

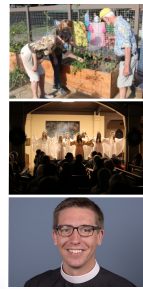
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THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Start the New Year Off Right... REV. RACHEL

...by coming to the St. Cross Annual Meeting on January 28!

I realize that the Annual Meeting isn't something that everyone marks into their calendar the way they may the date of the pageant, Holy Week or Easter Sunday. However, I am going to encourage you to do so this year as the Vestry and I have big and exciting news to share with you, including how we see St. Cross now and how we envision St. Cross for future generations. Sunday, January 28 in the parish hall after the 10 am service.

The Annual Meeting is required by our bylaws

and has several functions:

1) It is when we elected new Vestry members to serve, and say goodbye and thank those who are ending their three years of service on the board. Your Vestry is responsible for the budget for St. Cross, our stewardship of money and of our church plant as a whole.



2) It is when we elect parishioners to represent our parish at the Diocesan Convention next December. At this convention they vote on policy and budget for our diocese as a whole.

3) It is when we present the budget to be read (not voted on, as that is the Vestry's job) by the

congregation to see how we did last year and what are our plans for next year.

4) It is when we make by-law changes if we need to for our endowments (luckily our church by-laws are up to date!!)

5) It is when you can pick up an annual report. Each committee and ministry at St. Cross submits a report for the annual report that is a review of prayerful work accomplished in the past year.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM Choral Eucharist

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM Centering Prayer
7:00 PM Holy Eucharist

CLERGY

RECTOR

The Rev. Dr. Rachel A. Nyback

ASSOCIATES

The Rev. William Stanley
Pastoral Care

The Rev. Robin Denney
Christian Formation

ASSISTING

The Rev. Cn. Robert Cornner

DEACON

The Rev. Patti Angelo

RECTOR EMERITUS

The Rev. Cn. Dr. Paul D. Lawson

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WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY

10 AM: Listening Hearts
1 PM: Staff Meeting
1 PM: History Committee *
4 PM: Temple Shalom
7 PM: Tai Chi
7 PM: EfM

TUESDAY

9:53 AM: Sewing Group

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM: Centering Prayer
9 AM: Women's Bible Study
5:45 PM: Men's Bible Study
7 PM: Holy Eucharist

THURSDAY

6:15 PM: Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY - Office Closed

11 AM: Sociable Seniors **

* 2nd and 4th Monday

** 2nd and 4th Friday

WEEKLY 12-STEP MEETINGS

Sun: AA 7 PM

Mon: Al-Anon 7 AM
CODA 7:30 PM

Tue: Serenity 7 PM

Wed: Al-Anon 7 AM
CEA 7:30 PM

Thu: Al-Anon 12 Noon

Fri: AA 8 PM

Sat: Al-Anon 10 AM

More info: (310) 376-8989 or
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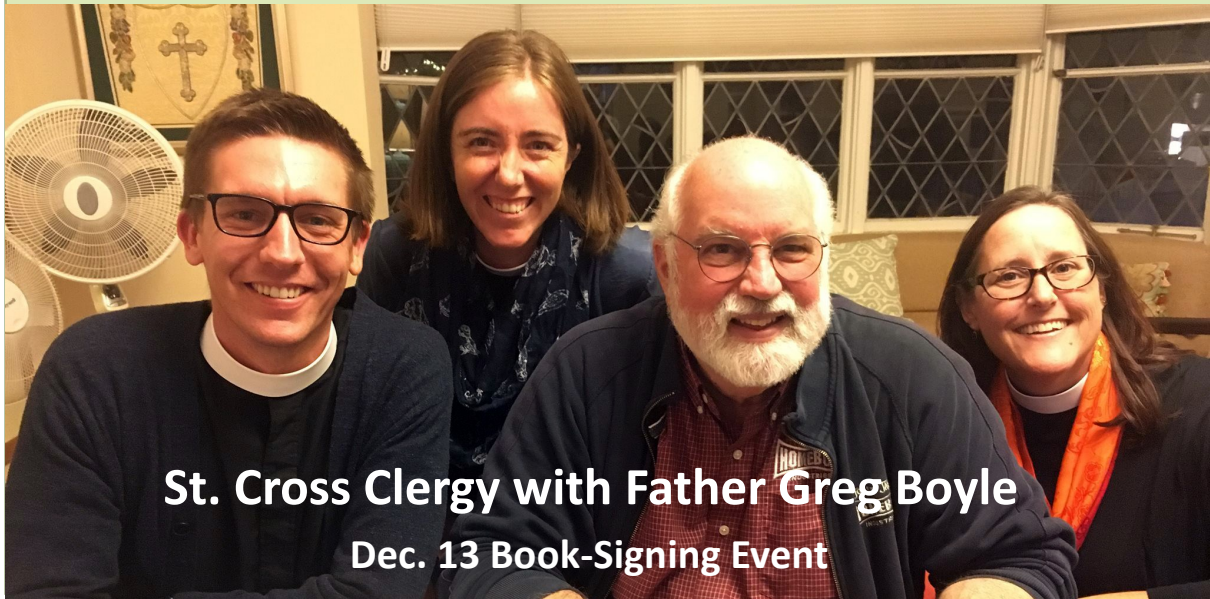
January 2018 Calendar

1/01: New Year's Day — Office Closed
1/04: Neighbor to Neighbor, 4 PM
1/06: Baptism Class, 9 AM
1/07: Holy Eucharist with Baptisms
1/07: St. Clare's Parent Gathering, 9 AM, Rm. 4
1/07: The Upper Room, 5-7 PM
1/12: Sociable Seniors, 11 AM
1/12-14: Men's Retreat
1/14: Peace & Justice, 11:30 AM, Rm. 4
1/15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Office Closed
1/21: Healing Service at St. George's
Hawthorne, 5 PM
1/24: Prayer Shawl Guild, 6 PM
1/26: Sociable Seniors, 11 AM
1/27: St. Clare's Annual Parents' Party, 5 PM
1/28: Annual Meeting
1/31: Laundry Love, 7 PM, Clean Scene Laundry

A Quick Glance Ahead to February and Beyond

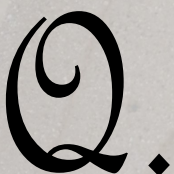
At the end of January, we have our Annual Meeting on the 28th (see Rachel's note, page 1), and Laundry Love this month falls on the 31st (see page 3).

Looking ahead to February, Mardi Gras falls on February 13th, and Ash Wednesday is on February 14th. Our Lenten Program will begin the following week, and Lent will conclude the final week of March, with Easter Day falling on Sunday, April 1.



St. Cross Clergy with Father Greg Boyle
Dec. 13 Book-Signing Event

ST. CROSS History



Do you know who he was and what/where we have an indication that he came from St Cross?

Many years ago a young man growing up in Hermosa Beach came to St. Cross on Sundays at the early service so that he could then go surfing in the ocean. In those days the early service was a spoken service, in other words, there was no music at all. It was quite awhile before that young man realized that there was music in church services! Later that man became a priest and eventually a suffragan bishop here in the Diocese of Los Angeles.

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6) It is when the Vestry and Rector talk to the parish about our hopes, dreams, prayers and plans for the year ahead. Sometimes the Rector does this in her sermon, but this year we want to do it in our meeting.

2017 has been filled with many ups and downs at St. Cross. We have celebrated great joys of baptism and marriage, and have also laid to rest people who are beloved to us. Thus at our annual meeting we not only want to recognize the year we have traveled through, but also discuss where the Vestry and I see St. Cross continuing to build



St. Cross Represented Well
at Diocesan Convention

God's Kingdom both in the South Bay and beyond.

Many blessings to you and your families as we step into 2018.

Peace, Rachel+

St. Cross Sermons

It's Sunday. You're leaving St. Cross to head to lunch, and you find yourself wishing that a certain friend had been with you this morning to hear the sermon. You have decided that you will try your best to recite the sermon word-for-word the next time you are together.

Good news — it turns out you can easily access the sermons online, and you can share them right from our sermon page via email or even through Facebook or Twitter! Just head over to stcross.org/sermons — we have the sermons up by noon on Monday, and they couldn't be easier to share. Now, enjoy your lunch!

Ministry Notes

Annual Reports Due

Ministry leaders, be aware that Annual Reports are due in the office by January 12, 2018. Please send the reports electronically to info@stcross.org.

Volunteer with Laundry Love, Final Wednesday of the Month

Laundry Love recognizes that when people have clean clothes, others treat them like human beings.

Laundry Love takes place at Clean Scene Laundry on Wednesday, January 31. More at stcross.org/laundry-love



From the Christmas Pageant, December 17

Parents Gathering

Sunday, Jan. 7, 9-10 AM in Rm. 4

Please join the St. Clare's Community of parents for our Parents Gathering on January 7 from 9-10 a.m. in Room 4 while the kids are in Sunday School, or in the nursery for birth to 3 years. We will meet for an informal gathering in a quiet, safe space where we can support one another as parents, and just socialize and catch up! Light refreshments will be served. Please call Jeanne Ogar at (310) 853-0318 for more information. Hope to see you there!

Community Garden



It has been 5 years since St. Cross helped the Hermosa Beach Community Garden get started! Our work at the garden is rich and re-

warding, and we are looking for more congregants to join us and to help us chart our role going forward.

Currently we have about six gardeners from St. Cross and six gardeners from the community who work at the community garden weekly. The St. Cross gardeners grow food for homeless and support other food-relief programs in the South Bay, and we are also responsible for the exterior of the garden and for composting.

Whether or not you have gardening experience, do join in! You'll love it!

Also, we'd also like to know if anyone in the congregation is interested in the creation of drought tolerant beds for their own use at their homes. We have money for this effort in our St. Cross account and would like to spend it on the best possible way for our community.

Contact Judy Soper (310-941-1143), Margy Harrell (310-372-0571), or Mervis Reissig via email (merv4peace@gmail.com) over the next couple of weeks to let us know you are interested. We value new voices and input, and we want to share this wonderful experience with others!

**With appreciation,
Judy, Margy & Mervis**

Know Your AEDs

The AED – Automated External Defibrillator

The St. Cross emergency team recently presented a short AED training in Parker Hall, led by Jeanne Hendricks of Manhattan Beach CERT. The training was fantastic, and we are working on more emergency trainings soon!



For those who were unable to make the training, know that we will attempt to schedule another in the near future. **Also, here is a quick recap of what we learned at the training:**

- ◆ The AED is located just inside the northeast door of Parker Hall, to your left as you enter.

When you are asked to bring the AED...

- ◆ Open the door on the cabinet unit...take AED, child pads, extra adult pads, and the pouch below AED to wherever the medical emergency is.
- ◆ If you know the victim is not breathing, make direct eye contact with a person and instruct him or her to call 911.
- ◆ If the condition of the patient is not known, close the door to quiet the alarm, and immediately return to the victim with the AED and supplies. The first responder working with the patient will determine if 911 should be called.

To use the AED...

- ◆ Open the unit, and press the green button on the upper right.
- ◆ Listen and follow the instructions exactly!
- ◆ Search YouTube for "Philips HeartStart OnSite AED" as this video gives a great overview
- ◆ Assuming there are other people to help you, one person should be doing compressions and you, or another designated AED user, should be working around the person doing the compressions to activate the AED.

Christmas Pageant a Great Success!

The Christmas pageant was a great success, thanks to the tremendous work of our volunteers! The costuming team, music team, lighting team, sound team, makeup team, and coordinators did many hours of behind the scenes work, and parents jumped in to help with logistics and general support. Our youth director Madi Weissenberg and co-director Rylei Borden put their passion for and experience in theater (and their years of experience in the pageant) to great work. All the youth and children who participated also put in hours of practice and rehearsal.



Being new to the St. Cross pageant, I was blown away both by the commitment of all those involved, but also the beauty and significance of the performance. Thank you to everyone who made this happen!

The Upper Room: Jan. 7, 5-7 PM

Our youth group, Upper Room, will be meeting on January 7, 5-7pm in Clark Hall. We will be having a movie night! Email Rev Robin (rdenney@stcross.org) with suggestions for the movie, and she will set up a poll!

On February 4, Upper Room will be an outing, so contact Rev Robin for details.

Thank You from Las Familias Del Pueblo

Dear St. Cross,

Thank you for your generous grant of \$2,587.96 to purchase food for the children. We placed the grant in a restricted fund we call the St. Cross Fund for Food for the Children.

Las Familias' after-school and out-of-school programs serve some of Los Angeles's most destitute families. With monthly salaries between \$800 to \$1200 a month, the families struggle to stay housed and feed their children. Work in the sweatshops is seasonal, leaving families for periods of time with little income.

All children in Las Familias' after-school and out-of-school programs live in households surviving on income below the poverty line.

Thank you for your support of Las Familias!

Sincerely,

Alice Callaghan, Las Familias del Pueblo Director

Thistle Farms

The Peace and Justice ministry wishes to remind all members of St. Cross that the church will receive a 5% rebate from any orders placed on Thistle Farms when a shopper checks out using the code STCROSS.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Essex at (310) 704-1902.



Wednesday, Revised

THE REV. WILLIAM STANLEY

Did you know that here at St. Cross we worship as a community on days other than Sunday? Have you ever attended our weekly liturgy on Wednesday nights at 7PM?

If you answered “no” to one or both of these questions, consider this article as a personal invitation! All churches have cherished traditions, and St. Cross is no different. Just last month we witnessed one of our most beloved: the annual Christmas Pageant. Many others, of course, come to mind. For a smaller group of us, one of them is our Wednesday Evening Eucharist.



Each week this faithful group gathers to worship. As is the case anytime we gather, we pray not just for those gathered, but on behalf of the wider community. And an outward and visible sign of this larger connection is enacted each week at this service. Many St. Cross folks make use of the prayer cards found in the pews, alerting us on the clergy team of prayer requests and other pastoral realities. Each week those prayer cards are lifted up by those in attendance at the Wednesday evening service during the “prayers of the people” time. So in a very real way, these folks embody each week many of the joys and concerns of this wonderful community of souls we call St. Cross.

In keeping with this special vocation, the service has had a distinct flow and shape. Developed by past associates in my position here at St. Cross, the liturgy has remained unchanged for many years. After the Rev. Robin Denney and I came on board this summer, Rev. Rachel charged us with taking a fresh look at this service. And so we have. In this work we have sought to embody what we do in a lot of our work as priests: we seek to make God known more clearly amongst our community. We have sought to honor the traditions we received from the past while also finding new ways to listen for the whispers of the Spirit in our midst.

Practically speaking, the service will now take a more seasonal approach so prayers will shift as we move through the season after the Epiphany...into Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and beyond! We have drawn upon the rich diversity of resources at our disposal in the Episcopal family, as well as our larger Anglican Communion family. We hope you find it to be a refreshingly familiar experience to help you deepen your connection with God.

Come experience it for yourself!

Peace, Will+

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The Rt. Rev. Oliver “Ollie” Bailey Garver, Jr. A picture of his confirmation class and his confirmation certificate, a picture of him as an acolyte, his crozier (the staff a bishop carries as a sign of his office in services) and his portrait are in the vestibule to Parker Hall.

Upcoming for Sociable Seniors in 2018

Sociable Seniors is back for another exciting winter/spring season! All senior folks are invited to come! We normally meet on the second and fourth Fridays of the month from 11AM to 1PM. We begin back on 1/12 with a reunion luncheon. We have fun activities like movie days at St. Cross and trips to places like the NY Deli in Torrance (on 4/13). We always go on one big bus trip per season. This year we have tentatively planned for a trip to the Nixon library on 5/25! We'll also have presentations from St. Cross members like Sister Patricia Sarah on 3/23, Rev. Robin on 2/23, and members of our history committee on 3/9. And we'll finish up the year with a fun luncheon and bingo extravaganza on June 8th.

See you there!



Parish Life

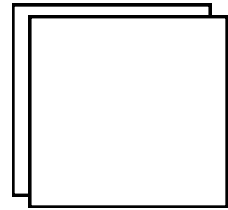
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Annual Meeting January 28th

After the 10 AM service on
Sunday the 28th, we will have
our Annual Meeting.

Come for this important event in the
church and make sure your voice is
heard! Learn more from
Rev. Rachel on Page 1.

*Special thanks to the volunteers
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