

# Parish Notes



## Church of the Holy Cross + Episcopal +

Newsletter

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# 9/11 Marks More than Holy Cross

We will observe the Feast of our namesake on September 11<sup>th</sup> because it is the practice of the Church to transfer Patronal feast days to the Sunday closest to the actual date. Holy Cross Day actually is September 14<sup>th</sup>, so we will mark that feast on the 11<sup>th</sup>. It will be a celebration and a solemn observance.

When we gather to worship on that Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>, we will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the worst attack on U.S. soil in our collective history.

I remember that morning as I drove to work hearing reports of a plane flying into the World Trade Center, and thinking: "somebody must be blind." It was only later that the horror of the event became evident: nearly 3,000 died in the collapse of the twin towers, and several hundred more in the crashes of the third plane into the Pentagon, and a fourth plane in a field on its way to its target.

As we contemplate a day that honors the symbol of Christianity, let us also remember those who died in that act of terror, and those who gave their lives in attempts to save others.

## Potluck on Holy Cross Day

We will celebrate the Feast Day of our Name September 11 with a potluck following the 10 a.m. service. Please plan on bringing your favorite dish, either entre, side dish, or desert.

## Sunday School Resumes

Our children will return to their Sunday activities upstairs during the 10 a.m. service starting September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Carol DeFreitas, our Christian Education Coordinator, has the curriculum ready for another fun-filled Sunday School season.



*Deacon Beth Noland and Friend*

## Holy Cross Welcomes Deacon Beth Noland

Our congregation is blessed in September with the arrival of the Rev. Deacon Beth Noland. She has been assigned to Holy Cross by our Bishop after her retirement from St. Mark's on the Mesa in June.

Please welcome her and her husband, Chuck. Beth will be preaching on September 11.

Beth was ordained a deacon from Church of the Holy Faith in Santa Fe. She served as Deacon in Charge of Church of the Holy Family in the capital before moving to St. Mark's on the Mesa. She currently serves as chair of the Commission on Ministry.

In November, Beth and Fr. Scott Ruthven will lead a tour of the Holy Land.

## Wednesday Eucharist Starts

The mid-week healing Eucharist begins again on Wednesday September 14 at 6:30 p.m. The service opens with prayers for healing, followed by anointing with Holy Oil. A Healing Eucharist concludes the half-hour service.

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## Holy Cross Music Notes

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### Choir Starts September 7

After a summer sabbatical, the Holy Cross Choir returns on Holy Cross Day. The first practice of the new season will be September 7 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

All those who are thinking about or wishing to join their voices to those of our honored choir are welcome.

### *Music for the Soul Resumes*

Our chamber music series, *Music for the Soul*, begins its new fall season at Holy Cross Episcopal Church this month, according to our event coordinator Jennifer Noyer.

We'll welcome the Blue Mesa Chamber Players, composed of violin, viola, cello, on September 25. They'll offer the classics of chamber music.

On either October 23, the Marimba Percussion Ensemble will be striking the downbeat.

The series continues on November 13<sup>th</sup> with a quintet from the UNM music faculty.

We'll have an early celebration on December 11<sup>th</sup> with a concert of Christmas Jazz with the Marc Tatum Jazz Trio.

All concerts will begin with a tasting reception of wine and cheese at 2:30, followed by the music at 3 p.m. Please use this opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to share in this outreach ministry.

### Casting Crowns Appearing

A number of the youth and families are going to the Casting Crowns Christian Rock concert at Santa Ana Star Center at 7 p.m. Friday October 7. If you are interested in meeting at the concert, please call Andres Gallegos or email [francesboggess@mac.com](mailto:francesboggess@mac.com).

## Blessing of the Animals St. Francis Day Oct. 2

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis on Sunday October 2 in a special noon service at the South entrance of Holy Cross.

Animals of all sizes and shapes are welcome to receive a blessing. We'll be conducting the outdoor service to accommodate those who wish to have larger animals blessed.

The service begins with prayers of thanksgiving for the lives of those animals who have departed this life during the past year. This solemn time will be followed by the celebratory prayers for the lives of those pets and animals that continue to bless our lives.

### Holy Cross on the Mountain Postponed till November

The traditional gathering at the Mijas Camp on South Mountain has been postponed till November 20, according to organizer Frances Boggess. The Eucharist will be celebrated at 11 a.m. to allow time for everyone to travel to the camp. The 8 a.m. Eucharist will be celebrated at Holy Cross.

A potluck/pitch-in dinner is planned for lunch with a cookout.

### Sunday at the Movies

Thanks to the energetic organizing by Lynette Rose, we've opened our season of movies at Holy Cross. The current schedule is for movies to be shown on our big screen on the Sundays on which we have our potlucks.

For September that means a potluck on September 11 will be followed by a showing of the second in the Narnia trilogy, *Prince Caspian*. The Narnia trilogy will be completed after the first Sunday Potluck on October 2 when we view *Voyage of the Dawn Treader*.

Other films in order of preference that we voted on are: *Casablanca*, *On Golden Pond*, the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *Castaway*, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, and *The Matrix* trilogy.