



# PARISH NOTES

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## MARCH 7

### Apostleship in the Library

St. Paul's Racial Reconciliation Action Group continues its Lenten series: *Living Question 5*, in which we ask ourselves how we might "respect the dignity of every human being." In the first weeks, we have focused on the concept of "white privilege." On Sunday, March 7, the Rev. Lisa Hackney will lead a continuation of the work begun on February 28 with diversity facilitator Elizabeth Robenalt. All are welcome!

### The Bible and Brahms

The Lenten Bible study led by the Rev. Richard Israel continues on Sunday, March 7, at 10:10 a.m. in the Dining Room. In the third movement of the Brahms *Requiem* which focuses on Psalm 39, we see a movement from being confronted with our mortality to acceptance and trust in God. Join us for session three, "We Have to Be Carefully Taught."

### 8th Grade Confirmand/ Sponsor Breakfast

The fourth 8th grade confirmand/sponsor breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 7, beginning at 8:15 a.m. in the Brooks Room. Confirmands and their sponsors will attend the 9 a.m. worship service and meet together during the 10 o'clock hour.

### Choral Evensong

On Sunday, March 7, the Senior Choir will offer Choral Evensong at 5 p.m. The music will include canticles by the sixteenth-century English composer, Thomas Morley, and the anthem, "Hear My Prayer" by Felix Mendelssohn. Mendelssohn's anthem based on Psalm 55 features the soprano solo, "O for the Wings of a Dove," a beloved and well-known melody. Please join us for this special choral worship service.

### Youth Groups Go To *Godspell*

The Sunday Evening Youth Groups will attend the Drama Dreamers' production of *Godspell* as their program on Sunday, March 7. We'll meet for pizza at 6 p.m. The performance begins at 7 p.m. All youth in grades 7 through 12 are welcome!

## WEEK OF MARCH 7

### Prayer Vigil

A prayer vigil will be held for Lawrence Reynolds on Monday, March 8, at 6 p.m. in the Chapel of the Cross. Mr. Reynolds is scheduled to be executed on Wednesday, March 9, by the State of Ohio. All are welcome.

### Eliza Backus Guild Guest

#### Speaker: Meredith Bowen

Please join the Eliza Backus Guild on Tuesday evening, March 9, in welcoming our own Meredith Bowen as she tells us about her year volunteering with Foundation for African Medicine & Education (FAME), as well as her time at the Rift Valley Children's Village. Did you know that Meredith also served with the Rwanda War Crimes Tribunal? This is an amazing young woman whose story you will want to hear! Please come for coffee and cookies at 7:15 p.m. in the Brooks Room. Meredith will speak at 7:30.

**Drama Dreamers present**



**Conceived & Originally  
Directed By John-Michael Tebelak  
Music & New Lyrics By Stephen Schwartz**

Originally Produced on the New York Stage by  
Edgar Landsbury/Stuart Duncan/Joseph Beruth

**Friday & Saturday,  
March 5 & 6  
at 7 p.m.**



**Sunday,  
March 7  
@ 2 & 7 p.m.**



**TICKETS  
\$7**

**12 & under  
FREE**

## *They Say the Only Way Out is Through*

I am a big believer in toughing it out until the end. I often tell myself to dig deep, try a little harder, do my best, and push through to the end of whatever ordeal I am facing. It often gives me the motivation I need to finish a task, but it is not always what is most called for in a situation. Oftentimes, what is called for is tenderness, vulnerability, compassion. Oftentimes, vulnerability and compassion are more difficult, and demand more of us than toughing it out.

I believe that in our faith lives, we have a choice – whether to go through it, or around it. Whether to plunge deep, or skim the surface. Too often, I believe, we choose the easier route – skimming the surface, rather than jumping in the deep end. We do this because it seems easier, and because it seems to require less from us – less commitment, less time, less vulnerability. Then, in moments of quiet, we wonder why we feel empty, why God seems so distant. We wonder about the meaning in our lives, our purpose, our sense of hope. Through it all, still God is there (here!) calling to us – “Come home! I love you! Be with me! Yes, it will be difficult, but not impossible, and so very much worth the effort. Abide with me. Be my people. I love you.” Lent can be a time to listen for that call. It is a time for self-reflection, for honesty, for taking stock of our spiritual lives. It can be a time of reassurance of God’s love, even (especially!) having admitted to our sins and shortfalls. This also is the hard work of being vulnerable, and of receiving God’s love.

This weekend, March 5-7, you will have another invitation to that Love. Our youth are presenting *Godspell: A Musical Based Upon the Gospel According to St. Matthew*. It is a fun, joy-filled presentation of the gospel, one that invites us into the deep end of faith and love, one that doesn’t run away from the hard parts of betrayal, loss, and despair, but one that offers us the hope that comes from accepting God’s invitation to Love. The cast and crew have jumped into the deep end, putting their entire selves into this play. As Matt Humm has said, it is not just theatre, it is kerygma: proclamation of the good news of God’s love for us. It is their witness and testimony to the benefits of vulnerability and compassion. It is an act of Love and an invitation to Love.

This Lent, I invite you into the deep end. Submerge yourself in God’s Love. Open your hearts. Trust enough to be vulnerable. Put yourself out there. And discover the amazing redemption available to us through the unconditional Love of God.



Kate Gillooly  
Minister for Christian Formation and Program

## **Wednesday Evenings in Lent**

Our Wednesdays in Lent continue through March 24. For details on these programs check our Lent 2010 flyer available on the tables in the Narthexes or online at [www.stpauls-church.org](http://www.stpauls-church.org). Join us for any or all of these programs:

**5:00 p.m.** -- Children’s Literature as  
Windows to Spirituality

**6:00 p.m.**-- Holy Eucharist, Nave

**6:30 p.m.** -- Light Lenten Dinner

**7:00 to 8 p.m.** -- GMAG Book and Video Discussion: Wednesday, March 10, Heather Nelson will lead a discussion following the screening of *Yesterday*, the first Zulu language film to be released internationally.

## POSTCARD

**February 14, 2010 ~**

### ***Fr. Martin’s Installation***

Did God choose St. Valentine’s Day for Fr. Richard Martin’s installation as Priest-in-Charge at St. Clare’s Anglican Church, in Ocean View, for a reason? Whether he did or not, the installation ceremony conducted by Bishop Merwyn Castle and Archdeacon Clifford Jones was filled with happiness and welcome. Bishop Merwyn spoke of the journey ahead for the congregation and its new priest, and the promise of great things by “giving yourselves wholeheartedly to each other... Perhaps this Valentine’s Day is to remind us that it is our mission to love one another.” As representatives from St. Paul’s, we presented Fr. Richard with special greetings and prayers sent by our rector Alan Gates and a green stole, with an African cross and motif, “in honor of your new Xhosa chapelry.” Everyone was asked to “bring a tray of eats” for the tea following the ceremony. Yum!

Faithfully and fondly,  
*Mary and Richard Nodar*

## Diversity Committee Forming

As a part of the Kinship program, St. Paul's has established a Diversity Committee, with Tami Brown and Gordon Kaiser as co-chairs. The initial organizational meeting of the Diversity Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 9, in the Library at 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of the Diversity Committee is to champion the development of a culture at St. Paul's that actively promotes diversity (of all kinds, including race, physical ability, sensory ability, mental ability, socio-economic status, age, sexuality, ethnicity and gender) in our congregation and the community as an act of faith. This will include promoting greater understanding of the theological foundations for diversity as a part of social justice, encouraging the development of diversity as a value in Christian formation and all of our celebrations, communications and community outreach and encouraging a more welcoming and inclusive environment at St. Paul's. The goal is to make diversity a core value of our congregation so that we create the kind of community that attracts diverse members.

Please plan on joining us if you are interested in participating. We look forward to seeing you.

— Tami Brown and Gordon Kaiser

## Attend An Interfaith Seder

Our neighbors at Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple have invited members of St. Paul's to attend their annual Interfaith Passover Seder on Wednesday, March 24, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The Rev. Richard Israel plans to attend and welcomes other St. Paul's parishioners to join him. Space is limited. Reply *no later than March 17* to Betsey Bell, Assistant to the Rector, at (216) 932-5815, ext. 205.

## March Madness at ACT II

Now through Saturday, March 13, all winter clothes and shoes are 50% off. The Shop is open Thursdays and Fridays, 10 to 3; and Saturdays, 10 to 1. Remember, the Shop will be closed every Sunday during Lent.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010 THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

### SERVICES

Holy Eucharist, 7:45 a.m.

The Rev. Alan Gates, *Celebrant & Preacher*

Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m.

The Rev. Matthew Humm, *Celebrant*; The Rev. Alan Gates, *Preacher*

Holy Eucharist, 11:00 a.m.

The Rev. Dan Knaup, *Celebrant*; The Rev. Alan Gates, *Preacher*

Choral Evensong, 5:00 p.m.

The Rev. Lisa Hackney, *Officiant*

*A brief service of Holy Communion follows in St. Martin's Chapel.*

### READINGS

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

### FELLOWSHIP

8:00—9:00 a.m. Parish Breakfast

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

9:00—10:45 a.m. Preschool Session

10:00—10:45 a.m. Grades 1-6: *Lent III Open Invitation (Isaiah 55:1-9)*

Grade 7: *The Acts of the Apostles and the Early Church*

Grade 8: *Confirmand/Sponsor Breakfast #4*

Grades 9-12: *TBA*

10:45 a.m.—noon

Preschool Session

6:00—8:00 p.m.

Junior & Senior High Youth Groups:

*Gather at 6 for Pizza, attend Godspell at 7*

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS

10:10 a.m.

Apostleship in the Library: *Living Question 5* — Join the Racial Reconciliation Action Group in this series that looks at how we might "respect the dignity of every human being." All are welcome!

Adult Forum: *The Bible and the Brahms Requiem* — Join us for the third session in this series "We Have to Be Carefully Taught." (Dining Room)

## *Give Towards St. Paul's Easter Flowers!*

The names of those you wish to remember or honor will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Complete the form below and return to the Parish Office **by Monday, March 22**, marked "Attn: Easter Flowers." Make your check out to St. Paul's and write "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.

In Memory of:     In Honor of:     In Thanksgiving for:

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Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. Given \_\_\_\_\_



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TIME-VALUED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY

### ON MY MIND...

## Lenten Liturgical Notes

Several adjustments are made to our worship during Lent. At 7:45 & 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m., the liturgy is offered according to Rite One throughout the season. Its traditional language lends an added tone of solemnity, and its penitential language is more prominent.

At all four services, our liturgy during Lent begins with the Penitential Order (BCP, pp. 319 and 351.) In it, we hear the Summary of the Law – to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourself. Immediately, in the Prayer of Confession, we have the opportunity to acknowledge our falling short of that great commandment. We hear a declaration of pardon, in which we are reminded that true repentance includes both “grace and consolation” (the welcomed part!) and “amendment of life” (the hard part!). Finally, we sing a setting of the *Kyrie*, “Lord, have mercy upon us.”

The placement of the Penitential Order at the outset of the service signifies the importance of accomplishing reconciliation in our relationships. In acknowledging right up front the ways we have fallen short, and then hearing words of pardon, we are freed to enter the conversation with God which constitutes the remainder of the liturgy, assured of having been restored by God’s grace to a right relationship with God.

May I repeat the invitation I issued on

the first Sunday of Lent for you to make a special effort to be in church on time? Should you arrive late, you will have missed the Confession and Absolution, an indispensable component of Lenten spirituality.

As a corollary, the organ postlude during Lent is selected with prayerful reflection in mind. We invite you to use the organ postlude in this season as a time for final meditation before going forth into the world. You are requested to depart the nave quietly, out of consideration for those desiring to hear that postlude in a meditative spirit.

Finally, I invite your thanksgiving once again for the beautiful Lenten processional cross which was new last year. Commissioned and given to the parish by Joanne and Bob Lane in memory of their daughter Catherine Lane Tyler, the cross was fashioned for us out of purpleheart wood by local sculptor Norbert Koehn, and provides us with a companion to the cross of the same style located in our Chapel of the Cross.

May you be restored and renewed in your Lenten journey!

Faithfully and fondly,

### WHO WE ARE

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#### Our Mission

St. Paul's is a living, evolving community of Christian people who worship together according to the Anglican/Episcopal tradition. We seek to know God and God's will for us; to care for each other; and to support each other in the exercise of our ministries among our neighbors and in the wider world.

#### Parish Notes

Deadline for submissions is **Tuesday at noon**, 12 days before the Sunday publication date.

Items may be edited for space and/or clarity.

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