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The Wailing Wall at St. Simeon Skete

From a web posting by Vicki Hicks



Skete reads in part: “This wall is inspired by another wall, the **Wailing Wall** in Jerusalem. Here generations have cried and prayed out their needs before God. Indeed to this day little pieces of paper with prayers and petitions are rolled up and inserted in the broken mortar between the bricks of the wall. This wall serves the

same purpose.”

People from the city are already driving up, walking down to the wall and placing prayer requests in the cracks. On Sundays, one person or the other will go down to the wall and take a prayer request, keep it for a week, pray for the need, and then return it. The Bede Roll of St. Simeon Skete on Facebook also is being used to put prayers on the wall. I write the prayers down daily from the Bede Roll on a piece of paper, pray over them and fold them up and put them in an incense box. Each morning Fr. Seraphim takes the incense box and goes to the wall and prays over each written prayer.

Then other people visit the wall and add prayers or pray over the ones already there. It’s wonderful to watch this develop. And people are realizing the unity of prayer and it is also helping people to understand that the Skete is about prayer.

(For a wonderful photo story and more about the Wailing Wall and St. Simeon Skete see <http://www.nazarethhouseap.org/2011/11/07/the-wailing-wall-at-st-simeon-skete-2/>) ❖

It cannot be said too often, or stressed enough that St. Simeon Skete is about prayer, everything we do stems, circulates and grows from that prayer. It is the heart of Nazareth House Apostolate which enables the blood to circulate through the body. Without the work at the Skete, the mission work in Sierra Leone could not continue.

People need to know that there is somewhere in the world where people are praying. When they are stuck in traffic, already late for work and suddenly their car overheats - people need to know that in the midst of their struggle there are those who are praying for them at the skete.

On Sunday, November 6th, the Wailing Wall of St. Simeon Skete officially opened. The Wall, containing a shrine with pieces of mortar from the original Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, lies hidden beyond the fencing overlooking Taylorsville Lake.

The Notice on the Wailing Wall at St. Simeon

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Fr. Daniel McGrath Serves as U.S. Navy Chaplain



Fr. McGrath celebrates Holy Communion for Marines during a field exercise at Camp Pendleton, California. (Photo from Fr. McGrath)

After receiving his Master of Music degree in 2000, Daniel James McGrath attended St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College, Berkeley, CA, where he earned the Bachelor of Sacred Theology in 2002. He was ordained to the priesthood in June of that year.

From 2002 to 2005, Fr. McGrath attended the University of California at Santa Barbara and was awarded the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in 2005. During the period, he also served as Vicar of the Anglican Church of Our Saviour in Santa Barbara.

In 2005, Fr. McGrath was installed as Rector, St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church in Woodinville, WA. He served St. Bartholomew's until 2009 when he left to become a U.S. Navy Chaplain.



A photo of Fr. McGrath and his family in 2009 at St. Bartholomew's. Left to right: Fr. McGrath, Mary Eve, Danny (standing on the piano bench), and Josephine holding Gloria Christi. Fr. McGrath and Josephine were married in 2003.

Fr. McGrath's scholarly "Series on The Hymnal, 1940", originally published in *The Mandate, Journal of the American Prayerbook Society*, 2006-2007, is available on the St. Bartholomew's web site at: <http://www.st-bartholomews.org/archive/index.html>. ✕

Archbishop Provence Visits the Cathedral Parish of Christ the King

By The Rev. Dr. Paul S. Russell

On the Second Sunday in Advent Archbishop James Provence paid a pastoral call on the Cathedral Parish of Christ the King in Washington, DC. During his visit the Archbishop celebrated the Eucharist on Sunday during which he performed the rite of reception into the Anglican Province of Christ the King for Dr. Arlene Macklin who was coming into our communion from the Episcopal Church. A lunch downstairs in the parish hall with the congregation was held after the service.

Because of the results of the Archbishop's examination of the building and some consultation with the clergy and members of the parish, this

turned out to be the last special event held in the building before the recent renovation process began. The members of the Cathedral Parish of Christ the King look forward to welcoming the Archbishop back again to show him their newly refurbished space. ✕



Renovations at the Cathedral Parish of Christ the King

By The Rev. Dr. Paul S Russell, Dean, and The Rev. J. Albert Starr

For over four years, the congregation at the Cathedral Parish of Christ the King has been working on a building repair and refurbishment program that combines both cutting the cost of the building's maintenance and managing the parish's lean budget. The African Methodist Episcopal congregation built the church in 1856, occupying the building from 1856 to 1981. The exterior brick and stone structure is crumbling and is in constant need of repair. The interior space was designed with high plaster walls and wooden wainscoting in the worship space, two-story high windows in the sanctuary to provide light, and the entire inside was painted white.



Fr. Starr (left) and Fr. Russell in the freshly painted sanctuary. (Photos provided by Fr. Starr)

The building is now more than 150 years old and is designated as a National Historic Site. The Cathedral Parish is located in a residential setting in the historic Georgetown neighborhood of Washington DC. Parish members debated among themselves about which of the many repair projects should be done first. All agreed that the most important concern should be safety and that the money collected should be stretched to go as far as possible. Small openings were made in walls to see

what was hidden behind them and windows were tested for leaks.

Occupying a building that is listed as a National Historic Site, under the watchful eye of the federal government in Washington, DC, can be a challenge as well as a blessing. The age of the building, and its deterioration, has continued to raise the cost of the Cathedral's upkeep tremendously. However, the faithful congregation that occupies it has successfully struggled to meet its financial obligations. With the collections at services saved and managed more frugally, the repair project began with a walk-through of the building to identify structural damage from recent weather events and the earthquake of 2011.

Father Russell and Father Starr conducted an assessment of the historic building, both its exterior and interior, to establish what needed to be done to improve the structural integrity of the building while making it safe and beautiful for worship services. The first step in the project was to discuss the cost of various projects with a local contractor to establish how much each project would cost and make the choices more tangible for the congregation and weigh the priorities based on the immediate needs and affordability of each project. The resulting list of projects was long and overwhelming. Prioritizing the projects was the next step.

The safety of the building was tantamount. The first project to be addressed was the exterior gutters and downspouts, on both sides of the building, since they needed to be replaced immediately to make the building safe for occupancy. Unexpected heavy snows had destroyed the gutters in previous years but replacing them required adherence to the historical building design code mandated by the District of Columbia. Water damage from the gutters spread throughout the sanctuary, rotting the wooden wainscoting and staining the paint on the walls. Although the design of old historic buildings does not take modern day engineering advancements into consideration for renovation, the look of the building needed to remain historical. Once the outside structure was determined to be sound, the interior projects could begin in earnest.

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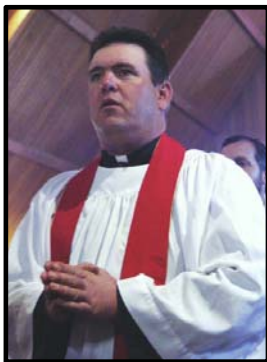


In the basement church hall, and on the stairs leading up to the sanctuary, the crumbling stone foundation was repaired to make it structurally safe. New lighted exit signs were installed to improve the safety, old pipes in the plumbing were replaced, and the walls of the bathroom and sacristy were plastered and freshly painted. Even a simple church needs to be cleaned and painted occasionally. Floors were refinished and polished to gleam brightly where before they were dingy. The walls are smooth and clean where before they were pitted and discolored. The hard work of the Cathedral Parish is paying off with many great improvements.

In some ways the Cathedral Parish of Christ the King offers church members and visitors an opportunity to step back in time and have worship services in a simple church in a downtown neighborhood of a major city. In other ways it offers a new beginning with a bright future for traditional Anglicans in our nation's capital. With careful management of the finances, Father Russell and Father Starr were able to show visible results just in time for the Christmas season festivities. The interior spaces were brightly painted, polished and gleaming, ready for parish members to enjoy their old cherished church and plan a new beginning with a bright future on the horizon. ✠

Anglican Evangelism

By The Rev. Larry Shaddix



In 1985 I attended a conservative Baptist Bible College where I was educated in militant evangelism. Often the Bible was opened to St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans and would take the prospective listener down the "Romans road to salvation."

With this in mind I have discovered that the Anglican Church also has a tool of militant evangelism. The most effective tool we have is the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. Specifically, the offices of instruction and the office of catechism contain a full instruction in Anglican ideology. The office is well suited for children in the establishment of morals and as an evangelical tool for teaching adults.

The ordinal contains the vows and expectations

of Deacons, Priests and Bishops. I refer to it often as a reminder to myself. Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage offices also contain vows and expectations of those who benefit from the Sacrament. Prayer, Penitential office, Litany, and the Holy Communion contain all the elements of faith; proven by certain warrants of Holy Scripture. Then there is the Scripture itself where we are encouraged to "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" the Sacred text. The Benedictine attitude of "work and prayer" is the hallmark of what we do.

Using the 1928 Book of Common Prayer as an evangelical tool helps keep me focused and on task, when sharing the faith. Clear, concise, brief, and to the point, I have not found a greater evangelical tool than this.

Note: Fr. Shaddix is a full time social worker as well as Vicar of St. Joseph of Arimathea, Berkeley, CA, and All Saints' Church, Burlingame, CA. Photo by Alvin Johnson. ✠

First Confirmations at St. Thomas Aquinas



On January 17, 2012, the good people of St. Thomas Aquinas Anglican Mission Chapel, Montgomery, Alabama, participated in the Chapel's first Order of Confirmation, presided over by Bishop William C. Wiygul, Retired Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southern States. Bishop Wiygul was assisted by Fr. Mike Church, Priest in Charge.

From left to right are: Kay Bauer, Montgomery, AL; Tim Matthew, Luverne, AL; Bishop Wiygul and Brian Bauer; Katherine Arthington; and Fr. Church. ✂

And More Confirmations at St. Andrew's



St. Andrew's Anglican Church, West Point, Georgia, had great cause for celebration this past Epiphany III, January 22, AD 2012, with the Confirmations of Tom Mills and his wife, Debbie, of LaGrange, GA, and Tina Torrez, Lanett, AL. Additionally, Roy Olinger and Angel Torrez, Tina's husband, were received into the Church.

In the back row, left to right, are Fr. Mike Church, Priest in Charge, and Bishop William C. Wiygul, Retired Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southern States, who served at the

behest of Archbishop Provence. In the front row, left to right, are Roy Olinger, Tom Mills, Debbie Mills, Angel Torrez and Tina Torrez. ✂

Fr. George Miley Retires

The Rev. George E. Miley is retiring, his last position being Rector of the Anglican Church of the Holy Cross in Oklahoma City. We asked Fr. Miley to tell us about his life in the Church.



To start, I go back to being a young boy serving as an acolyte at the high Altar of St. Matthew's Church in Evanston, Illinois. I was moving the Altar book back to the Epistle side of the Altar when I heard a soft voice saying, "George, this is where I want you."

Standing there with the Book in my hands and looking all around, I could not see anyone who might have so spoken, and feeling a bit creeped out, I shrugged it off, sort of. That voice stayed with me in my thoughts for many years, and I did not have the good sense exhibited by Samuel to ask someone about what it all meant. Years passed by, and there were many opportunities to learn all sorts of occupations from soda jerking, computer programming, sales, locksmithing to safe cracking, but the service of God was always in the shadows. By the Grace of God I was sent to Heidelberg, Germany, where I met an Army Brat and fell in love with Louise. After we returned to the States, we were married in Washington, DC, in December, 1966. Our lives moved on, eventually taking us to New Hampshire and ownership of a hardware store. Most went well for some years. I found a church in Nashua, NH, and got very active, and there I had the very great honor of meeting Bishop Morse. His spiritual presence had me recalling the voice I had heard, and I spoke to him of the event, and he said we "should talk about it."

In all this time the economy made a turn-around, and we were forced to close the hardware store, and I settled into a one-man lock-and-key shop. I had long conversations with God about the idea of going back to school. The conversations were pretty much one-sided, with the idea of how much effort God would have to expend to get me through it. On a trip to California I spent time in the Bishop's office, and he suggested I make application to St. Joseph's, and with the blessing of my wife, the process began. Because I had no degree, only about 140 hours of undergraduate credits gathered here and there, the Standing

Committee required me to take -- and pass with a B or better -- two classes in English (my worst subject), and they would give me a try. So now, at 50, I surrendered to the will of God and took off to test my vocation.

Two years of study among tremendous minds, working at Trinity Church, St. James, and All Saints -- then came canonical exams. I weathered the test, and after examination by the Santa Hermandad, who had no acceptance of one's simply answering a question with Ps.139:5, I was made a Deacon by Bishop Morse and was then assigned to Payson, AZ, during which time I was Ordained to the Sacred Priesthood, again by Bishop Morse. You might get the idea the Bp. Morse has been a large figure in my life, and you would be right. Thanks be to God both for him and all that he has done for me.

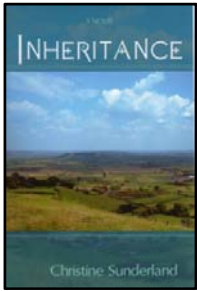
My assignment in Payson finished, and I was assigned to go to Santa Barbara as a vicar. Louise and I were thrilled at the opportunity to again be in California and to be working with Fr. Ashman, for whom we both had gained a great affection. The afternoon before we were to leave Payson, Bp. Morse called. Bp. Morse is the only person I have heard of who can reach through a telephone line and place his large hand on your shoulder as he gently says, "Father, I need you to take a detour of compassion." This said, and after we had left a car and many of our belongings in Santa Barbara, we were off for a 6-week stay in Oklahoma City. Six weeks quickly became seventeen years in one of the best places to live in the country, a place where we could buy a house to sleep in and afford three meals a day to eat, all of which would have been in question in Santa Barbara. Holy Cross has been a joy and a great privilege and honor, and also allowed me the privilege of working at the Oklahoma City bombing site, and I thank God daily for my detour.

My retirement became required as my spine is giving out, and I could not be depended upon to do the work of a rector. Louise and I plan to move a little closer to our grandkids in Northern Vermont. We have two grown children, David, an attorney in Chicago, and Heather, who has blessed us with Carina and Henry, the two most adorable children in the history of the world. ✠



From All Around the Province

*Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Cambridge, one of the four round churches of England.
(<http://www.fromoldbooks.org/>)*



Book Award

Christine Sunderland's third novel, *Inheritance* (OakTara, 2009), has won an Honorable Mention in the category of General Fiction at the 2011 London Book Festival.

You Don't Need A Retreat Center

If you want to plan a retreat for your church group, you do not need a nearby retreat center. Christ Church (Carefree, AZ) had 2012 Get Away to Get Together on February 3-5 from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon at the Little America Hotel in Flagstaff, Arizona.

It was, in Fr. Dart's words a "great opportunity to join others from our parish and sister congregations for a time of worship, fellowship, education, rest, and enjoyment of God's creation."

Holy Innocents Chapel Named

After celebrating a midweek mass in the remodeled chapel at St. Peter's, Oakland, CA, Abp. Provence suggested that the chapel should be named for the Holy Innocents. Everybody loved both the name and the idea, so Abp. Provence officially named the chapel on the feast of the Holy Innocents. The Archbishop has asked that intentions for children be included in every mass celebrated in the chapel.



*Deacon Peter Towle and Abp. James Provence celebrate Mass on the Feast of the Holy Innocents.
(Photo by Pam Dammen)*

Sandy Spencer Reports from All Saints'

All Saints' Church in Bolingbrook, IL, recently lost our organist and we are working with temporary personnel until a new one is hired. However on Christmas Eve, following the usual carol singing, we were privileged to listen to 7 year old Ariyo Akinyemi, eldest son of Ibu and Jennifer Akinyemi, perform a Cello solo for the congregation prior to Mass. He played the carols "O come, O come Emmanuel" and "Joy to the world" for the congregation. Ariyo was accompanied by John MacKey at the organ.



Newcomer Brochures

If you are preparing Welcome Folders for visitors and newcomers, you might consider the brochures and tracts about the Anglican Province of Christ the King and its practices offered by the ACU.

1. *The Anglican Province of Christ the King* (\$0.10)
2. *Saint Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College* (\$1.00)
3. *Welcome to Our Church, The Anglican Way of Worship* (\$0.10)

An order form is available on the internet at: <http://www.anglicanpck.org/resources/acu/orderinfo.html>.

St Francis of Assisi Open House

St Francis of Assisi held an Open House on February 11 to welcome parishioners and visitors to the new church. The church will be consecrated on March 17 by Abp. Provence.

Calendar

DES/DSS Synod: June 6-9, 2012.

DWS Synod: May 2-5, 2012, at the Lafayette Park Hotel, Lafayette, California.

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Abp. Provence and Fr. Benjamin Brown in the sanctuary of the new St. Francis church.



The sun illuminates Christ on the Cross on the day we remember Jesus is the Light of the World, the Feast of the Epiphany, at Christ Church, Carefree, AZ. (Photo from the Christ Church web site)