Glad Tidings

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Vicar's Voice

This year brings one of my favorite juxtaposed holiday combinations: Ash Wednesday falling on Valentine's Day. The memes and jokes are hilarious, and the juxtaposition of commercialized romance with somber contemplation of death is ironic enough to delight me. Granted, the actual history of St. Valentine's Day is much less about marketing chocolate and roses and much closer in meaning to Ash Wednesday.

According to History.com, The Catholic church notes at least three different individuals, all canonized as saints, named either Valentine or Valentinus, and all three died as martyrs. One of these individuals was a priest who defied a mandate from a Roman Emperor to cease performing weddings for young men so they could be soldiers. He refused and continued to marry young couples in secret. Another legend says Valentine was helping Christians escape imprisonment by the Romans but fell in love with a young girl and sent her a note signed, "From your Valentine." Regardless of the murky origins of the holiday and its namesake, Valentine became a noted heroic, tragic, and romantic saint, eventually becoming one of the most popular saints in England and France and later, a commercial patron saint of love, especially romantic love.

Ash Wednesday comes with this solemn reminder: from dust you came, to dust you will return. When I was a little girl, my Catholic friends (and perhaps some Lutherans and Episcopalians, but mostly Catholics at that hour) would show up at school with the smudged cross of ashes on their forehead, and I, a devout Baptist little girl, felt left out! I wondered, what are they doing at their church that my church isn't doing? And none of my friends, at the tender age of 10, were able to explain in a way that I could understand. Later, as a young adult grieving the loss of a dear friend to cancer, I found myself attending Ash Wednesday services at Catholic or Episcopal churches each year, even before I converted, because it meant so much to me to actually acknowledge death at church. Even funerals in my old tradition rarely touched on death, loss, or grief-- they were so focused on the hope of the resurrection and reuniting with our loved ones. As much as I love that message, I also needed ways to grieve at church, to acknowledge death and remember the ephemeral nature of this life. Ultimately, they go together, life and death, despair and hope; there is no separation between them but rather swirls of color, like God finger-painting the universe. The grief at funerals honors what we've lost; the despair of Good Friday makes Easter Sunday's joy even more powerful and miraculous.

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So as Lent approaches and you ponder whether you might fast from something that hinders you (or commit to something that blesses or challenges you!) as a Lenten discipline, remember that the point of Lent is not to

brutally punish yourself but rather to find ways to feel closer to and more aware of God throughout these forty days. Even if you do fast from something or take on a challenging practice, ultimately, the goal is for that fast to make you think of God more often, to feel more aware of God's love for you, and to make the bright sunrise of Easter even more joyful. Because life and death, love and loss-- they are not enemies, but partners.

I can't wait to experience Lent and prepare for Easter with you. Thank you for choosing me to join you on this journey.

Mother Hillary+

Notes from the Bishop's Warden

Thank you for the opportunity to be the Bishops Warden for the next year. I only hope I can do half the job that Loretta did last year with caring for the congregation and bridging the gap between Interim Father Craig and our gift of Mother Hillary. This is going to be a joyful and hopefully busy year. I know that we will have some changes, but you all have been so good at being flexible I have no worries.

I have been cleaning out some files to organize my new computer this weekend and came across my letter for the newsletter I wrote a year ago. It is great to see that many of the goals the BC made for last year have been completed. I am looking forward to working with another group of dedicated and interesting people this year. Thank you to Tim van As for taking on the task of Peoples Warden, you will do a great job. Please help Tim out when he calls and remember he is not retired so this will be a generous gift of his time. He will also continue to do the work of the Outreach commissioner, please consider joining him to work on that GO portion of our mission!! Thank you to Cris McCarty for agreeing to be our Clerk and do that important job of taking notes and recording all our work in addition to using her computer skills as Communications commissioner.

Kathy Avery will be taking over the commission of Pastoral Care Team. I have enjoyed this past year meeting monthly with some very caring people and know you will all continue to support her and our community with love and action. The next meeting is planned for February 6 at 1:30 pm in the Godly Play room. Join Kathy and the team.

Thank you Dave Peterson for be official in the role of Environment commission. I figure since he seems to be active in everything that needs repair or building, it makes sense to title him with the work he has been doing selflessly for years already. Dave and I will work together to make sure we have a very active Parish Life (although Hillary is going to be a force in this commission as well) Esther Osborn is going to continue with her commission of Faith Formation for adults leading bible studies. Marj Zantek will be supporting the youth Faith formation as she has been superb as youth leader this past year. We appreciate her energy and ideas with our growing youth groups. Melanie Reeder will continue with the Welcoming commission in her next year of service and she will be helping Marj with the youth as well.

Please make sure you fill out your personal Time and Talent survey as you feel your joy and passion call you. You are our church community and we all get to work together in our mission.

Blessings and Joy to everyone,

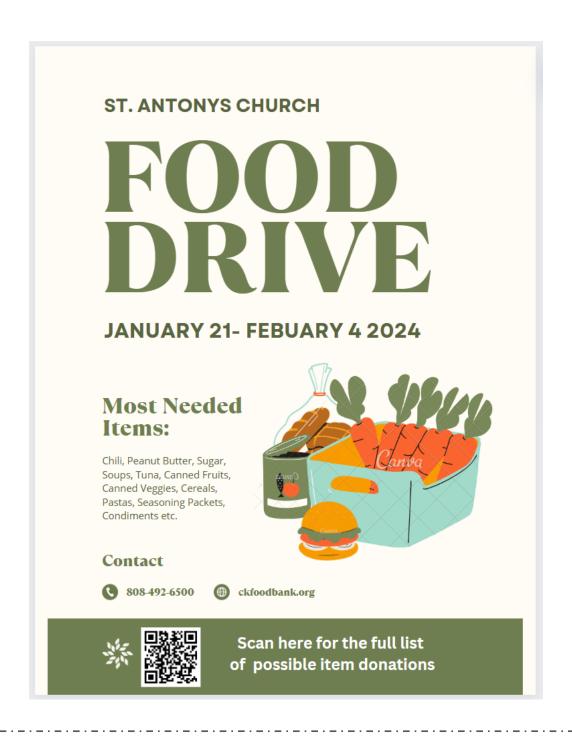
Holly Foley Bishops Warden

Outreach

The St. Antony's Youth Group and Outreach Committee are teaming up again to coordinate a food drive for the Central Kitsap Food Bank from Sunday, 1/21- Sunday, 2/4. During this period, the food collection barrel is available in the church accepting donations. See attached flyer for information noting most needed items at this time. A QR code is provided in the flyer as well in case you want to go directly to the CKFB site to see additional information.

During our most recent food drive in November, the CKFB highlighted the importance of donations this time of year right as donations post-holiday season tend to dip significantly, hence the push to tap into the generosity of the St. Antony's congregation to provide additional support.

Please reach out to Tim van As and/or Avery van As if additional information is needed.



Pastoral Care

I am Kathy Avery, one of your new members of the Bishops Council and will be facilitating the Pastoral Care Commission. I look forward to carrying on the good work you have been doing with Holly's leadership and exploring other ways we can support our congregation. Our next meeting is scheduled for 1:30 pm on February 6 in the Godly Playroom. I look forward to working with all new and old members. If you need to reach me, my email address is in the directory, or call the church office to get it.

In the meantime, I'll be out of town helping my daughter recover from an operation.

Kathy Avery
Pastoral Care Commissioner

Men's Group

On annuary 20th the Men's Group of St. Antony's gathered for breakfast, fellowship, and a presentation my Bill Reeder about the consulting work he is doing for NATO.

15 of us met at the All Star Bowling Ally restaurant at 8:00 and had a great time together. It was decided that we will meet monthly on the 3rd Saturday, and have a program quarterly. The programs for this year have been selected from among our selves. I hope you will take time right now and mark your calendar for our next breakfast February 17th at the same time and place.

Dick Scott+

Facilities & Environment Parish Life

Thank you to all for electing us (me) as new BC members. I elected to take Facilities/Environment and cochair parish life. We have a lot to do facilitieswise. This spring we will ask for volunteers for monthly work parties. There are some things we will have to get done, and we'll get them done.

Parish life – remember this coming February 13, we will be having Shrove Tuesday / Marti Gras, February 14 is Ash Wednesday – also Valentines Day

I look forward for an interesting year, full of promise and new things- new ideas.

Dave Peterson
Facilities & Environment Commissioner
Parish Life Co Chair

Celebration of New Ministry Photos







Photo credits Dolores Perreira

Meet your Bishop's Committee



Holly Foley Bishop's Warden Parish Life Co Chair



Tim van As People's Warden Outreach



Cris McCarty Clerk of the BC Communications



Esther Osborne Faith Formation, Adult



Marj Zantek Faith Formation, Youth



Kathy Avery Pastoral Care



Dave Peterson Facilities/Environment Parish Life Co Chair



Melanie Reeder Welcoming

Please contact one of these persons if you have questions or concerns or ideas within their commission.

• Bir	Happy Birthday! February Birthdays					
3	John Stockwell					
5	Joan Willoughby					
7	Bonnie Foley					
	Debbie Stockwell					
	Jean Mackimmie					
16	Robert Stockton					
20	Rev. Dick Scott					
21	Benjamin Wentworth					
23	Jason Wentworth					
28	Ray Flagg					

	February Anniversaries					
5	Norman & Dolores Perreira					
14	Daniel & Donna Smith					
	Barbara Hart & David Whelchel					

The deadline for the March Glad Tidings is **Tuesday, February 20th** at 10 am. Please send all submissions to: stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.



Zoe & Mike James Leland and Grace

(Please contact the office to get contact information.)

Financial Repor			Account Balances	
December		Year-to-date		
Operating Income	\$19,808.79	\$218,853.56	Local Checking	\$45,462.24
Operating Expenses	\$22,797.10	\$204,890.52	Local Savings	\$17,249.11
Net in December	December (\$2,988.31) \$13,963.04		Diocesan Investment Funds	\$219,697.65
			Total	\$282,409.00

February 2024 Schedule							
JOBS	February 4 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	February 11 Last Sunday after the Epiphany	February 14 Ash Wednesday Noon	February 18 First Sunday in Lent	February 25 Second Sunday in Lent		
EM 8 am	Donna Hilton	Elizabeth Moorhead	Ruth Lindstrum	Donna Hilton	Elizabeth Moorhead		
LC/OT & NT 8 am	Ruth Lindstrum	Donna Hilton	Norma Tipton	Dolores Perreira	Ruth Lindstrum		
GREETER 8 am							
			7:00 pm				
EM 10:15 am	Marj Zantek	Kristen Fabry	Peter Stockwell	Esther Osborne	Sarah Rogers		
LC/OT 10:15 am	Peter Stockwell	Stu Smith	Marj Zantek Michael Wentworth		Jim Foley		
LC/NT 10:15 am	Jim Foley	Elizabeth Flagg	Maggie Scott	Michael Wentworth	Peter Stockwell		
ACOLYTES 10:15 am	Ellery	Chelsea Sean Elijah	Avery	Soren Avery Ellery	Sean		
USHER 10:15 am	Peter Stockwell	Mark Westin	Linda Robuck	Bill Fagan	Dave Peterson		
COUNTERS	Jim Foley Ann Daniels			Marj Zantek Dave Wedeven			
COFFEE HOUR	Esther Osborne	Foley Family		Wentworth Family	Carmen Morris		
BPod	Tim van As			Dave Peterson	Tim van As		
1st LESSON	Isaiah 40:21-31	2 Kings 2:1-12	Isaiah 58:1-12	Genesis 9:8-17	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16		
PSALM	Psalm 147:1-12, 21c	Psalm 50:1-6	Psalm 103:8-14	Psalm 25:1-9	Psalm 22:22-30		
2nd LESSON	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Romans 4:13-25		
GOSPEL	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 9:2-9	Matthew 6:1-6,16-21	Mark 1:9-15	Mark 8:31-38		

Roster of Volunteers for Services

If you cannot serve on your assigned Sunday, please call someone from this list.

(A strike through a name means they are not available now but will be back.)

LECTORS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES
8 am	8 am	8 am	Ann Daniels A	Carol Nau	Cris McCarty
Donna Hilton	Mary Collier	Donna Hilton	Jim Foley A	Dave & Jan Peterson	Laurel R.
Ruth Lindstrum	Donna Hilton	Pam Morton	Maggie Scott B	Linda Robuck	
Elizabeth Moorhead	Ruth Lindstrum		Norma Tipton B	Peter Stockwell	
Dee Perreira	Elizabeth Moorhead		David Wedeven B	Mark Westin	
Norma Tipton	Bill Reeder		Marj Zantek A		
Cheryl Wright sub					
10 am	10 am	10 am			
Elizabeth Flagg	Kristen Fabry				
Jim Foley	Cris McCarty	Suzanne Brock			
Cris McCarty	Esther Osborne	Elizabeth Flagg			
Luke R.	Sarah Rogers	Carole Nau			
Sarah Rogers	Peter Stockwell	Malcolm & Sylvia Campbell	A - computer		
Maggie Scott	Marj Zantek		B - non computer		
Stu Smith	Rick Zapp				
Peter Stockwell					
Michael Wentworth					

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:30 pm Bible Study	Music Group 9-noon	3 9:30 am Altar Guild Meeting 5-7 pm Spaghetti Dinner put on by the Youth Group
4 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	5	6 1:30 pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting 10 am Music Together Program	7 Noon New Beginnings Contemplative Group	8 Noon BC Reports Due 12:30 pm Bible Study	Music Group 9-noon Cleaners Morning	10
11 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:45 am BC Meeting	12	13 11:00 am Witty Knitters 6pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 10 am Music Together Program	Noon - Ash Wednesday Liturgy 7 pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy with music	15 12:30 pm Bible Study	Music Group 9-noon	17 8am Men's Fellow - ship Breakfast at Allstar Lanes Diner
18 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	19	20 10:0 am Newsletter Deadline 10 am Music Together Program	21 Noon New Beginnings Contemplative Group	22 12:30 pm Bible Study	Music Group 9-noon Cleaners Morning	24 BC Retreat
25 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	26	27 10 am Music Together Program	28	29 12:30 pm Bible Study		

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The mission of St. Antony's is to be a loving and welcoming community who worships God, grows in Christ, and serves others.

Gather, Grow, and Go!