The Weekly: Mardi Gras, and more!

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MARDI GRAS!

“Laissez les bons temps rouler!”
Have you got Saturday February 22nd - 6:00pm clear on your 2020 Immanuel calendar? It’s our annual Mardi Gras Stews & Brews extravaganza! There will be music, a one-of-a-kind Immanu-Ale brewed by our own Buddy Garrison, and of course a Chili, Stew, Chowder & Soup potluck!

Make your favorite chili, stew chowder or soup and side dishes and join us for this rollicking evening of food, fun & fellowship! Beverages will be provided!

Feeling the NOLA spirit.....come dressed in your Mardi Gras finery!

We still need volunteers to set-up and decorate on Saturday Morning 2-22-20 at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall! If we have enough helping hands, it should not take more than an hour or so. Also, we will need help with clean up at the end of the evening.

There is still time to sign-up to bring food...Chili, Stews, Soups, Sides and Desserts are all welcome!

Please call or text Jon Barrett at (302) 584-1068 to volunteer for set-up or to add your food items to the list.

This event is not to be missed!!!!!

LITURGY AND MUSIC NOTES

The Season of Epiphany concludes today. The word “Epiphany” is of Greek origin, meaning “manifestation” or “showing;” it refers to the revelation of Jesus’s divine nature through the events recounted in the Gospel readings we’ve heard during the Epiphany season: the Magi who, following a star, sought out an infant King; the Baptism of Jesus; the calling of his disciples; his teaching and his acts of healing; culminating in his Transfiguration, when his identity as the Son of God is dramatically revealed.

The music for today’s Liturgy speaks both to the event of Jesus’s Transfiguration and its meaning:

The opening Voluntary is a meditation on Jesus’ prayer in John's Gospel asking that the Father glorify him. It was composed by Olivier Messiaen, a French Catholic and mystic who was also one of the most influential composers of the 20th century. Messiaen's pungent harmonic language and spacious, sustained melodies create an atmosphere of timeless transcendence.

The opening hymn, “O wondrous type!,” a 15th-century Latin hymn, focuses on the images and themes of the Transfiguration story, as does the 20th century Communion hymn, “Christ upon the mountain peak” by the eloquent contemporary English poet Brian Wren. The concluding “Alleluias” of that hymn, incidentally, remind us that today we also bid “farewell to Alleluia.” That word of praise is omitted from our worship during the season of Lent, so that it can return with renewed energy and joy at Easter.

Today’s concluding hymn, “Songs of thankfulness and praise,” helpfully provides a concise summary of the themes of the Epiphany season, and its final stanza points our attention to the imminent observance of Lent, and Christ’s Passion and Resurrection.

At the time of the Offertory the Ross Treble Choir highlights a key image of the Epiphany season as they sing “The Gentiles shall come to thy light,” by the 18th century English composer Maurice Greene. During Communion the Immanuel Choir sings an ancient
devotional text, "Jesu, the very thought of thee," in a musical setting by Richard Proulx, an American composer of the 20th century who contributed several liturgical compositions to our *Hymnal 1982*.

**10 am Hymns:**
- 137 "O wondrous type! O vision fair"
- 443 "From God Christ's deity came forth"
- 129 "Christ upon the mountain peak"
- 135 "Songs of thankfulness and praise"

Offertory Anthem: "The Gentiles shall come to thy light" - Maurice Greene
Communion Motet: "Jesu, the very thought of thee" - Richard Proulx
Organ Voluntaries: "Majesty of Christ praying that his Father should glorify him" [from *L'Ascension*] - Olivier Messiaen, and "Poco vivace" - Hermann Schroeder

A new directory is being produced. In order to have the correct information for all parishioners, please initial against your contact information in the large directories in the church and the Academy. If you do not wish to have your information in the directory, please cross your name out. Details can also be confirmed or changed by email or phone.

**This Sunday is the absolute last chance to update your details!** Please sign off even if your details are already correct.

**PARISH HAPPENINGS**

**The church will be closed to the public** 9am - 5pm, Monday - Friday, March 2 - 6 while the font is cleaned and stabilized. The church will be kept locked while work goes on, if you need access please contact the office on (302)328-2413.

**Important Dates**
- Ash Wednesday: Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist - February 26 at 9:30 am and 7 pm
- First Sunday in Lent - March 1
- Lessons and Carols for Lent - March 8 at 4 pm, with the Immanuel Choir
- Lenten Study Series - Details to follow next week
- Stations of the Cross - Details to follow next week

**Ecumenical Lenten Suppers** - Wednesdays 6pm-7pm
Dinner and reflection hosted by:
- 3/4 - New Castle Presbyterian Church
- 3/11 Hope Lutheran Church
- 3/18 New Castle Methodist Church
- 3/25 St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
- 4/1 Immanuel Episcopal Church

**Next Movie Discussion Night on Saturday, Mar 21**

We will gather together for our next Movie Discussion Night at 6 PM on Mar 11. Our host is
Nancy Crowder at 42 W 4th St in New Castle. The film to watch before you come is "The Upside". Bryan Cranston portrays a quadriplegic billionaire who offers the job of being his caregiver to a paroled ex-convict, portrayed by Kevin Hart.

Does this relationship work? Bring a dish or refreshment to share and come ready to talk about the social and religious questions raised by the story and the values it highlights.

Available Flower Memorial Dates

Memorials can be a Sunday closest to a set date (such as a birthday, anniversary, or passing), or a specific Sunday in the month (such as the 1st Sunday in October), and can be recurring or one time happenings. Please contact the office on (302)328-2413, or Mark on (302)654-2562 or at mbac56@aol.com, if you would like to talk about an offering.

These Sundays are available for dedicated flower offerings:

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SERVICES AT IMMANUEL

Schedule of Services
Immanuel's sense of community is firmly grounded in our weekly gathering for corporate worship. You are an essential member of that Community! Do plan to join us every week for one (or more) of these services:

Sunday
- 8am - Said Mass
- 10am - Sung Mass
- 7pm - Compline

Wednesday
- 9:30am - Said Mass (postponed until further notice)

Thursday
- 6pm - Said Mass
Compline continues every Sunday at 7 p.m.

Compline continues every Sunday night at 7 p.m. This brief service of prayer and readings is the final service in the monastic daily prayer cycle. It is less than 10 minutes long, and includes time for private prayer in your pew before and after the service. If you have not yet joined us for Compline, please consider making this a part of your spiritual discipline.

A new signup has been posted with dates available through the spring. If you would like to lead Compline and/or set up the church by lighting 60+ candles, please use this link to do so. Questions? Ask Jo Harney at jo.wharney@gmail.com.
Large print bulletins are available.

February Birthdays
- Week 1 - Jimmy Carl Hopper, III., Jeff Meadows
- Week 2 - Jane Brereton, Julia Durante
- Week 4 - Lauren Barczak, Kristina Brereton, Eileen Burk, Valerie Woodard, Henry Tobey, Sara Hutchinson
- Week 5 - Charlotte Keeton, Helen Newnam Hannan

STAY CONNECTED

The FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) struggle is real. If you haven't already, be sure to follow us on Twitter and Instagram, for memes like this one:
And then he said "To dust ye shall return", so if anyone needs me, I'll be in my room.

www.catholiccartoonblog.blogspot.com

Stay up to date on all the latest happenings by visiting our website.

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