



# Parish Guide

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## Rector's Journal

*By the Rev. Randolph Charles*

**V**estry Adopts Renovation Plan. At its March meeting, the Epiphany Vestry unanimously adopted the following resolution: "Be it resolved that the vestry approve in principle the renovation plan as presented by the Renovation Ministry Team." We are moving forward in faith! Please read Tripp Jones' article. The vestry hopes that the entire parish will be able to come to one of the Parish Meetings in May at which the plan will be shared and explained. We want to know what you think. There will also be a parish-wide survey in May and interviews in June, the purpose of both being to determine the level of interest, support, and commitment to the Renovation Plan. Again, the vestry wants to hear from all of you!

**What I believe.** I believe that the Renovation Ministry Team, through the leadership of Tripp Jones, has done a huge, wonderful, and faithful thing for Epiphany!! They have studied possibilities, collected ideas, considered options, listened to parishioners and professionals, prayed often, remained hopeful, retained a sense of humor, and persevered through mountains of information and challenges. Our parish will continue to enjoy the leadership of the Renovation Ministry Team, but we have reached a turning point, a time at which the Renovation Plan has been delivered and accepted by the vestry. I am sure that there will continue to be adjustments, especially in regard to how much of the plan we can fund at this time, but I am ecstatic and grateful beyond words at the amount of progress that has made. Thank you, RMT and Tripp Jones!

**Holy Week and Easter at Epiphany.** The schedule for Holy Week through Easter Day is printed in this Parish Guide. Please take note of all that is offered and join your fellow parishioners in as much of it as possible. Invite others who are looking for a place or an opportunity to grow in the faith to join you in worship in this most important season of the church year.

**What I believe.** I believe that, for all of us who are Christian, the key to human life is held in the mystery of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the deeper we move into that mystery, the fuller we know who we are and how much God loves us.

**MondayMissionMatters.** A few weeks ago, I started sending weekly emails which addressed our call to do ministry throughout the week. I tried using a new diocesan listserv program, but there were some glitches. I think it is all worked out now, and I will start sending emails again. The plan is that the email will include a message about ministry and an invitation to go to a blog for conversation and comments. There will be an "unsubscribe" option for anyone who would not like to receive MondayMissionMatters emails.

**What I believe.** I believe that we are called to do ministry all the time. 99% of ministry happens beyond the walls of a church. It is helpful, however, for us to be challenged to see our entire week as the arena for ministry, not just a couple of hours on Sunday. The purpose of a faith community is to provide an environment and program which train and empower Christians to do ministry in the world.

## We Have a Plan! RMT Prepares to Share Renovation Recommendation

*By Tripp Jones, Leader, Renovation Ministry Team*

*RMT Members: Jill Bezek, Randolph Charles, Christian Clough, Mary Dail, David Downes, David Hamill, Tripp Jones, and Pat Pickering*

After many hours of study, prayer, and discernment over the past three years, the Renovation Ministry Team is now ready to share their recommendation for the renovation of the church and parish house. First, the vestry will be thoroughly briefed on the plan at their regular monthly meeting. If the vestry approves of the recommendation, the Renovation Ministry Team will then present the plan to the parish in May. If all goes according to schedule, the parish presentation will be as follows:

### **Sunday, May 6, 2007 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

This will be the main presentation to the parish. Everyone is invited and encouraged to be present for both the 11:00am liturgy and the renovation presentation in the Parish Hall afterwards. The RMT will serve sufficient food and drink to make a light meal. We will finish no later than 2:00pm.

### **Renovation Plan Presentation**

#### **Participants:**

- Epiphany's Renovation Ministry Team
- Peter Krajnak - Rogers Krajnak Architects, Inc. (lead architect)
- John Clark - The James Company (fund-raising consultant)

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**Note: The deadline for submitting articles to the May Parish Guide Newsletter is Wednesday, April 18**

# Parishioner News

## **We celebrate these new beginnings and accomplishments:**

*“Let us give thanks to God for all God’s gifts so freely bestowed upon us.”*

Roman Fortunato Bautista Elizaga was born on March 1, 2007 to Minerva and Ron Elizaga.

Ella Sophia Bautista King was born to Emilia Bautista and David King on March 9, 2007.

Ella Sophia and Roman are grandchildren of Mercedes and Tony Bautista.

Paul Shinkman recently began his new position as Executive Assistant to the Executive Editor of The Examiner newspaper, DC, MD and VA editions.

Mary Kell Powers begins a new position on April 2 as the Assisted Living Coordinator for Sunrise of McLean, VA.

## **We pray for these persons who have died:**

*“Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants”*

Terrence Gray, brother of Olivia Gray

## **We remember these persons in our prayers**

For the members and family members of Epiphany who serve in troubled areas of the world, especially Robert Curris, Keith Scoon, and Floyd Tappin;

For all who seek healing, especially: Ed Adams, Margaret Barge, Renee Brathwaite, Phil Converse, Theresa Davies, Floyd Godfrey, Bertha Harrison, Cornell Jackson, William Person, Norwyn Rowe, Dee Shafer, Sara Ellen Swatt, and Jerry White;

For Aaron, Jim Argodale, Beverly Bachemin, Franklin Backus, Adam Beattie, Winston Blackman, Robert Blaine, Oswald Bowen, Wanda Brewer, Helen Burg, James Capen, Marian Cover, Elena Curris, Brian Dillard, Genevieve Duvall, Mary Eager, Ken Ferber, Andrew Ferrill, Alan Greene, Fred Gustafson, Ruth Hall, Kathryn Hardie, Elizabeth Henderson, Mike Henderson, Ed Henderson, Millicent and Bill Hutt, Jacqueline Jenson, Rick Knettel, Joy Kraus, George Kurtz, Marilyn LeSeur, David Lyman, Annie Maly, Frank Marlowe, Claudia McClannahan, MeShaun, Adilia Moran, Denise Mosier, Bonnie Murphy, Hubert Nedd, Israel Rafalovich, Jesus Ramirez, Allene Robinson, Wanda Rucker, Leslie Smith, Jr., Walter Stumpf, Magdolna Szuprics, Crystal Taylor, Kate Thaxton, Ofelia Vitek, Maureen Waters, Dee Wertlein, Bobby Wilkerson, Regina Williams, Emma Wojcuilewicz, Tina Wu, Thelma, Evie, Niki, Gurkan, Kevin, Beth, Brianna, and those on the Narthex Prayer List;

## **We celebrate these April Birthdays**

Laura Whitehead, April 1; Ben Gibson and Carol Sikkelee, April 2; Elizabeth Shinkman Carter and Alex Iams, April 3; Suzanne Sundburg, April 4; Charles Andersen, April 5; Norwyn Rowe and Paul Walden, April 6; Floyd Godfrey, April 9; Tucker Echols, Liz Johnson, and Claire Shinkman, April 10; Aidan Charles and Andrea Heithoff, April 11; Daphne Nedd, April 12; Bob Stevens and Susan Walker, April 16; Don Lokerson and Rick Wells, April 18; Jenafer Bell and Ronnie Jackson, April 20; Olga Hooper, Uchenna Ukaegbu, and Tanya Washington, April 23; Janet Flynn, April 27; David Downes and Ruth Fletcher-Ferrill and Sara Ellen Swatt, April 28; Robin Gulick and Jim McCarthy, April 29; and Sam Brathwaite, April 30.

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*The monthly “Parishioner News” acknowledges the transitions in life, accomplishments of our members, and the times of celebration. Please tell us of your news by phoning the parish office or emailing us at [info@epiphanydc.org](mailto:info@epiphanydc.org).*

## Praise and Folly

By Joe Hensley, seminarian

Paul writes to the Corinthiansthat “We are fools for the sake of Christ...” (1 Corinthians 4:10). He is chiding the proud Corinthians for their so-called “wisdom.” What does it mean to be a “fool” for Christ? On the first Sunday in Lent, I shared some of my thoughts on foolishness and the Lenten journey with the help of my clown character, “Ashes.” Lent is a time of walking in the wilderness, of encountering God in the unpredictable and sometimes wild places in our world and in ourselves. We take on Lenten disciplines that push us outside our comfort zones to trust more deeply in God.

Clowning is a discipline that pushes me in all sorts of ways. As Ashes I give up my ability to speak. I give up my identity. I give up my pride and am willing to have people laugh at me. I try to see the world as a place of endless possibilities and moments for grace. It is a kind of wilderness experience. Sometimes being in the wilderness means looking rather foolish. I do not think that being a “fool for Christ” is about wearing a red nose or acting funny. A true fool for Christ is someone who is willing to look like a complete moron for the sake of the Good News. Clowns are interesting because they can be fools and make people laugh while doing it. They embrace their foolishness to the point that others cannot help but smile. Clowns are failures who somehow manage to succeed, because they fail so well. For example, we laugh at the clown who tries and tries unsuccessfully to complete a simple task. The clown transforms that failure into a success story, because it brings out joy. Clowns are completely honest about who they are and what they are doing. They know they are failures. I am a clown, because I hope that “Ashes” teaches “Joe” something about how to be a fool for Christ. As Joe, I try to embody the clown’s sense of honesty and humility. I also aspire to foolishly transform failure into success. Isn’t that what Christ did on the cross? He took what seemed like a totally humiliating catastrophe and transformed it into an opportunity for reconciliation and salvation. I hope you will find that Ashes deeply respects our worship and that his presence will help us all to recognize how the “foolishness of God” is wiser than the wisdom of this world (1 Corinthians 1:25).

The fine print: I would like to publicly thank the Evangelical Education Society of the Episcopal Church for the generous funding support they have given me to



pursue my interest in clowning performance and a theology of clowning, [www.ees1862.org](http://www.ees1862.org) I am not saying that Christ was a clown, but he certainly taught us a clowning lesson on Good Friday.

Ashes appears occasionally at Street Church as a minister of hospitality. He will appear on Palm Sunday during the procession of the palms as well as in the service. Ashes will not try to steal the show or turn a reverent moment into a silly circus. On the contrary, a clown in the worship service reminds us all to be humble and honest and attentive to those moments of God’s transforming grace that we sometimes miss. Folly can be an act of praise!

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### **Sunday, May 20, 2007 – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

This presentation, by the RMT only, will be for those unable to attend on May 6. It will last for an hour or so immediately following Coffee Hour.

The Renovation Ministry Team is excited about the renovation plan and we look forward to the opportunity of sharing the fruits of our labors. Mark your calendars and join us in May.

*Gracious God, we thank you for making us in your image, to share in the ordering of your world. We thank you also for committing to our stewardship the rich heritage of those who have gone before us in this place. Help us discern how in our own day we shall rebuild your church, not only in wood and stone and steel, but in the living temples of our lives. All this we ask through the one who is our Life, our Way, our Truth, Jesus, your Son our Lord.*

*Amen.*

### **Urgent need!**

Beginning in May, a volunteer is needed twice a month for the parish office. Duties will include answering the phone, making copies, letting people in to attend meetings, and providing office coverage during parish staff meetings.

Please call Mary Dail, the Parish Administrator at 202-347-2635, ext. 11 or send an email to [mdail@epiphanydc.org](mailto:mdail@epiphanydc.org) if you would like to help out or if you want more information.

*This article highlights the work of an outreach organization supported by The Church of the Epiphany.*

## **Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Day Care Center, Inc.'s Success Story**

*By Thomye Case, Executive Director (DCGDCC)*

With great enthusiasm we share how, through our programs and with Church of Epiphany's support, we are improving the elderly community of Washington, DC ...one senior at a time.

Over 20 years ago, Ms. H enrolled in the Center. She was very passive and reticent. However, after engaging in the various therapeutic programs and health watch sessions, it was soon discovered that she was talented in art and writing poetry. Needless to say, art therapy became her favorite therapy of them all. She became the Center's 'Poet Laureate' as well. Such involvements help set the stage of developing strong coping skills for the losses that were to occur for Ms. H in later years.

Ten years later, Peripheral Vascular Disease began to take its toll, resulting in a series of surgeries until both legs were eventually amputated. The Center's nurse, therapists and all other staff were very supportive. Through art therapy, she was able to grieve her losses while discussing and developing coping strategies. In movement and occupational therapies, Ms. H learned how to develop upper body strength, improve range of motion and flexibility, successfully use adaptive and assistive devices, and was educated in home safety practices.

The Center played a pivotal role in Ms. H obtaining subsidized housing for the elderly, necessary in-home support such as home health aide, meals on wheels, supplemental commodity foods, medical transportation arrangements, and prescription delivery. She does her personal and food shopping through weekly trips the Center offers. These services were/are critical to Ms. H's ability to live independently in the community in her own home.

Ms. H's income is below the poverty level. She has little to no contact with her family members. She does not have any children and has never married. She views the Center as her family and whatever the need, she does not hesitate to ask. For example: Ms. H experienced second and third degree burns on a Friday evening while making a cup of tea. She waited until her return on Monday to consult with the Center's nurse rather than call her doctor. Our nurse arranged an emergency appointment and subsequently attended to her dressings

and provided other care related to the burns. No matter what her concern, Ms. H feels the Center will find a way to help.

Were it not for our services, Ms. H would have been placed in institutional care at an approximate cost of \$1,009,000.00 from the time of her involvement to the present. This good news or success story is only possible because the Church of Epiphany has invested in Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Day Care Center, Inc. to help improve the quality of life of the functionally impaired of Washington, DC.

On behalf of Ms. H all others like her, thank you for your investment.

Anne Schmidt is Epiphany member and board member of Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Day Care Center. Anne would be glad to talk with you about this program.

## **NAMETAGS: A USER'S GUIDE**

*By Brenda Morris, Vestry Member*

Many of you have probably seen the admonition that sometimes appears in the Sunday bulletin: "Wear your nametag!" Those new to Epiphany, and even some who have been around for a while, may wonder how to get a nametag; where to find them; what the color code means, etc. Here is a brief explanation of Epiphany's nametag ministry, a small but significant part of our effort to be a welcoming faith community.

### **HOW DO I GET A NAMETAG?**

Nametags are normally made for all people who become members of the parish and for friends who come regularly and would like to have one. If you do not have a nametag and want one, or if you have lost your nametag and need a new one, add your name to the list on the Nametag Rack in the Parish Hall (see below), then check the rack for your new nametag the following Sunday.

### **WHERE CAN I FIND MY NAMETAG?**

Nametags are kept in the Parish Hall, mounted on colored streamers hanging from the Nametag Rack. The rack is normally positioned along the wall to your right as you enter the Parish Hall from the church. A signup sheet for those needing new nametags is taped to the end of the rack.

### **HOW ARE THE NAMETAGS ORGANIZED?**

Nametags are arranged and color-coded in alphabetical order according to last name, as follows:

**Red for names beginning A-C**

**Orange for names beginning D-G**

**Yellow for names beginning H-L**

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## Christian Education Program Survey

**W**e need your help! Epiphany’s Education Ministry Team and the Vestry want to hear from you about how well our Christian education programs are supporting your journey with God. We want to develop programs that spark your interest and offer a place for more learning and discernment about your faith and your walk with God. We also want to make sure that the programs are scheduled in a way to make it easier for you to participate.

This survey is just one of the ways in which we will offer everyone an opportunity to tell us what they think. Please take a few moments to fill this out as much or as little as you feel is necessary. Also, please be sure to let us know at the bottom if you would be willing for a one-on-one interview for further discussion. Thanks!

First, we have a few questions about your current experience at Epiphany. Please indicate your participation in the following education opportunities.

Event	Always	Occasionally	Sometimes	Never
Welcome Table Bible Study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Getting Ready	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Envelope Please	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GIGs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12:45 Sunday Events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Godly Play	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fellowship & Light	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weekday Study Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Group Spiritual Direction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lenten Retreat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shrine Mont Weekend	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Check all that apply.**

Topics

What things would you most like to study?

- Bible study
  - Old Testament
  - New Testament
  - Biblical Themes in a Postmodern World
- Historical and/or Christian writers (for example)
  - Historical
  - Contemporary
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Church History
- Christian Theology
- Prayer and Spirituality
- Cultural Issues
- Ethics and Morality
- Religion and Politics
- Religion and the Arts
- Interfaith Dialogue
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

How long should each session last?

- 45 minutes
- 60 minutes
- 90 minutes
- \_\_ minutes
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

How long should each program last?

- 1 session
- Multiple days in one week
- Multiple weeks
  - Three weeks
  - Six weeks
- Several months
- Academic year
- Year long
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Days and Times

Which day(s) and times of the week work best for you?

- Weeknights
- Afternoon Weekdays
- Saturday Day

Who should lead the program?

- Clergy
- Staff
- Parishioners
- Combination of Staff and Parishioners
- Outside (clergy and/or educators)
- Do you have specific suggestions for leaders?

Format

- Seminar
- Lecture and discussion
- Small Groups
- Advance reading materials
- Include a meal
- Include worship
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

One-on-one Interviews

If you are interested and willing to talk with us in more detail about your thoughts, please indicate your name and a way to contact you below. We appreciate your time and will keep this as short as possible!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS TO JUSTIN NAVARRO AT  
[JUSTIN@JUSTINRNavarro.com](mailto:JUSTIN@JUSTINRNavarro.com)**

## Urban Missioner's Log

By the Rev. Anne-Marie Jeffery

I have been trying to learn Spanish for the last few years and have tried various cds and online programs. My latest tool is called Coffee Break Spanish ([www.coffeebreakspanish.com](http://www.coffeebreakspanish.com)).



It is a series of free podcasts that you can download on to your computer and ipod. It is created in Scotland and the speakers have Scottish accents, which I enjoy. However, I notice that with the Spanish I am picking up, I am also picking up a slight Scottish accent for some English words and am adding phrases, such as "Do you want a coffee?" to my speech. This reminded me that often when one starts out doing one thing, one ends up with a little, or a lot more, of something else that one didn't expect.

As I was reflecting about this, the first thing that came to mind was my former home parish, Church of the Ascension, Gaithersburg. Many times I heard the parents remark they came back to church for the kids because they wanted them to experience church, but now they are part of the community they find that coming to church is for them as well. Their spiritual life has grown. Then, I thought about our Street church

volunteers - many of whom come every Tuesday. They are from Epiphany, as well as from the Church of the Redeemer in Bethesda. I don't think they planned to come every week, but they say they find themselves there and say that being a part of this ministry has meant a lot to them.

I also began to think of the guys at the Franklin Shelter where so many of our guests for The Welcome Table stay. These men decided to do something about the scheduled closing of the shelter which was to be March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007. They got together and started talking and I remember hearing some of their conversations around the breakfast table on Sunday mornings. They formed the Committee to Save Franklin Shelter and were instrumental in stopping the closing of the shelter, and raising awareness of homelessness and the shelter system. Most recently their organization has become incorporated under the name "Until We're Home." They plan not just to work to make Franklin a model shelter but to work for other shelters in DC as well. In March, Michael McFadden, the president, spoke to the 8 am congregation and encouraged them to do something about their condition in life - to take charge, to speak out. Many more blessings have come from their coming together. Most of the men who are part of the committee now have housing and jobs. There will be a rally on March 31<sup>st</sup> in Franklin Square Park, the former closing date of the shelter, to celebrate its remaining open. I don't think the men who started having conversations to save the shelter ever thought that what they started would grow to do so much, and it is amazing.

Similar things happen in many ways at the Church of the Epiphany. Those who serve at The Welcome Table because they wanted to help the poor find that they are helped as well - in their outlook on life or in their faith. Those who come to hear music at our Tuesday Music Concerts find themselves involved in one of our outreach ministries. Those who come for shelter from the cold or the heat in our church find a community in which they are accepted. Those who hear our bells and come to see what they are about find a worship service where their hearts are touched.

I think it is true that God works in mysterious ways, and that when we are being nudged to do something, it may not be what we first thought. God was just getting us there so we could receive much more than we imagine. So, let us be open to where we are called, whether it is trying to pick up a little Spanish, speaking out to change the systems in the world or helping those in need. We just might be surprised at where we end up.

**Green for names beginning M-P**

**Blue for names beginning Q-S**

**Purple for names beginning T-Z**

Thus, a parishioner whose last name begins with the letter "A" will find his or her nametag on a red streamer. The nametag itself will be decorated with small strips of red ribbon. Although some effort is made to keep the nametags in alphabetical order on the streamers, you may need to do a bit of searching to find the one you are looking for.

### **HOW ARE HYPHENATED LAST NAMES TREATED?**

These names may be color coded according to either of the hyphenated elements. Please let us know your preference. We want the nametags to respect and reflect your wishes.

### **WHEN SHOULD I WEAR MY NAMETAG?**

Whenever you are at Epiphany! If you have time on Sunday, you might want to go to the Parish Hall and put your nametag on before the liturgy begins. That way, you will be wearing it when you greet friends and visitors during the Peace or at the end of the organ postlude. Otherwise, put your nametag on when you go in to Coffee Hour. It is also a nice courtesy to wear your nametag to any meetings that visitors or new members are expected to attend.

### **PLEASE RETURN YOUR NAMETAG TO THE NAMETAG RACK AFTER COFFEE HOUR.**

If you remember to do so, the nametag will be available the next time you come to church.

## **Holy Week Epiphany - 2007**

Holy Week through Easter Day is the most important time in the entire church year. It is a time when we tell the story of our faith, when we recall as vividly as possible the core of the Gospel. It is a time when we relive the Gospel story by participating in the liturgy of the week. Listed below is a description of the special liturgies and events for Holy Week and Easter. See you in church!

### **April 1 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

- 8:00 The Holy Eucharist is celebrated and palms are blessed and distributed to worshipers.
- 8:45 The Welcome Table Breakfast
- 10:00 Children and adults gather in the Willard Room for a Palm Sunday GIG when we prepare for the Palm Sunday Procession.
- 11:00 The Liturgy of the Palms is celebrated in the garden, and there is a Palm Sunday Procession around the block, with everyone waving palm branches. The joyful Procession is led by bagpipes

and drums and accompanied by Ashes, the Clown. The Procession enters the church to "Highland Cathedral." The people sing "All glory, laud, and honor." The triumphal liturgy then changes in tone. The Passion Gospel is read in parts by several people, the congregation taking the role of the "crowd." The Holy Eucharist is celebrated.

### **April 2 Monday in Holy Week**

- 12:10 Contemplative Eucharist
- 12:30 Centering Prayer is taught and practiced.

### **April 3 Tuesday in Holy Week**

- 12:10 Tuesday Concert Series: The Washington Bach Consort

### **April 4 Wednesday in Holy Week**

- 10:00 Labyrinth is available for walking until 6:00pm.
- 12:10 Holy Eucharist with a Healing Rite

### **April 5 Maundy Thursday**

- 12:10 The Holy Eucharist is celebrated, including the Washing of Feet. All who choose to participate in the Foot washing come forward to the chancel step after the Maundy Thursday Sentences. The participants sit in a chair, remove their shoes, and allow their feet to be washed. Then they wash another participant's feet. "By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: that you have love for one another."
- 6:00 A Parish Agape is shared in the parish hall. Parishioners and guests, much like early Christians, participate in a simple meal of soup, fruit, and unleavened bread. We share our thoughts about Jesus' commandment to love one another.
- 7:00 The Holy Eucharist is celebrated and the Washing of Feet takes place. At the Stripping of the Altar, the choir sings Psalm 22, all brass and hangings are removed from the church, and gradually the lights are put out. The people leave in darkness and silence.
- 8:30 At The Watch, worshipers sit in prayer in the chapel with the Reserved Sacrament. Jesus asked his disciples to watch with him in the Garden of Gethsemane, to be with him in prayer. All disciples are called to watch with Christ and, in this prayer vigil, to pray before the Reserved Sacrament, the Body and the Blood of Christ which will be offered at the Good Friday Liturgy. The Watch lasts until midnight.

### **April 6 Good Friday**

- 12:10 The Good Friday Liturgy is said. It includes the Word of God, the Solemn Collects, the Veneration of the Cross, and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. The choir sings The St. John Passion.
- 1:30 The Way of the Cross is a re-enactment of Jesus' journey from the place of trial to the place of crucifixion. The Cross of Christ is carried into the center of downtown Washington, proclaiming Christ's presence in public places and the world. Worshipers who choose not to join the procession outside may pray the Way of the Cross inside the church.

## Put Epiphany Events on Your Calendar - Automatically

By Nancy Augustine, Vestry Member

When you remember, you can do it the old fashioned way. Get out your monthly *Parish Guide*, bring home the insert in the Sunday bulletin, take notes during the announcements at the beginning of the 11:00 am service, copy Susan Walker's weekly email about worship, meetings, and events coming up on Sunday, as well as Music Director Christian Clough's weekly email about the Tuesday concerts. Look through all of that, find the items that interest you, and then retype them into the calendar on your computer.

Alternatively, you can download events by category occurring on any given day, week, or month of your choosing.

Go to <http://www.epiphanydc.org/happenings/> and click on the link to the monthly calendar. By default, events on this page are listed by month. Tabs across the top of the calendar allow you to change the view to see a listing of "Today's Events," "This Week's Events," and "This Month's Events." "Print View" from any of these views displays instructions for printing in landscape or portrait orientation.

A dropdown menu to the right allows you to choose which events to display. By default, events for "All Interest Groups" are displayed. Using the dropdown menu, you can also choose to display only certain types of events. This option is available in the daily listing, weekly listing, monthly listing and monthly calendar views. This helps you focus on the specific type of events that you're looking for (on a blessedly full calendar!), and it also comes in VERY handy to make use of the next neat trick.

The last tab across the top of the calendar is "Download Calendar Data." This function loads event data from whatever view you're in to a "comma-delimited text file." Outlook and most other calendar software programs can take this file (ending in .csv) and add the events to your calendar. Click on "Download Calendar Data." In the window that opens up, select "Click to Download Now." Save the file to your hard drive (making note of where you put it). From here, the process varies according to the software program that you use. In Outlook, click on "File," and then "Import and Export," and then select "Import from another program or file," and hit "Next." Choose import from "Comma Separated Values (Windows)." In the next screen, navigate to the location of the file you just downloaded. You have options for how to deal with duplicate items; any choice is fine if this is the first time you've downloaded events. Click "Next." On this screen, you specify where the items should be saved. Select your calendar and hit "Next." This last screen confirms the download and gives you the opportunity to customize where and how Outlook stores the items, well beyond the scope of this tutorial! Now look at your calendar and see that those Epiphany events are now on your own calendar, and you can use any reminder tools to make sure you don't miss the event.

## From the Epiphany's Environmental Stewardship Ministry Team

Ecotip of the Month: Did you know that the batteries you use in flashlights, cameras, iPods, etc. contain heavy metals, such as mercury and cadmium, which are highly toxic? Batteries that are thrown out with the trash are taken to landfills or they are incinerated, which releases toxins into the soil or air. What can you do? Use rechargeable batteries. Or, if possible, recycle alkaline batteries.

From Reid Detchon and the Episcopal Diocese of Washington Environment Committee:

**GreenDC Week, which will be held from April 15 to 22,** is a citywide, collaborative effort to educate DC residents about energy and environmental sustainability – about simple yet effective actions that reduce energy consumption and climate change emissions; improve the quality of our air, water and land; and utilize green building principles. GreenDC Week events are planned around daily themes:

**Sunday, April 15:** Green Faith Day

**Monday, April 16:** Holistic Energy Day

**Tuesday, April 17:** Water Day

**Wednesday, April 18:** Air & Atmosphere Day

**Thursday, April 19:** Green Buildings Day

**Friday, April 20:** Earth Day Celebration

**Saturday, April 21:** Care For The Land (Clean Up & Service Opportunity)

**Sunday, April 22:** Earth Day

For more information, see <http://ddoe.dc.gov/ddoe/cwp/view,a,1210,q,494329.asp>.

**On Friday, April 27, the Mollegen Forum at Virginia Seminary will focus on "The Water of Life: Earth's Water Crisis."** (<http://www.vts.edu/podium/default.aspx?t=46680>) The Rt. Rev. Frank T. Griswold, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church from 1987 to last year, will be the keynote speaker. Other participants in the day-long event will include environmental attorney Martha Franks; the Rev. Canon Peter Kreidler, founder of "Earth Talk Today"; and Fred Pearce, author of "When the Rivers Run Dry."

**When:** Friday, April 27, 9 am to 5:30 pm

**Where:** Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Rd, Alexandria  
Make reservations by April 20 at 703-461-1714 or [vdooley-burney@vts.edu](mailto:vdooley-burney@vts.edu).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>1 Sunday of the Passion – Palm Sunday</b>                      7:00 NA/AA                      7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study                      8:00 Holy Eucharist                      8:45 The Welcome Table                      9:15 The Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal                      10:00 Choir Rehearsal/Palm Sunday GIG                      10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting                      11:00 Procession of Palms/Holy Eucharist /Godly Play                      12:15 Coffee Hour</p>	<p><b>2</b>                      12:00 AA                      12:10 Holy Eucharist                      12:30 Contemplative Prayer</p>	<p><b>3</b>                      12:00 Al-Anon                      12:10 Tuesday Concert Series                      2:00 Street Sense Vendor training                      2:30 Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b>                      10:00-3:00 Labyrinth                      10:00 Staff Meeting                      12:00 AA                      12:00 Al-Anon                      12:10 Holy Eucharist</p>	<p><b>5 Maundy Thursday</b>                      12:00 Committee of 100 Planning Sub-Com.                      12:00 SLAA                      12:10 Holy Eucharist                      2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training                      6:00 Parish Agape                      7:00 Washing of Feet and Holy Eucharist                      8:30 The Watch</p>	<p><b>6 Good Friday</b>                      12:00 AA                      12:10 Good Friday Liturgy                      1:15 Islamic Prayer Service                      1:30 The Way of the Cross</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      8:00 The Great Vigil of Easter                      10:00 Easter Party</p>
<p><b>8 Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day</b>                      7:00 NA/AA                      7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study                      8:00 Holy Eucharist                      8:45 The Welcome Table                      9:15 The Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal                      10:00 Choir Rehearsal/Easter GIG                      10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting                      11:00 Holy Eucharist /Godly Play                      12:15 Easter Feast/ Easter Egg Hunt</p>	<p><b>9 Church and Parish Office Closed in Observance of Easter</b></p>	<p><b>10</b>                      12:00 Al-Anon                      12:10 Tuesday Concert Series                      2:00 Street Sense Vendor training                      2:30 Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b>                      10:00-3:00 Labyrinth                      12:00 AA                      12:00 Al-Anon                      12:10 Holy Eucharist                      2:00 Street Sense Vendors' Meeting                      6:00 Street Sense Editorial Board/Com. Funding MT</p>	<p><b>12</b>                      12:00 Committee of 100 Board                      12:00 SLAA                      12:10 Holy Eucharist                      12:30 Downtown Lunch                      2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training                      4:00 YSOP/Cardoza dinner                      7:15 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>13</b>                      12:00 AA                      12:10 Holy Eucharist                      1:15 Islamic Prayer Service                      7:00 Washington Cluster Group</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15 2nd Sunday of Easter</b>                      7:00 NA/AA                      7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study                      8:00 Holy Eucharist                      8:45 The Welcome Table                      9:15 The Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal                      10:00 Choir Rehearsal/Acts Course                      10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting                      11:00 Holy Baptism/Godly Play                      12:15 Coffee Hour                      12:45 Renovation Meeting                      1:00 Methodist Federation for Social Action</p>	<p><b>16</b>                      12:00 AA/ Committee of 100 Zoning Committee                      12:10 Holy Eucharist                      12:30 Contemplative Prayer                      2:00 YSOP</p>	<p><b>17</b>                      12:00 Al-Anon                      12:10 Tuesday Concert Series                      2:00 Street Sense Vendor training                      2:30 Staff Meeting                      6:00 Committee on Urban Ministry                      6:30 Group Spiritual Direction</p>	<p><b>18</b>                      10:00-3:00 Labyrinth                      12:00 AA                      12:00 Al-Anon                      12:10 Holy Eucharist                      2:00 Street Sense Vendors' Meeting</p>	<p><b>19</b>                      12:00 Committee of 100 Board                      12:00 SLAA                      12:10 Holy Eucharist                      12:30 Weekday Ministry Team                      2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training                      7:15 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      12:00 AA                      12:10 Holy Eucharist                      1:15 Islamic Prayer Service</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22 3rd Sunday of Easter</b>                      7:00 NA/AA                      7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study                      8:00 Holy Eucharist                      8:45 The Welcome Table                      9:15 The Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal                      10:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Acts Course                      10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting                      11:00 Holy Eucharist/Godly Play                      12:15 Coffee Hour                      12:45 Worship MT/                      4:00 Memorial Liturgy for John Prignaino</p>	<p><b>23</b>                      12:00 AA                      12:10 Holy Eucharist                      12:30 Contemplative Prayer                      6:00 Vestry</p>	<p><b>24</b>                      12:00 Al-Anon                      12:10 Tuesday Concert Series                      2:00 Street Sense Vendor training                      2:30 YSOP Dinner                      2:30 Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>25 Saint Mark the Evangelist</b>                      7:00 YSOP                      10:00-3:00 Labyrinth                      12:00 AA                      12:00 Al-Anon                      12:10 Holy Eucharist                      2:00 YSOP</p>	<p><b>26</b>                      7:00 YSOP                      12:00 SLAA                      12:10 Holy Eucharist                      2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training                      2:30 YSOP                      7:15 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>27</b>                      12:00 AA                      12:10 Holy Eucharist                      1:15 Islamic Prayer Service                      5:00 Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      4:00 Wedding Alex Iams and Meghan Mason</p>
<p><b>29 4th Sunday of Easter</b>                      7:00 NA/AA                      7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study                      8:00 Holy Eucharist                      8:45 The Welcome Table                      9:15 The Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal                      10:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Acts Course                      10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting                      11:00 Holy Eucharist/Godly Play                      12:15 Coffee Hour                      12:45 OPALS Lunch</p>	<p><b>30</b>                      12:00 AA                      12:10 Holy Eucharist                      12:30 Contemplative Prayer</p>					

# Easter Eve and Easter Day at Epiphany - 2007

## April 7 Easter Eve

8:00 **The Great Vigil of Easter** is celebrated. There are four parts to this ancient liturgy:

- ❖ **Lighting of the Paschal Candle**
- ❖ **Liturgy of the Word**
- ❖ **Baptism**
- ❖ **First Eucharist of Easter**

The people enter the church in darkness. From the Paschal Candle, the people light their candles. Adults need to assist children in being careful with the Light of Christ. Small children can share candles with adults. New Christians are baptized and the celebrant sprinkles the people with baptismal water. The candles on the altar are lit and the celebrant says, "Alleluia, Christ is risen." The people respond, "The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia." Then, the people ring bells and all sing "Jesus Christ is risen today." Bring bells of all sizes and types! It is, however, important to keep them silent, perhaps in a small cloth bag, until we proclaim that Christ is risen. All are invited and encouraged to receive the First Eucharist of Easter. Child-care is provided in the nursery.

10:00 The Easter celebration continues with an **Easter Party** in the parish hall. Come celebrate the risen Christ!

## April 8 Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

8:00 **The Holy Eucharist**

8:45 **The Welcome Table Breakfast**

10:00 Children and adults gather in the Willard Room for an **Easter GIG**.

11:00 A **Festival Holy Eucharist** is celebrated with special music (including choir, organ, and chamber orchestra), a beautiful church, and lots of people! We sing, we pray, we come together as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Resurrected Christ! Alleluia!

12:30 The celebration continues in the church with an **Easter Feast**, a grand reception. The children will celebrate in the garden with and **Easter Egg Hunt**.

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