



**FAITH in  
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## Lenten Programs and Practices | 2017

### **Shrove Tuesday**

#### **Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras Celebration**

**February 28, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Colhoun A, B and C**

St. Paul's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras Celebration will offer fun, games and activities for parishioners of all ages, as well as plenty of pancakes. \$6 per person, \$4 for fifth graders and younger children, maximum \$20 per family.

### **Ash Wednesday**

#### **Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist**

**March 1, 7:30 a.m., 12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m. in the nave**

Child care for children four years old and younger will be offered in room 107 off the Preschool hallway during the 5:30 service.

### **Stop Hunger Now**

**Sunday, March 5, 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. in Colhoun A**

Parishioners of all ages are invited to participate in *Stop Hunger Now*. Parishioners will help package 10,000 or more nutritious meals to be used in crisis situations and in feeding programs for schools and orphanages in developing countries.

### **The Daily Office**

#### **Morning Prayer**

**Weekdays, March 2 through April 14, 8:15 a.m. in the nave**

#### **Evening Prayer**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 2 through April 11, 5:30 p.m. in the nave**

### **Compline**

**Sundays, March 5 through April 9, 6:15 p.m. in the nave**  
**Wednesdays, March 8 through April 5, 7:00 p.m. in the chapel**

Parishioners are encouraged to volunteer as officiants by contacting the Rev. Sara C. Ardrey-Graves at (336) 723-4391, ext. 1211, or [sardrey-graves@stpauls-ws.org](mailto:sardrey-graves@stpauls-ws.org).

### **The Wednesday Supper Series**

#### **The First Word:**

#### **A Bible Study NOT for the Faint-of-Heart**

**March 8, 15, 22 and 29, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in Colhoun A**

Have you ever heard the scripture reading in church and wanted to raise your hand and ask a question? Have you ever hoped that the preacher would talk about a specific issue from the Bible story, but it wasn't addressed? Have you ever wanted to hear your own words from the pulpit? If so, our Lenten Wednesday Supper Series Bible study is for you. Join us for an engaging study of vignettes from the Gospel of John and other lessons. Wednesday night discussions will provide the content of the preacher's sermon on the following Sunday morning. Bring all your insights, wisdom, questions, grumpy attitudes and struggles with the Bible. All are welcome to share in a rich dialogue on the issues of scripture and how people of different perspectives read it. The four-part series will be led by St. Paul's clergy.

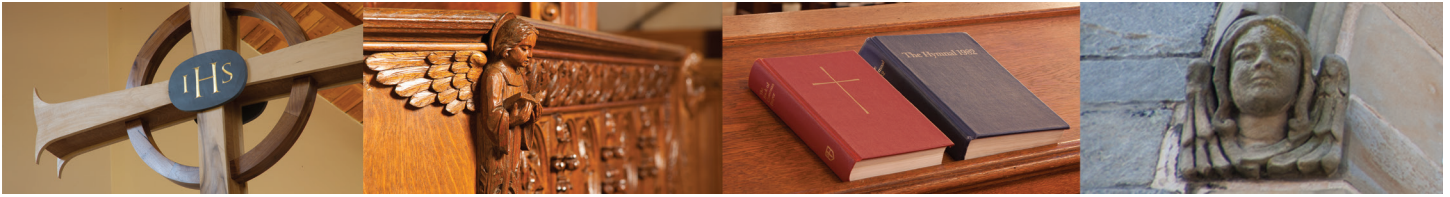
#### **Christ Our Passover is Sacrificed for Us: Jesus, the Passover and the Eucharist**

**April 5, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in Colhoun A**

The Wednesday Supper Series will conclude April 5 with a session led by the Rev. D. Dixon Kinser. In the formation of what we now know to be the Eucharist, Jesus picked a very specific Jewish holiday, the Passover, as the framework for his final experience of the Last Supper with his disciples. Dixon will explore the symbols of Passover and how they now shape our prayers and celebration of Holy Eucharist and how these holy meals influence our practice of faith in Holy Week and Easter.

All five Wednesday night parish gatherings include supper and a program in Colhoun A. Supper for the whole family will be from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Programs will be presented from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m., followed by Compline in the chapel. The cost for supper will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 12, with a maximum cost per family of \$20.

After supper, child care for children three years old and younger will be available in room 107 off the Preschool hallway. A program centered on Holy Week will be offered for Pre-K students through fifth graders in Room 305 beside the library.



## **The Lenten Sermon Series**

***A Know-It-All, a Woman of Ill Repute, A Blind Man and a Dead Guy: A Sermon Series on John's Gospel***  
**Sunday, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9, 7:45, 9:00, 11:15 a.m. in the nave, 5:00 p.m. in the chapel**

Sundays in Lent, St. Paul's clergy will preach on scenes in John's Gospel, integrating the wisdom learned from the Wednesday Supper Series Bible study the previous week.

## **Rector's Forum Lenten Series**

***So What? The Governance of God, Part 2***

**Sunday March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9, 10:15 to 11:00 a.m., Colhoun A, led by St. Paul's Clergy**

American society was built on the principle that all people should have access to things like education and opportunity in order to secure a bright future for themselves. But we know all too well that our country has fallen short of these ideals in recent years. Education, family life, community and income are all caught in the flux of politics, and American children are paying the price. Christian churches, however, have the power to effect positive change on this grim reality. In the Kingdom of God, we are called by God to care for the "least of these," and that includes not only caring for individual children and adults, but working to change the broken systems of education, income and community that promote situations of poverty. How might we renew our commitment to this vision at St. Paul's? How are we called to live differently as a result of our faith and work for change in our communities? This Lent, join us for our second adult forum series on the Governance of God. Using the text *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis* by Robert D. Putnam, the clergy of St. Paul's will lead a series of discussions about how we might dedicate ourselves to a new future for the most vulnerable people of our society.

- March 12: "American Dream: Myths and Realities," led by the Rev. D. Dixon Kinser
- March 19: "American Families," led by the Rev. Sara C. Ardrey-Graves
- March 26: "American Income and Jobs," led by the Rev. John E. Shields
- April 2: "American Education," led by the Rev. Sara C. Ardrey-Graves
- April 9: "American Community," led by the Rev. D. Dixon Kinser

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## **Wednesday Holy Eucharist**

As usual, a service of Holy Eucharist will be offered each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the side altar in the nave and at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel.

## **The Stations of the Cross**

St. Paul's clergy will lead the Stations of the Cross liturgy in the nave at noon on Wednesdays from March 8 through April 12. Parishioners may walk the Stations of the Cross in the nave and chapel on their own during church office hours throughout Lent. Booklets containing the liturgy will be available at the back of the nave and on the table outside the chapel.

## **The Labyrinth**

The Labyrinth will be open all day on Wednesdays during Lent, with a special emphasis on the time from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m., right before the 5:30 Eucharist in the chapel. Based on the labyrinth in the floor of Chartres Cathedral in France, St. Paul's Labyrinth is etched into the floor of the chapel, a balanced, circular walking path with seven concentric circles, leading from an outer entry point to the center. As a true labyrinth, it offers a single, purposeful pathway, with no dead ends, and can be walked by people of all faiths. Some people pray as they walk, opening their minds and hearts to God's peace and the presence of the Holy Spirit, while others meditate, as they follow the path to the center and back out again into the world.

## **Lenten Devotional Materials**

Printed Lenten devotional materials are available at the back of the nave and outside the chapel.