



Parish Guide

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Rector's Journal

By Randolph Charles

Rector's Mid-year Report. I have sent to all of you my Mid-Year Report under separate cover. Please read it. I have made some important statements, and I would love to get your reactions.

Parish Forums. Envelope Please has morphed into Parish Forum. We have scheduled a Parish Forum for the first Sunday of almost every month. Each Parish Forum will have a topic, and parish leaders will be prepared to talk about that topic as well as answer questions from participants. The topics for the next months are the following: Capital Campaign, Funding Ministries, New Members, Downtown Poor, Downtown Workers.

Liturgical Leader Development. Our next training session for liturgical leaders is Sunday, August 26, 12:45 in the church. If you are interested in being a reader, acolyte, or Eucharistic minister, please let the parish staff know and come to the training session. We would also like for current readers, acolytes, and Eucharistic ministers to attend as well.

Homecoming Sunday is September 9. Reserve the date, September 9, and plan to come to church with someone. We will welcome new members and have a lunch following the 11:00 Eucharist.

Epiphany Course. Epiphany Course is an offering to which I am highly committed. The purpose of Epiphany Course is to provide a common language for the parish to use when we talk about the way we experience the Christian faith here at Epiphany. I am encouraging every parishioner to participate in Epiphany Course this fall. Not only will it help us grow in the faith, Epiphany Course will also bring us closer together as a faith community. It will help us love each

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Note: The deadline for submitting articles to the September Parish Guide Newsletter is Wednesday, August 22

Stepping Out With the Archivist

Fun & Interesting Walking Tours Offered This Fall

By Tripp Jones, Parish Archivist

At Epiphany, we consider community outreach to be an important part of our ministry. This commitment to Washington has its strong roots in our past. As I continue to study the history of our parish, I am amazed at the involvement we have had with this city over the past 165 years. To share some of the things I've learned, I invite you to join me for some leisurely walking tours I have developed of three institutions – Washington National Cathedral, Rock Creek Cemetery, and the U.S. Capitol. Yes, the walk will include a basic tour of each place, but the major focus will be on Epiphany connections.

Autumn, with its pleasant temperatures and lower humidity, provides us with the perfect opportunity to get out and do things. These three walking tours are planned for Saturday mornings in September, October, and November and will last approximately two hours, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The walks are intended to be instructive as well as fun, and provide everyone with the opportunity to get out and enjoy the city as well as some fellowship with parishioners in the process.

The three walking tours are:

Saturday, September 15, 10:00 a.m. – Washington National Cathedral

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cathedral's cornerstone. As one of the leading churches of the diocese at the time, it will come as no surprise that Epiphany's fingerprints are everywhere! What better way to join in the cathedral's celebration than to learn of our parish's involvement over the past century. Hopefully, the walk will include some rarely seen areas.

Saturday, October 13, 10:00 a.m. – Rock Creek Cemetery

In 1875, Epiphany purchased several lots in Rock Creek Cemetery. In the 19th Century, this would have been out in the country. Over time, the city has grown up around it. Today, the

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We celebrate these new beginnings and accomplishments:

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

Susie Lewis and Gerry Kavinski who were married on July 7

Brenda Morris has been awarded grand prize by the journal *Presence* for her poem “Theotokis”. We will have to wait until September to read the poem since that is when it will be published in the issue of *Presence*.

We welcome these persons into the life of our parish:

“All praise and thanks to you, most merciful Father, for adopting us as your children, for incorporating us into your holy Church, and for making us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.”

For the safe birth of

Jack Kerns, born June 28 to Janis and Mike Kerns and sisters Katie and Rory Kerns

Julian Tsai Estrada born to Juan and Irene Estrada on July 16.

We pray for these persons who have died:

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

Cornell Jackson died June 20, 2007

We remember these persons in our prayers

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

For all who seek healing, especially: Ed Adams, Margaret Barge, Phil Converse, Theresa Davies, Marcia Doerr, Floyd Godfrey, Jane Kean, Pat Pickering, William Person, Norwyn Rowe, Buck Shinkman, and Jerry White;

For Winston Blackman, Robert Blaine, Oswald Bowen, Wanda Brewer, Helen Burg, Barbie White Butts, Naomi Canty, Marian Cover, Elena Curris, Brian Dillard, Genevieve Duvall, Mae Eversley, Ken Ferber, Andrew Ferrill, Rick Gallagher, Fred Gustafson, Ruth Hall, Kathryn Hardie, Lucille Hilliman, Edmund Hilliman, Alan Holder, Millicent and Bill Hutt, Larry Kerns, Rick Knettel, George Kurtz, Marilyn LeSeur, David Lyman, Fay Marks, Frank Marlowe, Claudia McClannahan, Jeanne Moore, Denise Mosier, Bonnie Murphy, Hubert Nedd, Barbara Prignano, Victoria Prignano, Israel Rafalovich, Ann Riggs, Allene Robinson, Wanda Rucker, Rita Sabagh, Juanita Simpson, Walter Stumpf, Magdolna Szuprics, Kate Thaxton, Amy Warder, Maureen Waters, Dee Wertlein, Bobby Wilkerson, Emma Wojcuilewicz, Tina Wu, Thelma, Evie, Niki, Gurkan, Kevin, Beth, Brianna.

We celebrate these August birthdays

Carolyn Bledsoe and David Hamill, August 1; Niko Dietsch and Sam Harrell, August 2; Karen Rowe, August 7; Orlando Taylor, August 9; Sandi Ingram and Emily Van Loon, August 10; Bonnie Irvine, Trevor Johns, and Rory Kerns, August 13; Tripp Jones, August 14; Anne Breitenbach and Morgan Briscoe, August 15; Carol Hoshall, August 22; Sam Johnson and Paul Shinkman, August 23; Minerva Bautista Elizaga and Michelle Rhodd, August 25; Juan Estrada and Brenda Morris, August 26; and Emily Golden, August 30.

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 Swalker@epiphanydc.org.

Renewing Congregational Song, or What I Did at Yale This Spring

Christian M. Clough, Director of Music Ministries

In June, I returned to the Yale Institute of Sacred Music for a week-long class entitled “Renewing Congregational Song”. It’s a topic close to my heart, and central to my calling to serve the church as a liturgical musician. It also is a priority here at Epiphany. Being a church musician and being expected to work to improve congregational singing seem to be inseparable nowadays; it’s a “no-brainer”, actually, but it was not always thus, in the Episcopal Church at least. Our musical tradition, going back to the Church of England, was, historically, primarily a choral tradition. Until recently, congregational singing tended to be a secondary concern.



In contrast, many churches today approach liturgical music the same way that they approach liturgy in general, i.e., creating an experience that enables significant, active participation of the congregation. Since we profess a priesthood of all believers, this is good theology. Unfortunately, in things musical, even more than in other aspects of liturgy, many people continue to choose to be “audience” to a “performance”. Changing our habits, and our desires, occurs slowly, if at all, and often with much resistance. Still, there are compelling reasons to encourage congregational singing, the most convincing, perhaps, being the relative ease with which people absorb and retain words of comfort and conviction, of praise and protest, when they are paired with music. In singing the words of our faith, we internalize them, and make them our own.

Episcopalians have a generations-long fine choral tradition in our ears, and that tradition stifles our congregational singing. Part of our problem is that we don’t believe that we, the people in the pews, can sing well enough to warrant joining with our choirs and soloists. It is more satisfying – and safer – to let the “skilled” musicians do the work, while we listen and enjoy.

In the twenty-first century, “church as spectator sport” doesn’t have much legitimacy. Every generation of the church, it seems, finds its issue to pursue. For example, for much of the twentieth century, the whole Western church worked to reinstate regular communion of all the faithful. For a

movement that began in the Victorian Era, it is amazing that it is still wending its way through some of the more distant corners of mainline Protestantism! The Church’s current goal is to make worship participatory, and that includes singing. There are, of course, many references in the Bible to music-making in prayer and praise to God. The psalms are essentially one big songbook. The task now is to help the people reassert their voice in worship, and to find ways to make that a joyful, rather than an anxious, experience.

Since returning from Yale, I have been talking with several people at Epiphany about some of my learnings, and have started to use some of them to assist all our worshipers to “sing a new song to the Lord”. In the weeks and months ahead, I look forward to working with you to renew our congregation’s song.

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cemetery is an oasis with birds, trees, and rolling hills. Interred here are many interesting people from Epiphany’s past. Our walk will conclude with a special commemoration in Epiphany’s plot.

Saturday, November 3, 10:00 a.m. – United States Capitol

As many of you know, the Capitol has been the location of my “day job” for the past 18 years. Ever mindful of Epiphany connections, I have unearthed many of our forbearers lurking around here and there. In this city that was built to serve as our nation’s capital, come walk through the building that stands at its center and learn of some Epiphany folks who have walked those hallowed halls. Due to security restrictions, this tour is limited to 15 participants.

All are invited to participate in these walks, children and adults alike. If you are interested, please call the church office during the week, or add your name to the sign up sheet in the parish hall, or let me know. I will contact you the week before the walk with specific meeting information. All sites are accessible by public transportation. So, put on your walking shoes, and get ready to see some Epiphany footprints around the town.

We will be offering Epiphany Course at the following 3 time slots:

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm, September 12-October 17
Sundays, 12:45-2:00pm, September 16-October 21
Weekend of September 14-15: Friday, 6:00-9:00pm
and Saturday, 9:00am-3:00pm

The design of Epiphany Course includes time for community building and prayer, content and discussion, application and review. There are six sessions in Epiphany Course, and the topics are the following: The Church of the Epiphany, Anglicanism, Worship, Hospitality, Sabbath and Stewardship, Discernment and Testimony.

Please let me know soon if you can attend and which of the three schedule possibilities works best for you. You can call me at 202-347-2635. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for helping us plan Epiphany's ministries.

Dear New Members (2004-2007). "New Members (2004-2007)" might sound like a strange salutation to you. Let me explain. It used to be the tradition at The Church of the Epiphany that our bishop made an annual visitation on the Sunday nearest the Feast of the Epiphany, which is January 6. At that time, the bishop would confirm, receive, or reaffirm all parishioners who had come to Epiphany during the previous year. Our last episcopal visitation, however, was in 2004, so we've got some catching up to do! Confirmations are now held at the Cathedral.



What is Confirmation, anyway?

"Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop." In the Episcopal Church, it is the expectation that all adults be confirmed, because we believe that our individual and corporate faith journeys are all about spiritual growth and making a deeper commitment to Christ, to discipleship, and to ministry. Through Confirmation, we also take our place in the tradition of the Christian faith, when a bishop, who was made a bishop by other bishops laying hands on him or her, lays hands on us. We call it apostolic succession, a physical connection throughout the centuries back to the beginning years of the church, the time of the early apostles.

What is Reception? Christians who have been confirmed in the Orthodox, Roman Catholic, or Lutheran Churches need not be confirmed again when they become Episcopalians. They are received into the Episcopal Church. The bishop recognizes the previous confirmation and prays that "we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion."

What is Reaffirmation? When confirmed Episcopalians take a significant step in their faith journeys (such as joining a new parish), it is appropriate for them to honor that commitment liturgically and to ask for the prayers of the church. In this case, the bishop prays that "the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom."

I encourage all of you to consider Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation at the Washington National Cathedral on Saturday, November 3, at 10:00am. There is a diocesan limit to the number of people that can be presented on November 3; consequently, I would like to hear from you soon, so that I can submit your name and reserve a place for you.

What is the preparation for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation? There are two steps. First, I would like for you to attend Epiphany Course. Second, I would like for you to attend Confirmation Class, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 28, 12:45-2:00pm, in the Willard Room. If there is a need, I will be happy to schedule an additional time for Confirmation Class.

Commitment. It's the core concept of our faith. Commitment to love, to grow, to pray, to give, to worship, to participate fully in the life of a faith community, to be transformed and shaped by God, to be a disciple, to be an apostle, to minister, to believe. We move through various levels and phases of commitment. Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation are about commitment. God is calling us all to a deeper commitment to Christ and the church. I hope that all of you will make a commitment to Epiphany Course, Confirmation Class, and the diocesan liturgy on November 3. Let me know what you think.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

By Jennifer McCarthy, Environmental Stewardship Ministry Team Leader

Epiphany's roof top garden is certainly growing – we have tomatoes, green beans, peppers, zucchini, carrots, and lots of flowers like zinnias and bachelor buttons. Our little patch of roof is even attracting birds and butterflies!



Benefits of a Roof Garden

Isn't it amazing what you can do with a city roof? Roof gardens like ours not only produce healthy vegetables and lovely flowers. Green roofs produce ecological and economic benefits, such as the recovery of green space, moderation of the urban heat island effect, improved storm water management, water and air purification, and a reduction in energy consumption. Because of this, we're considering incorporating a green roof/meditation garden into our renovated Parish House!

Coffee Hour Bounty

The Environmental Stewardship Ministry team will share the bounty of our roof garden by hosting coffee hour after church on August 5. We will also provide seasonal treats from other ecologically-beneficial sources, such as local farmer's markets and Community Supported Agriculture farms.

Come and See!

In the meantime, please come see the garden after church on Sundays. Look for Jim Rogers or Jennifer McCarthy and we'll give you a tour. And, if you are a gardener, or would like to be gardener, we need your help to make our garden grow even better!



Epiphany Fundraisers

By Nancy Augustine, Community Funding Ministry Team Leader

On Thursday, September 20, the Community Funding Ministry Team will hold an event to raise money for Epiphany's ministries. We will invite members of the downtown community to join us for wine and cheese in the garden, and to find out about all of the great work we do here at Epiphany. We expect to sell tickets ahead of time.

We are also hoping to hold another used book sale this year, building on the success of our sale last year. The date has not been set. At least one fundraiser concert will be held before the end of the year, also with ticketed admission.

The Community Funding Ministry Team will need your help to make these events a success. Sell tickets, welcome guests, help with setup and cleanup, get the word out. For more information, contact Nancy Augustine.

Our Need to Belong.... Small Groups at Epiphany

By Susan Walker, Program Associate

I recently read an article that made a connection between basic human needs and living the spiritual life. It reminded me of how Epiphany can be a place for those needs to be met. Here's what the article pointed out about the needs we all share.

The need for permanence. Anyone in the Washington area knows how it is a place of comings and goings. We constantly say good bye to friends leaving the area, and meet new people in our neighborhoods, workplaces, and church. It can be difficult to feel stability in the midst of so much mobility.

The need for personal connections. We all have experiences of getting recorded phone messages from people we don't know, letters addressed to "Resident", and when we need to speak to customer service, we are usually routed through a series of automated instructions. The common personal touch can be hard to come by.

The need to belong. It's easy to be part of the larger crowd and remain anonymous in the world. How do we define ourselves as individuals and belong to a group that says something about the authentic "me"?

Permanence, personal connections, and belonging - all human needs that help us feel secure and known in this very busy and often fractured world. Ultimately, it is God who fulfills our needs for grounding and for being authentically known. After all, it is God to whom we fundamentally belong. So, it makes sense that a faith community's role would be to work with God in providing ways to get our needs met. Does Epiphany do this? Yes –through our small group ministries! **At Epiphany everyone is invited to be part of a small group.** These groups are quite varied. They might be groups that meet for enrichment, socializing, prayer, or they can be groups that are active in a specific ministry.

Small groups for enrichment, socializing, prayer:

- ❖ **OPALS** (Older Persons with Active Life Styles) Our seniors get together for potluck lunches after church and enjoy outings to museums in the area.

- ❖ **20s/30s** The young adults plan Sunday brunch get-togethers.
- ❖ **Neighborhood Clusters** These evening dinner or dessert groups meet in parishioner homes for food, friendship, and discussion. The groups are defined by neighborhood.
- ❖ **Group Spiritual Direction** This monthly prayer group, held in the Willard Room at church, uses contemplative prayer and silence as aids to listening for God's active presence in each others' lives.
- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Study** There are two opportunities to join in:
 - 7:15am Welcome Table scripture faith sharing with our guests
 - 10:00am Community Bible Study beginning in September
- ❖ **Shrine Mont Fall Parish Weekend** This annual tradition of fun and fellowship is our getaway to the Virginia countryside. This year September 21-23 will be Shrine Mont weekend. Information is found in a separate *Parish Guide* article.

Small groups for serving:

- ❖ **Welcome Table Breakfast** . Each Sunday a team of 10-12 members and friends work together to cook and serve breakfast to 200 homeless and who come to Epiphany for worship and a hot meal.
- ❖ **Street Church** Every Tuesday a group of sandwich makers meet in the parish kitchen to prepare lunches for distribution to the homeless. They are joined by others in Franklin Square Park at 1pm for an outdoor liturgy and lunch.
- ❖ **Ministry Teams** These groups of 4 or 5 members meet to plan the programs and ministries of the church. Epiphany has 20 ministry teams for you to know about and consider being part of one.
- ❖ **Vestry** This elected group is responsible for the financial oversight of the church.

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We all need to feel permanence, and to experience a personal connectedness that allows us to be known as unique individuals. This is how we know we belong. Find out what small group is right for you. Go to brunch with the 20s/30s, stay for a potluck lunch with the OPALS, sign up for Shrine Mont weekend, bring your Bible to Community Bible Study, or plan to attend the next cluster group in your neighborhood. Ask a ministry team leader, vestry member, or staff person about how you might join a team to do some hands-on work for others. **Think about your needs and take action in joining a small group.**

Urban Missioner's Log – Reflections From our Visitors

By The Rev. Anne-Marie Jeffery

Often, I'll get requests from youth groups or J2A groups (a program of spiritual formation for 6th - 12th grades used in the Episcopal church) wanting to visit Epiphany and volunteer at the Welcome Table, the breakfast program that we have every Sunday for 200 people. The youth come from all across the United States. Typically, they will be in town for a week or a long weekend to experience an urban adventure by doing work among the poor and the homeless.



Most groups cannot actually volunteer at the Welcome Table since we have teams already in place, are we are usually looking for 3-4 more people, not 8-12. Besides, many of the children are not old enough to work in the kitchen. Instead, I recommend they come to the Bible study at 7:15 am and possibly Gospel Art!, and to the 8:00 am worship service. Afterwards, I ask them to sit in church and experience what it is like waiting for your name to be called for breakfast. I show them the dining room and then take them off for a reflection session.

The reflections sessions are usually fascinating. Some of the youth and some of the adults have never held the hand of a homeless person as we do during the Peace and when we say the Lord's Prayer. Some are surprised by how

welcoming and friendly the homeless are. I receive many gifts listing to these young people reflect on what they have experienced at The Welcome Table, and the Bible study.

In the past month, there was one group whose reflections have stayed with me. They were a small group from South Carolina, a J2A Episcopal group. They had come for a long weekend to do various projects around the city as well as some sightseeing, including the National Cathedral. Only three youth and two leaders showed up at that early hour on Sunday morning. The group had been working hard and this was an extra event in their program. We chatted about what it was like to be in the 7:15 am Bible study and to worship at the 8 am service. The youth said it was amazing. They had never been so aware of what worshipping God in church could mean. Although, this was an Episcopal service which they were accustomed to, they had never experienced anything like it. In the reflection session, one young man said that he knew that Jesus was present up at the altar. Afterwards, the leaders told me that this was an unusual thing for this young man to say, and that his parents would be amazed that he had such an experience. In Bible study, they learned how clearly the poor can hear Jesus' words to all of us. When the two leaders returned on Tuesday to help with Street Church, I was told about a young woman's response to being asked to identify what had been a "rose" and a "thorn" in her day. She said being at the Welcome Table was her rose and the thought of never being able to come back was her thorn.

I was truly taken aback at these reflections because by being at Epiphany for awhile we might forget how different it is from other churches and how amazing the people we encounter are. We might take for granted how powerfully the poor hear the gospel – the ones for whom the things of the world have fallen away, the ones that seem to have some chance at truly understanding what Jesus was trying to tell us. These young people who come to Epiphany reminded me of the importance of the work we do here and of the gifts that we are given by the people we serve. If anyone is interested in participating in these reflection sessions, please let me know. It is wonderfully rewarding and renewing. I am very thankful for their witness.

Health Care Is the Silver Lining – Christ House

By Eric Sheptock, Epiphany parishioner

*This article is excerpted from a previously written piece by Eric for **Street Sense** newspaper.*

*The Church of the Epiphany has had an ongoing relationship with Christ House since its founding in 1985. For over 20 years, our members have provided dinners once a month to the residents of Christ House. **We need additional volunteers to help serve on the 1st Tuesday each month.** Christ House is located at 1717 Columbia Road, NW. If you'd like to learn more about this ministry to Washington's poor, go to www.christhouse.org, or better yet, ask one of Epiphany's volunteers to tell you about their experiences. **They are: Pat Pickering, Hope Childs, Larry Ellis, Maria Hunter, Richard Warren, and Kathrine Ebert.** (Editor's note)*

It's been said that "Every dark cloud has a silver lining." As it pertains to the dark cloud of homelessness in the District, that silver lining would have to be the health care system in place for homeless people throughout the city. There are many things about which homeless people can complain, but the health care system in D.C. is not one of them.

I recently had my second operation in 11 months. Following both surgeries, I recuperated at Christ House. Located at 1717 Columbia Road, NW, Christ House is essentially a hospital for the homeless people of D.C. It also offers services such as substance use counseling and life-skills training.

In June, 2006, I underwent knee surgery at George Washington University Hospital, courtesy of Unity Healthcare, which has an outlet at Christ House. I stayed at Christ House from the night before the surgery until June 9. Less than a week after my release, I became one of the founding members of the Committee to Save Franklin Shelter.

This year it was "same song, different verse" as I returned for surgery on not one, not two, but *three* hernias. Dr. Lee, who did the follow-up eight days after the surgery, jokingly asked me if I'd come across

a sale on hernias and made sure to get myself three of them. (She must have realized that it hurt me to laugh.) Dr. Abell, the surgeon, made it sound easier and less painful than it actually turned out to be. He told me before the surgery that I'd be out the same day. I therefore began to make plans for the next day. When they woke me up following the surgery, it was a completely different story. I was in such excruciating pain that I was put on morphine. I was out all right — out of commission. I would have chosen to remain at GW Hospital; but, as a non-paying customer, I didn't have any say in the matter. So to Christ House I went.

I arrived at Christ House on April 27, the day after my surgery. They cared for me for the next week. During my stay at Christ House, I was helped by kind nurses and other staff, including a case manager named Bethany. She was most helpful in that she contacted the shelter where I stay to tell them where I was so that they wouldn't dispose of my belongings. The nursing staff proved to be quite proficient in dealing with post-operative patients. I did, however, take issue with them putting me in Alcoholics Anonymous and their life-skills program called "New Day." Those programs are mandatory for all patients at Christ House regardless of their reasons for being there. Apart from that, my stay at Christ House was comfortable.

The health care system for D.C.'s homeless population was overhauled just last year. I won't pretend to understand it. All I know is that if I sign on the line, I'll be fine. (I think that I speak for many on that matter.) When it comes down to where the rubber meets the road, that's what really matters — that people can get the health care that they need when they need it. Although health care is something that you hope that you never need to use for anything other than regular check-ups, it is no doubt a precious commodity in times of crisis. And the homeless people of D.C. have no worries there. As a matter of fact, if they can't make it to Christ House, the Unity Healthcare Mobile Unit will travel to homeless people in various locations throughout D.C. Among the many worries that D.C.'s homeless people have, health care is not one of them. It is, in fact, the silver lining in their dark cloud.





LOST & FOUND - THE PARABLES



Epiphany's Eleventh Annual Fall Weekend

September 21-23, 2007

Shrine Mont Conference Center, Orkney Springs, VA

A Formation Program for Everyone

Experience Jesus' stories about the God who seeks what is lost. Come to explore parables through meditation, drama and study. See how scripture can speak to your life right now.

Other Activities for Children and Adults

- Friday Night Bon Fire
- Saturday Ice Cream Social & Dance Party
- Free time for hiking or relaxing
- Family-style meals
- Worship in the outdoor Cathedral

If you've never been to Shrine Mont

It's located in the village of Orkney Springs, Virginia, at the foot of the Great North Mountain. We guarantee fresh mountain air, nourishing food, and lots of time for just being with each other.

Register now for your time apart to rest, reflect, and celebrate God's gifts in community.

\$140 adults

\$78 children 8-12 years

\$30 children 4-7 years

FREE children 3 years and younger

Payable to Epiphany, 1317 G St, NW, WDC 20005; note: Shrine Mont

Your fee includes double occupancy, two nights lodging, meals, snacks and beverages, and use of Shrine Mont facilities.

If you would like assistance with the fee, please speak to the Rector.

Fill out this registration form and return with check before **September 17**.

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ (Please include your area code)

E-Mail Address _____

Accommodation Needs: No Stairs _____ Special Diet _____ Other _____

Roommate Preference _____

Other _____

I need a ride _____ I can provide a ride for _____ people.

Complete directions, times, and other information will be sent after you register.

Pop Quiz on the Gospel of Mark

By Caroline Klam, Faith Formation Ministry Team Leader

(Answers found in your Bible.)

1. Who wrote the Gospel of Mark?
 - a) Mark the Disciple
 - b) Mark the Evangelist
 - c) Mark the companion of Paul
 - d) Q
2. What is the Messianic Secret? _____
3. What purpose did Jesus' miracles serve?
 - a) They made him rich.
 - b) They demonstrated his authority and proved He was from God.
 - c) They proved people today can do miracles.
 - d) They served no particular purpose.
4. How did Jesus expel demons?
 - a) By conducting a séance.
 - b) By a magical phrase.
 - c) By a simple command.
 - d) By taking up a collection.
5. John the Baptist came to prepare the way for:
 - a) Moses
 - b) Mohammed
 - c) Jesus
 - d) Peter

If you know all the answers, come and volunteer to help lead a Bible study of Mark. We will be training interested leaders on Saturday, September 8, 10am – 2pm.

If you're not sure about the answers or if you have questions about who Mark was and what difference he makes in your life, join us for Community Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 10am beginning Homecoming Sunday, September 9.

Our goals are to:

- Know more about the Bible and how it speaks to our lives now
- Grow closer to God
- Deepen our sense of community
- Study God's activity in history so we can see it in our lives
- Learn the story of God's faithfulness to God's people
- Maintain a spirit of inquiry and openness
- Listen for how God speaks through each of us

We will be meeting in the Willard Room from 10-10:50am every Sunday from September 9 until December 23 and we will study our way through the Gospel of Mark. We want to be able to study the Gospel in depth so we are asking everyone to come prepared and bring their favorite translation of the Bible each week. At the end of each lesson, we will distribute the assignment and background for the following week. The Bible study will be led by parishioners supported by the staff. **Come and follow!**

Indiana Jones and the Quest for the Good Book

By The Rev. Christopher Worthley

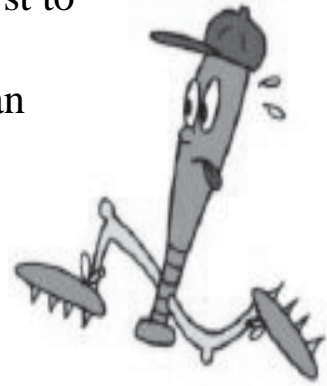
Have you ever struggled with a biblical text and wondered what it really meant? Ever wanted to equip yourself with some of the same tools scholars and clergy use to interpret the Bible?

On Sunday, August 26th, Christopher Worthley will help outfit Epiphany's enthusiastic Bible explorers at a one-time workshop on key resources available to everyone in our very own parish library. In preparation for Epiphany's upcoming *Kerygma* adult education series, this interactive workshop will introduce hardy adventurers in the faith to annotated Bibles in various translations, commentaries from diverse theological perspectives, concordances, Bible dictionaries and other "equipment" employed traditionally to understand how the Holy Scriptures speak to us and guide our life together in God's Church. Pack your coffee thermos, bring your spirit of adventure, and join us at 10:00 am in the Willard Room as we explore the wild and woolly world of biblical interpretation. All are welcome!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUGUST 2007 CALENDAR The Church of the Epiphany			1 7:00 YSOP 10:00 Labyrinth 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 AA /Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 Weekday Ministry Team 2:30 YSOP	2 7:00 YSOB 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 2:00 SS Vendor Training 2:30 YSOP 6:00 SS New Volunteer Orientation	3 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:00 Islamic Prayer Service	4
5 The 10th Sunday After Pentecost 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 7:30 Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 9:10 Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Parish Forum - Capital Campaign 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist 12:15 Coffee Hour 12:45 Come and See Ministry Team	6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ 12:00 AA 12:10 Contemplative Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer	7 11:00 Street Church preparation 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert Series 1:00 Street Church Liturgy 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training	8 10:00 Labyrinth /Staff Meeting 12:00 AA/ Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 Weekday Ministry Team 2:00 SS Vendors' Mtg 3:00 Street Sense Empowerment Workshop 6:00 SS Edit. Board	9 12:00 Committee of 100 Board 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training	10 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:15 Islamic Prayer Service	11 7:00 Lithuanian American Community Violin Concert
12 The 11th Sunday After Pentecost 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 7:30 Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 9:10 Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Community Bible Study Exploration 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist 12:15 Coffee Hour 12:45 20s/30s Brunch/ Parish Forum-Capital Camp	13 12:00 AA 12:10 Contemplative Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer	14 11:00 Street Church preparation 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert 1:00 Street Church Liturgy 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training	15 St. Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ 10:00 Labyrinth /Staff Meeting 12:00 AA/ Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist	16 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training	17 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:15 Islamic Prayer Service	18
19 The 12th Sunday After Pentecost 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 7:30 Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 9:10 Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist 12:15 Coffee Hour/Used Book Sale 12:45 Welcome Party	20 12:00 Committee of 100 Zoning Committee 12:00 AA 12:00 Used Book Sale 12:10 Contemplative Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer	21 11:00 Street Church preparation 12:00 Al-Anon/ Book Sale 12:10 Tuesday Concert 1:00 Street Church Liturgy 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training 6:30 Group Spiritual Direction	22 10:00 Labyrinth 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist 2:00 Street Sense Empowerment Workshop	23 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training 6:30 Newly Marrieds Gathering	24 St. Bartholomew the Apostle 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:15 Islamic Prayer Service	25 7:30 Alexandria/ Fairfax Cluster Group Dessert -- Eleanor Engh's home
26 The 13th Sunday After Pentecost 7:00 NA/AA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 7:30 Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 9:10 Welcome Table Choir Rehearsal 10:45 Liturgical Leaders Meeting 11:00 Holy Eucharist 12:15 Coffee Hour 12:45 Liturgical Leaders Development	27 12:00 AA 12:10 Contemplative Eucharist 12:30 Contemplative Prayer 6:00 Vestry	28 11:00 Street Church preparation 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert 1:00 Street Church Liturgy 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training	29 10:00 Labyrinth 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 AA 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Holy Eucharist	30 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 Downtown Ice Cream Party 2:00 Street Sense Vendor Training	31 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:15 Islamic Prayer Service 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal	

Attention all Epiphany Washington Nats fans.

Plan to join St. Margaret's on Friday, September 21st to watch the Washington Nationals defeat the Philadelphia Phillies. If you're interested, call Brian in the Nats Group Sales Ticket Office, 202/675-6287 and ask to be placed in or near St. Margaret's in Section 438. St. Margaret's has 50 seats located in Rows 4 through 9. Then, please put your name on the sign-up sheet found on the parish bulletin board near the water fountain, so Martha Jenkins, Region Two Convener, can know. She will be contacting the Nats Sales Office as the date nears to have our parishes listed on the Jumbotron.



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