



# Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church

## The Sunday News

February 15, 2015

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### COLLECT FOR THE DAY – THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – YEAR B

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith and the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### LESSONS FOR THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – YEAR B

#### *2 Kings 2:1-12*

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

#### *2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2*

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

#### *Mark 9:2-9*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Psalm 50:1-6**

1. The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising  
of the sun to its setting.
2. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.
3. Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.
4. He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.
5. "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."
6. Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.

**The Vestry**

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**Staff**

- The Rev. Mark S. Forbes, *Rector*
- The Rev. Dr. Sally Brower, *Assisting Rector*
- Beryl Frey, *Parish Administrator*
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**Office Hours**

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday through Thursday

**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**

Sunday, February 15	9:30 a.m.	Lectionary Bible Study	Youth Room
	Noon	Youth Meeting	Youth Room
Monday, February 16	6:30 p.m.	EFM	Choir Room
Tuesday, February 17	6:00 p.m.	Pancake Supper	Sanctuary
Wednesday, February 18	9:30 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer	Sanctuary
	11:40 a.m.	Preschool Chapel	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	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: Steve Messick

**10:30 a.m.** - Chalice Bearers: Bob Millikin, Greg Smith; Lectors: Peter Dolby, Youth Slot; Psalm and POP: Raleigh Baker; Acolyte Leader: Jon Ramsey; Altar Guild: Betty Chalker, Martha Jones, Rick Krumel; Lay Minister of Healing: Linda Bondurant; Ushers: Charlie and Jean Wollbrinck, Ron and Sigrid Gimla ; Greeters: Carol Miller, Sandy Palmer; Counters: Jim Hadden, Julie Lynch; Coffee Hour Team: Judy and Jim Sabine.

## ALTAR FLOWERS GIVEN BY LAURIE AND JULIE SMITH

The flowers on the pedestal in front of the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Laurie and Julie Smith. They are given in celebration of the birthdays of their sons, Brian and Kevin.

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OUR 2015 FINANCIAL BOULDER – UPDATE

### Financial Update



Last week you heard that our budget deficit for this year, after Ministry cutbacks was over \$61,000. Thanks to additional pledges of \$19,380 since then, that gap is reduced but still substantial at \$41,950. If you have not yet pledged or increased your original pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so. If all our households, including those who have not yet pledged, could pledge an average \$20 more per month, that contribution could more than make up the deficiency. We are all in this together, everybody's contribution counts and we need everyone's help!

## ADULT LENTEN STUDY: EMBRACING AN ALTERNATIVE ORTHODOXY

Especially with a new pope who takes his name after Saint Francis of Assisi, there is a renewed interest in Franciscan spirituality. Based on video teachings by acclaimed author Fr. Richard Rohr, and with discussion facilitated by our Rector, we will explore what makes Franciscan spirituality so unique and special. Participants should be prepared to have some traditional religious ideas stretched, and may find such stretching unsettling. With this said, however, Lent is the perfect time for stretching our religious imaginations and thereby receiving the resultant growth that accompanies such endeavors. The offering will begin on Sunday, March 1st and continue meeting weekly for a total of four classes, the last class being held Sunday, March 22nd. Participants need not attend all classes; however, the more one attends, the fuller the learning experience. Each gathering will begin following the 10:30am service (approx. 11:45am), and will last one hour. No registration is required.



## RECTOR'S SABBATICAL POSTPONED

**POSTPONED**

Due to budgetary constraints and the potentiality for significant personnel reductions, Mark Forbes has decided to postpone his sabbatical, which was previously scheduled to begin the Monday after Easter. In time if the budgetary situation improves, Mark will consult with the vestry to reestablish a new timeframe for sabbatical. Just as was the case this past year, the congregation will be informed well in advance.

## SALLY BROWER AWAY

Please be reminded that Sally Brower serves Saint Patrick's as a quarter time priest and thus is granted significant flexibility for time off. With this in mind, please be aware that Sally will be away the next several weeks taking personal time for the rejuvenation of body, mind and spirit. This time away was previously scheduled in anticipation of Mark's sabbatical.



## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER - THIS TUESDAY!!



Saint Patrick's Youth will host the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper this Tuesday, February 17th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and fruit cups will be served. A donation of your choice will be accepted. All proceeds benefit the Youth Scholarship Fund.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

The Imposition of Ashes and the Celebration of Holy Eucharist will take place at Saint Patrick's this Wednesday, February 18th with services at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please join us.



## 2015 SOLAS LEIGHIS CONCERT SERIES ANNOUNCED



We are pleased to announce the 2015 Solas Leighis concert series. In addition to some familiar artists, we'll be welcoming some exciting new events such as the 13th annual Harp Guitar Gathering in October. So invite your friends and make plans to attend. For the schedule and more details on the artists, visit our web site.

## ALTAR GREENERY NEEDED DURING LENT

Altar Greenery is needed for four Sundays in Lent (March 1, 8, 15 and 22). If you would like to donate an arrangement in memory or honor of a loved one, or to celebrate a special date, please sign up via our website at [www.saint-patricks.org](http://www.saint-patricks.org).



## YOUTH TO HOLD YARD SALE IN MARCH

The Youth will be holding a yard sale in March to help defray the cost of their 2015 Pilgrimage, so please save items that you no longer need. They ask that you please save things you no longer need and consider donating to the Yard Sale. Contact Mark Fowler to arrange for donations.

### 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

Could "releasing the Angel in the Boulder" be the opportunity to further express the gratitude we feel to Saint Patrick's Church and those who minister within it? Knowing that, in the words of Saint Francis of Assisi, "It is in giving that we receive."

### THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY: WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

#### ***Why is Episcopal liturgy (worship) so participatory?***

The word 'liturgy' means the 'work of the people.' This entails all of us. Beyond the numerous official roles as acolyte, lector, chalice bearer, choir member, etc.; we each are invited to contribute our voices and movement in the reading of psalms, in the praying of prayers, in the singing of songs, in the passing of the peace, and in the sacramental movement towards the altar at communion. We are the liturgy.

#### ***Why Do We Pass Offertory Plates?***

As the final liturgical preparation for the Eucharist, the offering symbolizes our commitment to God and neighbor. Money touches at the center of how we live, who and what we love, and how we understand our relationship with God and one another. By giving in the midst of worship, we deeply affirm our covenant to love God and neighbor. Additionally, the offering is a liturgical recognition that all we have is ultimately a gift from God.

#### ***Why do we pass the peace?***

Passing the peace is an essential element of our liturgy. The ritual allows us to prayerfully extend a wish for the presence of God's peace in one another's lives. It is a symbolic reminder to release all of our grievances in life, to forgive and love everyone unconditionally. The peace is an important preparatory act to receive God's eucharistic grace.