

THE WORD FROM TWO SAINTS

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

January 2010
A House of Prayer for All People

From the Rector:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday **January 17**

Dear Saints,

Two individuals deserve some “front page press” this month.

The Rev. Mary Ann Brody ends her time as Assistant Rector on January 1, 2010. She will continue as priest-in-charge of St. Stephen’s (at an increased amount of time) and so through our Covenant relationship we will continue to see her and enjoy her ministry.

And enjoy her ministry we have! For four years she has made a major contribution to this parish, serving through thick and thin. I can testify that she has been an excellent colleague. I never once walked away from a time with her frustrated, confused or unhappy. Believe me, that is saying a great deal.

We are grateful that we were able to participate in the formation of this fine priest. She will be in our prayers as she continues her good work at St. Stephen’s.

Madeline Gamble retires as Warden this year after six years of service. Her tenure began near the end of the interim period and continued through the election of a new rector and the transition period that followed.

A word that comes to mind when thinking of Madeline is faithful. She is dedicated to serving God and her Church, and that dedication shows up in so many ways: besides at the Vestry table, in the kitchen for her special fundraising dinners, overseeing the Right On School (including volunteering herself for lunch duty), and the Altar serving as subdeacon, to name a few.

Thank you Madeline for your faithfulness!



Our annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration will be Sunday, January 17 at both Services. There will be special readings and music to mark this important day.

It’s an “All Church Sunday” so there is no Sunday School. Children participate in the Service at a higher level. There is also a Parish Breakfast at 9 am in the Parish Hall.

Announcement of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Church of St. Luke & St. Simon Cyrene (Episcopal) will be held **Sunday, January 24** at the Church of St. Luke & St. Simon Cyrene beginning at **10 am**.

The list of eligible voters has been posted in the Church and the Parish Hall. Please check it for accuracy and report any problems to the rector. The by-laws of the parish define a voting member as “*All members eighteen (18) years or more shall be qualified voters (voting members) at any annual election or special meeting, provided that for at least twelve months prior to any such annual election or special meeting they shall have been (1) regular attendants at worship of the parish and (2) contributors of record in support of the Parish.*”

This year’s Annual Meeting will elect a new Warden, several new Vestry members and a Convention Delegate.

Mission Statement

Together, as People of God, in companionship with Jesus, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called to be...

- A Healing Place for Souls...
- A School for Justice, and...
- A Welcome Table for All.

Diocese Practices Jubilee

Recognizing the difficult economic times we all face—including us as a parish—the Trustees of the Diocese have done an extraordinary thing. They have reduced the interest rate on all Diocesan loans to 2.5% and have forgiven a portion of each loan, the amount depending on the size of the loan.

Two Saints holds two loans from the Diocese. One is a smaller loan from repairs that were made to the kitchen in 2003. That loan was forgiven \$10,000. The other is our construction loan from the project we completed not long ago. We are paying this back from Capital Campaign contributions that continue. This loan was forgiven \$42,000. The latter was a real godsend since actual expenses for the project had come in a bit above capital campaign pledges.

Rector Celebrates 20th

Michael will celebrate the 20th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, January 10. He was ordained January 10, 1990 at St. James' Church, Washington, DC by the Rt. Rev. Ronald H. Haines, then the interim Bishop of Washington.

At the time he was serving as non-stipendiary Curate at St. James' Church while he was attending the Catholic University of America. In August 1990 he became the Vicar of St. George's Church, Glenn Dale, Maryland (still in the Diocese of Washington), where he was until he came to Two Saints.

January 10th this year also happens to be the Feast of the Baptism of Christ. There will be a baptism at the 10 am Service.

Celebrate the Epiphany!

The Epiphany comes at the end of the 12 Days of Christmas, January 6. On it we tell the story of the Wise Men's journey to Bethlehem and marvel with them at what they find there.

We will celebrate the Epiphany on Wednesday, January 6 at 6 pm with a short worship service followed by a pot luck supper and Epiphany games. All this will take place at St. Stephen's. (There is also a 12:05 pm Eucharist at Two Saints that day).

In the Eastern Church, Epiphany outranks Christmas as a day of celebration. Sometimes it is called "Orthodox Christmas." It is also an important day in many Hispanic cultures, where it is called "Three Kings Day."



Adult Class Coming: Money & Faith

On five Tuesday evenings in January and February (1/12, 1/19, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16) there will be an adult class reading and discussing the book, *Money & Faith*, edited by Michael Schut, held at Two Saints. This is the third in a series of books about living intentionally as part of a global community. Many of you have read and discussed the two earlier books, *Simpler Living*, *Compassionate Life & Food and Faith*.

Essays in this book prompt us to explore our relationship with money and to listen to our own story as we consider issues of happiness and trust, equity and ecology, scarcity and abundance. Sign up for books (\$20) in the back of the church. Classes run from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Drinks and dessert will be provided. You are invited to bring your own brown bag dinner! Discussion will begin

at 6:00 pm, so please arrive early if your dinner will take time to heat in the microwave.

Wednesday Bible Study

Just a reminder that our regular Bible study on Wednesday evenings will take a break during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day. Bible study will resume on Wednesday, January 13 at 6pm. If you haven't come before consider joining this committed group seeking to deepen their understanding and appreciation of scripture. If you're already coming, consider inviting a friend to come along. No experience necessary!

Sunday Supper Update

As of the end of November, 1,111 meals have been served at the St. Stephen's Sunday supper program. With two meals still to go in 2009, we have already seen a 24% increase over meals provided last year. 12% of our meals have served children in the neighborhood. Members of Two Saints have become regular volunteers for Sunday suppers. Their participation is greatly appreciated, and has enabled us to add a meal on the fifth Sunday of the month. Thanks to all who have donated time, food or personal care items for this program. Your contributions do not go unnoticed.

Robert Burns Supper

An annual celebration of the Scots, and the Scottish poet, Robert Burns, of course! This year we will gather on Saturday, January 30th beginning at 5:30 pm for appetizers. Soup starts at 6:00 pm. Come enjoy great food (including haggis) and great company! Dancing led by Tom Bohr will follow the meal. Then the pipes begin!! A donation is requested to cover the cost of the meats provided. Watch the weekly bulletin in January for details. Bring a side dish or appetizer to share! Reserve your place by calling or e-mailing David Morse (of St. Stephen's) at 328-8422 or dlmorse@rochester.rr.com.

Financial Pledge Report

As of December 15, 2009, 38 pledges had been received, a little more than half of the number expected based on the last few years. Of those 38, 26 (or 68%) were able to increase their pledge over last year.

The total pledged thus far is \$122,294, short of the Vestry's \$165,000 goal, but well on the way. Thus far the average pledge per week is \$61.89, up from \$42.91 in 2009.

Many thanks to all who have pledged!

Vestry Nominations for 2010 Annual Meeting

Warden: For a 2 year term – Rochelle Coley

Vestry: 4 positions for a 3 year term –

Cheryl Frank

Aaron Kane

Sharon Montoya

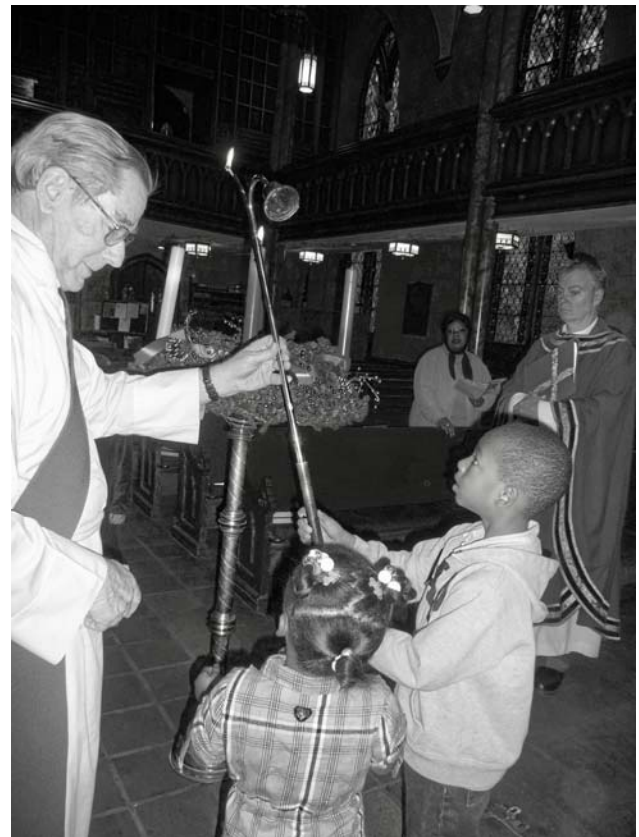
Mary Rogan

Delegate to Convention & District: For a 3 year term – Sharon Nelson

Alternate: For a 1 year term -

Allan Cuseo

Marilyn Wienk



Deacon Burr helps Amir & Jamaya light the Advent wreath while Father Michael and others look on.

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JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 3—2nd Sunday after Christmas

8 am Eucharist (TS)

10 am Sung Eucharist (TS)

10 am Eucharist with Music (SS)

5 pm Dignity-Integrity Eucharist (TS)

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10 am Eucharist with Music (SS)

5 pm Dignity-Integrity Eucharist (TS)

Wednesday, January 6—The Epiphany

12:05 pm Eucharist (TS)

6 pm Worship, Pot-luck Supper & Epiphany Games (SS)

Sunday, January 24—3rd Sunday after Epiphany

8 am Eucharist (TS)

10 am Sung Eucharist (TS)

10 am Eucharist with Music (SS)

5 pm Dignity-Integrity Meeting (TS)

Sunday, January 10—1st Sunday after Epiphany:

The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ

8 am Eucharist (TS)

10 am Sung Baptism & Eucharist (TS)

10 am Eucharist with Music (SS)

5 pm Dignity-Integrity Liturgy of the Word (TS)

Sunday, January 31—4th Sunday after Epiphany

8 am Eucharist (TS)

10 am Sung Eucharist (TS)

10 am Eucharist with Music (SS)

5 pm Dignity-Integrity Meeting (TS)

Sunday, January 17—2nd Sunday after Epiphany:

Martin Luther King, Jr./All Church Sunday

8 am Eucharist (TS)

Every Tuesday & Thursday

12:05 pm Eucharist in the Chapel

Including Jan. 19, the Confession of Peter &