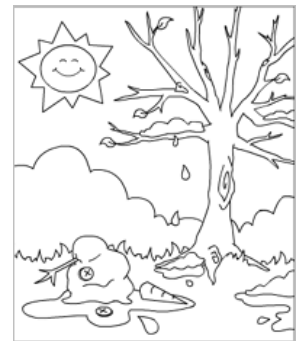


The Grapevine

March 2011

Lent, for me, is intrinsically connected to our Central New York late winter landscape. No matter how early or late Lent begins, it's always marked by gross, dirty old snow heaps. By the end of the winter, the snow that had once looked so pristine now had become old and dirty, rough and grey. I find part of myself grateful for each new snow fall that will give a much needed facelift to those dreary mounds. But, of course, that's only temporary.

When the temperature creeps above freezing, it's all I can do to restrain myself from stomping out those depressing, grimy snow lumps. As spring approaches, it's just so clear that those piles of frozen, dirty snow have worn out their welcome and it's time for them to go. They can claim their ground in the chill of winter, but they are no match for the warmth of the sunshine.



Lent is a time for us to examine our spiritual lives and find those places in our souls that have become – like those dirty snow piles.

Life has a way of covering them up sometimes, so we don't see the muck beneath, but we know they're there. Lent is a time for us to open up to God and let him shine his warmth into our lives, even into the coldest, darkest parts – to warm us, and to melt away that which is just not welcome any more.

Where are the dirty snow piles in our lives? What are the ways we can open up so that God's warmth can filter in? How can we place ourselves in the God's sunlight? We find that sunlight in worship – perhaps in Lent you'll dedicate yourself to coming more frequently to services, or trying a service that's new to you. We can find God's sunlight through our personal prayer as well. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to dedicate ourselves more fully to a regular prayer practice. Perhaps you feel God's light through spiritual reading, through good friendships, in nature or in art.



May this Lent be for us a time of renewal and growth, a time for melting those old, dirty snow banks through the warmth of God's love.

SUNDAY EVENING EUCHARIST AT ST. MATTHEW’S, LIVERPOOL



Worship

This winter, St. Matthew’s, Liverpool began a new Sunday worship service. We have added a Eucharistic service on Sunday evenings at 5:00pm.

Some people have made this their regular “home base” Sunday worship, while others attend this service when plans prevent them from attending on Sunday mornings. Whatever the reason that brings people to us – we have a lovely time worshipping together.

This winter, we’ve been using prayers from the Celtic tradition for our worship and in Lent we’ll take our prayers from the New Zealand prayer book. It’s a beautiful, quiet, warm service that is a sanctuary of peace in the midst of a hectic world, and the service attracts both young and old (and in-between!) It usually last about an hour.

You’re invited to join us on Sunday evenings at 5:00 for worship.

If you just can’t make it to your church on a Sunday morning, stop by St. Matthew’s in the evening! If you’re looking for another worship experience to expand your prayer and worship – join us! Sometimes our services are led by Mother Carrie (our rector) and sometimes they are led by visiting priests from the diocese.

Please join us!

PAMPHLETS ARE IN

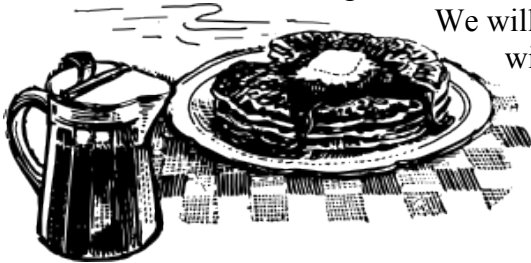
If you ordered a “*Preparing for Death: Instructions for Your Survivors*” pamphlet, they are available for you to pick up in the church office. For those who haven’t paid yet, the price is \$5.00.

“REAL LIFE” BIBLE STUDY

Put **Wednesday, March 2nd** on your calendar. We’ll meet to discuss the previous Sunday’s lessons and talk about how our common sacred story connects with our real lives. **This group is open to all** – regardless of faith tradition or background. Each month’s discussion can stand alone, so please join us when you can. Contact Courtenay McKeon at 214-9276 or Mother Carrie if you have any questions.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

We will be having our first Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner this year on **March 8th, from 5:00-7:30pm.**



We will be serving pancakes, sausage, French toast, applesauce and crumb cake with coffee, tea and milk. There will be a sign-up sheet posted soon by the kitchen. We will have a “free will” donation to help offset the cost of the dinner and we will also need help with set up and clean up.

Mother Carrie will have the annual "Farewell to Alleluias" service in the church following the dinner.

Shrove Tuesday, March 8th

5:00-7:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner followed by a
“Farewell to Alleluia” Service with Imposition of Ashes (This will be geared toward
children, but all are welcome)

Ash Wednesday, March 9th

7:00am Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

7:00pm Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

OUTREACH IS ALIVE AND KICKING!

On February 17th, an energized and excited Outreach Committee met to discuss plans for 2011.

Our current members are: Shelly Banner, Dick Bartolomeo, Bill Boylan, Pat Boylan, Penny Dugas, Cathy Labucki, Milt Oatman, and Vivian Silliman.

We are looking for people to join the committee – we will be approaching individuals. If you are not approached and would like to join, please speak up! **Short and sweet meetings are monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 6:00pm. The next meeting is March 17th – wear green!**

Events coming up right away are:

- ✠ Blood Drive on March 5th
- ✠ The House at 807 for the month of March
- ✠ Shopping Cart Sunday - March 20th

Important! Read This! It Pertains to You!

A few of the goals established for this group are discussed below. Sounds business boring, but really may apply to you!!!!

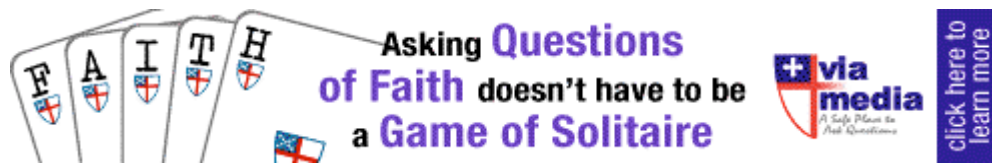
Goal:

- ✠ To be an integral part of the whole of St. Matthew’s ministries.
If your commission has an outreach passion/suggestion, let’s work together to make it happen.
- ✠ To provide a locus for all St. Matthew’s outreach efforts.
If you have a passion for an outreach project, please let one of the committee members know.
We don’t know what you’re thinking if you don’t tell us ☺.
An element of this goal is the committee’s promise to you that if you have an idea for outreach, we will assist in making it happen. We will not say, “That’s a great idea, go for it,” and leave you to your own devices.

Prayerfully consider how you can share your passions and talents.

Accept, O Lord,
our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us.
We thank you for setting us at tasks
which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments
which satisfy and delight us.

From the Book of Common Prayer



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We are excited to offer a program at St. Matthew's beginning this Lent called **Via Media**. I think this is a class that might interest you quite a bit. *Via Media* is Latin for "the middle way", which is a common way to describe the Episcopal Church, and more broadly, our Anglican Christian heritage. We are the middle way between Catholic and Protestant; liberal and conservative; traditional and progressive; ancient and future...

Beginning in March and running through the end of May, we'll meet to discuss topics of faith including:

- An Anglican Way of Being Christian
- God and Creation: The Abundance of God's Goodness
- God in Jesus : An Incarnational Faith
- God the Holy Spirit: the Breath of New Life
- The Bible: The Word of God for the People of God
- Sin: Roadblocks to Abundant Life
- Thy Kingdom Come: The Promise of Christian Hope
- and... "So What?"

Join us for a journey of study, prayer and action grounded in the traditional Anglican perspective. Balancing scripture, reason, and tradition, the course content is rooted in the Trinity and offers diverse, compelling witness to the unique way of being Christian that is our Anglican heritage.

This course is for you if you can answer "yes" to any of these questions:

- You're interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church...
- You have tons of questions that you never get a chance to ask...
- You would like to deepen your own faith...
- You like intelligent discussion with good people about faith and religion...
- You would like to make a deeper or more formal commitment to the Church...
- You would like to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation
 - There will be a Confirmation service at the Cathedral on June 11th. This course can prepare you for that. If you've already been Confirmed in this tradition or another, you may wish to seek the sacrament of "reception" or "reaffirmation" at that same service.

We'll meet weekly at 7:00 on Wednesdays beginning on March 16th and concluding in June. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Mother Carrie.
A sign-up sheet is posted near the kitchen.

Were you the kid who got in trouble in
Sunday school for asking too many questions?
Come join the rest of us.



click here to
learn more

WHAT IS VIA MEDIA?

- **via media** is video enhanced curricula designed to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ Jesus and to present the Episcopal Church in a contemporary context. Each session will include a 20 minute video and time for questions and discussion.
(I watch each video with a pen and paper and want to write down most of what I hear!!!)
- **via media** celebrates who we are as American Anglicans and invites others to "come and see," offering seekers both the content and the context for conversations about Christian faith from an unabashedly Anglican perspective.
- **via media** is grounded in the traditional Anglican perspective, rooted in the Trinity and offers diverse, compelling witness to the unique way of being Christian that is our Anglican heritage.
- **via media** invites those seeking spiritual community to explore Anglican Christianity through a non-threatening course of study, prayer and conversation surrounded by radical hospitality.
- **via media celebrates a church that tells the truth about both its strengths and its challenges, inviting those seeking spiritual community to come and do the same.**

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- **via media** at St. Matthew's invites those seeking spiritual community into a 3 month journey of study, prayer and action.
- **via media** will prepare those who desire it for the sacrament of: Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation.
- **via media** combines learning styles, including video, written materials, small group discussions, and large group forums. Participants encounter basic principles of Christianity through the Anglican approach of scripture, traditions, and reason.
- **via media doesn't offer easy answers to the hard questions 21st century seekers are asking, but models in the video and table discussions that answers are in conversation and community; enriched by differences our faith is enlivened by our challenges.**

Contact Mother Carrie mothercarrie@verizon.net for more information

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us in praying the **Stations of the Cross every Friday night at 7:15pm during Lent.** (conveniently timed to come right after the Friday fish dinners!) Stations of the Cross are an ancient devotion dating back to the middle ages that allow us to make a prayerful pilgrimage of Christ's final steps. Please join us in meditation as we follow Christ's journey from Gabbatha (the stone pavement) where Jesus was condemned, to Golgotha (skull hill) where He was crucified, and onward to His resurrection.





THE HOUSE AT 807

During the month of March, we will again be serving the Noon meal to the residents at The House at 807. **The dates are March 6th, March 13th, March 20th and March 27th. There are not more than 8 residents and it takes about two hours, 11:00 until 1:00pm.** We do not have to prepare the meal; only heat and serve the meal that is already prepared. We set and clear the table, put leftovers away and start the dishwasher. During the meal, we sit and visit with the residents. Sign-up sheets will be posted outside the kitchen. **We will need two volunteers for each Sunday.** If you have questions, please see Pat Boylan (454-0451). Thank you in advance for volunteering.

“FRIEND ME?!?!”

Facebook has become a household word as social media takes a bigger and bigger place in the lives of many people. Social media is not just for the youngsters anymore. People of all ages are using blogs, Twitter, Facebook, Linked-In, and more to connect to friends, family, colleagues and current events.

Are you on Facebook?

If you are on Facebook – you can “Friend” St. Matthew’s and get updates on our events. There are also many of our parishioners on Facebook that you can “friend”!

Will Mother Carrie “Friend” Me?

Of course I love all of you and like you all too. However, I don’t “friend” parishioners. It’s hard to say that without sounding “snotty” – but the fact is... I need a more personal relationship with our parishioners. If, for instance, something significant happens in your life and you post it on Facebook, you may assume I know (when really I may not). Personal contact works much better for our relationships. So, when I “ignore” your friend requests, please know I’m not being stuck-up or distant, but rather the opposite. While Facebook is great for me to connect with old college friends and far-away colleagues, with parishioners, I just am a little more old-school, because I think that’s important.



A LENTEN EXPERIENCE

AN INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER AND PRACTICE

FRIDAY MARCH 18 AT 5 PM THROUGH
SATURDAY 19 TO CLOSE AT 3PM

PRESENTED BY: THE VERY REV WILLIAM REDFIELD

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US)

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Presenter: **Rev. Dr. David Cleaver-Bartholomew**
Ph.D. in Old Testament from Claremont Graduate University

The Book of Psalms is one of the most cherished scriptural resources in our Judeo-Christian tradition. Join us for this four session course that will familiarize us with how this book developed, its use, contents, & theological perspectives.

David's goal will be to help participants to view the Book of Psalms as a valuable spiritual resource for individuals and the Church today. Be sure to bring your bible to class!

Saturdays, March 12, 19, 26, & April 2
10 a.m. to noon

at the SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTER, 1118 Court St. Suite B, Syracuse, NY 13208
315-472-6546 mail@spiritualrenewalcenter.com

Fee: \$45.00, or whatever you can afford. Contact the Center to register.



INRI: The Gospel According to St. John provides the most complete account of a sign posted on the cross when Jesus was crucified. It was, according to John, written by Pontius Pilate and contained the words “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews” in three languages—Latin, Hebrew and Greek. This account (John 19:19-20) is contained in the Passion Gospel traditionally read on Good Friday.

The Synoptic Gospels’ accounts of the Crucifixion, those read on Palm Sunday in successive years, provide different details about this sign. Matthew 27:37 says that it was placed over Jesus’ head and read “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” Matthew calls the sign the “charge” against Jesus and does not say who wrote it. Mark 15:26 says that there was an inscription (without saying where it was placed nor by whom it was written) which stated the “charge against him” and read “The King of the Jews.” Luke 23:38 indicates that an inscription was placed “over him” reading “This is the King of the Jews.”

Because two the Gospel accounts (Matthew and Luke) say that the writing was placed over Jesus’ head, it is often referred to as “the superscription,” which simply means “the writing above.”

Only John identified the languages in which the superscription was written. A few manuscripts of John’s Gospel change the word “Hebrew” to “Aramaic.” Passerby would have been able to read one of these languages, if they were able to read at all, and John may mention this detail in order to underscore the universality of Jesus’ mission.

Early Christian depictions of the Crucifixion show the entire text of the superscription. Later depictions use the full text but in only one language—that most likely understood by the artist’s audience. The Latin version read “Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum.” From the 13th century, Italian painters abbreviated the inscription to its initials in Latin: INRI.

Numerous examples of this abbreviated superscription appear in Renaissance painting, such as Francesco del Cossa’s “The Crucifixion,” Guidoccio Cozzarelli’s “The Crucifixion,” and Francesco Pesellino’s “The Crucifixion with Saint Jerome and Saint Francis.”

The initials INRI frequently appear in sacred art, vestments, paraments, banners and the like, often in connection with Holy Week.

God often reverses things: the weak are made strong, the small become great and, in the case of INRI, a mockery becomes a symbol of the real kingship of Jesus Christ.

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SHOPPING CART SUNDAY

March 20th



THANK YOU!



April Grapevine Deadline

March 20th

MARCH 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 11:00-1:00pm Weight Watchers 6:00-7:30pm Yoga 8:00-9:15pm Yoga	2 12:00 Noon-HE+ 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm "Real Life" Bible Study	3 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers	4 Parish Office Closed New Beginnings (March 4, 5, 6)	5 8:00-1:00pm Blood Drive 9:00-2:00pm Girl Scout Cookie Pick-up
6 8:00am+HE 9:15am – Sunday School 9:30am-Adult Forum 10:10am-Nursery 10:15am+HE 11:00-1:00pm The House at 807 Meal 12:00 Noon-Youth Formation Meeting 12:00-1:00pm Youth Confirmation Class 5:00pm+HE	7 Rector's Day Off 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers	8 <u>Shrove Tuesday</u> 11:00-1:00pm Weight Watchers 5:00-7:30pm Pancake Dinner & Farewell to Alleluia Service Following	9  <u>Ash Wednesday</u> 7:00am+HE & Imposition of Ashes 12:00 Noon-HE+ & Imposition of Ashes 7:00pm-HE+ & Imposition of Ashes	10 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Ephphatha Conference Room	11 Parish Office Closed 5:00-7:00pm Fish Dinner 7:15pm Stations of the Cross	12
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+HE: Holy Eucharist
°HB: Holy Baptism
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