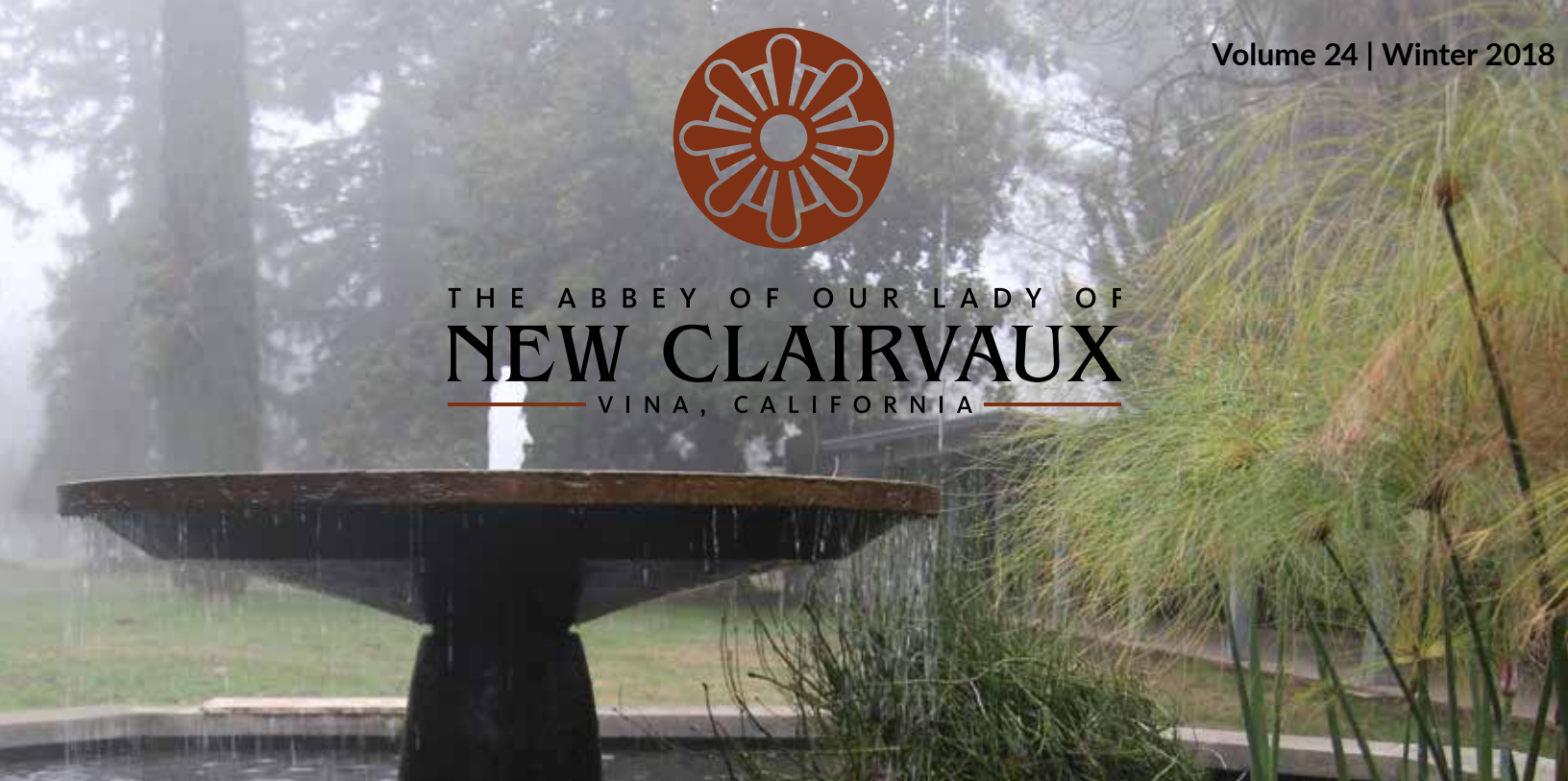




THE ABBEY OF OUR LADY OF
NEW CLAIRVAUX
 VINA, CALIFORNIA



GESTA MONASTICA

News from the Abbey of Our Lady of New Clairvaux



Father Paul Mark Schwan, OCSO
 ABBOT

Welcome!

MISSION STATEMENT

Seeking God at this place of New Clairvaux, we are a community of Cistercian monks living the Rule of Saint Benedict. We witness God's love for the world according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ by a life of prayer, labor and sustainable stewardship of our resources in simplicity and openness to the signs of the times. Our monastery welcomes all people in a spirit of hospitality, and engages others in collaborative relationships.

FROM THE ABBOT'S DESK

Dear Friends,

This is the winter edition of our newsletter, but it is early spring in the northern Sacramento Valley.

Did you know that the word for spring in Anglo-Saxon (old English) is "lent?" And so it is as we begin this venerable ancient practice in the Christian world of preparing to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sometimes, maybe more often than we care to admit, Lent evokes drudgery, dread, fear, or at the very least some anxiety. Why do you think this is? Lent is indeed a period of penance. Every time I receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation I am asked to do a penance for the

sins I have confessed. I gladly do the penance because I desire to restore my relationship with God. Therefore, I don't think the idea of penance in itself evokes these



View of the Altar

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feelings.

I think it has something to do with what St. Paul refers to as putting off the "old self" so that the new self can live and thrive in the righteousness and holiness of God. This idea is found in his letter to the Ephesians, 4:24. My old



self does not want to surrender and die and does everything in its power to resist the movement of God's Spirit to bring forth within me this new life that is so much better than the old life of sin, rooted in my selfishness and petty mindedness. So of course my old self feels a bit threatened as it does not want to die. But die it must and my Lenten practices assist in this dying process of surrender to the true life that

awaits me in God's loving heart.

We have reviewed our practices of goods and land use this past year in light of the Pope's encyclical *Laudato Si*. A characteristic of Cistercian simplicity is the practice of resourceful stewardship of natural resources and of all goods entrusted to the monastery. Solar panels, organic sprays in our vineyard, LED lighting, and more efficient water use are some of the ways we have improved our art of simplicity.

The recent reorganization of our Development Department will strengthen our ability to engage new friends and funds for the abbey and expand our docent program to meet the increase in abbey tour requests. We welcome Alex Hanes, a new addition to the Development Department staff. Her role as Donor Services Associate will process donor gifts, update our database and coordinate and recruit new docents for our abbey tours. Carissa Anderson has been promoted to be our new

Donor Relations Officer. She will oversee special events, marketing efforts, as well as visit our donors.

On January 29 we occupied our new church. A warm thank-you to all of you for helping to make it possible. Final touches are yet to be completed, but the experience of prayer is profound. We welcome and look forward to having you join us for prayer.

As this edition went to press, we became aware about a recent online related Abbey article written by the librarian at the San Francisco Chronicle. Type the following into your browser: "San Francisco Chronicle From Hearst to Monks, Rubble From Historic Monastery Finds New Life." Enjoy.

Thanks for reading,

Fr. Paul Mark



Capital Campaign Prayer

Blessed are you, God of all creation. You know our hearts and our desires. Guide all that we do for your glory. Bless the gifts for this Capital Campaign as you blessed the loaves and fish. Make them fruitful for the glory of your Name. We place our trust in you, O Divine Architect, that through your guidance we may use these gifts to make visible your Kingdom. May all who have begun this work be always guided by the light of faith, hope and love. Through Christ our Lord.

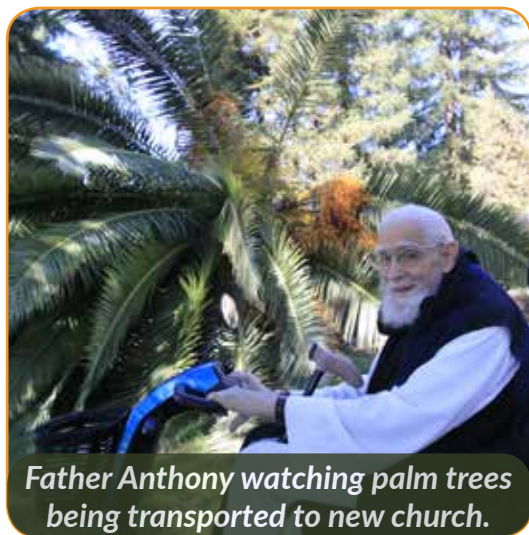
AROUND THE ABBEY CLOISTER



Floor work on the medieval space of our new church.



Volunteer Joyce Victor and Bro. Christopher in Guest Master's office.



Father Anthony watching palm trees being transported to new church.



David Clark speaking to Bro. Francis (left) about wooden furnishings for our new abbey church.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

For young people in our Church, that they may hear Christ's call to follow him in the monastic way of life. Send to us future generations of monks who will joyfully walk with you in vows of obedience, fidelity and stability according to the Rule of Saint Benedict.

COMMEMORATIVE NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Father Paul Mark and his brother monks wish to thank you for your charitable participation and financial commitment to our Naming Opportunity Program for the new church. They are humbled and honored by your gifts and the generosity of our other friends of the abbey who have contributed with a Capital Campaign Pledge.

For those of you considering a decision to become an integral part of this momentous occasion by joining the Naming Opportunity Program, see the list below for items awaiting a donor. There are three ways to participate: a pledge to donate the cost of an item over

a period of time, a one-time gift for the entire amount of a given item or group of items, or a one-time partial gift amount towards a particular item. If you are unable to participate on a monetary level, we ask for your prayers on the success of our endeavors. If you have any questions, call Mike Prym at the number below or send an email to mikeprym@newclairvaux.org.

Elsewhere in this edition we have included our new visitation hours for self-guided and docent-led tours. You can schedule a guided tour for ten or more people by calling the Development Department at **530.839.9936**. Our exceptional

team of volunteer docents will provide a meaningful experience here on the sacred and historic grounds of the abbey.



Mike Prym,
Development Director



Monks' Choir space (includes choir stalls, ambo and president's chair)

DEFINITION OF LITURGICAL TERMS

Sacristy – refers to a room set aside specifically for the vestments of the priests as they prepare to celebrate the Eucharist. It is also where the monks will store their white cowls and put them on before entering the church.

PIPE ORGAN	
New Organ Cabinet	\$17,000

ICONS: CHRIST PANTOCRATOR, NATIVITY AND RESURRECTION	
Icon Setting behind Organ Case	\$5,000 1 Donation / \$4,800 Needed

LITURGICAL VESTMENTS	
Hand Woven Chasubles with Matching Dalmatics - \$4,000 per Set (5)	\$20,000
Hand Woven Chasubles with Matching Dalmatics - \$2,000 per Set (5)	\$10,000

SEATING	
Church \$500 per Chair (60)	\$30,000 (8 Taken / 52 Remain)
Overflow - \$50 per Chair (150)	\$7,500

OTHER CHURCH FURNISHINGS	
Guest Tables - \$2,000 per Table (1)	\$2,000

WINDOWS	
Architectural Glass Arched Windows - \$12,375 per window (3) • 3 for Blessed Sacrament Chapel	\$37,125
South Transept Window (Restoration Glass)	\$55,000
North Transept Window (Clear Glass)	\$15,000
Chapter House Lancet Windows \$9,900 /(3)	\$29,000

DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The 2016 Donor Recognition in the Summer omitted listing Mr. and Mrs. James A. Parenti under the **Friends of the Abbey** giving category. We thank you and all our donors for the very generous support you have made to the Abbey.

May God continue to bless you and all your loved ones!

LANDSCAPING	
Easter Vigil Fire Bowl and Stone Plaza	\$9,500
Concrete Plaza Seat Walls \$15,000 / 6	\$90,000
Concrete Plaza Seat Walls with Sacred Stone Inlay \$16,000 / 6	\$96,000
Transfer Palm Trees from Monastic Cloister 4	\$40,000
Array of Plantings	\$7,000
Remote Control Irrigation System	\$9,500
Lighting	\$36,000
Decomposed Granite Walkway Surface	\$7,500



Have you included the Abbey in your will or trust? Let us know so we may thank and welcome you to the St. Bernard Society.
 Mike Pryn
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CHAPTER HOUSE/MONKS' CHOIR LIMESTONE QUARRIED FLOORING	
\$160 per tile / 914 required	\$146,240

TRAVERTINE TILE FLOORING	
Monks' Cloistered Foyer, Church Sanctuary, and Gathering Space - \$76 per tile / 2,000 required	\$152,000

MONKS' SACRISTY CABINETRY	
Vesting Counter and Cupboards	\$15,000
Vestment Cabinets	\$15,000



Triple-Arched Gothic Portal Entry

ABBEY TOUR INFORMATION

Guests are welcome to take a self-guided tour any time between 2:30 PM - 5 PM. We are open weekdays and Saturdays but closed on Sundays. A guided tour can be arranged through the Development Department for groups of 10 or more. A suggested donation of \$10 per person assists us toward the completion of our new abbey church. **For information contact the Development Department at 530.839.9936 or visit our website: www.newclairvaux.org.**

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