week, Wednesday, Feb. 1. The books are in the church office and can be purchased for \$13. It's not too late to join the Forum or to get the book. The first few chapters are on the agenda for this week. Supper begins at 6pm and discussion at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

The Diocesan Convention will be held this week, beginning with the opening Eucharist Thursday night at 6pm at Christ Church Cathedral. Business begins Friday morning with workshops in the afternoon and a Gala that evening. Business and elections are held on Saturday morning and the convention concludes with Eucharist at noon. Please keep our delegates and the diocese in your prayers.

Our prayers are offered for the family and friends of Dick VanBenschoten, who died Sunday, January 29. There will be a visitation at Radney Funeral Home on Dauphin Street, Thursday, Feb. 2, from 4-6pm. His ashes will be interred in South Carolina.

Prayers are also offered for the family and friends of Dusty Roberts, who also died Sunday. He had been on the prayer list.

May their souls and the souls of all the departed rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

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. Contact Henry Brewster to sign up to help: 479-9781 or hbrewster@brewsterlaw.net.

The EYC will meet next on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 6pm to provide supper for the families of IHN who begin staying with us that night in Stirling Hall. All EYCers are encouraged to come!! For more information, contact Liz or Scott Kirby: ehaddock422@gmail.com.

Refugee Pantry news: Thanks to all who have requested items. We still need paper towels, dish soap and laundry detergent. Please drop them off at the church office any time. Thanks for your help!



The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Duncan, II
Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf COast

will visit All Saints this Sunday, Feb. 5
to preach, confirm and celebrate at the 10:30am service.

The congregation is invited for breakfast and conversation
with the Bishop in Stirling Hall at 9am.

After the service, there will be a reception
in the Parish Hall.

(There will be no Sunday School that morning.)

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. March 13 and 27 are still available. 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>.

**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 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

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The Lessons

[Isaiah 40:21-31](#) [Psalm 147:1-12, 21c](#) [1 Corinthians 9:16-23](#) [Mark 1:29-39](#)

The Collect of the Day

Lord of fierce compassion, you name the forces of death in our hearts and institutions and even in the holy places: lift from us the canopy of fear that feeds on repression and pushes away what it cannot abide; go with us to dark and lonely places where we can learn again who we are called to be; through Jesus Christ, the healer of creation. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory, Kim Gray, Gretchen Thiel, Laura Williams

Bread bakers: Beth Hardaway, Lillian Carsten

Flower Guild: Betty Bentley, Elizabeth Doyle

Breakfast: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Suzanne Cleveland, Barbara Evatt

Reception: Emily Mosley

8:00am

Lector: Pete Wilson

Intercessors: Serena Willcox

Chalice: Burl Ratcliffe

Ushers: Fred & Barbara South

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30am

Lectors: Jim Ayres, Lillian Carsten

Intercessors: Thomas Locke, Diana Nichols, Richard Coarsey, Renea Greene, Rob Gray, Frances Rouse, Jim Ayres

Chalice: Beth Hardaway

Acolytes: Ben Foster, Darrel Williams, Emily Kelley, Kim Gray, Louie Wood

Ushers: Curt Doyle, Doug Greene, Ray Pappas

Music for Sunday

Voluntary Craig Phillips *Psalm-Prelude*

Processional Hymn 370 *St. Patrick's Breastplate*

Frederick A. Gore Ouseley *Psalm 147:1-12*

Sequence Hymn 515 *Geneva*

Asperges Hymn 296 *Engelberg*

Offertory Anthem William H. Harris *Come Down, O Love Divine*

Presentation Hymn 704 *Hereford*

Craig Phillips *Festival Eucharist, Sanctus and Benedictus*

Craig Phillips *Festival Eucharist, Agnus Dei*

Communion Hymn 488 *Slane*

Motet Charles Villiers Stanford *A Song of Wisdom*

Post Communion Hymn 665 *Michael*

Processional Théodore Dubois *Toccata in G Major*

Please keep in your prayers

✙For healing:

Charlie Behlen

David Powers

Nick Simpson

JoAnn Pappas

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

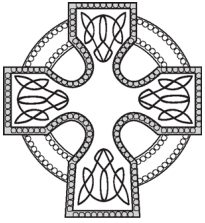
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Valerie Case
Harold Dodge
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Rob Gray
James Hamilton
Woody Hannum
Amy Hunter
Emily Kelley
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Darrel Williams

Curt Doyle, Treasurer

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Choirs: Jeff Clearman
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Community Ministries: Matt McDonald
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Finance Committee: Clark Kelly, treasurer
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
Food Share: Mark Taylor, Burl Ratchliffe
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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)