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Holy Apostles Celebrates Mardi Gras!

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ECW Out to Dinner
- March 16:
Lenten Series Begins
- March 25:
DYC Spring Fling

Please join us on Tuesday, March 8, as we celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a pancake supper and Mardi Gras parade.

Shrove Tuesday is the religious holiday on which the pancake day is patterned. Throughout the Christian world, Shrove Tuesday is a day for feasting before the 40 day fast of Lent. The name "Shrove Tuesday" comes from the custom of people making their confession, doing penance, and thus being "shriven" or absolved.

The tradition of eating pancakes arose from the English custom in which all

foods forbidden during Lent, such as fat and eggs, had to be used up so they wouldn't spoil. Thus, these ingredients were made into cakes, and the day became one of feasting and merry-making. Mardi Gras, which literally means "Fat Tuesday," is another form of the Shrove Tuesday holiday which precedes Ash Wednesday.

Shrove Tuesday at Holy Apostles will begin with a pancake and sausage supper prepared by our youth. Mardi Gras and Lenten-themed crafts will be available for children. Children are encouraged to bring their

bikes, trikes, wagons or strollers decorated for the Mardi Gras parade that begins outside the Parish building side doors—they'll toss Mardi Gras beads to the parishioners lining the route as they march to the church to bury the Alleluias, which are omitted from the Liturgy and the music during the Lenten season.

This fun, all-ages event will be a great way to prepare for the more solemn Lenten season that follows. The cost of supper is \$5.00 per person, with a \$15.00 limit for families. All proceeds will go towards the Youth Pilgrimage Fund.

Ash Wednesday Schedule of Services

We will offer three liturgies on Ash Wednesday: 7:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. Child care will only be provided at the evening service.

Lenten Series: March 16-April 13

Every Wednesday during Lent: Dinner from 5:45-6:30 p.m.; Program at 6:30 p.m.

This year, we'll provide a catered dinner; the cost will be \$5 per person. Our program will have three adult offerings: Tim Huebner will reflect on *Famous Conversations*, spiritual conversations of famous historical figures; Mike Marshall, an Education for Ministry graduate, will facilitate a class on the Book of Job; and John Leach will offer *The Great Commission*, a conversation on Jesus' commission to the disciples and its meaning for us.



The Rev. John P. Leach

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This passage from Matthew's gospel is referred to as "the Great Commission," as Jesus gives final instructions to the disciples after his resurrection. During Lent, I will lead a Wednesday night class on these words discussing what they mean for us as we engage in our Lenten disciplines and our penitential practices. Dr. Tim Huebner will lead a class in discovering the famous conversions of historical figures, well known people who have responded to these words throughout generations. Mike Marshall will present the Book of Job which at its heart is the struggle of a man to remain faithful and to comprehend God's faithfulness. Obviously, Job lived long before Jesus, but his life story connects us to the practice of faithful living and the challenges involved.

These offerings are ways for each of us to explore and discern how we are fulfilling the great commission in our lives. We can acknowledge the struggles, personal and cultural perceptions that complicate or limit our ability to be disciples in the world. The season of Lent reminds us of our need and the need of the world to acknowledge our weaknesses and our sins, thereby affirming our desire for God's grace offered through forgiveness. This forgiveness, embodied in Jesus' life, death and resurrection, emboldens us to new life, a new life of discipleship.

Discipleship denotes the way in which we follow Jesus' life and teachings, and it calls us to be a part of the community and world in which we live. To be a disciple of Jesus is to know life and death, darkness and light, despair and hope and to proclaim through our thoughts, words and deeds that life, light and hope prevail in this world. As you consider your Lenten disciplines, I invite you to find ways in which you reach out to others who long for healing and wholeness, for whom the good news of Jesus is good news.

Peace,
John+

Choirmaster's Corner

Organ preludes and postludes this month feature two prominent twentieth century French composers: Olivier Messiaen and Marcel Dupré. For the Last Sunday of Epiphany, to tie in with the Gospel's story of Christ's Transfiguration, you will hear two movements from Messiaen's suite, *Les Corps Glorieux* (The Glorious Bodies). In Lent, I will be playing movements from Dupré's *Le Chemin de Croix* (Stations of the Cross). Dupré improvised these pieces, inspired by Paul Claudel's poem of 1911, *Le Chemin de Croix*. You can read this poetry in French, beginning at <http://beatriceweb.eu/Blog/00000098ab08af201/00000099070bc2d10.html>.

In April, I will be traveling to Dauphin Way United Methodist Church, in Gulf Shores, AL to present Dupré's suite in concert together with their organist, a colleague of mine from Indiana University graduate school days, Colleen Kelsey.

11:15 service musical highlights:

March 20 – Cantores (a choir you can participate in!)

March 27 – guest musician: Larkin Bryant, dulcimer



Kristin Lensch

Altar Guild: Little Roses Ministry

In 2010, we contributed \$3,070 to Our Little Roses Ministries. Through our flower program, we are able to help support this meaningful ministry from your weekly contributions of altar flowers, Easter lilies, All Saint's mums and poinsettias. The following is an excerpt from the letter we received from OLRM dated January 2011:

Our successes are seen in the many accomplishments of our girls with education being an important focus. Of the youngest girls, 22 attend our bilingual school on the OLR campus with other children in the community. We are most excited that Our Holy Family Dental Clinic is now fully operated by our own Dr. Jersey Maldonado Vasquez, who came to Our Little Roses at age nine in 1995. Early on, she loved to study—especially math and science—and when asked about her impression of the home, said, "I would be able to be anything that I wanted to be." Three other girls are attending university and seeking professional degrees; and two recent high school graduates are either contemplating higher education options or working full time. Twelve girls live in the Transition Homes while attending university. Ana Moreno graduated with honors from a program for woodcarvers, a highly respected craft in Honduras, and was chosen to attend a special school to further perfect her talent. Presently 65 once-destitute girls are embraced in love and nurturing care in the home and positively influenced by their "sisters" and the many visitors from the U.S. who share talents and friendships.

—Diane Frade, Founder and President of Our Little Roses Ministries (her husband is Bishop Frade of Miami)

For more information about Our Little Roses, please visit www.ourlittleroses.org or ask a Holy Apostles Altar Guild member how you can help.



**Diane Frade, Founder and President
of Our Little Roses Ministry**

Lenten Food Drive

Once again, Holy Apostles will collect items for the Collierville Food Pantry during Lent. Traditionally, the season of Lent is marked by penitential prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, in preparation for celebrating Easter. The Pantry provides groceries to needy families, and at this time of the year their shelves are running low on several times. Beginning Ash Wednesday, look for the collection box in the main hallway at church. Below is a list of items the Pantry needs, listed from highest to lowest priority:

Canned beans (legumes), canned meat, tuna, canned veggies (excluding corn, green beans), peanut butter, canned soups, canned fruit, toilet paper, saltine crackers, cereal, tea, jello, jelly, macaroni and cheese, corn muffin mix, powdered laundry detergent [Note: bulk-sized packages of food are not as useful as smaller sizes, since package size limits who can receive the items (there are more single-person dients than families of four)].

Collierville Food Bank currently serves over 1,000 local families, providing them with much-needed food and supplies. Plan on supporting this outreach project as part of your Lenten discipline.

*The Collierville Food
Pantry is located at
101 Walnut Street and
can be reached by calling
901-853-3235.*

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CHILDREN & YOUTH



Look for us on Facebook:

Church of the Holy
Apostles Youth.

We're always posting cool
stuff and awesome pictures!

Save the Date:

Vacation Bible School

will be June 13-16,

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Tell your friends!

EYC News & Events

February made our youth very thankful all month long. Thanks are in order to every one of you; through your generosity, our Holy Apostles Youth were able to collect \$429.56 to benefit MIFA. As part of the national Souper Bowl of Caring initiative, we collected donations to help tackle hunger. Thank you to Tom and Lee Carpenter for hosting the Party.

Happening # 49 was a remarkable event. Alex Beason, Calla Zeigler, Lee Carpenter, and Jay Biedenham each had an amazing experience at Saint Columba Retreat Center. The Happeners send out a big thank you to Thomas Carpenter, Madeline McCann, Henry Simanson and the entire staff who worked very hard to make it a memorable weekend.

Mark you calendar! Please plan on attending our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, March 8 from 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. in the PLC. All proceeds will directly benefit the Youth Pilgrimage Fund. Look for more information soon about the Lenten Series which will begin March 16.

Schedule of Events:

- March 6: Board Game Night
- March 13: United Thank Offering Lenten Series
- March 20: United Thank Offering Lenten Series
- March 25-26: Jr. EYC Spring Fling at St. John's
- March 27: Jr. & Sr. EYC Wiffle Ball

Club 56 Lenten Schedule

Our youth will use the penitential time of Lent to examine the lectionary readings and gather in small groups to discuss the season and gain a deeper appreciation of its meaning. Fifth graders through high school seniors are invited to gather in the Nave following the community dinner. Our youth will break out into groups with age-appropriate conversation starters. Rite Two of Evening Prayer will be used at the end of our time together each evening.

- March 16: "Lent. What's It All About?"
- March 23: "Good Question, Nicodemus"
- March 30: "The Woman at the Well"
- April 4: "I Once Was Blind"
- April 13: Stations of the Cross

Children's Lenten Series

After dinner, children in PreK(4) through grade 4 will meet in Classroom B until 7:30 p.m. Each year, we not only give something up for Lent, but also give back. This year, we'll work with Episcopal Relief and Development and the United Thank Offering. Each week, we will discuss a particular theme from the ERD's program, *The Abundant Life Project*—the goal of which is for children to become more aware of the overwhelming needs of others in the world, link these needs to stories in the Bible, and work towards addressing the needs of the world, both as individuals and in community.

We'll collect money for the UTO, which addresses compelling human needs through grants and projects that alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally. We will send home UTO "Blue Boxes" on the first night of our series, which you can return when filled. We will end our series with an age-appropriate, multi-sensory, hands-on Stations of the Cross in the Nave.

- March 16: Water; Hand out UTO "Blue Boxes"
- March 23: Seeds/Soil
- March 30: Animals
- April 4: Harvest
- April 13: Stations of the Cross; Return UTO "Blue Boxes"

Diocesan Youth Council's Spring Fling!

Young people in grades 6-8 are invited to this overnight adventure filled with fun and fellowship. The group will meet at the Saint John's, Memphis, Parish Life Center. Download a registration form and waiver at www.episwtn.org/youth_programs.html and mail with a check for \$40 by Monday, March 21. A \$10 late fee applies after March 21.



ECW Out to Dinner on March 10

The ECW Out to Dinner group met at Salsa on February 17, after snow and ice forced us to change our original date. We had a great turnout with excellent food and fellow-

ship. For our next get-together, we'll meet at Firebirds at Carriage Crossing in Collierville on Thursday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Book Club

For March, we'll read *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak, and meet to discuss on Tuesday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m.

Death himself narrates the World War II-era story of Liesel Meminger from the time she is taken, at age nine, to live in Molching, Germany, with a foster family in a working-class neighborhood of tough kids, acid-tongued mothers, and loving fathers who earn their living by the work of their hands. The child arrives having just stolen her first book—although she has not yet learned how to read—and her foster father uses it, *The Gravediggers Handbook*, to lull her to sleep when she's roused by regular nightmares about her younger brother's death. Across the ensuing

years of the late 1930s and into the 1940s, Liesel collects more stolen books as well as a peculiar set of friends: the boy Rudy, the Jewish refugee Max, the mayor's reclusive wife (who has a whole library from which she allows Liesel to steal), and especially her foster parents. Zusak not only creates a mesmerizing and original story but also writes with poetic syntax, causing readers to deliberate over phrases and lines, even as the action impels them forward. Death is not a sentimental storyteller, but he does attend to an array of satisfying details, giving Liesel's story all the nuances of chance, folly, and fulfilled expectation that it deserves.

Parish Family Retreat in June

We are thrilled to announce the return of the Parish Family Retreat—June 17 -19, at St. Columba Conference Center in Bartlett! St. Columba's sits on 145 wooded acres and includes a lake, trails and wonderful atmosphere.

Stay tuned for details about an upcoming planning meeting this month. We want to hear your thoughts and ideas concerning this special weekend. Please contact Courtney Dukes at csdukes@live.com with any questions.

Continued from Children & Youth page...

Want to join the Diocesan Youth Council?

The WTN DYC is beginning the search process for new members. The Bishop has charged the DYC with the responsibility of developing the purpose of youth ministry in the Diocese, encouraging people to come to The Episcopal Church, and coordinating youth events for the Diocese. The DYC consists of 12 youth members, each serving a maximum of three years with terms ending at graduation from high school. Young people in grades 9-11 are invited to apply. Only completed applications with letters of recommendation and signed contract will be considered. Download an application and the DYC contract and return them to Heather Anderson by April 6, 2011. Questions? Contact Penny, Jay or Heather Anderson. Be creative and make your application stand out!



Visit www.episatn.org/youth_programs.html to download an application. Heather Anderson can be reached at handerson@calvarymemphis.org or by calling 901-525-6602 x104.

Holy Apostles welcomes Celebrities!

On January 30, five teens began their journey into adulthood with the Rite13 ceremony. The name comes from a liturgical rite of passage we celebrate with the young people around their 13th birthday. This rite, loosely based on the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Jewish tradition, is a way for the congregation to celebrate the unique gifts and abilities of these youth. Rite 13 provides a liturgical framework for the teenage experience of modern culture and celebrates their individuality and their creative potential.

Our newest Rite13 celebrities are Claire Boals, Harrison Marshall, Michael Squillacioti,



Adult Formation in March

Sunday Morning - Rector's Forum

March 13 (Lent) – April 17 The Book of Common Prayer - The Rev. John P. Leach

A closer look at The Book of Common Prayer: History, Sacraments, Shape of the Liturgy, Rubrics, Historical Documents, Prayers, The Catechism

Lenten Series (March 16 □ April 13)

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

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Famous Conversions – Tim Huebner, Ph.D

The Great Commission – The Rev. John P. Leach

The Book of Job – Mike Marshall, Esq.

Sunday Nights - Explorer's Class - March 6 □ April 17

A great class for newcomers and for all those who are seeking to join the Episcopal Church formally through confirmation or reception and for all those who seek a deeper knowledge of their faith. All are welcome to this offering. Led by The Rev. John P. Leach



March 2011 Bulletin

Prayer List

Hudson Atkins
 Emmanuel Bailey
 Amanda Carmichael
 Noah Crowe
 Marilyn Faithful
 Carrie Fegley
 Jennifer Fegley
 Katie Flynn
 Hank Gregory
 Caitlin Griffith
 Tomi Hall
 Jeff Hawthorne
 Katherine Huffman
 Alicia Johnson
 Jon Maio
 Phillip Newman
 Ralph Peterson
 Paul Rebella
 Anna Roberts
 Chuck Sertich
 Melanie Sleeman
 Joseph Theodore
 Ed Thomas
 Williams Family

Anniversaries

Renea & David McAlister March 1
 Stacey & Glenn Hopper March 2
 Stephanie & Anthony Tancredi March 9
 Wendy & Colin McEntee March 10
 Franny & John Paul Kavin March 13
 Tasha & George Kawell March 16
 Carole & Bob Capra March 18
 Sonya & Bill Scofield March 18

Birthdays

David Olive March 1
 Mark Overheim March 2
 Rick Ferguson March 3
 Michael Reddoch March 3
 Kevin Reynolds March 3
 Kevin Edwards March 4
 Betsy Leslie March 5
 Bill Scofield March 5
 Peggy Moore March 6
 Chase Raynor March 7
 Tasha Kawell March 8
 Bill McCarty March 9
 Whitt Dukes March 10
 Amelia Thomas March 10
 Isabel Long March 10
 Jackie Drake March 12
 Jerry Golebiewski March 12
 Gerry Papachristou March 13
 Pat Wasilik March 14
 Mike Hicks March 14
 Kelly Gillean March 14
 Jenna Meyers March 14
 Earl Morris March 15
 Michael Warrillow March 15
 Chris Klesges March 15
 Ashley Edwards March 15
 Lesley Cullen March 16
 Josh Klesges March 17
 Bill Taylor March 19
 Michael Carpenter March 20
 Claire Boals March 22
 May LaCroix March 22
 Tucker LaCroix March 22
 Pam Hassler March 23
 Bonnie Klodzinski March 23
 Carla Myers March 23
 Robert Johnson March 23
 Blake Reynolds March 24
 Barry McCrory March 25
 Nancy Mills March 25
 Jay LaCroix March 26
 Cary Barnes March 27
 Richard Finch March 27
 Matthew O'Bar March 27
 Sophie Jordan March 27
 Thomas Carpenter, Jr. March 28
 Jack Mayfield March 28
 John Terry March 30
 Lisa Morris March 30
 Samantha Tancredi March 30
 Avery Boals March 30
 Allyson Taylor March 31
 Zach Broadhurst March 31

Great Expectations

We pray for expecting parents, Lorena & Will Sappington and Emily & Hans Bjorkman.

Remembered & Honored

In memory of Joseph Woodward, Jr.

Dr. Dan Poag
 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Rogers
 Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Templeton
 Ms. Diana Watkins

Grocery Card Fund Balance

The balance for the grocery card program is \$4,413.73. Don't forget to use your Kroger and Schnucks grocery cards!

Altar Flowers & Outreach

When you purchase altar flowers for a particular occasion, you not only beautify the church for worship, but you also are helping the Altar Guild outreach, Our Little Roses, a home for children. If you would like to honor someone or remember a special event, you may order flowers by completing the order envelope in the hallway.

As Christians in a faith community, we invite you to share names of those who are in need of prayer. We offer these concerns in weekly worship, in individual times of prayer and through the Intercessory Prayer group. We also do our best to maintain the prayer list and ask for your cooperation in doing so. Typically, we will keep someone on the list for one month unless otherwise requested. You may call the office, or fill out a prayer request card found in the pews. If you need to speak with Fr. John about any pastoral concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email him.

Financials, as of January 2011

	Month	Year to Date	Budget
Pledge:	41,980	41,980	41,250
Prepaid Pledge	1,500	1,500	0
Plate:	4,174	4,174	5,000
Church Home Grant:	4,236	4,236	3,200
Revenue:	51,890	51,890	49,450
Operating Expenses:	\$45,985	\$45,985	\$48,578

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Our Mission:

To provide a welcoming community
in which all can, with open hearts
and open minds, receive God's
grace through worship, fellowship,
learning and outreach to others.



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