

THE QUILL



Lent and Holy Week

Once again, we are sharing much of this period with our brothers and sisters at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. In this period, we will gather together in several ways:

- Feb. 16: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at St. Andrew's, 6.30 p.m.
- Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday (Noon service at St. Andrew's; 7 p.m. service at St. Bede's)
- Joint Lenten study of "A Crucified Christ in Holy Week" by Raymond E. Brown, introduction after the evening service on Ash Wednesday.
- Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, & 24 – shared evenings of light supper (6.30 p.m.), worship (7 p.m.) & study (7.30 p.m.)
 - at St. Andrew's: Feb. 24, March 10 & 24
 - at St. Bede's: March 3 & 17
- March 31: The service of Tenebrae at St. Bede's at 8 p.m. (No soup or class)
- April 2: Good Friday (Noon at St. Bede's; 7.30 p.m at St. Andrew's)

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Canon Jim's Jottings

This issue of the *Quill* covers the end of the Season after Epiphany season and all of Lent and Holy Week (essentially the months of February and March). We will again have several occasions to gather both in worship and fellowship with our friends from St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.

ANNUAL MEETING ACTIONS

We had a good 44th Annual Meeting. I just realized that I have been the Rector of St. Bede's for exactly one-half of those meetings. That is truly amazing! We bade farewell to Vestry members Reed Wilson & Akani Fletcher and elected Christoph Dugré and Gina Turella to join the Vestry. We need to raise the level of the budget to keep the momentum going. Our new wardens are Rea Crane (Senior Warden) and Carly Portalupi (Junior Warden). The Vestry will meet to organize and set priorities on Saturday, February 20. The officers and new members will be installed the next day.

We are close to completing the process to erect the new sign. We have one thing to do prior to submitting the application to the city (for the variance in the zoning rules). I have been working with some of the community leaders whose groups meet at St. Bede's and who are part of the local review boards. My goal is

Easter or Pentecost!

MOVIES AND NEEDLES

Vicki Mouradian is organizing two new groups at the parish. The "Needlers of Bede" are folks who want to sew or knit or quilt as an activity and as a way to reach out. They will essentially be meeting twice a month on Sunday afternoons – see the schedule in the Annual Report.

Vicki has also organized Movie Nights for both the Kids of Bede and the adults of the parish. The next non-KoB movie will be on February 6 at 5 pm. We will be watching the movie *Contact* starring Jodie Foster.

We will also celebrate services of Holy Eucharist on the Monday & Tuesday of Holy Week (March 29 & 30) at 7 p.m.; on Maundy Thursday (April 1), there will be a 7 p.m. service followed by an all-night prayer vigil till Noon on Good Friday; there will be a celebration of the Holy Saturday liturgy at Noon on April 3.

STUDY

We are called continually to open our minds in a number of areas. Mthr. Vicki coordinates the work with the younger members of the congregation. There will be some special events either announced elsewhere in this issue of the *Quill* or in the

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Sunday bulletins. One program that we offer each year is a self-study program for younger aged children to better understand the Eucharist. If your children are in the primary grades, please let Mthr. Vicki or me know of your interest by March 1.

Our adult Christian formation options include:

The Bookworms of Bede meet on the 3rd Monday and are reading *Home* by Marilynne Robinson (Feb. 15) and *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett (April 19). In March, there will be no book study due to the Lenten study of Ray Brown's book (see above).

On Tuesday morning, the Breakfast and Bible classes meet to study the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.

The Wednesday evening classes prior to Ash Wednesday will continue to study *From Jesus to Constantine* with Prof. Bart Ehrman (on CD).

An eight week session of the VIA MEDIA class began on January 24th and will conclude on March 14. All meetings begin at Noon in the Library on Sundays. This is a great class to attend if you are new to the Episcopal Church and/or if you wish to be confirmed or received into the Church and/or if you wish to reconfirm your baptismal promises at some point because of changes or growth in your spiritual path.

SPIRITUALITY

Br. Joseph-Marie, OSF will be with us on the weekend of March 20-21. He is a member of the Order of St. Francis stationed in San Francisco and is currently working on a recently commissioned icon of St. Bede for

the parish. He will lead the Quiet Day on Saturday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will be the guest preacher on Sunday, March 21.

Spirituality is hard to define. For some people, it is how they communicate with God. For others, it is about frequency of prayer or intensity of faith. For still others, it is about faith-driven service. One's spirituality may be based in silence while another's is based in tumult and mess. Sometimes it is organized and precise and sometimes it is chaotic. Lent is a time for allowing oneself to take a fearless, critical inventory and see what is working and what is not. Part of that process may be availing oneself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation of a Penitent (BCP pp. 446-452). Should you wish to meet with Mthr. Vicki or myself during Lent or Holy Week, please take the time to talk with us after the service both to discuss the sacrament and to schedule a time to meet

Lent is not a time for giving anything up. Lent is a time for taking something on. I would suggest that "the peace of God that passes all understanding" be one of our goals. Being centered on and in our faith will give us balance and stability as we walk the path of Lent and Holy Week.

The next *Quill* will be the Eastertide issue covering the months of April and May.

I am "giving up" our nice weather for part of Lent (well, the first half of March) this year. I will be going to Wales to scatter the ashes of Tana Raikes's husband, John George, on what would have been their wedding anniversary on March 1. We will be at St. David's Cathedral in Wales on St. David's Day. I will also be preaching at St. Andrew's in Romford while in the U.K.

In Christ,

Jim Newman+

Out and About (or Home on the Range)

by Mthr. Vicki

NEEDLE NEWS: A new outreach ministry has been formed, **Needlers of Bede**. Those longing to do creative work to touch the lives of others, join us! Experience is not necessary! Needlers of Bede will help instruct others in the art of crocheting, knitting, sewing, and other forms of needle work. We will meet two Sundays each month for needle time, fellowship, and in our usual Episcopal tradition, potluck refreshment (for this group, finger food). Our ministry will benefit *Stitches from the Heart* and *Hillsides*. *Stitches from the Heart* benefits new-borns and their families in a variety of hospitals. *Hillsides* benefits children and families in crisis. The average age for children at *Hillsides* is nine years old. We thank *The St. John's Guild* for their generous donation of \$200.00 for seed money to start our work! Needlers of Bede will be lead by Mthr. Vicki and Gina Turella. Questions? Call Mthr. Vicki at (310) 625-7364.

The first meeting of Needlers is February 7 and the Lenten Dates for Needlers are: February 21, March 14 and 28. All meetings will be held in Luther Hall from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

MOVIE MADNESS: Our potluck movie viewing continues: on Saturday, February 6, movie enthusiasts will meet at 5:00 p.m. in Luther Hall to watch *Contact* with Jodie Foster and enjoy a potluck dinner. Future movie dates include: Sundays April 18, June 27, September 19, October 24, and December 5. All Sunday Movie Madness will meet in Luther Hall at 4:00 p.m.

WOMEN OF BEDE: RETREAT! I am in the process of finding a weekend location for a first annual women's retreat. I am hoping to locate a near by center which would be flexible in accommodating both day timers and over nighters, making the retreat available to all. The purpose of our first retreat would not only be spiritual renewal but bonding time as Women of Bede: how we see ourselves collectively and what defines our vision. *Stay tuned!*



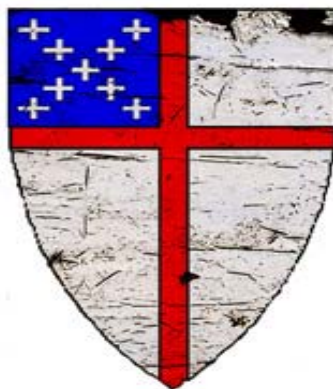
2010 Quill Schedule

The Quill is now being published on a schedule that is in line with the Church Year, not the Calendar Year. This schedule allows articles to focus on the Church's worship life during a specific time of the year, and recognizes that many of our activities are, in fact, organized on that basis.

The Calendar will continue to be printed and issued on a calendar month basis. It is available in the Narthex and online.

2010 Schedule:

ISSUE	COVERING	ITEMS DUE
Easter	April 4 - May 22	March 24
Pentecost 1	May 23 – July 31	May 15
Pentecost 2 (Transfiguration)	August 1 – September 30	June 20
Pentecost 3 (Michaelmas)	October 1 – November 27	September 20
Advent/Christmas/Epiphany	November 28 – January 31, 2011	November 15



SERVICES & CLASSES

SUNDAYS: 8 am, Holy Eucharist (no music)
10 am, Church School and Nursery
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer
WEDNESDAYS: 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

In Lent: Soup dinner at 6.30, service & class follow:
At St. Andrew's Lutheran Church: 2/24, 3/10 & 24
At St. Bede's: 2/17, 3/3 & 17
Special Holy Week Schedule
-see calendar for specifics

TUESDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE:

9 a.m.: Breakfast and study of the upcoming Sunday's lessons

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:

Series: "From Jesus to Constantine: A History of Early Christianity":
2/3 The Rise of Christian Anti-Judaism
2/10 The Early Christian Mission

Series: "A Crucified Christ in Holy Week"
2/17 The Theme of the Passion Narratives
2/24 The Passion According to Mark
3/3 The Passion According to Matthew
3/10 The Passion According to Luke
3/17 The Passion According to John
3/24 Portrayals of the Crucified Jesus

BOOKWORMS OF BEDE:

2/15 - *Home*, M. Robinson
4/19 - *The Help*, K. Stockett

ST. BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon James Newman
ASSISTANT: The Rev. Victoria Mouradian
ASSOCIATED CLERGY: The Rev. Giovan King
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Frank Basile
VERGER: Michael Gallagher
HEAD SACRISTAN: Jeannette Young
FACILITIES MANAGER: Tom Ledsam
SEXTON: Joaquin Perez
VESTRY
Rea Crane ('12) – Senior Warden
Carly Portalupi ('11) – Junior Warden
Sharon Arthur ('11) Christoph Dugré ('12)
Michael Mullins ('11) Liz Mohler ('12)
Dean Pace ('11) Alice Short ('12)
Gina Turella ('12)
Annette Graw – Clerk
Laird Hegamin – Treasurer
Jennine Townsend – Financial Secretary
DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION
Kyle Ferstead (D)/Annette Graw (A) ('11)
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