



# The Angelus

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## FROM THE PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

By the time you read this, the consecration of Bishop-Elect Martin Field will be one short month away. The consecration will be March 5 at 11 a.m. in the Colonial ballroom of the Marriott Hotels' Muehlebach Tower — a location that enables a far larger crowd than the Cathedral could possibly accommodate.

As some of you know, I learned in December that I would be in charge of designing, planning and emceeding the consecration liturgy. Meanwhile, Cathedral staff members Mary Ann Mansfield and July Toma learned that they were heading up Hospitality and Communication at about the same time. So though the consecration itself will not take place at the Cathedral, the Cathedral is certainly VERY well represented in the weekend's events.

In my copious spare time these days, I've been doing pre-marital counseling with couples who will be married this spring. And it occurs to me that there are striking similarities between couples planning a wedding and the diocese planning a consecration. Both are celebratory events that mark the beginning of a new creation. Both involve massive planning and organization, the occasional melt-down, new clothes and not-inconsiderable expense.

The challenge for bridal couples, during pre-marital counseling, is to focus on the marriage, not simply on the wedding, and I daresay that those of us who are actively (some would say obsessively) involved in the consecration details would do well to lean into that challenge as well.

Bishop-elect Field was elected from a slate of strong candidates. He is well aware of the challenges placed before him. Chief among those challenges will be living faithfully into the demands of office. In the consecration liturgy, Bishop-elect Field will be asked by one of his co-consecrating bishops, *"As chief priest and pastor, will you encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, nour-*

*ish them from the riches of God's grace, pray for them without ceasing, and celebrate with them the sacraments of our redemption?"* Living faithfully into that charge, to say nothing of the administrative and organizational demands of office, is a daunting challenge in itself.

The new bishop will then be seated at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral the following day at our 10:15 a.m. liturgy. Using the crozier, one of the symbols of office, he will ritually knock three times on the door of the nave. The Senior Warden will open the door, the new bishop will greet us and be escorted to the chancel.

He will be welcomed ritually, to which he will respond ritually by asking to be seated in the chair that is the remaining symbol of office (the others having been given to him the day before at his consecration). He'll then be led to his cathedra where he will be seated. He will then stand, move to the presider's chair, and preside at the regular celebration of Holy Eucharist.

It is a wonderful liturgy that Cathedrals alone are privileged to celebrate, as gracious as it is brief. It acknowledges the shared ministry of bishop and priest, and recognizes that while it is the bishop's prerogative to preside and preach whenever he/she is in the Cathedral, the parish itself is led by the dean (or priest-in-charge, as the case is at present). That marvelous system of checks-and-balances, a hallmark of how the Episcopal Church governs itself, is enacted ritually in this little service.

Anyone who wishes to attend the consecration is welcome. It promises to be rich in pageantry as only the Episcopal Church can do, as well as wonderfully symbolic of the continuity of apostolic leadership. I am particularly hopeful that Cathedral members will want to participate both in it as well as in the Seating the next day.

—Sue+

### *A Celebration of the Feast Day of* **ABSALOM JONES**



Absalom Jones

Saturday, February 12 • 11:00 a.m.  
St. Paul's Church, 40th & Main

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*Reception with Black History Exhibit follows the service. Event is co-sponsored by the Diocese of West Missouri and the St. Andrews/St. Augustine's Racial Reconciliation Committee.*

### **The First Day of Lent: Ash** **Wednesday • March 9** **7 a.m. + 12:05 p.m. + 7 p.m.**

*Proper Liturgy including homily, Imposition of Ashes, Litany of Penitence, Holy Eucharist*



*Palm fronds to be burned may be left in the basket at the back of the Nave by February 28, or burned at home with the ashes being returned to the ground.*

## Join the Altar Guild

In gratitude we pray for all who have served faithfully on the Cathedral Altar Guild, especially remembering Betty Phillips. Grant us a renewed spirit of reverence for this ministry and all the work it undertakes.

*Most gracious Father, Who has called me to serve in the preparation of Your Altar, so that it may be a suitable place for the offering of Your Body and Blood; Sanctify my life and consecrate my hands so that I may worthily handle those Sacred Gifts which are being offered to You. As I handle holy things, grant that my whole life may be illuminated and blessed by You, in whose honor I prepare them, and grant the people who shall be blessed by their use, may find their lives drawn closer to Him Whose Body and Blood is our hope and our strength, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



The Altar Guild is a very special ministry, in caring for the Altar, linens and vessels we become an active part of the liturgy and everyone is welcome to participate. If you are interested in joining this ministry please contact Janet Sweeting at 816-361-3563.

## January flower gifts

### January 2

- in memory of my sister, Teresa Esshom Sheldrake — Taloyre Mahoney

### January 9

- in thanksgiving of our children, Elizabeth, Amanda, Caroline and George on the anniversary of their baptisms — Mark and Brenda Colburn

### January 16

- in honor of Sally Wood

### January 30

- in thanksgiving for the birthday of Page Reed — Shawsie Branton
- in thanksgiving for Mike Sancho's 70th birthday — Bridgett Shirley

To donate toward the flowers to celebrate a special event or remember a loved one, sign up online at [www.ghtc-kc.org/flowers](http://www.ghtc-kc.org/flowers) or contact the Cathedral office (816.474.8260 ext. 103 or [office@ghtc-kc.org](mailto:office@ghtc-kc.org)).

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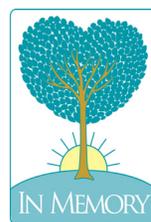
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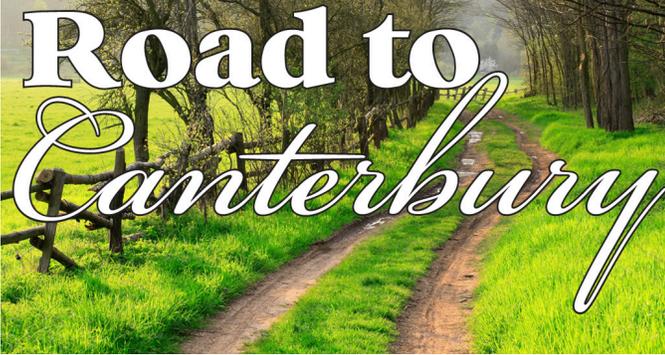
Submissions from parishioners and small groups are welcome and encouraged. All entries are requested by the 15th day of the month prior to publication by e-mail to [communications@ghtc-kc.org](mailto:communications@ghtc-kc.org).



*Give to the departed  
eternal rest.*

*Let light perpetual  
shine upon them.*

- The Reverend Bruce Hall
- Jeff Petzel, brother-in-law of Janet Sweeting



### Sundays, February 20-April 10 • 9:15-10 a.m.

Our adult education series, Road to Canterbury, is led by the Cathedral clergy and will cover such topics as:

- Some similarities and differences with other branches of the Christian Church,
- The Book of Common Prayer, the hymnals, Sunday morning worship, and why it takes such manual dexterity to be an Episcopalian,
- The role of Scripture, Tradition, and Reason in the Episcopal Church. (unity thru worship vs. uniformity of belief),
- Baptism as the Sacrament conferring full membership, and what that means, and much, much more.

Participation in this class can lead to adult baptism (for those who have not been baptized) or confirmation/reception/reaffirmation in the Episcopal Church at the Great Vigil of Easter. It can also lead simply to richer knowledge of the Episcopal Church. Register for this class now by contacting the Rev. Canon Joe Behen at 816-474-8260 x109 or [jbehen@ghtc-kc.org](mailto:jbehen@ghtc-kc.org).

## Jazz Liturgy: February 6

Our annual jazz liturgy gets better every year! Our 10:15 a.m. service, will feature some favorite hymns and the jazz ensemble from UMKC.

*"The congregation is in for a lively time." — Canon Schaefer*

## Foster care bowling party

Santa Claus (aka John Hornbeck) posed with the kids who loaded their plates several times with the beautiful and tasty cookies baked by Cathedral members. Little girls jumped in excitement while knocking down 4 pins. Goody bags with candy donated by GHTC members were toted home by the kids. A group of high school jazz musicians added to the excitement, fun and relaxation for the busy parents and their children.

*Thank You!*

Thank you all for sponsoring a fun time for the children and their parents. A good time was had by all.

—Rosemary Durkin

## Treasurer's Report

Dec. MTD	Budgeted MTD	Actual MTD
Income	\$ 177,781	\$ 180,948
Expenses	\$ 125,564	\$ 121,857
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$ 52,217</b>	<b>\$ 59,091</b>
Dec. YTD	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$ 1,675,529	\$ 1,645,863
Expenses	\$ 1,620,929	\$ 1,608,240
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$ 54,600</b>	<b>\$ 37,623</b>

The month of December was very close to budget in nearly all categories of income and expense. The pledges totaled \$61,805 compared to budget of \$60,000 and plate offering was \$16,882 compared to budget of \$17,000. The total income of \$180,948 for the month included a distribution from endowment of \$40,000. The expenses were lower than budget and reflected a net operating income of \$59,091 for the month. Adjusting for the \$40,000 endowment amount, the operating income would have been \$19,091 for the month of December 2010.

The year ended December 31, 2010, reflected expenses held below budget (\$1,608,340 actual and \$1,620,929 budget). The shortage in income relates to the month of November 2010 in the area of pledge and plate. As a result of November's shortfall, the year-to-date pledge was \$447,534 actual as compared to a budget of \$466,582 and plate was \$76,918 actual as compared to budget of \$80,000. Special gifts and users fees were below budget as well for year. The net operating income is reported as \$37,623 which includes the \$40,000 in endowment income. Adjusting for the \$40,000 endowment amount, the net operating income would have been slightly negative at \$2,377 for the year.

At this point, the budget for 2011 generally keeps expenses in line and will be dependent upon pledge and plate income to be realized in the amount similar to the 2010 budget amount. Pledges for 2011 continue to come in and we appreciate everyone's efforts towards returning pledge cards and planning for 2011.

—by Jim Phillips, Treasurer

## One year later in Haiti

A year has passed since the devastating earthquake in Haiti and frequently we hear how difficult it is to get funds and supplies out of Port au Prince and to the people. Only a fraction of the outpouring of donations have actually been put to use to help the country rebuild. Fortunately, this is not the case for gifts and support going to MN, according to Heather Ehlert, executive director of Maison de Naissance Foundation.

We can be confident that our monetary contributions and gifts, such as the knitted caps and onesies, are not held up in the political process. Funds designated for MN are deposited directly into an account in a safe bank in the city of Les Cayes, nearest to MN. Many of the needed supplies are purchased locally. When materials are needed from the United States, they often are carried to MN by volunteers traveling to Haiti.

It is important to enable MN to continue providing daily care and services to mothers and babies, as well as making it possible for MN to build small inventories of supplies to see them through the hard times when supplies are not so plentiful. Please remember MN in your prayers and with your gifts. Visit [www.maisondenaissance.com](http://www.maisondenaissance.com).



Maison de Naissance [maisondenaissance.com](http://www.maisondenaissance.com)



—by Sandy Carter

## GHTC member publishes book

Congratulations to GHTC member Gina Fenger! Gina started out 2011 with a published book of original poetry! *Poetry for the Dead: How to Care for People, Angels and the Human Soul* is a culmination of writings Gina (aka GD Granger) penned over years of a personal quest for answers to dangerous living conditions, human suffering and death. She poetically asks, who is watching all of these injustices; and as individuals and a community, how can we make an impact upon a world of victims in need?

Dr. Martha J. Rabbani, Professor of Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution in the Department of Humanities and Western Civilization at the University of Kansas states, "Our world is full of contradictions and oppositions. In it, the beautiful and the ugly, the good and the evil, the truth and the lie compete and coexist. Through the richly figurative language of poetry, GD Granger pursues justice in its aesthetic, historical and

moral forms. Beyond art for art's sake, it is social change that guides her creations."

Celebrate Gina's new poetry collection at a special reading, discussion and book signing hosted by the Cathedral Bookstore! Join us Sunday, February 6, following the 10:15 a.m. jazz liturgy service. We will begin at 12 p.m. in the Common Room with refreshments and conversation. Dr. Martha Rabbani and Gina Fenger will lead us through selected poems and dialogue that is sure to inspire all. Dr. Rabbani shares her insights to this poetry and her own works, also related to peace education, global democracy and world citizenship. Signed copies of Gina's book will be available for purchase and proceeds will be donated to Maison de Naissance.



—Valerie Johnson

## Want to see a great opera for free?

On February 27, you are invited to join members of the Cathedral's Social Action Commission and friends to serve as volunteer ushers for the matinee performance of the opera *Daughter of the Regiment* by Gaetano Donizetti. Not familiar with the opera? Marie is a pretty little girl with a pretty big heart. When the orphaned Marie is adopted by a regiment of the French soldiers, laughter erupts. The heartwarming story is filled with catchy tuneful music, two handfuls of tenor high C's and one energetic singing tomboy. It will be sung in English with English supertitles.

As a volunteer usher, you will provide a valuable service to the Lyric, enjoy the opera at no charge, and earn money for the Cathedral's social outreach ministries all at the same time. It's a true win-win-win situation.



No experience is required; we'll teach you what to do. Here's how it works:

- To volunteer, contact Gary Hicks at 816.699.2224 or 816.941.7295 or [gary@garyhicks.net](mailto:gary@garyhicks.net).
- On Sunday, February 27, wear black/navy on the bottom and white on the top and meet us in the inner lobby of the Lyric Theatre (corner of 11th and Central) at 12:30 p.m.
- At 12:30 we will have a briefing of your duties and a preview of the opera. Then at 1 p.m. you will help serve as a volunteer usher.
- The opera begins at 2 p.m.; enjoy the opera along with the patrons. You may leave after the last intermission or stay for the entire production.

Mark your calendar for the last opera of the season: Mozart classic *The Marriage of Figaro* April 17. Be sure to save that date on your calendar.

# Activities for February

- 2 • WEDNESDAY  
6:45 p.m. Trinity Teens Youth Group
- 6 • SUNDAY  
12:00 p.m. Book signing
- 13 • SUNDAY  
*Free blood pressure checks at coffee hour*  
3:00 p.m. Reception for Bishop & Mary Howe  
5:00 p.m. Solemn Evensong
- 9 • WEDNESDAY  
6:45 p.m. Trinity Teens Youth Group  
(prep for KCCCK)
- 16 • WEDNESDAY  
7:00 a.m. Finance Committee  
6:45 p.m. Trinity Teens Youth Group
- 23 • WEDNESDAY  
6:30 p.m. Reel People
- 24 • THURSDAY  
5:00 p.m. Vestry

*Please verify times and dates of the events listed with the appropriate person(s) or by contacting the Cathedral office or website ([www.ghtc-kc.org](http://www.ghtc-kc.org)).*



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- The Right Rev. Barry R. Howe  
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- The Rev. Canon Susan Sommer  
*Priest-in-Charge*
- The Rev. Canon Joseph Behen  
*Canon*
- The Rev. Jerry Grabher  
*Deacon*
- The Rev. Dr. Michael Johnston  
*Scholar-in-Residence*
- Mr. John L. Schaefer  
*Canon Musician*

# Weekly Activities

## Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Formation
- 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

## Monday

- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 6:00 p.m. Trinity Tappers Class

## Tuesday

- 9:15 a.m. EfM
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. EfM

## Wednesday

- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 5:45 p.m. The Tallis Singers
- 6:15 p.m. Grace Choraliers

## Thursday

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 6:00 p.m. Cathedral Bell Ringers
- 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir

## Friday

- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

## RETIREMENT EVENT FOR BISHOP BARRY AND MARY HOWE

The celebration of Bishop Barry and Mary Howe's service to the diocese is planned for Sunday, February 13 at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.

- 3-4:45 p.m. The Howes will receive guests in Founders' Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Solemn Evensong in the Cathedral Nave

The Howes would like their retirement gift to be the establishment of a diocesan fund to support the Day Care Center for Orphaned and Abandoned Children in Palapye, Botswana. If you have not yet sent a contribution through your congregation, you may send a check to the diocesan office (PO Box 413227, Kansas City, MO 64141-3227), marking it as the bishop's gift.



## ORDINATION AND CONSECRATION OF THE VERY REVEREND MARTIN SCOTT FIELD

Pending the consents of the church, Bishop-Elect Field will be ordained and installed Saturday, March 5.

*Please keep him, his family and the diocese in your prayers.*

### Ordination Weekend Schedule Saturday, March 5

- 11:00 a.m. Ordination and installation service at Marriott Hotel
- 1:00 p.m. Post-ordination reception at Marriott Hotel

### Sunday, March 6

- 10:15 a.m. Welcome and seating at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral