

ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Messenger

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Dear friends in Christ,

We have moved beyond the frantic pace of the Christmas season into Epiphany—the liturgical season in which we explore what it means to be the Light of Christ, what it means to be a baptized Christian believer.

In the past, there have been times when we, as a parish family, have focused on welcoming visitors and new comers, how we invite those who decide to be part of our parish family into specific ministries. Recently, I read this quote on a website and it resonated deeply with me:

“Hospitality, rather than being something you achieve, is something you enter. It is an adventure that takes you where you never dreamed of going. It is not something you do, as much as it is someone you become. You try and you fail. You try again. You make room for one person at a time, you give one chance at a time, and each of these choices of the heart stretches your ability to receive others. This is how we grow more hospitable — by welcoming one person when the opportunity is given to you.” - [Radical Hospitality: Benedict's Way of Love](http://missionalchurchnetwork.com/radical-hospitality/) by Daniel Homan and Lonni Collins Pratt.

Why do we bother with welcoming folks? Because Jesus did. On this website, someone posted a comment: “It occurs to me that practicing hospitality was central to the life and ministry of Jesus.” In another comment, someone noted that Jesus not only extended radical hospitality, he also received it.



In a recent sermon, I quoted Archbishop of Canterbury William Temple (1881-1944) who said (paraphrase) that *the Church is the only organization that exists for non-members*. In other words, a parish is not a private club where its members get comfortable and decide who's in and who's out. The Church exists for the folks outside our walls.



St. Philip's has long been known for welcoming a diverse group of people into the parish family. Recently, I was pleased when a group of five

Virginia Seminary middlers visited us. They said that we were the fifth church they had visited and that we were the most welcoming. In fact, two of these seminarians have scheduled interviews with me because they are interested in doing their Field Ed with us the next two years!

¹ Accessed at <http://missionalchurchnetwork.com/radical-hospitality/>

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If you see someone you don't know, take a moment—either before the service or at the Peace or at the end of the service (before you go to Wyatt Hall)—to introduce yourself. To offer to escort that person to get some

coffee. To introduce that person to the rector and to a couple other people. If they are a young couple, introduce them to other young couples. If they have young children, introduce them to St. P's families who have young children. If they look like empty-nesters, introduce them to someone you know falls in that category.

Remember that when you came to St. Philip's, YOU were welcomed and YOU found a home here. It is up to each of us to turn and welcome another, just as Jesus would have done. Just remember: it could be Jesus who walks in our front doors. Will you welcome him? Will you welcome others in Jesus' name?

Faithfully, Sheila+

Picture of Episcopal Shield access at www.episcopalchurch.org.

Picture of "Diverse Hands" and "Coffee Cup" accessed via Google images.

Picture of St. Philip's with open door taken by the Rev. Sheila N. McJilton

Yet we must not rest on our laurels. Thinking "someone else can do that" will result in always sitting down with friends to have coffee and ignoring the friends we have not yet made. The practice of radical hospitality is something we must do **every** Sunday. Even introverts can extend a hand in fellowship at the Peace and give a new person a warm smile. Others can agree to be a Greeter or Host and invite/escort a newcomer over to Coffee Hour. Others can sit down at a table with a newcomer or visitor and tell them why you love this St. Philip's family.

In our personal or business lives, we meet one or two people at a time. We are introduced, or we introduce ourselves, depending on the situation. These folks might be new neighbors, or fellow parents at a school function, or co-workers, or people with whom we share a passion for a sports team. Sometimes our relationships deepen from casual acquaintance into deep friendships. But none of those friendships would have happened without a first step—getting to know someone's name and something about him or her.

This Sunday, and every Sunday, I invite you to do what John the Baptist called us to do during Advent: to wake up, to be alert, to pay attention for the possibility of the Christ coming to us. Look around where you are sitting. Move over so a new person has room to sit down. Or move closer to the front of the worship space so that a new person does not have to walk far to find a place to sit.

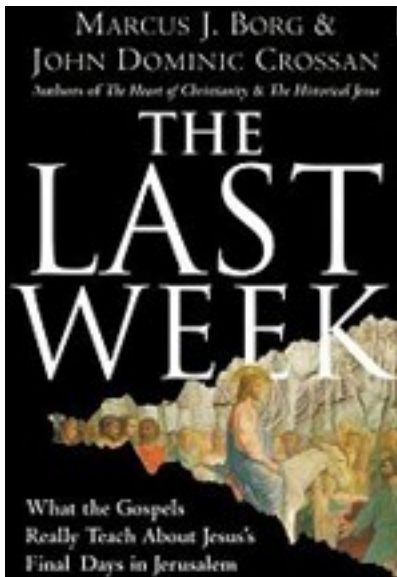


Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Looking at the calendar I see that February is a fun filled month! First we have 2nd quarter report cards given out by the 3rd for most counties, and then we have WinterFest on the 11th, followed by Valentine's Day the next week, but the "pièce de résistance" for the month is the annual **Pancake Supper** on the 21st. Everyone is cordially invited to dinner from 5:30-7:30 in Wyatt Hall. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children aged 2-12. Serving the awesome pancakes and sausage will be St. Philip's own acolytes and crucifers. Please come out for an evening of fun and fellowship decked out in festive Mardi Gras masks and get beads as your entrance ticket.

Amanda Colindres

EPIPHANY/LENT ADULT EDUCATION BOOK STUDY



In 2004, the movie *The Passion of the Christ* exploded onto the big screen, provoking controversy and discussion about the death of Jesus of Nazareth.

What really happened that week? Was it a spiritual event or a political event? Or both? What does the Bible say about Jesus's

passion?

On Advent I, we entered a new Church year—the year when the primary gospel reading used every Sunday is from Mark. Mark's Gospel gives us a day-by-day telling of the Passion story, starting with Palm Sunday and finishing with Easter Sunday—an eight day journey.

In order to devote one session per day, we will begin a Lenten Adult Book Study a bit early—during Epiphany. We will read and discuss Marcus Borg & John Crossan's book *THE LAST WEEK*.

We will begin on **Sunday, February 5** and finish on **Sunday, March 25** (the Sunday before Passion Sunday.)

THE LAST WEEK has a subtitle: “*What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem.*” If you have any curiosity about what the Bible accounts really tell us, and about the historical backgrounds of the story of the Passion, you will love this book.

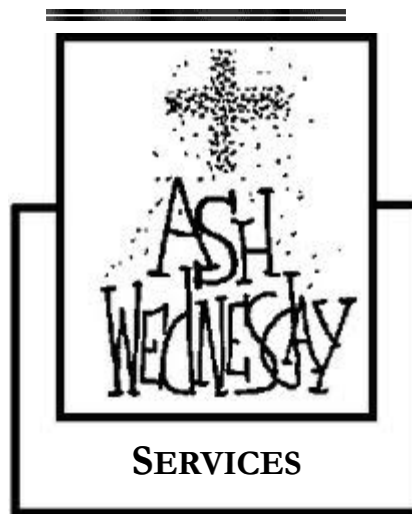
If you are interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in Wyatt Hall on the Vestry table (under Vestry pictures). Also let me know if you are going to order your own copy of this book or if you want me to order it for you. It's about \$11.00 at Amazon, although that's the “new” price. Used copies are cheaper. The Kindle version is \$9.99. NOTE: If you order it from Amazon, go through the iGive.com

website. If you haven't designated St. Philip's as your charitable organization, do that first, then go on to the Amazon website. That way, when you order the book, St. P's will get a donation!]

This book study will give us a chance to enjoy coffee and refreshments, get to know each other better, and learn some things that will enrich our experiences of Holy Week this year.

So sign up, then either buy a book or let me know if you want me to get yours. Join us in the Conference Room in Wyatt Hall at 9:00 on the first Sunday of February. I hope that if you're new to St. Philip's, you will come—this is a great way to get to know each other.

Sheila+



St. Philip's will offer two services on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on Wednesday, February 22nd. The Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist will be held at 12:00 Noon, and again at 7:30 p.m. Please join us.

Lenten Mid-Week Prayer Service

Beginning Wednesday, February 29 at 7:30 p.m., and continuing thru Wednesday, March 28, the Rev. Ginny Wilder will lead a weekly **Mid-Week Retreat** in the Church. Additional information will be provided in the next few weeks, so be sure to look for it in your Sunday bulletins.



WinterFest is Coming Soon ...
February 11, 2012
6:30 pm—Wyatt Hall

St. Philip's WinterFest Silent Auction and Dinner is just around the corner now!

All proceeds from this event will go toward the construction of classroom space in the basement of Wyatt Hall so that we can expand our youth programs and community outreach. The parish has approximately \$48,000 in designated funds that have been set aside for this project, and we hope to raise an additional \$13,000 from WinterFest to help get this project underway. Here are some ways you can help us reach that goal:

Buy tickets –for a great evening of fun, food, and fellowship! Tickets are available after Sunday services in Wyatt Hall, or by contacting the parish administrator. Tickets are \$40 each in advance; \$45 at the door (very limited availability).

Donate items – We are accepting donations of auction items through January 22. Please contact Libby Lamancusa or Amanda Colindres if you'd like to donate an item or donate funds for the committee to purchase an item.

Help with decorations – We are looking for loans of white lights, icicle lights, shooting star lights, and extension cords, and floor lamps. Please let Linda Staph know if you can loan us lights, and let Libby Lamancusa know if you can loan us any extension cords or floor lamps.

Preview items to bid on – Check out the St. Philip's website for a WinterFest page that includes a preview of our auction items. As we get closer to the event, this will be updated quite frequently.

We especially recommend you preview our Fixed-Price Event Items and check the specific dates on your calendar before the event.

Donate dessert foods – A sign-up sheet is in Wyatt Hall by the WinterFest board for donations of finger-food desserts.

Thanks very much!
 Libby Lamancusa, WinterFest chairperson

HOLLY DAYS--
45 YEARS OF TRADITION

As Tevye from *Fiddler on the Roof* says--"*Tradition. It helps us keep our balance. Helps us keep our bonds for many years. Because of tradition, everyone knows who he is and what God expects of him. Without tradition our lives would be as shaky as a fiddler on the roof.*"

After every Holly Days Bazaar I especially enjoy listening to this musical and Tevye's comment on tradition. This is a great reminder of the many activities we have at St. Philip's that have become part of who we are. Who would have guessed that the ladies of our early women's guilds would begin a well-loved tradition--a tradition that helps us keep our bonds with one another for many years. This year was our 45th named Holly Days Bazaar.

We gathered around cups of coffee at the Holly Inn, sampled freshly made pizzelles (made with Lucy Boss's recipe), delighted in friendships renewed, purchased hand made crafts and shared in the excitement of children greeting Santa Claus.

Many people are involved to keep this joyous tradition alive--to continue this bond with our past. It is almost impossible to thank everyone who participated, so please know that I do appreciate your help. Together we have continued an important bond with one another. Thank you.

Betsy Brothers

The deadline for the
 March 2012 *Messenger*
 is February 15th. Be sure to
 get your articles in on time!



St. Philip's Annual Chili Cook-Off will take place on **Sunday, February 26, 2012**, in Wyatt Hall, so get out those Chili, Cornbread and Dessert recipe's and prepare to enter this fun, rewarding and delicious competition! Entertainment will once again be provided by the Mike & Bobby Show. It promises to be another fun-filled evening at St. Philip's!

We'll begin with a Social Hour at 4 p.m., followed by the contest at 5.

Sign up sheets will be in Wyatt Hall nearer the time. There will be prizes for the winners of each category! Tickets - Adults \$15; Children (5-12) \$5 and Children

under 5 free. Also, 1 Contestant free per dish. Tickets will be available for sale in February after each service. All proceeds go towards the St Philip's Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Please contact Deb Fitzer if you have any

ABSALOM JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



St. Philip's will again be awarding two scholarships in June 2012. The scholarships are being given in honor of the Rev. Absalom Jones, first African American priest in the Episcopal Church.

The extraordinary Rev. Jones was born a slave in Delaware. As a young person he obtained a reading and writing primer, a spelling book, a New Testament Bible and taught himself to read. Eventually he purchased his wife's freedom, and then his own. He founded an insurance society for blacks, taught and founded a school for blacks, and nursed yellow fever victims during an epidemic in his hometown of Philadelphia. He was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church in 1802.

The scholarships will be awarded to individuals who have demonstrated the qualities exemplified by the Rev. Absalom Jones such as compassion, leadership, service, and interest in education.

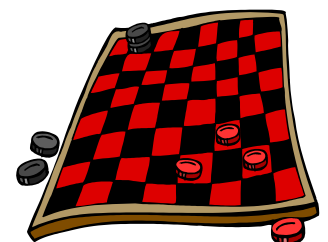
One of the scholarships will be awarded in honor and memory of Ellen D. Washington, the driving force behind the Absalom Jones Window and Scholarship Fund which was established in 2006. The second

MAIN STREET FESTIVAL CHILDREN'S GAMES PRIZES

It's hard to believe that spring is just around the corner, and that means the Main Street Festival will be here before you know it! One of the things that St. Philips is known for are the children's games on the lawn. The games are a great way for us to reach out to the community and a place for the children to have fun on a busy/crowded festival day. The games would not be as successful or fun without the donated prizes from the parish; we give out over 300 prizes a year.

Do you happen to have kid's meals toys lying around your home and want to get rid of them? Do you like to shop the clearance isles or the dollar isles and see something that would make a fun, inexpensive prize? Every year do you wonder what to do with those extra Easter goodies? Please consider donating them to children's games for the Main Street Festival. A box will be in Wyatt Hall for donations. Together, we can continue St. Philip's fine tradition of providing a fun, safe activity for the children during Main Street! Thank you

Amanda Colindres



NUTS AND BOLTS

THE Messenger: If you would like to submit an article for the monthly newsletter, please email it to admin@stphilipslaurel.org, or drop it in the Parish Administrator's folder in the Crate, or mail it to the church office by the **15th of the month**. We invite updates on the activities of your ministry, as well as any other information important to the St. Philip's family.



GROCERY CARDS: We have cards for Giant, Weis and Shoppers in denominations of \$10-\$100. (A \$300 grocery card is also available for Giant Foods). For every card you buy, St. Philip's receives a

rebate. Buy a grocery card TODAY from Vi Turley or Julie Waters and their crew after the 8:00 service; or see Joan Rattigan, Kama Hamilton or Terry Betzer after the 10:15 service. It's easy.... you get food and St. Philip's gets a \$\$\$ boost. All Good! (**Safeway shoppers: You must renew each year so that St. Philip's can continue to earn contributions.**) To renew, go to eScrip.com, click on "Yes Renew," enter either your phone number or your Safeway Club Card number. If you're new to Safeway, sign-up by going to the eScrip.com site, click on "1-Sign-Up," and enter your Safeway Club Card Number. It's as easy as that!) **St. Philip's ID number is 1036806.**

YOUTH GROUP: St. Philip's Youth Group provides Christian fellowship for youth in grades 7 – 12. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, from September – June. Contact Betsy Burke at 301.953.1805, or Pam Brown at .301.490.2829, for more information.

MONTPELIER MANSION During the months of January and February, Montpelier Mansion has several events planned, including a Hands-On History Day for Kids, called "Winter on the Plantation," when kids can learn about some of the chores and cultural aspects of Maryland's enslaved residents in the 18th and 19th century; and the ever-popular Friendship Tea, and the annual George Washington Musicale. For additional information, interested readers can go to their website at www.pgparcs.com. Effective January 2012, Montpelier Mansion has new tour times; they are: Self-Guided Tours: Year around, Thursday—Tuesday, between 11 am and 3 pm. Guided Tours: March—November only, Sundays at Noon, 1 pm, 2 pm, and 3 pm. For additional information about Montpelier Mansion, call (301) 377-7817 or visit www.pgparcs.com

different themes, depending on the date. Other fun surprises in store. The cost is \$27.50 paid in advance. Sorry, no email reservations.



LARS: At this time of the year, our gifts of food to LARS are needed more than ever. So as you do your grocery shopping, please pick up one or more of the following items: **peanut butter, jelly, rice, canned pasta with meat, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned tuna, canned chicken, "just-add-water" pancake mix and canned soup with lots of "stuff" in it.** Pull-top cans are particularly welcome for our homeless brothers and sisters.

IGIVE.COM: Please join us on iGive.com. This site donates a percentage of online purchases to St. Philip's. All you need to do is enroll at iGive.com and designate St.



Philip's as your charity. iGive currently has over 900 online stores participating in their program, including Amazon, Ebay, and even travel sites such as Travelocity. It doesn't cost anything to join - and there are no extra fees when you buy something online. All you need to do in start at iGive.com and select your store, after that a percentage of your purchase is donated to St. Philip's. Just click on the link below - or copy and paste it into your browser. This is another great way to help St. Philip's! ~Aime Littmann

<http://www.igive.com/welcome/warmwelcome6.cfm?c=49697&m=590144>

Ash Wednesday Trivia

What is the earliest date Ash Wednesday can possibly occur?

Answer: February 4. Ash Wednesday is a "moveable feast", which means it falls on different calendar dates in different years. The date is dependent on Easter. The earliest it has ever fallen is on February 4th. It last fell on February 4th in 1818 and will do so again in 2285.

Senior Ministries

“For the Ages” is a blog with entries written by members of the staff of Seabury Resources for Aging that can be found at:

<http://seaburyresources.wordpress.com/>. The blog addresses subjects of interest to seniors as well as to family members of seniors.

A recent blog entry by Chuck Thornton, Admissions & Marketing Coordinator for Seabury at Springvale Terrace, focused on the changes that can occur in our taste buds as we age. Chuck mentioned in the blog that as we get older our taste buds diminish in their ability to trigger sensors that spark the memories we have of different foods we enjoyed at a younger age.

Mary Ann Buckley, Director of Client Services with Seabury’s care management program, blogged about retirement planning. Mary Ann mentioned the wide variability in the activities that older adults engage in, depending on a number of different factors such as mental and physical health. She says that *“It seems clear that staying active, staying involved in life and having a passion for something are keys to a successful aging process.”*

Annie Shaw, Seabury’s Director of Congregational Resources, blogged about the message that she learned from two people whose funerals she had just attended: 1) Live each day fully; 2) Be present to Life; and 3) Be yourself. Annie also indicated that *“I’m left thinking, if today was my last day, what would my legacy be?”*

“Personal digital legacies” was the topic of the blog entry by Kate Lewis, Director of Community Relations & Services for Seabury. Kate said that some recent planning by staff of Seabury “got us all thinking about our personal online accounts and passwords. We’ve got bank accounts, subscriptions, social networking profiles, books, photos, etc. all saved digitally.” She asked her colleagues what kind of arrangements they had each made for their personal digital legacies.

To read the blogs, go to the website mentioned above or <http://seaburyresources.org/resources/blog.html>.

Arleen Leis



WinterHaven

Saint Philip's Winterhaven week began on Sunday night, January 1st, and ended on Sunday morning, January 8th. Now that Winterhaven has come and gone, and we would like to thank everyone who helped out--whether you prepared a meal, made bag lunches, signed guests in, stayed overnight, donated items for the pantry, did laundry, etc. It takes a lot of volunteers to make Winterhaven go, and we all did it.

We welcomed around 25 guests per night: 19-22 men and 3-4 women. With Christmas and New Year's falling on Sunday, and with just one service on each of those days, there were a few anxious moments as New Year's approached with lots of blank spaces still on the sign-up sheets. Fortunately, we had help with dinner on two nights. Boy Scout Troop # 432 offered a delicious venison-stew meal on Wednesday night, followed by lasagna on Thursday night from Hopkins United Methodist Church from Highland, MD.

Thanks again.

Jenny Wall and Cynthia Chase

Praise be to God!

LAUREL ADVOCACY & REFERRAL SERVICE

In December, generous St. Philipians adopted four families for the LARS Christmas Holiday Program. Because of your generosity and that of other churches in the area, LARS was able to distribute gifts of food to 154 people, (54 families). Thank you to all St. Philipians who helped to spread holiday cheer to those in need.

VESTRY

HIGHLIGHTS



December 20, 2011—Vestry Meeting

The meeting began with a presentation from Chuck Steinecke regarding the status of the Columbarium and Memorial Gardens Project. W.S. Teleger recently constructed a columbarium comparable to that which the committee was planning and Chuck brought photos of this structure with him to show the members of the Vestry. At this point, he anticipates the project to take 4 months and cost \$19,000 to complete. Details regarding the placement of the structure, the design of the memorial gardens, and path leading to the columbarium will be discussed at a future date. The Vestry approved the resolution presented by Chuck.

Amie Littmann presented the Treasurer's report to the Vestry, highlighting that even though November shows a loss, December collections were strong and the money saved from the mortgage should make up for the November shortfall. Also, four funds were proposed to be transferred and then closed: The Dorothy Stucke Fund, the Fischer Fund, the Roof and Nave Fund, and the Nursery Fund. The Vestry voted that once the final costs were covered for the roof and nave project, monies remaining in this fund and the Fischer Fund would be moved to the Undesignated Bequests Fund. The money in the Nursery Fund has not been used in several years, and the Vestry approved transferring the money in this fund to the Sunday School Fund. The money set aside for the Dorothy Stucke Fund was donated, as planned, to LARS with a matching gift this past fall. Therefore, upon the movement of designated monies, these funds were all closed with Vestry approval.

The nominating committee announced that at the time of the meeting, Scott Lilienthal, Angela Galt, and Stacy Harper-Avilla were all running for positions on Vestry. At least one more Vestry nominee and one Senior Warden candidate were needed before the annual parish meeting on February 5th. As the mortgage has just been paid off, Vestry members and Sheila+ expressed concern over the best way to encourage parishioners to run for a position on Vestry while still ensuring their genuine interest and dedication to the seriousness of the position. Moreover, Sheila+ asked the Vestry to approve a gift of \$5000 to the diocese in light of the bequest

from Mrs. Parkhurst. She also announced that an anonymous donor pledged to match this gift. The Vestry agreed to the donation of \$5000 from the parish with a matching \$5000 gift from the anonymous donor.

Respectfully submitted by:
Angie Galt
Clerk of the Vestry

Scholarships.... *continued from page 5*

scholarship will be awarded in honor and memory of James Whitney, long-time St. Philip's parish leader and community volunteer.

Individuals who will be attending an institution of higher education such as a college, vocational/technical institute, graduate school or seminary and are in need of financial assistance are invited to apply by **Friday, April 6, 2012.**

Information about the scholarship as well as an application form can be found at the St. Philip's website: www.stphilipslaurel.org. For further information, contact Denise Redmond or Arleen Leis.

Annual Meeting February 5th

CANDIDATES FOR VESTRY

Senior Warden

Frank Lamancusa



Vestry

Angela Galt

Stacey Harper-Avilla

Scott Lilienthal

Jim Rogers



Diocesan Delegate

Justin Mann

Happy Birthday

In Our Prayers This Month



January

01/01 Paul Vollmar
 01/02 Nadine Olaniran
 01/03 Thomas Beall
 01/06 Katy Woytek
 01/06 Ellery Forssell
 01/10 Alan Rascon
 01/10 Gregory Mann
 01/11 Betty Bailey
 01/14 Ethan Mann
 01/15 Rebecca Thomas
 01/16 Audrey Shumway
 01/16 Ron Irvin
 01/18 Matthew Mann
 01/19 Gail Abplanalp
 01/19 Frank Lamancusa
 01/19 Tricia Bryan
 01/20 Kathrine Fitzsimons
 01/22 Lois White
 01/23 Phyllis Iglehart
 01/23 Jennifer Toole
 01/24 Nancy Flanagan
 01/31 John Laverty

February

02/02 William Higgins
 02/03 Anthony Cain
 02/03 Chase Balay
 02/04 Myron Shumway
 02/04 Stanley Hunter
 02/04 Kris Britton
 02/05 Linda Kean
 02/05 Beverly St. Louis
 02/05 Lorraine Smith
 02/07 Kathryn Rattigan
 02/07 Charles Allen
 02/09 Richard Shearin
 02/09 Brigdett Gwyer
 02/09 Christian Augustine
 02/10 Danna Bentley
 02/12 Simone Herbert
 02/13 Janet Brooks
 02/13 Diane Forssell
 02/14 Sarah Roberts
 02/14 Annette Redmond
 02/15 Amy Elmquist
 02/17 Carol Lichty
 02/17 Liam Williams
 02/24 Michele Hunter
 02/28 Jim Rogers III

The Pastoral Care Team and St. Philip's Parish are currently praying for those in our community who need prayers for healing, comfort and strength, especially for: Andy Anderson and Cindi Spicer, Gail Bernhard, Terry Betzer, Carol Bracht, Justin Bundens, Jane Burke, Buddy Chesgreen, Joseph Chew, Bonnie and Ed Connor, Judy Cramer, Jack Dunn, Laurie Dustervald, Amy Elmquist, Martha Feeney, Pat Bentley-Fisher, Albert Fons, Paul and Caryne Forster, Patti French, Brandon Fuhrman, John Greenborn, Phyllis Iglehart, Georgette Inman, Kathleen Inman, Ann Jess-Johnson, Brenda Johnson, Charles McLaughlin, Susan Miranda, Casey Obringer, Tom Penn, Janice Robinson, Steve Russell, Queenie Seay, Audrey Shumway, Andrew Sumner and parents Carey and Susan, Charmane Truesdell, Stephen Wheeler, Laurence Wheeler, Margaret Willet, Dennis Williams, Dylan Williams and the Williams Family, Ken and Mary Wilson, and Thomas Woody. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please contact the Leslie Cain and the Pastoral Care Committee at cainsoflaurel@verizon.net

Happy Anniversary!

**JIM & NANCY MARCHBANK
 JANUARY 1**

**CLIF & EILEEN COLLINS
 JANUARY 15**



If you do not see your name in the birthdays (or wedding anniversaries) for this, or any month, it means that we don't have your vital information in our data base. We need, name, and date of birth, including the year. We aim to please and celebrate everyone's natal day, so contact the Parish Office so that we can make sure not to miss your special day again.



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January Calendar

†SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I—WH
 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite II—WH

- 01/19
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
- 01/20
7:00 p.m. NA—WH
- 01/21
9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast—WH
- 01/22
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:30 p.m. Youth Choir
- 01/23
7:30 p.m. Bell Choir—WH
- 01/24
6:00 p.m. Smart Recovery—PHBCR
6:00 p.m. Smart Recovery for SO—McKee
7:00 p.m. Crafters/Quilters—WH
- 01/25
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee—PHCR
- 01/26
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
- 01/27 EDOW Convention Begins Today at 5:30 p.m.
Washington National Cathedral
7:00 p.m. NA—WH
8:30 p.m. Ferguson/Smith Wedding Rehearsal—WH
- 01/28 EDOW Convention at Cathedral
10:00 a.m. Smart Recovery—WH
4:30 p.m. Begin Set-up for Ferguson Smith Wedding—WH
6:30 p.m. Ferguson/Smith Wedding—WH
7:30 p.m. Ferguson/Smith Wedding Reception—WH
- 01/29
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Youth Choir
- 01/30
7:30 p.m. Bell Choir—WH
- 01/31
6:00 p.m. Smart Recovery—PHBCR
6:00 p.m. Smart Recovery for SO—McKee
7:00 p.m. Crafters/Quilters—WH

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February Calendar

†SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I—WH
10:15 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II—WH
02/01	
10:00 am	Bible Study—WH
7:00 pm	Yoga—WH
02/02	
7:30 pm	Adult Choir
02/03	
7:00 pm	NA—WH
02/04	
10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry—WH
10:00 am	Smart Recovery—WH
02/05	
8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 am	Lenten Book Study—WHCR
9:00 am	Sunday school—WH
10:15 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:30 am	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING—WH
02/06	
7:00 pm	Vestry Executive Committee Meeting—PHCR
7:30 pm	Bell Choir—WH
02/07	
6:00 pm	Smart Recovery—PHBCR
6:00 pm	Smart Recovery for SO—McKee
7:00 pm	Crafts & Quilts—WH
02/08	
10:00 am	Bible Study—WH
7:00 pm	Yoga—WH
02/09	
	Set-Up for WinterFest in WH
7:30 pm	Adult Choir
02/10	
	Set-Up for WinterFest in WH
7:00 pm	NA—C
02/11	WinterFest Dinner & Silent Auction—WH
02/12	
9:00 am	Sunday school—WH
9:00 am	Lenten Book Study—WHCR
11:30 am	Youth Choir
02/13	
7:00 pm	Toastmasters Club—WHCR
7:00 pm	Worship Committee—PHCR
7:30 pm	Bell Choir—WH
02/14	Valentine's Day
1:00 pm	Afternoon Guild—WH
6:00 pm	Smart Recovery—PHBCR
6:00 pm	Smart Recovery for SO—McKee
7:00 pm	Crafts & Quilts—WH
02/15	
10:00 am	Bible Study—WHCR
7:00 pm	Yoga—WH



02/16		8:00 am	Life Screening—WH
		5:30 pm	Life Screening Ends
		7:30 pm	Adult Choir
02/17		4:00 pm	Vestry Retreat—Offsite
		7:00 pm	NA—C
02/18		9:00 am	Men's Breakfast—WH
		10:00 am	Smart Recovery—WH
02/19		9:00 am	Vestry Retreat Ends
		9:00 am	Sunday school—WH
		9:00 am	Lenten Book Study—WHCR
		11:30 am	Youth Choir
		12:00 pm	Absalom Jones Scholarship Cmte—WHRCR
02/20		7:30 pm	Bell Choir—WH
02/21		5:00 pm	SHROVE TUESDAY
		6:00 pm	Pancake Supper—WH
		6:00 pm	Smart Recovery—PHBCR
		6:00 pm	Smart Recovery for SO—McKee
		7:00 pm	Crafts & Quilts—WH
		7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting—WHCR
02/22		ASH WEDNESDAY	
		10:00 am	Bible Study—WHCR
		12:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Liturgy w/Imposition of Ashes—C
		7:00 pm	Yoga—WH
		7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Liturgy w/Imposition of Ashes—C
02/23		7:30 pm	Adult Choir
02/24		7:00 pm	NA—C
02/25		10:00 am	Smart Recovery—WH
02/26		9:00 am	Sunday school—WH
		9:00 am	Lenten Book Study—WHCR
		11:30 am	Youth Choir
02/27		7:30 pm	Bell Choir—WH
02/28		6:00 pm	Smart Recovery—PHBCR
		6:00 pm	Smart Recovery for SO—McKee
		7:00 pm	Crafts & Quilts—WH
02/29		10:00 am	Bible Study—WHCR
		7:00 pm	Finance Committee—PHCR
		7:00 pm	Yoga—WH
		7:30 pm	Lenten Mid-Week Prayer Service—C



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Lenten Schedule

Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday, Feb. 21st

5 p.m. Pancake Supper—WH

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22nd

Ash Wednesday Liturgy
 with Imposition of Ashes
 and Holy Eucharist

Noon & 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Prayer Service

Weekly on Wednesday Evenings

February 29—March 28

7:30 p.m.