



~SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUE~

EPISCOPAL DAY WITH THE PHILLIES

Save the Date!

June 27, 3:05 p.m. at Citizens Bank Park

In response to popular demand our Phillies game will be on a Saturday afternoon this year. Join us with members of your family for a fun day of fellowship and support for our baseball team.

To order tickets go to: <http://www.phillies.com/episcopal>. For groups of 25 or more, or if you want to sit in the same section, please contact Catherine Brown in the Group Sales Office at 215-463-5000 ext. 5101. All groups of 25 or more will be welcomed on the Phillies side auxiliary message boards at the top of the 5th inning. 40,000 will see your parish's name in lights!



MAKING SPACE FOR JOY AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ASAPH, BALA CYNWYD

Are you looking for more space to feel, to be, to live into God's loving grace, ... to make space to see the divine in your everyday experience? We explore what it takes to choose joy. We look at scripture, scholarship, and our own experiences as we journey through what it means to be joyful and live in the light of the resurrection. In our busy lives, we have little opportunity to unreservedly express joy, and to think about what joy is, where it comes from, and how joy differs from happiness. We consider such questions as how we make space for joy in our lives, and what we need to let go of in order to make that space. Our retreat is organized around lively group activities, facilitated discussions, introspection, guided meditations, prayer, quiet time, walking the labyrinth, table fellowship with pot-luck, and Eucharist.

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PARISH HISTORY WEBSITE WORKSHOP Saturday, May 2 at Cathedral Village

Join us on Saturday, May 2, 10:00 am to noon at Cathedral Village to learn how you can create an informative and engaging parish history page for your parish's website. Light refreshments starting at 9:30 am

Register Online: <https://diopa.wufoo.com/forms/parish-history-website-workshop/>

Does your parish have a web site? If so, what does it say about your parish's history? Chances are your parish has a web site, and it says something about your history. But because the information is usually hard to find, many parishes don't take full advantage of the opportunity that a web site represents to generate community interest and even build membership through the telling of parish history. The workshop will address this problem and offer some practical advice on how you can make your history work for you on the web.

Speakers

Henry Carnes, Director of Education & Communications, Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

William W. Cutler, III, Historiographer, Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania and Professor of History, emeritus, Temple University

Lonnie Hovey, Associate & Senior Preservation Architect, Whitman Requardt & Associates

Michael Krasulski, Web designer and parish historian, Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. Check out his blog at <http://philadelphiastudies.wordpress.com/>



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2014 PAROCHIAL REPORT

May 1 is the canonical deadline for the 2014 Parochial Report. In this General Convention year, it is helpful to have the majority of congregations filed with us as close to this canonical deadline as possible. At your convenience, please log into <http://pr.dfms.org/> with your Diocesan UEID and PIN to review the filing progress of the parishes and missions in your diocese. (Click on "Filing Status" from the top menu once logged into the site.) If you've received any paper reports that have not yet been entered into the system, please try to do so before this date.

After May 1, we will begin reaching out to individual congregations who have not yet submitted, or have only submitted partially completed reports. Corrections and additions to data will still be allowed through August 14th, as in previous years. If you have any questions regarding the filing process, the Parochial Report website, or if you need your Diocesan log-in, please do not hesitate to contact Christine Kandic, Congregational Research Assistant | Mission | The Episcopal Church | 212-716-6187.

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Speaking of the objectives for the retreats, Mary Chris offers, "That's what I see us doing for ourselves and helping others to do: to intentionally make space for what's important. Not only space in our schedule, but internal space, as well. In our retreats, we seek to help others clear out the distractions and move beyond the surface to find the space where the divine presence dwells, not only within the confines of the retreat experience but in our everyday lives.

"I want people to feel like they can come and try new things, to ask difficult questions, to leave room for doubt. I believe that through this, faith is deepened, strengthened, and experienced in new ways. We don't seek to provide answers, but to help people explore their questions, find new questions to ask and perhaps just learn to live with their questions. I would also like to help others to become comfortable with silence, to learn to listen to the silence."

The retreat leaders are now planning a line-up of retreats for next season and have many compelling topics in mind. They welcome your suggestions and participation.

Adult and teen seekers of all ages are cordially invited to a Springtime spiritual retreat workshop, "Making Space for...Joy" on Saturday, May 9, 2015, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall at The Church of St. Asaph, led by Mary Chris Lindsay, MS, PCC, and Rev. JoAnna M. N. Patterson, M. Div. The retreat is free of charge. Interested participants are requested to pre-register and to bring a side dish or food contribution to share at the community lunch concluding the workshop. Participants may come by themselves or with a friend.