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**ROCK
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Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m.
Church School: 11:15 a.m.



*"To embody Christ's teaching in appropriate ways for serving
the community, the nation, and the world."*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saint Peter's Endowment Fund – "Keeping the Rock Church Solid."
Every month Birthday Sunday donations go to the Saint Peter's Endowment Fund. How about matching your age in dollars this year for your birthday?

Mar. 1st was the First Sunday of Lent.

"Questions About the Book of Common Prayer"

March 8 (Lent 2) – What Questions Do Have About the BCP?

Look through BCP pages: Holy Eucharist 355-365

Prayers of the People 383-395

Morning Prayer 75-102

Baptism 301-311

Anything else?



Mar. 15 (Lent 3) – Sorting Through Last Weeks Questions

Mar. 22 (Lent 4) – BCP Contents/Structure

Mar. 29 (Lent 5) – BCP Liturgy

On March 10th, the Center for Lifelong Learning will feature a panel of speakers from Voice of Faith. Their topic will be "Building Bridges Across Faiths" Please make a reservation by calling the Phoebe Needles office at 483-1518 by Friday March 6th at noon.

Kelley Beyer will have forms for ordering Easter Lilies in the Parish Hall next Sunday. Cost is \$10 and the the deadline to order is March 29th.

UTO Spring Ingathering

Sunday, May 3, 2020. This year the theme of our giving is BLESS. As you put your change in the little Blue Box, ask God to bless the churches and organizations here and around the world as we work together to express God's love in Jesus Christ. May we bring help and hope to our brothers and sisters in need.



Please send April news by March 24 to Gary at gholden@ferrum.edu.

WHERE DO OUR EPISCOPAL CUSTOMS, TRADITIONS, AND RITUALS COME FROM??

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday (also known as Shrovetide Tuesday, Pancake Tuesday and Pancake Day) is the day preceding Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Shrove Tuesday is determined by Easter; its date changes annually. The expression “Shrove Tuesday” comes from the word *shrive*, meaning “confess.” Shrove Tuesday is observed by many Christian denominations, including the Lutheran, Episcopal, Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches.

Many of these Christians, on Shrove Tuesday, “make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent, and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God’s help in dealing with.” Being the last day before the penitential season of Lent, related popular practices, such as indulging in food that one sacrifices for the upcoming forty days, are associated with Shrove Tuesday celebrations, before commencing the fasting and religious obligations associated with Lent. The term *Mardi Gras* is French for Fat Tuesday, referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent in the Western Christian calendar, directly following Shrove Tuesday. Occurring 46 days before Easter, it is a moveable fast that can fall as early as February 4 and as late as March 10. According to the canonical gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke; Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the desert, where he endured temptation by Satan. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of this 40-day liturgical period of prayer and fasting or abstinence. Of the 46 days until Easter, six are Sundays. As the Christian sabbath, Sundays are not included in the fasting period and are instead “feast” days during Lent. Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of adherents as a celebration and reminder of human mortality, and as a sign of mourning and repentance to God. The ashes used are typically gathered from the burning of the palms from the previous year’s Palm Sunday. Although the imposition of ashes was generally seen as a Catholic practice, as it was mostly abandoned by Protestants except for Anglicans after the Protestant Reformation, it has become increasingly common in much of Christianity, now being observed by many Lutherans and Methodists in addition to Catholics and Episcopalians. Some Baptist and nondenominational churches, among other denominations, also observe this day.

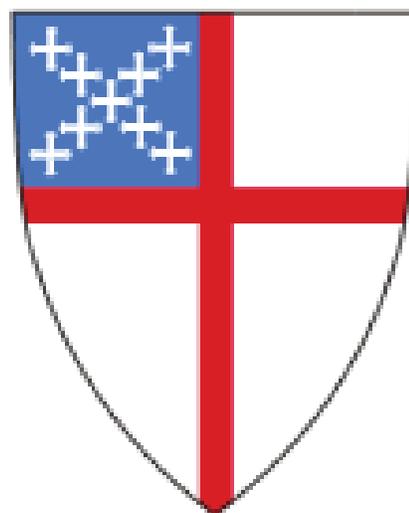
The Season of Lent

The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement and self-denial. Its institutional purpose is heightened in the annual commemoration of Holy Week, marking the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, which recalls the tradition and events of the Bible beginning on Friday of Sorrows, further climaxing on Jesus’s crucifixion on Good Friday, which ultimately culminates in the joyful celebration on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. During Lent, many of the faithful commit to fasting or giving up certain types of luxuries as a form of penitence. The Stations of the Cross, a devotional commemoration of Christ’s carrying the Cross and of his execution, are often observed. Many Roman Catholic and some Protestant churches remove flowers from their altars, while crucifixes, religious statues, and other elaborate religious symbols are often veiled in violet fabrics in solemn observance of the event. In certain pious Catholic countries, some adherents mark the season with the traditional abstention from the consumption of meat.

Liturgical Notes for the Season of Lent

In some countries, grand religious processions and cultural customs are observed, and the faithful attempt to visit even churches during Holy Week in honor of Jesus Christ heading to Mount Calvary. At Saint Peter’s, during the season of Lent we do a few things differently:

- The opening salutation is different (BCP p. 355).
- The Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy) is used in place of the “Gloria in Excelsis” (BCP, p. 356).
- The “Alleluias” are omitted throughout the service in the liturgy and hymns.





Robey Family Concert

*Saturday, February 22, 2020
Harvester Performance Center*

(photos by Maureen Roudabush)



St. Peter's-in-the-Mountains Outreach

The Outreach Program is changing the way we contribute to local charities for the coming year 2020. We will no longer pass the plate on the first Sunday of the month for a designated charity. Instead, we have six opportunities this year to make a difference in our community by donating items on the wish list of local organizations. Trinity Episcopal Church and Phoebe Needles, Inc. will be following the same plan and joining forces with our congregation.

In March, we will collect much needed paper products for the Stepping Stone Food Mission. This organization serves 18,000 hot meals per year. We will collect paper plates, paper towels, napkins, plastic utensils, dish soap and hand soap.

May's outreach will benefit the Faith Network. We will collect breakfast bars, peanut butter, fruit juice boxes, soup, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, canned meats, cereal, coffee, oatmeal, tuna, instant mashed potatoes, rice, raisins, crackers and hamburger helper. In July we will be asking the congregation to bring office supplies needed for the Free Clinic of Franklin County. This clinic provides over \$ 2.5 million dollars in primary healthcare services at no charge to needy members in our community.

The volunteer opportunities are more of a medical expertise variety. However, we can help them by collecting copy paper, stamps, facial tissues, Lysol spray, bath tissue, tall trash bags, hand sanitizer, C batteries, 9V batteries, cleaning supplies, distilled water, paper towels, liquid soap refills and large black trash bags.

For September, we ask you to bring in gently used women's, men's and children's clothing for the Ferrum Community Mission. This mission serves over 4000 people in a year, providing bags of food, clothing and toiletries not covered by Food Stamps.

We will collect canned food items in November for the Southern Virginia Child Advocacy Center's annual drive. This organization has been serving Franklin County since 1993 and promotes the

wellbeing of children through treatment, advocacy, prevention and education. Each year they collect food for the police departments of Franklin County to distribute during the holiday season. The December Christmas family program will continue as it has in past years.

Our church will be working together with Trinity Episcopal Church and Phoebe Needles, Inc. All three outreach programs will be collecting the items for donation and will deliver the items together. In addition to these collections, Outreach will be looking for at least four hands on projects in the community during 2020. As many of you are aware, the Outreach Program has a yearly budget of \$5000.

Please see the following table which illustrates how the program plans to spend the money. During months when we collect wish list items, the outreach program may purchase additional items or present a check to the charity for the amount allocated.

On months where there is no item collection, the amount allocated will be a check sent to the charity. If you have any questions about the program, feel free to contact Marilyn Rodgers.

	<u>Outreach</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jan.	Wood for Warmth	\$100
Feb.	Callaway Pack A Sack	\$300
March	Stepping Stone Mission	\$200
April	Ferrum Panther Pack	\$300
May	Heavenly Manna	\$200
June	Phoebe Needles	\$300
July	Free Clinic of Franklin Co.	\$200
Aug.	Helping Hands	\$200
Sept.	Ferrum Comm. Mission	\$200
Oct.	Boy's Home	\$200
Nov.	So. VA Child Advocacy	\$300
Dec.	Christmas Families	\$350
	ER&D	\$1,000
	<u>Easter Egg Hunt</u>	<u>\$600</u>
	Total:	\$ 4,450



Donate to The Bishop's Dollar Fund

This year during the season of Lent, Bishop Bourlakas extends his annual invitation to reflect on our discipleship in Jesus' name. As you journey through the forty days of Lent, we encourage generous support of The Bishop's Dollar Fund to continue to address a variety of initiatives and needs throughout the diocese not otherwise covered through our annual program budget. You may send donations to the Diocesan Office made payable to The Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern VA with "Bishop's Dollar" in the memo line. Mail to: Attn: Bishop's Dollar Fund, PO Box 2279, Roanoke, VA 24009. Or, donate online at dioswva.org/online-giving.html.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 25, 2020
Phoebe Needles Center

(photos by Maureen Roudabush)



SERVICE CALENDAR – March 2020

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Chalice</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Children's Chapel</u>
Mar. 1	First Sunday in Lent Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11 Psalm 32	Katherine	Delia Martha	Danene	Sammie	Peter
Mar. 8	Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17 Psalm 121	Dave	Pat N. Martha	Kelley	Peter	Eli
Mar. 15	Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42 Psalm 95	Pat N.	Katherine Charlotte	Sharon	Gracie	Zoe
Mar. 22	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 Psalm 23	Gary	Bob	Christina Pat N.	Eli	Gracie
Mar. 29	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45 Psalm 130	Allison	Benton Delia	Marilyn Maureen	Sammie	Peter

SAINT PETER'S PRAYER & CARE TEAM

We have included in the Prayers of the People at each Sunday's worship service the names of those people in need of prayer that you have made known to the church. As a way of keeping those names before us in prayer, we are going to begin a Prayer Chain at Saint Peter's. This will be a group of people who are willing to commit to praying for each person on our prayer list on a daily basis. The Prayer Chain will also be responsible for updating the list, writing occasional notes to those in our prayers, and relaying needs that might be met by the congregation. If the group once formed desires to meet on occasion for prayer and discussion that is a possibility as well. Juanita Custer has offered to coordinate the group. Anyone is welcome to be a part of this group. Please let Juanita (hodges_juanita@yahoo.com) know if you would like to participate in this group.



March Birthdays

- 3 John Heck
- Pat Newcombe
- 9 Susan Mead
- 12 Amy Crow
- Sondra Kirsch
- 17 Dylan Stanley
- 29 Sherri Custer
- 30 Flora Stevens



Pat Newcombe celebrates a birthday in March.

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Prayer for a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on these your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Book of Common Prayer, p. 830)

PRAYER LIST – March 2020

Sara Bier	Roger Manard
Susan Bentley	Glenda Pendleton
Lisa Rosenberg	Christina Roudabush
Tom Bier	Linda Sigmon
Brad Bernard	Cindy Swinehart
David Hughes	Linda Thomas
Jane Pohlad	Eli Sydow
John Makuei	Hazel Pendleton
Jamie Stanley	Betty Hood
Craig Griffin	Brian Bernard
Linda Green	Bob Holden
Mary Haley	Joe Puzycki
Becky Hughes	Leland Southard
Shelby DeHart	Patsy Hubbard
Sandy Grice	Adam Johnson

We pray for John our priest, Mark our Bishop, and Michael our Presiding Bishop. May their ministries be guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

We pray also for all those who were killed this week as a result of war and terrorism, and for families whose lives are being torn apart.

Almighty God whose will it is to hold both heaven and earth in the peace of your kingdom: Give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts.

We pray for those serving in the military, and in particular for those who serve in harms way.

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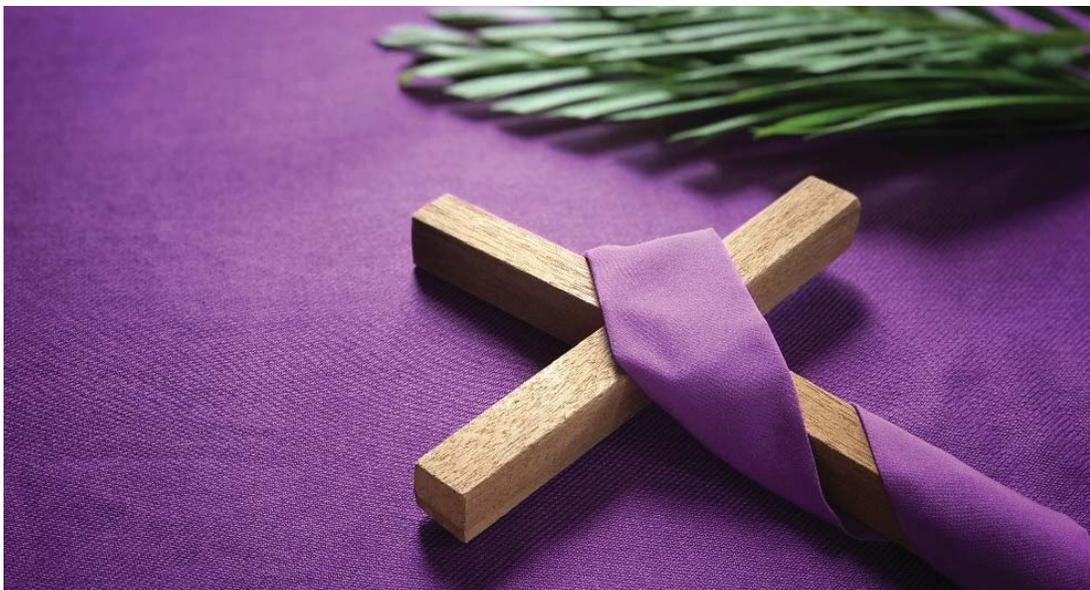
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