



The Signpost Weekly

March 13, 2016

Sixth Sunday in Lent

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Calendar

Sunday, March 13

- Sunday school, 10 a.m.
- Eucharist Service, 8, Family Sunday Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.

Monday, March 14

- Monday morning Yoga, 9 am.
- Yoga with Miriam, 6:30
- Bishop's Committee meeting, 6

Tuesday, March 15

- Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.
- Yoga with Miriam

Thursday, March 17

- Eucharist & Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 18

- Stations of the Cross, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 19

- Eucharist, 4 pm [everyone invited]

Sunday, March 20

- Eucharist, 8 am and 10:15 a.m.
- Sunday school, 10 a.m.

Today is Family Sunday at the 10:15

Welcome to Family Sunday, our second so far. We are giving the Sunday school teachers a break so that everyone can attend the service. *Miriam*

March 17, the Feast Day of St. Patrick

St. Patrick (c. 387 – 17 March, 493 or c 460) is the patron saint of Ireland, although he was born in Britain. His sainthood derives from his conversion of the Irish Celtic pagans to Christianity. He used the native shamrock as a symbol of the Holy Trinity when preaching. St. Patrick's Day was first celebrated in America in Boston, Massachusetts in 1737. While the celebration in Ireland is more of a religious matter, in the U.S. it is a festive occasion.



Liturgy for Holy Saturday Morning, March 26, 10 a.m.

On Good Friday, after Christ had died, Joseph of Arimathea begged the Romans to give him Christ's body. Dusk that would begin the Sabbath was fast approaching and Joseph wanted to be sure that the Master's body was properly sealed in a tomb. On the way he met Nicodemus who was carrying spices to anoint the Master's body. The two men hurriedly brought the body and laid it Joseph's own new tomb. They completed anointing and wrapping the body, closed the entrance with a great stone, and went home for the Sabbath. We easily forget that the Bible tells us that Christ lay buried in that tomb until the women came early on Sunday morning. The Holy Saturday liturgy is a brief, meditative commemoration of Our Lord's burial and His time among the dead. It has ancient roots in both the western and eastern Christian churches. Unfortunately, due to the customs of our current culture, a morning liturgy on a day other than Sunday is quite rare, so this service has largely been lost in practice. The Sacristans at St. Christopher's were introduced to the liturgy some years ago by a former Rector. It became the custom for the Sacristans to gather at St. Christopher's on Saturday morning and say this liturgy together before launching into the task of preparing the Sanctuary for the Great Vigil and Easter Day. We welcome all members of the St. Christopher's community to join us on Saturday March 26 at 10 AM for this short, but powerful service.

Easter Vigil Saturday evening, March 26, 9 p.m.

The Easter Vigil is the first official celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. Historically, it is during this service that people were baptized. It is held in the hours of darkness between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Day. This is one of the most ancient rites of the church. The service

Practice gratitude . Encounter the Lord each day. Be present to others. Resist overwork. Nurture friendships. Give more. Make a difference in your parish community. Consider living more simply. Get healthy. Don't give up. Turn to the Lord.

begins outside where an Easter fire is kindled and the Paschal candle is blessed and then lit. This Paschal candle will be used throughout the season of Easter and throughout the coming year at baptisms and funerals, reminding all that Christ is "light and life." Our Easter Vigil will be held on March 26 at 9 pm. If you plan to attend bring hand bells with you so we can make some joyful noise when the moment arrives when we say, "Alleluia, Christ is risen." Two things: **there will not be a 4 pm service that day and there won't be any incense at this service.** *Miriam*

"Estate Planning for Everyone " Save the Date Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 pm

The Stewardship Committee will be hosting an evening focused on estate planning, so save Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 pm on your calendars. In addition to a very well qualified presenter in Dave Caruso: we will also offer dessert for all. Estate planning is often overlooked, particularly in younger families. It is easy to think that a life insurance policy takes care of everything but that simply is not the case. There is so much more that is involved that Dave will be on hand to explain. He has been involved in financial planning for more than 30 years and is the founding Chairman and Managing Director of Coastal Capital Group LLC in Danvers, MA. Dave also hosts and appears on many regional and national television and radio stations, including CNBC, CNN, Bloomberg, MSNBC, Business Week TV, Fox News, and New England Cable News. Dave can be heard daily on WBZ Radio 1030AM as the Financial Editor for a decade, reporting pre-market opening comments as well as the weekly recap and timely news. Stay tuned for further updates in subsequent Signposts!
Terry Copeland

Ten Talents Yard Sale Donation/Collection Dates (see attached flyer)

Please keep these dates in mind when doing Spring Cleaning! The drop off location for donations for the Spring Festival Yard Sale is still to be determined, we hope to use Hampstead Self Storage. The dates and times are: Saturday, April 9, 1 pm to 3 pm; Sat. April 23; Sunday, April 24, after services; Sat. May 7. Please note: we are unable to take large appliances, computer monitors and older electronics. Please check with us before bringing large pieces of furniture as we may have other means of storage for those items. Remember, one

man's trash is another man's treasure! **The committee meets next on Wed. March 16 at 6 pm.** Contact Kathy Trombly or Dianne Copeland.

Group Spiritual Direction

The next round of Group Spiritual Direction sessions will begin the week of April 4. A signup sheet will be put out next Sunday. We hope to provide two day time sessions and one evening session. If you have any questions please speak to Wayne Trombly, Ken Swenson, Barbara Hughes or me. *Miriam*

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent [except for Good Friday] at 5:30. we will offer Stations of the Cross on Fridays as a reminder of what Jesus has done for us. All are welcome. *Miriam*



Special Prayers

Please pray for the Davis and Vars families who lost children in a tragic car accident this week. Pray also for the Perreault family whose child was also in the car accident but survived and is recovering from his injuries. *Danielle LeClair*

Prayers of the People

Please pray for **Dawn Hodges** a friend of Terri McDermott; Deb Pothier's granddaughter **Ellie Laura McCabe**; for Terry and Joan Stevens' daughter-in-law **Theresa**, who has Stage 4 breast cancer; **Quinton Collins** Robin Flynn's **father**, diagnosed with cancer, for **Zach**; **Bill Steinhoff** going through chemo; **Liz Naters-Gamarra**, Miriam's daughter; **Diane Kolbe**; **Ann Donovan**; **Carmen Acevedo**; **Jess**; **Kate**; **Joan** and **Ron Ruggiero**, and **Josephine Herbert**; 2 year old **Brayden**; **Matty**; **Ian**; **Joan Fettes**; for Christine's friend **Christine**; for **Cheryl**; for **Linda** mother of Ruth Ann who has been diagnosed with cancer; for **Ryan**; for **Jacqueline**; for Jean Porter's grand-nephew **Tyler**; for Natalie's brother **Lorin**; for Mark and Ingrid's son **Eric** who with God's grace is in safe hands. **Serving in the Military**: Please pray for Del's cousins, **Daniel**, **Matthew** and **Sandra**, for **Paul**.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Jeff and Katie Waymouth; Pamela Vazquez; Emily Vinton; Wayne and Kathy Trombly.

Attendance

Tuesday, 3/1, 6, WBS

Saturday, 3/5, 4:00 Service, 7; ROG, 10;

Sunday, 3/6, 85, 10 a.m. Service

*Ask much of us. Expect much of us. Enable much by us. Encourage many through us.
May we dedicate our lives to your glory. Amen.*



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GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

“Our journey as Episcopalians also includes remembering our sister and brother Christians in the Holy Land who maintain the faith which we hold so dear. The political, social and spiritual challenges are well known. Their witness is an inspiration.

“As you know, each year, every bishop and congregation is encouraged by the Presiding Bishop to participate in the Good Friday Offering. This tradition is decades old and is an important statement of our solidarity with the members of the four dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. We have a Gospel imperative to be sure they know they are not forgotten behind the headlines or because of the distractions in our own lives.

*- Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
Good Friday Letter, 2016*

Funds collected from the Good Friday Offering are gathered and distributed to the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East that includes the Dioceses of Jerusalem and Cyprus and the Gulf, all members of the Anglican Communion.

To make a donation to the Good Friday Offering, please write a check payable to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, write “Good Friday Offering” in the memo line, and mail to:
DFMS – Protestant Episcopal Church US
P.O. Box 958983
St. Louis, MO 63195-8983

Information and resources for the Good Friday Offering are available here:

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/good-friday-offering>

Presiding Bishop Curry’s letter to clergy here:

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/presiding-bishop-curry-calls-%E2%80%9Cremembering-our-sister-and-brother-christians-holy>



Theodore Schneller School for Boys, Vocational Training Program, Amman, Jordan

For more information contact the Rev. Canon Robert Edmunds, Episcopal Church Middle East Partnership Officer, at redmunds@episcopalchurch.org.