

THE WORD FROM TWO SAINTS

The Church of St. Luke & St. Simon Cyrene
A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester

January 2007
A House of Prayer for All People

A Month of Great Celebration!

January 7: Epiphany Sunday



8 am Eucharist, 9:05 am Bible Study
& 9:45 am Sunday School per usual

**10 am Sung Eucharist
of the Great Epiphany**

*with all Three Great Epiphany Gospels:
the Visit of the Magi; the Baptism of Jesus
& the Miracle of Cana*

**11:30 am Pot-luck Brunch
& Epiphany Games**

January 21: Bishop's Visitation
Kick-off to Celebrate 190 Years!



9 am Parish Breakfast

10 am Sung Eucharist

With Confirmation, Reception & Reaffirmation

11:30 am Forum with Bishop McKelvey

January 14: Martin Luther King, Jr.



"Darkness cannot drive
out darkness; only
light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate;
only love can do that."

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

9:05am Bible Study
& 9:45 am Sunday School per usual

8 am Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist

*With a reading from Dr. King
& Music from Lift Every Voice & Sing II*

January 28: Annual Meeting

**The Annual Meeting
of the
Church of St. Luke & St. Simon Cyrene
Rochester, New York**



10 am

Call to Order, Nominations &
Opening of the Ballot Box

Sung Eucharist

Reports from 2006

Vision for 2007

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FORMATION NEWS

PUBLIC POLICY WINTER FORUMS 2007

By Marilyn Wienk

January 14—Our own **Robert Seidel** will provide an update on the status of the **Monroe County Re-Entry Program** for people recently released from jails or prisons, and inform us about what we can do to advocate for this program. Come hear about how creating a successful re-entry system in Monroe County would offer better prospects for people as they attempt to re-enter society, as well as reduce recidivism.

February 11—This is the Third Annual **Public Policy Sunday** for both the Episcopal and Roman Catholic Rochester Dioceses. The shared theme this year, *Our Children: Poverty or Peace?*, focuses on how skewed budget priorities at all levels of government are placing our children at risk. **Peter Mott, M.D.** will present information from his new book, **Cancer in the Body Politic: Diagnosis and Prescription for an America in Decline**, and help us examine current foreign and domestic policies that adversely affect children at home and abroad. You will have the opportunity to purchase his book for \$10, at the forum, or you can order to receive a copy ahead at www.admin.epica.org. Dr. Mott is a member of Downtown United Presbyterian Church (DUPC).

SUNDAY BIBLE WORKBENCH

Adult Bible study meets every Sunday (except All Church Sundays) at 9:05 am in the chapel. We are using the Bible Workbench curriculum. No preparation is required, but you are welcome to read the lesson in advance if you wish. The schedule for January is:

Jan. 7 – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Jan. 14 – John 2:1-11

Jan. 21 – No Session (All Church Sunday)

Jan. 28 – Jeremiah 1:4-10

Feb. 4 – Luke 5:1-11

AN EPIPHANY SERIES: REACHING OUT IN THE SPIRIT

January 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6; Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm

On five Tuesdays in the Season after Epiphany we will take a look at spiritual practices, our own and four others (Native American, Celtic, Quaker and Buddhist spiritualities). Presenters discussing the other traditions will present basic principals and practices in that tradition, and then discuss how these have informed their

lives as Christians. It is a great opportunity to learn and reflect on ways to broaden your own life in Christ.

FINDING GOD IN ALL THINGS IGNATIAN PRAYER – SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

Pamela Keyes will lead the group and invite participants into a deeper prayer life. **February 1, 15, and March 1, 2007.** Additional information/registration forms are available through Donna Jordan at (585) 546-2162, donna@rochester.rr.com, or www.rochesterepiscopaldiocese.org/leadings.html.

A LENTEN READING GROUP: MONEY, ECONOMICS AND JUSTICE

February 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3: Tuesdays from 5:30-7 pm

Our study will be guided by the book *Simpler Living, Compassionate Life*, a book of essays by modern spiritual leaders. We will begin by looking at our own stories and our relationship with money. The five remaining sessions will include Eco-justice and Money, The Place of Money in Modern Life, The Great Economy, Lifestyles & Global Economics, and the Broader Implications of our Everyday Food Choices. Our national church made a commitment to the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) at the General Convention in June. This is an opportunity to begin a personal conversation about some of the economic choices integral to the achievement of these goals.

ROCK THE CHURCH AGAIN!

We made our first venture to Rock the Church at St. Mathias' Church, East Rochester in December. At least twenty youth from the diocese attended. Many played pool some for the first time, others bowled and danced with Mario on Nintendo Wii. Food flowed all evening. Want a teen review of the event? Talk to Nicole Whitaker. Dawn Moore and Mary Ann Brody are ready for the next venture on January 19th. We will meet at Two Saints at 6:30 pm and return by 9:20 pm. Need a ride? Let Mary Ann or Dawn know so that we can arrange carpooling. Permission slips are required. They are available on the bulletin boards at church or from Mary Ann.

THANKS FOR THE GIFTS!

Christmas gifts and money for gift cards that members of the parish donated were gratefully received by eight families. Thanks to Carol Dundas and Michael Laver who helped with wrapping and Gabby, Daniel and David (Irene Marrero's grand-children) and Hannah Ramsay who decorated cards.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

PRISON & REENTRY MINISTRY

By Rochelle Coley and Bob Seidel

Incarceration and reentry into community from jails and prisons is an overwhelming issue for families who know about this first hand. The experience is both alienating and devastating. For society outside the circle, however, incarceration and reentry are largely unspoken issues.

Two Saints people know more because we have been talking and praying about them. Now we will establish a more formal ministry to do some work. We will call this our PR Ministry. If some think this means “public relations,” that’s o.k. because we want to shed the light of public discourse on incarceration and reentry to promote healing, understanding, and outreach.

When we say work, we are being mysterious. This is because we will start with one-on-one chats and gradually broaden the conversation. We will pray for those who are in prison, those struggling often against odds to succeed in their reentry, and their families and children. We expect to encounter pain among us ourselves and to meet this pain with compassion.

We will learn also what is happening in other parishes, like St. Thomas, and join them in activities. We will study progressive steps that are occurring in our metropolitan community to improve reentry, reduce recidivism and crime, and enhance quality of life.

You can initiate things yourself or you can wait for us to call you. Rochelle Coley (529-4321) and Bob Seidel (381-6049) will lead the Two Saints PR Ministry. Phone them if you wish. Together we will widen the PR circle of support and love.

RAIHN RETURNING JANUARY 28

The Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network returns to Two Saints for a week beginning Sunday, January 28. The usual crew of volunteers will be needed from our parish, as well as our partners Christ Church and Dignity-Integrity. Sylvia Kannapel is the meals coordinator, LeRoy Peasley coordinates overnights and Deacon John Burr coordinates evening and Saturday activities.

DIOCESAN NEWS

UPDATE FROM DAVID SMITH

Greetings, Two Saints! I want to take this opportunity to let you know what I have been up to the last few months as a Postulant for Holy Orders. I feel that it is important for you to know, as my home parish sponsoring me in the ordination process.

As you know, I spent the past summer in Delaware doing Clinical Pastoral Education as a hospital chaplain. This was a very exciting program that did a great deal to shape me and gave me the opportunity to develop skills in pastoral care. It was a profoundly moving experience to work so closely with those who were sick, dying or grieving.

When I got back to Rochester this fall, I registered for four classes at Bexley Hall and the Divinity School. I also began a Parish Internship at St. Luke’s Church in Fairport. These experiences have also been shaping me and providing me opportunities for more learning. My internship at St. Luke’s will continue through May, and in the next semester, I will have one more course to take.

My next big step is to take the General Ordination Exams between the semesters. It consists of seven written essay tests spread over four days—January 2, 3, 5 & 6. And also in January, I will be meeting with the Commission on Ministry and the Bishop to apply for moving from Postulant status to Candidate. During this time, I would appreciate your prayerful support. I am grateful for the relationship that I have with St. Luke & St. Simon Cyrene church. God has blessed me through you so very much.

NOMINATING & TRANSITION COMMITTEES FORMED

The process for electing the next Bishop of Rochester began at our Diocesan Convention in October when Bishop McKelvey called for the election of his successor, announcing his retirement at the time that person is consecrated or seated (currently scheduled for April 19, 2008). The first step in the process has been for the Standing Committee of the Diocese to choose two committees: one to search for candidates and make the nominations and the other to assist both the candidates and the newly elected bishop in the process.

Two Saints will be represented on both committees. The Rev. Michael Hopkins has been appointed to the Nominating Committee. He served in a similar capacity in the Diocese of Washington in 2001-2002. The Rev. Mary Ann Brody has been appointed to the Transition Committee. The election is currently scheduled for December 1, 2007.

VESTRY NEWS

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH LEADERS

By Madeline Gamble

The following have been nominated for positions within the parish. The elections will take place at the next Annual Meeting. All nominees are presently serving in the capacity they were nominated for and are up for re-election:

WARDEN—*Two-year term*

Bruce Colburn

Bruce is presently serving as Warden of our parish. He also is Delegate to Convention, Chairperson of the Stewardship Committee, and serves as a Sunday Ambassador and Reader. He recently completed a seven-year term as Warden of the Rochester District. He states he is thrilled to be a part of a parish community that sees such potential in what we are and in what we have yet to become.

VESTRY—*Three-year term*

Walter Kannapel

Walter is presently serving on the Vestry. He also serves as Co-Chairman of the Property Committee and is a member of the Men's Association. He would like to see enhanced youth programs and more outreach.

Lillian Marcus

In addition to serving on the Vestry, Lillian is a member of the Right On School Advisory Committee. She also serves as a Weekday Ambassadors. Lillian feels that it is vital that we continue to keep the doors open during the week. This is an important ministry for the future of our parish.

Dawn Moore

Presently serving on the Vestry, Dawn is also a member of the Altar Guild, Property Committee, Formation Team, and a Youth Volunteer. She hopes we continue to be involved in more outreach ministries and more activities with other congregations.

Geneva Robinson

In addition to serving on the Vestry, Geneva also sings in the Two Saints Choir. She likes the direction our church is going. She feels as it continues to grow, it would become a church of vast recognition in our community.

DELEGATE TO CONVENTION—*Three-year term*

Merle Anne Welsh

In addition to serving as Delegate to Convention, Merle serves as a Lector, is a member of the Drama Group, and serves on the Archive Team. She encourages more interactions between our parish and other parishes in the Diocese, particularly in the Rochester & Monroe Districts.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO CONVENTION—

One-year term

John Clinton Bradley

In addition to serving as Alternate Delegate, John serves as Team Coordinator for Website/Listserve Maintenance, Adult Bible Study, and Education for Ministry. At the Diocesan level, he currently serves on the Committee for Gay and Lesbian Ministry and the Leadings Advisory Group. He envisions a parish and diocese that is growing and becoming more deeply centered in God and more actively involved in meeting the needs of the world.

Allan Cuseo

Allan has been Chairperson of two Evangelism Committees, Co-chairperson of the Ambassadors ministry, and a member of the Christian Formation Committee. He is on the Vestry and currently serves as an Alternate Delegate. Allan is a Lector and trains others in this important ministry. He was on the Vision committee, has directed several of our dramas, and currently serves on the Welcoming and Inclusion Team. Dr. Cuseo is Secretary for the Council of the Mercy of God Community. His vocational name is Br. Donogh Allan. Allan wishes to see our parish claim its position as a leader in the Diocese and be all that God wishes it to be.

Sharon Nelson

Sharon currently serves as Clerk of the Vestry. In addition to serving as Alternate Delegate, she serves on the Right On School Advisory committee, Welcoming and Inclusion Team, Meal & More, and serves as a Sunday Ambassador. Sharon also volunteers in the Church office. She sees the parish going in a better direction than in the past. She also would like us to heed safety measures and make Tyler House more accessible.

Additional names may be added to the current slate at our Annual Meeting. In order to serve, a candidate must be at least 18 years of age, a member in good standing, and be a contributor of record. All nominees for Warden must also be confirmed. Before nominating anyone, please assure that that person has been contacted and is willing to serve in that capacity.

DECEMBER VESTRY MEETING

At the December meeting of the Vestry, the following actions were taken:

- Officially supported David Smith’s application to the Bishop for admittance as a Candidate for Ordination, and noted that both he and seminarian Bryan Bedell will be taking the General Ordination Exams on January 2, 3, 5 & 6.
- Adopted the 2007 Budget which will be presented at the Annual Meeting on January 28. The budget includes the commitment to bringing all staff salaries to the mid-point of the diocesan salary ranges for their positions. For the rector and assistant rector this will be a two year process to be completed with the 2008 budget.
- Continued work on a ten year plan to bring use of endowment funds for operating expenses to the level envisioned by our parish by-laws. This plan should be ready for presentation at the Annual Meeting.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

LEVAS II REPLACEMENT PROJECT COMPLETED

Sixty one copies of *Lift Every Voice & Sing II* have been replaced. Name plates will soon be added for the following memorial and thank offerings:

In memory of Marsha Ann Kenney by Jean Kenney.

In thanksgiving for Seth, Corey, Julian & Cayden by Merle Welsh.

In memory of Martha Gourdine, Marion Gourdine, Isaac Gourdine, Tommy Evans, and John Evans by Herman & Jennifer Gourdine

In celebration of Arlene Titus’ 90th birthday by J. Wright.

In memory of Michael E. Whitaker by Nicole Whitaker & Rochelle Coley.

In memory of Leland M. Whitaker by Nicole Whitaker & Rochelle Coley.

In memory of Nicky Harmon by Frank & Carter Williams.

In memory of Christine Gordon by her daughter Yvonne Jackson.

In memory of Rudy McClenney by the Rev. Michael W. Hopkins & John Clinton Bradley.

In thanksgiving for the ministry of The Rt. Rev. Jack and Mrs. Linda McKelvey by the Rev. Michael W. Hopkins & John Clinton Bradley.

In memory of Anthony Cuseo and Thelma O’Grady Cuseo by Dr. Allan O’Grady Cuseo.

In memory of Rudy McClenney by the McClenney family.

In memory of the Cleveland and Travick Families by Chris & Yvonne Cleveland.

In memory of Nicky Harmon by John Harmon.

In memory of Rebecca McCurdy by Dorothy Baker.

In memory of Glancy & Mathilde Stevenson by their daughter Madeline Gamble.

In thanksgiving for Armond, Aaron, and Jessica Kane by Mary Kane.

In memory of Thomas A. Miller by Janet Wallace.

In memory of Marjorie Nathan by Susan Wallace.

In memory of Muriel and David Dunham, Sr. by Bette Wallace.

In memory of Frances Moore and David Dunham, Jr. by Bette Wallace.

In thanksgiving for the Two Saints’ Choir by Burnetta McCullough.

In memory of Dorothy Helfert by Rudy & Betty Fleischacker.

In memory of Nicky Harmon by Thomas & Agnes Marshall.

In thanksgiving for Nancy & Hannah Ramsay by the Rev. Mary Ann Brody.

In memory of Oceia deGrecia Costich by James Costich.

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JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, January 1—Holy Name Day

10 am Eucharist

Saturday, January 6—The Epiphany

9:30 am Eucharist

Sunday, January 7—Epiphany 1

8 am Eucharist

9:45 am Sunday School

10 am Sung Eucharist of the Epiphany

11:30 am Epiphany Pot-luck & Games

Sunday, January 14—Epiphany 2

Martin Luther King, Jr.

8 am Eucharist

9:45 am Sunday School

10 am Sung Eucharist

Thursday, January 18—Confession of St. Peter

12:05 pm Eucharist

Sunday, January 21—Epiphany 3
Visitation of the Bishop of Rochester

8 am Eucharist

9 am Parish Breakfast

10 am Sung Eucharist

with Confirmation, Reception & the

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

11:30 am Forum with Bishop McKelvey

Thursday, January 25—Conversion of St. Paul

12:05 pm Eucharist

Sunday, January 28—Epiphany 4

Annual Meeting Sunday

8 am Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist & Annual Meeting

*Holy Eucharist every Tuesday & Thursday
at 12:05 pm in the Chapel*