

THE CATHEDRAL CHRONICLE

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The Road to Salvation: A Thought for Lent

By now you're aware that it's Lent and if you're like me you've got something running through your head about what you might do, take on or give up, or you're already doing it, in which case good for you. And I want to congratulate you for you are already on your way to the Road to Salvation. But wait, what if you're like I sometimes am some years and it's already in Lent and perhaps you've been thinking about it but in honesty you have not started to do anything at all for Lent, to take anything on or give anything up, and you just don't see yourself celebrating much of Lent this year. And I would say good for you. For you also, I believe, are on the road to salvation.

So what about that? And more directly, what about salvation and the things we're supposed to be doing for Lent, what we are supposed to be giving up and taking on and the whole process of living a Holy Lent, what about that and our relation to Salvation? Are we not walking this holy path of Lent in order to be saved?

I remember years ago having this conversation with an elderly, elderly parishioner who was homebound who had not been to church for many years. And she told me that she had come to terms with the fact that she would probably not make it to the church again in her life, and that she knew that her salvation did not rest on whether or not she ever came to church again. And that for her, that was a huge realization – that her salvation was already guaranteed, and not dependent upon what she did or did not do at church.

I agree with her and thought it would be good to put out there during Lent that what you do at Lent will not save you, will not guarantee you a place in heaven, so don't worry about it if you're not doing anything and it looks like you probably won't. However, that doesn't mean that Lent has no value. For quite separate from helping secure our salvation, there is a true and profound value of Lent, and this is something we should appreciate if we consider ourselves even somewhat Christian: Lent can focus us.

Giving things up and taking things on is part of the focus of Lent, part of what Lent provides us in its structure. And it can be an extreme focus. But even without giving up or taking on, we can and we should still see times like Lent, times like Easter, times like Christmas, and other times during the year, as chances to focus. We cannot do and be all things, so we choose and decide. Where we put our energies, where we put our efforts, where we dedicate our time: is some of that on God? Is some of it on Jesus? Is some of it on the love of our neighbor? Then good for us, for we are on the road to salvation.

I invite you to a holy Lent where you can at least in some small way dedicate and focus your time, energies, efforts and even resources, to something other than you, your aims, your goals. It's not all about you: it is also about God and your neighbor (and by neighbor I mean all others). If you focus some of your time on others and on God, you are sacrificing and you are giving things up and taking things on. And you are fulfilling your Christian obligation. Live it this year, live your faith. Live Lent, even in some small way.

— *The Rev'd Tom Callard, Priest-in-Charge*

Gathered Transformed Sent
Reunidos Transformados Enviados

February 21-March 5, 2016

Sunday **February 21**

8/10 AM Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM Bible Study (2nd floor common room)
11:15 AM Sunday School
11:20 AM Coffee Hour (Library)
11:45 AM Adult Forum: Special Guest Speaker
William Morris shares his observations
of the Christian church in Syria and Iraq
12:15 PM Santa Eucaristia
1:30 PM Convivio (Biblioteca)

Tuesday **February 23**

6:30 PM Lenten Program: "To Feed the Hungry"
(6 PM soup)
7:00 PM AA Men's Group (Undercroft)

Wednesday **February 24**

8:00 AM Lectionary Bible Study (Kendrick)
12 Noon Loaves and Fishes Meal
12 Noon Holy Eucharist (All Saints Chapel)
4:00 PM Spanish Class (Doug-Out, 2nd floor)
5:00 PM Loaves and Fishes Meal
6:00 PM Discipulado: Spanish Bible Study

Thursday **February 25**

5:30-7 PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal
7-8:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Saturday **February 27**

10:30 AM Centering Prayer
Executive Committee Retreat (off-site)

Sunday **February 28**

8/10 AM Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM Bible Study (2nd floor common room)
11:15 AM Sunday School
11:20 AM Coffee Hour (Library)
11:45 AM Adult Forum: "The Practice of
Confession"
12:15 PM Santa Eucaristia
12:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal
1:30 PM Convivio (Biblioteca)
6:00 PM Compline

Tuesday **March 1**

6:30 PM Lenten Program: "To Shelter the
Homeless" (6 PM Soup)
7 PM AA Men's Group (Undercroft)

Wed. **March 2**

8 AM Lectionary Bible Study (Kendrick)
12 Noon CCC prepares & serves Loaves and
Fishes Meal
12 Noon Holy Eucharist (All Saints Chapel)
4:00 PM Spanish Class (Doug-Out, 2nd floor)

5:00 PM Loaves and Fishes Meal
6:00 PM Discipulado: Spanish Bible Study

Thursday **March 3**

5:30-7 PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal
7-8:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Saturday **March 5**

10:30 AM Centering Prayer (Chapel)
3:00 PM Asbury Park, NJ Choir School
Performance (*details to come!*)

Undie Sunday

"Undie Sunday" was February 7 and Mariana Bauman was crowned Queen Undie; congratulations to her! A faithful supporter and leading force behind the yearly underwear coronation, Mariana was nevertheless a surprise. Long live the Queen. May she reign proudly. Thanks everyone for supporting the Springfield Rescue Mission and their work to bring clothing to the needy.

Cathedral Contributions Go to Friends of the Homeless

The "Souperbowl"

Collection on Sunday, February 7th brought in \$82.50 that was donated to the Friends of the



Homeless program on Worthington Street. Thank you to the generous folks who made donations, and to the young people who helped by holding Soup Bowls after the services.

The **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on February 9th was a great success, with a nice crowd in attendance to eat delicious pancakes and bacon and to play *Pictionary*. Special thanks to Juliet Hansen, Burt Hansen, and the many hands that cooked, served, set up and cleaned. And special thanks to the Mardi Gras Hostess, Delphine Williams, for her spirit. Ticket sales netted a second donation to the Friends of the Homeless in the amount of \$140.60. Once again, thank you to all who supported these fund-raisers to help the less fortunate in our community.

Easter Memorials

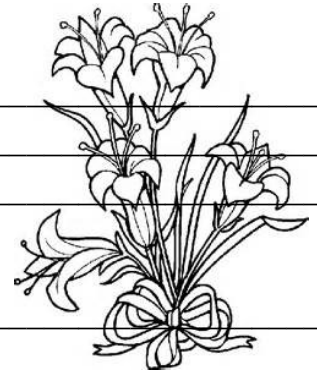
The Easter leaflet will list the names of those persons in whose loving memory the Cathedral is decorated and the Easter music is played. Please send this form to the Cathedral office (Attn: Lydia) with a contribution in any amount.

Flower Memorial _____ or Music Memorial _____

In loving memory of

Given by

Your name and phone number

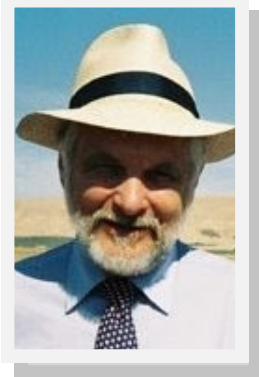


Feel free to either drop on the plate, send in the US mail, or leave in Lydia's mailbox in the Main Office at the Cathedral.

(no later than Sunday, March 20th, please!)

Parish Leadership Day (Sat.) March 5, 2016

Registration is open for Parish Leadership Day 2016. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this formation day for lay and clergy leaders. For more information, a description of workshops and registration, click on this link: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ec52xm4n495316dc&llr=8pavzvcab>. **Please register before March 1.**



This Sunday, February 21, we are pleased to welcome William Morris, Secretary General of the Next Century Foundation, as featured speaker in our Adult Forum. Mr. Morris has lived and worked in the Middle East and will speak from his personal observations on the Christian community in both Iraq and Syria, offering some suggestions on responses we as concerned Christians may make in their support.



Please join us for worship on Sunday

8:00 am Rite One

10:00 am Rite Two with Choir

11:15 am Sunday School

12:15pm Misa En Español



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Pray for Those Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries February 21-March 5

Birthdays

Anne Holstead Santaniello (Feb. 20)

Sophie Marie Holstead (Feb. 22)

Veronica Sudeene-Robinson (Feb. 22)

Paul Barten (Feb. 23)

Michael MacMunn (Feb. 24)

Sam MacMunn (Mar. 1)

Amarylis Martinez (Mar. 2)

Judith Mohamed-Cardona (Mar. 5)

Anniversaries

None



Thank you from Lydia

I'd like to thank the many wonderful folks here at the Cathedral who greeted me with cards, hugs, and expressions of sympathy, as I've recently had to deal with the sudden loss of my beloved mother, Judy Dufresne. I am touched and heartened by this kindness, and it's made a difficult situation a little less distressing. Needless to say, I think of her all the time, but I know she'd be really glad to know that I've been sort of taken under the wing of a caring group of people! A Mass and Celebration of Life service will be held one weekend in the Spring, with the date not yet determined, as I work with my Dad, brothers and sisters to arrive at a date. It is with sincere gratitude that I invite you to join at that time with me and my family as we celebrate a life well-lived, and a woman, most certainly, well-loved.

Contact Us at the office (413) 736-2742, to add names and dates for birthday and anniversary celebrations, and/or to arrange for memorial flowers. Or email Lydia Lockwood at llockwood@cccspfld.org.

Contact Fr. Tom Callard for emergencies and pastoral concerns, to request prayer or to talk, (413) 314-0030, tcallard@cccspfld.org.

Prayers and Intentions—Daughters of the King Prayer Chain—Call Phyllis Larson at (413) 786-9292. Call or email the office to add someone to the weekly prayer listing in the Sunday leaflets.