

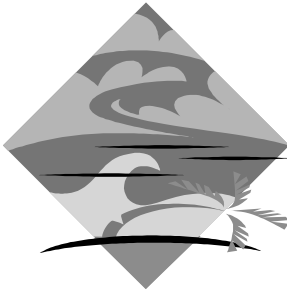
# THE ANNAGRAM AT HOME

JUNE 12, 2006

SERVING: FRENCH QUARTER, BYWATER, TREME, MARIGNY, 9<sup>TH</sup> WARD AND 7<sup>TH</sup> WARD SINCE 1846  
"Come unto me all ye that are heavy laden"



## HURRICANE EVACUATION PLANS



Many of us learned last year just how unprepared we are for a substantial hurricane. Your vestry is working diligently on initiating some protocols to help us all avoid the confusion and difficulties encountered last season. If we are lucky and have much grace those protocols may be in place before the end of this season! Thus far:

- We have designated a two part protocol that involves two stages. Stage one is preparation and Stage two is evacuation. Another protocol anticipates Post-Hurricane strategies.
- Stage One: Place the Parish Records (births, deaths, etc.) in a moveable container, secure vestments and liturgical gear for off-site masses, place parish checks and pertinent financial data in a removable container, identify and make accessible two back ups of computer data.
- Stage Two: Secure holy apparel and remove to second floor, remove hard drive on main computer for storage off site, remove other computers to second floor, lock down doors and windows, remove all light exterior equipment and put inside, unplug kitchen appliances, empty refrigerators, initiate phone tree via vestry to make sure all parishioners have a way out and are accounted for. Establish, when possible, an office at St. James Baton Rouge as a principal contact and administrative point. Remove medical RV to gathering point for other Diocesan vehicles.
- Stage Three Post-Hurricane: If possible each member should check in on the soon to be launched St. Anna's website or text message Fr. Bill Terry or email Fr. Bill Terry at [wterry2217@aol.com](mailto:wterry2217@aol.com). We MUST be accountable to each other. Return with Medical RV ASAP.
- Stage Four: On site inspection of property with photographs if damage is apparent. Establish parochial communications via internet website or Annagram email. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU GIVE US EMAIL ADDRESSES IF POSSIBLE! EQUALLY IMPORTANT ARE CELL PHONE NUMBERS.

Much of the structure for the foregoing is in place. IF YOU HAVE ROOM IN YOUR VEHICLE please let us know so that those that have no vehicle can be linked with you for evacuation. The vestry is working hard on these protocols but we really need your help in filling out the hurricane evacuation forms. If you have not gotten such a form nor parish register form you may find blank ones in the parish hall.

**MOST IMPORTANTLY Let Us Pray:** Dear Lord, ruler of heaven and earth, by your very breath you brought life into the world and we have our very being. By your Word only, you created the seas, lands, and all that is in them. We pray you now to spare us from the trial of tempest, storm, privation, and devastation. But, should we face again another trial of tempest and flood, then give us holy grace to stand with dignity unafraid knowing that you are with us. Give us a peaceful heart so that we may tend to each other in the time of trial. Give us the power of your most Holy Spirit to suffer and rise again knowing that you too suffered and rose again in glory, power, and might. *Amen*

## CHURCH CONSTRUCTION – What ever is going on?!

Since Katrina your vestry and Rector have worked diligently with *Church Mutual Insurance Company* and our contractor *The Church Restoration Group*. Church Restoration specializes in church restoration, renovation, and repair. They are based in Pittsburg, PA. and are the principal contractors for Episcopal Churches in the Diocese of Louisiana. In general, Church Mutual, has authorized repainting and parish hall, and old parish Capital Campaign we were also parish hall and around the



The church is now in full occupying much of the space. completion but we hope that by and very pleased with the can expect: the entire surface the church), walls and ceilings, fresh white paint. The older white or antique white (hard to say). Three textures will be used to help accentuate architectural highlights: eggshell walls; semi-gloss beams; and flat white ceilings. **The Narthex** (entry area) will likewise be painted with white eggshell walls and wood brown ceiling (much like it already is).

ceiling repair of the church proper, building. Due to our Pre-Katrina able to have the flat room over the sanctuary removed and replaced.

remodeling mode with scaffolding We do not have a time frame for July we will be back in the church results. Essentially this is what you area of **The Nave** (the main part of will be painted with two coats of color was either incense stained

**The Sanctuary** (area behind the altar rail) will look a bit different. We had about five colors to choose from. About fifteen people gave their suggestions in the congregation, invited and gratis, with an even distribution as to which of the blues should be used. The end result is that a lighter blue will replace the darker blue (also a traditional “Marion blue”). The fleur-de-lis will be reapplied and have a slightly different “new” design (the “old” design is different from an “older” design). However, the paint being used for them is a new generation of gold paint that will not fade and resembles very closely gold leaf. That same paint will be used in some cases to “touch up” other Sanctuary appointments such as the IHS on the altar as well as accents on the hymn board and Icon stand. Keith Wagner and Diana Meyers are now working on new cushions and coverings for seating in the sanctuary and a kneeler cushion for the middle of the altar rail area. In addition to new paint we hope to have additional lighting in the sanctuary space along with accent lighting for our Stations of the Cross. This, we hope, will provide a serene sense of holiness in our church as those seeking comfort enter our holy space.

In addition to this ongoing work, we just received a **commercial ice maker** which we hope to have cleaned, installed and running this week! It is a much anticipated gift from the folks at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Milwaukee, WI. If you have a chance jot a note of thanks and we will send it to them. Our kitchen ministry is moving ever nearer to a comprehensive work place for the feeding of the flock! In addition to that, work on a shower has been almost completed on the second floor of the “old building.” This will give visiting missionaries a place to clean up. This work has been done by our own Galen Maki and St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church, Baton Rouge. Again, thanks to a sister parish!

**The grounds** are not left out of this report. In the last Annagram I asked for people to offer some debris, not roast beef po’boy debris, but real debris! We are looking for 6X6 wood from houses taken by Katrina 4X4 if necessary. Ideally, one section should be about 10’ long and another section about half that length. This will be the beginning of our **Katrina Cross** and memorial. Help us if you can. It seems that the dumpster will be with us for yet a while longer so be patient. **Memorial Plaques** have been ordered for our “Memorial Garden” and for our Stations of the Cross. They should be installed in about a month’s time. We will also be rededicating the Parish Hall and naming it according to the patron that gave this gift to St. Anna’s. A plaque once was in place but seems to have gone missing!

## GIFT GIVING GOES BOTH WAYS



### ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH STAMFORD, CT.

On May 7, 2006, St. Anna's parishioners Mike & Diana Meyers, Joyce Jackson, Fr. Bill & Vicki Terry were visiting. The profound love and connection that was encountered during that trip can never be overstated. If you feel alone or simply want someone to talk to please contact Fr. Bill. He will put you in touch with a "pen pal" at St. Francis. You will feel refreshed and renewed in spirit when communicating with them.

We also owe a debt of thanks to Joyce Jackson for so delicately and poignantly telling her Katrina Story, which after all, is the story of all of us. I was amazed at the careful dignity, the sweet southern style of story telling, and the profound truths in her story. We are so blessed to have story tellers like Joyce. We are so blessed to have each other. Joyce's story was placed in a time of listening orchestrated by Diana Meyers. Not only is she a good nurse but an excellent visual aids artist. Her power point presentation supported Joyce's words and explained our present and future mission. We are all blessed to have such wonderful ambassadors of grace among us.



Last, but not least was the careful and often humorous presence of Mike Meyers. One of the virtues of being from New Orleans is our ability to laugh at ourselves and the world around us. Mike, if you did not know it, brings this to a fine art. It is our wit that keeps us going. Like the T-Shirt says, "Proud To Swim Home To New Orleans!" None of those gifts would have had an outlet were it not for our dear and most beloved friends at St. Francis. The only challenge we had came from the man who painted our kitchen... "So I will ask the big question!" says he to Fr. Bill. "What happened to the pony-tail Fr. Terry?" Those New Englanders do have a way of cutting to the essentials!

### St. Anna's Welcomes Dr. James Walsh and says goodbye to a dear friend!

**WELCOME** To Dr. James Walsh our new Music Director! Dr. Walsh, with an easy style and unassuming manner prefers "Jimbo" Walsh. What a blessed church we have to welcome such an outstanding musician among us. Two in a row! Jimbo, is a graduate of Columbia University with a B.A. in Music, M.A., and D.M.A. in Composition. He is currently Adjunct Professor of Music Composition at Loyola University. He is author of many compositions frequently played by the likes of "Other Planets", Naked Orchestra, as well as special settings composed for Darmouth College Jazz Band, Zeitgeist Multidisciplinary Arts Center and Faubourg Center. His list of performances include Aspen Jazz Festival, Mellon Jazz Festival – Philadelphia, Jazzfest NOLA, Ann Arbor Jazz Festival, Jazz Festival London, and the Krewe of Orpheus led by Harry Connick Jr. He has had classical training and is versatile keyboard (piano & organ), bass, and other instruments. He sees the potential of developing a music program that embraces creativity, new music, classical hymns, blues, and gospel. His goal is to establish our church as a force in the New Orleans sacred music arena by developing a choir and plying his craft to the highest standards. You will recognize Jimbo when you see him. He is the big man with the big heart at the keyboards. We will bless his new ministry this Sunday. Welcome aboard Jimbo!

## THE LECTIONARY FOR EASTER AND BEYOND

The following are the appointed lessons after Pentecost for the Sunday readings. We recommend that you read them weekly before coming to worship so that when the Word is spoken you can have a richer experience.

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Epistle	Gospel	
18 Jn	92	Ezekiel 31:1-14	2 Cor. 5:1-10	Mark 4:26-34	Ordinary Time +
25 Jn	107:1-32	Job 38:1-18	2 Cor. 5:14-21	Mark 4:35-5:20	Ordinary Time +
2 July	112	Deut. 15:7-11	2 Cor. 8:1-9, 13-15	Mark 5:22-24,35b-43	Ordinary Time +

+“Ordinary Time” is that time when major seasons of feasting or discipline are not present. The focus on that time in the historic Christian calendar is to remember the Saints and to draw from them examples of Godly behavior.

### St. Anna's Special Days of Devotion and Observances

<b>June 18</b>	<b>Feast of Corpus Christi (RC) – Procession of Monstrance</b>	<b>High Mass 10:30 AM</b>
<b>July 23 (TR)</b>	<b>Patronal Feast of St. Anna the mother of Mary</b>	<b>Festal Mass 10:30 AM</b>
<b>Aug 6</b>	<b>Transfiguration of our Lord</b>	<b>Festal Mass 10:30 AM</b>

### Dates On The Horizon

Mid June	Blessing of Medical Mission RV DATE TBA
June 25-July 1	***We host Transfiguration & Ascension Dallas – Youth retreat and mission work. FYI About 60 kids and adults!
July 19-22	***We host Grace Church Gainesville, GA. – Youth Retreat and mission trip.
Aug 10-14	Staff Vacation
Aug 22-26	***We host St. James Church NYC – youth retreat and mission trip.
September 8-10	Diocesan Father & Son Weekend @ SECC
October 27-29	Diocesan Mother & Daughter Weekend @ SECC
November 30-Dec.2	Diocesan Christian Formation Conference @ SECC

\*\*\*Volunteer “Hosts” are solicited as tour guides, reception planers, and representatives of the church.

### Holy Learning – Holy Conversation

St. Anna's is in the process of developing a series of studies so that we might expand our Christian knowledge. We hope to have offerings for discovering the hidden truths of scripture, challenging the myths of our faith, uncovering what it means to be a Christian and an Episcopalian. Louise Bush and Vicki Terry are co-chairs of this offering. If you have an idea or just want to discuss a topic PLEASE LET THEM KNOW. WE WANT TO BE RESPONSIVE TO WHAT YOU WANT and need in order to grow in faith and understanding. One of the hallmarks of an Episcopalian is our dependence on information, using judgment, and embracing our intellect as well as our spirits in our quest for holiness.

# A Missionary Church is Defined by Its Mission

**Katrina Memorial Cross:** We need some scavengers. We are looking for two 4X4X10 pieces of lumber that are the remains of a building destroyed by Katrina – the older and more beat up the better. We are looking for Razor wire, about five feet, that was used in Katrina. The cross along with bricks from destroyed buildings will be erected near the street in front of the memorial garden. On the cross will be the names Katie, Bessie, and Betty ... as symbols of all who left us in this time of trial. We hope that this memorial can be a church community effort. If you have any interest in this project at all PLEASE SIGN UP in the Parish Hall. Eventually we will need mortar, cement, sand, border materials, and some labor. Let's form a Memorial Group now to "git er done!"

**Sandwich Artists:** **6/25-7/1** We need sandwich makers for the visiting youth mission group. As grateful citizens helping these kids out by making sandwiches for them is both an honor and a way to get to know them. They will give us four helpers. You set the hours for sandwich creation afternoon or morning. Contact Diana Meyers if you have some time to do this.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN EPISCOPALIAN?

**We want to know...**

**This Article is a Repeat Because It is IMPORTANT**

*"What does it mean to be a Christian? And, why should someone become a Christian?"*

*"What does it mean to be and Episcopalian? And, why should one become Episcopalian?"*

THIS IS IMPORTANT because it will define the future of St. Anna's Church and indeed the greater Anglican/Episcopal Church. I would support an evening of conversation on this very subject if enough want to have it. See the sign up sheet for those that support an evening of discussion on our faith.

PLEASE EMAIL ME at [wterry2217@aol.com](mailto:wterry2217@aol.com), or fax 504 947-2121, or mail, or drop a note in my basket under the stairs. THIS IS IMPORTANT WORK AND I PRAY THAT ALL WILL RESPOND!

