

The Transformative Light into Lent

I have so enjoyed the longer than usual Epiphany season this year. Counting the Last Sunday of Epiphany, we will have enjoyed 8 Sundays of Epiphany! It is such a joyous, uplifting season as we have had time to soak up the meaning of the Light of the Epiphany beginning with the first symbolic and iconic Divine Light shown from the Eastern Star that guided those to the baby that would be King, Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God! Throughout the Epiphany Season we have been encouraged by the Epiphany themes of hope, assurance, confidence, comfort and affirmation as God's children.

And now, marked by Ash Wednesday, we enter the season of Lent. If the Epiphany Season is to be for us a mountain-top experience of enlightenment, encouragement and comfort from the knowledge that we serve and belong to a powerful God of the Universe who also cares about us individually and about our well being, the Lenten Season brings us down the mountain to the places where we live out our faith in our everyday lives . . . in our full humanness. Like Jesus before us who came down the mountain from his glorious Baptism and entered into the wilderness of preparation, so do we enter into a Lenten journey of preparation.

Since the Beginning of the Fourth Century, Christians have journeyed through a Lenten Season to ultimately prepare themselves for Holy Week and Easter. Traditionally, the 40 days of Lent have been a time of special observances in worship, prayers, spiritual formation, self-evaluation, spiritual disciplines, self-denial, fasting, meditation and reflection. It is also a time of repentance and renewal. All of these observances, practices and experiences are to prepare ourselves for the true meaning and celebration of Easter. Easter remains the single most significant event in Christianity and in the Church. Christ's suffering, death and resurrection is the theological core of Christianity.

The Epiphany Season is well positioned before the Season of Lent. In a sense, the Epiphany Season builds us up with a strong foundation of hope, confidence and assurance so that it may strengthen our resolve and fortify us for the challenges and preparations of a truly disciplined and meaningful Lenten journey. The Light found in the Epiphany can illumine our pathways into the "wilderness" experiences of our Lenten journey ahead that will lead us to Easter.

Once again, (as the Benedictine mantra goes: "Again, we begin again."), your priest and the Church invite you to the beginning of a Holy Lent. May the Light and the riches from the Epiphany Season guide and strengthen you in the observances of a truly, faithful and Holy Lent! AMEN

The best is yet to come!"

Fr. Terry 



The Rev. Terry Street, Rector

March at a Glance

- 2 Mardi Gras Party, 6:00p, PLC
- 3 ECW Meeting/Lunch, 12:30, PH
- 5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30p, PLC
- 6 Ash Wednesday Services, 12:10p & 6:30p, Nave
- 9 St. M/M DOK, 10:00a, PH
- 13 Fellowship Supper/Stations of the Cross, 6:00p, PLC
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Confirmation/Bishop Visit Sunday at St. Philip



February 17, 2019



In Our Parish Community

March Birthdays

Monica Vunk	2
Jamie Pitcock	3
Mary Shardy	3
Robert Sy	6
Nicholas Nelson	10
Tracy Dain	12
Meredith Kerlin	14
Lee Sheffield	15
Charles Brooks	19
Gabriel Temple	19
Jeffrey Wingo	19
Madeline Tonole	28
Tony Settles	29
Bruce Nelson	31

On the Prayer List

Ricky Blount
 Steve Chester
 Suzy Cunningham
 Paul Fischer
 Shirley Goergens
 Lynne Howard
 Kelsey Knight
 Maryann McLeod
 Christy Miller
 Sue Morrison
 Robert Nabors
 Fr. James Newsom
 Dean Randall
 Rhodes Family
 Robinson Family
 Alex Sholder
 Sipes Family
 Valenti Family

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Sandra Booth 494-9301
Jennifer Temple 590-8484
Donna Turner 487-5405
David Voyer 409-8430

March Anniversaries

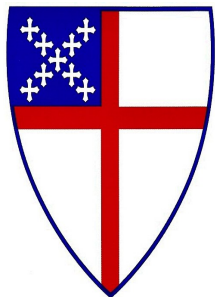
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Memorials

Betty Fowler by Pamela Malone
 Hugh Hollowell by Pamela Malone
 Ruth Reed by Mr./Mrs. Raymond Harvell
 Mr./Mrs. Robert Turner, III
 Pamela Malone
 Mrs. Don P. Cavette
 Faye Frykholm
 Mr./Mrs. Don Holmes
 Sandra Booth

Jeanie M. Sy by Pamela Malone
 Jeanie M. Sy
 Mr./Mrs. Charles Wilburn-
 Mary Walton Walker by
 Mr./Mrs. Ray Harvelle
 Mr./Mrs. Don Holmes
 In Honor Of Friend Martha Manos' Birthday
 by Sally Magedfrau



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Save the Date—Volunteers Needed

It will be here before you know it! The annual **Operation Backpack at the Emmanuel Center** will take place on Friday, July 26th (setup) and Saturday, July 27th (event). This is one of our biggest community outreach programs designed to get these beautiful children excited and outfitted for a new school year. The Emmanuel Center has a proven record of a 100% graduation from high school; an amazing statistic in a community that could easily be different. Walking into class on the first day of school with a new backpack and the essentials to a successful academic year is a spectacular boost to self-esteem and confidence, the cornerstones to future success. Your contribution of time and financial resources make it happen for up to 300 children each year! Each backpack costs between \$35-40. We have developed a robust program to purchase supplies at wholesale prices and setup a “store” for each child to participate in the selection of their favorite colors to fill their backpacks. It works and we would love for you to be part of it in any way that you can! Please consider:

1. Co-coordinator to work with Liz Stephens
2. Volunteering to help set up on July 26th
3. Volunteering to participate with the children on the 27th
4. Making a financial contribution of any amount to offset the costs

For more information, please contact Liz Stephens at 860-501-5536 or the4stphens@gmail.com or Father Terry. Thank you in advance for making the difference in the life of a child in our city!

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Sunday Schedule

8:00a Holy Eucharist

8:45a Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

9:00a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

9:15a Christian Education

10:30a Holy Eucharist

11:45a Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

Wednesday Service

12:10 p Healing w / Holy Eucharist

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