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Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

Open to All Parishes in the Diocese

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Oct 13-16, Diocesan Convention, Reno: *Who Is My Neighbor?* - Harrah's, Reno. For reservations call 1-888-726-6311/group code S10EDN; Thurs. \$55, Fri. \$75, Sat. \$100 (plus tax). First night's room and tax will be charged at time of reservation. Or, go to:

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A lawsuit was filed this week against a monastery in Missouri where Fr. Bede Parry, who has served for 11 years as organist and assisting priest at All Saints, was a monk in another denomination in the 1980s. The suit alleges that Fr. Bede engaged in inappropriate relationships with youth in their late teens. In response to these allegations, Fr. Bede has resigned from his duties at All Saints and tendered to me his resignation as a priest. He has had no involvement with minors in our church and is not accused of any misconduct in Nevada, in the Episcopal Church, or in any context since the 1980's. The legal action is not a criminal prosecution but a civil suit for money damages. All Saints, the Diocese of Nevada, and even Fr. Bede are not parties to the law suit.

However, this situation is a reminder of the importance of our Safe Guarding God's Children standards. It is essential for all of our people who work with children to receive Safe Guarding training on a regular basis and that vestries, clergy, and all church leaders insure that appropriate standards are in place - for example, minors should not be in the presence of only one adult at any time; doors should have windows in them; church members should be on the lookout for abuse symptoms in minors or suspicious behavior in adults. The purpose of these precautions is not so much to protect the church from liability as to protect the children from harm. Caring for the safety and wellbeing of our children is a moral obligation of the utmost importance. We ask your prayers for all who are involved in the law suit and those whose lives have been affected by the events surrounding it.

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Jun 29, Organizing Meeting for Episcopal Churches -- to explore the possibility of joining Las Vegas Valley InterFaith, a partnership supporting families in southern Nevada; facilitated by Bishop Dan Edwards. Grace in the Desert Parish Hall, Summerlin, 7:00 - 9:00 PM.
Jul 1 - 30, Artown Events at Trinity Reno, 200 Island Ave., Reno

Jul 8-10, THE FILIPINO CONVOCATION OF THE EPISCOPAL ASIAMERICA MINISTRY, Las Vegas, NV. Contact: aprimarnov@yahoo.com

July 11 -15, Financial Management for Parishes, Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, 8:30am-12:00. Contact http://www.cdsp.edu/center_online.php

Jul 21, The Thisted Church Choir of Men and Boys, Denmark. Christ Church, Las Vegas, 7:30 PM.

Jul 25, Addictions 101 - The Nevada Partnership for Training (NPT) sponsored by the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) is offering a series of free trainings on Addictions, Domestic Violence, Child Sexual Abuse and Mental Health. Contact Darlene Duncan at 702-486-7668 or go to <http://www.nvpartnership4training.com>

Sep 3-5, Chrysalis Weekend for Youth Ages 15-18, location TBA. The weekend is sponsored by the Methodist Church and is for youth of all denominations. "Chrysalis" is three exciting days of meeting Jesus, a friend who comes to you in God's love, expressed through other Christians. For information contact slohiker@cox.net

Sep 29 - Nov 17, Hospice Bereavement Classes sponsored by Holy Trinity Church, Fallon. Classes will be held at 570 South Maine St. Fallon.

Oct 13 - RIDE THE BUS TO RENO. St. Matthews is, once again, running a bus to convention. The bus will leave from Arizona Charlie's, October 13 at 7:00 AM. Cost is \$125/per person. No reservations or refunds will be made after September 15. For reservations, call Thelma Northrup at 702-889-3929, or tnorthrup@cox.net. Please mail checks to St. Matthew's, 4709 S. Nellis Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89121.

Nov 4-6, Episcopal Women's Retreat at Camp Galilee facilitated by Rev. Kim Morgan and Rev. Helen McPeak. For information contact Rev. McPeak at helen@mcpeak.org or 702-340-8916.

Nov. 5, 1st Holiday Bazaar and Craft Sale, Grace in the Desert, Summerlin. Vendor booths for craft vendors throughout the Las Vegas area are now available to showcase your crafts and merchandise. Reserve your space now with a \$25 deposit. Contact bschafer12@cox.net; at 702-469-3554.

Nov. 19, Southern Mission District Acolyte Festival, hosted by Grace in the Desert, Las Vegas: 3:00 - 7:00 PM. A celebration to honor all acolytes in the Southern Mission District. Acolyte Teams from all parishes are invited to participate in this celebratory event. The afternoon will include an "acolyte training tips" workshop presented by Bishop Dan; a Eucharist Service; Bishop Dan as celebrant; games, prizes and a light supper. ALL PARISHES please save this date on your calendars - more information to follow.

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Saint Peter and Saint Paul



Peter and Paul, the two greatest leaders of the early Church, are commemorated separately, Peter on January 18, for his confession of Jesus as the Messiah, and Paul on January 25, for his conversion. However, they are commemorated together on June 29 in observance of the tradition of the Church that they both died as martyrs in Rome during the persecution under Nero in the year 64 C.E.

Paul, the well educated and cosmopolitan Jew of the Diaspora, and Peter, the uneducated fisherman from Galilee, had differences of opinion in the early years of the Church concerning the mission to the Gentiles. More than once, Paul speaks of rebuking Peter for his continued insistence on Jewish exclusiveness; yet their common commitment to Christ and the proclamation of the Gospel proved stronger than their differences; and both eventually carried that mission to Rome, where they were martyred. According to tradition, Paul was granted the right of a Roman citizen to be beheaded by a sword, but Peter suffered the fate of his Lord, crucifixion, though with head downward.

A generation after their martyrdom, Clement of Rome, writing to the Church in Corinth, says: "Let us come to those who have most recently proved champions; let us take up the noble examples of our own generation. Because of jealousy and envy the greatest and most upright pillars of the Church were persecuted and competed unto death. Let us bring before our eyes the good apostles - Peter, who because of unrighteous jealousy endured not one or two, but numerous trials, and so bore a martyr's witness and went to the glorious place he deserved. Because of jealousy and strife Paul pointed the way to the reward of endurance; seven times he was imprisoned, he was exiled, he was stoned, he was a preacher in both east and west, and won renown for his faith, teaching uprightness to the whole world, and reaching the farthest limit of the west, and bearing a martyr's witness before the rulers, he passed out of the world and was taken up into the holy place, having proved a very great example of endurance."

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ, our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN

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