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NEWSLETTER

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH & ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL
Mission statement: The mission of our parish is to help make the love of God more widely known in our community and in the world.

The Rector's Report

Sharing In Christ's Resurrection

It is my hope that all of us take time out of our hectic schedules over these next weeks to continue an observance of a holy Lent, to raise our branches and our Hosannas together on Palm Sunday, and to reflect on the events of Holy Week and Easter through participation in our thoughtful liturgies. This is truly a glorious season of the Church year, one that can be transformative and empowering.

At The Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday, the service of light and the reading of salvation history culminates in Baptism when we are blessed to have candidates, as we do this year. As we gather around our old font, I will pray a thanksgiving over the water:

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

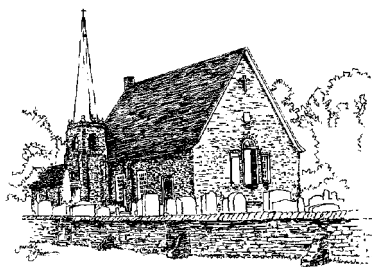
These powerful words from The Book of Common Prayer are a summary of Saint Paul's teaching about Baptism found in his Letter to the Romans 6:1-11. There he

writes that we are united with Christ in his death and resurrection through Baptism, "so we too might walk in newness of life."

Sharing in the resurrection of Christ, walking in newness of life.



All Saints' Church, Rehoboth Beach



St. George's Chapel, Harbeson

Our Easter observance is not merely a remembrance of a miraculous historic event and an empty tomb two-thousand years ago. Rather it is a recognition and celebration of the Risen Christ in our midst and in our lives right now.

Newness of life can be a frightening proposition. It takes courage to open ourselves up to be trans-

formed by God. Even if aspects of our lives do not serve us or God well, there can be a comfort in their familiarity that makes us unwilling to change. We can come to identify ourselves with our attitudes and even our fears, and we can become stuck in them.

But if we dare, we will lay our burdens down at the foot of the cross on Good Friday. If we are bold, we will embrace the possibilities of God setting us free to better know and manifest God's grace and presence in our lives, and on Easter to more fully share in Christ's resurrection.

Sharing in Christ's resurrection is not only a promise that when we die to this life we will live with God. Just as importantly, through the power of the Holy Spirit we are more fully alive in this life. Through Christ we have the abundance of life that we as Christians only find in him, an abundance of life that is everlasting.

The peace and joy of Christ,

Father Max Wolf



CHRIS'S CORNER

By Father Chris

Stop, Look and Listen Good advice for Lent

You remember what your mother used to tell you when you were a kid: "Before you cross the street, be sure to stop, look and listen." In fact your second grade classroom probably even had a poster on the wall with a picture of a friendly policeman helping a child across the street and, below the picture, the words, "Stop, look and listen."

Actually, "stop, look and listen" is good advice for Lent, and a helpful way to remember how we are to prepare ourselves spiritually for the coming of Easter.

Stop. Take a moment away from your busy schedule. "Freeze," as we used to say in the game when we were kids. Allow yourself not to be doing, not to be "productive" for just a few moments, or even an hour and a half a day.

Look. Once you have quieted yourself, actually see where you are, look around. Notice things you do not ordinarily notice. Be aware of yourself and your surroundings in a more intense way. Be *conscious*. In your own way, begin an examination of yourself, your environment and your way of being in the world.

Listen. Once you have quieted yourself and you are still, begin to

listen. Listen for the voice of God. Listen for that "still, small voice" inside yourself. It may come in the form of hunches, of sudden and unexpected insights, or simply as a gradual unfolding of new directions and new understandings. But it will probably only occur when you have prepared yourself by quieting and stillness.

"Stop, look and listen." Good advice for Lent. Good advice for life. In the words of that wonderful prayer from *The Book of Common Prayer*:

"O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength. By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen. (BCP, p. 832.)

World Day Of Prayer Set For March 7

The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women and men of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday in March each year.

This year, we will gather at 1 p.m., **Friday, March 7** at Epworth United Methodist Church, 20 Baltimore Ave., Rehoboth. Our prayers follow the sun's path around the globe. Throughout the day, we collectively pray all over the world, beginning with the first sunrise and ending with the last sunset.

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Parish Register



Marriages

Sandy Spence
& Richard Faulk

Baptisms

Harley Toulson
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Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, Mar. 20

Washing feet and Holy Eucharist
6 p.m., All Saints' Church
An observance of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 21

Prayers, Hymns and Meditations on
The Passion
Noon to 3 p.m.,
All Saints' Church
Noon to 1 p.m.,
St. George's Chapel

Holy Saturday, March 22

Easter Vigil Service of Light and
Holy Communion
8 to 10 a.m.,
All Saints' Church

Easter Day Sunday, March 23

Holy Communion Services
7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
All Saints' Church
8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

An easter hunt for the children in
the Rector's Wife's Garden will
follow the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
services at All Saints' Church

At St. George's Chapel, an egg
hunt for the children will be held
in the Churchyard following the
9:30 a.m. service.

News Briefs

St. George's men's group continues to meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

To become a member of the Altar Guild, men or women should contact Helen Abbott or Priscilla Smith or call the office at 227-7202.

Important Dates

March

- 1 -- Taizé Service of meditative singing and Holy Communion, 6 p.m., All Saints' Church
- 2 -- Bishop's Visitation to All Saints' Church, 10 a.m. service
- 6 -- *Lenten Series Luncheon with speaker, following 11:30 Healing & Holy Communion Service, All Saints'*
- 6 -- *Holy Communion & Fellowship, 2 p.m., Brandywine Assisted Living*
- 9 -- *Daylight Saving Time begins*
- 10 -- *St. George's ECW, 10 a.m., St. George's parish hall*
- 10 -- *St. Francis ECW, 12 noon, All Saints' parish hall*
- 10 -- *St. Boniface ECW, 7 p.m., All Saints' parish hall*
- 11 -- *Finance Committee, 3 p.m., All Saints' Church*
- 13 -- *Lenten Series Luncheon with speaker, following 11:30 Healing & Holy Communion Service, St. George's*
- 16 -- *Palm Sunday*
- 20 -- *Maundy Thursday (see column at left for Holy Week Service schedule)*
- 21 -- *Good Friday*
- 21 -- *Parish office closed*
- 22 -- *Holy Saturday*
- 23 -- *Easter Day*
- 29 -- *Vestry retreat day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., All Saints'*

April

- 3 -- *Holy Communion & Fellowship, 2 p.m., Brandywine Assisted Living*
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Maundy Thursday Dinner Features Special Lamb Stew

*Lamb stew will be the main course at this year's dinner that follows the 6 p.m. Maundy Thursday service on **March 20** at All Saints' parish hall. This lamb stew is from a recipe that Fr. Max and Olly tasted while on sabbatical last year.*

It's a hearty, Mediterranean style stew served with rustic bread and salad. Also, vegetarian lasagna will be served. Volunteers are needed to make the stew at home with meat



that will be supplied. Call the office at 227-7202 for more info, make a reservation or to volunteer.

*Reservations are required, giving the number in your party. A suggested donation for the dinner is \$10. Please **make reservations by March 17.***

Volunteers will be needed to prepare the meal, set up, serve and to clean up.

Meditations

Read: Mark 9:14-29

Mark 9:24 *Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"*
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Lent is that season in the Church Year that we look to ourselves to see what we can offer to our Lord. Sadly, there is only ourselves that we can offer up to the Father in Heaven who loves us as His very children. It is a time when we must put our faith in action and place our trust in Him.

When I was yet in middle school I was called one Saturday morning by my mother to leave the house immediately. She exclaimed, "Leave by the front door the house is on fire." I lost little time descending the staircase with a pair of pants and PJ top and a pair of socks. We waited in a car for the firemen to arrive. It seemed like hours but was actually a few short minutes. The first floor of our house was burnt out and landed in the basement in a heap of ashes. Later I learned my mother had lost much of her meager life-savings because she had hidden deposits of money under rugs, in bookcases, and elsewhere. She had raised a family through hard years of the depression and had come to believe that banks were no safe depositories for her cash.

We should be on guard because our faith goes through similar types of trials. When we are in good times then we seem to relax our faith muscle as we easily nestle into the feeling of comfort. When we encounter a change and things get a little tight we might exercise our faith muscle a bit. When we fail to see a clear solution ahead we begin to have doubt and sometimes are led to abandon

our faith. To strengthen our faith muscle requires us to be vigilant and to always make prayer our highest priority. The disciples had to learn this very lesson before having to go out and preach the Gospel.

Pray: Heavenly Father, giver of all good gifts, help me in my hours of unbelief that I may grow stronger in my faith. Help me that I may go forth in your ways and show your glory in the world. I ask this in the name of Jesus, my Lord. Amen

-- John Birdsell

True Tales, Faithful Fiction Group Selects New Books

In February the book discussion group had a follow-up session to the January conference call with the authors of The Faith Club. Participants in the February meeting shared their "aha" moments as they reflected on what they learned from reading the book and listening to the authors.

The March selection is *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards. We will meet in the St. George's Parish Hall. New participants are always welcome.

Books being considered as future selections are Father Chris Moore's *Solitude: A Neglected Path to God*, Greg Mortenson & David Relin's *Three Cups of Tea* and Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Shori's *A Wing and a Prayer: A Message of Faith & Hope*.

All books are available at Browseabouts or on-line. If you have suggestions of books to be considered for discussion please contact Father Chris or Trixie Miller (228-9549).

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, **March 5, 5:30 p.m.** at St. George's parish hall.

Touring Choir Performs In Rehoboth March 3

The Concordia University (NY) Touring Choir will perform at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Rehoboth on Monday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10.

Hearing on Health Meeting Scheduled in Dover Mar. 4

If you feel you have health problems related to exposure to particulate matter (PM2.4), a hearing on health as it relates to Particulate Matter is scheduled for **March 4 in Dover at 6 p.m.**, Priscilla Building on the northwest corner of Lockerman and State Streets (156 S. State Street) in the conference room on the second floor.

Particulate matter is described as



the tiny particles that transport carcinogens into your lungs and cause breathing, heart, neurological problems and cancers.

DNREC feels it is urgent that you come to the hearing to request that DNREC install a monitor at IRRP.

DNREC believes that current monitoring is adequate though there are no monitors downwind of IRRP. DNREC says it needs to hear from citizens.

Pre-School Registration

Rehoboth Cooperative Pre-School is having registration for 2 to 4 year olds for the school year 2008-2009. Please contact Jill Mitchell at 227-2242.