



Parish Guide

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Rector's Journal

By Randolph Charles

“God’s Creation Cries for Justice” (Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00, 10/01-11/19) This course encourages us to regard climate change as a justice issue, especially in the way that the poor are affected. There will be readings, DVDs, speakers, and discussion. Please contact me or the parish office if you would like to attend or have any questions. The course is coordinated by the Justice Ministry Team.

Creation Sunday (10/5) At Epiphany, we celebrate Creation Sunday on the first Sunday in October, which is also the Sunday closest to October 4, St. Francis of Assisi Day. Worship at 11:00 is a Creation Eucharist, with the lessons, prayers, hymns, and homily focusing on the blessedness of God’s Creation and our human responsibility to be good stewards of the earth. James Rogers, a member of the Environmental Stewardship Ministry Team, will preach.

Blessing of the Animals (12:15) The Epiphany tradition is to have a Blessing of the Animals in the Garden on Creation Sunday. This year, the Blessing will follow the Eucharist. Feel free to bring your pets to church; just remember that they are in your care. Weather permitting, we will enjoy our Sunday Coffee Hour in the Garden as well as bless our pets. The Blessing of the Animals is an excellent opportunity to invite friends to come to church and get acquainted with Epiphany. The Come and See Ministry Team is coordinating efforts to invite and encourage parishioners to invite others to “come and see” Epiphany. The ministry team will be giving out invitation cards to parishioners to assist you in asking others to come to Epiphany.

Franciscan Spirituality Group (10/6) Everyone is invited to attend the initial meeting of Epiphany’s Franciscan Spirituality Group on Monday, October 6, in the Willard Room. Members of FSG will meet on the first Monday of each month, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, to focus on the following activities: (1) gather together over a small snack; (2) spend time in sustained study and discussion of various texts

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Epiphany Raffle Raises Nearly \$7,000

Irwin Peterson Wins the Big TV!

By David Downes, Community Funding Ministry Team

The first Epiphany raffle in most parishioners' memory was a resounding success, with \$8,206 in raffle sales and donations, \$1,372 in expenses, for a net of \$6,834. Considering the fact that only 15 people sold 779 tickets (including 61 tickets sold on-line and another 89 at the drawing) and the fact that we didn't get started with ticket sales until the middle of the summer, this seems like a pretty good first effort.

The raffle drawing was held in the Parish Garden in conjunction with the Downtown Ministries Ice Cream Social on Thursday afternoon, September 18. We enjoyed beautiful weather, yummy Haagen-Dazs ice cream and sorbet (in six flavors!), and the delightful music of Spanish guitarist Juan Cuadros.

The lucky winners in the raffle (and the prizes won) are:

Irvin Peterson - 42" LCD HDTV

Dan Austin - Weekend at the Willard Hotel for two

Gail Dobson - Redskins Game Tickets for two

Day Dodson - Shakespeare Theatre Show tickets for two

Jason Hill - Macy's \$150 Gift Card

Thanks to those who donated raffle prizes: the Willard Hotel, Bob Stevens (for the Redskins tickets) and the Shakespeare Theatre. Thanks also to the Community Funding Ministry Team (Sarah Papazoglakis, Glenn Greene, David Downes and Emilia Bautista) who organized the raffle and to all those who sold raffle tickets (especially Tom Lawler who sold an amazing 120 tickets, and runners up Mason Liddell, Teresa Hobgood and Duncan Stevens). And finally thanks to all those of you who bought raffle tickets in support of Epiphany's downtown ministries.

Pssst - Several people have suggested that we surprise Irvin by all showing up at his place to watch the Super Bowl in January on his new TV. Please don't spoil the surprise by telling him!

Note: The deadline for submitting articles to the November Parish Guide Newsletter is Wednesday, October 15. Send articles to Tripp Jones at tripp.jones@mail.house.gov

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.”

The marriage of Claire Shinkman and Thomas Fry on September 20, 2008.

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.”

Sean Venable
Ingrid Lombardo
Francis Johnson
Kathy Gallagher
Tom Gallagher

We remember those who have died

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

Pat Scharf, who died September 15, 2008.

Koffi Rigobert Bagoudou, father of Veronique Dobson, who died recently.

We remember these persons in our prayers

For the members and family members of Epiphany who serve in troubled areas of the world, especially Jim Dobson, Danny Horrigan, and Keith Scoon;

For all who seek healing, especially: Ed Adams, Theresa Davies, Floyd Godfrey, Anita Lakari, William Person, and Norwyn Rowe;

For John Patrick Barker, Winston Blackman, Wanda Brewer, Mike Brown, Tim Callard, Naomi Canty, Marian Cover, Elena Curris, Brian Dillard, Genevieve Duvall, Joy Eades, Mae Eversley, Andrew Ferrill, J.D. Fosdick, Rick Gallagher, Peggy Garner, Susan Gibson, Shirley Golden, Fred Gustafson, Ruth Hall, Kathryn Hardie, Edmund Hilliman, Lucille Hilliman, Alan Holder, Millicent and Bill Hutt, Fred Johnson, Junior Jones, Larry Kerns, Rick Knettel, George Kurtz, Mary Larkin, Lisa Liebel, David Lyman, Ginny Mast, Claudia McClannahan, Sabine Mehnert, Jeanette Michael, Ron Miller, Jeanne Moore, Bonnie Murphy, Gloria and Morris Pasqual, Barbara Prignano, Victoria Prignano, John Pugh, Israel Rafalovich, Jesus Ramirez, Phil Richard, Ann Riggs, Allene Robinson, Ronald Ross, Wanda Rucker, Rita Sabagh, Pete and Evelyn Scrimger, Juanita Simpson, Irene and Edward Skocik, Ed Somers, Grace Stein, Pauline Stumpf, Josefa Tadiar, Alexandra Terninko, Kate Thaxton, Maureen Waters, Dee Wertlein, Vera Willis, Louise Wright, Thelma, Evie, Kevin, Beth, Anne, Bob, Bayse, Brad, and those on the Narthex Prayer List.

We celebrate these October birthdays

Frances McOwen, Sue Boyer, Oct 2; Bob Cook, Abigail Nichols, and Patricia Rhodes, Oct 3; Gigi Barse, Oct 6; Max Burg, Nora Ottley, Oct 8;; Nancy Augustine, Oct 11; John Walsh, Oct 12; Irene Wu, Oct 15; Tom Riggs, Oct 16; Kimball Beck, Oct 19; Sam Wright, Oct 20; Gloria Said, Susan Weinbeck, Oct 21; Teresa Hobgood, Oct 24; Emma Bass, Oct 26; Yvette Smith, Oct 27; Susan DeLaurentis, Josephine Walsh, Naomi Govindaraj, Oct 29; Lydia Taylor, Oct 30; Jennifer Cate, Sharon Hermonstine, Oct 31.

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 mdail@epiphanydc.org.

Franciscan Spirituality Group

By Beverly E. Mitchell

In last month's Parish Guide, I invited you to consider joining the newly formed Franciscan Spirituality Group (FSG) at the Church of the Epiphany. As promised last month, this article will provide more details about the FSG, which is committed to helping its members live out the meaning of the gospel of Jesus Christ by following the example of the beloved Christian saint, Francis of Assisi.

Monthly Meetings

Members of FSG will meet the first Monday of each month, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, to focus on the following activities: (1) gather together over a small snack; (2) spend time in sustained study and discussion of various texts which help us to learn more about the spirituality of St. Francis; 3) share questions, challenges, and joys of living according to our individual rule of life; and 4) brief worship following a time of prayer, meditation, or sacred reading of Scripture. Our first meeting will be October 6 – the first Monday following the feast of St. Francis (observed on October 4).

The Purpose of a Rule of Life

One very important task to which we will devote the first couple of months is composing and refining a rule of life. The elements of our individual rules will be drawn from the Rule of Life of St. Francis. Adherence to a rule of life is a common feature of spiritual communities seeking to develop an intentional, holistic spiritual life. A rule of life is designed to help us relate our commitment to living according to the Scriptures with the activities of prayer, work, leisure, rest, care for our bodies, and service to others, by ensuring balance. A rule of life provides needed structure and support as we live out the call of the gospel more faithfully. Far from being an oppressive element of our spiritual practice, a rule of life is a beneficial tool for keeping God at the center of our daily lives.

Who is eligible to join?

All parishioners and downtown associates of Epiphany, members of the Welcome Table

ministry, and those looking for a way to grow in their relationship with God are eligible to join the FSG.

Contact information

If you would like to join the Franciscan Spirituality Group or learn more about it, contact Beverly E. Mitchell at bem6223@aol.com or Randolph Charles at rcharles@epiphanydc.org. Come and join us for an adventure in spiritual renewal!

Defibrillators - Survival at Epiphany

By Teresa Hobgood

Are you interested in learning more about Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)? Are you interested in having this life-saving piece of equipment available at Epiphany? These are the machines you have seen at your workplace and at airports. Defibrillation is an electrical current applied to the chest, and to be successful, administered within three to five minutes after collapse. The electrical current passes through the heart with the goal of stopping an abnormal heart rhythm and giving an opportunity for the heart's normal electrical system to take control and pump blood again.

To become more knowledgeable about AEDs, Rescue One provides training classes. Rescue One is a private company that teaches first aid courses using a curriculum developed by the American Heart Association or the American Safety Health Institute (ASHI). The Episcopal Diocese of Washington purchased its AED from Rescue One and earlier this year published a notice in Church House News encouraging Episcopal churches and schools to participate in the program and purchase an automated external defibrillator. Defibrillators cost between \$1,500- \$2,500. Rescue One advises that an AED coordinator be appointed and receive certification every two years.

If you are interested in this life-saving measure and would like to participate in a training session, please e-mail wardens@epiphanydc.org or Teresa Hobgood (dandilan24@aol.com) For additional information, you are encouraged to visit the website, www.rescue-one.com

A Street Church Update and Invitation

By Brenda Morris

I was recently looking at some old photographs of Street Church, Epiphany's weekly program of worship and lunch in Franklin Square Park, and was struck by how small some of our early gatherings were! It occurred to me that it might be time to update the parish about this ministry, which has grown substantially since it began in February 2006.

In the early days, we usually had 4 or 5 volunteers each week. We made lunch for 30 people and sometimes had food to bring back to church. Now, we often have 12 to 15 volunteers, regularly welcome 30 or more people to the Eucharist, and provide lunch to 60 or more afterwards.

Most of our volunteers come from four Episcopal congregations: Epiphany, the Church of the Redeemer, the National Cathedral, and St. David's. Another of our "regulars" is a woman who read about Street Church in the New York Times while she was living in New Jersey, saved the article, and looked us up when she moved back to this area 6 months later. Still another is a downtown worker who helps make sandwiches and sometimes brings bagpipes to the park to provide music for our worship. And did you know that Libby Gibson, our former seminarian, though she has now graduated and is working at a church in the Diocese of Virginia, often attends, preaches, and works on behalf of Street Church? Or that a number of local priests volunteer time at Street Church, so Randolph, our rector, can use some of his Tuesdays to attend to other duties?

In recent months Street Church has hosted a number of special visitors, among them Howard Anderson, then Warden of the Cathedral College; William Barnwell, then Canon Missioner at the National Cathedral; Ian Markham, Dean of Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS); Roger Ferlo, Associate Dean at VTS; Jacques Hadler, a professor at VTS; and Kenneth Leech, a noted theologian and author. We are also visited from time to time by groups and individuals interested in learning about urban or outdoor ministry and by representatives of local organizations that serve the homeless community.

With so many people visiting Street Church, wouldn't you like to come too? That is the ideal way to discover something that is better experienced than read about

in an article: What a lively and joyful ministry Street Church is! It will also give you a chance to help with what is now our ministry's greatest need -- more people to be part of our diverse congregation and to welcome others who come. We gather in Franklin Square Park every Tuesday from 1 to 2 pm. If you can join us for that hour, or any part of it, you will have a meaningful experience and will be helping Street Church with the slow, but rewarding work of building community and becoming church. For more information, please contact Brenda Morris or Randolph Charles.

Casting Call

President Lincoln Wants You!

By Tripp Jones, Parish Archivist

February 12, 2009 will mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Historians consistently rank Lincoln as one of our country's greatest leaders. Lincoln's legacy is alive today in our continuous quest for freedom, equality, and opportunity for all. Several years ago, Congress created the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (www.lincolnbicentennial.gov) to promote a celebration of the life of our 16th president. Events/programs will include:

- A ceremony rededicating the Lincoln Memorial
- Concerts and museum and library exhibits
- National town hall meetings on equality, opportunity, and race
- Joint meeting of Congress
- A redesign of the Lincoln penny in 2009 with four new tails-side images
- A series of commemorative and definitive stamps
- A new television documentary
- Development of a curriculum about Abraham Lincoln for school children

Ford's Theater will reopen after a 18-month, \$8.5 million renovation. (Did you know that Ford's uses Epiphany's gym as their rehearsal hall and is currently working on their next show, *The Civil War*.)

While the national Lincoln Bicentennial is being celebrated from February 2008 through February 2010, Washington, DC and the Capital Region will concentrate its Lincoln Bicentennial celebration from January 1, 2009 – April 30, 2009. This effort is being organized and produced by The American Experience Foundation in partnership with the Destination DC and Cultural Tourism DC. A call for participation went out to local institutions for participation in the celebration via programs, exhibits, performances, lectures, etc. that illustrate some aspect of Lincoln's life and legacy.

With the consent of the rector, I have committed Epiphany to participating in this celebration by offering two performances at our church of an original drama, *A Place of Healing*. The play will feature some of the familiar stories you have seen in the past of Civil War era Epiphany parishioners plus some new ones. Even though Lincoln was not a parishioner of our church, we know he was present on one important occasion. Epiphany was the home of many important people that surrounded Lincoln. The special slant that we bring to the story of course is the matter of how people's faith influenced their lives during those trying times.

Performance dates will be Sunday, February 15 and Sunday, March 8 at 4:00pm. My invitation to the whole parish is to mark these dates on your calendar and start spreading the news to your friends. There will be no charge for the performance, but contributions will be welcomed for the renovation of our historic church. For those of you interested in participating in the performances, I extend an invitation. Participation includes several options – acting, lights, sound, costumes, usher, reception, etc. It will take a village to put on the show! If interested, please let me know over the next month (tripp.jones@mail.house.gov or leave a message on the archives extension at church: 202/347-2635, ext. 16) Join me as we celebrate Lincoln's life and legacy at Epiphany.

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in sustained study and discussion of various texts which help us learn more about the spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi; 3) share questions, challenges, and joys of living according to our individual rule of life; and 4) brief worship following a time of prayer, meditation, or sacred reading of Scripture. Please reply to this email or contact the parish office if you would like to attend or have any questions. The Franciscan Spirituality Group is offered by the Discernment Ministry Team, and it will be facilitated by Beverly Mitchell and Randolph Charles.

Franciscan Blessing. May God bless you with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may seek truth boldly and love from deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out

your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really can make a difference in this world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God the Supreme Majesty and our Creator, Jesus Christ the Incarnate Word who is our Brother and Savior, and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Guide, be with you and remain with you, this day and forevermore. Amen.

Epiphany Course (10/10, 6:00-9:00pm and 10/11, 9:00am-3:00pm) The purpose of Epiphany Course is to explore the Christian faith as we experience it here at Epiphany. There are six elements: faith community, study, prayer, stewardship, ministry, and rule of life. The hope is that every parishioner participates in Epiphany Course, so that we will all have a common language and context with which to reflect on the faith as we experience it at Epiphany. In addition to learning more about the faith, Epiphany Course is a great opportunity to learn more about each other and form community. Please contact me or the parish office if you would like to attend or have any questions.

Diocesan Confirmation (11/1) Confirmation is offered to the people of the Diocese of Washington three times a year at the Washington National Cathedral. The next date is November 1 at 10:00am. In the Episcopal Church, it is the expectation, but not a requirement, that all active baptized adults be confirmed. Confirmation doesn't make a person any more a Christian or an Episcopalian. "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." Confirmation doesn't make us something different, but it is a personal statement that we are moving deeper in our commitment to Christ and the Church. The tradition at Epiphany is that new parishioners decide when they want to be confirmed and attend the preparatory events. Preparation for Confirmation includes Epiphany Course (10/10, 6:00-9:00pm and 10/11, 9:00am-3:00pm) and Confirmation Class on Sunday, October 26, 12:45-2:00pm. For parishioners who have already been confirmed in the Roman Catholic, Orthodox, or Lutheran Churches, the appropriate rite is called Reception. New parishioners who have already been confirmed are encouraged to Reaffirm their Baptismal Vows at the Confirmation liturgy at the Cathedral and to attend the preparation courses. Please contact me or the parish office if you would like to attend or have any questions.

Capital Campaign Forges Ahead

By Tripp Jones, Capital Campaign Ministry Team

(Team Members: Andrea Dorf, David Downes, Glenn Greene, Sarah Papazoglakis, Randolph Charles, Tripp Jones)

Epiphany's Capital Campaign Ministry Team met in September to assess the progress of the internal phase of our campaign and to strategize for the external phase. The Ministry Team is charged with raising the money needed for the renovation of our buildings.

For the most part, we are pleased with the internal phase, but we want to offer the following points of clarification and encouragement.

1) We invite everyone to make a pledge (or contribution, or offering or whatever you choose to call it) to the Renovation Fund – no matter what the amount. It is not too late! Renovation pledge cards are available by contacting the church office. It is imperative that we have as high a percentage of participation as possible before we take our request for money outside the parish.

2) For those of you who have made a pledge, payment is requested by the end of 2010. You can break up your payments into any installments you wish. Sooner is better than later in paying your pledge as that allows us to earn interest on the accumulated funds and also possibly begin some phase of the renovation ahead of time.

3) There are several ways that you can pay your pledge. You can include it in your regular offering envelope. If you combine your ministry and renovation contribution on one check, please note the designated amounts in the memo section. You can make your contribution via credit card or e-check on our website (www.epiphanydc.org). On the homepage, simply click "Funding Our Renovation," located in the left column.

4) Funds that are designated for renovation will be used for that purpose only. Even when our regular ministry fund is struggling, renovation contributions will only be used for their intended purpose.

Regarding the external phase, we don't need to tell anyone that these are challenging times to be raising money. The Ministry Team is continuing their search for a development director to lead us through the external phase as well as direct our ongoing fundraising needs at Epiphany. In the meantime, we want to keep the ball rolling by beginning to solicit funds from Epiphany "friends." There are many people connected to our parish and have a great affection for it that are not parishioners. These include weekday associates, outreach friends, Tuesday concert friends, and those who were associated with our parish in the past or who have ancestors that were.

The Ministry Team is contracting with a local graphic design firm to develop a fundraising brochure and related materials to be used in the external phase. We hope to have these materials developed and printed by the end of this year in time for a mailing solicitation in early 2009.

Hopefully by Pentecost 2009, we will have a good sense of the total amount of money pledged for our project. With this figure, the Renovation Ministry Team can work with our architects and begin to turn our renovation dreams into reality.

Please hold this whole process in your prayers. Those who have gone before have left us a wonderful facility in which to worship and do ministry. Pray that through this renovation, we may pass on renovated and invigorated buildings so that future generations may continue to do God's work on G Street.

Fall In With the 20s/30s Group

By Tanya Washington, 20s/30s Coordinator

Come join Epiphany's 20s/30s Ministry for an exciting series of activities this fall! We are continuing the book club launched earlier this year as well as getting together for our regular brunches. We're also adding some new events to the mix.

In October, the 20s/30s Book Club will read *Take This Bread—A Radical Conversion* by Sara Miles. Miles, a journalist raised an atheist, wandered into an Episcopal church one day and received communion. That experience transformed her life, bringing her into a faith that she has lived out through radical service to others. She created a food pantry at her parish, a ministry that later bloomed into over a dozen food pantries serving the poor in San Francisco. You can learn more about Sara Miles and her book at www.saramiles.net

Join us this fall for fun, discussion and service. RSVP to Tanya Washington, 20s/30s Coordinator, at 202-244-2191 or tanyawash@yahoo.com

Epiphany 20s/30s Fall 2008 Events

Sept. 28 20s/30s Brunch

12:45pm, Elephant and Castle, 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Oct. 26 Book Club: *Take This Bread—A Radical Conversion* by Sara Miles

12:45pm, Epiphany, Willard Room

Nov. 15 Volunteer opportunity—wrap books for Christmas for children at Martha's Table

(www.marthastable.org)

12 noon, Martha's Table, 2114 14th St. NW

Nov. 23 20s/30s Brunch

12:45pm, Capital City Brewing Company, 1100 New York Avenue, NW

Dec. 7 SAVE THE DATE! Epiphany 20s/30s Advent Party (Time and location TBA)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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JUSTICE

“Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live.”

Deuteronomy 16:20

*“What does the LORD require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”*

Micah 6:8

But what is justice? And how do we live it out?

The call to do justice is fundamental to our call as Christians and followers of Christ, but what does that really mean? According to Webster justice is “the maintenance or administration of what is just especially by the impartial adjustment of conflicting claims or the assignment of merited rewards or punishments.” Does that help? Not much.

During the remainder of the Pentecost season, we at The Church of the Epiphany will be exploring our call to justice as a parish and as individuals. The Justice Ministry Team is coordinating upcoming opportunities to explore justice in our lives.

Beginning on Wednesday, October 1 and running for eight weeks, a group will be meeting to explore the ways that God’s creation cries for justice in a world of pollution and increasing stress on our environment. We will be using a program from JustFaith, an education ministry which focuses on issues of justice in the world. In their words, “Our Christian faith and Biblical tradition extend an extraordinary invitation to each of us and our faith communities to become agents of God’s compassion and healing in a wounded world. The Good News of Christ is both a comfort and a promise for the poor and, at the same time, a call to those of us who are not poor to be linked with God’s vision of justice and reconciliation. The Church’s history shines with examples of the courage and commitment of those who dedicated themselves to the needs of their most desperate sisters and brothers.” The course, **“God’s Creation Cries for Justice” meets from 6:00 to 8:00 on Wednesdays, beginning October 1.**

Come and join us as we explore our response to God’s call to Justice.

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