



From The Dean . . .

As 2016 dawns, life and ministry are thriving at Christ Church Cathedral.



Liturgy and Music make up the core of our common life, and under the leadership of the Canon Precentor, the Choir continues to bring incredible depth to our worship life. There are many roles to be filled at all three of our Sunday services as well as our weekday ones. If you have an interest in any ministry ranging from reading to serving as an acolyte or helping with flowers or Altar set up, we are always seeking new members of these various guilds. If you would like to learn more about any of these possibilities, contact Mrs. Lisa Sibal (lsibal@cccnola.org) and she will arrange for a time for you to speak with me.

The **Capital Campaign** was a great success and we are all grateful to the Committee and Alan Brackett's leadership. As we are moving into the implementation phase, the planning and preparation process is under way. You will be hearing from Karen Whitfield in future Canticle editions as the priorities and work stages become solidified.

Christian Formation has gotten off to a great start. Canon Roberts and Dr. Lowry have created a very popular Sunday morning program "Let the children come to me". Parents and children seem both energized and engaged. Please invite anyone you know with youngsters to check it out: Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the Martin Room (next to the Parish Hall). Canon Roberts is also working with several parishioners to create more opportunities for **young adults** to gather and deepen their relationships with one another and their faith journeys. Please be in touch with him if you have ideas or would like to participate in organizing these opportunities.

I am pleased to report that *Linda Roberts* has accepted my invitation to join our Staff as the **Facilities Coordinator** effective December 16, 2015. She will be working with the Parish Administrator to keep our entire complex clean, organized, safe and welcoming.

I am grateful that *Dan and Barbara LeGardeur* have agreed to once again oversee our popular **Hermes fundraiser** on Friday February 5. More information will be forthcoming in the Sunday bulletins and weekly email announcements. We have not been able to arrange additional Mardi Gras food sales as in previous years, but still hope to bring that ministry back in 2017.

Our **Technology Committee** under the leadership of *Carl Gaines* is reviewing our hardware, software and social media presence. If you haven't already done so, please "like" our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/cccnola) so we can continue to improve our metrics (I don't know what this means either, but please like our page!). Also, if you are not receiving all of our communications, please be in touch with Suzette (suzettefollete@cccnola.org) to update your contact information.

As you will read elsewhere, *Priscilla Maumus* is retiring as **Cathedral Deacon**. We will miss her gracious and pastoral presence and I hope you are able to be with us for her last Sunday on January 24. Looking to the future, we will be in discussion with the Bishop about the potential of assigning us a new Deacon in the coming years.



THE CANTICLE

THE
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH



WELCOMES YOU

LECTIONARY TEXTS
(Sunday Readings)

January 3

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 84:1-8
Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a
Luke 2:41-52

January 10

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 17

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

January 24

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

January 31

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

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Dean

The Reverend Canon Steven M. Roberts

The Reverend W. Gedge Gayle, Jr.,
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The Reverend Travers C. Koerner,
Priest Associate

The Venerable Priscilla G. Maumus,
Deacon

The Reverend Bridget K. Tierney,
Director of Advent House

Mr. Jarrett R. Follette, *Canon Precentor*

Ms. Lisa Wilkie, *Parish Administrator*

Ms. Lisa Sibal,

Executive Assistant to the Dean

Ms. Suzette Follette,

Parish Secretary & Wedding Coordinator

Ms. Sharon Henry, *Nursery Worker*

Ms. Karen Landry, *Nursery Worker*

Ms. Jeanette Gilmore-Burrell,

Nursery Worker

Ms. Linda Roberts, *Facilities Coordinator*

Submissions for Cathedral publications
are always welcome.

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VESTRY

2016

Chris Beary (Treasurer), Sam Buckley
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Weekly Liturgies

Sundays

7:30 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Spoken)

1928 Prayer Book

10:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Sung)

Rite II (Rite I in Lent)

6:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Sung)

Real Presence

Weekdays (M-F)

12:15 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist

Saturdays

9:30 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Spoken)

Rite I

WGSO 990AM

Sunday Morning 10 AM Eucharist
Live Broadcast on WGSO 990 AM
Radio.

Online streaming and downloadable
podcast at www.wgso.com

Broadcasts underwritten in part by
St. Martin's Episcopal School.

Hermes Parade Party Fundraiser

Stuart Hall

Friday, February 5

Sixth Street entrance
to Stuart Hall

Doors Open at 5:30 PM



All are invited to the annual Hermes Parade Party the Friday before Mardi Gras! Doors to Stuart Hall Please bring friends.

There are three beautiful uptown parades that night:

Krewe of Hermes
6:00 PM

Krewe d'Etat
6:30 PM

Krewe of Morpheus
7:00 PM

So come out, have a great meal, hear some fabulous music, catch some beads and raise money for a worthy cause. Stuart Hall will remain open until 9 pm for food, fellowship and clean bathrooms. Hope to see you there! Be sure and tell your friends!

We need your help to make the fund-raiser a success. Please sign up to bring a batch of your favorite spaghetti sauce, a loaf of bread, a bag of salad mix, a King Cake, or some soft drinks. Sign up sheets are posted on the main bulletin board leading to Stuart Hall. Volunteers are also needed to fill a variety of jobs; decorating crew, kitchen helpers, ticket takers, drink servers, food runners and cleanup crew. A complete list is posted in Stuart Hall. And if you would like to underwrite the cost of the event, donations will be gladly accepted. Just note "Hermes Parade" on your check. Thanks for your support! Our thanks go to Dan & Barbara LeGardeur for coordinating this event.

Please contact them for more information at 304-9941, dlegardeur@gmail.com or b.legardeur@gmail.com.



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| 1 - Theresa DeJarnette | 19 - Steven Klein |
| 5 - Jennifer Jones | 19 - Chris Waltermann |
| 8 - Andrew Poland | 20 - Sandy Jackson |
| 8 - Richard Moreland | 20 - Laure St. Paul |
| 10 - Harlan Bush | 21 - Yvonne Browning |
| 10 - Andrew Spangenberg | 21 - Carol Butcher |
| 11 - Karrie Hovis | 21 - Sarah Morris |
| 12 - Amelia Airey | 21 - Robin Werner |
| 12 - Spring Gaines | 21 - Liam Whalen |
| 12 - Michael Holt | 24 - Michael Martin |
| 12 - Clara Pardo | 28 - Lucille Whitley |
| 12 - Sian Poirrier | 29 - Donovan Airey |
| 16 - Delta Dwyer | 29 - Kendall Genre |
| 17 - Sam Kellum | 30 - Judson Mitchell III |
| 18 - Ricky Dunn | 31 - Vikki Shofstahl |

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

If your name isn't listed, we don't have your date of birth in our records. Please send an e-mail to acs@cccncola.org or call the cathedral office and we'll be sure to wish you a Happy Birthday next year!

A Goodbye and a Hello

Deacon Priscilla Maumus

Dear Friends,

It has been five years since the Advent I when I first came to you as your deacon and now, with a sad heart but joyful memories, I announce my retirement as of Third Epiphany.

As most of you know, I have been struggling the last several years to balance the needs of my aging parents with the demands of my two jobs, as your deacon and as archdeacon of the diocese. Now, as my parents' needs both for my attention and my management of their affairs increase, I realize that my ministerial duties in the church must decrease. I cannot be fully present to you as your deacon while so many other duties vie for my attention. At the request of the Bishop, I will remain Archdeacon and will be moving to an office in the Noland Center as of January 25th. Many of these duties can be performed remotely and on a varying schedule, unlike my duties at the Cathedral.

I have loved both you and this place and will miss both greatly. But I am reminded that, for Christians, all roads lead through Calvary and it is only through an ongoing process of relinquishment (non-attachment) that we find peace and the space for new life.

I say "Goodbye" to you and "Hello" to unknown challenges and rewards that lie ahead. I say "Goodbye", a contraction of "God be with you," knowing that God is indeed with you, both through your rich history and through the plentiful gifts each of you bring to this congregation and to the world.

One of the roles of the deacon is to point out to the baptized the unique gifts each person brings for manifesting the Realm of God in a broken and confusing world. As I write this on the Feast of St. Andrew, I am reminded that he had a gift for noticing and facilitating. When Greeks are seeking Jesus, Philip relates their need to Andrew, who arranges the introductions. So, too, do you every Sunday when you welcome visitors to our worship and coffee hour. Many are transient visitors, just passing through, curious about us or desiring to experience our liturgy and music – or to hear words the Good News in one way or another. Others are wanting spiritual or physical nourishment – or both. And you do a wonderful job of welcoming them and meeting them wherever they are on their journeys, as do the staff, especially Suzette, during the week. Please continue noticing and responding to those who come to our doors.

At another time, when Jesus is asking the disciples how to feed the large crowd following him, Philip responds that "six months wages would not be enough to get each one a little," but Andrew points out a boy with five barley loaves and two fish. He sees potential plenty where Philip sees limiting scarcity. We, like Philip, are often overwhelmed by what the Talmud calls "the enormity of the world's grief." How do we have the resources (time, money, talent) to respond to the material and spiritual hunger that surrounds us?

The story tells us two things: First, we do not need to do



everything ourselves. We simply present the gifts and God does the work of applying them where they are most needed. From the seemingly meager gift of the five loaves and two fishes, Jesus feeds five thousand. So, the message is "Just make a start." Second, it also tells us that we do not need towering talent to make a difference. Whatever God has given us in time, resources, or talent is sufficient.

There is another angle, too. Children in ancient times were not regarded as worth noticing or has having anything to contribute, but Andrew notices. Often, we think of those on the margins as having nothing to contribute to us, but their gifts are not to be disregarded. They can tell us what it is like to be poor, to be imprisoned, to be neglected or oppressed. They are wise and capable partners, if we let them, in helping heal a wounded world. We can join with them in advocacy for justice: just wages, just living conditions, just access to services and privileges. We can become just neighbors in both senses of the word – "fair" as well as "equal" neighbors. Jericho Road's ongoing transformation of neighborhood and neighbors offers this continuing possibility as do Eracism and the monthly legal clinics. The ministries of Grace at the Green Light and UNITY of New Orleans bring us into contact with our neighbors. Daughters of the King is partnering with Eden House.

In this Epiphany season, I hope you will remember that you are the manifestation of the Light of the World to the world and will commit to an ongoing ministry that utilizes your unique gifts and brings you into contact with your neighbors in a way which recognizes and encourages them to use their gifts.

For instance, we have a wonderful gardening ministry here, but we could expand it. Before Katrina, a gardener friend who has since moved out of town worked with new residents of Habitat for Humanity homes to plan and plant sustainable, low-maintenance gardens and to teach them how to maintain them. The partnership over flowers bloomed into ongoing relationships. We could do the same with Jericho Road homeowners.

There are many opportunities to serve. Suzette has copies of the UNITY Directory of services in the office. The Diocesan Asset Map (<http://edola.episcopalassetmap.org/>) is also a good resource. If you look into these you will find out the many services in our community where you could volunteer and make a difference. For instance, those with medical skills could organize a neighborhood blood pressure clinic on a monthly basis or volunteer with St. Anna's Medical Van. Those with business skills could volunteer a neighborhood workshop on financial management or assist with a Junior Achievement project in a neighborhood school.

As the darkest time of the year yields to the lengthening days of Spring, I hope you will take the time to think about the seeds of hope you can plant in the world—that you will find a new way to say "Hello" to your neighbors.

I also hope that when you hear the dismissal, "Go in peace to love and serve the LORD," you will hear the dismissal I have always longed to give, "Go in peace – and get your rears in gear!"

May the peace of the LORD be always with you – and continue to be a burr under your saddle!

Give the Gift of Jericho Road

Have you dreamed of owning your own home? If you need help or advice about homeownership where would you turn? If you're lucky you have a friend or family member who can provide you with information or financial resources. You know your friend or family member will give you valuable information and treat you like a real person... really making a difference.

Many people aren't as lucky, but still dream of homeownership. Who will make a difference for them?

Jericho Road says *it's okay to dream!*

YOU can be that person who makes a difference to a family dreaming of their own home!

Because of donors like you, Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative has been the friend or family member for many first time homebuyers. Because of donors like you families are building wealth through homeownership, have a safe and healthy environment in which to grow, and an asset to pass on to future generations. It's happening ... one family at a time.

Jericho Road produces high-quality low-cost homes for sale to low-to-moderate income families. We aim to provide solutions for the many obstacles to affordability that low-moderate income families in New Orleans are faced with like rising home prices, increased construction costs, increased insurance premiums, and increased property taxes. These obstacles to homeownership are difficult for any homebuyer, and can be downright overwhelming to a family with limited resources.

The costs to build a starter home in the New Orleans area puts the sales price beyond that which a family in the low-to-moderate income bracket can afford. Financial resources that fill the void between what a family can afford and the home sales price are referred to as gap financing. The layering of multiple gap financing resources is essential to overall mortgage buy-downs to actual affordable levels. Traditional gap financing programs such as Soft Second Mortgages, Individual Development Accounts (IDA) and Down Payment and Closing Costs Assistance Programs are an integral part of the process but are very limited.

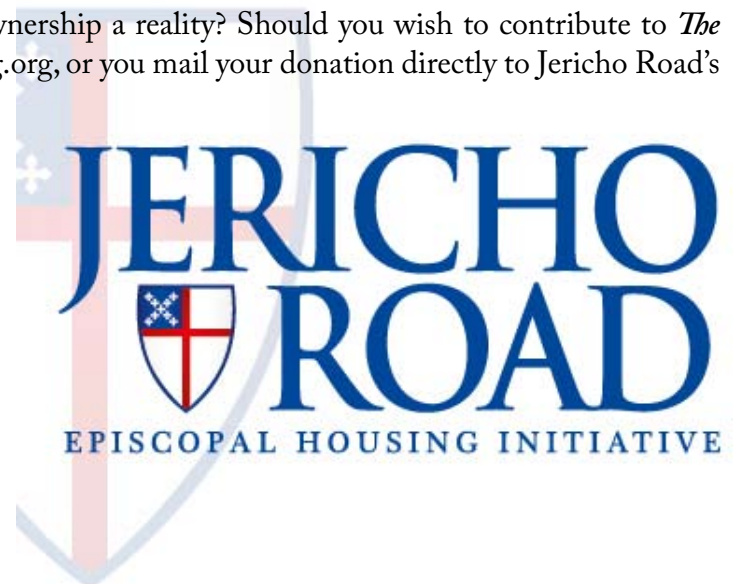
In this post-Katrina environment of skyrocketing market rate rents and home sales in addition to a decrease in subsidized housing units, affordable homeownership development offers one of the few opportunities for low-to-moderate income working families to build wealth. Jericho Road works closely with first time homebuyers who face the daunting challenge of addressing barriers to affordable homeownership.

This giving season we want to introduce *The American Dream Fund*. One answer to filling the gap between a home's sale price and the amount a low-income family can actually qualify for in a mortgage is a Soft Second Mortgage. With your contribution to The American Dream Fund, Jericho Road can provide Soft Second Mortgages to those who qualify. A Soft Second Mortgage through Jericho Road is one that accrues no interest and is forgiven over a period of 15 years. The American Dream Fund is established specifically for the purpose of funding Soft Second Mortgages for first time low income working families.

Will you partner with us to make someone's dream of homeownership a reality? Should you wish to contribute to *The American Dream Fund*, please go online to www.JerichoHousing.org, or you mail your donation directly to Jericho Road's office:

Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative
2919 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70115
504-293-2882

Thank you for your Gift!





The Feast of the Epiphany

Wednesday, January 6, 2015

6:00 PM - Choral Evensong

and King Cake party - *Welcome to Mardi gras!*

Holiday Party
Friday, January 8
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Lambeth House
150 Broadway Street
Adults only, please.

Calling All Kids!

Claiborne Beary

One Sunday each month, kids of all ages will get together to hang out! We'll be around the pool, baking cookies, or even jumping at Sector Six!



Upcoming Events:

- 1/10/16 Sector Six (Event at Sector Six) (12-1 PM)**
- 2/7/16 Parade Watching (11:30 - Till PM)**

Additional Questions

**Transportation is available from Christ Church Cathedral

All events will be held at Page & Chris Beary's house unless otherwise specified

Please contact Claiborne Beary with any additional questions.

Join in the fun! Like our new Instagram page at cccnola1.

Coffee Hour



Visitors to the cathedral are often surprised by our 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. Drinks are provided by the cathedral and volunteers provide their choice of food. Host with a friend or two. If you have no time to shop and prepare food, donations are always gladly accepted. For additional information or to volunteer, contact Kathy Boy, 891-1360 or kboydaj@yahoo.com. Recent hosts: May and Ava Leonard, and the Advent House Board.

Many thanks to all!

Baptism

is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, on All Saints' Day or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, and on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the First Sunday after the Epiphany). It is recommended that, as far as possible, Baptisms be reserved for these occasions or when a Bishop is present. (BCP, page 312). *Our next opportunity for baptism is January 10.* Please contact Canon Roberts for more information.



Altar Flower Donations



Thanks to all of you who have donated flowers for the cathedral and chapel. There are still opportunities for you to donate flowers in memory or thanksgiving of loved ones. Please sign up on the sheet in Stuart Hall or for more information, contact Sue Blankingship - phone 885-0773 or Wyattump1@aol.com.

2016 Stewardship Pledges

as of 12/14/2015

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2. Benoit, Michael, Lindsey, Alex, Braylen & Reese
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35. Gayle, Jr., The Rev. W. Gedge
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37. George, Jesse
38. Gladney, Lynda
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40. Hoell, Dara
41. Holladay, Mathilde R.
42. Hudson, Don
43. Johnson, Sandra L.
44. Jones, Jennifer C.
45. Kartzke, Susan T.
46. Kirkwood, Catherine F.
47. Kohler, Claude
48. Lanaux, Pamela B.
49. LeGardeur, Barbara & Dan
50. Mangum, James A.
51. Marrione, Lawrence J.
52. Maumus, Priscilla
53. McCall, Pamela O.
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55. Miller, Melinda M.
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57. Molloy, Marcia
58. Montero, Nick & Melissa
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60. Morris, Sarah W.
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63. Orr, Diana W.
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65. Pointer, Jr., Mrs. David
66. Pope, Misty L. & Gabrielle Allee-Pope
67. Porteous, Sylvia Todd
68. Raacke, Jr., Norbert E.
69. Rauchle, Cynthia K.
70. Rhodes, Richerson L.
71. Rookard, Matt & Kelly Juneau
72. Rouse, Jean
73. Schmidt, Catherine Claiborne
74. Sibal, Lisa & John
75. Spangenberg, Marie-Louise
76. Suarez, Adrian
77. Teed, James A.
78. Tierney, Bridget K.
79. Wallace, Sara & Borden
80. Whitfield, Karen & Ed
81. Williamson, Grace M.



LIFT YOUR GAZE - LIFT YOUR HEART YOGA IN THE CATHEDRAL

Cathedrals evolved to become spaces which invite the eyes and the heart to lift toward the heavens. The arches point the way for eyes to lift; the stained light from windows high above entice the vision higher; and the lofty vaulted ceilings complete the illusion.

Yoga teaches that the heart follows the eyes. This yoga practice will focus on opening the heart to loving kindness, accepting the human-ness of our selves and others and creating a lightness in the heart. But 'you gotta move' to teach your heart to open.

All Levels of Experience are Welcome

Every Tuesday

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Cost: FREE (Donations are welcomed but are not required)

What to Wear: Comfortable, layered clothing

What to Bring: A yoga mat



On Ash Wednesday, February 10, in addition to our Solemn liturgies at 7:30am 12:15pm and 6pm, we will again have clergy and lay persons stationed at locations around the City offering "Ashes to Go" for persons who are not able to attend a Church service on that most Holy of days. The specific times and locations, once finalized, will be available at the Cathedral website and via the weekly Sunday bulletin and email blasts.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 6
The Feast of the Epiphany
6:00 PM

Choral Evensong
6:30 PM
Greeting of *The Phunny Phorty Phellows*

Friday, January 8
Holiday Party at Lambeth House
6:00 - 7:30

January 29-31; February 3-9
Mardi gras parades on Saint Charles Ave.



Friday, February 5
Hermes Parade Party

Sunday, February 7
Parade Sunday
Services at 7:30 and 9:00 only

Wednesday, February 10
Ash Wednesday
Services at the Cathedral at 7:30 AM, 12:15 PM and 6:00 PM
Ashes to go at locations around the city.

Sunday, March 6
Annual Parish Meeting and election of officers

Sunday, March 27
Easter Day