

CATHEDRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 8, 2020

WELCOME!

TODAY IS THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, The Reverend Kevin Smallwood is preaching and Dean Tom Callard is celebrating at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

11:30 a.m. forum: Dr. Megan Gallagher, Christ Church Cathedral member and physician at Baystate will talk about the Corona Virus and infectious diseases, and answer questions.

“CORONAVIRUS AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: With regard to the celebration of the Eucharist, all participation and engagement is at the discretion of the individual.

The Peace may be given with a wave or a handshake, an elbow or a fist bump. (Hand sanitizer should be readily available.)

Fortified wine (like Port, which many churches use) in a metal cup, properly wiped, offers minimal exposure, but one may receive only the Host. Our belief is that Holy Communion is efficacious with one element and that receiving just bread is equal in grace.”

The Altar Guild will **wipe down the altar rail** before and after the service.

Best practice is the same as for influenza.

Wash hands frequently.

Stay home if you are sick. (Jesus is there, too.)

Clean common surfaces regularly.

And remember that not everyone who coughs or sneezes has a flu or virus!

Today at 2:30 community trip to St. John’s in Ashfield for a 4:00 p.m. TAIZE SERVICE. Leaving the Cathedral for an excursion of worship and togetherness.

Friday, March 13, STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 6:00 p.m. at the Cathedral, with members of St. Peter’s, walking the last moments of Jesus’s life with reflection and reverence.

Sunday, March 15, the Third Sunday in Lent. Dean Callard will preach and celebrate.

11:30 a.m. forum: Craig Cox, Jr. Warden, will talk about the Cathedral’s beloved buildings!

5:00 p.m. COMPLINE, Lenten prayer and meditation in the sanctuary by the light of candles. Compline is the service that is traditional to say at the end of the day. Join us.

Tuesday, March 17, COMING TO BELIEVE, 6:00 p.m., an open service focused on recovery and the 12 steps, for all seeking to turn their lives over to God.

Friday, March 20, STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 6:00 p.m. at St. Peter’s Church, 45 Buckingham, Springfield. With members of the Cathedral, walking the last moments of Jesus’s life with reflection and reverence.

Saturday, March 21, SAFE CHURCH TRAINING - The next, most convenient Safe Church Workshop is at St. Andrew’s in Longmeadow on Saturday March 21st beginning at 9AM. Normally church volunteers need only the morning session, so you are finished around noon. All Executive Committee members are encouraged to do this. Anyone who works with children in any capacity or goes to a parishioner’s home must participate in the training. If you can volunteer in the new Drop-In Center, you should also have safe church training. To register for the training please go to:

<https://www.diocesewma.org/safe-church-policy-and-training/>. Please let Deacon Linda Taupier know when you register deaconlindat@gmail.com and thank you for making Christ Church Cathedral a safe place for everyone.

9:00-10:30 a.m. THE OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM is meeting in the Library

10:30- 12:00 p.m. THE ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRY Team is meeting in the Library

Sunday, March 22, THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, The Reverend Canon Jerry True will preach.

BAKE SALE –There will be a bake sale on March 22nd, after all 3 services, please sign up to bake - home baked only! Any food you desire to bake and sell, lasagna, cake, cookies, pies, etc. You may deliver to the Cathedral until noon on Saturday or on Sunday morning. Please sign up bake, and be ready to buy.

11:30 a.m. forum: Coleen Loveless from Green N Fit will talk about the annual Green N Fit community event in April.

Saturday, April 25th – GreenNFit - 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. #GreenNFit Springfield with Revitalize CDC & Christ Church Cathedral at Calhoun Park: Massasoit, Lexington, and Montmorenci Streets, Springfield (a half hour walk from the Cathedral). Volunteers will likely do exterior painting, some lawn cleanup, and some landscaping with shrubs and annuals. For those with limited physical capabilities: we have tasks for you too! Come for whatever amount of time you can and then you can leave or stay for the celebratory picnic at 1 p.m.! Register directly online at <http://www.revitalizecdc.org> (hit the **REGISTER** button) or let us know if you want help with registration and we will do it with you before or after church services. Here is a direct link to the registration form:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ego67nik24f71ae3>

Be sure to select “Christ Church Cathedral” from the drop-down list after the question “What group or organization are you volunteering with?” See House Captains Jahn or Gary Hart with questions:

jahnhart@sbcglobal.net or gary_hart@sbcglobal.net.

Come to one of the forums after both the 10 a.m. and 12:15 services on **Sunday, March 22nd** to learn more about GreenNFit!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES FOR YOUR WEEK, Sunday 9:00-10:00 a.m. **Bible Study** on the Lectionary in the 2nd floor Dougout; Wednesday 8:00-9:00 a.m. **Bible Study** for beginners in the Kendrick Room, all invited; 10:30-11:30 a.m. **Centering Prayer** in the 2nd floor Common Room.

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE AT CHURCH Please take pictures during this service with your cell phone and email them to cathedralfotos@gmail.com. This is a great way to let people know who we are and what we do here, and a great chance to capture and share precious memories.

LOOKING FOR YARN AND COTTON FLANNEL A message from Cozette Haggerty:

In my recent retirement, I've enjoyed knitting hats for the homeless. Deacon Linda says the hats are very much needed and well used. If you have any stash of yarn or cotton flannel material (sewed inside of hats for warmth), please give it to me, or to Dominique in the office. No amount of yarn stash is too small. The flannel should be white, gray, or black. Thanks! cozettehaggerty@gmail.com

SUPPORT FOR OUR HOME-BOUND PARISHIONERS: Many thanks to Jean Ryan and Karen Authier, for their time, energy, and dedication in their weekly ministry to parishioners who are home-bound due to age, illness, or life circumstances. Weekly mailings of sermons, news updates, bulletins, and prayers, help home-bound parishioners stay connected to their spiritual community while away from the Cathedral. To add a home-bound parishioner to the mailing list, please contact Jean Ryan: jeanb01119@aol.com.

FOOD DRIVE – A GREAT NEED FOR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD! Each Sunday we take up a collection of non-perishable foods to be given to Open Pantry and to those who drop by during the week needing food. *Please* support this ministry. Donations may be dropped off in the baskets in the Narthex (foyer) of the church on Sundays, and, brought to the Cathedral Office during the week. Thank you.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – Calling all knitters and crocheters!, please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Knit from home or join us. Create prayer shawls to be blessed and offered to the congregation for anyone in a time of need. Meetings for knitting and crocheting, fellowship and prayer on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM in the Kendrick room and your participation is welcomed. Please contact Jean Ryan at 413-782-2878.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Sign up to host Coffee Hour! Bring something to share with the gathering after church. Sign-up sheets are posted across from the Cathedral Office door. **We need people to please sign up for the weeks in March, April, & May.** We thank you in advance.

DEAN CALLARD'S SABBATICAL (or clergy renewal leave) begins April 20. Tom's plans are to return to study the concept of Mission in Honduras where he first served as a missionary twenty years ago, working with their clergy and Bishop to see why the church in Honduras is growing so fast and engaged in the community. He will also make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Virgin of Guadalupe in Mexico City, where he will also visit the Anglican/ Episcopal Church and the Cathedral of San Jose de Gracia and other religious sites. He plans to spend time with his family, travel a bit in the U.S., work in the garden, keep going to the gym, find peace, and let go.