

News You Can Use

The First Sunday in Lent

March 2, 2017

Holy Family Episcopal Church

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Our Staff:

The Rev. Cathy Scott, Deacon
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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday 9 AM - 2 PM

The Vestry:

Senior Warden Ben Paden, **Junior Warden** Lauren Hendrickson; *Treasurer* Betty Bogeman; Connor Wilson (youth), Dan Chillemi, Marty Blake, Fred Stahly, Susie Beard, Debbie Talbert, Doug Tannas, Lauren Wilson, Lee Cahalan; *Clerk* Jim Agnew

The next vestry meeting will be held at 7 PM on Tuesday, March 21st.

Serving This Sunday, March 5:

Celebrant: The Rev. Steven Giovangelo
Homily: The Rev. Steven Giovangelo
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott
Music Director: Bethany Paden
Greeter: Gary Snyder
Ushers: Joe Schrock, Andrew Barker
Readers: David Emerson, Betty Bogeman, Jonathan Gosser,
Chris Brown
Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Debbie Talbert, Joan Head
Acolytes: Bryan Luce, Thomas Canter, Maci Blake, Lexi Burke
Healing: Wade Nichols, Barb Spangler
LEV: Barb Spangler
Almoners: Doug Tannas, Susie Beard
AG Sat. Set Up: Holly Forman
AG Bread: Greta Wilson
AG Sun. Set Up: Amy Mundie
AG Clean Up: Holly Forman, Greta Wilson
Hospitality: Murray

9 AM Sunday School:

Adult Forum: Lenten Discipleship

Godly Play: Heather Tannas

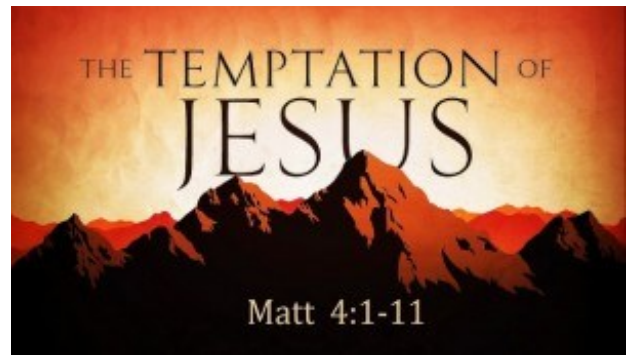
Believers: Bryan Luce

Disciples: Jolene Johnston

Youth Group: Ben Paden, Carol Bruns

10 AM Nursery: Kristine Canter

10 AM Childcare: Assistance requested



Sunday's readings:

First Reading Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7 **Psalm 32** **Second Reading** Romans 5:12-19 **Gospel** Matthew 4:1-11

Our Mission

We bear witness to the Light of Christ by serving as the heart and hands of Jesus, nourishing people and transforming lives.

Worship and Feast Days

Gospel Notes: The Season of Lent begins with the familiar account of Jesus, before his public ministry, withdrawing to a desert to pray and fast, focusing on what lay ahead of him. In the desert there is nothing between Jesus and God: no people, no buildings, no noise, just the silence; however, in the desert silence come the forces of evil to try and tempt Jesus.

The Church's season of Lent, 40 days, is based on this time in Jesus' life where he is tempted by hunger, political power/wealth and the desire to be 'famous'. All three of the temptations (Satan is called "The Tempter") occur out in a desert because there is precisely no one around to distract Jesus.

"The Tempter" tries to entice Jesus to sin against the great commandment in Deuteronomy 6:5: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, ... soul, and ... might". The "heart" was the seat of will, of moral choice; "soul" means life; "might" means possessions. The "Tempter" who represents evil forces personified, invites Jesus to prefer personal wealth and power over love of God. Jesus answers: God is the only god to be worshiped and served.



This account of Jesus alone with God and the forces of evil in the desert make the point that Jesus is the perfect lover of God, the ideal Israelite, the founder of a new way of being human.

Prayer Group: The next gathering of our prayer group will be Monday, March 6th at 6:15 PM. If you cannot attend, you may submit prayer requests by clicking [HERE](#).

Lenten Taizé: During this Lenten season, we invite you to spend an hour of prayer with God. Our Taizé service will be at 7pm on Sunday, March 12th in the sanctuary. Taizé presents the gifts of meditation, music, and prayers in shared community as well as silence and serenity that evokes the mystery of the Sacred in our midst. Come experience what Taizé has to offer. For more information, please ask Deacon Cathy. cscott@hfec.org

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace. Amen.



Rector Search

We will make every effort to keep all members of the congregation updated on our progress during our search for a new rector. Currently we are in the separation and planning phase. Questions about the search process may be directed to our Senior Warden Ben Paden via the church office.

admin@hfec.org You may also follow our updates [ONLINE](#).

Search Prayer: Creator God, thank you for bringing us together as a holy village. Send the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide our Search Committee as they discern rector candidates to lead us in worship and service to others. Grant our Committee clarity, wisdom and vision as they work together in the selection of our new spiritual leader.

Grace us with joy, patience, mercy, and strength to continue to bear witness to the light of Christ by serving as the heart and hands of Jesus. Open our hearts to support and care for each other during this time of transition. Likewise, prepare the heart of the priest who will answer our call for leadership. May this servant of God be responsive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

1 - SEPARATION & PLANNING

Pray for faith-filled endings and preparation

- Notify the Bishop's Office
- Form Transition Team
- Say "Good Bye" well
- Call Interim/Transition Priest
- Explore Diocesan Requirement for Search
- Review Search Options, Budget & Charge
- Choose Search/Discernment Committee



Christian Education

Lenten Adult Forum: What does it mean to be a disciple of our Lord? Each Sunday during Lent, in 9 AM Adult Forum, we will discover and practice one the of the holy habits of discipleship: Prayer. Worship. Learning. Service. Giving. Participants will also be linked as prayer partners. Come and see how discipleship can deepen our relationships with God and each other and broaden our vision of the Kingdom of God in our midst! Questions? Contact Deacon Cathy. cscott@hfec.org



Hero Central VBS: Holy Family will be bringing back VBS this summer! Please prayerfully consider volunteering, contributing supplies, or giving a monetary donation. *We also need youth volunteers (rising 6th grade and older.)* We will be taking kids on an awesome adventure along side some of their favorite Bible heroes and discover the qualities that make all of us truly heroic in God's eyes. VBS Hero Central will have music, science, crafts, games, bible stories, and snacks! Help kids discover their strength in God! For more information please contact Kristine Canter or Jolene Johnston. jjohnston@hfec.org

Outreach Opportunities

Homeless Month: The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) has released the statewide findings from the 2015 Point-in-Time Homeless Count. Conducted every January, the count provides a snapshot of homelessness in the State of Indiana. The count did show an increase of veteran homelessness compared to 2014. For veterans with children, there were 34 persons compared to 17 last year. For veterans without children, there were 794 compared to 710 last year. Breaking down populations by category, Indiana's 2015 Point-in-Time Homeless Count observed:

- 5,863 persons comprising 4,470 households were homeless during the last week in January 2015
- Of the persons found and identified as experiencing homelessness:



- 5,281 were staying in emergency shelters, safe havens or in temporary transitional housing programs|
- 582 were on the streets
- 3,798 households were persons without dependent children
- 636 households were with dependent children
- 1,261 were under the age of 18 years old
- 794 of the adults counted were veterans
- 1,145 of the adults counted were persons fleeing from domestic violence
- 602 identified themselves as being characterized as "chronically homeless"
- 1,026 adults counted identified themselves as having a substance abuse disorder
- 1,099 of the adults counted identified themselves as having a serious mental illness

In 2015, an average of 1,261 homeless people in Indianapolis were under the age of 18. Please contact Deacon Cathy for ways that you can help the homeless. cscott@hfec.org

Fellowship Gatherings



Game Night: Join us on Friday, March 10th beginning at 6 PM for our monthly game night. We'll play board games and card games - fun for the whole family. Food and drinks will be provided. See you there!

Youth Group Dinner Meeting: On Sunday, March 19th, all youth group students are invited to our monthly gathering. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM, and the meeting will end no later than 8 PM. Please contact Youth Director Marty Blake if you have any questions. mblake@hfec.org

Other News

Hospitality Help Wanted: Please consider signing up to host our donuts and coffee time following the 10 AM service. You may find more information about this ministry by clicking [HERE](#).

Childcare Volunteers Needed: We are in need of nursery and childcare volunteers during the 10 AM service. Please use [this link](#) to access the Nursery sign-up sheet and [this link](#) to help with PreK-1 childcare. Signing up to supervise children just 1-2 times per quarter will make a tremendous difference to this important ministry. Students in grades 9-12 are invited to participate as assistants. All adult volunteers are required to complete online training through the Diocese. We are happy to contact you to begin this process once you sign up to volunteer.



Prayer Shawl Ministry: Our crafters will gather in the Narthex at 7 PM on Wednesday, March 8th.

Men's Breakfast: All men of the parish are invited to our manly men's breakfast on Saturday, March 11th from 9 AM - Noon. Bring a friend!

Easter Eggs: Bags filled with empty Easter eggs are available in the Narthex near the welcome desk. We invite you to take home a bag of eggs and fill them with individually-wrapped candy (no loose jelly beans), stickers, temporary tattoos, erasers, or small toys. Please loosely tie the bag shut and return it to church by Palm Sunday, April 9th. We appreciate your generosity in helping continue this tradition for Holy Family's children and visitors.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Thanks Be to God

- Father Steve for celebrating Eucharist with us - view his homily [HERE](#)
- Stephen Canter, Joe Spangler, Paul Mundie, Amy Mundie, Josh Mundie, Ashley Reed, Bryan Luce, and Gary Snyder for helping cook and clean up for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper; Tannas family for providing supplies to make gluten-free pancakes for our guests
- Congregation members who attended the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Zoe Bruns

March 3

Lauren Cahalan

March 5

Church Budget Through End of January:

	Actual	Budgeted
Income	\$17,854	\$14,764
Expenses	\$15,557	\$17,628
Difference	\$2,297	-\$2,864

Pledging Options: Did you know that you can issue checks from your bank directly to Holy Family? As more and more people stop carrying checkbooks with them, this is an easy option to set up recurring payments to fulfill your pledge for the year. If you prefer, you can pay your pledge via credit card through the church website. Simply use the secure PayPal link on the [Contact Us](#) page of the website. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. admin@hfec.org