

GHTC Gifted With Antique Thurible

Charmaine and John Fowler and Sean McCall have given a thurible to the Cathedral to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives of Charmaine's parents and Sean's grandparents, Cornelius Finley Cole, Jr. (1910-2001), and Jeanette Starkweather Cole (1920-1989). It is a vessel for incense, suspended from a chain, carried in processions and used to cense the Gospel book, the altar, the celebrant and altar party, and the congregation. Sharyl Wallace, one of our thurifers, handled the thurible at its presentation on Thanksgiving.

This thurible is a large and rare French censer in the Gothic Revival tradition popular towards the end of the 19th century. Thuribles of this type almost always feature pointed Gothic spires, triple arches and flying buttresses. This rare piece, however, employs domes and rounded arches in place of the more common Gothic architectural symbols. Domes in the Middle Ages were symbols of the Holy City of Jerusalem. The thurible is perhaps intended to evoke Jerusalem.

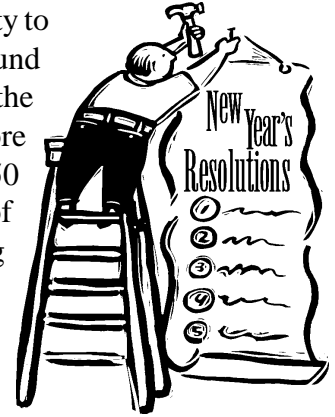
The thurible does retain several classic Gothic motifs, including three large winged gargoyles on the chain passages. It also bears six paired, winged lions and trilobe windows, often used to symbolize the Trinity.

It is silver-plated and stands 10 inches high and about 6 inches at its widest point. The burner is about 4 inches in diameter. The piece is complete with its chains and its original matching chain plate, pierced in the traditional manner for one chain and a ring.

Resolution

What is the Best New Year's Resolution of All?

It was a caroling party with St. Aman's, and I went along for the fun and the food, and the opportunity to meet some folks. Along with carols we found ourselves singing old fun songs like "Frosty the Snowman". "Across the fields of snow" was more realistically "across the lawns of green", with 50 degree temperatures. Amazing -- how we think of Christmas and snow together. Still, we can sing the songs, evoke the nostalgia, and enjoy the holiday even though the "signs" are not all in place.



As Christians we read the lessons and are reminded of the angels' song, "Peace on earth, Good will to all", when it may never have been less true. Instead, war seems to be our intent, even our desire. Yet, the promise of the Christ child remains compelling in its integrity. We can celebrate without the snow, without peace and without joy, and somehow the story of the love of God expressed in human flesh continues to excite our imagination and our devotion. Perhaps it is because we see clearly that there is no hope in war, none at all in busyness, and certainly none in pursuing the materialistic goals that occupy our days. It is my conviction that all true hope resides in Christ.

My goals for you and for me in this new year is a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Tozer wrote a little passage that captures the essence of that:

"For it is not mere words that nourish the soul, but God Himself, and unless and until the hearers find God in personal experience they are not the better for having heard the truth. The Bible is not an end in itself, but a means to bring men [and women] to an intimate and satisfying knowledge of God, that they may enter into Him that they may delight in His Presence, may taste and know the inner sweetness of the very God Himself in the core and center of their hearts."

Happy New Year!
Father James+

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Weekly Services

Sunday

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist
10:15 AM – Holy Eucharist
5:00 PM – An Order for Evening,
Nave

Wednesday

12:05 PM – Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Meditation

He wakes up in the morning/Does his teeth, bite to eat, and he's rolling/Never changes a thing/The week ends, the week begins.

She thinks, we look at each other/Wondering what the other is thinking/But we never say a thing/And these crimes between us grow deeper.

–“Ants Marching,” The Dave Matthews Band

Lest you begin to think that the Bible is the only source for reflective reading, I offer these verses from the song “Ants Marching,” a reference to the hive mentality and rigid routine for which ants, and all too often humans, are known. As New Year's launches us into the year of our Lord two-thousand and three, it is time for considering our own routines, to what they are blinding us, and what we'd like to change.

Most people in the US can identify with the first of these two verses— wake, eat breakfast, drive to work, come home, eat dinner, watch TV, go to sleep—repeat. T. V. Variations exist: some people don't eat breakfast, some people have children to chauffeur, and some work schedules vary. Most of us, however, have a fairly regular routine, and that's the way we like it.

It's not just ants and people who do this. Dogs are lovers of the routine. If I change the morning jogging route, my dog resents it for weeks. He tugs on the leash at places we used to turn, and looks uncertainly at the new path. This same powerful sense tells him exactly when it is time for supper, and exactly how late I am getting home after an extended day.

In the second verse things get a little more serious. We're not just talking comforting routine but pain too. The easiest interpretation and probably the one intended by the song, is of a husband and wife, both stuck in their own routines, taking each other, themselves, and everything around them for granted.

This particular situation cannot apply to all of us. I, for one, am not married, and so cannot have experienced the specific situation that seems to be implied by these verses. You don't have to be married to experience difficulty communicating for the lines in this song to apply. To put a religious twist on things, imagine that you are the routine-bound tooth brusher, and God is the She who sits and thinks.

This is not as blasphemous as it may seem. If you can get past the feminine reference to God, it is possible to find hope for redemption in the lines of the second verse. The last line, where the crimes between God and us grow deeper, sounds bleak. Closer examination, however, shows the only thing deepening these crimes is the fact that “we never say a thing.”

How hard can it be to say something? If the healing of hurt between husband and wife, or between us and God, can be healed by speaking up, how can we not say something? Well, as a married person who has found himself or herself in the situation described will tell us, it is hard to say something. It may be just as hard to say something into the silence between us and God as it is to follow up on these other New Year's resolutions we make, the ones about losing weight and eating better.

I am a big fan of New Year's resolutions. It doesn't even bother me when I fail to keep them. It is the human condition to reinvent ourselves; to make changes and pursue ideals. It is also the human (and dog and ant) condition to fall into routine and be comforted by it. Moving between this state of reinvention and routine is very human. It is when we become stuck in one or the other that the crimes between us deepen.

For this New Year then, make your resolutions. Make the usual attempt to reform your diet, your exercise, and your finances. Then extend yourself a bit more and make a resolution about God. Resolve to pray more, or meditate in the evenings, or keep a faith journal – simply talk to God more often. Even if your resolve lasts only a few weeks it will have been worth it, and maybe your routine will be the better for your attempt at reinvention.

Reverend Ben Newland+

Youth Ski Trip

The Youth Group will make a short pilgrimage to Snow Creek in Weston, MO for an evening of shushing down the slopes on skis. At the time this *Angelus* went to press, a date for this trip had not yet been set. Information will be shared as soon as it's available. Any questions? Ask Fr. Ben Newland.



December Memorials and Thanksgivings

Sunday, December 1, 2002

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Max Webster Morgan, Betty Ellis Morgan and Stephen Ellis Morgan by J. Gregory Morgan; and in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Brooke and Charles Dillman, by Mary Jo Browne; also in loving memory of Herbert Adams Sloan, Sr., by Mrs. H. A. Sloan and in thanksgiving for Frank Terrell, Jr.



Sunday, December 8, 2002

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for her daughter, Diane Sloan, and granddaughter, Sarah, by Mrs. Herbert A. Sloan; and in thanksgiving for all their grandchildren by Sally and Tom Wood. At the baptismal font in loving memory of his father, Clinton H. Gates, by Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland H. Gates.

Sunday, December 15, 2002

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father, Howard L. Stewart, by Janet, Ric and Devon Sweeting; and in thanksgiving for their granddaughter, Hannah Lacey McMullen, by Larry and Marilyn McMullen. Memorial candles are given in loving memory of her father, Homer A. Grant, by Elaine Grant. Flowers at the baptismal font are given in loving memory of Bill Haberland by his wife, Clint, and his family.

Sunday, December 22, 2002

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of his mother, Mary-Scott Crabbs, by Leo Crabbs, Jr.

Sunday, December 29, 2002

The Christmas Altar is given to the Glory of God. Memorials and thanksgiving will be listed in the next issue of *The Angelus*.



Gardening Group Makes Plans for the New Year

The Gardening Group met in November and made Christmas wreaths to take to Cathedral shut-ins. Jan Frizzle and Al Schneider coordinated the project. The group shared a potluck dinner and decided to help with the Advent workshop, assisting with making wreaths.

Ideas for meetings and plans for the group were discussed. Some ideas include focusing on the cathedral gardens, assigning tasks by areas; having a yearly event, perhaps a flower show; sharing educational projects; attending special gardening events; studying garden design; providing spiritually related books for the bookstore and library; and sponsoring a fund raiser for the gardens of the Cathedral.

Ideas for fund raising are the selling of flowers or plants; sponsoring tea and tours of the Cathedral; creating Friends of the Cathedral Garden Group with an annual fee.

Ric Sweeting has agreed to be the facilitator. Each attending member has been assigned a responsibility for the next meeting.

The group will meet the first Tuesday of the month; the next meeting is to be January 7. Anyone interested in gardening is welcome to become part of the Gardening Group. For more information, call Ric Sweeting, 816-361-3563, or Linda Yeager, 816-474-8260.

Music Events: Long Range

In the months ahead there will be ample opportunity to hear some fine guest choirs at our Cathedral. The first to visit is the **Choir of Washington University** in St. Louis. The Choir, whose conductor is John Stewart, will perform in the nave on Saturday, January 18, beginning at 8:00 PM. The next fine choir is from **Truman State University**. Dr. Paul Crabb will conduct a choral prelude at the 10:15 AM service on Sunday, February 2. Later in the day, at 2:00 PM, the Choir will sing a concert.

Other choral ensembles, which will visit the Cathedral are: **The Doane College Choir** on Wednesday, February 19 and the **Kansas City Chorale** on Sunday, March 2. And, for variety's sake, **Mathew Daniels, a classical guitarist**, will play a recital on Sunday, February 23 at 2:00 PM. **Friends of Chamber Music** will also present *The King's Noyse* on Friday, February 21.

There is always wonderful music making for the congregation and community at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. Do take advantage of it.

A hearty thank you goes to all the musicians who made Advent and Christmas so rich in spirit.

Births

Nigel Addison Burton Richards was born on October 22, 2002 and weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces. He is the son of Nathan and Areli Richards and the grandson of Judy and Tim Richards.

And Thank You!

The Guild of the Christ Child thanks everyone who answered the call for donations of new baby items for needy families. A special thank you goes to Jill Fanolio, who sewed special flannel gift bags and filled them with diapers, clothes, blankets and accessories for newborns. Thanks to everyone for caring for God's littlest angels.

Blakesley Reading Society

On January 21, the Blakesley Reading Society will meet to discuss *Ravelstein* by Saul Bellow. The group will gather 7:00 PM at the home of Kathy Jennings, 2422 W. 71 Terr., Shawnee Mission, KS. During this meeting, the group will also select books and meeting sites for upcoming spring meetings.

The title for the February meeting is Rick Bragg's *All Over But the Shouting*; the meeting location is to be announced.

GHTC Observes World AIDS Day

As Advent began, GHTC included in its liturgy on December 1 an observance of World AIDS Day. Congregants and clergy were asked to wear red-ribbon reminders of those who died or those living with the disease. The prelude and postlude were works composed by Kevin Oldham and Calvin Hampton, both of whom succumbed to AIDS. Intentions in our prayers emphasized the scope of communities and persons affected. Finally, we included, *in memoriam*, remembrance of individuals noted by friends and family, a list of 53 noted this year. Our intercessor is a person who has lived with AIDS for more than a decade who honors faith in God and fellowship in our Cathedral as essential elements in true hope and health.

About Angelus Deadlines

All parish small groups are welcome to submit material for the *Angelus*. Because the editor prepares the issue for the following month, groups need to think at 4-6 weeks ahead. The first workday of each month is the deadline for text, so the deadline for the March *Angelus* is Monday, February 3.

Chancel/Chapel Receive New Chairs

John and Peg Brown have recently given 40 choir chairs to the Cathedral. These chairs are solid oak with rush seats and will be used as seating for the altar party as well as for parishioners who worship in the chapel.

The Browns have donated these chairs in thanksgiving for all those who have contributed their time and talents to the Cathedral. The chairs replace the ones which had deteriorated. The hope is that these chairs will be used throughout the nave for small services and for inclusion in a larger chapel if one is constructed.

The Cathedral staff and membership thank the Browns for their generosity and thoughtfulness.

Birthday Fund Gifts Area Foster Teens



On behalf of Kansas City's foster children, the Social Action Committee Foster Care Outreach Group thanks all who made it possible for the Cathedral to provide 19 Wal-Mart gift cards (each valued at \$25) as birthday gifts for foster teens. In addition, one member donated several prepaid telephone long distance cards to be given to teens to help them stay in contact with parents.

Your generosity will make a teen's birthday a time of celebration. We encourage members to continue to celebrate their own birthdays and special events by donating to this worthy outreach project. Please make checks payable to the Cathedral and mark the memo line: "Foster Child Birthday Fund." Kansas City's foster teens say "Thanks."

Church History:

Absalom Jones, first African American Ordained

In 1786, the membership of St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia included both blacks and whites. However, the white members met that year and decided that thereafter, black members should sit only in the balcony. Two black Sunday worshippers, Absalom Jones and Richard Allen, learned of the decision only when, on the following Sunday, ushers tapped him on the shoulder during the opening prayers and demanded that the black members move to the balcony without waiting for the end of the prayer. They walked out, followed by the other black members. Absalom Jones conferred with William White, Episcopal Bishop of Philadelphia, who agreed to accept the group as an Episcopal parish. Jones would serve as lay reader and after a period of study, would be ordained and serve as rector. Jones and Allen were the first black Americans to receive formal ordination in any denomination. He was ordained a deacon and priest in 1795 and 1802.

The Adult Forum on January 26 will focus upon the life and career of Absalom Jones and on Saturday, February 8 at 11:00 a.m., a service and holy Eucharist will be held at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in celebration of Absalom Jones.

Episcopal 101 Returns for 2003

If you are currently a member simply interested in taking an in-depth look at the Episcopal church or you would like to build a strong foundation of faith leading to the rites of Baptism, Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation, please join us for *Episcopal 101: Understanding Anglican Christianity*. This class will meet from 9:10 – 10:00 in Founders' Hall for 8 consecutive weeks. We will begin meeting on Sunday, January 5. Please call Valerie Johnson at the Cathedral.



Epiphany Eve

On Sunday, January 5 at the 5:00 PM service, we will celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany is always celebrated on January 6, so the 8:00 and 10:15 AM services on the 5th will be the second Sunday after Christmas. Once it gets dark, however, we will invoke the ancient practice of starting the new day at sundown and celebrate Epiphany. The service will feature our regular 5:00 PM worship with the addition of a full choir and compliment of acolytes. There will also be incense, so, if it makes you sneeze you'll want to sit off to the side a bit.

Following the service there will be a festive Epiphany banquet. We'll provide a succulent, glazed, Honey-Baked Ham, as well as beverages. Guests are invited to bring appropriate sides and desserts. Even if you're a devoted 10:15er or 8 o'clocker, consider attending the Epiphany Eve worship on January 5th at 5:00 PM.

Episcopal Esoterica: Epiphany

The Feast of the Epiphany is one of the Episcopal Church's seven Major Feasts. The other six are, in order, Easter Day, Ascension Day, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, All Saints' Day, and Christmas Day. All Saints', Christmas, and Epiphany have fixed dates (Nov 1, Dec 25, and Jan 6 respectively), while the other four depend upon the date of Easter. Finding the date of Easter requires higher calculus and cannot be addressed here. In addition to the seven major feasts, The Holy Name (Jan 1st), The Presentation (Feb 2nd), and The Transfiguration (Aug 6th) take precedence over regular Sunday activities whenever they happen to fall directly on a Sunday. More information can be found on page 15 of your Book of Common Prayer.

Spaces for the Women's Retreats Still Open

The Sisters in Spirit invite women of GHTC to attend one of two women's retreats this year. Registration is open for both. Both will take place at the Franciscan Prayer Center on Noland Road in Independence, MO. The dates are February 21-23, 2003 and May 16-18, 2003. The sessions begin at 5:00 on Friday and conclude with brunch on Sunday. The cost for this year is \$85.00; but some scholarship funds are available.

The programs of both retreats will be the same, accommodating more women. The theme is "Healing, Humor and Hope." The planning committee consists of Dianne Logan, Lenette Johnson, Leona Schaefer, Marnell Sparks, Whitney Kretsinger, Bunny Reefer, Joyce Morrow and Linda Yeager.



Youth Confirmation Classes Forming

The Cathedral staff is making plans for the 2003 Youth Confirmation class. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders are invited to participate in this 8 week program. We will meet on Sunday mornings following the 10:15 AM service beginning February 16. Please call Father Ben Newland at the Cathedral office, 816-474-8260.

January Adult Forum

January 5:

The Rev. Linda Yeager will introduce us to the great characters of the Epiphany.

January 12: "Faith in Poetry: The Hound of Heaven" by Francis Thompson

Dr. Geoff Logan will lead us through a beautiful 'praying poem', *The Hound of Heaven* by Francis Thompson.

January 19

Hear the true stories of encounters ordinary Americans have had with angels and how their lives were changed forever. Terence Belcher will bring us together as we discuss All About Angels.

January 26

Shirley Bolden of St. Augustine's will prepare us for the celebration at GHTC on February 8, as we Look at the Life and Career of Absalom Jones office to let us know you will be joining us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ Amount enclosed _____ Scholarship needed? Y N

Retreat attending: Feb 21-23, 2003 _____ May 16-18, 2003 _____

Return registration to: Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral Annual Women's Retreat
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Calendar

Wednesday, January 1

Offices Closed

Thursday, January 2

7:00 AM, Men's Bible Study, CR

6:30 PM, EFM, Campus

6:00 PM, Bells, Haden Hall

7:30 PM, Mixed Choir, HH

Friday, January 3

9:30 AM, Moms' Bible Study, HH

Saturday, January 4

9:15 AM, Youth Choir, HH

Sunday, January 5

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist, N

9:15 AM, Adult Forum, FH

9:15 AM, Choraliers, CR

9:15 AM, Episcopal 101, MP

10:15 AM, Holy Eucharist, N

10:15 AM, Church School, HH

11:45 AM, Music Committee, CR

12:00 PM, Social Action, Conf. R.

5:00 PM, Holy Eucharist, N

Tuesday, January 7

1:30 PM, Women's Bible Study, CR

6:30 PM, Garden Group

6:30 PM, Needlework group, Conf. R.

Wednesday, January 8

12:05 PM, Holy Eucharist, Chapel

4:30 PM, Building and Grounds, Conf. R

7:00 PM, Youth Group, HH

Thursday, January 9

7:00 AM, Men's Bible Study, CR

6:30 PM, EFM, Campus

6:00 PM, Bells, Haden Hall

7:00 PM, Couples' Bible Study, MP

7:30 PM, Mixed Choir, HH

Friday, January 10

9:30 AM, Moms' Bible Study, HH

Saturday, January 11

9:15 AM, Youth Choir, HH

Sunday, January 12

Blood Pressure Sunday

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist, N

9:15 AM, Adult Forum, FH

9:15 AM, Choraliers, CR

9:15 AM, Episcopal 101, MP

10:15 AM, Holy Eucharist, N

10:15 AM, Church School, HH

5:00 PM, Holy Eucharist, N

Monday, January 13

7:00 PM, Quilting group, Conf. R.

Tuesday, January 14

1:30 PM, Women's Bible Study, CR

6:00 PM, Garden Group, HH

Wednesday, January 15

12:05 PM, Holy Eucharist, Chapel

7:00 PM, Youth Group, HH

Thursday, January 16

7:00 AM, Men's Bible Study, CR

6:30 PM, EFM, Campus

6:00 PM, Bells, Haden Hall

7:30 PM, Mixed Choir, HH

Friday, January 17

9:30 AM, Moms' Bible Study, HH

Saturday, January 18

9:15 AM, Youth Choir, HH

8:00 PM, Washington Univ. Choir, Nave

Sunday, January 19

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist, N

9:15 AM, Adult Forum, FH

9:15 AM, Choraliers, CR

9:15 AM, Episcopal 101, MP

10:15 AM, Holy Eucharist, N

10:15 AM, Church School, HH

5:00 PM, Holy Eucharist, N

Tuesday, January 21

1:30 PM, Women's Bible Study, CR

6:30 PM, Guild of the Christ Child, YR

7:00 PM, Blakesley Reading Soc.,

Kathy Jennings' home

Wednesday, January 22

12:05 PM, Holy Eucharist, Chapel

7:00 PM, Youth Group, HH

Thursday, January 23

7:00 AM, Men's Bible Study, CR

5:00 PM, Vestry, CR

6:30 PM, EFM, Campus

6:00 PM, Bells, Haden Hall

7:30 PM, Mixed Choir, HH

Friday, January 24

9:30 AM, Moms' Bible Study, HH

6:30 PM, Parenting Group, HH

Saturday, January 25

9:15 AM, Youth Choir, HH

Sunday, January 26

8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist, N

9:15 AM, Adult Forum, FH

9:15 AM, Choraliers, CR

9:15 AM, Episcopal 101, MP

10:15 AM, Holy Eucharist, N

10:15 AM, Church School, HH

5:00 PM, Holy Eucharist, N

Tuesday, January 27

1:30 PM, Women's Bible Study, CR

Wednesday, January 29

12:05 PM, Holy Eucharist, Chapel

7:00 PM, Youth Group, HH

Thursday, January 30

7:00 AM, Men's Bible Study, CR

6:30 PM, EFM, Campus

6:00 PM, Bells, Haden Hall

7:30 PM, Mixed Choir, HH

Friday, January 31

9:30 AM, Moms' Bible Study, HH