

The Stone's Throw

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The Rector's Focus



The Cross

“When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified”. [I Cor. 2:1-2]

Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves, and take up their cross and follow me”. [Matt. 16:24]

[Jesus said] “Therefore do not worry saying, ‘what will we eat?’ or ‘what will we drink?’, or ‘what we will wear?’ But seek first for the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” [Matt. 6: 31,33]

[Jesus said] “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly”. [John 10:10]

Dear Friends,

The mystery of the Christian Faith is that we not only experience God’s goodness in the scandal of Jesus Christ crucified, but that we are called to embrace the scandal of the Cross in our own lives. And somehow (in the mystery of God) embracing the scandal of the Cross brings us abundant life! For thousands of years, the apostolic preaching of the Cross has been at the heart of the Christian message. This March and April, I plan to return to that preaching during the season of Lent. Not only will my sermons look at how the Kingdom of God is revealed in the Cross, but we will also explore the meaning of the Cross in Discipleship, Baptism and Eucharist during Sunday Forum. We will also walk the Way of the Cross every Saturday in Lent. The Cincinnati West Deanery will also be holding a series of Lenten programs at Ascension and Holy Trinity in Wyoming (see the announcement elsewhere in the Stone’s Throw).

As your Rector I invite all of you to join with me in this holy season of Lent, to spend time in hearing, reading, marking, learning and inwardly digesting the Holy Scriptures, in self-examination and repentance, in prayer, fasting and self-denial, and in walking with our Lord in the Way of the Cross. Make this Lent a time that really changes your walk with God! Please join us at the Ash Wednesday services on March 9, either at noon or 7 PM.

Faithfully,

David

Sunday Forum

The Sunday Forum for Lent will be focused on the message of the Cross. The topics to be covered are:

- March 13: The Scandal of the Cross
- March 20: The Cross and the Atonement
- March 27: The Cross and Discipleship
- April 3: The Cross and Baptism
- April 10: The Cross and the Eucharist

We begin at 9:30 and are done by 10:15. Please come and learn more about the centrality of the Cross to our faith!

The Way of the Cross

As part of our Lenten devotions, we will walk the Way of the Cross each Saturday morning during Lent at 9:30, beginning on March 12. Weather permitting, we will use the outside Stations (all based on Scriptural accounts of Holy Week). When there is inclement weather, we will use the traditional Stations inside the church.

Rest in Peace

We have had a number of deaths in recent weeks:

Bob Morse (died January 22, 2011)

Laverne Wood (died January 29, 2011)

Irle Hicks (died February 1, 2011)

Jack McAfee (February 18, 2011)

Jack Muncaster (February 24, 2011; funeral in Long Island, NY)

May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, in the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Beth in Amman

The adventures of Beth Bailey in Amman can be followed on the internet at:

www.bethinamman.blogspot.com

New Potluck Groups for 2011

The first name in your group is responsible for getting the first potluck organized.

Group 1: Chuck and Nancy Healy, Tom and Sharon Franklin, Dick and Jeanne Meagher, Vivian Templin

Group 2: Lisa and Pieter Elmendorf, David and Molly Bailey, Cathy Buckingham, Paul and Arlene Gahn

Group 3: Joan DeLisse and Sy Markowitz, Minerva Silver, Don and Pat Welti, Bebe Hales

Please Welcome

David and Ginger Mulvale.

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Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 9 is Ash Wednesday is one of the two designated days for fasting in the Episcopal Church. Please prayerfully consider fasting from food to the extent that your health allows. Prayerfully consider what other parts of your daily routine you should fast from to leave more time for prayer, the study of Scripture, and ministry to those less fortunate than yourself. Ash Wednesday services (with imposition of ashes and Communion) will be held at noon and 7:00 PM.

DEANERY LENTEN SERIES

TUESDAY EVENINGS

MARCH 15, 22, 29 & APRIL 5

HOSTED BY A&HT

ASCENSION & HOLY TRINITY, 334 BURNS AVENUE, WYOMING, OH 45215

6:30PM

—WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH

6:45PM

—POT LUCK DINNER IN THE PARISH HALL

7:30-8:30PM

—BREAK OUT SESSIONS

COURSE OFFERINGS

Where there is Despair, Hope—This seminar invites participants to apply their faith and practical know-how to meeting current needs in our community. Each session focuses on a specific concern, combining prayer, Bible study, and a case study from a different church in this diocese. Each segment flows from the author's passionate personal engagement in the community ministry described: food security, health care coverage, connecting the working poor to tax credits (a surprisingly exciting segment), and helping ex-felons to start legitimate and contributing lives. The curriculum was written by four Southern Ohio priests and two lay leaders on behalf of the Episcopal Community Services Foundation (ECSF), our diocesan charity. Since its publication in January the study guide has gone viral, with the Jubilee Ministries Office of the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Connecticut, and the North American Association of Deacons asking permission to use and post it. ECSF's Ariel Miller, a parishioner of A&HT, will facilitate the course.

Events in American Church History—Highlights of events in the history of the Church in America lead by Rev. John Bower.

“The Practice of Prayer”—A four part series based upon the work of Dr. Margaret Guenther in the current Church’s Teaching Series of the Episcopal Church. This will include teaching on “numbers of ways that Christians have prayer through the centuries, from using the Jesus Prayer of rosary to praying with the stories of scripture and prayer book liturgies. Also discussed will be basic matters of Christian practice, such as making a confession, intercession, going on retreat, simplifying our lives, using a journal to pray, finding a spiritual director, and praying through times of desolation when God does not seem to be listening. Teaching, based on the Guenther text, will be taught by Fr. Robert Hufford, Chaplain of the Convent of the Transfiguration, and hopefully a lively open discussion of the materials will be a part of our time together.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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		7:00 Lexington Heights Civic Association		10:30 Bible Study		
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Last Epiphany 8:00 H E I 9:30 Adult Forum 10:30 HE II 11:30 Fellowship	8:00 PM Al Anon	5:30 Springfield Twp Trustees	 ASH WEDNESDAY Noon & 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Services	10:30 Bible Study		
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27	28	29	30	31		
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Serving Our Lord at Saint Stephen's March 2011

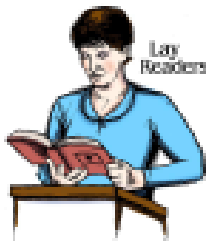


ALTAR GUILD (Altar-Linens):

March 6	Joan DeLisse
March 13	Lisa Elmendorf
March 20	Sharon Franklin
March 27	Bebe Hales

Lay Ministers

Lectors (L), Intercessors (I), Chalice Bearers (C)



March 6	Carina Spendel (C), Pieter Elmendorf (C), Lisa Elmendorf (L&I)
March 13	Sharon Franklin (C), Don Welti (C), Vivian Templin (L&I)
March 20	Molly Bailey (C), Carina Spendel (C), Pieter Elmendorf (L&I)
March 27	Lisa Elmendorf (C), Sharon Franklin (C), Don Welti (L&I)

L&I = Lector (first lesson) and Prayers of the People. Please check with Fr. David before the service for the form to be used for the prayers.

Fellowship Hour

March 6	Pat and Mike Murphy
March 13	Paul and Arlene Gahn
March 20	Nancy McCarthy & Vivian Templin
March 27	Joan DeLisse & Sy Markowitz

Greeters

March 6	Joan DeLisse & Sy Markowitz
March 13	Arlene Gahn
March 20	Joan DeLisse & Sy Markowitz
March 27	Arlene Gahn

Head Usher Chuck Healy

Reaching Fr. David

The best (and most effective) way to reach Fr. David is by calling his cell phone (310-0127). When Fr. David is out of town or otherwise unavailable, please call the Sr. Warden who will contact the priest on call. Please do not call Fr. David's home telephone number for pastoral care issues.

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REMEMBER OUR
Missionaries



“Better Than A Hallelujah”

Grammy-nominated song from the album *Somewhere Down the Road* by Amy Grant

Seems like we are always in a managerial crisis mode here at the Clinic. Everything is always on the edge . . . and sometimes things fall over. A key person suddenly leaves for more pay (almost everyone pays better than the churches here). An accounting report is due, but we have no electricity to print, fax, or e-mail the spreadsheet to the funder. There isn't enough money in the bank to meet payroll this month. Recently, events in Afghanistan resulted in the abrupt disruption of a project here at the Clinic. That was a unique situation, but a reminder of how connected the world is today. Furthermore, some crises keep re-occurring. More than ten years here, and I am still not used to the recurring emergencies. Every crisis is a surprise. I guess that's probably good at some level, perhaps indicating an optimistic outlook that the crises are behind us.

It reminds of my prayer life. I am most likely to be lifting up crises to God in my prayers,. Sure, I give thanks for the blessings, but the crises and needs always seem to get the priority.

Patients without a previous relationship with the Lord will turn to God with illnesses. This is certainly nothing new, but it continues to amaze me how the Lord can use those crisis moments to establish relationship with an individual or deepen the bond with a believer.

Problems, crises . . . the bad stuff. Maybe that is where the action is. Maybe those prayers are better than a hallelujah.

Still, I believe that an optimistic attitude is justified. Not so much because our crises are behind us, but rather that God has not given up (and will not give up) on us.

Keep praying, Michael





Birthdays

Ann Grant	March 4
Mike McCarthy	March 5
Gordon Grant	March 7
Bill Boyd	March 12
Ralph Tuttle	March 15
Garry Watts	March 21
Chad Sullivan	March 23
Timothy Scholz	March 30



Gordon and Ann Grant	March 18
Bill and Nancy Kuhrt	March 29

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