



THE THREE CROWNS

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Waiting out the Cold



I have always enjoyed winter. I remember spending hours outside with friends having snowball fights, digging tunnels through snow mounds, playing football, and going sled riding (the colloquial term for anyone from western PA). Then and now, I also take pleasure in feeling the cold. The brisk chill can invigorate and the crisp air can seem fresher to the lungs. For these reasons, I was never one who wanted to rush through winter to get to spring. If I did not get a full three months of winter, I felt cheated. As I reflect back now, I suppose that my embrace of winter was rooted in playfulness and youthful joy.

Subzero temperatures aside, as an adult I still find myself appreciating winter. Here we are in the dead of this polarizing season. While it is true that I am still one to bundle up (with or without my children) and frolic outside in the cold or snow, I recognize that I now approach these months with a particular spirituality. The naked trees, frozen tundra, and long, frigid nights give a rather convincing impression that life is stagnant. All we can do is wait for the earth to orbit and the spring thaw to come in order for us to see and believe that creation will, in fact, happen anew.

Although we might be inclined to simply “hold on” and survive the winter, we have to be careful to not let our hearts hibernate. As people of faith, how can we stay engaged and attuned to what is happening in our fractured world that is need of redemption? To refrain the question according to the Prophet Micah, how can we do justice, love kindness and mercy, and walk humbly with God?

As we were reminded this past week, this year marks 50 years since Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. We have yet to establish a society and culture where black lives matter equally. Moreover, last week people from all faiths gathered in DC to witness against torture and cry out to the awful reality of Guantanamo Bay where our country still detains dozens of people in violation of habeas corpus. Finally, I would be remiss not to mention that President Trump just revoked the temporary protection

status for one quarter of a million Salvadoran immigrants many of whom belong to the Episcopal Church.

A part of us may simply want to wait out the cold. One hopes the spiritual part of us overcomes and inspires us to respond with urgency to the social and moral evils that impede the forming of the Beloved Community. Beneath snow covered ground and within the roots of the exposed, brittle trees, life is happening. Divine grace continues to be at work and in motion. May our hearts, minds, and spirits stay active in this time of winter. May we discern how God is calling us to be Disciples of Christ in our ever changing and broken world!

*Paul Shoaf Kozak,
Intern*



Parish Annual Meeting



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A welcoming Episcopal community

Following our 10:00am worship this Sunday, 29 January, the Parish will gather in Hadley Hall to hear a brief review of 2017 and look ahead to 2018. The budget and new Vestry members will also be presented. The Rector's annual address will be part of the service.

Lunch will be offered by our youth to raise funds for their mission to El Hogar. Childcare is available.

New Vestry members are:

Suzanne Owayda is reelected for two years as Warden, Rich Bartels serves as Clerk, Cherie Collin de Casaubon serves as Treasurer, Alan Briggs serves as Associate Treasurer, Eunice Aikins-Afful, Thom Fries, and John McConnell serve as Vestry members for three years, and Kate Reynolds serves as a Vestry member for one year.



*Rich Bartels, Alan Briggs, Eunice Aikins-Afful, Thom Fries
John McConnell, Kate Reynolds*

The 2017 Annual Report can be found here



Have You Heard

Congratulations to Judith and David Gillette, whose daughter, Katie Mellen, had a baby boy, Charlie Parke Mellen, on 17 January. This is the second grandson for David and Judith.

We thank you, God, for ushering into your embrace your daughter, Anne Shire. Anne is the mother of Jennifer Shire. May Anne's soul now ring out in joy to you, the Living God.

Last week Thomas Brown celebrated the 20th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Congratulations Thomas and thank you for your ministry among us.



A Note Regarding Payments on 2017 Pledges

Please note that after January 31st all outstanding 2017 pledges will be “forgiven” and future payments will be applied to 2018 pledges. To direct us otherwise please contact [Suzy Westcott](#), financial administrator, at 781.729.1922.

As always, we are most grateful for your commitments to this parish community, financial and otherwise.



St Luke's/ San Lucas Needs Rice

Our friends in Chelsea often run low on rice at the food pantry. You are invited to bring bags of rice on Sunday mornings and put them in the grocery carts at the entrance of the Church. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated.



Information from Cluster Planning Meeting

Recently five parishioners from Epiphany, Pam Chester, Carol Hollingshead, Roz Nazzaro, Sandra LaPerche, and Susan Haskell attended the Cluster planning meeting at First Parish Church in Concord. This meeting was inspiring and very

informative. The plan is to develop a Cluster group in Burlington as has been successfully done in Framingham and is now evolving in Boston.

As described in last week's Three Crowns newsletter, the purpose of the Cluster is to have volunteers accompany immigrants to check-ins at the Burlington ICE Field Office as needed, as well as for ISAP check-ins where immigrants are fitted with electronic ankle shackles to monitor their movements. Vigils would also be organized at the ICE office. There will be opportunities to write letters, raise funds, and attend vigils at the South Bay Detention Center in Boston. There may also be opportunities for volunteers to support the Level 1 Sanctuary Church in Bedford that has someone in sanctuary right now.

Roz, Sandra, and Pam plan to attend a meeting in Waltham later this month to organize a team and team leaders for this Cluster. They will then report back to Epiphany to explain how people can become involved.



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Evensong Service

Sunday 11 February



Our next Evensong service will be Sunday, 11 February at 5:00pm. The choir will sing George Dyson's *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D* and Stanford's *Beati quorum via*. Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) is often credited with beginning a renaissance in music in the British Isles during the late 1800's. His music was the start of the English cathedral music that we think of today. His students included Gustav Holst, Ralph Vaughan Williams, John Ireland, Herbert Howells, and George Dyson. While Stanford often lamented that his students varied too far from his Brahmsian precepts, I think that you will see that George Dyson took his ideas and love of lyrical melodies and combined them with new harmonies that created beautiful and exciting music.



Wider in Welcome

Read these [remarks](#) from the Rector about administering Holy Communion with a chalice that does not contain alcoholic wine.



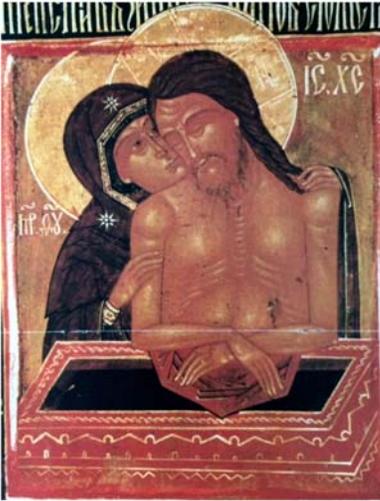
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Thursday Morning Bible Study Class

The Thursday morning Bible class meets at 9:30am in the Suter Room. The group is beginning by reading the pseudo-Pauline Epistles, starting with Colossians. Join them for coffee, conversation, and friendship.



Plan Now for the Lenten Icon Workshop



Icons are "written," for use in prayer, but the writing of them is itself an exercise in prayer. Are you interested in writing your own icon? Parishioner Mary Street is leading a Lenten icon writing workshop at Epiphany from 19-23 March beginning at 9:00am and ending at 4:00pm each day. Participants will write an icon based on an early Russian image of the pieta in which Jesus is seen rising from the tomb in the arms of his mother, Mary.

A \$300 fee covers most materials for the workshop. For more information or to register, contact [Mary Street](#) 978-664-2695. The workshop is limited to six participants.



Parent/Child Playgroup

Fridays at 9:30am in the childcare room on the lower level



Are you are searching for a community of other parents and children? Stop by Friday mornings for coffee and conversation while the children play in our well-stocked indoor play area. We meet most Friday mornings 9:30 - 11:00am in the childcare room.

Contact [Carolyn Hughes](#), Director of Family Faith

Formation, if you are interested in joining us or just drop by!

All parents, soon to be parents, grandparents or anyone who enjoys children is welcome! In February an additional Monday morning gathering will be added on 5 and 26 February at 9:30am.



2018 Youth Mission to El Hogar

Youth El Hogar Service Program: Informational Meeting



Any youth currently in grades 9 - 12 interested in being part of this team are invited to attend and informational meeting on Sunday, 11 February at 5:00pm in Hadley Hall. Parents are invited to attend as well.

This meeting will provide an overview of our service learning program at Epiphany that culminates with traveling to visit El Hogar in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The trip is planned for 21-28 July 2018. The mission of El Hogar is to transform and empower abandoned and hopelessly poor children in Honduras by providing a loving home and education. Our youth experience life at the elementary school, visit the homes of some of the children who attend, and begin to learn how to serve in the world.

The application process to be a part of the team will also be discussed.



Communion Enrichment Program

Begins Sunday, 4 February



The class is led by the Reverend Thomas Brown and Carolyn Hughes, Director of Faith Formation. Any child 2nd grade and above is welcome to participate in our Communion Enrichment program with a parent. Classes will be held Sundays from 9:00-9:45am on 4, 11, 25 February and 4 March.

This is a memorable experience for both you and your child to explore the sacraments of Communion, Baptism, and Reconciliation.

The program concludes with the Children's Retreat/Family Luncheon on Saturday, 10 March from 9:00am to 1:30pm and followed by Communion Enrichment Sunday on 11 March at the 10:00am service. Contact [Carolyn Hughes](#) if you and your child are interested in participating.



Confirmation Class 2018

Preparation for Confirmation: Informational Meeting



Any tenth grader and older who is interested in being confirmed is invited to an informational meeting on Sunday, 4 February at 12:00 pm in the Upper Parish Hall. Parents are invited to attend as well. The information meeting will be led by the Reverend Thomas James Brown and Carolyn Hughes, Director of Faith formation. Leadership for the class will be announced at this meeting.

Confirmation preparation classes meet weekly through June, tentatively on Sunday mornings and last for 45 minutes.

The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, 23 June at 10:30am at the Parish of the Epiphany.

Contact the [Parish Office](#) or call 781 729-1922 if you are interested in preparing for confirmation.



Epiphany Minicourses Continue

Adult Formation Minicourses for the season of Epiphany.

Sundays at 11:15am

Classes continue on 4 February and 11 February

Classes are:

1. *The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus*, facilitated by Gabrielle Stott
2. *From the Back Bay to the Suburbs: A Christ-centered Spirituality for Right Now*, facilitated by Thomas Brown
3. *Salem 1692: Challenges for Discipleship*, facilitated by Michael Chesson

4. *Abraham and a Life of Faith* , facilitated by John Jenke

5. *Bringing God Home; Simple Spiritual Practices for Families* facilitated by Thea Keith-Lucas



This Week at Epiphany

Monday, 22 January	
10:00am	Christmas Fair Wrap-up Meeting
6:00pm & 7:30pm	AA
Tuesday, 23 January	
7:15am	Men's Group
6:00pm	Pray the Parish Prayer List
Wednesday, 24 January	
7:30am	Holy Eucharist
7:00pm	Adult Formation Committee
Thursday, 25 January	
9:00am	Contemplative Prayer
9:30am	Thursday with the Gospels Bible Study
5:30pm	Junior Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 26 January	
9:30am	Parent/Child Playgroup
10:00am	Prayer Shawl Team
Sunday, 28 January	
8:00am	Holy Eucharist
9:00am	The Word Today: Lectionary Discussion
9:45am	Children's Formation Classes
10:00am	Holy Eucharist

10:00am	Children's Worship
11:15am	Parish Annual Meeting
11:30am	Genesis Middle School Youth Group
12:00pm	Soup Lunch to Benefit El Hogar Youth Mission Team
6:00pm	YPF High School Youth Group

For more information

Our website can be [found here](#)

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