



# St. Patrick's Shamrock

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## A MESSAGE FROM JIM BEEBE

### *“Forgiving”*

**Once** there was a brand new priest who was nervous about hearing confessions. So he asked an older priest to sit in on his sessions. The new priest heard several confessions. Then the older priest asked him to step out of the confessional for a few suggestions.

Interestingly, the older priest suggested that the young priest cross his arms over his chest and rub his chin with one hand. The new priest tried it. Then the older priest suggested that he try saying things like, “*I see, yes, go on,*” and “*I understand - how did you feel about that?*” So the new priest tried doing that.

“*Now,*” said the older priest, “*don't you think that's a little better than slapping your knee and saying, 'No way! What happened next?'*”

**Now**, the young priest was probably enjoying himself a bit overmuch, but then again, he was not on the reception end of all those sins. The one who was is probably mad as a hornet. Which, of course, leads us to the whole topic of forgiveness.

Observation #1: Unless you've really been injured in some way by someone, you don't have the *power* to forgive. Please spare everyone your largesse.

Observation #2: Loving our enemies doesn't mean overlooking what they've *done*. It doesn't mean making them out to be less bad than they really are. Forgiveness doesn't mean excusing bad behavior.

Observation #3: We've actually been practicing forgiveness for a very long time. We might not like our *own* greed or conceit, but we continue loving ourselves. We just might want to apply that *same* standard for others.

Observation #4: Forgiveness doesn't mean withholding punishment. But it *does* mean not reveling in it. We are to acknowledge the bad that has been done, but we regret it and wish it weren't so.

Observation #5: Most importantly, we are to wish the offending person, race, culture or religion *well*. That doesn't mean we have to *like* them (see above observations). But it does mean that we pray for their spiritual welfare.

**We do it for the sake of Him who, despite our own ingratitude, did the same for us at a far-off landfill called Golgotha.**



## **...FROM BISHOP KATHARINE**

The reality that I will only write two more of these columns is beginning to set in, which is perhaps why I've been so reluctant to take electronic pen to paper. The last couple of months have been a whirlwind, filled with grace and challenge, but also with sadness at the thought of leaving. The nearly six years we have known each other has similarly been filled with grace and challenge, with occasional twinges of sadness when relationships have failed or opportunities have been lost. I have been much blessed in being called to serve with you, and I give thanks for the great and gifted leaders you have and are. Together, we have grown a good deal. We have much for which to give thanks. And there is still abundant, challenging work to do here in the Diocese called Nevada!

Members of the Standing Committee and the Diocesan Council have been traveling around the diocese this summer, visiting each of the congregations (they haven't made it to all of you quite yet) to talk about the future. What is our vision as a diocese? What is most important to our ministry together? I gather that the conversations have been rich and sometimes heated, which is a good thing – it means there is passion about this! In so many ways, this diocese is poised for greatness. You have the ability to be the voice of those who are ignored and under-represented in this burgeoning place. You have the ability to work toward a set of communities that look a good deal more like the Reign of God. You have the gifts to be ministers of transformation in all the many places you call home and work and church. So, dream big! How would Nevada and Bullhead City, Arizona look different if we heard the gospel first in our civic lives? What priorities come first when we see the world in which we live through gospel lenses? That is where God is calling this diocese.

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### **Standing Committee — Episcopal Diocese of Nevada**

Rev. Jim Kelly

Diocesan Standing Committee (SC) has spent the last several months visiting our 37 parishes to seek feedback on the draft Vision statement, *God is calling the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada to transform our communities through the vitality of our worship and living out our baptismal vows*. In addition to St. Pat's, Trinity Reno, St. John's in the Wilderness, St. Peter's and Old St. Paul's Virginia City, I had the six churches in the northeastern part of the state, the Frontier Mission District. I was truly blessed when Eric Strotz offered to fly me there in his Cessna 310, saving countless hours of driving. Many thanks again, Eric—an excellent example of living out our baptismal vows. SC is consolidating the feedback from these visits and will present the results at Convention in Fallon this October.

Needless to say our priorities have changed now that +Katharine will become Presiding Bishop for the Episcopal Church of the United States of America (ECUSA) on November 1, 2006. Until a new bishop is consecrated, SC (consisting of three clergy and three laypersons) is the Ecclesiastical Authority for the Diocese. We have had meetings with the Rt. Rev. Clay Matthews, Bishop for the Office of Pastoral Development in the Office of the Presiding Bishop to work out a plan and time line for calling a new bishop. The plan is to elect our next bishop at the 2007 Diocesan Convention the second weekend in October at Christ Church in Las Vegas. SC has contracted with Bishop Jerry Lamb who is resigning as Bishop of the Diocese of Northern California at the end of the year to serve part time as Assisting Bishop until our new bishop is elected.

One of the first steps in the election process will take place in a few weeks at Convention when clergy and lay delegates will gather by Mission Districts to propose candidates for the Search and Transition committees. We are striving for inclusiveness—a broad diversity of representation throughout the Diocese. We pray that the nomination and election process will be prayerful and thoughtful. Just as Jesus prayed for guidance the night before naming his 12 disciples, we look forward to a prayerful discernment in the calling of our next bishop.

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church,  
And so guide the hearts and minds of those who shall choose a bishop for  
this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your  
people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*



## REFLECTIONS ON KATHARINE JEFFERTS-SCHORI

By Rev. Dave Mussatti

The cover story of the September issue of Episcopal Life is “A Confident Reconciler” and that is an accurate picture of Katharine Jefferts-Schori. I have had the pleasure of working with Katharine for the past five years and can say without reservations that she is the most effective spiritual leader I have known. When she came to the Diocese of Nevada we were in disarray and desperately needed someone who could lead us into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Katharine was that person. I will miss her presence in the Diocese as a spiritual inspiration to all of us. She leaves the Diocese in a position to move ahead in our mission as the Diocese of Nevada. I really like her quote on the front page of Episcopal Life: “We need to get busy about healing the world. That’s what we’ve been called to do. We need to stop focusing on our internal conflicts. The mission of the church is the centerpiece”.

Particularly I have been impressed in the support and leadership she has given to Camp Galilee. As most of you know I have been very involved with Galilee for many years and served a four-year term on the board ending in 2005. The Galilee Board has made great strides. In the last five years the Camp and Conference has become totally self supporting and the Youth programs have expanded. Thanks to the support and encouragement of Katharine Galilee has a very positive outlook on the future.

Last but not least, St Patrick’s has been the recipient of Katharine’s support and guidance. As we all know, 2003 was a tough year here. Katharine provided the guidance and inspiration for us to move ahead through the interim period leading to the calling of Rev. Jim Beebe and his wife Deb to lead us. Today we are on the right track with Jim’s leadership to be “all we can be.”

GOOD LUCK and GOD BLESS KATHARINE



## St. Patrick’s – Incline’s Emerging “Center for the Performing Arts!”



- October 6th (Friday) at 7:30p.m.—Gail Archer, organ (Gail is from Barnard College, New York) (“Rumble and Zing Concert”)
- November 4th (Saturday) at 7:30p.m.—“An Evening at the Silent Movies”, featuring Arthur Johnson, organist. Feature film: *Sunrise*. 1927. Drama. (“Rumble and Zing Concert”).
- December 10th (Saturday) at 3:00p.m.—“Music for a Winter’s Eve”, featuring Joe Simms, organist.

As we continue to be known in the musical community as a genuinely hospitable Church, performers and audiences alike will be exposed to a style of Christianity that is authentic and open (the Episcopal Church at its best).



## Celebration and Stewardship Kickoff

On Sunday evening, September 24, our parish put on a gala party for itself! We gathered at the church to celebrate the first year of Jim and Deborah Beebe's ministry among us. The fine food and drink was prepared and offered by many hands among us, and Cherry and I thank you all—too many to name—for your always willing help.

Father Jim spoke on the theme of taking stock, an assessment of where we have come in the last year, and some thoughts about where we might go. Pledge cards were available, and many people made a pledge for 2007 on the spot. We are already well on our way to our goal of 100% participation in our pledge drive this year.

If you have not pledged, please consider doing so now. Without knowing what income we can expect, St. Patrick's is unable to plan responsibly.

We had a good time! What a nice bunch of people! Thank you all!

Steve Barney, Chair, Stewardship Committee

## DIOCESAN CONVENTION MEETS AT FALLON

The Diocese of Nevada (all of the Episcopal parishes in the state of Nevada plus one in Bullhead City, Arizona) will meet in Fallon from October 6-8, 2006. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, will host the event and the people of the diocese will have one last chance to meet and worship with Bishop Katharine before she assumes her duties as Presiding Bishop on November 4th. This will be the 36<sup>th</sup> annual convention for the Episcopal Church in Nevada.

The Convention kicks off on Friday, October 6 at 9 a.m. with a workshop given by the Rev. Dr. David Gortner, who is the Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology at Church Divinity School of the Pacific. He is also the Director of the Center for Anglican Learning and Leadership.

At 8:30 p.m. the Convention officially opens with an introduction of guests, introduction of candidates for various diocesan offices and nominations from the floor. On Saturday the Convention resumes with elections, ratification of the diocesan budget, and reports from committees. The Convention concludes on Sunday, October 8 with a closing Eucharist.

Delegates from St. Patrick's Church are Connie Skidmore, Jim Jervey and Deborah Beebe. They will be accompanied by St. Patrick's clergy (Jim Beebe, Dave Mussatti and Jim Kelly). Nancy Joslin will also be in attendance as an observer for our parish.

## EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM) GETS UNDERWAY

September brings a colorful Tahoe autumn with cooler weather and a return for many of us to our regular activities and routines. Sometimes we have the opportunity to start a new thing. Education for Ministry (EFM) is that "new thing" for St. Patrick's, and nine parishioners have begun a journey of study, prayer, worship and theological reflection in a seminar group which will continue for the next 36 weeks.

The group, mentored by Connie Skidmore and Jim Kelly, include Karen Barney, Deborah Beebe, David Brown, Linda Brown, Nancy Joslin, Judy Morrison and Gary Thomsen. Seminar meetings will be every Monday evening from 5:30 - 8:00 P.M. in the church library for discussion about our weekly lessons and to share our walk as people of God. This is an exciting opportunity for everyone in the group to learn to be more effective in our lay ministries, and to become more knowledgeable about the Bible, church history, liturgy, prayer and theology.

We ask for your prayers as we go forth on this new adventure.

Connie Skidmore



**YAHOO!!**

**And a Huge THANK YOU**

to Warren Kocmund and Janet Pahl for the fabulous Western BBQ and terrific entertainment as they hosted us at their home on August 6<sup>th</sup>! Warren is some fabulous kind of BBQ chef, and Janet makes a mean apple cobbler -it was loads of fun. If you missed out on the festivities, mark your calendars for next year! Thanks to their generous donation of all the food, wine and entertainment St. Patrick's received \$4500 for the fundraising fund at the church. We are SO grateful for this wonderful contribution!!

**YARD SALE FUNDRAISER**

And speaking of successes, St. Patrick's Annual Yard Sale was outstanding!! We raised slightly over \$5,000 on this event, and that has now gone to the Fundraising Fund too, which will be a great contribution to our budget. There were SO many people who pitched in and helped with sorting (led by Deborah Beebe on an almost daily basis), pricing (boy can Patti Clark price things fast!), moving things around, cashiers, signage, putting up posters, setup at 6:00 AM, helping the customers, donating fabulous merchandise, setting up the displays, buying things, cleaning up & loading up the truck to haul stuff away, and on, and on, and on!! Most of all we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Peggy Crayton for her OH SO GENEROUS! donation of the 1986 Cadillac Seville Elegante that was the piece de resistance of the yard sale and our big money-maker! By the way, if you still see it around town, one of our very own members, Connie Balfrey is driving it, so we owe a huge thank you too to Connie and Bill Balfrey for being the high bidders on the car! Thank you all so much for your participation!!

Emy Gurowitz, Senior Warden

**ST. PATRICK'S FINANCIAL RESULTS, JANUARY-AUGUST 2006**

Jim McFarlin, Treasurer

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Pledge	\$126,900	\$139,300
Plate	8,900	19,700
Other	28,500	42,600
Total	\$164,300	\$201,600
 <u>EXPENSE</u>		
Staff	\$95,900	\$101,200
Facilities	61,200	59,200
Programs/Giving	28,900	38,300
Operations	11,100	11,500
Total	\$197,100	\$210,200
 OPERATING INCOME	 <32,800>	 <8,600>

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## WOMEN OF ST. PATRICK'S NEWS



**Women's Fellowship**

The Women of St. Patrick's met on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> in the church library for a make your own salad lunch and meeting. Several visitors from out of town joined us as well as Millie Clarke, President of the Village Presbyterian Women's Group. This was especially fun as well as informative. Good ideas for projects were shared from the churches represented.

The following items were discussed by the group:

- \* The St. Patrick's Outreach Survey results were presented by Lainie McFarlin. The Survey Report is available on a table in the church entrance.
- \* Fall meeting program suggestions included an Advent study (led by Fr. Jim Beebe), a cookie exchange and a joint meeting with the Presbyterian Women's Group.
- \* Possible future projects mentioned were the Shoe Box Ministries, an Angel Tree at the holidays, and an antique sale.

Announcements of upcoming events included a reminder of the "Walk to the Water" event scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> to support the "Sisters in Service" Project, the September 24<sup>th</sup> parish 1-year Anniversary Party for the Jim and Deb Beebe combined with the Stewardship Campaign Kick-off, and St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Carson City women's bazaar on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**The next Women's Group meeting is on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> in the church Library at 11:45 A.M. A sign up sheet will be on the table in the Church front hall. Hope to see you there!**

Connie Skidmore

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### **HAVE YOU SEEN THE BEAUTIFUL ALTAR AFGHAN IN OUR CHURCH CHAPEL?**

**Many thanks to Ruth Jervey who created the knitted Christian symbol images in the new afghan; and to the other members of the Knitters Guild who contributed knitted squares to complete the lovely one-of-a-kind finished piece. This generous donation of heart and hand is greatly appreciated. A special blessing indeed!**

*Let the Earth glorify the Lord,  
Praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth,  
Praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
- from A Song of Creation (Canticle 12)*



On Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> at the 10 AM service we will have special music at the celebration of the Feast of St. Francis and the Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pet to the service as we celebrate of all of God's Creation and give thanks for all creatures great and small. During the blessing of the animals we will sing "A Song of Creation", one of our church's Canticles, which celebrates The Cosmic order, the Earth and its Creatures, and the People of God (excerpt above).

On Friday, October 6, at 7:30 PM, Gail Archer, organist from Barnard College, New York City will present a lecture and concert on the evolution of the organ and its music. "Organ Music: Ancient to Modern". Gail will bring slides from her travels all over Europe and America to show us what different instruments look like. This concert is underwritten by a grant from the Carol Franc Buck Foundation, and we thank them for their support of the arts in our community!

On November 4, at 7:30 PM Our Rumble and Zing Concerts continue with An Evening at the Silent Movies in cooperation with the Great Basin Film Society. Arthur Johnson, organist will improvise an accompaniment to the feature film **Sunrise**, a 1927 Drama directed by F. W. Murnau. Art's silent film improvisations are unlike any other program you will hear!

Sunday, December 10, at 3:00P.M., organist Joe Simms returns Music for a Winter's Eve. Joe will treat his audience to Gospel Favorites, sing-a-longs for the audience, and musical gems with a winter theme. From the theater, to the roller rink, to the ball-field, to the church organ, Joe is a versatile and fun-loving organist that will leave you tapping your toe and singing for the joy of it!

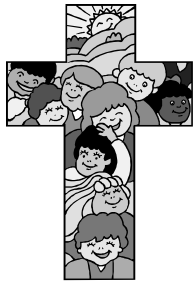
Weekly Compline Services will return on Thursday evenings at 6:15 PM beginning November 30. This sung, candle-lit service is a wonderful way to gear down during the secular hustle and bustle that so often stresses us out in the days preceding year-end holidays. Led by the choir, Compline is a service in the monastic tradition that is preceded by a light meal served beginning at 5:30 PM.

David H. Brock, Director of Music



Youth Confirmation classes (6th Grade through adult) will be offered every Saturday in October at 5:00p.m. in the library, with the first class on October 7th led by Rev. Jim Beebe.

GODLY PLAY FOCUSES ON WORSHIP SKILLS



This fall St. Patrick's Godly Play program is teaching our children how to use the Bible and other worship tools. Thanks once again to Bob Skidmore, the Godly Play classroom now has a small processional cross, lectern and altar. After the Saturday Night Alive! services (and meal, which includes adults, youth and children), children process behind the processional cross into their classroom and, with a candle lighter, light the candle on the little altar. The children, who now bring their own Bibles to this experience, locate Old Testament stories and read them from their new lectern. This phase of Godly Play not only engages children in reflection on the Bible stories, but prepares them for traditional Episcopal worship.

YOUTH TO SPONSOR GIFTS FOR THE POOR

Have you been shopping for shoes lately? We hope so because it is time for the youth and all of St. Patrick's to gather small toys, hard candy, socks, washcloths, soap for the Operation Christmas Child through Good Samaritan's Purse. Place these gifts into a shoe box and the Youth will wrap these boxes, send them to children who would otherwise never receive a Christmas gift. We will keep you informed of our ingathering dates. Remember to be age and gender specific with your gifts (Ages 2-4), (4-6) (6-10) and include \$5.00 for shipping and handling. Checks are made out to Good Samaritan Purse.

We, the Saturday Nite Alive Youth Group, thank St. Patrick's for our nice meeting room. We have the comfort of home with a sofa, chairs, coffee table, and a foosball table. We often get loud in this room from laughter as we create beadwork or mosaics. Since our room needs painting, we are considering a mural. Please be patient with us as we create in the love of Christ.

Caroline Cutler and Kathy Vomund

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Sunday, October 1st  
8:00a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services



**St. Patrick's Book Club will be meeting on October 10th at 7:00p.m. in the church library.**

The book, "History of God: The 4000 Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam" by Karen Armstrong will be discussed. In this book the author tells a non-linear history of where we learn that the definition of God is constantly being repeated, altered, discarded and resurrected through the ages. Armstrong "shows how Judaism, Christianity and Islam have overlapped and influenced one another."

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## CHURCH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Altar Flowers for Sundays:** Sign-up board is in the Narthex. (Call the church office for details, 831-1418).

**Choir members needed!** Choir practice Thursdays at 6:30p.m., singing on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

**Readers, Greeters, Counters needed:** Sundays, 8:00a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

**Refreshments for Church Social Hour:** (Sign-up sheet in front entry)

Saturday evenings, 5:30p.m.  
Sunday mornings, 8:00a.m.  
Sunday mornings, 10:00a.m.



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## KNITTERS GUILD OF INCLINE VILLAGE NEWS



*Do you love to knit, or want to learn? Come join the Knitters Guild, which meets every Wednesday from 1-3p.m. in the church library.*

The Knitters Guild has recently made several donations of lovely finished projects! Six afghans were delivered to Tahoe Forest Hospice to be given to their patients. Small amounts of yarn left over from larger projects (nothing is wasted by this group!) are knitted into squares, which are then assembled into bright and cheerful blankets. Also, 45 warm garments (sweaters, hats, scarves, mittens, etc.) were donated to the Kings Beach Family Resource Center. The clothing will be put to good use, since fall is fast approaching! As requests for layettes are received from the Children's Cabinet Clinic, they are assembled with a blanket, sweater, hat, booties and a toy. Two adorable, gift-wrapped layettes were taken to the clinic to be given to families of newborn baby girls. We have made very soft "chemo caps" for patients undergoing chemotherapy, so please let us know of anyone who might like one or more of these attractive caps. They are available at no charge.

Any donations of yarn are gratefully accepted; we can always use more supplies!

We welcome anyone who loves to knit or crochet, and we can help you if your skills need refreshing. The web site address for the Knitters Guild is [www.geocities.com/inclineknitters/](http://www.geocities.com/inclineknitters/). Please call Peggy Harrison at 831-9402 for further information.

## Staff & Ministry Group Chairs

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*The Rev. Dr. David J. Mussatti  
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*The Rev. Jim Kelly  
Priest*

*David H. Brock  
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