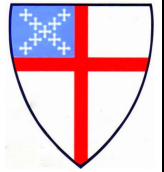




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**March 2011 Newsletter**



**Lenten Service Schedule**

**Sunday**

- 9:00 A.M. - Christian Education
- 10:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 A.M. - Coffee and Fellowship
- 12:30 P.M. - Sancta Eucaristia

**Wednesday**

- 6:00 P.M. - Holy Eucharist

**Saturday**

- 5:30 P.M. - Holy Eucharist

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**MINISTRY**

**Bishops:**

- Rt. Rev. James M. Stanton
- Rt. Rev. Paul E. Lambert

**Vicar:**

- Rev. Dr. David Petrash

**VESTRY**

**Sr. Warden:** Sandy McClane

**Jr. Warden:** Chris Greene

**Vestry Persons:**

- John Burgin
- Mary Donaldson
- Wendy Manning
- Fred Schneider

**Clerk Emeritus:** Reva Arnett

**Treasurer:** Shirley Jasso

**Secretary:** Dennis Moore



**Lay Eucharist Ministers**

If you are homebound or in the hospital, Fr. Petrash or a licensed lay Eucharistic minister can serve communion from the Reserved Sacrament. If anyone is in need of this ministry, please contact Fr. David at 903-816-3010 or the Church Office (972-932-4646) on Mon, Wed, or Fri, or leave a message on the answering machine.

**PRIEST'S CORNER;**

**Can't the Liturgical Seasons of Christmas and Epiphany Last Forever?!**

If I leave my Christmas tree up through February, can it still be Christmas and Epiphany? It was only yesterday, with a little bit of sadness, that I carefully boxed up the snow-covered villages on our buffet. The glitter-covered cotton "snow", minus some of the glitter on the floor, will hopefully return next December! Warm, sunny, spring-like days remind me that winter is on the way out. I think that life is like that. We all have to move forward and continue to grow. With the season of Epiphany reaching its limit of possible Sundays this year, we've had more time than normal to enjoy the blessings and manifestations of God in Christ among us.

But now we must turn our thoughts to our future, which is rooted in the kind of personal relationship we have with Jesus Christ. Lent is a wake-up call that our lives will not continue forever as they are now. Sometimes it's hard for us to wrap our minds around this sobering thought. And that's one benefit of the season of Lent.

Our Wednesday evening Lenten programs will give us information that can ease our minds about what will happen after we're gone. Local professionals will talk about how to get our affairs in order, which we need to do now, even if we live another 75 years. We will have the Imposition of Ashes and a Holy Eucharist on March 9 at 6:30, with the regular schedule beginning on March 16. The schedule will be a short Eucharist at 6:00, soup at 6:30, the program at 7:00, and choir practice at 7:30.

Lent at Our Merciful Saviour  
 March 8, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – seating's at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (OMS members do not need tickets; guests do.) While there will be no charge, donations will be accepted. (Feed the pig!)

March 9, Ash Wednesday, 6:30 Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday Evening Programs at 7:00 during Lent**

March 16 - David Parker, Parker-Ashworth Funeral Home, Funeral Home Services and Options

March 23 – Johnny Countryman, CPA – Tax Issues at the End of Life

March 30 – Jon Burt, Attorney - Legal Issues at the End of Life

April 6 - Jack Tyler, Pre-planning with Insurance and Investments

April 13 – The Rev. Clayton McCord, Chaplain with Visiting Nurses Association Hospice, Advantages of Palliative Care and/or Hospice Care

April 20 (Holy Week) – (no soup or program) Holy Eucharist at 6:30

**Saturday Evening Eucharists**

In order to accommodate people who cannot attend on Sunday mornings, mass will be offered at 5:30 p.m. on:

- March 12
- March 19
- March 26
- April 2
- April 9
- April 16

There will be no Saturday mass on Holy Saturday, April 23.

**Enquirer's Classes**

The fundamentals of the faith will be discussed on the following Sunday afternoons from 4:30-5:30:

- March 13
- March 20
- March 27
- April 3
- April 10
- April 17

This training is required for persons who desire the Sacrament of Confirmation. However, others may want to attend the classes as a refresher. Do not encourage friends to attend: **Bring them!**

Faithfully, your priest,  
 David+

## March Server Schedule

| Service 10:00 AM  | Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>               | Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>                   | Mar 20 <sup>th</sup> | Mar 27 <sup>th</sup> | Apr 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Altar Guild       | Wendy Taylor<br>(+ Ash Wednesday) | Carol Ann Walther<br>(1st Sun in Lent) | Tina Floyd           | Judy Friedel         | Elaine Howard       |
| Acolyte           | Laura Petrash                     | John Richie                            | Layne Greenslade     | Scott Edwards        |                     |
| Chalicer          | Judy Friedel                      | Tina Floyd                             | Mary Ann Sherman     | Judy Friedel         |                     |
| Chalicer          | Sharon Langlais                   | Laura Petrash                          | Sharon Langlais      | Ron Landen           |                     |
| Crucifer          | Layne Greenslade                  | Layne Greenslade                       | Layne Greenslade     | Layne Greenslade     |                     |
| Lector            | Tina Floyd                        | Judy Friedel                           | Laura Petrash        | Jim Woods            |                     |
| Greeter           | Yolanda Moore                     | Cheryl Wynne                           | Wendy Taylor         | Tina Floyd           | Jean Greenslade     |
| Prayer for Priest | Cheryl Wynne                      | Wendy Taylor                           | Tina Floyd           | Jean Greenslade      | Sandra McClane      |
| Usher             | Fred Schneider                    | Fred Schneider                         | Fred Schneider       | Fred Schneider       | Fred Schneider      |
| Usher             | Davis Griffith Cox                | Davis Griffith Cox                     | Davis Griffith Cox   | Davis Griffith Cox   | Davis Griffith Cox  |
| Hostess           | Sandra McClane                    | Laura Petrash                          | Martha Tolley        | <b>LAST SUNDAY</b>   | Cheryl Wynne        |
| Hostess           | Yolanda Moore                     | Wendy Manning                          | Mary Donaldson       | <b>LUNCH</b>         | Edna Wilkins        |
|                   |                                   |  | Shirley Jasso        |                      |                     |
| Service 12:30 AM  | Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>               | Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>                   | Mar 20 <sup>th</sup> | Mar 27 <sup>th</sup> | Apr 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Acolyte           |                                   |  |                      |                      |                     |
| Lector            | Dari Ocura                        | Dari Ocura                             | Dari Ocura           | Dari Ocura           | Dari Ocura          |

### ..THIS MONTH..



#### Birthdays:

3/04 Claudia Boyd  
3/08 Wes Wynne  
3/18 Geneva Claxton  
3/18 Fr. David Petrash  
3/23 Amy Hurst (Boyd)  
3/26 Sheree Woods  
3/30 John Richie

### VESTRY NEWS



Vestry meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

#### Vestry Person of the Month Fred Schneider

Minutes of the last vestry meeting and the treasurer's report are posted on the bulletin board by the office.

### MESSAGE FROM THE JR. WARDEN:

There is a notebook in the parish hall. The purpose of this notebook is for anyone who sees something that needs repair or attention to (light bulbs, leak, etc.) write it in the notebook and date it so it can get fixed in a timely manner. Since I am not able to do the manual labor, I will need to find people who can and are willing, which brings me to the other portion of this memo. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the notebook for volunteers (able bodied men) who can actually help in doing the work. We are trying something different this year. The Vestry and Wardens are not responsible for doing all the work. This is a parish effort. There is talent in this parish and we need a team effort. Any questions or concerns, please contact Chris Greene. Thanks for your support and help.

Chris Greene, Jr. Warden



### Prayers of the People

#### **For Healing and Guidance**

....we pray especially for;  
Patrick M., Geneva C., Curtis C., Claudia B., Ray Mc., Stacy M., Judy W., Carroll P., Eva H., Pam E., Gary S., Tonya T., Molly B., Bill S., Louise M., Polly C., Jim T., Adan G., Case C. Vivian V., Joshua M., Mike B., Tommy B., Bonnie R., Patrice L., Cindy L., Betty B., Katrina M., Bonnie and Earl P., Jo O., and Kelli Jo.

#### **....and for our Military;**

Joshua, Matthew M., Amy, David, Randy, Alayna, Mike, Preston, John, Jeremy, Matthew R., Kevin, Dylan, Tony, Richard, Don, Cody, Lawrence, John, Dewayne, Mike B., Mike V., and Shad.

And our troops all over the world, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan.

### Upcoming Events

#### **Remember:**

March 13<sup>th</sup>, Daylight savings time begins. Set clocks forward one hour.



#### Wedding Anniversaries:

None this Month



#### Sunshine and Get Well

Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well, Sympathy, and other cards are sent each month. The cards are in the Parish Hall to be signed by all. If you need an address or phone number, or know of anyone who is ill or in need, please call the Church Office. 972-932-4646

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



The Adult Christian Education Class is continuing an interactive study of the book of Romans,

Leaders;

March 6<sup>th</sup> - Ch. 14 Mary Ann Sherman

March 13<sup>th</sup> - Ch. 15 Sandy McClane

March 20<sup>th</sup> - Ch. 16 Dennis Moore

March 27<sup>th</sup> Review

## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

In February, the Daughters continued to work on throws. The recipients have been very appreciative on receiving the throws.

Last Saturday we went to Rose Haven Retreat Nursing Home to visit with our friends there. Six of our friends spent an hour with us and told us of their interesting lives. They really like Rosehaven because Wendy takes them to appointments, and activities. They even went for a ride to see the lovely winter weather of snow.

In March we will be going to the Diocesan Spring Assembly and are going for our chapter's retreat. I will tell you all about it next month.

Remember our meetings are open so come join us any time. You do not have to be a member to come to our meetings.

For His Sake,  
Yolanda Moore, DOK, President



## Helping Hands



**THIS MONTHS SPECIAL  
REQUEST ITEM  
FOR PANTRY!**

**March:**

**Peanut Butter**

The Kaufman Christian Help Center has asked for continuing donations of **dry beans, rice, and cereal.**

(A collection basket is in the Narthex.)



## Altar Flowers

There is a signup sheet in the parish hall for those wishing to remember someone or some event. Please write "flower fund" on your check or envelope.

A \$40 donation is requested for special floral arrangement purchases.  
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.....Thought of the Month.....

**It isn't the load that breaks you down, it's the way you carry it.  
"Lena Horne"**

## From the Editor

Do you have contributions or suggestions for the next newsletter? Articles and news items are welcome.

[Articles may be edited].

All submissions will be approved by the vicar or Wardens prior to publication.

Please email your articles and/or pictures to the editor by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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**Deadline for April newsletter  
articles will be;  
Sunday March 27th\_**

## March 2011 Events Calendar

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday     | Saturday  |
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