

Parish Notes



Church of the Holy Cross + Episcopal +

Newsletter

May 2011

McKee Foundation Again Blesses HC with a Grant

The McKee Foundation has again graced Holy Cross with a capital grant to enhance our appearance and identity as a church. We have been given \$9,350 to build a bell tower and purchase a church bell.

The generosity of the McKee Foundation has been longstanding. In 2008, the foundation provided more than \$5,000 for our new signs. In 2009 the foundation gave Holy Cross more than \$8,000 that turned the ducts in the sanctuary from oxidized zinc to a pleasing tan, bought us a video projector, and provided for landscaping. In 2010, the foundation gave us \$10,000 to complete alterations to the east side and build a portico at the East entrance.

The grant will allow Holy Cross to continue the Vestry's intention to enhance our exterior appearance, and to increase our visibility in the neighborhood as a church.

Vic Rizzo, who oversaw the completion of our South Portico, is in charge of the project, and he is working with our Junior Warden Rich Schorr to ensure the quality of the work. The McKee Foundation grant of 2009 made possible the stained glass windows by artist Melissa Snyder, which grace the entrance to our church, and provide color for our environs.

Fr. Raymond+

HC Clergy to be Installed To Diocesan Offices

Father Raymond and Father Richard will be among those to be installed to Diocesan office in May at the Cathedral.

Bishop Michael Vono will install his appointed officers to Diocesan Office at 11 a.m. Saturday May 21st at the Cathedral of St. John, which is located at Third and Silver streets in Albuquerque.

Father Raymond Raney will be installed as Canon for Diocesan Life, and Father Richard Valantasis will be installed as Canon Theologian for Education and Formation.

Additionally, our own Doug Bleyle, who is a Postulant for Holy Orders, will be installed as Missioner to Native American Ministries.

The Service will be open to all who wish to attend, so all of you are welcome.

This is your Vestry

Your Vestry members have particular responsibilities, and they are open to discussing what they do individually and as a group.

The members of the Vestry have been elected to lead this congregation. They are charged with property management, as well as fiduciary administration, and human resource responsibilities. Being on the Vestry differs from a board member in a corporate or non-profit entity because the Vestry members have been called to a sacred ministry by the Body of Christ.

The Vestry of Holy Cross consists of nine members, each elected to a term of three years. The terms of office are staggered so that three are elected at each year to replace those who are ending their terms. Nominations to the Vestry are sought in the fall of the year by the three retiring Vestry members, who serve as the nominating committee. A contested election is not required. The election of the Vestry occurs at the annual meeting of the congregation. The nominating committee will present a slate of candidates. Nominations also may be made from the floor.

Your Senior Warden is Peggy Wilson. She is responsible for Administration & Finance. If you need to speak with her, her home phone is 286-7580.

Your Junior Warden is Rich Schorr. He is responsible for Buildings & Grounds. If you need to speak with him, his home phone is 832-6194.

The other members of the Vestry are:

Marlin Curry, Clerk of the Vestry, 286-8981

Jeff Averhoff, Communications, 832-4511

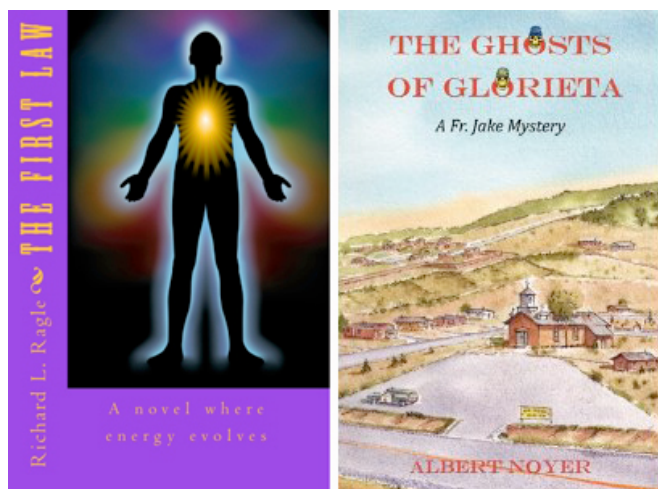
Dottie Bender, Hospitality, 312-8683

Jan Campbell, Parish Life, 281-5961

Mike Kelly, Stewardship, 286-4859

Rich Ragle, Christian Education, 281-5759

Ray Tucker, Outreach & Mission, 286-4471



Author, Author

We have two writers in our midst who have published books recently: Rich Ragle and Albert Noyer. This is Rich's first, but Albert's one among many.

The First Law

Rich's book is titled *The First Law*. The weblink has the following quote: "Energy. It defines our universe and our lives. Yet as The First Law of thermodynamics makes clear: energy is never destroyed. It only changes to a different state of matter.

Beyond life, there is death. But death is only the beginning as the energy of life becomes a

different state of understanding and leads to revelation.

In this book, Dr. Logan Rainell confronts a deadly syndrome that threatens to consume the world. But when he begins to see auras and energy fields around the sick and healthy, he discovers a cure that may have been with us all along.

A story of unconditional love, heartbreak, loss, and the wonderful lessons we uncover in our journeys through life, *The First Law* is a novel that will make you laugh, cry, ponder wisdom, and ultimately feel hope for the evolution of humanity and Earth.

To take a look visit the following website:

<http://richragleauthor.homestead.com>, or go to Amazon.com and type in the title under "books."

The Ghosts of Glorieta

Albert Noyer's book is titled *The Ghosts of Glorieta*, which is another in his series of Fr. Jake mysteries. The synopsis explains:

"When Rev. Casimir "Fr. Jake" Jakubowski reaches the retirement age of 70, yet wishes to continue a Michigan ministry, his Archbishop suggests that the liberal priest serve a "Sabbatical year" at Providencia, a New Mexico village.

Reclusive Fr. Mora and most villagers resent the outsider, but when the pastor is murdered, evidence suggests his long ago involvement in a satanic Black Mass. Amateur archaeologist Cynthia Plow uncovers corpses of Union and Confederate dead at the ruins of a nearby Civil War fort, but also a more recent female skeleton.

Detective Sonia Mora investigates that death along with her uncle's murder and that of a woman parishioner found dead in a motel. Tex Houston's film company, Pentacle Pix, arrives with quit-claim deeds to the land and plans to rebuild the village as a tourist's horror set for his ghoulish B films.

Fr. Mora's death sets off a chain of deadly discoveries that will engulf Fr. Jake; the parish finance office; a sadistic deacon; the communes of both Eden West and anti-government survivalists; and Civil War re-enactors of the 1862 Battle of Glorieta Pass."

You can find Albert's book by visiting his website at www.albertnoyer.com or by typing in the title on Amazon.com under books.