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The Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Tuesday: 7:00 AM

The Staff

Reverend Marion Phipps, Rector

Dan Dolney, Senior Warden

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Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant

Cherry Babo, Treasurer

Mary Baumrind, Asst. Treasurer

Carrie Reynolds, Vestry Clerk

**March Birthdays
Happy Birthday!!**

Denise McConnell	3 - 1
Jeffrey Malisewzki	3 - 3
Mike Martin	3 - 7
Teresa Puccio	3 - 7
Joan Murrie	3 - 8
Linda Imhof	3 - 8
Elinor Bartlett	3 - 16
Alec Baumrind	3 - 16
Kerena Moeller	3 - 19
Phillip Badeau	3 - 21
Larry Wild	3 - 28
Michael Phipps	3 - 28
Suzanne Martin	3 - 31

***March Anniversaries
Happy Anniversary!!!***

Page & Deanna Engelke 3 - 4
Marlene & Richard W. Rayner 3 - 13

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The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church

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Dear Parish Family,

I hope and pray you are having a holy and meaningful Lent. There are several things going on at church if you are looking for anything extra to supplement your Lenten journey. There is still time to sign up and join us for our retreat with Redeemer this Saturday, March 2nd. We will gather at St. Hugh between 8:30AM and 9:00AM and begin the retreat at 9:00AM. The cost of the retreat is \$10.00 to cover your lunch. There will be a couple of morning presentations, each followed by time for your own personal prayer and reflection along with some group sharing during and after lunch. We will close the retreat with a Eucharist at 2:00PM. I hope that many of you will decide to give yourself the gift of a day set aside to spend time with God. We live such busy lives and our relationship with God, like any of our other relationships, can benefit from some focused time! We also have two groups meeting on Wednesday at noon and 7:00PM to discuss the book *Follow Me* as a continuation of our conversation that begins with each of us completing the Spiritual Life survey. If you haven't done that yet, we have been given a few days extension to allow time to have some more people complete it. Additionally, we are offering Stations of the Cross Wednesday's at 6:00PM excluding Holy Week. At 9:00AM on Sunday's the Rector's class is discussing the *Renew A Right Spirit Within Me* devotional which we are reading during the week. We are always happy to have new people join us! The conversation is thoughtful and fun. Hopefully, there is a little something for everyone who is looking for ways to draw nearer to God throughout Lent.

I recently came across a Joni Eareckson Tada quote that seems fitting for Lent. If you are unfamiliar with Joni's story, she was injured in a diving accident when she was seventeen years old and has spent her entire adult life paralyzed from the neck down. She has triumphed over her challenges and has a vibrant ministry called Joni and Friends seeking to spread the gospel and also to support families and people with disabilities. Joni is a writer, speaker, and artist, painting and drawing with a brush or pencil held between her teeth. She didn't allow adversity to stop her from living a meaningful, God centered life. Her writings are heartfelt and inspirational. Anyway, the quote I want to share is this:

One of the most wonderful things about knowing God is that there's always so much more to discover. Just when we least expect it, He intrudes into our neat and tidy notions about who He is and how He works.

Lent is an opportunity to deliberately set aside time for prayer and study to further our understanding of God. We cannot begin to exhaust the depths of God's character, creativity, and love, but what joys we can attain if we're willing to invest the time! There are promises in scripture waiting to be discovered!

My prayer for you this Lent is that you seek and love God with all your heart and soul and mind that you may discover some new and life giving attributes of this great and wonderful God of ours! May the time we invest in God this Lent bring us to a more joyous Easter celebration on March 31st! Looking forward to celebrating with you!

Love and Blessings,
Marion+

Senior Warden Report

Just as we barely wrapped up our Christmas and New Year Holidays February brought us the beginning of Lent. We enjoyed our traditional Shrove Pancake dinner and once again Mike made it a wonderful meal with his special pancake recipe, plenty of sausages, and, most of all, an important time of fellowship with our St Hugh family. Thanks, Mike.....a job well-done and a meal well-made! Ash Wednesday services marked the beginning of Lent and the services were very meaningful to all. The following Saturday was Parent's Valentine's Night Out. Parents dropped the kid's off at St Hugh while they went and had a little "alone time". Thanks once again to Katie White for coordinating the event along with all those who helped out. Let me remind everyone that all the usual programs and services are still happening at St Hugh. From the Taize Healing Service, to our Lenten Bible Study, the Military Services, or Soup Kitchen there's plenty to be involved in at St Hugh. These are all wonderful things to get involved in so what's stopping you?

Finally, whenever I come to St Hugh for a meeting or to clean up or even to change the picture in the narthex, I will go into the sanctuary and say a prayer. I'm always comforted with the peaceful atmosphere the silence provides me. With all the "noise" going on in and around us how special it is to have St Hugh Church as a refuge. The 10 or 15 minutes before Mass that I sit in silence can be the most important and quietest time of my week. I so look forward to it and I know I'm not alone. So let me throw out an important reminder to all:

" Before the service talk to God; during the service let God talk to you; after the service talk with one another".

Let's be mindful and respectful of our fellow parishioners who need that quiet time to prepare themselves for worship. After all, we can enjoy one another for Coffee Hour in Wiedrich Hall. Let us all have a meaningful Lenten season in preparation Easter.

Dan Dolney
Senior Warden

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please remember to sign up to remember someone or a special occasion on the Flower list in the narthex. The cost per Sunday is \$30. Envelopes are available near the list. Please drop the completed envelope in the offertory plate or the mailbox on the office door



Easter Flowers

We are collecting for Easter Flowers starting this Sunday. Please remember someone special in your life or a special event and give flowers in their (it's) honor or memory.

RELICS will not meet in March but will instead attend Marion's Wednesday Lenten study. However, please put Wednesday, April 3, on your calendars when the Foundation for Wellness Professionals will present a program for us on balance. There will be a balance screening for all attendees followed by a lecture on how to maintain healthy balance practices and prevent falls. All members of St. Hugh who are available during the noon hour are invited to attend.

Request from the office:

Please see the listing of birthdays and wedding anniversaries on the bulletin board.
If I'm missing your special date (s) please let me know. Leave a note in the office mailbox on the door. I don't need years... just month and date are fine.

St. Hugh Purchase

We recently purchased 10 prayer books and 5 hymnals to keep the pews stocked. We are accepting memorial/thanksgiving donations to help with the cost. If you'd like to have a book plate made for (a) book (s), please provide that information to the office.

The prayer books are \$20, the hymnals are \$22.

January Operating Results From the Treasurer

Income Received... \$11, 623.00
Expenses Paid - \$17,951.00

Resulting in a deficit of \$6338.00



Family Fellowship

Roller-skating Outing

Please sign up on the Wiedrich Hall bulletin board for a fun afternoon of roller-skating on Sunday, March 10th from 1 - 4PM.

Sign ups available:

(on the Lent board near the nursery)

- ✠ Holy Week and Easter day service volunteers
- ✠ Agape Meal – Thursday March 28th
- ✠ Kid friendly Stations of the Cross and Pizza with the Priest
Good Friday, March 29th 4PM
- ✠ Passion Reading for Palm Sunday, March 24th – on the table in
Wiedrich Hall

The Altar Guild and all interested volunteers will be meeting, cleaning church and polishing silver on Saturday March 23rd 9:30AM - 11am. They will set up for Easter on Saturday, March 30th starting at 9:30AM. Jeanne plans to see everyone there, unless she hears differently from you. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Rayner 847-695-1369 or richjeanne@sbcglobal.net.

Palm Sunday



Sunday, March 24th is Palm Sunday. We will celebrate at our 8:00AM and 10:30AM services. Please plan to arrive a few minutes early, and meet in Wiedrich Hall.

Sign-up for a part in the The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke on the table in Wiedrich Hall.

Palm Sunday - A Little Differently

This year we will hold off on the reading of the Passion till the end of the Palm Sunday liturgy and allow ourselves a bit of time to celebrate Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem before shifting to the events of Good Friday. Through the years the Church has collapsed Holy Week into the Palm Sunday liturgy and I'd like to return to giving Palm Sunday it's own significance before we begin the road to Calvary. We will still have a reading of the Passion, but it will be at the conclusion of the service. I mentioned last year that I was thinking about doing this and just didn't want to surprise anyone with the change! I look forward to this journey through Lent, Holy Week and Easter with you all!

Holy Week and Easter Services at St. Hugh



Maundy Thursday – March 28th

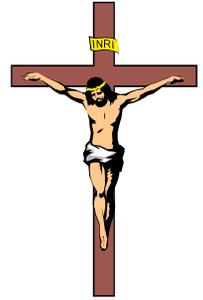
The Thursday in Holy Week is known as Maundy Thursday. It is part of the Triduum, or three holy days before Easter. It comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, "new commandment," from John 13:34. The ceremony of washing feet was also referred to as "the Maundy." Maundy Thursday celebrations also commemorate the institution of the Eucharist by Jesus "on the night he was betrayed." Egeria, a fourth-century pilgrim to Jerusalem, describes elaborate celebrations and observances in that city on Maundy Thursday. Special celebration of the institution of the Eucharist on Maundy Thursday is attested by the Council of Hippo in 381. The Prayer Book liturgy for Maundy Thursday provides for celebration of the Eucharist and a ceremony of the washing of feet which follows the gospel and homily. There is also provision for the consecration of the bread and wine for administering Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament on Good Friday. Following this, the altar is stripped and all decorative furnishings are removed from the church. (Taken from the Episcopal Church website.)

Our parish offers two beautiful ways to celebrate Maundy Thursday:

- Agape Meal at 6:30 p.m.: Please join Marion in celebrating an Agape Meal According to the Episcopal Church website, "agape" means selfless Christian love. Agape reflects the love of God, and it is the kind of love that Christians are called to share with one another. The term is also used for a common meal or "Love Feast" of the early church, from which the Eucharist developed as a separate rite. The St. Hugh's Agape Meal traditionally consists of foods that would have been eaten in Jesus' time. All are welcome to attend. There is a sign-up on the bulletin board in the narthex, if you wish to participate.
- Worship at 7:30 p.m.: Our traditional Maundy Thursday service will begin at 7:30p.m.

Good Friday

"The Friday before Easter Day, on which the church commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. It is a day of fasting and special acts of discipline and self-denial. In the early church candidates for baptism, joined by others, fasted for a day or two before the Paschal feast. In the west the first of those days eventually acquired the character of historical reenactment of the passion and death of Christ. The liturgy of the day includes John's account of the Passion gospel, a solemn form of intercession known as the solemn collects (dating from ancient Rome), and optional devotions before the cross (commonly known as the veneration of the cross). The Eucharist is not celebrated in the Episcopal Church on Good Friday, but Holy Communion may be administered from the reserved sacrament at the Good Friday service. The BCP appoints readings for Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer on Good Friday." (Taken From the Episcopal Church Website)



Good Friday for Kids Event

On Good Friday, I am offering a special Stations of the cross followed by cheese pizza for the children of the parish and their families. We will meet at 4:00PM and go through the stations and have some experiential things for the kids to take part in. They will be able to ask any questions they want and hopefully we can present the events of Holy Week in a way that is meaningful for them. We will follow with a pizza dinner together. Please sign up so we know how much pizza to plan for!

Our Good Friday worship services and Stations of the Cross will be held on March 29th at Noon and 7:30PM.

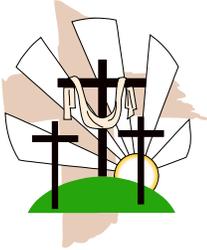
Stations of the Cross will be available beginning at 5PM and again after the 7PM service. At the Noon Good Friday service we will be doing the Stations of the Cross using *The Way of the Cross*. Holy Communion will be available from the reserved sacrament, as we do not consecrate the elements on Good Friday in commemoration of Jesus' death and passion.

For the evening Good Friday service we will begin with seven experiential Stations of the Cross that will be scattered around the church, beginning in the basement and ending in the sanctuary. Following these stations we will continue with the Good Friday liturgy in the Book of Common Prayer. Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament will be available at this service also. The experiential Stations of the Cross will also be available after the service.

Easter Sunday, March 31st

At 5:00 AM, the Great Vigil of Easter dramatically moves us from the darkness of death to the light of the Resurrection. We gather in the field next to the parking lot, and then enter the darkened church with the first fire of Easter and proceed behind the Paschal candle to experience the gloriously arrayed altar.

5:00 AM	Great Vigil of Easter (Followed by Breakfast in Wiedrich Hall – sign up on bulletin board)
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
10:30AM	Holy Eucharist



Easter is the greatest day of the Christian year! Without Easter, we would have no Christianity: Jesus would be dead, buried, and forgotten and the last work in life would belong to death. With Easter, Christ is alive for evermore and death has lost its power to extinguish us and separate us from the love of God. This is the day when God raised Jesus from the dead and we celebrate it at each of the glorious liturgies.



The **St. Hugh Easter Egg Hunt** is set for after the 10:30AM Easter Day service. Weather permitting it will be outdoors, if not, plan on an indoor hunt. Samantha LaPorte will be coordinating this event. She'll be needing help preparing and executing this special time for our littlest parishioners. Please contact Samantha at: samantha.laporte@gmail.com Please sign up on the Wiedrich Hall bulletin board.

Special Thanks

I know the weeks ahead will be extra busy for Margaret and the choir, Jeanne Rayner and the rest of the altar guild, Karen Warner and all the worship assistants and volunteers who help us provide meaningful worship experiences for people. I want to thank them in advance, along with Dan and Amy who are creating an experiential Stations of the Cross for us again. There are so many ways to encounter God, and Lent, Holy Week, and Easter provide us the opportunity to celebrate the wonderful plan of salvation God has for us as we retell the story of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection. Doing this requires some extra work for the folks I just mentioned, but they do wonderful labors of love to enrich our worship. Thanks to them all and thanks as well to each one of you who participate in the various Lent and Holy Week offerings! I hope you will all take advantage of the beautiful liturgies we have planned for this Holy Season! It is a wonderful thing to come together and worship the Lord. As the Psalmist wrote:

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

The Wednesday Night, March 27th Military Service is another opportunity to receive communion and pay tribute to our dedicated Men and Women in the military during Holy Week !