

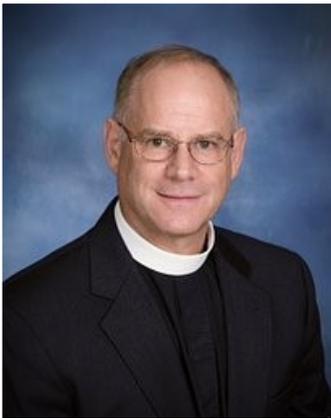


† ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH COMMUNIQUE

March 2019

The Newsletter for St. Francis, Dunellen

A Letter from Fr. Jack Zamboni, Rector



Fr. Jack Zamboni

Lent, Fasting, and Prayer

Dear Friends,

Lent, we know, is traditionally a time of fasting and prayer, as the *Book of Common Prayer* (p. 265) reminds us. Many of us grew up with the practice of “giving up” something for Lent – a form of fasting

in which we forego some pleasure in our lives to make space to open ourselves more fully to God. We may also choose to deepen our spiritual lives by praying more regularly, reading a spiritual book, or reflecting on daily meditations for the season (as Lent begins, booklets of Lenten Meditation from Episcopal Relief and Development will be distributed). These practices are all to the good and I encourage each of us to consider what God may be inviting us to in this way.

I'm also aware, however, that we're likely to think that whatever Lenten practices we embrace are chiefly about our individual Christian lives – *my* faithfulness, *my* spirituality, *my* relationship with God. More and more, I'm convinced that there is no such thing as an “individual Christian life.” Our life with God is always rooted in a community of faith and connected with the wider world around us. This cuts against the grain of the individualist approach to life endemic in American culture, but it is rooted in our Biblical tradition. Always in the Bible, life with God is life in a community – the people of Israel in the Hebrew Scriptures; what Paul calls the Body of Christ in the New Testament. And, in the Bible, the communal nature of life with God shows up when it comes to fasting and prayer.

Consider this passage from Isaiah 58 which we will hear on Ash Wednesday, in which God speaks through

the prophet about fasting:

*"Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?
Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?"*

Notice how the prophet connects fasting with the needs of the community – particularly the needs of the poor and the oppressed, those hungry and those who suffer injustice. He's clear that our relationship with God can never be privatized; real spiritual life involves both prayer and action; fasting and engagement. The meditation booklets from Episcopal Relief and Development, drawing on this Biblical tradition, often do the same.

But it is not just the good work of ERD that has

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brought this Biblical tradition to mind. In this *Com-munique* you'll also find *A Call to Prayer, Fasting and Action* issued for this Lent by an ecumenical group of Church Elders, including our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry. Last year, the same group issued *Re-claiming Jesus*, a response to what these faithful women and men see as a "dangerous crisis of moral and political leadership" in which "the soul of the nation and the integrity of faith are at stake." *A Call to Prayer, Fasting and Action* renews their honest assessment of the evils abroad in our land and calls us all to respond.

I won't try to summarize the challenging words in these two texts. I do urge you to read them, and then consider in prayer how God may be calling us to respond faithfully. I will be doing the same this Lent.

Peace,



Farewell Brunch for Deacon Marge!

Join us to give a fond farewell to our beloved Deacon Marge! She's moving to South Carolina to be closer to her family.

We'll be celebrating her after the 10am service on her final Sunday with us, March 24th. Come for food and fellowship!



ECW Happenings

Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of New Jersey (ECW) Present...

ECW Annual UTO Ingathering and Annual Meeting Picnic May 25th at Christ Church, Toms River

Attendance at the Annual Meeting and UTO Ingathering has been decreasing, and the Diocesan Board has given a great deal of thought into how to make this important event in our ECW year more accessible and appealing, and we think we have found a way—we're having a picnic! Our ECW Chaplain, Mother Amy Cornell, is planning our service with input from Allie Graham, and once again, we will be blessed by the attendance of our Bishop, the Rt. Reverend William H. Stokes!

We are planning some special things for this day so be sure to register. It is especially fitting that the location will be the Pettit Pavilion at Christ Church, Toms River, as it was built with UTO grant money! We hope you'll come and bring your families for a great day of fun and fellowship!



The ECW Logo

THE CROSS represents Christ and our service to Him and the world.

THE CIRCLE: stands for our hope for wholeness in our lives.

THE OUTFLOWING LINES: from the center depict the many works for the ECW going out into the world.

THE INTERTWINED LINES: represent our loves centered in Christ.



Reclaiming Jesus: A Call to Prayer, Fasting, and Action

As the elders who wrote the declaration "Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis," to which 5 million people responded, we now issue "A Call to Prayer and Fasting." We urge Christians to remain steadfast in their faith and engage with the deepening challenges our nation faces.

In 1863, at the height of the Civil War—the most divided time in American history—Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national "day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer." Today, we also believe our national crisis calls for prayer, fasting, humility, and repentance. With the season of Lent before us, we ask how we can apply Lenten spiritual practices to our lives and to the dangers facing our democracy.

We pray with those who suffered during the unconscionable government shutdown and with those who face poverty and hunger every day. We pray for those who live in fear of deportation and family separation. We pray for those who face violence—especially parents who fear for their children of color—and those who endure language of racial divisiveness. We pray for the soul of the nation and the resilience of our government's processes. We pray for those who have lost hope.

Above all, we pray for God to take away our fear and stir within us certainty in the fact that Jesus Christ is Lord. We pray that all will come to know that Jesus is love and that this knowledge will permeate our lives. We pray that we may have wisdom to discern and speak truth, and courage to stand for it in our public squares. We pray that we may be bridges that bring God's love to our angry national discourse. We pray for pure hearts.

Therefore, we are calling for national prayer and fasting beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 6, and continuing

through the season of Lent. We call upon church leaders, pastors, and local congregations to respond to the ongoing devastation that so many people face. We also call upon church leaders to stand up to the misuse and abuse of political power, in protection of the constitutional checks and balances of government and the common good.

We announce this "Call to Prayer, Fasting, and Action" to local cathedrals and churches, for Ash Wednesday services around the country. We call on clergy to pray and preach the gospel message and lead their churches to serve as the conscience of the nation. We call on clergy to foster dialogue that builds unity. We call on clergy to offer prayers that our political leaders will make decisions not for their self-interest but for what is right for our nation and those whom Jesus called "the least of these."

Let us assemble for prayer in national and local worship spaces across denominational lines. Prayer turns us to God and fasting focuses our attention on repentance. Gathering to pray will anchor us for the days ahead. Our Lenten prayers in our homes and our churches can be weekly and daily, individual and corporate, personal and public. As we pray, let us also discern what our best responses should be in such a time as this. It is time to reclaim Jesus—and have Jesus lay his claim on us.

We must pray and ask God to take us deeper and prepare us to give a response that comes not from the Left or the Right, but because we are, first and foremost, followers of Jesus. Lent is traditionally characterized by prayer, penitence, and almsgiving—which is defined broadly as solidarity with the most vulnerable. Prayer and fasting will help us find the spiritual vigilance and availability that are necessary for action.

May God bless and keep us, guide and direct us, and prepare us to reclaim Jesus. ■

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#ReclaimingJesus

ReclaimingJesus.org



OUTREACH

Outreach coordinator: Pam Maiolo

Lenten Lunch—On March 13th, St. Francis Church will be the host of the luncheon that follows the 12:15pm worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, Hoes La., Piscataway. Fr. Jack will be the preacher on that day. The hosting church offers soup, sandwiches, and dessert for the approximately 90 people who attend the service. Your help is needed to provide the lunch! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Maiolo at (908) 431-5627.

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United Thank Offering—The 2019 special Lent collection will be for UTO. We had a successful collection last year, donating \$500. Donation material and information about UTO can be found in the narthex. All moneys received will be presented in May at the annual Episcopal Church Women's Ingathering. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. All donations are due by April 28th.

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Grace's Kitchen—We do not serve in March. Keep your eyes open for future dates we'll serve!

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FISH, Inc.—Suggested food donation for March is rice & beans. All non-perishables are welcome. Please check expire dates. Collection of seasonal clothing continues throughout the year. The donated clothing can be placed in the box near the front entryway.

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FISH Hospitality—St. Francis will host overnight guests during the week of March 3-9 & again during holy week April 14-20. We also serve as the day center for this community outreach program that serves homeless families & single women by providing shelter & meals & other assistance as needed. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for provision of meals, fellowship & overnight stay. Your assistance in any of these areas is needed & appreciated.

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Eyeglass Collection— Our continuing collection of all types of eyeglasses (sunglasses, adults, children's, prescription & non prescription) has been very successful. 22 pairs of glasses have already been donated in 2019. All are given to the local Lion's Club for their Recycle for Sight program. Collection bucket is on narthex back table.

FISH Donations



Serving Middlesex, Union, and Somerset
Counties in New Jersey

Donation suggestion for this month:

March: *Rice & beans*

All donations are welcome! Please check expiration dates.

The collections basket is located in the narthex.

Monthly FISH Donation

2018/2019

<u>JULY</u> Juice	<u>AUGUST</u> Peanut Butter / Jelly	<u>SEPTEMBER</u> Cereal Cold / Hot
<u>OCTOBER</u> Canned/Dry Dog/Cat Food	<u>NOVEMBER</u> Canned Vegetables	<u>DECEMBER</u> Milk Powdered or Parmalat box
<u>JANUARY</u> Pasta / Sauce	<u>FEBRUARY</u> Canned Tuna / Meats	<u>MARCH</u> Rice & Beans
<u>APRIL</u> FISH Hospitality Donation (TBA)	<u>MAY</u> Canned / Jarred Fruit	<u>JUNE</u> Your choice

- The suggestions for each month are just suggestions for donation. You may give any food or personal product at any time.
- Please remember to check expiration dates on the food that you donate. All products with expired dates will be discarded.
- THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

STEWARDSHIP GET INVOLVED!



Sharing our time, treasure, and talent with others.

Stewardship is sharing the gifts God has given us.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

March 5 @ 5:30pm—7pm

Join us for a pancake supper to kick off the Lenten season.

More details can be found on the following page.



ASHES TO GO

March 6 @ 6:15am—8am

Assist Fr. Jack with dispensing ashes to commuters at the Dunellen train station from 6:15am—8am. See the next page for more information about Ashes to Go.

MEN'S RETREAT

March 8—March 9

Led by Father Jack at St. Marguerite's Retreat House at the Convent of St. John the Baptist, Mendham. More information can be found on page 12 on this *Communique*.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY ANNUAL DINNER

March 16 @ 5:30pm

Join us in Milbank Hall for a delicious traditional Irish meal, prepared by our very own Chef Amy! Includes door prizes, 50/50, and a small basket raffle. Details can be found on page 14 of this *Communique*.

FAREWELL BRUNCH FOR DEACON MARGE

March 24 @ 11:30am

Join us after the 10am service to give a fond farewell to our beloved Deacon Marge! She's moving to South Carolina to be closer to her family. For more information about the brunch, reach out to Cynthia Pelliccia.

LENTEN WOMEN'S RETREAT

April 6 @ 10:30am

Partake in a one-day retreat at St. Mary's by the Sea in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ, to focus on finding God in quiet moments. Register by Tuesday, April 3rd. Details can be found on page 13 of this *Communique*.

PISCATAWAY STREET FAIR

June 8 @ 10am-4pm

Save the date! St. Francis will have a table at the Piscataway Street Fair this year. Stay tuned for more details.



HOST COFFEE HOUR

Sundays after 10am service

2nd Sunday after 8am service

Fellowship after Sunday services is a time-honored tradition, and a great way to connect with your fellow parishioners and new comers. Volunteers are needed to provide beverages and light refreshments. Sign up sheets are in the narthex. To learn more, see Cynthia Pelliccia for 10am service, or Carline Sinckler for 8am service.



AMAZON SMILE

Ongoing

Remember to use smile.amazon.com when shopping on Amazon. 0.5% of your purchase price will be donated to St. Francis! Follow the link on our homepage at www.stfrancisduellen.org for more information.

LENTEVENTS



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Don't miss the Pancake Cook-off between Fr. Jack and David Dunham on Tuesday, March 5th from 5:30-7:00 PM. Vote for the best pancakes! All empty stomachs and appetites are needed. Join us in this fellowship dinner as we prepare for the Lenten season at St. Francis. Sign up in the Narthex so our cooks know how many to prepare for.

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Ash Wednesday Services, March 6th

Ashes to Go: Dunellen Train Station, 6:15- 8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes: St. Francis 12 Noon and 7:30 PM

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Ashes to Go

Imagine: It's an ordinary weekday, and in the middle of your daily tasks, you stumble into a moment of prayer. The street corner, the coffee shop, the train station or some other ordinary place is suddenly a place where God has come to meet you. The church has come out from behind the comfortable pews and doors to be in the places where the rubber meets the road. It's Ash Wednesday, and someone is offering you ashes and prayer, to claim repentance, grace and deep relationship with God for the challenges of your daily life.

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence. From the Middle Ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. The reminder that we are dust turns our attention to the creative power of God, and God's ability to heal the brokenness in our lives when we offer that brokenness to God. That turning to God is the work of Lent, preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Ashes to Go takes ashes to the street corner because that reminder of need, humility, and healing shouldn't be confined to a church building. We probably need it more when we are in the middle of our daily business! The ashes we receive are given to remind us throughout the day of our need for God, and of God's call to us.

There is much more to the beginning of Lent than ashes alone, and I hope you can make time for worship at St. Francis, for the support of others and of the great traditions of faith in our work of repentance and renewal. But God meets us not just in worship, but in the midst of life, and we offer the opportunity to remember our faith to those whose schedules make it hard to stop and pray with others on a busy Wednesday.

Fr. Jack will be offering **Ashes to Go** at the Dunellen Train Station on Ash Wednesday from around 6:10 to 8:00 AM. **Ashes to Go** should be a ministry of the parish – so he would very much welcome parishioners to join him for whatever portion of that time they are able. Please email him at jzamboni@juno.com if you can come.

Adult Lenten Formation

Worship – What we do, Why we do what we, What words do we use – and Why?

Have you ever wondered about the stuff we do during a Sunday morning service? -- say, what the different parts of the service are called (and why), why we stand when the Gospel is read or kneel for the Confession, how the Scriptures readings for a given Sunday are assigned, why some people make the sign of the cross at different times in the service (or don't), the shape and origins of the prayers – or anything else. Such questions may have particular interest for people new to the Episcopal Church – but even those of who have been around for years might wonder about these things.

This Lent, we will use *How2charist*, a recently created digital Instructed Eucharist, to explore these questions. An Instructed Eucharist is exactly what the name implies – a celebration of the Eucharist accompanied by instruction or explanation, usually spoken during breaks in the service. *How2charist* provides on screen text explanations while the words and music of the service are going on – a great advantage of the digital medium. Over the weeks of Lent, we will work through the sections of the service with ample time for discussion of what we're seeing onscreen as well as other questions you have that *How2charist* may not address.

Later in Lent, we'll also explore the language of our liturgy, especially the gender of the words we use for people and for God. Historically in Christian worship, our God-language has been almost exclusively male: *Father, Son, Lord* and *Master* are obvious examples, and many refer to God routinely as *He* or *Him*. Our language for human beings has also leant strongly to the male side. The older form of the Nicene Creed (*Book of Common Prayer* p. 327-28) says that Jesus came down from heaven “for us *men* and our salvation.” It was not that long ago that members of the church (including women) were referred to collectively as “*brothers* in Christ.”

In recent decades, therefore, many Christians have worked to create forms of worship using what is often referred to as “inclusive” or “expansive” language – language that seeks both to speak inclusively of all who gather for worship (*sisters and brothers*), as well as to expand the language we use for God. The Bible and the Christian tradition use a wealth of images for God (who, of course, can never be contained in any of the words we use) – most masculine, to be sure (the Bible and Christian tradition come out of heavily patriarchal cultures), but some feminine (Jesus speaks of himself as mother hen wanting to gather her chicks under her wings – Luke 13:34) and many with no obvious gender reference at all (is “Savior” a masculine or feminine noun?). But the non-male imagery has largely been absent from our worship.

We will explore why expanding our worship language for both people and God matters; what some of the challenges in that important work are and expansive worship language resources in the Episcopal Church, including some approved by the General Convention in the summer of 2018. And we just might test drive some expansive language worship in Easter Season.

Starts Sunday, March 10th @ ~ 11:45. If you need child care to participate, please let Fr. Jack know.

Community Lenten Services at Christ United Methodist Church

Wednesdays at 12:15pm throughout Lent
beginning March 13th.

Father Jack will be preaching and
St Francis providing lunch on
Wednesday, March 13th.



During Lent, the 11:30 AM Wednesday Service at St. Francis will be on hiatus so parishioners can attend the ecumenical service at CUMC.

Lent Madness - Who Will Win the Golden Halo?

Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. [Tim Schenck](#). In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints, Tim came up with this unique Lenten devotion. Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints, Lent Madness was born on his blog.

The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and people vote for their favorite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch. **If you're not sure about terminology, [check out our glossary](#). It's free!**

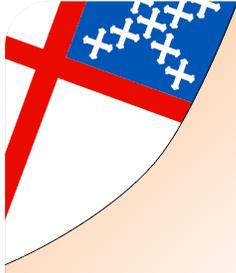
The major change from 2010 to 2011 was the introduction of four "celebrity bloggers" to champion particular saints through the Faithful Four. In 2012 we partnered with [Forward Movement](#) and Executive Director Scott Gunn to create our own website and broaden the number of people involved in the writing process, with Tim and Scott serving as the self-appointed Supreme Executive Committee.

Along the way we've added more celebrity bloggers, a poster-sized bracket, weekly Monday Madness videos, and the *Saintly Scorecard*, an annual publication containing all 32 first round bios, information about how to participate in Lent Madness as a congregation, and an essential Vocabulary List to decipher all things Lent Madness.

We've also inspired thousands of people along the way by forming an online community of people who are passionate about taking their faith but not themselves too seriously. Articles and spots about Lent Madness have appeared in the *Washington Post*, NPR, Huffington Post, FOX News, NBC, USA Today, and even *Sports Illustrated*.

As Lent Madness continues to grow and evolve, what won't change is the essence of Lent Madness: allowing people to get to know some amazing people who have come before us in the faith and reminding one another that there's no reason for a dreary Lenten discipline. If this helps people connect with the risen Christ during this season of penitence and renewal, and have a bit of fun in the process, then it continues to be worthwhile.

We hope you'll participate fully this Lent and vote with reckless abandon!



EVENT CALENDAR and LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Last Sun. after the Epiphany 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist 11:30am Choir Rehearsal	4 7:30pm A.A.	5 5:30pm Shrove Pancake Supper	6 Ash Wednesday 6:15am Ashes to Go 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Ashes 7:30pm A.A. 7:30pm Holy Eucharist with Ashes	7	1 / 8 Men's Retreat	2 / 9 Men's Retreat
10 1st Sun. in Lent 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist 11:30am Choir Rehearsal 11:45am Lenten Formation	11 7:30pm A.A.	12 7pm Vestry Meeting	13 12:15pm Lenten Service at CUMC 7:30pm A.A.	14	15	16 5pm St. Patrick's Day Dinner
17 2nd Sun. in Lent 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist 11:30am Choir Rehearsal 11:45am Lenten Formation	18 7:30pm A.A.	19	20 12:15pm Lenten Service at CUMC 7:30pm A.A.	21	22	23
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31 4th Sun. in Lent 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist 11:30am Choir Rehearsal 11:45am Lenten Formation	<i>April 1</i>	2	3	4	5	6

Worship Schedule:

Holy Eucharist—Sundays, 8:00am

Holy Eucharist, Sunday School, & Nursery – Sundays, 10:00am

Mid-week Service – Wednesdays, 11:30am

Visit www.stfrancisdunellen.org, call 732-968-6781, or email contactus@stfrancisdunellen.org for more information.

St. Francis Liturgical Schedule

March 2019

DATE	ALTAR GUILD	LECTORS	CHALICERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETER	COUNTERS
<i>8:00 AM Service</i>							
03/03	*	Alan B. Sharon B.	*	David Do.	Paul S.	*	*
03/10	*	Ilia S.	*	Paul S.	Sharon B.	<i>COFFEE BREAK</i>	*
03/17	*	Paul S.		David Do.	Ilia S.	*	*
03/24	*	Suzannah K.	*	Paul S.	Carroll W.	*	*
3/31	*	Carroll W.	*	David Do.	Paul S.	*	*
<i>10:00 AM Service</i>							
03/03	Geri P. Karen W. Rillette H.	Pam M. Larry Q.	Tiffany O. Princess T.	*	Sam M. Karen W.	Barbara D.	Cynthia P. Karen B.
03/10	Pam M. Barbara D. Princess T.	Hilary C. Nancy D.	Kia P. Hilary C.	*	Cynthia P. Larry Q.	Audrey J.	Ava P. David D. Xiomara M.
03/17	Pam W. Gail S.	Rillette H. Sam M.	Tiffany O. Elaine P.	*	Pam M. Arthur M.	Ava P.	Carol G. Kathy B,
03/24	Audrey J. Nathalie E. Sharon B.	Princess T. Kathy B.	Kia P. Hilary C.	*	Elaine P. Tom P.	Heather N.	Pam M. Monique P.
3/31	Geri P. Karen W. Rillette H.	Pam M. Elaine P.	Tiffany O. Princess T.	*	Sam M. Karen W.	Barbara D.	Larry Q. Anna T.





Retreat for Men, lead by Father Jack!

Friends,

As I've announced in recent Sundays, I am leading a Retreat for Men from the late afternoon/evening of Friday March 8th through the afternoon of Saturday, March 9th at St. Marguerite's Retreat House at the Convent of St. John the Baptist, Mendham. The Retreat is sponsored by the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lebanon and is open to men in parishes throughout our Diocese.

Our theme will be the (often helpful) role of questions and doubt in our life with God. I'm looking forward to this chance to engage in conversation and prayer with a diverse group of men and very much hope you might join us. Cost is \$110 and scholarships are available. You can register by emailing admin@churchholyspirit.net. If you have questions or want to know more, please contact me.

Peace,

Jack ✝



Lenten Women's Quiet Day

A one day retreat for all women of the diocese

April 6, 2019 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Led by The Rev. Maria Sanzo, a priest, teacher, spiritual director, and student who believes that finding God in quiet moments is essential to spiritual health, we invite you to spend a quiet day reflecting on the scriptures of Holy Week.

Register by Tuesday, April 3rd
at <https://tinyurl.com/WomensQuietDay04062019>
or contact Mary Anne Clisham at 609 394-5281, Ext. 10.

Questions: Allie Graham [allie.graham@gmail.com]
Suggested Donation \$10 at the door, includes lunch

St Mary's -by-the-Sea, Point Pleasant Beach
804 Bay Ave, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742



St. Patrick's Day Annual Dinner

St. Francis Church
400 New Market Road
Dunellen, N.J. 08812
(732) 968-6781
(Milbank Hall)

Saturday, March 16th

5:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Dinner prepared by Chef Amy:

Delicious Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Irish Soda Bread, Salad,
Coffee, Tea, Water, Soda, & Dessert

*additional beverages will be sold

*to go dinners available

\$12.50 per person, \$10.00 Children 12 and under, children 5 and under free.

ECW: Luck of the Irish -- Door Prizes, 50/50, Small Basket Raffle



CELEBRATIONS

March 2019

Birthdays:

03/03 Carol Gold
03/04 Sharon Benjamin
03/06 Yuennadi Moya
03/07 Natalie Toke
03/08 Marisa Myers
03/09 Francis Thomas
03/13 Richard Jaeger
03/15 Lawrence Burns
03/15 Martin Wilson
03/15 James Jaeger
03/16 Adrian McConney
03/25 Ava Parmelee
03/31 Dax Maye

Baptism:

03/01 Joshua Scolnick
03/07 Tyler Neal
03/08 Nicholas Neal
03/21 Anthony DeRogatis, Sr.
03/22 Edith Peters
03/26 Eleanor Gold
03/28 Althea Heirholzer
03/31 Adrian McConney

Confirmation:

03/03 Pam Warntz
03/12 Jack Zamboni
03/14 Barbara Dalto
03/17 Anthony DeRogatis, Sr.
03/20 Daryl DeRogatis
03/22 Geraldine Peters



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Rector

The Rev. Jack Zamboni

Deacon

The Rev. Margaret Forsythe

Vestry

Cynthia Pelliccia – Sr. Warden, Fellowship,
Finance, Buildings & Grounds

Paul Sinckler – Jr. Warden, Finance, Build-
ings & Grounds

Kathy Balenson, Sunday School, Clerk,
COME, ECW as able

David Doll– Buildings & Grounds Assistance

Carol Gold – Communique, Website Calendar,
Liturgical Scheduling

Xiomara Mitchell -- Fellowship, Fish Hospital-
ity Dinners (Outreach)

Vestry (continued)

Pam Maiolo—Outreach, Finance, ECW, Buildings
& Grounds, Rectory liaison w/ current tenant

Elaine Patania -- Finance, Stewardship and ECW
Liaison.

Monique Phua - Facebook page, COME

Larry Quirk - Fundraising, Finance

Carline Sinckler – COME

Non-Vestry

Ilia Scriven – Treasurer, Finance

Amy Myzie -- Donation recording; electronic bank-
ing

Christy McGuire -- Communication (Press releases)

Tom Patania, Yuennadi Moya -- Buildings &
Grounds

Nancy Dunham – Acolyte Scheduling