

June-July, 2012



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

# The Canticle

THE  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH  
WELCOMES YOU

## From The Dean...

In the simpler days in which the Episcopal Church grew up, most Americans spent their entire lives in the same community. When people did relocate it was generally considered to be trading one permanent home for another, and one put down deep roots in one's new community. It was considered normative for the American Christian population to remain members of the same denomination when they relocated and the Episcopal Church had clear and specific ways to keep track of membership. These rules are still in effect today, but much harder to make sense of given the mobility of our current society. The Episcopal Parish where one is Baptized, Confirmed or Received is where one's membership is recorded. Membership only changes if the person dies or contacts the Parish and requests a formal letter of transfer to another Episcopal Church (we cannot transfer persons to other denominations except perhaps the ELCA with whom we are in full communion).



One technically cannot concurrently be a member of more than one Parish, and this is where things get confused. In our time, people move frequently and often switch between all manner of Christian communities. Instead of formal handwritten membership registers, we use computerized databases to track membership, contributions and family information. Trying to conform old categories with new technology is an administrative horror show. Yet, our bylaws and the reporting rules of the Episcopal Church require that we track and categorize those who worship here. We also want to be accurate in our Parish Directory and send mailings to people who want to receive them.

To this end, our current policy is to consider one an active member if they attend services here at least three times a year and (as far as we know) consider this to be their Parish Church. In order to be eligible to vote at the Cathedral Annual Meeting, members must also be known to the Treasurer (i.e. they must have made a financial contribution to the Cathedral during the previous calendar year).

In order to share in the Eucharist (Holy Communion) one must have received the sacrament of Baptism by Water and the Holy Spirit (in any Christian Church). Baptism is how one becomes a Christian; to become an Episcopalian one is either confirmed (or received in the case of those previously confirmed by a Bishop in the Roman Catholic or Orthodox churches) by the Bishop during his annual visitation. Once confirmed one is eligible to stand for election to the Vestry and other Diocesan offices.

The bottom line is that everyone is welcome in this place and these various categories are never intended to be barriers to full participation in our common life. We want you to be as engaged as you like in the Cathedral community and do our very best to communicate with you about the many opportunities for worship, Christian formation and ministry in the wider community. Please let us know if there are ways we could be doing this more effectively.



### **Don't Forget...**

*at Coffee Hour on Sunday June 3rd we will have a special presentation honoring Harriet Williams and the important role that her family has played in the history of the Cathedral.*

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**  
**(Sunday Readings)**

**June 3**

Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17

**June 10**

1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15  
Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

**June 17**

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13  
Psalm 20  
2 Corinthians 5:6-17  
Mark 4:26-34

**June 24**

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49  
Psalm 9:9-20  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

**July 1**

2 Samuel 1:1, 7-27  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

**July 8**

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13

**July 15**

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

**July 22**

2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Psalm 89:20-37  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**July 29**

2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

**EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA**

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

**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL**

The Very Reverend David A. duPlantier, *Dean*  
The Reverend Steven M. Roberts, *Canon*  
The Reverend William C. Morris, Jr., *Theologian in Residence*  
The Reverend W. Gedge Gayle, Jr., *Priest Associate*  
The Venerable Priscilla G. Maumus, *Deacon*  
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Ms. Linda Nelson, *Director of Advent House*  
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Ms. Carol Butcher, *Executive Assistant to the Dean*  
Ms. Suzette Follette, *Parish Secretary & Wedding Coordinator*  
Mr. Charles Franklin, *Property Manager*  
Mr. Avery Montgomery, *Sexton*  
Ms. Sharon Henry, *Nursery Worker*  
Ms. Karen Landry, *Nursery Worker*  
Ms. Jeanette Gilmore-Burrell *Nursery Worker*

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Mr. David R. Pitts  
The Reverend E. Mark Stevenson

**VESTRY**

**2013**

Boyd Fink  
Bill Forman  
Mary Baldwin Kennedy (Senior Warden)

**2014**

René Dupaquier  
Earl Moreau  
David O'Leary (Junior Warden)

**2015**

Jim Buck  
Dick Moreland  
Lisa Sibal, Bill Soileau

**2016**

Chris Beary (Treasurer)  
Sam Buckley (Secretary)  
Julio Figueroa

Submissions for Cathedral Publications  
are always welcome.

The deadline for Canticle articles is the  
10th of the month.

***Items for the August issue are  
due July 10.***

Please e-mail submissions to  
lauriebailey@cccnola.org

Sunday bulletin and/or weekly e-blast  
announcements should be submitted  
**before noon on Tuesdays** to  
lauriebailey@cccnola.org and copied to  
suzettefollette@cccnola.org

**THE BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

I publish the Banns of Marriage  
between Jessica Leigh Bertel and  
George Allen Mayhall.

I publish the Banns of Marriage  
between Alyssa Colleen Lynn and  
Chad Anthony Dufrene.

I publish the Banns of Marriage  
between Reagan Lacey Burrow and  
Guy Dixon Smith.

I publish the Banns of Marriage  
between Mary Caroline McConathy  
and James Davis Schneider.

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*

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*A special request...*

Dear Church Family,

For the past eight months I have been involved in a community service project called Heart of Passion. Heart of Passion is a nonprofit organization that hosts a wonderful event called Red Carpet Day, or RCD. RCD was founded by a cancer survivor named Savannah Solomon who was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 11. Savannah had a dream to create an event where teens with cancer would be able to have the best week of their lives on a retreat in her hometown of Atlanta. Savannah's dream has now become reality and has now spread to New Orleans for its tenth year. She tied the heart of Ephesians 2:10, the passion that comes from James 4:17, and the leadership lessons in all of Proverbs 31 (specifically verses 8-9) in order to create the name Heart of Passion.

Along with 21 other juniors and seniors from Metairie Park Country Day School and Isidore Newman School, and with the help of our mentors, I am in charge of planning this event which happens in mid June of this year. About 60 teens with cancer are expected to arrive at the Sheraton Hotel on our welcoming day, June 13. Our goal is to give these teens the best week of their lives while they are here in New Orleans. Although we have received many donations from individuals and businesses, we are still asking for more donations from businesses and individuals who would like to help. I decided to reach out to all of you, my church family, because the church and the people have always helped me since I was baptized here 18 years ago. Any amount goes a long way and helps extremely. If your business would be interested in being a sponsor for the event, please contact me either at church, my email which is [m.kirkwood@mpcds.com](mailto:m.kirkwood@mpcds.com), or my cell phone (504) 756-4464. If you would like to contribute individually, you can drop off or mail a check made out to Christ Church Cathedral with "Red Carpet Day" in the memo line and Dean duPlantier will forward the contributions to us. Thank you and God bless you all.

Sincerely,

*Matthew Kirkwood*



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**ANNOUNCING**

**FREE CATHEDRAL BOOK EXCHANGE**

As you enter the parish hall, you will notice a bookcase on the right just as you walk through the first set of doors. This is the Cathedral Free Book Exchange. Bring a book, take a book. If you have books that you can donate, please leave them on the shelves.

Happy reading!

**Save the Date:**

**Friday, September 14th**

**Wine Tasting  
and Silent Auction**

*Kick off the fall with an evening  
of wine, food, music  
and a silent auction*

**Donations of Auction  
Items are needed**

Gift certificates for professional services, restaurants, salons, hotels, car mechanics, boutiques - any business! - make great silent auction items.



*For More Information Contact  
Donna Denton at [denton99@hotmail.com](mailto:denton99@hotmail.com)  
or  
Karyn Murphy at [karynemurphy@gmail.com](mailto:karynemurphy@gmail.com)*



## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Matthew Kirkwood graduated from Metairie Park Country Day High School. He plans to attend Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi in the fall.

Austin Brackett graduated from St. Martin's Episcopal School. He plans to attend College of Charleston in the fall.

Emily and Eric Nethercott both received a degree in Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) from Xavier University Louisiana.

Two choir members graduated from Loyola University; Anna Wisenbaker received a BM in Vocal Performance (major) and MBA in Business (minor) and Jethro Celestin double majored in Music and Business Management.

Well done everyone!



**The Cathedral Office  
will be closed on**

***Wednesday, July 4,***

**in observance of Independence Day.**

The 12:15pm service of Holy Eucharist will be celebrated as scheduled in the Chapel.



## *Altar Flower Donations*



The Flower Donation Sheet is located at the entrance to the Parish Hall. Please help us make our worship spaces even more beautiful by ordering flowers to memorialize or honor your loved ones. If you would like to order flowers, either fill in your desired date on the sign-up sheet, or call Sue Blankingship@ 885-0773, or E-mail wyattpump1@aol.com.

Our prices are now \$80 for the Cathedral and \$45 for the Chapel.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**CCC Annual Thrift Sale  
Saturday, October 6th**

Early donations accepted

**STARTING June 3rd**

**SUNDAYS ONLY**

**Boxed Donations can be  
taken to STUART HALL  
and stacked neatly behind  
the screens**



***The Cathedral Staff will NOT  
be able to assist with the Sunday drop off.***

**For More Information Contact:**

Diane Piret at 504-394-1227

(email: dapiret@aol.com) or

Alice Hopkins at 512-0696

(email: grits736@hotmail.com.)



**Health  
&  
Wellness**

### ***Jazzercise***

Classes Monday and Wednesday 5:00pm and 6:15pm

Tuesday and Thursday 6:15pm and a Personal Touch

Class at 7:05pm

Please contact Meredith Cox-Smith at uptownjazzercise@hotmail.com with questions.

### ***Bodytime Bootcamp***

Classes Tuesday and Thursday 5:15pm-6:15pm

Please contact Elijah Hobbly elijahhobbly@yahoo.com or 504.905.2237 with questions.

***Jazzercise & Bodytime Bootcamp classes meet in Stuart Hall using the Sixth Street entrance.***

### ***Christian Yoga***

Monday 5:45pm

Please contact Laurie Bailey at lauriebailey@cccnola.org  
Good Shepherd atrium use office entrance.

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

### NUMBERS

RELIGIOUS STATISTICS are notoriously hard to evaluate. Different groups count differently. Some of the numbers are self-serving, designed more to present a pleasing picture than for accuracy. There's no official fact-gatherer. The U. S. Census could, but never does, ask questions about religion. The numbers we have come either from churches or from private researchers.

*The Christian Century* (April 18, 2012, William McKinney: "Crunching the Numbers") recently summarized five recent statistical surveys published by Baylor, Princeton, the Hartford Institute for Religious Research, and the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life. Taken together, they offer about as good a picture as we're going to get of the state of American religion right now.

"Right now" is a key component here. The American situation is fluid and changeful. Even though we continue to be the most religious of developed countries, the overall statistics mask considerable change and great regional differences. Forty-four percent of Americans have changed their religious affiliation in adulthood. Denominational loyalty is currently not a potent motivator. The South is very religious--over 50% go to church in a given week. In the Northeast and the Northwest, those numbers drop into the low twenties. The cliché that conservative churches grow and liberal churches do not doesn't pan out. What seems to matter most are congregational vitality, a sense of mission, and an ability to deal constructively with conflict and change.

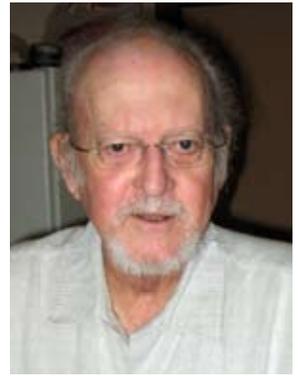
The Baylor study, *Values and Beliefs of the American Public*, contains very interesting information on attitudes toward homosexuality and civil liberties for gays and lesbians. A majority of Americans, 65%, now favor same-sex civil unions, and 47% favor gay marriage and oppose laws prohibiting it. The degree of recent change is remarkable, and it puts the Episcopal Church on the side of public opinion. Sexuality is an important 2012 election issue, but, in the churches, the furor is beginning to die down, largely because of major changes in the public mind. While it remains a major point of division between more liberal and more conservative constituencies, the conservative hope of using the sexuality debate as a means for gaining control now seems doomed to failure. The public is getting to be done with the issue, and younger people in particular don't see what all the fuss is about.

The gathered statistics show more interaction between religious groups, and more concern with ecumenism. Spirituality is more diffuse, but participation in a congregation is still important to many people. Fewer participate merely because it is their heritage, more because the congregation has worked to foster relationships. Openness, hospitality, and effective communication are important elements of mission because they are inviting, and often work better than the kind of confrontation which thinks it can browbeat people into heaven. Many now see involvement with religiously different groups as positive rather than as spiritually polluting. Some ecumenical discussion groups are finding that they have shared spiritual concerns despite sharp historical and formal differences arising partly from past political conflicts. In other words, American religious diversity doesn't necessarily lead to religious homogeneity, but, rather, to a situation in which different traditions are more effectively presented and more joyfully celebrated, largely because people perceive that the purposes of God are larger than we know.

Dealing with change has been hard on everyone. Protestant and Roman Catholic churches are struggling to maintain structures created in the past to deal with a rapidly growing population moving into strange new circumstances. The Roman Catholics created a parallel school system to keep its children away from the protestant-dominated public schools. It was an amazing creation, but it now faces declining funding and dropping enrollment. Parish systems are having to be realigned as urban populations move and change. Similarly, the colleges and seminaries created to educate leadership are now struggling to become self-supporting and competitive, as are related hospitals. The churches can no longer finance them: they often benefit from a greater degree of freedom from outside control but sponsoring churches often feel a sense of loss and failure.

The situation calls for creative adaptive changes--not abandonment of tradition, but openness to new ways of communicating and new kinds of leadership. Probably the worst response to change is a programmatic effort to reverse decline. It falsifies the situation by blaming decline on leadership or vague evil forces, but sets the church up for failure because the program doesn't address the realities facing us. We need, rather, a new birth of faith and hope, confident and joyful rather than blaming and resentful.

*William Morris+*





*We wish a very Happy Birthday to all those born in June & July.  
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.*

**June**

Harlan Bush Jr.  
Jan Cooke  
Caroline Dodson  
Betty Foster  
Edwin Hoffa  
Robbie Jenkins  
Sarah Meyer  
Avery Montgomery  
Caroline Nead  
Ronald Nichols  
Soni Oyekan  
Harry Redman  
Linda Roberts  
Catherine Schmidt  
Meagan Schwaner

Marge Smith  
Ali Spindler  
Karen Whitfield  
Tihana Zschiesche

Elizabeth Finley  
Jesse George  
Susan Kartzke  
Cathy Kirkwood  
Matthew Kirkwood  
Harry Leche III  
PJ Lewis  
Judy Martin  
Judson Mitchell  
Bill Roberts  
Norbert Schmidt  
Tali Schwaner  
William Taylor  
James Teed  
Sara Wallace  
Harriet Williams

**July**

Ron Akers  
Bertha Barfield  
Claie Beary  
Wyatt Blankingship  
Becky Buckley  
Sam Buckley IV  
Tom Bullock  
Ingrid Bush  
Troy Buttone  
Susan Carswell  
Gregory Curtis



***Holy Baptism***

Holy 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)

In addition to these set days, Bishop Thompson will make his annual visitation on September 30 so baptisms may be scheduled then. Please contact Canon Roberts to schedule a baptism.

***Baptism Anniversaries***

Allen Huffman 6/1  
Pam Ricciardi 6/1  
Andrew Spangenberg 6/1  
Linda Rhodes 6/2  
Austin Brackett 6/5  
Jarrett Follette 6/6  
Abbie Carlson 6/8  
Caroline Scheiffelin 6/8  
Beau Dupaquier 6/24

Butch Carriere 7/3  
Emma Morson 7/3  
Troy Buttone 7/11  
Vicki Moreland 7/13  
Claiborne Beary 7/18  
Philip Lazich 7/18  
Jan Cooke 7/20  
Melissa Spencer 7/23

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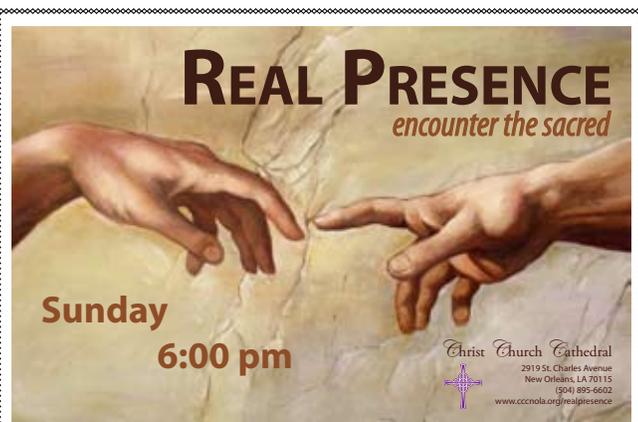
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Visitors to the Cathedral are often surprised by our Coffee Hour. I've heard many a person say they were going to go home and tell their church about our hospitality. You can help us keep up our reputation for great hospitality by volunteering to host Coffee Hour one Sunday. Drinks are provided by the church 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/volunteer, contact Kathy Boyd, 891-1360 or kboydaj@yahoo.com.

Coffee Hour hosts not previously acknowledged in April: Sarah Whalen, Julio & Annette Figueroa, Bob Carrow, Adrian Suarez. May: Frances Beverly, Jennifer O'Brien, Jennifer & Sam Buckley, plus all who assisted with the Parish Picnic including but not limited to: Page Beary, Bart Folsie, Sue Blankingship, Frances Beverly, Sarah & Borden Wallace, Marcia Malloy, Les Bradfield, Carol Butcher, Karyn Murphy, Angela Kellum, Liz Glidewell, Dick Moreland, Kathy Boyd, and Jennifer Jones. (Sorry if we missed anyone! Let us know and we'll give you a shout out next time.)  
Many thanks!



The 2012 Sign Up sheet is posted in Stuart Hall with open dates this summer. Please sign up today.



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

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Invite a friend to  
attend this informal service.  
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April 23, 2012

Dear Mr Speed,  
On behalf of the Friday  
Afternoon Club, I would like  
to thank you and your staff  
for your kindness and  
generosity in allowing us  
to meet in your Parish Hall.  
Please accept this donation  
as an expression of our  
appreciation.

Sincerely,  
Anne S. Buescher

# The Canticle

June-July, 2012

**WE ARE COLLECTING...**

## PICTURES FOR OUR WEB SITE

Summer time is web site update time and we need your pictures of cathedral folks at cathedral events or doing cathedral ministries. Drop off printed photos in the church office attention Jarrett Follette; they will be scanned and returned to you.

E-mail digital photos to [jarrettfollette@cccnola.org](mailto:jarrettfollette@cccnola.org) or [lauriebailey@cccnola.org](mailto:lauriebailey@cccnola.org)

Please consider taking pictures with your smart phone when you are at church and you see people in action. Send them in and we may use them in our various publications.

## PAPER PRODUCTS FOR

### THE NEW ORLEANS MISSION

Disposable plates and cups are needed for the Mission's feeding ministry. Please drop off donations in the boxes in the back of the cathedral or chapel.



## NON-PERISHABLE FOOD FOR

### SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

IN SHORT SUPPLY: PEANUT BUTTER!

Fill our red wagon in the cathedral with canned soups/stews, canned fruits/vegetables, canned meats (chicken, beef, ham), tuna fish, sardines, chili, cereal, hot cereals (grits, oatmeal), beans, rice, pasta, juice & shelf stable milk.

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