



The Trumpet

of the Church of the Holy Nativity

Dear brothers and sisters,

We are the Church of the Holy Nativity. Holy Nativity, of course, simply means holy birth. It refers to the birth of the Holy One, Jesus, the eternal second person of the Holy Trinity become incarnate. So our identity as a parish is wrapped up in the Christmas event, Jesus birth, the point at which our Lord's humility became manifest.



But I would like to stretch the idea of Holy Nativity a bit for us. It also puts me in mind of Jesus' insistence that we be "born again" by the Holy Spirit. This is a holy birth, not of the Lord but of us. It is not holy because we begin holy. We are not Jesus. But it is holy, because we are being made holy by it.

When we are baptized, the water is simply a sign of God's Holy Spirit entering and enfolding us. We are set apart from the world, sanctified for service to God. The Holy Spirit is always there, ready to restore in us the broken image of God. But we must choose to allow it.

I know that the phrase "born again" has been a bit abused, both by proponents and detractors. Many of us find it distasteful, because of all that. We would rather not think of ourselves that way. But Jesus says that's what we must be. I think of each of us as potential Holy Nativities, if we will only open ourselves to everything God has for us and everything God requires of us.

The third way I want to think about Holy Nativity is in relation to this parish as a whole. As each of us experience our own rebirth (which always takes a lifetime), the community that we build together will be a community that embodies the Life to be found in Jesus. If we come together as disciples, students of Jesus the Christ, then we will make other disciples, and the community will grow.

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Evangelism Committee, October 20, 2011

Present were: Fr. John Kline, Kay Wynn, Malcolm Catter, Shawn O'Neal, Vibert LaMaison, Doris Chumley, Charly Clark, Adrienne Leonard, and Jon Browne.

Jon reported that St. Louis Stephen Ministry management has cancelled the Acts 15 program. Apparently, there has not been sufficient enrollment response from churches.

Kay and Jon spoke about the Alpha Conference held October 14 -15 in Irving. Kay, Jon, Phil Masquette and Fr. Garrin had attended. The conference was both inspiring and challenging. Considerable resource material was provided during the Conference. Fr. Kline suggested that our attendees contact key Alpha volunteers at Custer Road Methodist to learn that Parish's experience. Adrienne said she would make the contact. Fr. Kline noted that the intercessory prayer ministry is proceeding well. We have about 70 intercessors. The prayer list will be modified starting in November.

Questions were raised about the progress towards key topic publicity banners to display outside the church building. Phil Masquette has been working on this but could not be present due to job travel.

Fr. Kline reminded the Committee about the Stanton Lecture by Peter Kreeft, November 12, 9:00am to 2:00 pm. Space may be limited, so early registration is recommended. He also reminded us of the 'Sharing our Faith Today' talk by Rebecca Manley Pippert at Incarnation, December 3, 9:00 am to 5:00pm. Registration for both programs can be done on the Diocesan web site.

Our next meeting will be November 17.

by Jon Browne

The idea isn't merely to get warm bodies into pews, without calling them to be disciples of Jesus Christ. That is a short-term tactic that doesn't really give life at all, much less new life. The idea is to grow a communion of people who are truly living in, with, and through Jesus, and then to offer that true life to others.

You can see that we all have a lot of work to do. But much of that work will be invisible, and some of it almost so. The "success" of our common life does not depend on finding the right program, or tactic, or method. It depends entirely on God, working in your life and mine, repairing the image we were born (and reborn) to carry and to share.

So take heart. God will do the heavy lifting. But also lift up your hearts. Be born again to holiness. Make your life all about God, and make your home with God's people.

God bless you all!

Garrin +



Thank you for paving the way .

(From your seminarian)

Dear People of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church,

I want to sincerely thank you for everything you are doing to support me while I am in seminary. I am continually experiencing the fulfillment of your prayers, and your generosity has been a blessing. The community and love I experienced at Holy Nativity continues to shape me even now. I will continue to keep you all in my prayers. And I sincerely thank you for everything.

In Christ, Perry



STEPHEN MINISTRY

The recommended book for this month is Passages in Caregiving: Turning Chaos into Confidence by Gail Sheehy. It was the basis for the Inservice at our October Stephen Ministry meeting and well-thought of by lay and clergy alike who read it.

This review is from Publishers Weekly:

*Like the 44 million other Americans caring for an ill or elderly person in their homes, prolific writer Sheehy looked after her late husband Clay Felker while he battled cancer for more than a decade. Having already chronicled almost every stage in baby boomer life (most notably in 1976's *Passages*), Sheehy offers an empathetic, well-researched guide to an unfamiliar, often scary role to which boomers are being initiated, outlining eight stages of caregiving from "Shock and Mobilization" to "The Long Good-Bye." Along with doctors and nurses, home caregivers have become the backbone of the (admittedly broken) U.S. health-care system, and an increasingly important part of a patient's decision-making team. As such, Sheehy contends, caregivers are in desperate need of knowledge and support, and this resourceful manifesto provides it, including practical steps to take, strategies for each point of care, likely obstacles for both patient and caregiver, and a lucid explanation of what's to come: "My intention is to illuminate the challenges and rewards inherent in the caregiving passage-to identify universal patterns in the chaos and give the journey a form that makes sense." Sheehy achieves her goal ably, providing a steady beacon during a time of great sadness and overwhelming responsibility.*

It is available at Barnes and Noble, Amazon, and most libraries.

by Marilyn Browne

In Memory of the Rev. Fr. Esteban Saucedo



Our dear priest the Rev. Fr. Esteban Saucedo was called to be in the presence of God the 24th of October 2011 AD. After 54 years as an ordained presbyter, our Lord Jesus Christ brought him to his presence. Fr. Saucedo has left us a great legacy in the Spanish speaking part of our congregation in which we are all part of the body of Christ. Fr. Saucedo celebrated mass in Spanish at Holy Nativity December 28, 1996. Now, some 15 years later, the the Spanish speaking congregation continues preaching the Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ and so honors the memory of our beloved Padre Saucedo.

Your Servant in Christ,
Rdo. Padre Noe Méndez

THE APOSTLES' CREED - ADULT FORUM SERIES:

“The Apostles’ Creed” DVD is billed as an immensely interesting documentary about the foremost Christian declaration. While we may or may not say the Apostle’s Creed regularly in church or as a personal prayer, we are all generally familiar with it. Perhaps so familiar that we don’t really think about what the words mean. There are many questions about it that you may or may not have contemplated. The scholars and theologians featured in this documentary have thought about and answered, through Scripture and historical context, many of these questions.

Where did the Creed come from? Why do Christians have a Creed? How is the Creed relevant to Christians today?

The scholars and theologians, including Alastair McGrath and Bp. N.T. Wright discuss each segment of the Creed, its meaning, and its context, both historical and Biblical. Join us in the parish hall at 9:15 for a video followed by discussion.



PARISH PRAYER LIST - UPDATE

Each Sunday we publish the list of prayer requests, and those who have e-mail are notified whenever new requests for prayer are received. This will continue, and we hope that you remember those persons in your daily intercessions.

But we want to make an extra effort to assure those who need prayer that some members are interceding for them every day. We have now identified a large number of our members who are willing to do so, and beginning in October, they will be given a few names from the list to add to their daily intercessions throughout the month. (If you would like to be included in our team of intercessors, please notify Julia Deslatte mwjad2@hotmail.com, or the church office h nec@holynativity.org)

In an effort to keep the list as current as possible, we are asking that requests for prayer be renewed each month. For the November 6th list, renewal requests need to be received by November 1st. Of course, as the need arises, new requests may be submitted at any time. (The Missionaries and those in the Military Service, will not need to be renewed, although we do ask that the church be notified if someone leaves the military.)

Julia Deslatte has graciously accepted the task of “Coordinator,” working closely with Allison Mayberry, our church secretary. They, together with Marge Batzler, Marilyn Browne, and Kay Wynn worked on this project which originated in the Evangelism Committee.

Mass is offered at 12:10 Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and 7:30 a.m. Saturdays. If you are praying for people, attend and offer them to the Lord in the Eucharistic meal.

Intercessory Prayer – is offered every Sunday morning after both services. Please come to the altar rail and a Stephen Minister will offer private prayer for your request, whether for yourself or for another’s need.

New Members/Adult Confirmation Class, Fr. Garrin has resumed teaching his educational series/preparation for confirmation, Sundays 9:15 in the church.

Women’s Bible Study, Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed: A study of David. *You’ll laugh, you’ll cry, you’ll learn to love God.*

This study meets every Thursday for 12 weeks from 9:30 – 11:30/12:00, depending on the length of the video. Contact Marilyn Browne with questions, 972-867-5857, fiskusbrowne@hotmail.com.

Tuesday Bible Study: N. T. Wright Bible Study Series on the Gospel of Matthew begins meeting in the parish hall from 7 - 8:30 and continuing weekly for the duration of the series. Study Books will be available for \$9. Please let Janice Ashmore know you are interested so there will be enough books. To contact Janice: 214-435-4246, janiceashmore@yahoo.com

The Stable Books & Gift Shop - is having a less than wholesale & ½ price sale for **one more week**. Don’t Miss It!

Choir – Rehearsals at 7:40 p.m. Wednesday evenings and warm up Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Anyone who wants to try out the choir should show up at the Wednesday practice.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays

Goodness Onyendi	1
Dorsey Shaw	2
Randolph Wheatley	2
Mark Stevens	3
Suzanne Schmitt	3
Julie Williams	5
Caitlin Crowder	6
Doug Garber	7
Tom Gentry	9
Angela Redmon	9
Kathy Rucker	14
Robert Brady	15
Carl Whatley	17
Carolee Wylie	21
Shawn O'Neill	22
Charles Bryson	23
Art Kirscht	23
Kathi Hilton	25
Kay Wynn	26
Elizabeth Kincaid	29
Sue Adams	30
Kevin Dodson	30
Ann Vibbert	30
Bonnie Jean Chase	30

November Anniversaries

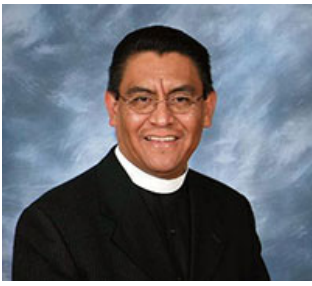
Jerry & Janice Ashmore	05
Don & Patty Dahlberg	06
Dee & Elisabeth Miller	18
Ernie & Joyce Eberle	23
Robert & Caroline Brady	24

PRAYERS

PARISH FAMILY: Vibert LaMaison, Don Webb, Pinkie Webb, Stephanie Gentry, Sid Bigby, Sarah Niday, Joyce Eberle, Virginia Brandon, Nona Light, Carol Wright, Ed Simmons, Louise Turner, Geri Carpenter, Pat Sessions, Bill Shrewsbury, Bonnie Jean Chase, **Bill Backvold, Rob Backvold**, Ginny Hale, Marty Johnston, Bud Marecek, Ben Moore, Stephanie Hilton, George Belshaw, Justin Clark, Sue Adams, Isabel Kirscht, Bob Braack, Sharon Macduff, Juanita Frances, Nancy Darley, Frances Andersen, Helen Rhine, Richard Gay, Marge Shrewsbury, Chris Tao, Amy Strow, Richard Kincaid, Patty Dahlberg, **Phil Wylie**, Ernie Eberle, Kathy Biegler

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Kiersten*, Tavis, Jim*, Bernice*, Miriam (Tex), Jessie*, Robert*, Allison, David*, Grover*, Irina*, Donnie*, Brian*, Ginny*, Ron+, Barbara*, Ronnie*, Donna*, Ronald*, Howard*, Ann & family, Charly*, John*, Lindsay, Jesse, Terry, Cherry, Jonathan, Mazie, Pat, Britney, Dion, Joy, Marlona, Linda*, Tim*, Don*, Rosemary, John, Emily

SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Vernon Allison, Karl Anker, Norman Bodley, Frank Colon, Kevin Fralish, Devin Frank, Jesse Gerber, Brice Glasscock, Aaron Greenhaw, P. J. Grube, Mark Jones, Nathan Jones, Orion Jones, Glenn King, Christopher Kirscht, James Kirscht, Bengamin Luker, Nick Mitchell, Brett Muse, Brian Patton, Greg Phillips, Todd Prichard, Anthony Rives, Edward Matthew Schmidt, Timothy Shrewsbury, Garrett Stevens, Albert Tao, Rob Taylor, Patrick Webb



Ministerio Hispano

Adviento: “El tiempo de Adviento tiene una doble índole: es el tiempo de preparación para las solemnidades de Navidad, en las que se conmemora la primera venida del Hijo de Dios a los hombres, y es a la vez el tiempo en el que por este recuerdo se dirigen las mentes hacia la expectación de la segunda venida de Cristo al final de los tiempos. Por estas dos razones el Adviento se nos manifiesta como el tiempo de una expectación piadosa y alegre”.

Es un tiempo de cuatro domingos antes de la celebración de la navidad, **¿pero eso todo lo que significa adviento? ¡Claro que no!**, la realidad adviento es un tiempo de examinar nuestras vidas y arrepentirnos de todo lo que hemos hecho mal que nos aparta de Dios. Es también tomar seriamente nuestra relación con Dios. Al reenfocar nuestras vidas a Dios, estamos listos para celebrar la navidad, que es la conmemoración del nacimiento de **Nuestro Salvador Jesucristo**.

Después de reenfocar nuestras vidas a Dios quieren decir, que ya hemos invitado a **Nuestros Señor Jesucristo**, a morar en nuestros corazones, significa que ya no hay en nosotros, discordia, odio, resentimiento, avaricia, envidia etc. Y ya estás listo para la segunda venida de **Nuestro Señor Jesucristo**. Si no es así, entonces te exhorto a que te arrepientas de todo lo ha hecho mal y a entregarle tu vida a **Nuestros Señor Jesucristo**.

Día de todos los Santos

(Noviembre 1)

El primer domingo de noviembre, celebramos el **día de todos los Santos**. La Iglesia desde los tiempos primitivos empezó a conmemorar ese día para recordar y honrar a los mártires, que murieron firmes en el evangelio de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, desde la fundación de la iglesia cristiana hasta nuestros días siguen muriendo hermanos por predicar el evangelio.

Día de los fieles difuntos

(Noviembre 2)

Día de los fieles difuntos: el 2 de noviembre, donde la iglesia desde siempre recuerda a los cristianos que murieron en la fe de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Este domingo 6 de noviembre en la santa misa celebraremos a todos los santos y los fieles difuntos. Antes de empezar la santa Eucaristía se ora por los fieles difuntos, por favor dele los nombres a nuestros Ushers antes de que empiece la misa.



En memoria del Rdo. Padre Esteban Saucedo

Nuestro querido padre Esteban Saucedo fue llamado para ir a la presencia de Dios este pasado 24 de octubre de 2011. Después de 54 años de ordenado al sacerdocio, nuestro Señor Jesucristo lo llevó a su presencia, pero padre Saucedo nos deja un gran legado, esta misma congregación hispana en nuestra Iglesia somos parte del ministerio sacerdotal que padre Saucedo hizo, para la gloria de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. El 28 de diciembre de 1996 se celebró por primera vez el servicio en español en la iglesia de Holy Nativity. Es el día en que se funda la congregación hispana aquí en esta parroquia. Hoy ya casi a 15 años de nuestra existencia, la congregación hispana, seguimos adelante predicando el santo evangelio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Y así honramos la memoria de nuestro querido Padre Saucedo.

Su Siervo en Cristo.

Rdo. Padre Noe Méndez
Octubre 27 2011



The Rt. Rev'd James M. Stanton, The Bishop of Dallas
The Rt. Rev'd Paul E. Lambert, Bishop Suffragan
The Rev'd Fr. Garrin W. Dickinson, Rector
The Rev'd Canon John W. Kline, Priest Associate
The Rev'd Fr. Noe Mendez, Spanish Speaking Ministry
Mr. Eugene Meyer, Church Organist
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