



My dear people,

The Great Fast of Lent is nearly upon us. In a few days, Christians around the globe will kneel before God's Altar and receive the imposition of ashes on their foreheads reminding them of their own mortality and total reliance upon God for life and health. Each of us will make that journey, and as in years past we will pray...

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord...

This prayer is a good reminder for us. It tells us that even in our sinfulness God's love for us is unchanged. His love goes beyond our understanding in its faithfulness and beyond our capabilities to imitate it in our own lives. And although try as we might to be good enough or caring enough or faithful enough, we often falter and in the end all we are left with are ashes on our foreheads.

I do not wish to sound hopeless or fatalist in these remarks. I do not believe that humanity is without hope, nor do I believe that we are given the ok to wallow in our own sinfulness. Rather, I would draw your attention to one of the great lessons of our Lenten pilgrimage...HUMILITY. For better or worse, all of us share the human tendency to act first out of our own self-interest and self-protection—from the most saintly of us to the most sinful. Knowing this, and coming to terms with the fact can allow us to open our lives to the much needed nurturing of God's mercy and grace. It can also make us less likely to judge our neighbor as harshly because they don't live up to our expectations.

All humanity shares a common need to live in God's grace. Lent shows us that our journey into His mercy and grace takes us down the path that leads to the Cross and Jesus' giving of Himself for us. And in this greatest act of love, humanity is given what it needs most...Grace...given unconditionally to all who seek it.

Thanks be to God for his gift of love and thanks be to Him for giving us more than we desire or deserve.

Fr. Jeff Queen

For Your Information (Prep for Worship & Christian Ed)

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany - January 31

First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Gospel: Luke 4:21-30
Psalm 71:1-6

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 7

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11
Psalm 138

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany - February 14

First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]
Psalm 99

Ash Wednesday - February 17

First Lesson: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Psalm 103:8-14

The First Sunday in Lent - February 21

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Prayers Are Requested for:

Brian and Becky, Karlene Putnam, Larry Craycraft, Judy Ford,
Jacque Hunt, Tom Smith, Jerri Rupert, Martha Dodson,
Brenda Hayes

For Relatives and Friends of Calvary Members:

Robby Mahan, Jim Last, Cindy, John, Robert Andre, Linda, Kim,
Brayden, Danielle, Shayna, Jon, Erin, Eric, Karyn,
Mable Pinson, Joe Moore, Pam Fox, Don Conley, Betty Weaver,
Cathy Sizemore, Regan, William, William "Chipper" Webster,
Ruth Russell, Larry Meek, Beth, Ruth Fuhro, Bruce Simmons,
Aunt Minnie, Gary Fannin, Doug Wilhite, Paula Thomerson,
Cheryl Coffee, Phyllis Wyatt, Ted Donnelly, Linda Boggs,
Mable Pinson, Joe Moore, Pam Fox, Don Conley, Audrey Blair,
Brian, Tom Ed Moore, Raymond Rice, Jeannie Broughton,
Jami and children, Jerry, Margaret Clere

Shut-in/Convalescing

Marie Kephart, Lucille Kazee, Phyllis McKenzie,
William and Betty Brown, Duane Chapman, Martha Compton

Noon Service

Noon service has resumed on Thursdays at 12:10 p.m.

Choir Practice

Choir practice has resumed on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Choir Scholars

We are now accepting applications for Spring semester choir scholars. The program is open to ACTC students, and we will assist them with tuition expenses. An interview and audition is required. For an application and information sheet, contact Carol Greene (carol.greene@kctcs.edu, ACTC 326-2142) or Melissa in the office at 325-2328.

We are trying to arrange interviews and auditions for students who want to participate. One time that we have left is this Sunday (1/31) starting at 10:00 a.m. Other times are also available if this doesn't work for you.

Donations for Ashland Child Development Center

Ashland Child Development Center is in dire need of a working side-by-side refrigerator and freezer. Their used one is about to bite the dust. One hundred meals and snacks are prepared on site daily. We will be happy to give a tax credit and can pick up the refrigerator.

Also needed are VCR machines. You can't buy them any more - the center has hundreds of educational tapes. Please call Helen, Diane or ACDC (329-1744) if you can help.

Keeneland Trip

Richard Reames has been able to secure 24 seats for lunch at Keeneland in the 'front' room (Keeneland room) for Opening Day, Friday April 2 (Good Friday) at a price of \$47 each. He needs to let Keeneland know one way or the other by February 1.

For the record, he could use 6 tickets to start with.

Please call Melissa at the church at 325-2328 if you have any questions.

New E-mail Addresses for Fr. Chip Valentine

mvs101947@gmail.com (personal e-mail)
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Ladies' Night Out and Book Club

We will meet on Thursday, February 25, at 5:30 p.m. at C.J. Maggies for Ladies' Night Out. Afterwards we will go to the church to meet for the Book Club at 7 p.m. We are now reading Normal Is Just a Setting on the Dryer by Patsy Clairmont. It brings tears to the eyes and hope to the heart of anyone who doesn't measure up.

**Betty Lou Moore
is the new Prayer Chain Head Chairman.**

Please call her at 324-2057 if you wish to have anyone placed on the prayer chain in his or her time of need.

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
January 25, 2010

The annual parish meeting of Calvary Episcopal Church was held after the service on Sunday, January 24, 2010.

I want to pass along several of the items that were discussed during the meeting.

First, Bishop Sauls has frozen the vestry until we have a new rector. But two of our vestry members have resigned their positions. David Stewart was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Bernard O’Nan and Martha Lindsey Cooke was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Donna Yacoe.

Chris Cox is the new Jr. Warden, and I will be the new Sr. Warden.

Because Tina Mussetter will be representing the clergy at the annual diocesan convention, we had to fill her spot as a deputy with Craig Clere. Donna Yacoe will also be unable to attend the convention and Don Maxwell fill in for her as the deputy. Don was an alternate to this year’s convention.

The four deputies to next year’s convention will be Carol Greene, Craig Clere, Chris Cox and Martha Lindsey Cooke. The two alternates will be Sudie Davis and Judy Ford.

The 2009 profit and loss statement was presented as well as the 2010 budget. The glaring figure is the number of pledges that we have lost from last year to this year. Down from 62 to 48 and the loss of some \$40,000. We have, therefore, reduced the budget in some areas and cut out others altogether. Most notably the loss of a full time rector which will save us over \$50,000 but will have to be plugged back in when we do have a full time rector. Budget cuts include office supplies, adult education, youth programs, altar flowers, coffee and receptions and choir and music. There are no salary increases for the staff this year.

Our 48 pledges this year total \$150,470 an average pledge this year of \$3135. With the adoption of this budget we have taken over \$70,000 in income from the Endowment and Mayo funds to balance the budget and avoid any shortfalls.

I hope that you will join with me during this economic recession to become creative with the available resources we have here at Calvary and be even more effective in our ministry.

Sincerely,
Dicky Martin
Sr. Warden

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be Tuesday,
February 16. All you can eat. Sponsored by the Men’s Group.
\$5.00 each. \$15.00 per family.

**This Year’s Lenten
Devotional**

"The Preaching of the Passion," a book by the Rev'd. Peter Gomes, minister of the Chapel at Harvard University, will be used as the Lenten Devotional this year. Through a passionate series of essays, Gomes offers a moving look at Jesus' final words from the Cross--examining not the physical horror of Christ's last hours, but instead His dialogue with His Father. Join us on Thursdays during Lent, beginning February 18th with a simple meal at 11:30am, follow by Eucharist and study. Books are available through the office at Calvary Church. For those unable to attend during the day, this study will also be offered in the evenings at Christ Church in Ironton at 6pm., beginning Wednesday, February 24th.

**Ash Wednesday Services
February 17**

**All Saints
Portsmouth**
7 a.m.

**12:10 p.m.
5:30 p.m.**

**Calvary
Ashland**
7:30 p.m.

Christ Church
6 p.m.

Calvary Calendar

Sun	1/31	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:15 am	Holy Eucharist Fellowship Adult Sunday School
Mon	2/01	11:30 am Noon	Community Kitchen AA
Tues	2/02	11:30 am Noon 4:45 pm	Community Kitchen AA Community Kitchen
Wed	2/03	6:30 pm 11:30 am Noon	AA Community Kitchen AA
Thurs	2/04	7:00 pm 11:30 am 12:10 pm	Choir Practice Community Kitchen Noon Service
Fri	2/05	6:30 pm 11:30 am Noon	AA Community Kitchen AA

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Birthdays in Our Parish Family in Feb. and March

01 Jack Zeller, 04 Langley Mae Sebastian, 16 Shane Black,
17 Sam Hall, 20 Loretta Fosson, 25 Jamie Martin and Amy Stewart,
26 Lori Slagel

03 Sean Farrington, 04 Francie Martin, 05 Mary Riley,
06 Clay Russell, Tina Mussetter, David Zwick, 11 Jerry Ford,
12 Chris Pullem, 17 Ken Fosson, 18 Steven Samuel Harris,
22 Phillip Yacoe, 23 Meg Alexander, 26 Carlyle Grayson Clark,
29 Patricia Jones

The deadline for the next Crucifer is February 19. Please have all articles for submission in to the office by the above date.



The Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls, Bishop

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