

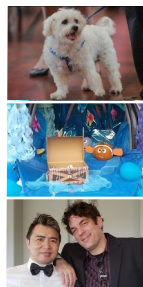
OCTOBER 2019



St. Cross
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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YOU'RE INVITED!

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a Biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church simply as a way to pay the bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions to the church as a means of helping members grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their income.

This year the Vestry has chosen the Consecration Sunday stewardship program as a way to teach the spiritual principles of generous giving. The program is based on the Biblical philosophy of the

need of the giver to give as spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. The program encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question: "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

On Consecration Sunday November 10, St. Cross will have single 10 AM worship service, followed by a catered celebratory luncheon. During the service, the



Rev. Joseph Dirbas (pictured) will inspire you and ask you to make your financial commitment to St. Cross' ministries in 2020 in a confidential act of worship.

There will be no home solicitation asking you to complete a pledge card. Therefore, the Vestry and

its stewardship committee will be providing more details about Consecration Sunday in the coming weeks to inform, inspire and commit everyone to join us. Now we simply ask you to mark your calendars (especially noting there will be NO 8 AM worship that day) and make every effort to attend the 10 AM November 10 service and luncheon.

Kathy Shinkle, Senior Warden



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. Stephen Smith
Christian Formation

The Rev. Nathan Biornstad
Pastoral Care

PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

The Rev. Cn. Robert Cornner

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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

* 2nd and 4th Monday

WEEKLY 12-STEP MEETINGS

Sun: AA 7:30 PM

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

Tue: Serenity 7 PM

Wed: Al-Anon 7 AM
OCA 5:30 PM
CEA-HOW 7:30 PM

Thu: Al-Anon 12 Noon
OA 6 PM

Fri: AA 8 PM

Sat: Al-Anon 10 AM

More info: (310) 376-8989 or
info@stcross.org

October Calendar Highlights

10/03: Neighbor to Neighbor
10/06: St. Francis Pet Blessing
10/10: Sociable Seniors
10/11: Bishop's Concert
10/13: Sock Sunday
10/13: Connection Café (see p 5)
10/14: Office Closed -Holiday
10/18: St. Cross Book Club
10/19: Habitat Build Day
10/20: Sock Sunday
10/20: Choral Evensong & Healing
10/22: Folding of Crossroads
10/22: Vestry Meeting
10/23: Prayer Shawl Guild
10/24: Sociable Seniors
10/27: Halloween Party (see p 5)
10/30: Laundry Love

More at stcross.org

Choral Evensong and Healing Service Sunday, October 20 at 5 PM

Read about our Chancel Choir, Handbell
Choir and Youth Choir on Page 7!

Alpha & Omega

Born

Declan Carl Cyrus Bellavia

Died

Judith Scatoloni



ST. CROSS History

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When you tell someone you attend St. Cross Church, many times the response is "Don't you mean Holy Cross?" or "I didn't know there was a saint named Cross."

We know that in English the words "saint" and "holy" mean the same thing -- but most churches and other institutions are named Holy Cross.

So how many churches, chapels, institutions, etc. named St. Cross are there in the world-wide Anglican Communion?

Answer on page 6

Episco-speak: Colors

I noticed that the fabrics decorating the altar aren't always the same colors. Why and when do they change? Great question! We use several colors throughout the year.

Green symbolizes our spiritual growth and is the church year's most frequent color. It's displayed The Season After Pentecost (beginning the 51st day after Easter) until the season of Advent (4 Sundays before Christmas Day).

Red symbolizes fire and blood. On Palm Sunday (the Sunday before Easter), it symbolizes the blood of Christ, and on Pentecost (50 Days after Easter), it symbolizes the Holy Spirit and tongues of fire.

White symbolizes purity, joy, and truth. White is the color of the season of Christmas (beginning Christmas Day, lasting two weeks) and Easter (beginning Easter Day and continuing until the day before Pentecost).

Purple symbolizes penitence and expectations. Purple is color of Advent and Lent (the 40 days before Easter, not counting Sundays). Advent was the last season added to the church calendar in roughly 600 AD.

Black symbolizes mourning. Black is used one day a year, Good Friday (the Friday before Easter).



Ministry Updates

Peace & Justice Film Series

The Peace & Justice community plans to continue the Edwin Kampmann Memorial Film Series after the first of the year. Our most recent movie was well-attended at 4 pm on a Sunday, so we are likely to continue that time and day of the week. We'd like to change topics for the next one, and the Pixar animated film, "Inside Out", is high on our list for the next selection. Just let Sr. Patricia or Mervis know what might appeal to you!

Sign up for our weekly email at stcross.org!



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Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 6

Christian Formation at St. Cross

Adult Education

“Adult Ed” is a program which provides opportunities for adults of all ages to deepen their spirituality and their understanding of what it means to be a Christian in the world today. We’ll kick things off this year by incorporating themes from Bishop Curry’s “Way of Love” and also by delving into former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams’, book Being Disciples. Adult Ed. takes place each Sunday from 9-10 AM in the Guild Room from September through June. No advanced preparation is required – grab a cup of coffee and come on in!



Sunday School @ 9 AM

Sunday School is underway! Thank you to our awesome group of teachers, and a big shout out to our new teachers! We have seven classrooms on Sunday morning, so children and youth interact with their peers and engage with discussion and curriculum that is tailored to their age and spiritual development. If you have not already registered, please fill out a registration form on Sunday in the classroom. Contact Rev. Stephen with any questions.

St. Cross Softball 2019 Final Report

Dodgers Finally Lose, 13 – 3 Despite O’Grady’s Blast - Dodgers (8-1) finally took one on the chin by losing to South Bay Church of God. Jamie O’Grady (.944) had 3 Hits, Home Run, Double, 2 Runs, 1 RBI. Aaron Rose (.750) contributed 2 Hits, Double. These 2 were the offense as team only had 9 hits. Other contributors on offense with 1 Hit were Doug Hall (.714); Jennae People (.583); Jena P (.500) 1 RBI; and Bruce Difley (.800). Bruce (0-1) hurled from the mound in his first game pitching. Next week’s game is with South Bay Church of God for the Championship.

O’Grady and Barnes Go Deep in Dodgers Championship Win - The Dodgers (9-1) win “C” Division by besting South Bay Church of God 16-13. Leading hitter Jamie O’Grady (.909) with 3 Hits, Home Run, Double, 2 runs and Seth Barnes (.600) with 2 Hits, Home Run, Double, 4 RBIs, 2 Runs each hit Home Runs in the first inning to pave the way for a 21-Hit offense. Other multiple hit games by Sean



McCue (.800) 3/4, 3 Doubles, 3 Runs, 2 RBIs; Autumn Hoffman (.706) 2/3, 2 RBIs; Andy Simon (.476) 2/4, 2 Doubles, 2 RBIs; Aaron Rose (.556) 2/4, 2 Runs; Joe DesParte (.765) 2/2, 2 Runs; and Coach Bruce Difley (.815) 2/2, Double, 2 RBIs helped the team to victory. Others who had 1 Hit were Clement Ogar (.571) Double; Caren Brownlie (.556) Triple; and Andrew Welch (.400). Sean (8-0) remained perfect through the year while pitching.

St. Cross Softball Final Notes - The Dodgers finished as “C” Division Champions. This year 24

Halloween Party: Trunk-or-Treat!



Our Parish Halloween Party this year will be on **Sunday, October 27, from 3-5 PM**. All are welcome to come in their Halloween costumes! The event will take place in the inner parking lot at the church. Families, ministries, or Sunday School classes can choose to sponsor a vehicle in the "Trunk or Treat." Each participating vehicle will be decorated and have candy in the trunk. The children can then go trick or treating around the parking lot. We will also have some light refreshments, a bounce house, and other activities.

If you or your class or ministry are interested in sponsoring a vehicle, contact Rev. Stephen for more information: ssmith@stcross.org

Connection Café: Sunday, October 13

11:30 AM in the Guild Room (just off the main Parish Hall)

Would you like to get to know St. Cross better? Whether you're new(ish) to St. Cross or a long-time member looking to feel more connected, please join us for a Connection Café after church on October 13th. This casual gathering is a perfect time to meet and mingle, ask questions, and give us your feedback. It's a great way to get to know some other parishioners as well as clergy and staff members. And, if you're looking for ways to get involved, we can help point you in the direction that's right for you and/or your family.



Light refreshments will be served. **RSVP to cjohnson@stcross.org**

Softball (from page 4)

players: Jamie O'Grady, Coach Bruce Difley, Sean McCue, Joe DesParte, Megan and Malinda Difley, Doug Hall, Autumn Hoffman, Madi and Ellie

Weissenberg, Shane and Eileen Mathews, Seth and Sam Barnes, Clement Ogar, Caren Brownlie, Aaron Rose, Jennae People, Jena T., Andy Simon, Andrew Welch, Jim Sullivan, Kate F., and Rhonda B. played for the team. Men's Most Valuable Player was Sean McCue who batted .800 and 2.033 slugging with 17 extra base hits and a perfect 8-0 on the mound, and Women's Most Valuable Player was Autumn Hoffman who batted .706. Offensive Player of the year was Jamie O'Grady who batted .909 and 2.045 slugging and had 14 extra base hits. Men's Rookie of the year was Clement Ogar who batted .571 and Women's Co-Rookies of the year were Ellie (.421) and Madi Weissenberg (.700). Men's Defensive Player of the year was Aaron Rose at shortstop and Autumn was Women's Defensive player of the year at second base. The 11th Sub of the year goes to Malinda Difley who filled in when others were late to the game. Thanks to Malinda and Megan plus Candace Ford for babysitting some of our younger players' children during the games.

Pastoral Care Corner

Someone recently mentioned that they didn't realize that if they were unable to attend church, we could bring them Eucharist at home. Previously, someone else mentioned that they did not know that the clergy could come and visit them at the hospital. Another person beamed with gratitude as she described that someone from church brought her a handwoven prayer shawl. Someone else commented on how thankful they were that church members brought them food while they were recovering from surgery. Another person shared with me how they felt God's love and care when they received a bouquet of altar flowers.



These are just some of the ways that the St. Cross community cares for one another. We not only join with you in prayer, but we also offer you God's love in other tangible forms. If you are ill, having surgery, or are facing one of life's challenges, we are here for you. Reach out to me at nbiornstad@stcross.org so that together we can be there for each other.

-Rev. Nathan Biornstad



It's a Wedding Invitation!

It's Rev. Nathan and Erol — and YOU are invited!

The congregation of St. Cross is invited to celebrate the joyous wedding of the Rev. Nathan Allan Biornstad and Eroldeen Austria Woo on **Saturday, December 28, 2019 at 10 AM.**

Save the date and let's celebrate!

Look for additional information and reminders in the weekly email and in the next issues of *Crossroads*.

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The History Committee is not sure! In addition to us, we found five in England: Church of St. Cross (Hospital of St. Cross) (Parish of St. Faith) in Winchester; St. Cross Parish Church in Clayton, Manchester; St. Cross Oxford, now an Historic Collection Centre of Balliol College; St. Cross Church in Knutsford, Cheshire; and St. Cross Church in Middleton, Leeds, W. Yorkshire. Plus La Iglesia de Santa Cruz in Selena, Belize, named in our honor after we helped the people in the village build it in 2000.

Can you find out about any others? Let the History Committee know if you do. Thanks!

Music at St. Cross

St. Cross Chancel Choir: The music that is heard at St. Cross Church is drawn from the vast repertoire of traditional choral and organ music with an emphasis on the Episcopal/Anglican tradition. The adult choir is comprised of both volunteers from the parish and professional musicians who serve as leaders for each voice section. The choir sings for the 10:00 AM Eucharist each Sunday, beginning in early September and continuing through June (exclusive of the summer months when the choir is on break). Additionally, the choir provides musical support for special Eucharists such as Christmas Eve, Holy Week services and both Easter Sunday services. A **service of Choral Evensong** is presented by the choir several times during the year, including an **Evensong and healing service in early on October 20**. The choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7:30pm, and on Sundays at 8:30am. Those who are interested in joining the choir are encouraged to make themselves known to the clergy or music director, **Sean O'Neal**.



St. Cross Handbell Choir: Music is an integral part of the life of any church and its liturgy. The Bell Choir continues to be an important part of that ministry at St Cross. Our Bell Choir rings with a minimum of 11 persons when we present a musical offering. We generally make an appearance once a month during the 10am service, and we have regular Thursday night rehearsals from 6:15 to 7:15 upstairs in the Bob King Music Room. We work hard in rehearsals and have become a committed 'community within a community' as we prepare each week to serve. We're always looking for new ringers to work into the group when someone must be absent due to illness or vacation. Any interested persons, both young AND not-so-young, please contact **Dan Wilson** or any member of the group for further details. We'd love to have you join us.

St. Cross Youth Choir: We have a Youth Choir for children and teens in 3rd through 8th grades, directed by Candace Ford. They meet on Sundays 11:15am-Noon and sing in church about once a month. It's a great way for youth to improve their music skills, and it's lots of fun. Singers are welcome to join at any time. Sign-up forms are in the church office. Please see **Candace Ford** for more information.

Staff Day Out - Episcopal Dodger Night

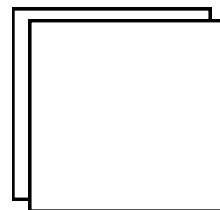


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St. Francis Pet Blessing

Bring your leashed, happy pet to
St. Cross on Sunday, October 6
for the annual
Blessing of the Animals!

Howling along with
the choir is encouraged.

*Special thanks to the volunteers
whose generous gifts of time and talent make this
newsletter possible.*

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