

From The Wardens . . .

Our Cathedral parish is blessed with an incredibly beautiful place to worship, envisioned and constructed 130 years ago. Almost a decade ago, long before either of us served on the Vestry, our parish leaders recognized that our Cathedral was beginning to crumble around us. A plan was put in place to evaluate our building needs and execute the renovation of this sacred place. After a successful capital campaign begun in 2015, implementation of that plan began. However, as with any older building complex, when work began, surprises came with it.

Before the “elastomeric” coating was removed from the exterior of the Cathedral and Chapel, roof repairs needed to be undertaken, which cost in excess of \$135,000. When the coating was removed, additional damage to the buildings was discovered, resulting in total costs in excess of \$1,600,000 to repair and paint the exterior.

While obtaining bids for the HVAC replacement last year, we learned that there was degraded asbestos insulation beneath the entire Cathedral and Chapel, which required abatement before any other work could begin. That abatement, which has been completed, cost approximately \$235,000.

Another discovery was that the electrical system within the entire Cathedral complex was insufficient to support a new HVAC system, was not code compliant, and actually created a risk of failure, fire, or other damage. The cost to completely upgrade the electrical system, now underway, is approximately \$320,000.

Clearly, both the asbestos abatement and electrical replacement were absolutely necessary from a health and safety standpoint. The Vestry also felt it prudent to engage a general contractor to oversee the HVAC renovations, which added an additional \$140,000 to the cost, bringing the total cost of these renovations to approximately \$1,900,000.

The cost of these repairs, all of which were and are necessary, have exceeded the funds raised by our capital campaign for this purpose. One bright spot is that we expect to receive historic rehabilitation tax credits for doing this work, but those credits, once received, will need to be sold in order to obtain any benefit for the Cathedral. Hopefully, we will realize about \$600,000 in benefit from those credits, after the sale costs are deducted.

This still leaves a significant shortfall. While we have relied for years on the interest from the Cathedral’s endowment to meet operating needs, we also have significant debt, incurred following the economic collapse in 2008. At that time, the decision was made to carry debt rather than invade the corpus of the endowment. That was certainly the correct decision at the time, but the Cathedral has never been able to reduce that debt since. The capital campaign was designed in part to pay down our line of credit, but the cost of repairs has not allowed for that.

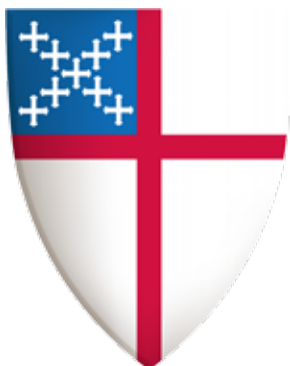
This parish is rich in so many ways—in our families, our ministries, the beautiful music that comes from this place, and our clergy—yet we have significant economic challenges to meet. While the Vestry recognizes that another capital campaign would come too soon, we will need the help of our Cathedral family to meet our financial needs. We hope that everyone in our parish will attend our Annual Meeting on March 17th, when these issues will be discussed in greater detail. This situation requires significant consideration and is important both for our parish today as well as for our future. We also invite you to speak with the Dean or either of us directly with your questions or concerns.

Alan G. Brackett, *Senior Warden*

John W. Sibal, *Junior Warden*

THE CANTICLE

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WELCOMES YOU

LECTIONARY TEXTS
(Sunday Readings)

March 3

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2
Luke 9:28-36

March 10

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

March 17

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17—4:1
Luke 13:31-35

March 24

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

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

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The Very Reverend David A. duPlantier,
Dean

The Reverend Canon Steven M. Roberts
The Reverend Canon David B. Lowry,
Theologian in Residence

The Reverend Travers C. Koerner,
Priest Associate

The Reverend Dr. Minka Shura Sprague,
Priest Associate

The Reverend Bridget K. Tierney,
Director of Advent House

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Ms. Karen Miller, *Nursery Worker*

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2020

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2021

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Weekly Liturgies

Sundays

8:00 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 II

WGSO 990AM

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

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podcast at www.wgso.com
Broadcasts underwritten in part by
St. Martin's Episcopal School.



*Daylight Savings Time
begins Sunday morning, March 10.
Be sure to set your clocks ahead an hour!*

Parade Sunday



Sunday, March 3

8:00 ~ The Holy Eucharist (1928 Prayer Book - Chapel)

9:00 ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

No Coffee Hour

No Real Presence



Baptism is a joyous and important event in the life of an individual and our faith community. The Church has designated several Feast days in the calendar as most suitable for baptisms. At the Cathedral, we offer baptism on those occasions and other appropriate days too. If you are interested in getting baptized or having your child baptized, please, contact Canon Steven Roberts to make arrangements.

Our next opportunities for baptism are (2nd Sunday of Easter) April 28, 2019-10:00 AM and (Pentecost Sunday) June 9, 2019 - 10:00 AM. Please contact Canon Roberts for more information.



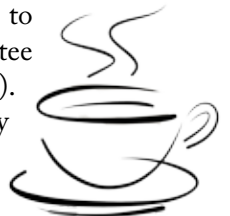
1 Michael Martin	17 David Smith
2 Molly O'Keefe	18 Abbie Carlson
3 Les Kellum	18 Thomas Hayes
4 Charlie Kellum	19 Louise Meade
6 Sarah duPlantier	20 Les Leathem
7 Sarah LaBauve	21 Annette Figueroa
7 Zachary LaBauve	21 Marie-Louise Spangenberg
9 Milton Seiler Jr.	22 Mimi O'Leary
10 Brittany Godsborough	22 Shawyn Mars
10 Laura Brown	23 Philip Lazich
13 Kyle Del Hierro	23 Elizabeth Thomas
13 Kaili Dyson	25 Linda Miller
13 Diane Van	26 Daphne Fahrenheit
15 David duPlantier	29 Luana Naylor Smith
16 Leslie Lloyd-Nix	29 Pam Ricciardi

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@cccnola.org or call the cathedral office and we'll be sure to wish you a Happy Birthday next year!

Coffee Hour

Please consider hosting 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. Back-up refreshment supplies are low and contributions are welcome. For additional information or to volunteer, contact the Hospitality Committee (co-chairs Annette Figueroa & Judith Loudon). Recent hosts: Betty Foster, Hospitality Committee members for Bishop's Visit, Judith Loudon, Pam Lanaux, Meryl & Boyd Fink, Sheila Julien.



Many thanks to all!

2019 Vestry Nominees

LES LEATHEM

I am at the Cathedral since my return to New Orleans 3 years ago. I am a native of the city, having grown up in Algiers. My career took me to New Jersey in the 80s, where I met my wife, Debbie. We married, raised our children, and then found ourselves wanting to move south. We agreed that New Orleans was our first (and only) choice.



On many family visits here over the years, we attended services at the Cathedral, and being musicians, we appreciated the beauty of the liturgy and the emphasis on music as another way to be in the sacred space. So when we retired and came to live here full-time, it was only natural that we came to the Cathedral full-time as well.

My career was in the pharmaceutical industry, in sales, marketing, advertising, and marketing research. Consulting with multiple companies over the years gave me insight into the multiple ways questions/issues can be addressed. I learned about the “business of the church” serving as organist/choirmaster at St. Paul’s Church in Bound Brook, NJ, and on the vestry of All Saints’ Church in Princeton, NJ. At St. Paul’s, regular interaction with clergy and staff introduced me to the behind-the-scenes workings needed to keep a vibrant and joyful spirit in the community. During my time of service at All Saints’, I learned more as we crafted strategic plans, redefined our mission and vision, and completed a search for a new rector.

In the mid-00’s, I took up bicycling again, after being away from the sport for many years. I became an instructor for the League of American Bicyclists, and then, 6 years ago, a national coach, traveling around the country training other instructors. My particular interest in the world of bicycling is working with law enforcement officers to help them better understand how traffic law applies to bicyclists. I have also served as an expert witness in bicycling safety and have testified before local and state legislative bodies as a bicycling advocate.

Seven years ago, I was in a serious bicycle crash: I was medevac’ed to a trauma unit suffering from multiple external and internal injuries, including a brain bleed. During my 9-day hospitalization and extended rehabilitation it became clear that God wasn’t done with me yet! He called me then to recommit; He calls me now to serve.

I believe that we must show Christ through who we are and what we do. It is not enough just to say we follow Him; we must demonstrate it in our actions. We rarely know how – or who – we touch. So we must always be Christ to others. I’ll try to keep doing that as a vestry member.

CHARLES A. MEADE

Age 45

Family circumstances: Married with three children, Arthur 10, Louise 7, Marian 21 months



Where and when were you baptized and confirmed? Baptized at St; John’s Episcopal Church in Memphis, TN in 1974; Confirmed at Trinity Episcopal New Orleans, 1987

How did you become part of the Cathedral Community? We used to attend a small church on the westbank where my mother was rector, and when she retired we looked for a new church home that fit our family. We were fortunate that it did not take long for us to settle on Christ Church Cathedral, where the people, who are kind and welcoming but also serious, the music, and the engagement for kids all contributed to a sense that this would be our new church home. My wife and I both feel fortunate to be a part of CCC.

In what Cathedral ministries have you been a participant? This would be my first, though I might get partial credit for taking care of my children while my wife practices and performs with the choir.

What appeals to you about serving on the Vestry? I want to support and contribute to the vigor of an institution that has supported me and my family. Beyond that, I have a firm belief that what the Cathedral community has given to me can also be given to many more in our community that are loosely attached to the church, and I want to spread that message.

I have been a lifelong Episcopalian, though I admit that when living in California I never found a church home that felt right and rarely attended services. Since joining the Cathedral community with my family, we have experienced a deeper engagement with more meaning than I have found in other churches I attended. If elected to serve, I will work to bolster what has already made the Cathedral great in my eyes, while also not shying away from examining new ideas and new directions.

R. JUDSON MITCHELL

is a 49 year-old life-long member of the Episcopal Church. He was baptized at St. George's in New Orleans. He was confirmed at St. Martin's in Metairie and attended St. George's, St. Andrew's, and St. Martin's Schools. While pursuing his undergraduate and law degrees, he was a member of St. Alban's on the LSU Campus.



Judson became a parishioner of Christ Church Cathedral in 1995. His son Jud was baptized in Cathedral in 1998. Judson is a Clinical Professor at Loyola College of Law and pursues a practice in criminal defense law. Serving on the vestry would be his first active participation in the ministry of the Cathedral, but he looks forward to deepening his relationship with this cathedral and its clergy and to furthering the mission of the church.

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Hermes Parade Party Fundraiser

Stuart Hall
Friday, March 1

Sixth Street entrance

Doors Open at 5:30 PM



All are invited to the annual Hermes Parade Party! Please bring friends.

There are three beautiful uptown parades that night:

Krewe of Hermes	Krewe d'Etat	Krewe of Morpheus
5:30 PM	6:30 PM	7:00 PM

So come out, have a great meal, drink some lovely wine (hand picked by Fr. Paul Bailey), catch some beads, and raise money for a worthy cause. Stuart Hall will remain open until 9:00 PM for food, fellowship and clean bathrooms. We hope to see you there!

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. *Due to construction, parking spots for volunteers are very limited this year. Parking will be allocated first to volunteers who commit to staying for cleanup from 9-10pm, and then to those that help with setup and cooking starting at 3pm.* 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 sincere thanks go to Nick & Melissa Montero for coordinating this event. For more information, please email to monteronm@gmail.com.

From Advent House

The Reverend Bridget K. Tierney

This is my very favorite start for Lent:

Blessing the Dust For Ash Wednesday

All those days you felt like dust,
like dirt,
as if all you had to do was turn your face
toward the wind and be scattered
to the four corners
or swept away by the smallest breath
as insubstantial—

did you not know what the Holy One can do with dust?

This is the day we freely say we are scorched.
This is the hour we are marked by what has made it through
the burning.

This is the moment we ask for the blessing that lives within
the ancient ashes,
that makes its home inside the soil of this sacred earth.

So let us be marked
not for sorrow.

And let us be marked
not for shame.

Let us be marked
not for false humility
or for thinking we are less than we are

but for claiming what God can do within the dust,
within the dirt, within the stuff of which the world is
made
and the stars that blaze in our bones
and the galaxies that spiral inside the smudge we bear.

—Jan Richardson
from *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the
Seasons*

What might God do with you this year?

Lenten blessings,
Bridget+



Lenten Adult Education Program Spring, 2019

The Reverend Canon David B. Lowry

The Confounding Mystery of the Trinity

The Trinity is at the center of the Christian faith. It is the declaration that our God is one while at the same time being three — that is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How can that be? For nearly 2000 years the church has struggled to articulate how the Trinity works as one and yet three. In my personal library I have 26 books directly or indirectly addressing the issue — and some of those books are really long. Over the course of five weekday sessions and one all-day Saturday session (with at least a little wine) I will try to lead you through this topic. I suggest two books, neither of which covers the topic in its entirety. Since the issue of the Trinity first comes-up in scripture, I am suggesting Wesley Hill, *Paul and the Trinity: Persons, Relations and the Pauline Letters*. This is readily available (used or new) from Amazon. I also recommend a book with a 21st century view of the Trinity. That is Richard Rohr, *The Divine Dance* (even more readily available). The tortured (but interesting) theological battles over the nature and meaning of the Trinity are important for our understanding of our faith. The weekday sessions will meet at 2:00 pm on Wednesdays beginning on March 13 and concluding on April 10. The Saturday session will meet on May 4 at 10 AM. Due to ongoing construction, the place of the meetings will be announced in the future.



Three Visiting Choirs

Three choirs will stop here at the Cathedral on their annual spring choir tours. Mark your calendars!

Friday, March 15, 2019

The University Choir of Sewanee in Concert

Friday, March 29, 2019

The Choir of St. Thomas Episcopal High School, Houston sings Evensong

Thursday, April 4, 2019

The Mississippi College choir in Concert.

The New Orleans Musicians' Clinic & Assistance Foundation provides cost-efficient, comprehensive and preventive medical care, mental health and social services to more than 2,500 local performers regardless of their ability to pay. We foster self-care and serve as a health advocacy organization and produce wellness programs in the larger cultural community.

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January 29, 2019

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Dear Friends of Music,

Thank you for being a good steward of New Orleans music. The New Orleans Musicians' Clinic is now entering its 21st year as the ONLY health care clinic dedicated to keeping this city's live music culture ALIVE.

Below is a summary of your gift.

Gift Information

Amount: \$500.00

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Your donation will keep the city's entertainment culture thriving for generations to come.

With many recent changes to the healthcare landscape, the NOMC has adapted to care for our patients regardless of their ability to pay. Our community mission is strong and growing. We are grateful for your support. If you have any questions about your gift, please call 504-415-3514 or email Lizz Freeman at donations@nomaf.org.

With Gratitude,

The Staff and Patients of the New Orleans Musicians' Clinic and Assistance Foundation

p.s. We are always looking for volunteers! If you want to get more involved, please contact Erica Dudas, Managing Director at erica@nomaf.org or 504-415-3514

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LIFT YOUR GAZE - LIFT YOUR HEART YOGA IN THE CATHEDRAL

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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

Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday, March 6, 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

Friday, March 1
Hermes Parade Party

Sunday, March 3
Parade Sunday
Services at 8:00 and 9:00 only

Wednesday, March 6
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.

March 13
Canon Lowry's class on the Trinity begins

Friday, March 15
Quiet Day at Advent House
The University Choir of Sewanee in Concert

Sunday, March 17
Annual Parish Meeting

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The Choir of St. Thomas Episcopal High School, Houston, sings Evensong

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