



Parish Guide

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Washington, DC

March 2009

Capital Campaign Forges Ahead

New Literature Makes Debut

By Tripp Jones,

Leader, Capital Campaign Ministry Team

Despite the challenging economic times, Epiphany's Capital Campaign takes another step forward. This year's external phase will target individuals, businesses, and foundations with which Epiphany has some connection - music, history, outreach, location, or just being a friend. In light of the current economic climate, we have lowered our dollar goal in the text of the brochures to give a more realistic expectation. To better present our case to the outside world, an attractive set of campaign materials has been developed and is hot off the press. The literature continues the theme of the internal campaign - Remember+Renew+Rejoice.

A smaller, eight-panel brochure includes pictures of the architectural renderings as well as descriptions of some of the things we are trying to accomplish. The brochure features a collage motif that combines parish pictures and renderings with accompanying text. This brochure will be distributed in several ways - through the information rack in the front lobby, inclusion in the program of selected concerts and performances, and mailed to the several hundred people on our various "friends" lists.



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"Making Disciples": A Report on the Diocese of Washington Convention

By Tanya Washington, Senior Warden

The Rev. Charles and several members of Epiphany served as delegates at the 114th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, held from Friday, January 30th to Saturday, January 31st at the Washington National Cathedral. This year's theme was "That We May All Be One: Making Disciples." The annual convention is an opportunity for parishes from the District and Montgomery, Prince George's, Charles and St. Mary's Counties to come together to conduct the business of the diocese, and worship, and fellowship with each other. The Right Rev. Trevor Mwamba, Bishop of Botswana, preached at Friday evening's Eucharist. Saturday featured Bishop John Chane's annual address on the state of the diocese and the keynote speaker, renowned writer the Rev. Brian McLaren. Bishop Chane noted five priority areas for the diocese in 2009: youth ministries, Spanish-speaking congregations; college chaplaincies; parish growth and development; and clergy and clergy family wellness. These priorities along with the realities of the severe economic situation were reflected in the proposed 2009 budget of \$4,549,300, little changed from the 2008 budget of \$4,634,700. The Rev. McLaren talked about the "Episcopal Moment." This is a moment of possibility where the Church could develop a new paradigm. He noted both the Episcopal Church's advantages such as a liturgical and diverse mindset, and our disadvantages, including an institutional, upper-class mindset. He encouraged Episcopalians to exhibit a "transcend and include" spirit beyond traditional political and doctrinal boundaries as an example to others seeking to explore God. Bishop Chane and the Rev. McLaren's addresses are available at <http://convention.edow.org>.



Note: The deadline for submitting articles to the March *Parish Guide* newsletter is Wednesday, March 18. Send them to swalker@epiphanydc.org

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.”

Heather Jelks has completed training as a leadership and life coaching professional, and she is president of Nautilus Coaching & Consulting, LLC in Alexandria, Virginia.

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.”

Kelly Hamblin, Hunt Clements, Rebecca Showunmi

We remember those who have died

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

Bob Stevens

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 and Danny Horrigan;

For all who seek healing, especially Theresa Davies, Floyd Godfrey, Olivia Gray, Mason Liddell, Brenda Morris, William Person, and Sean Venable;

For Winston Blackman, Wanda Brewer, Mike Brown, Marian Cover, Elena Curris, Brian Dillard, Genevieve Duvall, Joy Eades, J.D. Fosdick, Rick Gallagher, Peggy Garner, Susan Gibson, Cathie Gleaves, 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, Jessica Pettrey, John Pugh, Israel Rafalovich, Jesus Ramirez, Phil Richard, Ann Riggs, Allene Robinson, Jenny Robison, Ronald Ross, Wanda Rucker, Rita Sabagh, Pete and Evelyn Scrimger, Edward Skocik, Ed Somers, Grace Stein, Pauline Stumpf, Josefa Tadiar, Alexandra Terninko, Kate Thaxton, Maureen Waters, Dee Wertlein, Thelma, Evie, Kevin, Beth, Anne, Bob, and Brad.

We celebrate these March birthdays:

Jasmine Hermonstine, March 2; Chris Connelly, March 6, Marcia Doerr and Frank Taylor, March 7; Ella King, March 9; Hope Childs, March 10; Irvin Dallas and Deb Greenbush, March 12; Peter Raia, March 13; Tony Bautista and George Sisk, March 14; Pat Pickering, March 17; Mary Briscoe, March 28; Lawanda Hermonstine, March 29; and Christian Clough, March 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 swalker@epiphanydc.org.

Music and Arts at Epiphany in March

By Christian M. Clough, Director of Music Ministries

“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters...”

As spring approaches, and school vacations with it, Epiphany buzzes with more and more activity. I have been asked to call to your attention to several performances coming up in March.



After a three-month hiatus, the **Washington Bach Consort** resumes their Noontime Cantata performances on **Tuesday 3 March at 12:10**. My predecessor, Eric Plutz, returns from Princeton University to play the organ work, the Prelude & Fugue in A Minor, BWV 543. The WBC, under Maestro J. Reilly Lewis, completed in 2007 their first run through Johann Sebastian Bach's complete cantatas – a seventeen-year project! As soon as the first cycle was complete, they began again, this time performing on period instruments. These concerts, which typically attract more than 300 people, are by far the most popular of our many wonderful Tuesday Concert Series offerings throughout the year. This first concert of 2009 features the well-known and exceptionally moving Cantata 12, “Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen”. If you have never attended a Noontime Cantata, please try to come to this one.

On **Sunday 8 March**, the **Georgia Tech Glee Club**, an all-male ensemble and “the oldest Glee Club in the South”, will take to the choir stalls, and be our guest choir at the **11 AM liturgy**. They are in Washington for a spring tour, and will be singing at the George Washington University and, on Saturday 7 March, at the Smithsonian.

The second and final performance of “**A Place of Healing**”, Epiphany's dramatic historical presentation celebrating the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, will be at **4:00 PM** on that same day. The first performance, on 15 February, was a memorable experience for actors and audience alike. The church came alive with the inter-

weaving of historical narration and dramatic readings of speeches and letters of the time in this hour-long depiction of Epiphany's role in 19th-century Washington. Please make time to experience this rare event, and support your fellow Epiphany community members in their performance.

The next evening, the **University of Pittsburgh Men's Glee Club**, another fine touring ensemble, will perform a concert at Epiphany at **7:00PM**, with a reception to follow. Parishioner Chris Shinkman is an alumnus of Pitt, and I'm sure will be in the pews supporting his alma mater. You are welcome, too, of course!

On 17 March, the **Tuesday Concert Series (TCS)** presents a **St. Patrick's Day Benefit Concert** in support of the TCS. Local Irish-music specialists Karen Ashbrook and Paul Oorts will perform Irish/Celtic and Continental traditional music on hammered dulcimer, wooden flute, pennywhistle, harp, guitar, cittern and accordion. It is a rare TCS opportunity to mark a national holiday with music. We are excited to celebrate the Irish in all of us that day, and provide funding for our ongoing offering of music to the people of greater Washington.

At **7:00 PM on Saturday 21 March**, **Yuri Cho from the Eastman School of Music** in Rochester, NY, presents a violin recital. The next day, Sunday 22 March at 4 PM, the Washington Men's Camerata presents their spring concert. Tickets for this event can be purchased on their website: <http://www.camerata.com/>. Finally, at **3:00 PM on Sunday 29 March**, the **Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic**, another ensemble that regularly performs at Epiphany, plays works by Maurice Durufle (in collaboration with the NOVA community chorus), Sergei Rachmaninoff (with 2008 Concerto Competition winner Carolyn Colton on piano), and James Kazik (world premiere with solo percussionist Joanna Dabrowska).

As you can see, Epiphany will be an especially lively place in the coming month. In all of these cases, please come if you can, help spread the word to friends, family, neighbors and colleagues, and support our visiting performers and our in-house ministries by volunteering your time or contributing to their costs.

Lincoln Play Receives Standing Ovation

By Tripp Jones, Parish Archivist

Sixty or so people gathered in church on Sunday afternoon, February 15 to witness a presentation of *A Place of Healing*, Epiphany's tribute to the 2009 Lincoln Bicentennial. In three acts, the play depicts pre war Washington, the ups and downs of the war years, and finally the somber week after the war was over when Lincoln was assassinated. As the show ended, the audience rose with a loud ovation.

All your favorite characters are included – Edwin Stanton, Vinnie Ream, Rector Charles Hall, and of course Abraham Lincoln. All are portrayed by some of your favorite parishioners! Homemade costumes, effective lighting, and dramatic music all complete the entertaining, as well as informative show, which runs about an hour and a half.

If you missed the February performance, you still have another chance. The final show will be Sunday, March 8 at 4:00 p.m. Free parking with validation is available at the PMI Garage next door. Step back in time, learn some of our rich parish history, and support your fellow parishioners. Bring your friends and let's fill the house!



OPALS (Older Persons with Active LifeStyles) will have a potluck lunch and movie on Sunday, March 8 at 12:45pm, right after church. In honor of Abraham Lincoln's bicentennial, we will watch a film on Lincoln, Abraham and Mary Lincoln-A House Divided:-American Experience. This dual biography tells the story of these two people and their very different backgrounds. Mary Todd was the daughter of wealthy slave owners, and Abraham Lincoln was the son of dirt farmers. The film covers their childhoods and marriage, the White House years, and their differences of opinion on the Civil War. It should be fascinating! After the movie and lunch, we will all enjoy the 4pm performance of "**A Place of Healing**", Epiphany's own play honoring Lincoln and the role our church played in those historic years.

Working for Socio-economic Justice

By Caroline Klam, Justice Ministry Team Leader

“Being poor is knowing exactly how much everything costs.

Being poor is getting angry at your kids for asking for all the crap they see on TV.

Being poor is having to keep buying \$800 cars because they're what you can afford, and then having the cars break down on you, because there's not an \$800 car in America that's worth a damn.

Being poor is hoping the toothache goes away.

Being poor is knowing your kid goes to friends' houses but never has friends over to yours.

Being poor is going to the restroom before you get in the school lunch line so your friends will be ahead of you and won't hear you say “I get free lunch” when you get to the cashier.

Being poor is living next to the freeway.

Being poor is coming back to the car with your children in the back seat, clutching that box of Raisin Bran you just bought and trying to think of a way to make the kids understand that the box has to last.

Being poor is wondering if your well-off sibling is lying when he says he doesn't mind when you ask for help.

Being poor is off-brand toys.

Being poor is a heater in only one room of the house.”

-Thoughts on Poverty from John Scalzi

Being poor in America is not easy . . . but it is entirely too common. The Justice Ministry Team has been meeting for several months to talk about issues of justice in our neighborhoods, in our country and in the world. We are trying to understand how we can identify, address and change the deeper issues which lead to poverty, homelessness and lack of resources in our community.

As a first step, we are planning a series of meals – after church or in the evening – with some of our Welcome Table participants to enable us to have a deeper conversation with them about their



needs and how we can support them in working with the government and other agencies to meet those needs. We are inviting parishioners who are interested in these issues to join us after the 11am service on April 19 for lunch and an exploratory session with Catherine Rodman from Samaritan Ministry to help us understand how to take part in these conversations and plan the timing and details. Please let Caroline Klam, the Ministry Team Leader (klamcd@aol.com or 703 538-4549), know if you are interested in joining us.

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A larger, twelve-page booklet expands the collage motif and gives more details about the renovation plan. This booklet will be sent to people and organizations who are potential high donors. A pocket in the back of the booklet will include copies of architectural renderings as well as gift giving opportunities. In conjunction with our architects, we developed a rough price list of several features of the renovation. This runs the gamut from a chair for \$300 to an elevator for \$175,000.

Both brochures will have coordinating mailing envelopes featuring Epiphany's logo and the campaign slogan. Each brochure will include a response envelope, which will allow the donor to designate how the gift is given (one time, installments) as well as method of payment (check, credit card, etc.) Samples of both brochures will be placed on the Capital Campaign bulletin board located across from the parish hall serving line. Stop by and take a look. You might find yourself in one of the collages! If you know of an individual, company, or foundation to which our campaign literature should be sent, please let the rector or me know.

Our capital campaign will end this year and we will finally have a sense of how much money we have to put towards the renovation. Then the tough work of prioritizing the many aspects of the renovation will begin. It is certainly our hope and prayer that we will be able to do as much as possible to renovate our church buildings.

Lenten Retreat – Finding God in All Things



This year's Lenten retreat's theme is *Finding God in All Things - Ignatian Spirituality in Practice*. We are fortunate to hold the retreat at Cathedral College, a beautiful and serene building, located on the grounds of the National Cathedral, that will be closing in April. The retreat will begin on **Friday, March 20, at 5:00pm and end on Saturday, March 21, at 3:00pm**. This is not a silent retreat, but there will be periods of silence built into the time. Participants may either stay overnight, or choose to commute to the retreat (commuter times below).

St. Ignatius of Loyola invites us to practice finding God's love for us in our past, present, and future. This love is manifest in the good we have been given. It is also manifest in Christ's call to friendship and mission. The practice of finding God in all things involves gratitude, reflection on our response to God, and listening to what the Lord wants us to do next.

Our retreat leader is Edward McCormack, Ph.D. (pictured above) Ed holds the doctorate in Systematic Theology from Catholic University of America. He taught theology at Georgetown University and has been involved in retreat work with families and students for twenty years. Currently, he is Chair of Pastoral Studies and Associate Professor of Christian Spirituality at Washington Theological Union where his courses include *An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality*, *Discernment and Decision-Making in the Ignatian Tradition*, and *Jesus and the Challenge of Christian Discipleship*.

You may participate in the Lenten retreat by either staying overnight or commuting. Commuters should arrive Friday evening after dinner, by 7:15 pm, and Saturday morning by 8:45 am. Please use the form below to register, as soon as possible. **Space is limited, and registration closes March 16.** Questions? Contact the church by phoning 202-347-2635, or emailing Susan Walker at swalker@epiphanydc.org.

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Lenten Retreat – Finding God in all Things

March 20-21, 2009

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

- Reserve one single room **\$145**
- Reserve a shared room [roommate _____ - _____] **\$125**
- Commuter [**includes Saturday lunch only**] **\$50**
- Any special dietary or mobility needs? _____
- Do you need a ride? _____ Can you provide a ride? _____

Return this form with your check payable to: **The Church of the Epiphany**
Note: Lenten Retreat
1317 G ST, NW; Washington, DC 20005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Church of the Epiphany			March 2009			*Ford's Theatre rehearsal of "The Civil War" March 1, 3-8, 10-14, 17, 18 & 21
1 The 1st Sunday in Lent 7:00 NA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 7:30 Welcome Table Choir 8:00 Welcome Table Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 9:10 Welcome Table Choir 10:00 Community Bible Study 10:45 Liturgical Leaders 11:00 Holy Eucharist/Godly Play 12:15 Coffee hour 12:45 Financial Stewardship Ministry Team	2 12:00 AA 12:10 Contemplative Eucharist 1:15 Muslim Prayers 6:00 Franciscan Spirituality Group	3 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert 1:00 Street Church 1:15 Muslim Prayers 2:00 Street Sense Vendors 6:00 Urban Ministry Committee	4 10:00 Labyrinth/Staff mtg. 12:00 AA/ Al-Anon 12:10 Healing Eucharist 1:15 Muslim Prayers 2:30 SS Writers 6:00 Praying the Examen	5 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:15 Muslim Prayers 2:00 Street Sense Vendors 6:00 Street Sense Volunteers	6 8:00 YSOP 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:15 Islamic Prayer Service 9:00 YSOP	7 7:00 YSOP 2:00 YSOP
8 The 2nd Sunday in Lent 7:00 NA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 7:30 Welcome Table Choir 8:00 Welcome Table Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 9:10 Welcome Table Choir 10:00 Community Bible Study 10:45 Liturgical Leaders 11:00 Holy Eucharist/Godly Play 12:15 Coffee Hour 12:45 OPALS Lunch and movie 4:00 "A Place of Healing"	9 8:00 YSOP 12:00 AA 12:10 Contemplative Eucharist 1:15 Muslim Prayers 2:00 YSOP 6:00 University of Pittsburgh Glee Club	10 7:00 YSOP 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert 1:00 Street Church 1:15 Muslim Prayers 2:00 Street Sense Vendors 2:00 YSOP	11 8:00 Trinity Univ., Coe College 10:00 Labyrinth/Staff mtg. 12:00 AA/ Al-Anon 12:10 Healing Eucharist 1:15 Muslim Prayers 2:30 SS Writers 6:00 SS Editorial Board 6:00 Praying the Examen	12 7:00 YSOP 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:15 Muslim Prayers 2:00 Street Sense Vendors 2:00 YSOP	13 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:15 Islamic Prayer Service 5:00 YSOP	14 8:00 YSOP 2:30 YSOP
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22 The 4th Sunday in Lent 7:00 NA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 7:30 Welcome Table Choir 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 9:10 Welcome Table Choir 10:00 Community Bible Study 10:45 Liturgical Leaders 11:00 Holy Eucharist/Godly Play 12:15 Coffee Hour 4:00 Washington Men's Camerata Concert	23 7:00 YSOP 12:00 AA 12:10 Contemplative Eucharist 1:00 Comm. Of 100 1:15 Muslim Prayers 2:00 YSOP 6:00 Vestry	24 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert 1:00 Street Church 1:15 Muslim Prayers 2:00 YSOP 2:00 Street Sense Vendors	25 The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary 10:00 Labyrinth/Staff mtg. 12:00 AA/ Al-Anon 12:10 Healing Eucharist 1:15 Muslim Prayers 2:00 YSOP 2:30 SS Writers 6:00 Praying the Examen	26 YSOP - New Mexico State Univ. Wesley Foundation 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:15 Muslim Prayers 2:00 YSOP 2:00 Street Sense Vendors 7:15 Choir	27 YSOP - New Mexico State Univ. Wesley Foundation 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:15 Islamic Prayer Service	28 YSOP - New Mexico State Univ. Wesley Foundation
29 The 5th Sunday in Lent 7:00 NA 7:15 Welcome Table Bible Study 7:30 Welcome Table Choir 8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:45 The Welcome Table 9:10 Welcome Table Choir 10:00 Community Bible Study 10:45 Liturgical Leaders 11:00 Holy Eucharist/Godly Play 12:15 Coffee Hour 4:00 Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic	30 12:00 AA 12:10 Contemplative Eucharist 1:15 Muslim Prayers	31 12:00 Al-Anon 12:10 Tuesday Concert 1:00 Street Church 1:15 Muslim Prayers 2:00 Street Sense Vendors				

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IGNATIAN WISDOM FOR OUR LIVES TODAY**
By Timothy Gallagher

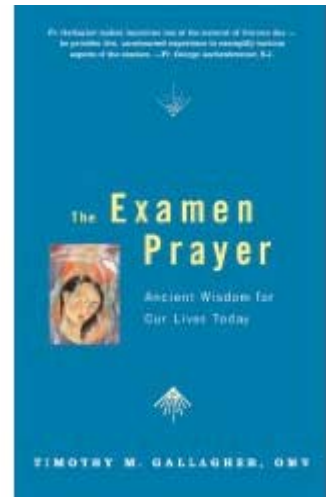
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