



The Signpost Weekly

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Fourth Sunday in **Lent**

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Calendar

Sunday, March 15

- Eucharist Service, 8 and 10:15 a.m.
- Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Monday, March 16

- Yoga with Miriam, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, March 17

- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m. with babysitting.
- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.
- Yoga with Miriam, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 19

- Eucharist & Adult Ed., 7 p.m.

Friday, March 20

- First Day of Spring: Vernal Equinox
- Stations of the Cross, 5:30

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

Good Friday

Good Friday is on April 3. This year we are asking all our members to observe Good Friday as a *Day of Prayer Against Violence*. We will provide a prayer for you to say on your own and we will observe the day with special prayers at the 7:30 p.m. liturgy. Thank you Karen Groves for suggesting this!
Miriam

Election of Clerk, and Appointment of Interim Treasurer took place at last Monday night's Bishop's Committee Meeting. Marcia Devine was unanimously elected Clerk of the Bishop's



Committee, and Wayne Trombly was elected as "...Interim Treasurer until a replacement is found, which shall be no later than the Annual Parish Meeting in January, 2016." Marcia joined St. Christopher's about ten years ago, and since that time she has

contributed a broad range talents and lots of time to numerous ministries throughout the parish. She is a graduate of EfM (Education for Ministry), serves as a LEM (Lay Eucharistic Minister,) is a sacristan baking bread for communion, has participated in

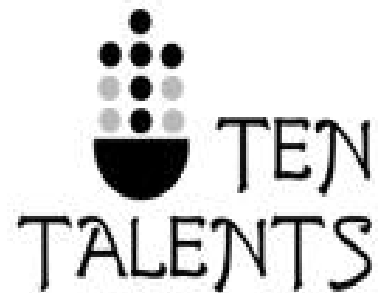
Sweet Sounds both years, often shares her musical talent as a soloist during Sunday worship services and on special occasions, is participating in a Spiritual Direction group, and is a member of both the Stewardship Committee and Music Ministry Team. Outgoing Treasurer John Svitak, and outgoing Clerk, Lyn Rockwell, were given a hearty round of applause of appreciation and gratitude by members of the Bishop's Committee at last Monday night's meeting.

...and now for something new and important you're going to be hearing lots about in the weeks and months to come:

THE TEN TALENTS CHALLENGE

We are all called to use the gifts or talents that we have been given by God to advance God's Kingdom on earth. By using these gifts we bring joy to the broken-hearted, we

bring hope to the hopeless, we serve our neighbors in need, we share our good fortune, and we do it all following the teaching of our Lord Jesus.



As Miriam wrote in last week's Signpost

The Parable of the Talents found in Matthew 25:14-30, tells the story of three servants entrusted with their master's money. The coins, called talents, had great value. The first two invested wisely and each doubled their master's money. But the third servant hid his talent in the ground, thereby earning nothing additional. The master was pleased with the first two, and rewarded them greatly, but was most displeased with the third servant who chose to do nothing with what was entrusted to him.

Gracious

Father,

whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world:

Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him;

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Fundraising Committee has come up with a wonderful opportunity.

Next week you will be given some seed money to use in a challenge where all of us are asked to use our personal talents during the next three months to multiply the 'seed money' you will be given. We urge you to start thinking about what you can do with your special God given gifts to increase that 'seed money.' In June we will all come together with our earnings, these funds will enable us to continue the important work we do right here in our community and far beyond.

Next Sunday we will present the Ten Talents Challenge to the parish

in more detail. We will have a packet of instructions for you to take home and plenty of ideas to get you thinking. This is a new and exciting undertaking for us and we can't wait to begin!

[Kathy Trombly](#) and [Dianne Copeland](#), Ten Talents Challenge Co-Chairs



Kathy Trombly

Dianne Copeland

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, and brought the Latin alphabet to Ireland. 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.

Schedule for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, 8 and 10:15

Maundy Thursday, 6:30*soup and bread meal followed by 7:30 liturgy

Good Friday, 4:30 children, 7:30 liturgy

Easter Vigil, 9 pm

Easter, 8 and 10:15

Maundy Thursday Meal

We start the evening with a meal. *Please see the sign-up sheet in the Vestibule and sign up to bring either bread or soup. *Miriam*

Prayers of the People

Please pray for the **Mueller** family and the repose of **Arthur**; for **Les Hollinrake** as he adjusts to life without Nancy; for Christine Collins' stepbrother, **Capt. Justin Knox** who is in the Army and has been deployed to Kosovo on special assignment, and for her friend **Christine**; for **Matty O'Leary**; **Greta and Jim**; for **Linda**, mother of Ruth Ann Cooper who has been diagnosed with cancer; for **Ryan**; for Corinne Dodge's friend, **Mariellen**; for **Carol Sienkiewicz**; for Jeff and Katie Waymouth's daughter, **Ginny** and family; for **Jacqueline Parent**, for strength and peace; for Jean Porter's grand-nephew **Tyler**; for Natalie Gallo's brother, **Lorin Bielski**; for Mark and Ingrid Chapman's son **Eric** who with God's grace is in safe hands.

Serving in the Military: Please pray for Del Dooling's cousins, **Daniel Canfield**, **Matthew** and **Sandra Maloy**, for **Paul Gagne**.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Deb Carpenter; Elizabeth, Ryan and Jameson Burke; Rebecca, Lyle, Megan, Mathew, and Nathaniel Carnahan; Jennifer, Nick, Nikos, and Alexandria Cassotis.

Attendance

Tuesday, 3/3, Women's Bible Study, 5
Thursday, 3/5 Eucharist and Adult Ed, 7 pm, 10
Saturday, 3/7, Rhythms of Grace, 8
Sunday, 3/8, 8 am, 23; 10:15, 48.

Ecumenical Food Pantry Wish List

Jelly, Crackers, Canned Pineapple,
Salad Dressing, Ketchup/Mayo/Mustard,
Brownie Mix, Muffin Mix, Tissues.

Something Cool. Just for Fun!

Relax and concentrate on the 4 small dots in the middle of the picture for about 30 to 40 seconds.

Then, look away at any smooth, single-colored surface.

You should see a circle of light developing.

Blink your eyes a couple of times.

Now what do you see?

Who do you see?

