



The Newsletter



SAINT AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

The Mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and with each other in Jesus Christ. We pursue that mission in prayer, worship, and the sacraments, the proclamation of the

Gospel, and in working for justice, peace and love. The Book of Common Prayer, Page 855

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From the Rector

Hello all,

Wishing you all a blessing for a Holy Lent.

There is something about Lent... it makes us introspective. We know what's coming for Jesus; so we prepare ourselves for the events leading to his death, and his death.

These are not pleasant thoughts. As a result, they bring with us much thought, questioning and reflection about our lives, our purpose and the lives and purpose of those around us.

This is a great time to get to know ourselves better. We, at St. Augustine's will be introduced to a reflective process known as *Dwelling on the Word*. The vestry will first experience this process and then we will bring it to the entire parish.

By the way, "we," refers to our Faithful Innovation Team, which is comprised of Susan Anderson, Nancy Carillo, Dee Crass, JoAnne Maass, Diane Willette, and Mother Meredyth.

This team is learning ways of understanding our faith and how other people experience their own faith. The great message is that while we are different in the ways we live our lives, and we may be different in how we live out and share our faith, we are all children of God. That is what binds us together.

As you are exposed to this reflective style of prayer and deeper understanding of scripture, specifically God's word, and Jesus' actions, you will come to learn what you value about your faith and beliefs.

I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity for a new way of study. It is not difficult, it is scary only because it is new, but most of all it helps us to really understand the value of Jesus' sacrifice for us.

Faithfully,

Meredyth+

Advent Schedule

On Ash Wednesday we will have Eucharist with imposition of ashes at 9 a.m. and again at 5:30 p.m.

Weekly during lent, Stations of the Cross will be held at 5:15 p.m. on Fridays.

ECW

Episcopal Church Women will hold a craft day on Tuesday, February 26th at 1:00 p.m. Watch for announcements about future dates.

Shrove Tuesday on Sunday

The Steffan family will host our annual Shrove Tuesday on Sunday pancake coffee hour on Sunday, March 3.



St. Patrick's Day Coffee Hour

Due to the donation of a healthy amount of pastrami, we will enjoy Reuben sandwiches during coffee hour on Sunday, March 17.



Coaming Soon...

In her opening message of this newsletter, Mother Meredyth wrote of the solemnity of Lent. It is a season of penitence and serious reflection. But laughter is allowed as well. So...on Thursday, April 4, the Agile sub-committee of the vestry will show the movie Bruce Almighty. The showing of the movie will begin at 6 p.m., with a pizza break. Please arrive prior to 6 p.m. The film stars Jim Carrey as Bruce Nolan, a down-on-his-luck TV reporter who complains to God (Morgan Freeman) that he is not doing his job correctly, and is offered the chance to try being God himself for one week.

