



Grace Episcopal Church Honesdale, Pa.
Founded 1832

Grace Notes

of GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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LENT 2009

PARSON'S CORNER

The Glories of these Forty Days

My home parish - Anglo-catholic, progressive, traditional, fully living into our British heritage and American life in the modern world - taught me many things. In fact, it brought me, through my years there in musical ministry, into a deep appreciation - no, love - for the traditions of our Church.

The rich heritage we have as Anglicans in The Exhortation (BCP p. 316), The Great Litany (p.148) among the earliest liturgies translated into the common language of (what was in the 16th century) modern English. These texts were and continue to be translated into the vernacular (a language understood of the people, Thomas Cramner wrote - who's Thomas Cramner you ask!) We could offer these same sentiments in our voice. Take, for example, the Decalogue. What other faith tradition owns the 10 Commandments in such a way as to make it a part of their liturgy! In the Episcopal Church, we 'rehearse' those guiding laws regularly. Of course, like other Christians, we break them as regularly!

Here is a piece of parish trivia for you. (a "trivium"?!?) Before 1960 when the Parish Hall was built, and the southern wall of the Church was closed off, the large window in the rear of the Church was behind the Altar. On either side of that window was the two tablets which are now placed on the side wall of the Chapel. They now record the Words of Institution of the Holy Communion. Originally those tablets projected from the sides of the Altar the 10 Commandments on the left and the Lord's Prayer on the right. The two traditions of our faithful life: our Law and our Prayer. We still rehearse, we practice, we remember, we name before each other, the temptations of our earthly pilgrimage together. For we are in it together - a communion of followers.

"*The glories of these forty days...*" is our tradition. The Christian faith, the Anglican Church, our historic liturgy made current, relevant, here and now.

The glories of these Forty Days is that we transport back into Christ's experience, as He jumps forward into ours, here and now. We acknowledge the depth of our faith, the history of our tradition, the reality of the Bible in our lives, and the celebration of Christ's action. We remember our heritage, and carry it forth so that future generations will know the power of the walk we take with Christ, with our tradition, and with our struggle of faith, winning for all the victory of Redemption yet to come.

I would hate for every service in the year to be exactly like every other one. A good thing it is to mark the changing mood of the Christian life through following the life of Christ from birth, through trial, to resurrection. The colors change, the music is spare, the prayers somber, the Altar is mystically barren, the journey is ominous. But let us observe in deep reverence the mystery of this season, and the glories of these forty days.

Father Erb

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS
[MONTH] 2009



Diocesan Training Day
Saturday, March 28
St. Stephen's Wilkes-Barre
Cost \$17.50

Register online at diobeth.org

Schedule

8:15 am – 9:15 am Check-in and Hospitality

9:15 Opening Prayer and Welcome

9:45 am – 11:15 Workshops

11:30 Eucharist

12:30 Lunch

1:15 Workshops

2:45 Commissioning and Departure

List of Workshops:

Wardens and Vestry 101

Ministry of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor

Give and Live: Stewardship as a Way of Life

Cooking up a Parish Website

ChurchPost Training

One Size Does Not Fit All — How to Choose a Curriculum for Your Congregation

Christian Formation: Develop an Engaging Lesson Plan

Treasurers' Workshop

Grants and New Hope: New Opportunities for Ministry

Practical tips for the part-time church organist

Building a Youth Ministry Program with 6-12 graders

Developing a Powerful Planned Giving Program in Your Parish

For complete workshop descriptions go to: www.diobeth.org

HONESDALE MINISTERIUM 2009 LENTEN SERVICES

God loves a cheerful giver:
Gladly sharing our Talents, Time, and Treasures

Service at 4:00 PM

followed by a Soup & Bread Supper at 5:00 PM

<i>Date</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Guest Preacher</i>	<i>Theme: "What does it look like when I..."</i>
March 1 st Lent One	CENTRAL UN. METHODIST CHURCH	Pastor Michael Lyle, of First Presbyterian Church	cheerfully use my time to bless others?
March 8 th Lent Two	GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH	Mrs. Shelley Corey, Lay-Preacher from Damascus Un. Methodist	cheerfully use my talents to bless others
March 15 th Lent Three	BETHANY PRESBYTER. CHURCH	Fr. Martin Boylan, of St.Mary/St. John R.C.Church	cheerfully use treasures to bless others?
March 22 nd Lent Four	1 st PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	Pastor Val Rommel, of Bethany/White Mills U.M.C.	cheerfully use my time to bless myself?
March 29 th Lent Five	BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	Fr. Edward Erb, of Grace Episcopal Church	cheerfully use my talents to bless myself?
April 5 th Palm Sunday	St. JOHN's EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	Pastor Mitchell Lindquist, of 1 st Baptist Church	cheerfully use treasures to bless myself?
April 10 th Good Friday, 12:00 noon	1 st BAPTIST CHURCH	Pr Beckie Sweet, Central U.M.C. & Pr Ryan Kraus, Bethany Presb.	<i>to be announced</i>

TUESDAYS in LENT

Our Parish Annual Lenten Series:

with: Dinner at 6:00,
a short program,
and Compline. All concluding by 7:30.

Our Celtic Heritage

One of our Tuesdays falls on St. Patrick's Day! So a series on Celtic Spirituality seemed obvious. We'll look at:
Merlin the Mage;

St. Patrick;

the Community of Iona

and much more!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

for March 2009

	March 1 LENT ONE	March 8 LENT TWO	March 15 LENT THREE	March 22 LENT FOUR	March 29 LENT FIVE
<i>Altar Guild</i>	F. Mikulak J. Slate	F. Mikulak J. Slate	S. Wilding C. Smith	S. Wilding C. Smith	S. Soden S. Lathrop
<i>Crucifer</i>	C. Carroll	M. Everett	C. Lathrop	B. Pursch	C. Sampson
<i>Acolytes</i>	H. Stephens J. Peers	CJ Shupe K. Shupe	C. Carroll E. Carroll	K. Peers O. Johannes	H. Stephens J. Peers
<i>Lector</i>	J. Bunnell	D. Pursch	G. Feldman	K. Skinner	M. Corso
<i>Intecessor</i>	C. Lathrop	D. Lewis	J. Roskoski	J. Slate	J. Bunnell
<i>Chalicer</i>	J. Slate	C. Lathrop	V. Cheripko	G. Feldman	M. Brown
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	S. Soden E. Young	R. Sampson D. Pursch	J. Merritt C. Escalona	V. Cheripko C. Geinitz	D. Romano N. Johannes
<i>Ushers</i>	G. Mikulak P. Mikulak	C. Stevens J. Stevens	BJ Clark J. Merritt	C. Carroll E. Carroll	R. Sampson J. Sampson
<i>Counters</i>	S. Wilding D. Romano	L. Erdman V. Cheripko	S. Lathrop G. Mikulak	J. Roskoski N. Johannes	N. Kuzminski R. Becker

If you cannot serve on a date you are scheduled,
 please contact someone else on the list to switch -
 then call the parish office (253-2760) so we can make the change, too.

THANK YOU for all your help!

MARCH 2009 BIRTHDAYS

Remember our Parish family in your Prayers

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Betty Roberts - March 9

Have we missed anyone? Call the parish office and let us know.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

Sundays at 4:00 Honesdale Ministerium Annual Lenten Series *see schedule inside*
concludes with Soup and Bread Supper at 5:00

Tuesdays at 6:00 Lenten Dinner Program - "Our Celtic Heritage" by Fr. Erb
Merlin, Patrick and more!

Fridays at 12:10 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28 Diocesan Training Day at St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes Barre
something for everyone information on-line www.diobeth.org

Sunday, March 29 at 10:00 Slide-Show presentation on the Holy City of Jerusalem

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