

# Parish Notes



## Church of the Holy Cross + Episcopal +

Newsletter

November 2011

### All Saints Sunday: Saints Are Just Folks

November 6 will be a special day for Holy Cross, and for churches around the world. It's a day to remember and celebrate the Saints who have passed on to glory.

You see, Saints are not just those people who have been canonized by the Church for some heroic deed or a martyr's death. Saints are all of us who live our lives in working for the Kingdom of God in the here and now.

**We will read the names** that you have given, ring bells, and take time to remember all the love we have shared over the years.

This being the month in which we gather as a nation to give thanks for all that we as a country have been given, it is appropriate to gather this Sunday to thank God for the lives of those who have meant so much to us, and to look at their photos at the *Ofrenda*.

As we pray for their souls, let us also commit ourselves to the work of the Saints. In the words of the General Thanksgiving from the service of Morning Prayer:

*And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

*Fr. Raymond+*

### Time Changes this Sunday

Don't forget to cash in your daylight savings Saturday night November 5 for an extra hour's sleep Sunday morning.

Turn your clocks back an hour before going to bed: Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday November 6.

### ECW meeting Monday

In case you ever wondered how many of the things get decided upon and get done, you are invited (if you are female) to the meeting of the ECW (acronym for Episcopal Church Women). The meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. this Monday, November 7, in the Library. Those present will plan for the coming seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

### Holy Cross Music Notes

#### Music for the Soul

Our next Concert will feature the New Mexico Woodwind Quintet under their new name of *Five City Winds*. The concert begins with the gathering at 2:30 p.m. Sunday November 13 with Wine and Cheese, followed by the concert at 3 p.m.

The last concert of the year will be December 11 with Christmas Jazz with the Mark Tatum Jazz Trio.

#### Guest Organist for Thanksgiving

Our Thanksgiving Eve service will feature Linda Raney as guest organist. This will be an opportunity to hear the mighty Allen. The Thanksgiving Eve service will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday November 23.

### Holy Cross on the Mountain

We will gather at the Mijas Camp on South Mountain at 11 a.m. on Sunday November 20 for our annual celebration of Holy Eucharist in the midst of God's Creation. The 8 a.m. service will be at Holy Cross. Those wishing to share the ride should meet at the

church around 10 a.m. Directions will be available at the church.

Frances Boggess and Andres Gallegos will be hosting the congregation, providing coffee and lemonade. It will be a potluck, so just bring your favorite dish. Frances advises everyone: "Bring your hiking boots. Wear your jeans and a heavy coat (it is colder on the mountain than in town). Bring a hat and/or umbrella for the sun. You can bring a folding chair if you'd like. Come early or stay late for a hike." In addition to the Eucharist, great food, there will be Paint Ball target shooting.

## Ecumenical Thanksgiving at Bethel Storehouse

The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service this year will be at the Bethel Community Storehouse. The service is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>. Ministers from the various churches in and around Moriarty (including Father Raymond) will gather to give thanks to God. All are invited to attend and share in the music and fellowship of the event.

Bethel Storehouse is located on the south side of Moriarty, just east off Highway 41.

## Advent's Coming

November 27 is the first Sunday of Advent, and that's when we begin preparing for the coming of the Christ and the Birth of the Savior. Each Sunday in Advent we will light another candle of the Advent wreath as we build in anticipation.

## Home Advent Wreaths

The first Sunday of Advent everyone who wishes will have the opportunity to make an Advent Wreath for home. Jane Vickers will guide us all in constructing the wreaths, and booklets will be available with the prayers for the lighting of the Advent candles each week.

## Countdown to Christmas

Lighting the Candles of the Advent Wreath each week is an excellent way of building expectations for Christmas, and the birth of the Savior.

## Christmas Eve:

There will be one service at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve that will combine the singing of Carols, the Children's Christmas pageant, and the Holy Eucharist.

## Christmas Day:

Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, so services will begin at the usual times, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. for the services of the Holy Eucharist.

## New Year's Day:

Similarly to Christmas, the first Eucharist of the New Year will fall on Sunday. The Feast of the Holy Name will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

## Planning Ahead for 2012

### Vestry Nominations Open

Three positions on the Vestry will be up for election at the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Vestry, please talk with Father Raymond.

### The Annual Meeting

Church of the Holy Cross will gather on Sunday January 29, 2012. There will be one service at 9 a.m. followed by the annual meeting. On the agenda will be the election of three members to the Vestry, ratification of bylaw changes pursuant to the Canonical changes approved at Diocesan Convention, voting on summer service times, and a drawing for prizes (you will have to be present to win).

### Prize Drawings Coming Up

The names of those who have fulfilled their pledges by December 31, 2011, will be entered in the drawing. Additionally, those who increase their pledge of support to Holy Cross in the upcoming Stewardship Campaign also will be entered in the drawing. Yes, that means that if you fulfill your pledge for 2011 and increase your pledge for 2012, you have two chances of winning.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Chile Cookoff

The annual Chile competition will follow the annual meeting, and vote on the favorite. Cooks begin your preparations. All are eligible.