



March 2020

The Crossed Keys

Fr. RJ Johnson

HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY

7:30 AM Rite I
9:00 AM Bible Study
10:00 AM Rite II

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY
SERVICE

2nd Sunday
at 11:30 in the chapel

HEALING SERVICE

Tuesdays -10 AM
In the Chapel

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

8:45 AM

MORNING & EVENING
PRAYER

Monday – Friday
8:15 AM & 4:00 PM
In the Chapel

VESTRY MEETING

3rd Wednesday
5:30 PM

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

1st Wednesday 9 AM

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ST. NICK'S CRAFTERS

Weekly ~Wednesday 9AM

RED DOOR

Thursdays 10AM – 3PM

LADIES MUG & MUFFIN

2nd Saturday  
10 AM

The season of Lent is upon us. We had a great Intergenerational Faith Formation event on February 23 at which we examined some things that might help make the season of Lent a greater time of spiritual growth. Thank you to those who cooked brunch, to those who shared a meaningful experience of Lent, and to those who presented a topic at one of our learning stations. The effort of the entire team made this event a success.

I've known some people who really don't like Lent because it is, "Such a downer." On the other hand, I've known some people who really love Lent for exactly the same reason. What if Lent isn't supposed to be a downer? What if Lent can bring with it little surprises of grace, and hope, and even joy?

Lent is a time for self-examination. Certainly, self-examination is not always a happy occasion. We may not always like what we discover. However, if self-examination leads to change, it can be a cause for grace, hope, and, eventually joy.

There are two areas of self-examination that we might want to consider. How strong is our relationship with God? How well have we heard and followed God's call to us? When we study the Bible, do we look for those areas in which our lives do not reflect the words that we have read? How regular are we in prayer and worship?

Another area that we might want to consider is our relationships with others. Do our daily choices reflect a genuine concern for the world around us? Do we take time to consider ways that we might help those less fortunate than ourselves? Are there people we need to forgive, or from whom we need to seek forgiveness?

There are a few disciplines that are helpful in this process of self-examination. One is prayer. The more we pray, the more we become aware of God's presence, and the more we are aware of His presence the more we are able to hear God's call to us. Prayer calls us to recognize our dependence on God's grace, and reminds us that we are not ultimately in control of the world around us.

A second discipline is giving and serving. As we give and serve, we have the opportunity to recognize how much God has blessed us. We have more than we need, even if only a little, so we can share that abundance with others.

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We have more than we need, even if only a little, so we can share that abundance with others. We have time and abilities that allow us to serve another person to meet a need that they might not be able to meet on their own. Or we offer assistance to them so they can have a little more time to enjoy this life.

A third discipline is fasting. Fasting allows us to examine our relationship to the material world. How often do we look to the material world instead of God for fulfillment? We may decide to give up certain foods, or certain meals. We may decide to give up some of the time we normally spend with the television. We may decide to give up shopping for things we don't really need.

These three Lenten disciplines might hurt a little at first. However, as they lead us to be more dependent on God and more loving to the people around us, that pain will be transformed by God's grace. If we include God in all of our Lenten observances, we will discover that Lent isn't a downer after all. It is a time when God's grace can transform our relationship with Him, and our relationships with the people around us. That grace will bring hope and joy.

## Ash Wednesday



Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting.

This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard



**Return**  
the LORD your God,  
for he is gracious and  
compassionate,  
slow to anger and  
abounding in love.



## Are you looking for a different idea to make your Lenten experience more meaningful?

Here are two that a parishioner shared with me.

Give Away One a Day: Looking around your home, find items that bring clutter to your life, yet would be of value to someone else. Donate the item, or give it away to someone who could use it or enjoy it. Give away one a day for the forty days of Lent.

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Prayer Time: This idea reminds me of something my family did when our kids were in school.

Using index cards or a small pocket notebook, one per family member, take a few minutes every day of Lent, write down the name of a person you would like to pray for and why.

Or, as my family did, write down something you are grateful for and pray your thankfulness to God.

We would share our prayers with each other at bedtime, but other times for sharing might work better for your family.

We had a couple of rules that made this more meaningful for us.

Rule One: Each day had to be something specific to that day.

Rule Two: As we are always thankful for our family, the person you were thankful for had to be someone outside of the family. Example: I'm thankful that my teacher, Mr. Jones, helped me understand my math problems.

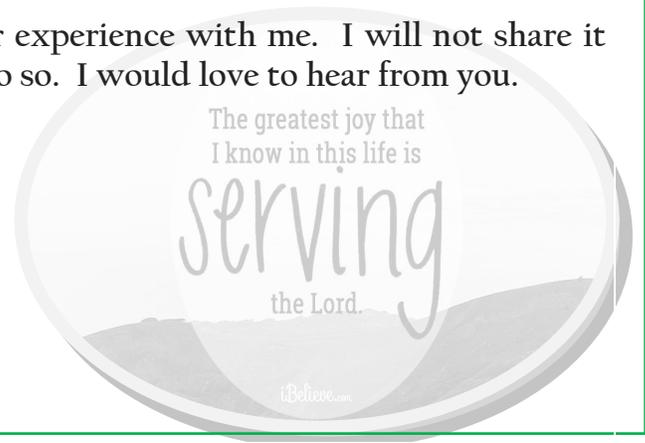
As you incorporate this into your busy family time, do what makes it work for you; so it is meaningful for you and the rest of the family.

If you try one of these ideas, please share your experience with me. I will not share it with others unless you give me permission to do so. I would love to hear from you.

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Blessings,

Juanita Smith



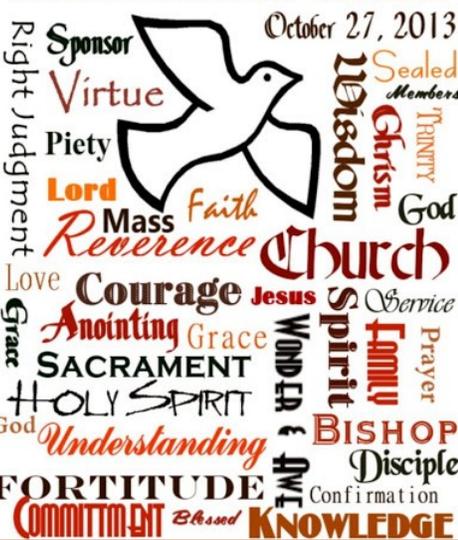
Listen less to your own thoughts  
and more to God's thoughts.

François Fénelon

*O God our Father, You are the Light of the minds that know you, the Life of the souls that love you, and the Strength of the wills that serve you; help us to truly know you that we may truly love you, so to fully love you that we may fully serve you, Who to serve is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## Confirmed in Christ

October 27, 2013



Confirmation classes will begin on  
Sunday, March 1st in the library at 9:00 am.

Anyone interested please contact the church  
Office ASAP. (674-7655)

Bishop Smylie will confirm candidates  
on Sunday, April 19th.



Sunday  
March 8th



Altar flowers orders are being taken through the office at this time.

A new altar flower coordinator is needed. If you are interested please let us know.

Contact Gail or Karon at 674-7655.

At the present time a sign up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the church office.

On this sign-up sheet, please indicate what Sunday you would like specifying, one or two vases.

Babe's Flowers will bill you directly.

Please sign-up at least one month in advance.

Thank you!

**COFFEE HOUR:** There is a new face to our coffee hour sign-up. We have openings for those who would like to host a Sunday fellowship hour.

Thank you for serving!



## Lenten Soup Suppers

Save the dates!

Wednesdays beginning at 5:30 pm

March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1



5:30 pm Stations of the Cross



6:00 pm Soup Supper



6:30 pm Study on The Lord's Prayer

Soup Supper ~ a sign up sheet is available in the main entry next to the office if you would like to serve during one of these weeks .



For ministry schedule changes, contact  
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## March 2020 Calendar

### 7:30 GREETERS



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| <b>March 1</b><br>S Bedard<br>J Bedard | <b>March 8</b><br>C Clark<br>P Clark | <b>March 15</b> | <b>March 22</b><br>J McKnight | <b>March 29</b><br>J Holcomb |
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### 10:00 USHERS



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| <b>March 1</b><br>L Rossa<br>R Rossa<br>F Smedley<br>D Goodwin | <b>March 8</b><br>P Standish<br>J Standish<br>L Wells<br>J Wells | <b>March 15</b><br>R Morton<br>C Morton<br>A Vaughan<br>S Mentock | <b>March 22</b><br>C Bilyeu<br>B Rilyeu<br>S Peddicord<br>S Tharaldson | <b>March 29</b><br>G Thoney<br>M Thoney<br>D Goodwin<br>F Smedley |
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### 10:00 ACOLYTES



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| <b>March 1</b><br>P Dorsch<br>M Black<br>X Bishop | <b>March 8</b><br>D Standish<br>I Gale | <b>March 15</b><br>C Cruz Lillegard<br>W Cruz Lillegard<br>J Craft | <b>March 22</b><br>S Bilyeu<br>E Bilyeu | <b>March 29</b><br>A Thoney<br>J Craft |
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### LAY READERS



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| <b>March 1</b><br>7:30 S Asmus<br>F Asmus<br>10:00 M Evers<br>MB Evers | <b>March 8</b><br>7:30 S Bedard<br>10:00 I Wallop<br>H Duell | <b>March 15</b><br>7:30 L Galloway<br>10:00 P Haworth<br>C Haworth | <b>March 22</b><br>7:30 L Galloway<br>10:00 S Peddicord<br>L Outland | <b>March 29</b><br>7:30 C Clark<br>P Clark<br>10:00 I Wallop<br>L Greenough |
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### ALTAR GUILD



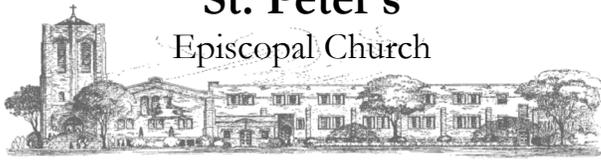
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| <b>March 1</b><br>D Ebia<br>K Ferguson<br>D Diers | <b>March 8</b><br>S LaBore<br>L Swanson<br>C Rideout | <b>March 15</b><br>V Gale<br>C Nicholls<br>T Mediate | <b>March 22</b><br>S Tharaldson<br>L St. Clair<br>S Peddicord | <b>March 29</b><br>A Ernst<br>C Rideout<br>J Spell |
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# March EVENTS



| SUN                                                                                                                        | MON                                                                              | TUE                                                            | WED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | THU                                                                            | FRI                                           | SAT                                                                             |
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| <b>1</b><br><b>1st LENT</b><br>HE I - 7:30 am<br>Bible Study 9 am<br>HE II - 10 am                                         | <b>2</b><br><b>Bell Choir</b><br><b>7:00 pm</b><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm  | <b>3</b><br><b>HS - 10 am</b><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm  | <b>4 Women's Council</b> 9 am<br><b>Lenten Soup Supper - 6 pm</b><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>5</b><br><b>Red Door</b><br><b>10-3 pm</b><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm  | <b>6</b><br><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm  | <b>7</b>                                                                        |
| <b>8</b><br><b>2nd LENT</b><br>HE I - 7:30 am<br>Bible Study 9 am<br>HE II - 10 am<br><b>DFWS</b><br><b>11:30 am</b>       | <b>9</b><br><b>Bell Choir</b><br><b>7:00 pm</b><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm  | <b>10</b><br><b>HS - 10 am</b><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm | <b>11</b><br><b>Lenten Soup Supper - 6 pm</b><br><br>MP 8:15 am                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>12</b><br><b>Red Door</b><br><b>10-3 pm</b><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm | <b>13</b><br><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm | <b>14</b>                                                                       |
| <b>15</b><br><b>3rd LENT</b><br>HE I - 7:30 am<br>Bible Study 9 am<br>HE II - 10 am<br><b>Birney Service</b><br><b>3pm</b> | <b>16</b><br><b>Bell Choir</b><br><b>7:00 pm</b><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm | <b>17</b><br><b>HS - 10 am</b><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm | <b>18</b><br><b>Lenten Soup Supper - 6 pm</b><br><br><b>Vestry Mtg</b><br><b>5:30 pm</b><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>19</b><br><b>Red Door</b><br><b>10-3 pm</b><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm | <b>20</b><br><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm | <b>21</b><br><br><br><b>Mug 'n Muffin</b><br><b>10 AM</b><br><b>Parish Hall</b> |
| <b>22</b><br><b>4th LENT</b><br>HE I - 7:30 am<br>Bible Study 9 am<br>HE II - 10 am                                        | <b>23</b><br><b>Bell Choir</b><br><b>7:00 pm</b><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm | <b>24</b><br><b>HS - 10 am</b><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm | <b>25</b><br><b>Lenten Soup Supper - 6 pm</b><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>26</b><br><b>Red Door</b><br><b>10-3 pm</b><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm | <b>27</b><br><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm | <b>28</b>                                                                       |
| <b>29</b><br><b>5th LENT</b><br>HE I - 7:30 am<br>Bible Study 9 am<br>HE II - 10 am                                        | <b>30</b><br><b>Bell Choir</b><br><b>7:00 pm</b><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm | <b>31</b><br><b>HS - 10 am</b><br><br>MP 8:15 am<br>EP 4:00 pm | HE I - <u>H</u> oly <u>E</u> ucharist 7:30 am<br>HE II - <u>H</u> oly <u>E</u> ucharist 10:00 am<br>HS - <u>H</u> ealing <u>S</u> ervice 10:00 am (T)<br>MP - <u>M</u> orning <u>P</u> rayer-8:15 am (M-F)<br>EP - <u>E</u> vening <u>P</u> rayer -4:00 pm (M-F)<br><b>DFWS - Dementia Friendly Worship Service</b> |                                                                                |                                               |                                                                                 |



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