

January, 2012



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## The Canticle

THE  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH  
WELCOMES YOU

### *From The Dean...*

A new year is upon us, and we find ourselves living more and more in a world of complexity and dilemma. World-wide financial instability; global warming; the Arab Spring; Occupy Wall Street...interesting times indeed.

Some of you may recall that in 2009 we hosted the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes' Annual Conference. The keynote speaker was from the Institute for the Future and he told us in that in the face of dilemma we need a story, not an answer: narrative enables us to function in the context of dilemmas. As time passes, this concept really seems to ring true.

Crossword puzzles are to be solved, but life is to be lived. It is naïve of us to imagine that our scientific endeavors will eventually rid us of all of life's challenges. Let's face it, after thousands of years of human civilization, we haven't even conquered the pervasive mosquito.

What we do have, however, is a powerful story. The mystery of the Word made flesh reminds us that our creator is with us and in us and around us at all times and in all places. As my favorite verse in Psalm 31 reminds us, God shows us "the wonders of his love in a besieged city."

As we move through the Sundays of Epiphany tide, the Gospel readings remind us that Jesus' adult ministry was one of inviting people to follow Him: all sorts and conditions of people. He did not begin by identifying one's flaws and offering "self-help" solutions. He began by creating a community, perhaps the most resilient and powerful force on the planet.

This Cathedral parish is, above all else, a community of faith within the context of our Diocese. We are honored to serve as the seat of the Bishop, and to host Diocesan functions, but our greatest honor is to provide a refuge to those battered by life's dilemmas and complexity and offer them a holy space to contemplate the greatest story ever told.



### Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage



Bishop Thompson plans to host a very special Journey to the Holy Land from October 4-17, 2012. The Dean will be coordinating the arrangements and would like to hear from you if you may be interested in participating.

We can take a maximum of 40 persons, and the full itinerary and pricing should be finalized by late fall of 2011. If you would like to be kept informed as this information becomes available, please send your full contact information to Mrs. Carol Butcher: [carolbutcher@cccnola.org](mailto:carolbutcher@cccnola.org)

**LECTIONARY TEXTS  
(Sunday Readings)**

**January 1**

Numbers 6:22-27  
Psalm 8  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:15-21

**January 8**

Genesis 1;1-5  
Psalm 29  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Mark 1:4-11

**January 15**

1 Samuel 3:1-10  
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
John 1:43-51

**January 22**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 62:6-14  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

**January 29**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28

**THE BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

I publish the Banns of Marriage between Carey Walker King and Richard Whitfield Slocum.

If any of you know just cause why they may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are bidden to declare it.

- *The Very Rev. David duPlantier, Dean*

**EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA**

The Right Reverend Morris K. Thompson, Jr., *Bishop*

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Submissions for the Canticle are always welcome.

The **deadline** for articles is early next month.

***Items for the February issue are due January 15.***

Please e-mail submissions to [lauriebailey@cccnola.org](mailto:lauriebailey@cccnola.org)

Sunday bulletin announcements should be submitted

**before noon on Tuesdays to**

[lauriebailey@cccnola.org](mailto:lauriebailey@cccnola.org) and copied to  
[suzettefollette@cccnola.org](mailto:suzettefollette@cccnola.org)

***The Canticle***

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**Please decide which method is best for you and then let us know your preference by e-mailing [acs@cccnola.org](mailto:acs@cccnola.org).**

Many thanks for your help.



## HOLIDAY PARTY

Friday, January 6

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Harriet Williams' home  
437 Iona Street, Metairie

*Adults only, please.*

*Next Baptism  
Opportunity is Sunday,  
January 8 - Please  
contact Canon Roberts  
immediately if you or your  
child are a candidate for  
Holy Baptism.*

### Church Office Schedule

Monday, January 2

Office Closed

12:15 p.m. Mass ~ Chapel

Monday, January 16

Office Closed

12:15 p.m. Mass ~ Chapel



### *'Back to Church' Pancake Breakfast & Epiphany Pageant Sunday School Kick Off, Part 2 Sunday, January 8 9 AM Stuart Hall*



Don't miss the fun on January 8th as we return to Christian Formation offerings on Sunday morning after our holiday break. Hot pancakes will be served in Stuart Hall beginning at 9 o'clock.

The costume box will be brought out for an impromptu Epiphany Pageant for folks of all ages. We'll need the Holy Family, shepherds, angels, wise men and narrators. we had a great pageant last year so please plan to take part.



If you can bring a bowl of fresh fruit, please sign up on one of the sheets in the back of the cathedral, chapel or posted on the bulletin board. See you Sunday, January 8th!

## Greetings from Advent House:

It is the beginning of a new year, both exciting and scary at the same time as we reflect upon the hope of the future and the losses of the year past. In my quiet time I came across this brief writing by Rueben Job from his book: When You Pray...



He writes - "We long for a world where righteousness is at home. It is a world envisioned by the prophets and saints of every age. It is a vision that is reflected in Mary's song and is still the prayer on the lips of the faithful everywhere. We yearn for a world where justice, equality, goodness, integrity and well-doing are modeled in industry, government, school, home and individual life. Deep in our hearts we know that it is a way of living that will result in a deep sense of well-being and peace for everyone. However, much as we would like to, most of us do not have the wisdom or power to transform the world. But we do have the wisdom and power to permit God to transform us. In our lives, and now and then in the world where we live, righteousness will be at home. You and I can become those persons who carry the gifts of grace to the world."

Let us not just long for the world where justice, equality, goodness, integrity and well-doing are modeled in our communities but to pray for discernment to find a way be that model.

## Activities at Advent House

Book Club every Monday from 1 pm to 2:30pm. Look in bulletin announcements or on the E Blasts for more information.

Dream Group on the first Monday of each month. You are invited to come and explore the world of dreams with us. 6pm to 7:30pm.

## Real Presence

~an encounter with the sacred



A contemplative twilight service of Holy Eucharist for those seeking holy silence.

Real Presence celebrates the mystery of God's grace through worship that engages the heart, the mind and the senses.

Invite a friend to attend this informal service.  
Casual dress is appropriate.

## Women's Recovery Weekend

The Addictions Recovery Ministry of the Diocese of Louisiana will hold a Women's Weekend January 6-8, 2012 at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center. The theme for the weekend derives from the 11th step of the 12-Step program: Seeking only God's will (and not ours) through prayer and meditation. Sharon Alexander, vicar of St. Michael's, Mandeville and the group will use Henri J.M. Nouwen's *The Way of the Heart* to explore how to use prayer, meditation, and community discernment to seek God's will for our lives. Registration forms for the weekend are available on the table outside Stuart Hall or online at [www.solomoncenter.org](http://www.solomoncenter.org). For further information about the program, contact Virginia Blanke at (985)264-4244. For information about scholarship assistance, call Lance Armstrong at (225) 216-0983. Registration deadline is December 27, 2011.

## VESTRY NOMINATIONS FOR 2012

A Nominating Committee has been appointed by the Dean to select a slate of candidates for the election of Vestry members to be held at the annual meeting of Christ Church Cathedral parish on Sunday, March 18, 2012. Three new Vestry members will be elected to fill positions vacated by those whose terms of service will be expiring. Members of the Nominating Committee are Jay Miller, chair; Liz Glidewell, Kathy Boyd and Diane Piret. Biographies of all nominees will be published in the February Canticle.

In compliance with the Cathedral Charter, the congregation is reminded of the following provisions:

### ARTICLE V. SECTION III, (b):

“Notice of the appointment of the members of the committee and a copy of this Section III of Article V of the Charter shall be mailed to qualified voters no later than forty-five days before the Annual Meeting. Candidates may be suggested to the nominating committee: additionally, not later than ten days before the Annual Meeting, ten qualified voters of the Corporation may submit a petition to the nominating committee to place in nomination the name of a person eligible for election to the Vestry. Not less than twenty days prior to the Annual Meeting the committee shall cause to be mailed to all qualified voters the names and brief biographies of all nominees for membership on the Vestry, whether nominated by committee or by petition. In the event that further nominations are made, either by petition or committee, less than twenty days prior to the Annual Meeting, the committee shall make every reasonable effort to provide the names and biographies of the additional nominees to all qualified voters prior to the annual meeting. At the Annual Meeting no nominations shall be permitted from the floor. The names of all candidates nominated by the committee or by petition, if the nominees are different, shall be placed on a written ballot and distributed at the Annual Meeting to the qualified voters.”

“(c) Nominees for membership on the Vestry shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Corporation at each Annual Meeting. All elections of Vestrymen shall be conducted by written ballot and shall be under the supervision of their supervisors of election, who shall be qualified voters of the Corporation, other than members of the Vestry, and who shall be appointed by the Dean at the Annual Meeting. Those nominees receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected to fill the vacancies. For all nominees receiving such equal number of votes to be elected, the balloting shall continue between such nominees until the tie be broken and the necessary plurality be obtained.”

### ARTICLE IV

I. “The membership of this Corporation shall consist of those persons whose names are now, or may hereafter be entered, on the Parish Register of the Corporation as a result of baptism, transfer, reception, or confirmation.”

II. “The voters of this Corporation at annual and other meetings of the Corporation shall possess those qualifications as may from time to time be set forth in the Canons of the Diocese of Louisiana.” [See below]

III. “The Parish Register of the Corporation shall be final and conclusive in all respects as to membership in the Corporation; and the books of the Treasurer of the corporation shall be conclusive as to the contributions of members, requisite to suffrage.”

### CANON 19, SECTION 2:

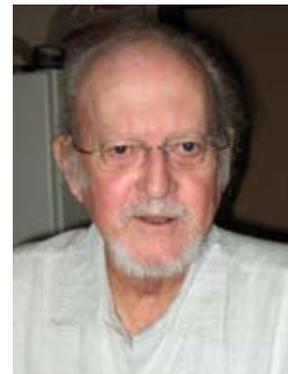
“Those entitled to vote at an annual parish meeting shall be communicants in good standing of the Parish who are at least eighteen (18) years of age, and who have been contributors of record toward the support of the parish during the six (6) months next preceding the meeting.”



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<http://cccnola.org/GIVING.htm>***

## *From the Theologian in Residence...*

### Christmas Stories



Many people don't realize it, but the New Testament tells us about Christmas in several ways.

One is the story in Matthew's gospel. It is patriarchal, and focuses on politics and power. It traces Jesus' human descent from Adam through David to Joseph. The announcement of his impending birth is made to Joseph, not Mary. After Jesus' birth, wise men come bringing gifts which, taken together, announce a revolution: gold for kingship, pure incense for deity, myrrh for sacrifice. The magi were soothsayers, who traveled from court to court dispensing flattery and seeking handouts. In Bethlehem, they encounter something authentic, and offer their treasures rather than looking for a tip. King Herod wanted a full report, but the wise men realize that he's a dangerous paranoid fruitcake and sneak out of town. Then Herod orders the killing of every child in Bethlehem under the age of two, hoping to bump off his unidentified rival in the process. We remember these children as 'the Holy Innocents.' They have come to stand for those we glibly refer to as 'collateral damage'--all the innocent people inadvertently destroyed by the machinations of the powerful. An angel warns Joseph of danger, and the Holy Family flees to Egypt, like Jacob's family in Genesis. When Herod dies, an angel tells Joseph to return. He goes to Galilee, a safer location, far from the seat of power, a sort of California for first century Palestine. The story is like a James Bond flick with camels. The Messiah bests the evil king, the gods of Egypt, the occupying Romans, and the collaborating Temple priests, and inaugurates God's Kingdom of righteousness and peace. It's very macho. No mushy love stuff here!

The other story, however, is our favorite. It is told by Luke, the Gentile physician who was Paul's companion. It is gentle and tender, like a family flick, adorned by the wonderful canticles we use in the Daily Offices--Benedictus, Magnificat, and Nunc dimittis. It is about the redemption of human life. The birth of John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin and advance man, is a providential preparation for his coming. The announcement of his birth is made to Mary, who has the option of saying no. The angel names Jesus, but, by the time Mary is ready to deliver, the holy family is away from home in response to a Roman decree requiring everyone to return to his home town--possibly to sign a petition asking the Roman Senate to name Augustus the father of his country. Mary and Joseph can't find a place to stay. The biblical text suggests that Jesus might have been born out of doors, with a nearby feed trough for a bed. An angel informs nearby shepherds, who get, not only news, but a vision of heaven. It's all very quiet and local until Jesus is presented in the Temple, as the Law of Moses requires. Then Simeon and Anna bless the child and tell that he is here for the rising and fall of many.

We have taken these two stories and whirled them in the blender of ceremony, and come up with one slightly incoherent narrative--the version that appears in every pageant and that is fixed in everyone's mind. Jesus is born. The innocents are killed. The Holy Family rushes to Egypt, then rushes back to Palestine in order to be there when the Wise Men arrive--oddly, after the slaughter. Then they show up in the Temple. It's kind of like some home videos--heart warming, but don't look for total coherence.

However, the new single story manages to get across the point: Jesus is not merely a cute seasonal trend. He is about redemption, justice and love, about the destiny of human kind. After many sins, there is for us a vast forgiveness and newness of life. We hear the story so that we may know that we have been changed. That's also why we love it. The hymn that opens John's gospel celebrates it all: "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. And we have beheld his glory...."

William Morris+



## CATHEDRAL GIFT ITEMS

*From Symmetry Jewelers*  
Crosses by Tom Mathis:  
*Christ Church Cross Pendant*

Our Philander Chase Cross can be purchased in pendant form at Symmetry Jewelers, 8138 Hampson Street, New Orleans, LA 70118. Available in 14K Yellow gold, sterling silver, and 14K White gold.

Call for current pricing (504)861-9925.

*Stained Glass Window Note Cards - \$5*

8 cards per box (various Chapel & Cathedral windows)

*Cathedral Print - \$5*

(Cathedral buildings as seen from St. Charles Avenue)

*Philander Chase Cross Ornament - \$5*

*Philander Chase Bookmark on Red Ribbon - \$2*

All items can be purchased in the church office.

## Throw Me Something, Mister!

A group of close to 200 Christian Educators from across the country (and Canada!) will be converging on New Orleans for the annual NAECED Tapestry Conference February 2-4, 2012.

As part of our welcome bags we would like to have nicer Mardi Gras beads for each person. If you have extra beads you are willing to part with, please leave them in the church office for Laurie Bailey. If you would be willing to work Registration at the Doubletree Hotel on Canal Street on the afternoon of February 2, please let me know.

And any donations of welcome bag items (small bottled water, Zapps chips, tiny Tabasco or pralines) or thoughts of special things to do in New Orleans (Friday mid-afternoon and evening are free time) would be greatly appreciated.

Contact [lauriebailey@cccnola.org](mailto:lauriebailey@cccnola.org)  
Many thanks!

*- Laurie Bailey*



*We wish a very Happy Birthday to all those born this month.  
If your name isn't listed, we don't have your date of birth in our records.  
Please call the church office and we'll be sure to wish you a Happy Birthday next year.*

Alice McKay  
Laurie St. Paul  
Jewel Faust  
Andy Pierce  
Sarah Morris  
Carol Butcher  
Mike Nelson  
Lucille Whitley  
Richard Moreland  
Andrew Spangenberg  
Jen Jones

Sandy Jackson  
Tim Kirkpatrick  
Patricia Schoenbrun  
Kendall Genre  
Vicki Shofstahl  
Robin Werner  
Michael Holt  
Chris Walterman  
Harlan Bush  
Ricky Dunn  
Yvonne Browning

Spring Gaines  
Charles Ziegler  
Michael Martin  
Riley Kirkpatrick  
Judson Mitchell III  
Tirzah Howard  
Hansel Hunt-Hudgens  
Samuel Kellum  
Joseph Bisso  
Kacie Hardy



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## Remember Your Baptism!



It is good to remember baptisms with a special celebration. In an effort to help us all remember our baptism, we print a list of baptismal anniversaries monthly. Like the birthday list, our records may not be complete. If the anniversary of your baptism isn't listed, please call the church office and let us know the date.

Parents, a baptismal anniversary is a great time to celebrate with your children. Pull out pictures, their baptismal candle or towel and talk about what happened on that special day. You might burn their baptismal candle during a special family celebration.

Peter Dorsett 1/1  
David Estes 1/1  
Kyle DelHiero 1/1  
Lynn Finch 1/1  
David O'Leary 1/7  
Addison Dodson 1/7  
Adalyn Wilson 1/8  
Edward Gondillo 1/8  
Avery Wegmann 1/8  
Meagan LeBlanc 1/8  
Sam Schieffelin 1/8

O'Hara Pejic 1/10  
Brant Waltermann 1/10  
Andrew Shofstahl 1/10  
Kimberly Nichols 1/11  
Alexander Dadukian 1/11  
Helena Lazich 1/11  
Marlene Dadukian 1/11  
William Bisso V 1/11  
Estella Parker 1/11  
Dirk Tillman 1/17  
Brian O'Leary 1/22



## Christian Yoga

*Mondays 5:45 p.m.*

*Good Shepherd Atrium (downstairs)*  
Treat yourself to an hour of gentle stretching and meditation.

Please use the St. Charles office door to enter the building. For more information contact [lauriebailey@cccnola.org](mailto:lauriebailey@cccnola.org) or 895-6602.

All are welcome - give it a try.

***We will not meet January 1 or 16..***

## Musical Opportunity



Mr Follette is looking for a few students who would like to learn to play the piano.

For more information:  
[jarrettfollette@cccnola.org](mailto:jarrettfollette@cccnola.org) or 895-6602.

## Altar Flower Donations

Please note the 2012 Flower Sign-up sheet is on display at the entrance to Stuart Hall. Our expenses have increased, so the new prices for flowers are: \$80 for the Cathedral, \$45 for the Chapel. To order flowers, please fill out your desired date on the sign-up sheet, call Sue Blankingship at 885-0773, or E-mail [wyattump1@aol.com](mailto:wyattump1@aol.com).





**Second Harvest Food Bank**  
Greater New Orleans and Acadiana

Let's fill our red wagon on Sunday morning with high protein food items for the Food Bank. Non-perishable canned items like peanut butter, soups/stews, canned fruits/vegetables, canned meats (chicken, beef, ham), tuna fish, chili, cereal, hot cereals (grits, oatmeal), beans, juice, rice, pasta, & shelf stable milk.

*They are in short supply of Peanut Butter.*

*Help  
Fill the Wagon!*



Thanks to all who continue to donate disposable cups and plates - please keep them coming. The Mission serves three meals a day to hungry men, women and children as well as providing safe shelter for homeless men and women. If you wish to do more for the homeless and hungry, you can donate online at [www.NewOrleansMission.org](http://www.NewOrleansMission.org). *Your gift will be used to care for people in need all year long!*



**WGSO 990AM**

Christ Church Cathedral  
Sunday Morning 10 AM Service  
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podcast at [www.wgso.com](http://www.wgso.com)

*Sunday School  
Christian Formation*

*For All Ages*

*Meets at 9 AM Sunday Mornings*

*No Classes on January 1*

*January 8 is Pancake Breakfast &*

*Epiphany Pageant*

*The Good Shepherd atrium (3 to 6 year olds)*

*The True Vine atrium (1st - 5th grade)*

*The Kingdom atrium (6th - 8th grade)*

*The Youth class (9th - 12th grade)*

*Adults of all ages*

*All are welcome - See you in class*

*For more information:*

*[lauriebailey@cccnola.org](mailto:lauriebailey@cccnola.org) or 895-6602*

Visitors to the Cathedral are always surprised by the offering we have during Coffee Hour. I've heard many a person say they were going to go home and tell their church about our hospitality. You can help us keep up our reputation for great hospitality by volunteering to host Coffee Hour one Sunday. You can host with friends to reduce the cost of the food; drinks are provided by the church. If you have no time to shop and prepare food, donations are always gladly accepted. For additional information/volunteer, contact Kathy Boyd, 891-1360 or [kboydaj@yahoo.com](mailto:kboydaj@yahoo.com).



Thanks to all the contributors for the Dean and Mrs. DuPlantier's reception on Dec 4; Dec 11 Advent House Board; Dec 18 the Beary Family

*The new Sign Up sheet is posted in Stuart Hall with open dates beginning January 2012. Please sign up today.*

You Are Invited!

THE REV. BARBARA  
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JANUARY 14, 2012

BARBARA CRAFTON  
SEMINAR

JANUARY 14, 2012  
9:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.  
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT  
8:30A.M.

No cost for the seminar,  
except for a \$10 lunch.  
Pre-registration for seminar and  
lunch at craftonseminar@yahoo.com.

Weekend  
Schedule

THE REV. CRAFTON  
PREACHING AT ST.  
MARTIN'S CHURCH

JANUARY 15, 2012

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m.,  
10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Nursery for ages 3 years and under,  
begins at 9:15 a.m. and concludes  
after the 10:00 a.m. service.

Sunday School for children ages 4  
and older begins in the classrooms  
at 9:30 a.m. At 10:10 a.m., children  
go to "Children's Chapel". Children  
rejoin their parents in the church  
about 10:40 a.m.

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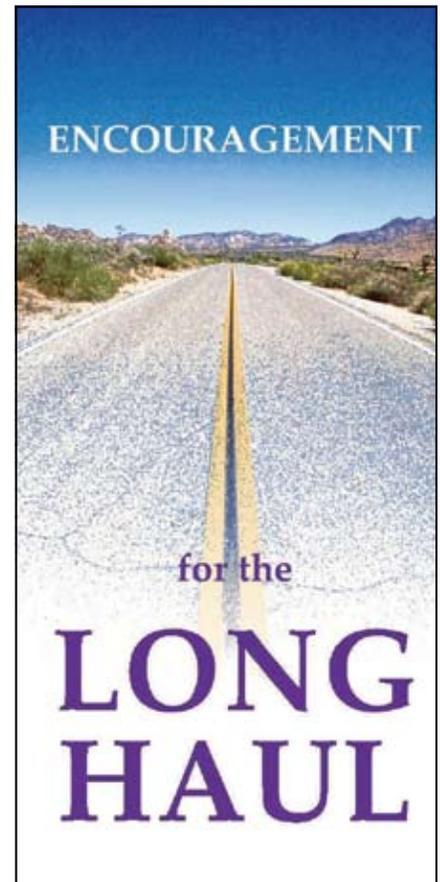
You are invited to hear  
Barbara Crafton, Episcopal priest and  
author, at St. Martin's Church,  
January 14 and 15, 2012.

Barbara will hold a one day seminar on  
Saturday, January 14 and preach at all  
services on Sunday, January 15. The  
Rev. Crafton is a gifted speaker and will  
speak on, as she puts it, "offering rea-  
sonable encouragement for the long  
haul in life."

No cost for the seminar,  
except for a \$10 lunch.  
Please direct questions and pre-registration  
information to  
craftonseminar@yahoo.com.

Barbara Crafton is an Episcopal priest  
and author. She heads *The Geranium  
Farm*, an institute for the promotion of spiri-  
tual growth. The Farm publishes her  
*Almost-Daily eMo*, a meditation read online  
by tens of thousands worldwide via email  
or at the website. She has served a num-  
ber of churches and as a chaplain at  
Ground Zero after the attack on the World  
Trade Center. A spiritual director, Crafton  
leads retreats and teaches throughout the  
United States and abroad.

Her many works include books of essays  
books of daily meditations, and several  
others; a book of poetry, a book about the  
current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in the  
aftermath of the World Trade Center  
bombing and, most recently, a book about  
how people of faith experience depression  
(*Jesus Wept: When Faith and Depression  
Meet*).



Get to Know Barbara

Visit her website  
www.geraniumfarm.org;  
subscribe to her email medita-  
tion, the *Almost-Daily eMo*, at  
her website;  
and read her bio at the left.

Looking Ahead - Save the dates:

April 20 - 22, 2012

Men's Retreat: "Living the Promise of Abundant Life"

Retreat Spiritual director/Speaker: Bishop Morris Thompson, Jr.

All men from the diocese are invited to spend time with Bishop Thompson at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center after Easter. There will be good food and fellowship.

Important Facts:

- Cost is \$190 per person single occupancy and \$150 shared room. The cost covers 2 nights and 4 meals. Registration is on first come first served basis. There is a \$60.00 minimum deposit required with each registration.
- The retreat is open to all adult men ages 18 and above.
- Early registration is encouraged. The deadline for registration is two weeks prior to the event.
- The conference will start with dinner on Friday evening followed by the first session, which will end in silence until lunch on Saturday.
- Saturday night will feature a Louisiana cook out sponsored by the Men of Christ Church Covington.
- The retreat will consist of a series of teachings and meditations delivered by Bishop Thompson.
- The Retreat will conclude with a Eucharist service on Sunday morning.

Special Note:

- The weekend will provide significant free time to pray, study, and enjoy the surroundings.
- Come enjoy the spring weather, the beauty of the conference center grounds, good teaching, and an opportunity to Listen, Learn, Share, Pray, and to get some spiritual and physical exercise - maybe even a little fishing.

*FROM THE THEOLOGIAN IN RESIDENCE:*

TWELFTH NIGHT

The Christian feast of the Nativity, celebrated on December 25, begins a twelve day festival season which ends, predictably, on the twelfth day, January 5. The evening of January 5, is commonly referred to as Twelfth Night. The feast of the Epiphany, celebrated on January 6, inaugurates a distinct season in the Christian year.

*William Morris+*



**Property Committee Wish List**

As we are forced to tighten our budget, the Property Committee will not have extra funds available to do needed, but not urgent projects. They have created a wish list in hopes that you might donate to a project that is close to your heart. That is what happened to complete the Chapel floor. Listed below are two worthy projects. Donations of any amount can be made to these projects by noting the project name or "Property wish list" in the memo line of your check.

**Repair of the fascia around Stuart Hall - \$3,000**

**Repair & re-paint the apse (dome behind the altar) - \$20,000**



# *The Canticle*

January, 2012

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

### January 1

7:30 AM - Holy Eucharist

Chapel - 1928 Book of Common Prayer

No Christian Formation classes

10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist (Sung)

Cathedral

6:00 PM - Real Presence

Holy Eucharist

### January 2

Church Office Closed

### January 6

5:30 to 7:30 in the evening

Holiday Party at Harriet Williams' home

### January 8

"Back to Church" Pancake Breakfast

9:00 AM - Stuart Hall

Regular worship schedule

Opportunity for Holy Baptism at 10 o'clock service

### January 16

Church Office closed

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