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CATHEDRAL EPIPHANY BREAKFAST AND BABY SHOWER

for

Mother Kim Reinholz and Father Andrew Reinholz
who are expecting their first child in late January

Sunday – January 5th

Breakfast at 9:35 (*Provided by J2A Class*)

At 10:15, we will invite the Sunday School kids to join us and
crown the Three Kings.

***If you would like to bring a baby gift, the registry is at Babies R Us ***

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From the Dean's Desk...

The day I write this short reflection is the day of Nelson Mandela's public memorial celebration in Johannesburg, South Africa. My family has a dear dear friend named Roxy. Roxy is not so much a friend as she is now a member of our family. Roxy came to live with us when our children were quite small and I was working on Bishop Peter Lee's staff in the Diocese of Virginia. Roxy was 17 years old when she came to live with us as a young, vibrant, intelligent, loving, idealistic youth. Roxy was among us because she had come to learn about the diocese of Virginia's youth programs and particularly its extensive camp program. She herself has started a diocesan camp in her home diocese of Christ the King, South Africa. Roxy seamlessly enmeshed herself in our family as she loved us, loved and cared for our two young children, and shared her dreams as she discovered a slice of the Church in America.

I could not help but be mindful today of Roxy, A young white South African who had lived through one of the most incredible transitions of a modern society led by Nelson Mandela's courage and grace! Roxy embodied the spirit of hope and spoke so maturely about the racial and ethical reconciliation that her country was moving through. It seems so poignant to me that in this story of Mandela and the people of South Africa one can never underestimate the power of hope and forgiveness. One cannot count short the power point that meets in the very hard work to be on a path of reconciliation and the grace that is given that redefines everything! It is amazing to think, given the short time ago that Apartheid and its cruelties existed in South Africa, that peoples of so many races, cultures, languages, socio-economic realities might find in this man's life stance something that unifies and solidifies! Truth, Justice, Forgiveness, Reconciliation, HOPE! So tangibly powerful this day.

Roxy wrote in an email to me today the following words. I share them with you so they might help you feel the unity that I felt when I read them this morning.

"What an incredible day it was today. African belief is that rain is the heaven's gate opening up for an angel to return home and boy did it pour today in Joburg! I wish you could experience the energy, gratefulness and passion from every single South African across race, culture, and generation today. A clear demonstration that Mandela's struggle was not in vane. But what has been even more overwhelming is how the world has mourned and celebrated Mandela's life and death with us."

MOTHER KIM BABY UPDATE

Just a reminder Baby R is due on January 29, 2014, but we all know babies are born when God intends them to be. I plan on working until I go into labor, and then I will be on maternity leave for 12 weeks (or roughly Holy Week 2014). Many thanks to all the members of the Cathedral community who have stepped up with planning and leadership for the end of Epiphany and Lenten season so that we will have a wonderful winter together.

Andrew and I will certainly let you know all the vital information about God's newest Cathedral member when it becomes available. You can feel free to friend me on Facebook if you want to see pictures when the new addition is ready for a close up.

I will be back to worship, although I do not know how regularly, when the baby is ready to handle winter weather and being passed around and loved by the congregation. Please keep us (Mother Kim, Father Andrew and Baby Reinholz) in your prayers as we prepare for the miracle of birth, new life, and parenthood we truly appreciate all of your support.

A MESSAGE FROM MOTHER KIM

It's January, time to detox from the extravagances of Christmas and settle into the long Epiphany season which is our companion for this liturgical year. After the two months of commercialism, materialism, and over indulgence on sweets, drinks and rich food, many of us plan to make or have already made New Year's Resolutions. According to researchers at the University of Scranton only 8% of New Years Resolutions "stick" past the first month of the New Year. Psychologists, scientists and others weighed their two cents in on why these resolutions fail in a Forbes Magazine article printed here, last New Years Day. But I found myself wondering maybe we fail at keeping our resolutions, not because we don't want to keep them, because we aren't ready to keep them, or because we put too much pressure upon ourselves. In my wondering, I guess you could say, I had my own Epiphany (insert appropriate chuckle for a Church joke here).

What if this year I don't make a resolution? What if this year I try something new, I try something less self-centered, and more Christ-centered, like the Magi who approached the Christ-child from distant lands from different traditions? What if instead of giving up junk food, or taking on working out, or pampering myself once a month, or getting a make over, I look at my relationship with God and offer more of myself to Him? Do you think I would be more likely to succeed? Do you think I would be more likely to accomplish what the experts say the purpose of resolutions is- to make ourselves healthier and happier through tangible and reachable change? I think I would be more likely to, but I also think you would be more likely too as well because if we look at our entire life as a gift from God, and consider how we maintain that gift like we maintain our cars and homes and careers. We have rules for maintenance for all of these why not a rule of life ?

So this year, throw out your New Years Resolution, and join me in creating a New Years Rule of Life, following in the tradition established by St Benedict. The Benedictine monastic tradition is based in finding the Holy in Daily Life, it does not require a drastic change in your personal or family life. All that it requires is looking at what you already do and intentionally incorporating God into these daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual events. A great resource for establishing a Rule of Life is Steve Macchia's website. On the page you will find two worksheets to help you start crafting a rule of life and you can work on this as a family or an individual. If you would like a hard copy of these worksheets please see me before I leave on maternity leave.

There will be a number of opportunities to adjust and address concerns which come up with your Rule of Life through out the rest of 2014 as well. During Lent Mother Laura Howell, from Trinity Bethlehem on the North Side, will be joining us to discuss Benedictine Spirituality during our Lenten Adult Forum Series on Prayer. Again in May before we prepare for Summer I will be spending an adult forum talking about adjusting our practices to fit into our summer schedules. Although it sounds strict, a rule of life is really flexible and a great way to remind us that our lives are not ours alone but God's gift to each of us. Join me in resolving to adopt a rule of life this year!

Diamond, Dan. "Just 8% of People Achieve Their New Year's Resolutions. Here's How They Do It.", Forbes Magazine, 1 January 2013. <http://www.forbes.com/sites/dandiamond/2013/01/01/just-8-of-people-achieve-their-new-years-resolutions-heres-how-they-did-it/>

ACOLYTE TRAINING

There will be a **mandatory** training session for ALL Acolytes on Sunday January 19 immediately following the 11 A.M. service. All acolytes, torch bearers, crucifers and table servers are expected to attend the 11 A.M. service, and training will begin immediately afterwards. Lunch will be provided.

If you cannot make this training you must contact Mr. Arcario and Mo. Kim to make an alternative appointment for individual training. If you are interested in becoming an acolyte and you are in at least 2nd grade, but you haven't signed up please contact Mr. Arcario, the acolyte master, either at church on Sunday or email him at rarcario@hotmail.com.



JANUARY LECTIONARY

January 5

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23
or Luke 2:41-52
or Matthew 2:1-12
Psalm 84 or 84:1-8

January 6--The Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

January 12

Isaiah 42:1-9
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17
Psalm 29

January 19

Isaiah 49:1-7
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42
Psalm 40:1-12

January 26

Isaiah 9:1-4
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23
Psalm 27:1, 5-13



PARISH REGISTER



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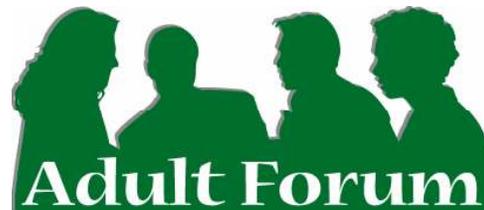
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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

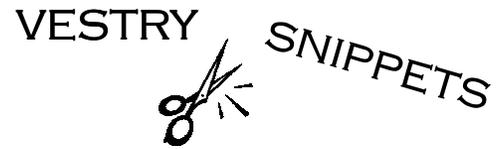
- January 5** Epiphany Breakfast / Crowning Kings Celebration
Epiphany 10:15 A.M.
February 2 Souper Bowl of Caring- Super Bowl Sunday
Big Game Party 5:00 P.M.

JANUARY FORUMS

- January 5** 9:30 A.M. Epiphany Breakfast & Congregational
Baby Shower for Mo. Kim 10:15 A.M. Crowning
Kings, the Magi Arrive in Sayre Hall
- January 12** 9:30 am Local Poet/Author Robert McMahon
Information about his book "Wandering
Thoughts" is found at
<https://www.createpace.com/3678685>
\$5.00 of the cost of the book purchased will be
donated to our Habitat for Humanity fundraising.
Books can be purchased either on the day of the
forum or purchased on line here with the
promotional code 9ZLGLGQL
- January 19** Professor Deborah Appler, Moravian
College "Civil Rights and Immigration - The
Beloved Community, The Bible and The Rev.
Dr. Martin Luther King "
- January 26** Professor Deborah Appler, Moravian College
"Civil Rights and Immigration" (continued)
- February 2** Rabbi Sholomo Ben Levy, Northampton
Community College "The Importance of the
Naming Tradition in the Judaism"



The Vestry met on Monday, December 16, 2013.



The Vestry needs your help; our pledge income is \$ 45,000.00 behind. Please make sure your pledges are up to date. We want to end the year with a balanced budget.

Richard Sause will be heading a task force to develop a long-range plan for our campus, which will address such issues as parking. If you would like to be a part of this task force please contact Richard Sause or the office.

On Sunday December 15, our clergy and others said goodbye to Bishop Paul at the Pro-Cathedral in Wilkes Berra. He ended his career at the same place where he began it. There was a beautiful service followed by a reception. Bishop Paul will begin his retirement on January 1, 2014. The Vestry joins the rest of the diocese in thanking him for his years of service and wishing him an enjoyable retirement.

Craig Thatcher and Nyke Van Wyke will be in concert at the Cathedral on December 22. The proceeds from the concert will be used in support of ministry with children and youth.

The Vestry will meet again on Monday, January 20, 2014 6:30pm.

Treasurer's Report As of November 30, 2013

<u>Income Summary</u>		<u>Disbursement Summary</u>	
Budgeted Pledge Income for Year	<u>\$ 496,000</u>		
Pledges Paid To Date	\$ 402,010	81%	General
Parishioner Non-Pledge Income	\$ 54,881		Worship
Open Offerings, Space Use, Other	\$ 20,814		Renewal
Investment Interest Income	\$ 23,666		Evangelism
Hurd Trust Distributions	\$ 99,326		
Desg Funds - Christian	\$ 20,500		
Grant - Third Millenium Fund	\$ 15,500		
Temp Transfers	<u>\$ 15,000</u>		
Total Income Received to Date	<u>\$ 651,697</u>	86%	Total Expenses to Date
			<u>\$ 655,460</u> 86%
Total Income Budget for Year	\$ 758,454		Total Expense Budget for Year
			\$ 758,454

WHAT IS A VESTRY AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

The Vestry is the elected group of church lay leaders who are to be “agents and legal representatives of the Parish in all matters concerning its property and the relations of the parish to its clergy”. (The National Episcopal Church Canons) Note: Canons are legal/organizational structures/directives for organization and administration of the Church.

The Canons of the Diocese of Bethlehem further direct the ministry of those serving on a vestry.

Section 1. The Vestry in every parish shall cooperate with the rector in promoting the spiritual welfare of the parish and shall aid the rector in the initiation, conduct and development of the program of the Church both within and without the parish.

Section 2. (a). The Vestry shall accept responsibility for the mission of the Church in the community, the diocese, the nation and the world; and shall be a means by which the General Church and the Diocese communicate with the parish.

Section 3. (a). The Vestry shall represent the parish in its relations with the rector.

Section 6. (a). The Vestry shall be the agents and legal representatives of the parish in all matters concerning its corporate property, subject to the Canons of the Church and the appropriate laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(b). The Vestry shall supervise the care and maintenance of the buildings, furnishings and other properties of the parish, providing adequate insurance thereon.

(c). The Vestry shall be responsible for the proper care of the finances of the parish, including any trust funds, subject to the Canons of the Church and the appropriate laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In general, the vestry is an elected group of faithful people who join the Rector (and other clergy and staff) in the mutual support of the mission of the Church. The vestry are prayerful people who as a body give leadership by ensuring the care of the property so critical to our mission and ministries, ensuring the good stewardship of the parish financial resources so critical for the implementation of our mission, and joining with the Rector the support of the spiritual life of the congregation.

Each month we will take a moment to introduce you to a vestry member and list all who serve on the vestry. Please keep them in your prayers and if you would like to contact any of them with questions about the mission of our congregation or the stewardship of our resources please do so.

SAVE THE DATE
J2A PILGRIMAGE
MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT
SUPERBOWL CHILI COOKOFF
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2014

THE LEGEND OF THE SHEPHERD BOY AND THE WREATH

A poor shepherd boy had no gift to give the Holy Child, so he made a tiny crown of leaves from a holly bush.

Compared to the expensive gifts that others had given, the crown seemed of very little value. So the shepherd boy began to cry as he presented in.

But when the Babe touched the holly crown with His tiny had, the leaves suddenly gleamed and the teardrops turned to scarlet berries.

So through the centuries, the holly wreath became a traditional Christmas decoration, reminding us of the miracle of Christ's birth.

-As told on a greeting card, submitted by a Nativity parish member



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