

Saint Clement's Episcopal Church

January 2012 Newsletter



Rector's Letter

My dear People,

First, may I wish you all a very happy New Year. It is traditionally a time to make Resolutions, and my resolution is that I will do all in my power to help St Clement's grow and flourish in 2012.

Of course, I cannot do this alone: it requires every member of our congregation to work for the life and mission of our church. Nevertheless, the Rector is charged by the Bishop with the leadership of the parish, and there are things which only a priest can do, such as say Mass and hear confessions. This is why St Clement's and Catholic churches like St Clement's have always valued and respected their priests.

I am therefore so happy to tell you that, after a long search, we will have a new Curate from the beginning of February. Ethan Jewett, a seminarian of the Diocese of Chicago, will be ordained Deacon in St James's Cathedral, Chicago, on February 4 and will be moving to Philadelphia on February 6. Many of you have already met Ethan and will realize, as I do, that in him we will have a worthy successor to the many curates who have served a part of their ministry in St Clement's.

Our recent special Congregational meeting caused me to update the members of the Corporation of St Clement's, which is those members who (by virtue of their regular attendance and support for St Clement's in two successive years) have the right to vote at a Congregational meeting. It also made me look back on the lists of members since I became Rector in 2004. It was sad to see the names of those who have died in the last eight years, and also those who have left us either to join another Church or to live in another place. We miss them. But I am also glad to say that our 2011 list is longer than our 2004 list or any year in between.

So we are growing, and much of our growth is among younger people. I belong to a Facebook group called "Young People like Traditional Liturgy", and that certainly seems true here in St Clement's. As well as this, Center City is becoming a place where many people who once moved to the suburbs have returned. And there are many young professionals who live around us, most of whom are unchurched.

As Our Lord said "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few" and he added "Pray ye, therefore that the Lord would

send forth labourers into his harvest". That is the job of every Bishop, Priest and Deacon, but not just of the clergy – every member of the Body of Christ is to bring in the harvest. That means you who are reading this letter. Together we can work to make my New Year's resolution come true – that in 2012, St Clement's will continue to grow and expand.

But a word of caution. We can grow in numbers, and that is essential. But we must also grow in the Faith. In other words: it is little good if we expand numerically, unless we also deepen our faith and knowledge of Our Lord and his



Harvesters Resting, after Millet

Gospel, and live it out in the community where God has called us. We need:

- More members, young, middle aged and old.
- More classes, discussions, courses, and study groups.
- More practical services for the sick, the poor and the needy.

But, as your pastor, I believe that none of these good things will happen unless we make the Mass the center of our lives. Most of you come to Mass each Sunday and Feast Day, but do you try to bring anyone with you to experience the wonder of our beautiful High Mass? How many of you come to any of the weekday Masses? I know this is impossible for those of you who live far from the church, and some of you drive long distances to get to Mass here. But I wish more of you would request a Mass for a sick friend or relation – and then come to the Mass! Or for a birthday, or an anniversary, a bereavement or a special thanksgiving (a new job, a new baby, a new vision of the

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Kalendar January 2012

1	Su	CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS	Blessing on the New Year
2	M	Holy Name of Jesus (Octave Day of St Stephen, Martyr)	Those persecuted for the Faith
3	Tu	Octave Day of St John the Evangelist	Those who teach the Faith
4	W	Octave Day of the Holy Innocents (Monthly Requiem)	The January Chantry List of the Departed
5	Th	Vigil of the Epiphany (St Telesphorus, Pope & Martyr)	Missionaries
6	F	EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD	St Luke's & The Epiphany
7	Sa	Of the Epiphany	St Mary's Food Kitchen
8	Su	THE HOLY FAMILY - EPIPHANY I	The Parish
9	M	Of the Epiphany	The Sick & Housebound
10	Tu	Of the Epiphany	Peace in the Holy Land
11	W	Of the Epiphany (St Hyginus, Pope & Martyr)	Pope Benedict XVI
12	Th	Of the Epiphany	Guild of All Souls
13	F	St Lucy, VM,	Eye Doctors
14	Sa	Octave Day of the Epiphany	The Churches of the East
15	Su	EPIPHANY II (St Paul, the First Hermit)	The Parish
16	M	St Marcellus, Pope & Martyr	Servers & Acolytes
17	Tu	St Anthony, Abbot	Vocations to the Religious Life
18	W	St Peter's Chair at Rome (St Prisca, Virgin & Martyr)	Unity in the Church
19	Th	St Wulfstan, Bishop & Confessor (St Marius & Companions, Martyrs; St Canute, King & Martyr)	The Archbishop of Canterbury
20	F	Saints Fabian, Pope, & Sebastian, Martyrs	The Orthodox Churches
21	Sa	St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	The Protestant Churches
22	Su	EPIPHANY III (Saints Vincent & Anastasius, Martyrs)	The Parish
23	M	St Raymond of Pennafort, Confessor (St Emerentiana, Virgin & Martyr)	The Church in Spain
24	Tu	St Timothy, Bishop & Martyr	St Timothy's, Roxborough
25	W	CONVERSION OF ST PAUL.	St Paul's, K St, D.C.
26	Th	St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr	The Churches in Turkey
27	F	St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	The Ecumenical Patriarch
28	Sa	St Peter Nolasco, Confessor (St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr)	Society of King Charles the Martyr
29	Su	EPIPHANY IV (St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)	The Parish Church Schools & Teachers
30	M	King Charles the Martyr (St Martina, Virgin & Martyr)	The Church of England
31	Tu	St John Bosco, Confessor	Mission in the Church

King Charles the Martyr

THE Shrine of King Charles the Martyr, which used to stand at the back of the south aisle of the Church, has now been completely restored, and will be re-erected in St Clement's on Saturday, Jan. 28, close to St Charles's feast day on January 30. The Shrine will be in the St John's Chapel, a space more suited to the size of the statue, which was carved in Norfolk, England by the famous sculptor Anton Wagner.

The Mass and Rededication of the Shrine will be Sat., Jan. 28 at 11 a.m., followed by a reception. Members of the Society of King Charles the Martyr and the Royal Martyr Church Union are especially welcome.

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glory of God) and then come to the Mass! I'm happy to celebrate such Masses at any time that suits you and those you bring with you.

When the bells ring out for the start of 2012, may Our Lady of Clemency, St Clement, St Catharine and all the saints join in a prayer for our church which it would be good to repeat throughout the year. For this purpose, I will include it in the daily Novena to Our Lady of Clemency:

"O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably upon thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery: and by the tranquil operation of thy perpetual providence, carry out the work of man's salvation. And let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and all things are returning to perfection, through Him from whom they took their origin, even our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen."

I wrote this collect down off-by-heart, and I would recommend it to you. If we all said it daily in 2012, I think it would have an amazing effect.

God bless you all in the coming year.



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CHORAL AND ORGAN MUSIC SCHEDULE JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 11AM CIRCUMCISION

Missa Caça, *Cristobal Morales*
Mirabile Mysterium, *Pietro Vinci*
Choral Varié, *Maurice Duruflé*
No. 6, from Little Preludes & Intermezzos,
Hermann Schroeder

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 7 PM EPIPHANY

Missa 'Hodie Christus Natus Est', *G. P. da Palestrina*
Omnes de Saba, *Orlandus Lassus*
Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany, *Maurice Duruflé*
Fugue on the Hour Chime at Soisson Cathedral, *Duruflé*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 11 AM HOLY FAMILY

Messe in G Major, opus 151, *Josef Rheinberger*
The Birds, *Richard Shephard*
Andante, from Symphony II, *Charles-Marie Widor*
Allegro, from Symphony VI, *Widor*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 11 AM EPIPHANY II

Missa 'Vinum Bonum', *Orlandus Lassus*
Tribus Miraculis Ornatum Diem, *Luca Marenzio*
Sicilienne, *Louis Vierne*
Fantaisie sur un theme norvégien, *Jean Langlais*

SUNDAY JANUARY 22, 11 AM EPIPHANY III

Missa 'Ich Stund an einem morgen', *Jacob Handl*
Dextera Domini, *Orlandus Lassus*
Aria, *Jehan Alain*
Allegro, *Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 11 AM EPIPHANY IV

Mass for Five Voices, *William Byrd*
Amor Jesu dulcissime, *Giovanni Nanino*
Cantilena, *Josef Rheinberger*
Epigram No. 5, *Zoltan Kodály*

News & Notes

Epiphany

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord this year is on Fri., Jan. 6, 2012. The Rector will be hosting an Open House in the Rectory after the 7:00 pm Procession and Sung Mass. All are welcome.

Annual Vestry Election &

Meeting of the Members of St. Clement's

Sun., March 4, 2012. Voting for one third of the Vestry takes place during the Annual Meeting, which immediately follows the 11:00 am Mass. The polls will also be open briefly following the 8:00 am Mass to accommodate those who attend the early Service. Please plan to attend and cast your vote for the Vestry.

St. Clement's worldwide

While St. Clement's is growing week by week with new visitors and many former members returning to worship, our reach across the world is growing, too.

The church website, www.s-clements.org, has an average of 2,600 unique visitors monthly. First time visitors account for as much as 44% of the total. Readers log-on from the US, Mexico and Canada, plus the UK, Australia, China, the Philippines, Malaysia, Estonia, Egypt, Turkey, the Czech Republic, Kenya, Saudi Arabia and 54 more countries across the globe.

Visitors spend most of their time listening to the music recordings, then reading the newsletter and announcements, viewing the photo galleries and service sheets archives, and many listen to the full recordings of the Masses.

Meanwhile, St. Clement's e-mail list now has more than 350 readers who receive this newsletter electronically, as well as parish updates, news of Masses and special events. First time worshippers at the church receive welcoming e-mails and invitations to return for worship at St. Clement's. We have nearly 700 friends on the St. Clement's Facebook page and the Rector's blog, "Reid and Write," also has a growing readership.

Our worldwide ministry speaks powerfully to a widened vision of the glory of God. Online donations are encouraged to help support this ministry so that it may continue to expand.

A Profile of Anglo-Catholic Vitality: The Church of the Atonement, Chicago

by *Ethan Alexander Jewett, Incoming Curate*

WHEN the Bishop of Chicago asked me why I had chosen the Church of the Atonement for my seminary internship, I told him that I was fascinated by this parish on Chicago's north side that was growing in defiance of the great wisdom of church growth experts. I wanted to figure out what lay behind this surprising success story.

It was not liturgical style per se, I explained to the Bishop, that was attracting people to this Anglo-Catholic parish that was not supposed to be growing. If we were to believe congregational development gurus, the only churches that are thriving are evangelical megachurches and "emergent"/experimental communities that do Goth masses and such. Yet here is a parish that is about as traditional as you can get, and it is packed every Sunday. Why? I have learned over the last two years at Atonement that top-notch liturgy and music are critical, but so are hospitality, pastoral care, and engagement with the needs and concerns of the local community. In short, a congregation thrives when it puts relationships first. This principle was brought home to me when Fr. Reid and I visited Care for Real, a huge food pantry administered by one of Atonement's parishioners, who shared his own initial experience of the parish. "The first Sunday," he said, "I observed the rector, Fr. van Dooren, greeting people on the front steps of the church, and it was obvious that he was genuinely delighted to see them. So, I came back the following week. This time, Fr. van Dooren was greeting people in the parking lot. Again, I decided to come back. When I arrived the third week, however, I found Fr. van Dooren actually parking cars, and that's when I realized that Atonement was the place for me!" Growing a parish thus requires energetic leadership from both clergy and lay people to foster a culture of welcome and a deep commitment to developing relationships with others, which I have seen in countless moments of the parish's life.

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Annual Pledges for 2012 are due

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AT Mass on the Epiphany, you'll be given a piece of blessed chalk. The headline of this article should be written on the lintel above the front door of your home (on the street door, if a house, or on the door of your apartment otherwise) with the chalk you take home. It contains the first letters of each of the Magi's names.

Following the writing, this prayer is said:

O Lord, Holy Father Almighty, everlasting God, we beseech thee to hear us: and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel from heaven, to guard, cherish, protect, and visit, and evermore defend all that dwell in this house. I call upon thy saints Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar, to protect my family and my home from every harm and danger, and I place this mark over my door to remain as a constant reminder to us, and all who enter here, that my house is truly a house of the Lord. O God, make the door of my house the gateway to thine eternal kingdom. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord.

Amen



Proclamation of the Date of Easter



THE Proclamation of the date of Easter on Epiphany dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter.

Although calendars now give the date of Easter and other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of our Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith that are celebrated each year.

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On the solemnity of the Epiphany, after the Gospel the cantor announces the date of Easter and the other feasts of the liturgical year from the pulpit.

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Atonement, in fact, is one of the most diverse parishes I have ever encountered. Looking out over the faces in the pews, one sees young families with children, West Africans, Southeast Asians, African Americans, same-sex couples, elderly white couples, teenagers, young professionals, theological liberals and conservatives, wealthy and poor, blind and wheelchair-bound. One might expect such diversity to be a source of conflict, and yet I have been incredibly impressed by how people with such different backgrounds and views continually show their sincere love for each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. This diversity has been for me an image of true catholicity, of the universal Church, and a model for renewing Anglo-Catholicism in the twenty-first century. It appears not only under the trappings of incense, bells, and feast day processions, but also in the cooking of meals for the Epworth men's shelter, the donation of food for Care for Real, and the provision of

school supplies and winter gloves for disadvantaged children at Swift Elementary School. Participation in the life of the community is also to be found in our parishioners' contribution to liturgical ministries, parish administrative work, fellowship/coffee hour, the several outreach and educational guilds, and the numerous fundraising events each year.

This brief profile of the Church of the Atonement offers one example of an Anglo-Catholic parish that has experienced substantial growth through energetic and creative leadership committed to building relationships and active ministry in the community. This example, it is hoped, will prove useful to the membership and leadership of St. Clement's as we formulate plans for the parish's future growth and development.

Notes: Want to help at St. Clement's? We *need* your help:

Ushers and Greeters are needed for the Sunday 11:00 am Mass | Flower-lovers needed to help with floral arranging

Your contribution of simple finger food for Sunday Coffee hours is always welcomed

Please speak to the Rector, the Wardens, or a Greeter or Usher if you can help