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Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church

The Sunday News

June 14, 2015

COLLECT FOR THE DAY – THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 6, YEAR B

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

LESSONS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 6, YEAR B

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as

they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Psalm 92:1–4, 11–14

1. It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,
*
and to sing praises to your Name, O
Most High;
2. To tell of your loving-kindness early in the
morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night
season;
3. On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.
4. For you have made me glad by your acts, O
Lord; *
and I shout for joy because of the
works
of your hands.
11. The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
*
and shall spread abroad like a cedar
of Lebanon.
12. Those who are planted in the house of the
Lord *
shall flourish in the courts of our
God;
13. They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;
14. That they may show how upright the Lord
is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

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Summer Office Hours

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Celebrant: Living God, be strongly present with _____ as she delivers communion to _____.
People: **May hearts be kindled, bodies restored, and hope enlivened. Our prayers go with you.**

THIS WEEK AT SAINT PATRICK'S

Tuesday, June 16	6:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer	Sanctuary
Wednesday, June 17	9:30 a.m.	Midweek Eucharist	Sanctuary

Welcome to our Visitors and Newcomers

We are happy to have you with us. This service is part of our ongoing life of worship, learning and service. We are here to deepen our relationship with God and with one another, and to explore how to live our lives more fully and compassionately. Please know that you are invited to participate in all aspects of our worship, most importantly by sharing with us in our common meal at God's Table.

We invite you to continue the journey with us; ask questions, attend our educational offerings, participate in the activities of this community. We invite you to return again next week for Eucharist at 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. Please be aware that we offer a nursery for children ages three and under. The nursery is located just down the hallway in the education wing.

Those persons serving our community this morning:

8:30 - Acolyte/Lector/LEM: Jon Missert

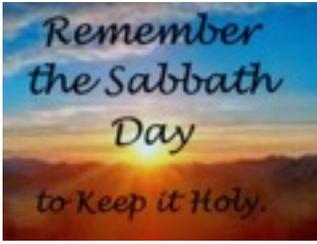
10:30 a.m. - Chalice Bearers: John Pendergast, Greg Smith; Lectors: Linda Simowitz, Jim Hadden; Psalm and POP: Rita Azali; Acolyte Leader: Jon Ramsey; Altar Guild: Bob and Karalee Millikin; Lay Minister of Healing: Linda Bondurant; Ushers: Dave and Dale Addington, Don and Carolyn Rogers; Greeters: Jackie Currie, Judy Simmons; Counters: Jim Sabine, Julie Lynch; Coffee Hour Team: Kathy and David Yager.

ALTAR FLOWERS GIVEN BY SAINT PATRICK'S ECW

The flowers on the pedestal in front of the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church Women (ECW). They are given in loving memory of Jeff Chalker.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXPERIENCING SABBATH - SIGNUPS ONGOING



Sabbath reminds us to slow down and pay attention. Think of this week’s spiritual practice as finding God in nature. Use this week’s quote to think about the way Sabbath practices leave us markers to find our way back to God. Consider listening to the meditative music during your walk. Place a copy of the Sabbath prayer in your pocket and read it when you stop to observe nature. List places where you would like to walk on your calendar. You can still sign up for a weekly email and access all of the Sabbath materials as links in our Weekly Reminders electronic newsletter that goes out every Thursday.

EFM ENROLLMENT BEGINS

Lay people face the difficult and often subtle task of interpreting the richness of the church’s faith in a complex and confusing world. They need a theological education that supports their faith and also teaches them to express that faith in day-to-day events. As the emphasis on lay ministry has grown, the Education for Ministry program has come to play an important role by providing a platform that develops an informed and knowledgeable laity. Enrollment has begun for the 2015-16 EFM academic year beginning this fall. EFM is a four-year program, meeting on Mondays over 36 weeks. If you have questions, please contact Rick Krumel or any parishioner wearing an EFM nametag.



HONOR CEREMONY FOR EAGLE SCOUT



Our congregation is invited to a Court of Honor ceremony for Caleb Sprinkle to receive his Eagle Scout award at St. Patrick’s on Sunday, June 28th at 4:30 pm. There will be a reception after the ceremony with a barbeque dinner. Please RSVP to Randall Sprinkle at randallsprinkle@windstream.net by June 24th if you can attend.

SOLAS LEIGHIS CONCERT REMINDER – JUNE 21

Stephen Bennett will perform at St. Patrick’s next Sunday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m. Stephen is an extraordinary musician, an acknowledged master of the harp guitar, a gifted composer and a performer of astounding sensitivity. For more details, visit our website at www.saint-patricks.org.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Inspiring and cultivating sacred connections with God and one another as we embrace diversity of spiritual thought, practice and being.

Inspire-Connect-Embrace-Share

PULSE OF VISION AND MISSION

At St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We strive to welcome and include all persons without regard to sexual orientation, race, nationality, gender, ethnic background, economic circumstances, culture or age. Our love and acceptance of each other embodies our