

News You Can Use

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 9, 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 12:

Celebrant: The Rev. Steven Giovangelo
Homily: The Rev. Steven Giovangelo
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott
Music Director: Bethany Paden
Greeter: Judi Taflinger
Ushers: Troy Everett, Larry Pickens
Readers: Jeff Merryman, Sandra Cline, Jim Taflinger,
Bob Murray
Prayers: David Emerson, Scott Wilson
Chalice: David Emerson, Gary Snyder, Ruth Everett
Acolytes: Joe Spangler, Ian Johnston, Jenny Luce, Sophia Paden
Healing: Nancy Thomas, Stephen Canter
LEV: Nancy Thomas
Almoners: Lee Cahalan, Dan Chillemi
AG Sat. Set Up: Lauren Wilson, Kristine Canter
AG Bread: Lauren Wilson
AG Sun. Set Up: Amy Mundie
AG Clean Up: Lauren Wilson, Jenny Barker
Hospitality: Luce

9 AM Sunday School:

Adult Forum: Lenten Discipleship

Godly Play: Heather Tannas

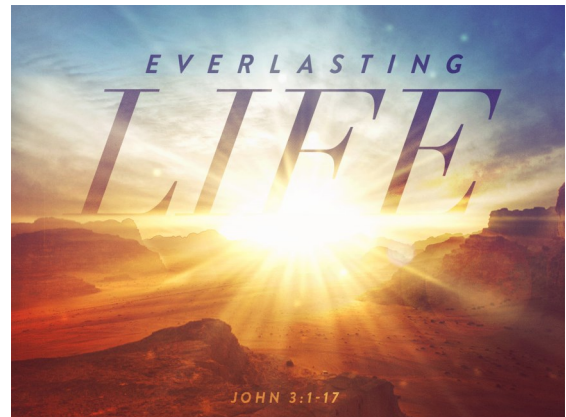
Believers: Bryan Luce

Disciples: Jolene Johnston

Youth Group: Marty Blake, Ruth Everett

10 AM Nursery: Teresa Conroy-Roth

10 AM Childcare: Assistance requested



Sunday's readings:

First Reading Genesis 12:1-4a **Psalm 121** **Second Reading** Romans 4:1-5,13-17 **Gospel** John 3:1-17

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 from Father Steve: BORN AGAIN? BORN FROM ABOVE? The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent this year is the famous conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus, John Chapter 3: 1-17. Nicodemus, a prominent Pharisee and teacher, comes to Jesus to ask him questions.

He comes secretly “by night,” because a man of his stature could not be seen consulting Jesus. He has understood from Jesus' miracles “signs” that Jesus is “from God”. But Jesus tells him that he has not yet understood the main point: to “see the kingdom of God”, spiritual rebirth, being ‘born from above’ is required. Some bible translations had ‘born again’ which has led to all kinds of misunderstandings among Christians especially as regards, in later centuries, the baptism of children.



Nicodemus misunderstands: he thinks that Jesus is speaking of biological rebirth saying, “how can I possibly go back into my mother’s womb??” The conversation between Jesus and this learned Jewish teacher is one of the most intriguing in the Gospel encounters Jesus had with the religious teachers of his day.



Lenten Taizé: During this Lenten season, we invite you to spend an hour of prayer with God. Our Taizé service will be held this Sunday 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

Prayer Group: The next gathering of our prayer group will be Monday, March 20th at 6:15 PM. If you cannot attend, you may submit prayer requests by clicking [HERE](#).

Time Change: Don't forget to change your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday evening, March 11th.



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 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: In 2015, an average of 636 homeless households had dependent children. Want to take action to help the homeless? Here is something you can do!

Tutor homeless children through School on Wheels: Our after school tutors provide one-on-one homework assistance to school-aged children experiencing homeless in Indianapolis through Tutors in Action. These volunteer tutors serve nine shelter and four school locations in Indianapolis between 3:30 pm and 8:00 pm, Monday – Thursday. Please click the link above or contact Deacon Cathy for more information. cscott@hfec.org



Fellowship Gatherings



Game Night: Join us this 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!

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

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

Easter Brunch: Congregation members and guests at Holy Family are invited to participate in our annual Easter Brunch held at 9 AM between Easter Sunday services. This event is a joyous gathering filled with delicious food prepared by parishioners and shared among families. **The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex and available [online](#) if you wish to provide food or drinks for this event.**

Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction: On April 22nd, Holy Family's Youth Group will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser event. We are inviting members of the congregation to join in the fun by donating a themed basket of items (tax-deductible) valued between \$20-50 for the auction. You are also invited to make a monetary donation, and we will create a basket in your name. **Donated items are due by Palm Sunday, April 9th.** Contact Jolene Johnston for more information. jjohnston@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.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Girl Scout Sunday: Girl Scouts Day will be celebrated this Sunday, March 12, 2017. Girl Scouts Day commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low founded the very first girl troop of scouts with 18 girl members in Savannah, Georgia. It is also known as the birthday of the girl scouts. The week surrounding Girl Scouts Day is Girl Scout Week, also including Girl Scout Sunday and Girl Scout Sabbath.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Our crafters will gather in the Narthex at 7 PM on Wednesday, April 5th.

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.



Thanks Be to God

- Father Steve for celebrating Eucharist with us - view his homily [HERE](#)
- Ruth Everett and YSC members for their leadership at this year's Spring Waycross Retreat; Ben Paden and Lauren Wilson for serving as chaperones



Ruth Everett	March 9
Connor Schrock	March 11
Cathy French	March 12
Jody Ruark	March 13
Chris Brown	March 14
Barb Spangler	March 15

Happy Anniversary

Tom and Cheri Clines March 11

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