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the Messenger

Charleston, South Carolina The Church of the Holy Communion February 2021

FROM OUR RECTOR

As members of Christ's holy Catholic Church, we will once more be invited in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. This invitation will be received differently by different people. Sadly, some will disregard it altogether, perhaps supposing that it is an offer only to those who are some sort of "Super-Christian" or those who live a life that has more time for this type of thing. Some will pick and choose certain bits of the invitation or hit a few high spots and call it close enough. Others will engage the invitation wholeheartedly and make an intentional effort at a well-rounded, holy Lent

Each of these disciplines: self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, and reading and meditation on scripture, are worthy of much investigation and discussion, in fact, volumes have been written on each. In this limited space, perhaps our best focus would be on the basics of self-examination and repentance.

Let us begin Lent by once again considering our situation. We are sinners. Human beings were created in the image of God that we might know, love, and serve our Maker according to His will. Sin is essentially rebellion against this purpose of God's creation. We are born with a nature into which, by the Fall (the disobedience of Adam and Eve) sin has already entered. Accordingly, our very nature needs purification before it can begin to fulfill the purpose of its creation and we need purification from those sins into which we fall along the way.

This purification is the work of God through the passion and death of Christ, given to us as the sacraments of Baptism and Absolution. It is given by no merit of our own, but because of the prevailing merits of the sacrifice of Christ. Apart from Him and His work we can merit nothing, apart from Him there is no remission of sins, apart from Him there is no development of virtue. But the divine purification demands a human response if it is to be effective, and that response is Repentance, without which the life of virtues is impossible.

Repentance is the one, essential condition in which God opens to us the treasures of His grace. Sin is not the problem; our denial of, or the reluctance to face our sin is the problem. The message of John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, was "Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," and repentance was the solitary condition upon which he baptized. From the

very beginning, when Jesus began his ministry and came into Galilee, preaching about the kingdom of God, his message is the same; Repent. When Peter, preaching his first sermon on the day of Pentecost, was asked, "What shall we do?" he reiterated the teaching of his master saying "Repent and be baptized."

There can be no doubt that repentance or turning away from sin and back to God and his ways, is what we are commanded to do. Unfortunately, sin is, for the most, taken for granted as an unfortunate accident of the human experience, a thing in itself enjoyable though forbidden. Of course, it should not be surprising that as long as this attitude is maintained, little or no headway can be made against it. Not until sin is realized as hateful is there any possibility of overcoming it.

Only when sin is viewed against the background of the love of God, can it be seen for what it is, turning away from that love. Sin must be faced in all its seductive treachery that in repentance virtues may sprout forth.

Self-examination is vital to the work of repentance. Often, we can be very ignorant of the extent of our sinfulness and the damage that our sins cause in our lives and in the eyes of God. Self-examination is a matter of "getting real" about repentance. This exercise can be a "general self-examination" where we systematically divide our life into portions. Begin with your early years through to the present, and attempt to place yourself in that particular time and place scrutinizing your life and character at that period of your life. Try to be definite: naming your sins whether single or habitual and describe your character fairly in words. In doing so, you might discover patterns of sin and particular problem areas.

After this rather lengthy process we might move to a discipline of "daily or weekly self-examination" wherein we look closely at the how we have lived during the day or week. Honesty and humility are paramount so that we don't deceive ourselves.

Self-examination is difficult, disagreeable work, sometimes very painful, loathsome work. Spread it out before God, plead the merits of your Savior, and ask God to forgive you for His sake. Ask God to create in you a new heart and thank Him for graces and virtues.

As with all spiritual disciplines they are most effective when practiced habitually and not restricted to the Lenten season. Lent offers us a time to begin again to be more intentional about our spiritual health.

God's grace and blessings for a holy Lent,

Father Jeffrey R. Richardson+

2021 LENT MADNESS.ORG

HERMITS & HEALERS

- Camillus de Lellis
- Matthias
- Hermione
- Melangell
- Evagrius the Solitary
- Euphrosyne
- Nino of Georgia
- Benedict the Moor

SUNDRY SAINTS

- Jacopone da Todi
- Ives of Kermartin
- Dunstan
- Maryam of Qidun
- Arnulf of Metz
- Vincent of Saragossa
- Tarcisius
- Egeria

SAINTLY 16

- Albert the Great
- Leo the Great
- Theodora of Alexandria
- Theodora the Empress
- Isidora the Simple
- Simeon the Holy Fool
- Catherine of Bologna
- Catherine of Genoa
- Henriette Delille
- Absalom Jones
- Bartolomé de las Casas
- Marianne Cope
- Joan of Arc
- Catherine Booth
- Miguel Pro
- Constantine

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FAITHFUL 4

ELITE 8

WHO WILL WIN THE GOLDEN HALO???

THE GOLDEN HALO

Forward Movement
www.forwardmovement.org

Atrium News:

The first Sunday in Lent, February 21st the atrium hour will begin at 10:30 following the Sunday Social. This is a change from the current time of 9 o'clock.



We worship God with our heart, mind and soul.

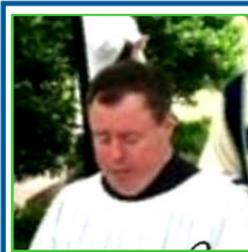
All are welcome in this place.

We meet for Said Mass with choir on Sundays at 9:15 am. Safe Practices & recommended precautions are being used:

- The church is disinfected and sanitized prior to your arrival, and then again upon your departure.
- There are markings on the floor to ensure proper physical distancing,
- There is hand sanitizer at the entrances to the church
- We have masks available to those who need one

There will be a few choir members in place and our organist will be here to provide music for the Mass.

For those of you who are not quite ready to return to in-person mass, the service will be available on our YouTube channel later on Sunday: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCORN1r3JX8Va7aD-R60-HCw>



We welcome **Morey Lent** as our new Vestry person. Thank you for you for serving.

We also thank **Sharon Dean, Frank Royster and Jan Schumann** for their service as their time has been fulfilled as Vestry members. They were presented during the annual meeting with A. Toomer Porter's book, Step by Step.

LET THE LENT MADNESS— 2021 BEGIN
YOU WILL FIND THE POSTER LOCATED IN THE MAIN HALL OF THE CHURCH.
Stay tuned for more information.

"THANK YOU"... CAUGHT IN THE ACT...

If you see someone "Caught in the Act" doing a kindness within our congregation or elsewhere please consider letting us know who they are, so we may thank them!

Email: syjellico@hotmail.com or office@holycomm.org

Baptized individuals interested in Catechism instruction are encouraged to contact Father Jeff.

The next Messenger deadline is the 20th each month. Please send information to Stephanie at syjellico@hotmail.com or office@holycomm.org

PARISH RETREAT CANCELED for 2021

With great regret, we are canceling the 2021 Parish Family Retreat. Until there is widespread vaccination for the Covid-19 virus, it is not safe for us to gather.

If things improve dramatically, we will try to do something later in 2021.

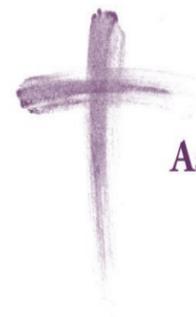
Hoping for a healthy 2021!

~Jan Schumann

Shrove Tuesday Drive-By Pancake Supper



Tuesday, February 16
\$5 per person / \$15 per family
Pancakes will be made fresh in our sanitized kitchen and ready for you to pick up as you drive up.
Pick-up is from 5:30p.m.—7p.m.



Ash Wednesday — Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday Wednesday, February 17

Mass & Imposition of Ashes
8 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

&

Solemn High Mass
& Imposition of Ashes
6:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION LEADERSHIP & STAFF

The Rev. Jeffrey R. Richardson, Rector
The Rev. Jerry J. Jellico, Deacon
Clara D. Godshall, Choirmaster/Organist
Dorothy Holland, Youth/Children's Minister
Mary Neale Berkaw, Coordinator of Altar Guild Ministries
Stephanie Jellico, Parish Administrator

HOLY COMMUNION'S DAY SCHOOL STAFF

Stephanie Jellico, Day School Administrator
Cappy Traywick, Day School Committee Chairperson
Belinda Dymek, Day School Teacher
Beth McKie, Day School Teacher
Emily Mills, Day School Teacher
Lisa Clarke, Teaching Assistant
Katherine King, Teaching Assistant
Conner Caraman, Teaching Assistant

VESTRY MEMEBERS:

Christine Jennings, Sr. Warden
Mark Gould, Jr. Warden
Sue Cavanaugh, 21
Martin Gramling, 21
Patricia Henley, 21
Jan Schumann, 21
Michael Jones, 22
Roy Schmarkey, 22
Skip Schumann, 22
Morey Lent, 23

VESTRY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Christian Education:
Skip Schumann

Communications//Website:
Mike Jones

Day School:
Patricia Henley

Greeters: (not yet assigned)

Outreach
Food Pantry/LOR:
Jerry Jellico & Stephanie Jellico

Parish Life/Hospitality:
Lisa Covington
Sharon Dean

Pastoral Care: Sharon Dean
Servers Guild: Frank Royster
training/meeting with younger acolytes; chalice bearers

Young Adults:
Martin Gramling

Inreach: Jan Schumann

VESTRY PERSONS OF THE DAY FOR FEBRUARY:

Feb. 7, *Epiphany V*
Jan Schumann
Skip Schumann

Feb. 14, *Last Sunday/Epiphany*
Skip Schumann
Sue Cavanaugh

Feb. 21, *Lent I*
Sue Cavanaugh
Martin Gramling

Feb. 28, *Lent II*
Martin Gramling
Mark Gould

"Submissions to the Messenger will be added after approval and will not be considered anonymous unless agreed upon by the editor, the Rector and the submitter. Also, submissions may be shared via any and all other electronic means, socially or privately."

Church of the Holy Communion invites you to participate in our virtual podcast club (like a book club, but for podcasts!).

HOLY COMMUNION PODCAST CLUB

...like a book club, but for podcasts!

We gather over Zoom each Wednesday night at 8pm to discuss a preselected podcast episode on a spiritual or religious topic. Our conversations are a time to connect, ask questions, and learn from others. Over the past year, we have discussed podcast episodes ranging from the book of Job, intercessory prayer, systemic racism, and the water molecule.

To sign up to receive email notices and the Zoom meeting link, please contact Lauren Schumann at LaurenJSchumann@gmail.com. No long-term commitment is required - feel free to pop in any Wednesday that suits your schedule or interests you. We look forward to having you!

Food Pantry is Saturday, February 13!!!

Please consider coming at 7am to help bag & distribute!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the CHC Food Pantry in January! We truly cannot do this without you. Thank you: Erica Langerson and Alice Liao, Mark Gould, Skip Schumann, Anne Louise Schumann, Cappy Traywick, Andrew Young, Dawn Balsam, Jerry and Stephanie Jellico, Janet Gallagher, and to all of you who have supported the Food Pantry Ministry with monetary donations. Please contact Jerry at jerico@knology.net or 843-751-8108 for more information.



TAKE THEM A MEAL

When there is a birth, death in a family, health crisis, or the setting up of a new home, one of the helpful offerings from our parish family, is a meal for the family involved. For those of you who are tech savvy, there is a sign up at www.takethemameal.com.

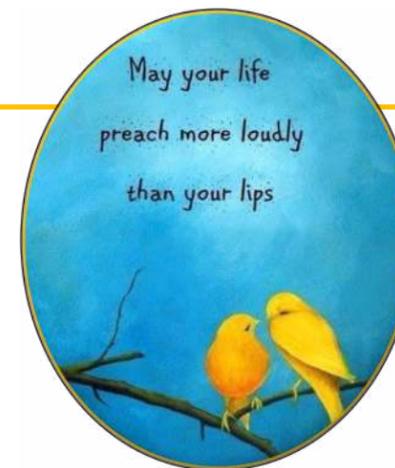
The website contains meal suggestions with recipes, or you can have the site send a meal to an address. The only caveat is dietary restrictions, so make sure you are aware before you send or prepare anything.

For those not so tech savvy, you may call Sharon Dean at 843-371-2971 or Jan Schumann at 843-276-0452 to let us know that you would like to prepare and take a meal and for whom. Yes, these are challenging times for an effort such as this, but you can do a porch drop. If you feel uncomfortable doing a porch drop, get it to the church, let me (Sharon) know, and it will get to the person or family.

“Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

Inasmuch as you have done it to the least of these, you have done it unto me.”

Sharon Dean and Jan Schumann
Pastoral Care and Inreach



THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

Many hands ensure that a few hands are not overworked. Please consider offering your time.

Counting & depositing the money pledges/donations
Once a week--usually on Monday (training provided)

Kitchen help (pancake supper, special lunches/brunches)
cooking, set up, clean up

Hospitality/snacks after Sunday mass

Bread of Heaven (if this resumes it probably will not resume before fall 2021)
Once a month

Greening of the Church
after 4th Sunday in Advent

Removing greens from the Church
ASAP after 12th night

Help sending out newsletter & other mailings

Usher

Acolyte

Lector

Helping to **prepare and or take meals** to new parents or bereaved

Please prayerfully consider one or more of these ways in which to serve the church. You may contact the church office or let a Vestry person know of your intent.

Kim extends her **heartfelt thank you** to the Parish. She has been incredibly blessed by the outpouring of love from all of you these past 14 1/2 years and that you continue bless her. She encourages everyone to stay in touch through email and written letters.

Her new address is: Kim McAtee
2015 Essex Avenue
Casper, WY 82604

email: mcatee.kim0112@gmail.com



Kim received a blessing and was presented with several individual gifts and two very special gifts from her Church of the Holy Communion Family, a BRAHMIN HAND BAG AND WALLET in her favorite colors and a STAINED GLASS DRAGONFLY made from stained glass from the Nave windows lost during Hugo, so she will always be connected to us and us to her.



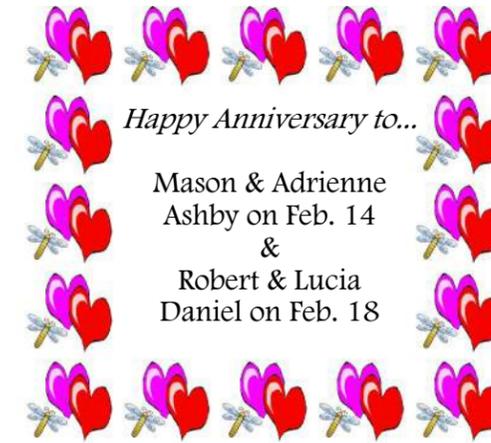
For anyone wishing to contribute to her retirement gifts there is still time. Please contact Stephanie at office@holycomm.org or syjellico@hotmail.com



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday...

- 2/7 Bob Wise
- 2/8 Adrienne Ashby
- 2/10 Sam Harris
- 2/12 Lauren Schumann
- 2/13 Marilyn Jenkins
- 2/16 Jonathan Holland
- 2/16 Noah Sanderson
- 2/16 Mary Frances Owen Schumann
- 2/17 Carmen Louise Pagán
- 2/23 Johnny Lou Emory
- 2/23 Jan Schumann
- 2/27 Dawn Balsam



Happy Anniversary to...

Mason & Adrienne
Ashby on Feb. 14
&
Robert & Lucia
Daniel on Feb. 18



Join us for light refreshments at the Sunday Social after Mass in the parking lot!

Prayers of the People

Please join us in praying for the following:

We most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor...

Barbara, Nathlyn, John, Monica, Christian, Sarah, Brad, Shirley, Mary, Johnny Lou, Betty, Ford, Katie, Kathleen, Sue, Lucia, Bob, Carol Sue, Noël, Mason, Michael, Linda, Ariel, Bill, Janice, Billy, Anna, Millie, Eliza, Steve, Kaitlyn, Randy, Patricia...

and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, in thy mercy, Hear our prayer.

Life Changes...

We pray for the family of Richard Baker at his death
Monday, January 25



May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.

We celebrate with and extend our congratulations

To Sara and Nandan at the birth of their daughter,
Maria Devi Shetty on January 1, 2021
(pictures to follow)

&

To Melissa and Kelley at the baptism of their son,
Ansel Finnegan Poe on January 10, 2021
(pictures to follow)

&

To Father Jeff and Patty Richardson at the birth of their granddaughter,
Lleana Ann.

Proud are parents Julius and Sairy Richardson
January 29, 2021

