



# Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church

## The Sunday News

January 25, 2015

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

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

*1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

*Mark 1:14-20*

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Psalm 62:6–14**

6. For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.
7. He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
8. In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
9. Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
10. Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
11. On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.
12. Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no empty pride; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
13. God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  
that power belongs to God.
14. Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

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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, January 25	9:30 a.m.	Lectionary Bible Study	Youth Room
Monday, January 26	6:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting	Library
	6:30 p.m.	EFM	Youth Room
Tuesday, January 27	6:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer	Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Wednesday, January 28	9:30 a.m.	Midweek Eucharist	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer	Sanctuary
	11:40 a.m.	Preschool Chapel	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: Brent Brower, Joan Konen; Lectors: Steve Messick, Nicole Pehan; Psalm: Linda Bashaw; Acolyte Leader: Bob Millikin; Altar Guild: Colleen Mulcahy, Jon Ramsey; Lay Minister of Healing: Jessie Banks; Ushers: Scott Coble, Roger Jenkins, Raymond Fulton; Greeters: Jackie Currie, Judy Simmons; Counters: Judy Sabine, Julie Lynch; Coffee Hour Team: Adelle Webb, John Syme; Nursery Volunteer: Judy Willingham; Children's Chapel: Ann Hales, Kari Caron.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS GIVEN BY LAURA GAGEL

The flowers on the pedestal in front of the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Laura Gagel. They are given in loving memory of her mom, Sherry Gagel.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### HARVEST FOR HOSPITALITY CAMPAIGN COMING TO A CLOSE

Please consider supporting the Diocesan Harvest for Hospitality Campaign. **The campaign ends this week.** Each family of the parish is being asked to prayerfully consider contributing \$50.00 to the campaign. Consider this amount a guideline. Contributions of more or less are most welcome and will greatly assist the diocese in ministering to the underserved population of migrant farmworkers in our state. Checks may be made payable to Saint Patrick's and placed in the Sunday morning offering plate or mailed to the church office.



Be sure to include "Harvest for Hospitality" in the memo line. For more information on the campaign, please visit the homepage of our website which has posted a couple of informative videos. Also, please find a video playing in the entrance hallway.

#### 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, February 23rd and continue meeting weekly for a total of five classes, the last class being held Sunday, March 23rd.

Participants need not attend each class; 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 required.





## 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 at [www.saint-patricks.org](http://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

This week we give thanks for the enhancements of our building and grounds that have been achieved in recent months. The beautification of our grounds and the addition of the magnificent wooden Celtic Cross, the elegant windows above the doors in the Sanctuary, as well as other gifts, stand in testimony to the generosity of our church members and supporters. Their gifts and pledges help enhance our sacred space and welcoming environment.

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

### *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 are we using Eucharistic Prayer D during the season of Epiphany?*

During a portion of the season of Epiphany, a season which particularly reminds us of the call to ecumenical and interfaith relations, St. Patrick's is praying Eucharistic Prayer D during communion. This prayer is especially suitable to the season as it was developed under ecumenical auspices. It incorporates various theological and liturgical elements practiced within the vast scope of Christendom. Anglicanism, Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, and Protestantism are all represented. Also, please be aware that when Prayer D is used, the Prayers of the People find their place within the Eucharistic Prayer, and not where we are usually accustomed.

### *Why have we included a prayer for other religions in the Prayers of the People during Epiphany?*

The traveling wise men are a testament and symbol to prayerful inter-religious exchange. In this light, you may note the inclusion of the following line in our POP: "Remember all people and all faith traditions who pursue your inexhaustible Truth." Simply put, the mystery of God and His ways are ultimately beyond all religious thought and expression. Furthermore, and as the Gospel of John reminds us, the Spirit of God blows where it will. We pray for all people responding to the Divine Spirit.

### *Why is the altar draped in green?*

The altar, lectern, and clergy stoles change color according to the church season. Akin to the story of the wise men, Epiphany is a time of intentional searching, a time to be spiritually stretched. Green is symbolic of living plants and thereby embodies this emphasis upon spiritual growth.