



*Diocese of the Holy Trinity and Great  
Plains*

*Newsletter*

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***From the Bishop...***

Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

With profound gratitude to God, and to you, my flock, I write this first letter as your bishop. My sentiments of gratitude go to our Bishop Emeritus, Rt. Rev. James McNeley, for his hard work in caring for the flock in the Diocese of Holy Trinity and Great Plains. Our appreciation goes also to his beloved spouse, Ms. Madelyn McNeley, for her meticulous service to the diocese and to all the Diocesan officers, especially to Lynn Baxter.

My appreciation and thanks to your loving presence and representation at the Synod in Wichita, Kansas, and especially at my enthronement. When Anglicanism itself is at crossroads today, we are called to be faithful in the Anglican way as it has been the via media, embracing both ends of the spectrum, the evangelical Protestantism and the Roman Catholicism. Our diocese and province will continue to serve the Lord and His kingdom. It was John the Baptist in prison who sent his emissaries to Jesus asking *“Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? 4Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: 5The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them”.*(Matthew 11:3-5) That is the sign of God’s Kingdom.

The sign and presence of God’s kingdom is when everyone in our congregation is cared for spiritually: the sick are visited and administered sacraments, the flock is taken care of: *“Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. 4Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you”.* (Isaiah 35:3ff). God bless all our clergy for taking care of our flock after the heart of the Good Shepherd. When the Lord comes, may we be found worthy; may we be found still serving.

Beautiful things have happened. St. Joseph’s in Wichita, Kansas has its own place of worship thanks to Fr. Beaver and Dn. Arnie Wood. How marvelous this is! St. Peter’s in Albuquerque has a new Rector, Fr. Scott Lay. Their long, patient waiting has been finally rewarded with a wonderful priest. St. Gabriel’s (Arkansas) has been blessed with Fr. Don

Pendergraft as their Rector and Fr. John Slavin, their curate. Fr. Rafael Carbajal has been faithfully serving the Spanish congregation of St. Gabriel's. Bp. Kinner has been relentlessly serving the flock, including the American Indian people, in Wyoming together with Fr. Crawshaw and Dn. Jimmy Dean. Fr. Lawrence Kern at St. Gabriel's, Greeley, CO has been reaching out to the Hispanic congregation. We have postulants who are studying for Holy Orders, and I'm glad to serve you as your shepherd. The people of St. James have weathered a storm and had their bishops' full support when they needed to defend the faithful of St. James. All Saints, Pittsburg, KS has Fr. Jon Hunter faithfully serving as Rector and extending his service to the Cornerstone Chapel in Pittsburg. Fr. Paul Trentham has been his assisting priest. The church is young and alive. This summer brought two youth camps; one in Wyoming and another at Hillspeak, Eureka Springs. There are young and new altar servers. Above all, there is joy and peace in all our congregations! You are the wonderful people who are the body of Christ. This diocesan newsletter, Koinonia, and the website are to be commended. God bless all of those who are responsible. We do hope and pray that St. John's, Lander, and St. Andrews, Montana, will have their own pastors soon!

Together with you, we will march forward in serving the Lord. We have plenty of work to accomplish for the Lord. There is still hope in Anglicanism. We, as a diocese and province, are still growing. As long we do what is right in the sight of the Lord, we will see His blessings *"25And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them, 26And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee". (Exodus 15:25 ff)*

We have only one person to be accountable to and that is our Lord and Master. We have missions to be opened and people to be nourished with His Word and Sacraments through our Anglican Tradition. Keep up your good work! Let's never forget our identity as in Transfiguration, of who we are and whose will we serve.

To the greater glory of God and in His service,

+ Leo Michael

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### ***Special Message:***

We, Bishop McNeley and Madelyn, would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts, and best wishes for Bishop McNeley's retirement. We are so very blessed to have so many good friends and truly appreciate each and every one. We hope that with more time on our hands we will be able to visit our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and as many of you as we can. Words cannot express our love and thanks for all of you!

## *Parish News...*

### **Pro-Cathedral of the Incarnation, Quakertown, PA**

On Sunday, July 20, at the Pro-Cathedral of the Incarnation, Quakertown, PA, Matushka Erminia hosted a birthday luncheon to celebrate the birthday of the Metropolitan, The Most Rev. Thomas J. Kleppinger. The parish family presented the bishop with a love-offering of a purse. The Rt. Rev. A. David Seeland, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Pacific and Southwest, was present for the occasion. Bishop Seeland has been named an Assistant Bishop of The Diocese of the Resurrection upon his retirement as Bishop Ordinary in September.

Matushka Erminia Kleppinger continues on with Hospice Care. Please keep her in your prayers.

The Rt. Rev. Henry J. King, Suffragan Bishop of The Diocese of the Pacific and Southwest will be enthroned as the Bishop Ordinary at Saint Ignatius Church, Riverside, CA, on Saturday, September 20, at 10:00 A.M. During the same Divine Liturgy, Father Anthony F. Rasch will be consecrated as Bishop Coadjutor of the diocese.

The College of Bishops will meet on Friday, September 19, at St. Ignatius church.

### **St. Gabriel, Greeley, CO**

St. Gabriel's had the privilege of meeting Bishop Leo Michael during a visit in May, just before the Synod. The parish hosted a potluck brunch after the Mass. During this time they had the opportunity to say their goodbyes to Bishop and Madelyn McNeley as well. The visit was very nice.

The congregation had a great time celebrating Independence Day. St. Gabriel's sits right on the parade route giving all a good view of the floats and horses. This annual tradition was followed by another tradition – the annual parish picnic.



File photo: St. Gabriel's HCC/AR

Bob Rowe celebrated his birthday with his wife, DeAnn, while vacationing in Michigan.

The parish would like to extend a public "thank you" to Virginia Winters for her dedication in serving. Virginia has served as the Clerk of the Vestry for the last ten years.



L to R: Gary & Cathy, Virginia, Fr. Lynn, Lois, Joanne, Patricia, and Vaughn

### **St. James, Kansas City, MO**

Bp. Leo Michael has accepted the call to be the new Rector at St. James. He and Holly are hard at work cleaning and organizing the library and office spaces. They have installed a new laminate floor in the offices which is a

great improvement over the old carpeting.

Also, St. James has purchased a new Rectory. Bishop Michael and Holly have moved in and made it look quite homey. It is located just 1.5 miles from St. James and will be a great help in continuing the work of the Church.



New Rectory for St. James

### **St. Andrew, Helena, MT**



Bishop Kinner and Priscilla visited St. Andrew's on June 25. Bishop Kinner celebrated Mass for the members there. (Notice the American Indian designs on the bishop's clerics.)

### **Church of the Holy Family, Casper, WY**

Holy Family hosted the annual youth camp in July. The location this year was Thermopolis, WY. The campers spent time white water rafting,

camping, touring St. Stephen's, working on crafts, attending Mass at Church of the Morning Star on the Wind River Reservation, and much, much more.



Holy Family Youth Camp 2008 - white water raft trip in the Wind River Canyon of Wyoming.



Campers attend the Holy Eucharist in the Church of the Morning Star, Wind River Indian Reservation.

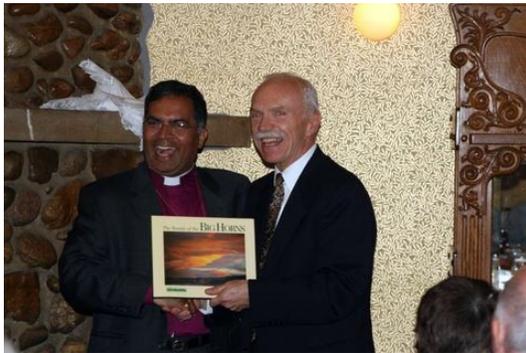


St. Stephen's Mission Church at Arapahoe, Wyoming, is a Jesuit Roman Catholic Church. The Native American symbolism illustrates the Catholic Faith.

## Holy Trinity, Sheridan, WY

Father Stuart Crawshaw has been working on a parish webpage, which is nearly complete, and it can be viewed at <http://holytrinitysheridan.org>. More photos are being added to it, and it will undergo some more modifications as it develops. But it is ready to be made public.

Don and Helen Hoffman, members of the congregation in Helena, Montana, have been occasional visitors for Sunday Mass at Holy Trinity during trips through Sheridan. It was Fr. Crawshaw's pleasure to officiate at their wedding in Sheridan in 2003.



Above, senior warden, Mark Kinner presented, on behalf of the parish, to Bishop Leo, a book of photos of the West. This was during a parish dinner given for Bishops McNeley, Michael, and Kinner, as part of their Sheridan visit.

### *From Fr. Crawshaw:*

Fr. Peter Tomkins, a retired ACA priest, came to Sheridan some years ago and was a member of this parish. He moved back east to New Jersey last month. His wife died a couple of years ago, and his health has been failing ever since. While he was able, he was a great help to me, and a good friend. He is

pictured in the photo with the rose chasuble he donated to the parish two years ago.



## St. Peter, Albuquerque, NM

From Annette Lay:

All is going great here. Father Scott and family are adjusting to the beautiful city and wonderful new parish. Father Scott is at the church daily, and he is able to do his secular job there as well.

We had a loss of a very dear friend and respected vestry member, Mary Raim. She passed away Saturday August 9, around 3:15 in the afternoon. Her memorial will be on Wednesday August 20, 2008.

We are having a parish work day the second Saturday every month. The women work inside the church and the men work cleaning up the outside of the church. The men painted the exterior of the narthex. They also hauled rock and made a drainage ditch.

The Alter Guild is also meeting the second Saturday of the month. Ms. Ruby Ellen Smith taught the ladies how

to iron linens. We also went over the propers of dressing the altar. We now have 8 altar guild members. Father Scott installed us into the guild during church service.

Dan Rosado donated 650 cases of soft drinks to the local food bank in St. Peter's name. Way to go Dan!!!

We will be having a pot luck lunch the fifth Sunday of the month. It is a fabulous time for all of us to get to know one another.

\*\*God bless you all. St. Peter's Parish

## **St. Joseph of Glastonbury, Wichita, KS**

As reported in the last issue of the newsletter, St. Joseph's now has its own building. The outside still looks like this (see photo) – train on the street-side. But, we thought a sanctuary would be the best use of funds and time for beginning the work, and that's where we started.



This building was used as a daycare center by our neighbor, a Methodist church. As you can see in the second photo (upper right), there was a half-wall and many daycare toys and other items still in the building when we took possession. Actually, there was also a half wall on the south side of the building. The first order of business was to remove both of those walls and find new homes for all the items left behind.



Because the walls were “temporary” structures, they came out pretty quickly. With those gone, Deacon Arnie and his “crew” – Fr. Beaver, Richard Caldwell (Jr. Warden), Julio Jiminez, and Jason Hancock - went to work on a new wall that separates the north end of the building from the restrooms and kitchen area.



Deacon Arnie Wood hard at work.

Next came the building of a platform that would eventually hold the altar. Painting would wait until the wall was complete. Marilyn Beaver and

Armen Gazaway took charge of coordinating paint colors and flooring.



The closing was on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June and by the first Mass in our new digs on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July (below), we had a pleasant beginning to a new sanctuary! (Postscript: The waves are now gone!)



Many other parish members have contributed to the process in a variety of ways, from pictures for the bathroom walls to new chairs and tables for the fellowship space to an extra rack for vestments to flatware for the kitchen. Lots of cleaning takes place before Sunday services. Every little thing is a big, big help and greatly appreciated!

As this newsletter goes to the printer, we are happy to say the pews are in! Gail Falls has spent days scrubbing them clean. Thanks to Dixie Caster, we have had those in storage for a few years just waiting for this moment!

## St. Gabriel, Springdale, AR

From Fr. Don:

Sunday August 10, 2008, was a very big day in the life of St. Gabriel's Anglican Church. Coming off a busy and fruitful week at *Hillspeak* in Eureka Springs for the Anglican Youth Camp, Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> first saw the installation of a new Rector, the Rev. Don Pendergraft. Fr. Don is a former United States Marine and a graduate of both the University of Oklahoma and Dallas Theological Seminary where he earned his Masters degree. He and his wife of 17 years, Mary, have four children. Fr. Don previously served as the Curate of St. Gabriel's. Fr. Don also serves as the Webmaster for St. Gabriel's site ([www.stgabrielsanglican.org](http://www.stgabrielsanglican.org)) as well as the new provincial website ([www.holy catholicanglican.org](http://www.holy catholicanglican.org)). Fr. Don also serves on the Diocesan level on the Bishop's Council of Advice as well as the House of Clergy.

His Curate, Fr. John Slavin, formerly was an Assisting Priest at St. Gabriel's. Fr. Slavin and his wife Pam have 2 children. Fr. John earned a PhD from Canterbury University, (Christchurch, New Zealand).



Fr. Don Pendergraft, Rector, Fr. John Slavin, Curate, Rt. Rev. Leo J. Michael, Bishop Ordinary

After the installation of the new Rector, there was the administration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism to two children: Joshua Ross Packwood and Anna Belle Packwood. The proud parents of “J. Ross” and Anna Belle are Mr. Joshua “Josh” Packwood and Mrs. Kerri Packwood. The Godparents were Mr. Phil Gilbreath of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and Michael and Jana Funderburk of Dallas, Texas.



Mrs. Kerri Packwood holding Joshua Ross Packwood as Bp. Michael administers the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.



Mr. Joshua Packwood holds Anna Belle Packwood as Bp. Michael administers the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.



The Rt. Rev. Leo J. Michael presents to the two newest members of the church to the parish.



We look forward to a bright and prosperous future for St. Gabriel's and for every parish in this great Diocese of ours. Thanks be to God!

## ***Other Items of Anglican Interest...***

From Vickie Scrapper...

Although the season is not Lent, I stumbled onto something quite interesting. I thought it was worth sharing with all of you.

During the Lenten season, it is our custom to fill and collect the “mite boxes” with the donation going to a specific charitable cause. Historically, there was no coin called a “mite” in Biblical times. The coin of smallest value was actually called a Lepton, minted by Alexander Jannaeus, King of Judaea, 103 - 76 B.C. The term “mite,” or “mijt,” was used to indicate the value, or lack thereof, during the time of the King James translations. The coins were made of bronze or, more commonly, copper.

(Sources include Wikipedia and personal interviews; customer’s name intentionally withheld.)

Now consider the story from Mark 12: 41 – 44:

*And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury; and many that were rich cast in much.*

*And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.*

*And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury;*

*For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.*

Over 2000 years later, mites can be purchased by the bag-full by tourists in Jerusalem. The coins have been excavated from places unknown in the area. They are of varying sizes and conditions and irregular shapes, and are popular souvenirs for Christians. Even the designs stamped onto the coins vary somewhat.



My sister, Terrie Cross, works for a Wichita company that makes trophies and awards, among other items. They specialize in embedding objects into clear acrylic.



One of Terrie’s most recent projects was commissioned by a woman for a Roman Catholic Diocese on the East coast who wanted to use these embedded coins as “thank you” tokens for the youth leaders. My sister was so excited to work on this project and to

handle these small coins. Her comments were, “Just think. There is an ever-so-slight chance that Our Lord, Jesus, could have looked upon or touched one of these! It takes my breath away!”



Terrie Cross holding several widow's mites.



Test product. The finished item will include a prayer on one side, the coin on the other.

*Note –*  
*New Provincial Website*  
[www.holycatholicanglican.org](http://www.holycatholicanglican.org)

### ***Bob Green Memorial Scholarship Fund***

Once again, I would like to ask all of you to consider contributing to the Bob Green Memorial Scholarship Fund. Any and all donations are welcome. Please send all contributions to our treasurer, Lynn Baxter, 2415 Applegrove St. NE, Canton, OH, 44721. Checks should be made payable to the diocese.

Also keep in mind that the fund is available to any student who wishes to apply for assistance. Please contact me, Vickie Scrapper, 4480 S. Meridian #233, Wichita, KS, 67217; email: [sfprod2001@yahoo.com](mailto:sfprod2001@yahoo.com).

The intention of the fund, for now, is to provide some “extra cash” to students for unforeseen expenses such as utility deposits, paper & pencil, initial purchase of food for the dorm room or apartment, and other small expenditures that tend to add up quickly. To apply, send name, address, phone number, and school you plan to attend. We would also like to know the declared major and church home. Money will be distributed based on the number of applicants in a semester, the amount of money available, and proof of enrollment. Membership in an Anglican church is ***not*** a requirement.

**\*\*The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter is **Nov. 1**. PLEASE send me your information, comments, book reviews, stories, & ideas. Send to Vickie Scrapper, 4480 S. Meridian #233, Wichita, KS, 67217, or email to [sfprod2001@yahoo.com](mailto:sfprod2001@yahoo.com). Thanks!**