

The Bells of St. Giles

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Join Us for “Shrove Sunday” on March 6



Our regular "Second Sunday" breakfast will be transferred this month to Last Sunday after Epiphany, the first Sunday in March. Join us in the undercroft at 9:00 a.m. on March 6 for a festive Mardi Gras-themed brunch! This is also the Sunday to bring your dried palms from last year's Palm Sunday; the palms will be burned to create the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday is March 9

The Proper Liturgy for Ash Wednesday (BCP 264ff) will be celebrated at 9:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Both will include imposition of ashes, the Litany of Penitence, and Holy Eucharist. The evening liturgy will feature hymns and a choral anthem, and it will be followed by our customary meal of meatless soups and bread. (When preparing meatless soups, please remember that the broth must be meatless as well. Sign up for the supper in the narthex.) Please join your fellow parishioners in solidarity with Christians worldwide as we begin the holy season of Lent.

Jazz Vespers, March 13 ~ Dress Casual!

Our annual Jazz Eucharists have become very popular, but having them on a Sunday morning often makes it difficult for non-parishioners to attend. This year our jazz service will be on the afternoon of the First Sunday in Lent at 4:00 p.m. This Vespers service (very similar to Evensong) will feature jazz/gospel arrangements of hymns and religious-themed popular music set for traditional jazz instrumentation. Join us, and invite your friends and neighbors!

Some Thoughts on Planned Giving

St. Giles was recently blessed with a bequest from the estate of one of our parishioners, an act for which we are very grateful. Now seems like the appropriate time to mention the positive aspects of planned giving, a type of stewardship with benefits for all concerned. Some types of planned giving can save taxes now, or they can even provide the donor with a current income stream. The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago has much helpful material about this. To get started, try www.episcopalchicago.org, then proceed to “giving stewardship” followed by “planned giving.” Or you can just talk to me. I am more than happy to help. Feel free to call me at work any time, too. My number there is 312-419-3512.

— George Miller, Jr. Warden

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Our Schedule

Sundays

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:00 a.m.

Christian Formation

9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:15 a.m.

3rd Sundays of the Month

Healing & Anointing
at both services

Intergenerational Formation
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**Working together
to answer God's call
by serving one another
and our neighbors.**



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9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Rector's Reflection — In the Shadow of Death

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. — Psalm 23: 4 (KJV)

This faith community has been touched by an extraordinary number of deaths during the past six months. We have lost long-time members whose commitment over the years has strengthened our parish and whose "common memory" has helped us all to remember our heritage. And we have lost those who have only recently called St. Giles "home" but who have made a difference here in the relatively short time they have spent among us. The fact that all of them were women is also worth noting. Death has also intruded on some of us who have lost family and dear friends outside the parish as well. We have been in a state of individual and corporate mourning for an extended period.

As the notes on the Burial Office in the *Book of Common Prayer* (p. 507) say, "The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection." The certainty that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ means that the service is "characterized by joy." But as the notes go on to say, "This joy...does not make human grief unchristian...we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn." Death takes away the life of a loved one and in so doing, leaves us bereft, in shock, and needing to cope with realities that often seem difficult, if not impossible, to bear. The effect this can have on a human life cannot be understated. The one thing that death cannot take from us, however, is our hope in Christ. God's love for us is always there, manifested in large, small, and sometimes surprising ways. I encourage us all actively to look for that. I have seen it myself in the ways that you all have reached out to one another, and have offered your support to me, as well.

We are about to embark on the season of Lent. Some of us, I'm sure, feel as though we've been walking in a Lenten wilderness for quite some time already. Truly, there is no time limit on that kind of a journey. But always, there is the companionship of Jesus who walked that journey himself. And always, at its conclusion, there is the empty tomb and the fact of resurrection. May we continue to hold that hope.

Cynthia+

Pared-Down Bulletins during Lent

For some time the staff has been considering the financial and environmental consequences of the amount of paper used each week for our service bulletins. Therefore, on Sundays during Lent (March 13 - April 10) we will experiment with a one-page bulletin, with page numbers in the *Book of Common Prayer*, hymnals, and pew Bibles referenced for various portions of the liturgy. For this reason, the books in the pew racks will be rearranged so that each contains at least one of the different resources we use. Announcements will, as usual, be sent out electronically on a weekly basis via the *Baby Bells*; a limited number of printed announcements will be available on Sundays for those who do not use e-mail. This means that some instructional announcements will be made from time to time during the liturgy, though these will be as non-intrusive as possible. *It also means that visitors and newcomers might need some guidance in getting through the service. If you see someone who's new, sit with them and offer help as needed.*

PARISH REGISTER

Memorial Service —
Pamela Jean Groover, February 19, 2011

Memorial Service —
Elizabeth Kaiser, February 21, 2011



ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH ~ MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Campanella Choir meets in the education building each Sunday from 1-2:30 & from 6-7 PM</i></p>		<p>1 Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>2 Extraordinary Kids, 9:15-11:15 & 12:45-2:45 Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>3 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>4 Office Closed</p>	<p>5 Campanella Choir 9 AM -3 PM Overeaters Anonymous 10:30 AM -11:45</p>
<p>6 Last Epiphany 8 AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9 AM, "Shrove Sunday" Breakfast 10:15 AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Cathedral Shelter Pick-Up Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>9 Ash Wednesday Proper Liturgies: Spoken Service & Sermon, 9:15 AM Music & Sermon (followed by simple potluck supper), 6:30 PM EKids, 9:15-11:45 & 12:45-2:45</p>	<p>10 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>11 Office Closed</p>	<p>12 Campanella Choir 9 AM -3 PM Overeaters Anonymous 10:30 AM-1PM</p>
<p>13 1 Lent 8 AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9 AM, Formation 10:15 AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite II Jazz/Gospel Vespers 4:00 PM</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 April Bells Submissions Due Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:00 PM Vestry Meeting, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>16 Extraordinary Kids, 9:15-11:15 & 12:45-2:45</p>	<p>17 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>18 Office Closed</p>	<p>19 Campanella Choir 9 AM -3 PM Overeaters Anonymous 10:30 AM -11:45</p>
<p>20 2 Lent Healing / Anointing both services 8 AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9 AM, Formation 10:15 AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:30 PM, Intergenerational Formation</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>23 Extraordinary Kids, 9:15-11:15 & 12:45-2:45</p>	<p>24 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>25 Office Closed</p>	<p>26 Campanella Choir 9 AM -3 PM Overeaters Anonymous 10:30 AM-1PM</p>
<p>27 3 Lent 8 AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9 AM, Formation 10:15 AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>	<p>28 Campanella Chess Camp 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</p>	<p>29 Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:00 PM Campanella Chess Camp 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</p>	<p>30 Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>31 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM</p>		



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March Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 1 Nell Thomas
Nancy Schultz
Jim Kraus
- 6 Tracey Solano
- 15 Harrison Solano
- 16 Dean Schwartz
- 18 John Hanzel
- 20 Nancy Stoddard

Anniversaries:

- 7 Tom & Diana McCluskey

St. Bede Does Some Singing

St. Bede announces the arrival of two new books for his library at St. Giles, donated by Anne Lehman via Eleanore Chambers. A third book also arrived, from our long-time benefactor, Anonymous. It's a duplicate so we'll take it to the Northbrook Public Library to be incorporated into its collection or offered up for sale in the second-hand book section.)

The new books, both by Robert J. Morgan, are *Then Sings My Soul* and *Then Sings My Soul Book 2*. (Catalog numbers 264.23/MOR and 264.23/MORG.) The stories contain numerous interesting tidbits, such as that the text for "Rock of Ages" was written by an Anglican priest burdened with the name Augustus Toplady, arch-enemy of John Wesley; and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" was not written by Johann Sebastian Bach, but by Johann Schop (Bach was the arranger of the version we know). Both volumes are in the New Books section of St. Bede's Library in the undercroft.

— Doug Downey
St. Bede's Assistant

Looking for the March Lectionary?

Find it on the Web at <http://www.io.com/~kellywp/index.html>
or call/email the church office for a copy.

January Treasurer's Report

Pledge and other income for the month of January was \$18,023.30. Total expenses for the month were \$18,098.44 resulting in a deficit of \$75.14 for the month.

— Gloriann Harris, Treasurer

Adult Forums during Lent ~ Theologies of Atonement

Christ died for our sins.

The body of Christ, given for you; the blood of Christ, shed for you.

He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

These are familiar phrases that most Christians take for granted as part of our theology and liturgy. But what do those phrases *really* mean? Did God demand the sacrifice of Jesus' life in order that humanity might be saved from eternal damnation? Did Jesus come to earth knowing what was ultimately in store for him, and live his life accordingly? Or has the purpose of the trial, crucifixion and death of Jesus been misinterpreted over the ages? Join us Sunday mornings March 20, April 3, 10, and 17 as we explore historical and contemporary theologies of the cross. The Adult Forums meet at 9:00 a.m. in the multipurpose room in the education building.