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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Solemn Said High Mass with Choir every Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

**Morning Prayer at 7:30 a.m. and Said Mass at 8:00 a.m.
offered Monday—Thursday**

**Stations of the Cross every Wednesday
at 12:30 p.m. throughout Lent
and at 5:30 p.m. on Good Friday.**



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FROM OUR RECTOR

I like the season of Lent. That may be a bit strange, but it is true. It is not especially the solemnity, although I like that, it is rather the opportunity for a new start at being intentional about spiritual disciplines. I strive to do better year around, but I find that despite my efforts, things slip a bit. I am happy to get a fresh start. It is not, of course, the exercise of spiritual disciplines for the sake of spiritual discipline, but in that I find that these disciplines improve my relationships. More time in prayer, more reading and meditation on God's holy Word, and a little quiet time for self-examination, improves my relationship with God and my relationships with the people that are a part of my life. Furthermore, when I arrive at the empty tomb Easter morning, I experience a deep and profound joy that is beyond my ability with words.

The passion of our Lord is a story about love; God's love for his children and his desire that his children love Him and one another. Jesus came to us that we might know God more fully. He lived in a way that we might see that relationship with God and with one another which is founded on a deep and abiding love. Not a love based on emotion or feelings, but love as an intentional action. These efforts can be difficult and sometimes painful actions for us, but our Lord strengthens us for this work.

On our Lenten journey we progress with certain and sure steps toward the unspeakable agonies of Jesus' passion and death. But even in the face of this horrifying violence and treachery, we see that the way of the cross is the way of peace. Jesus knew that the Father loved him unconditionally and forever, and Jesus knew the peace of obedience to the Father. Fortified by this relationship he could love God's children as his brothers and sisters even in our brokenness.

The love of His Passion was a patient love. He endured all of the disciple's dullness and ingratitude. And we recall his words; "have I been so long a time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip?" He gently stays Peter's hand when he would fight for His kingdom with the sword. Even to Judas in the very act of betraying him, Jesus allows him the dear name of "friend." There can be no anger where patient love abides.

The love of his Passion was a forgiving love. The look of Jesus that caused Peter to weep so bitterly was a look of pardoning love. His prayer for his murderers, his words to the dying thief, his rebuke to the doubting Thomas, all spoke the measure of his forgiving love to those who had wronged him. If we are to love one another as He has loved us, we will be tenderhearted; forgiving one another for Christ's sake as he has forgiven us.

Finally, the love of the Passion was a persevering love; "He loved them unto the end." All the disciples grieved and wounded him with their actions and in their ignorance, but they could not resist the love that always pursued them. Christ's love is a 'love that bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.' Christ is the "hound of heaven" relentlessly yipping at our heels, longing to be with us and to love us. He will never let us go.

The love of the Passion is our hope, the way of the cross is the way of peace. Note, however, that Jesus does not command us to deny ourselves and pick up our cross, rather our loving Lord first invites us to follow him.

May God bless us with a loving and faithful Lent.

Father Richardson+

THANK YOU so very much!

Dear Parish Family,

I write to you today with heartfelt appreciation for your many kindnesses as I begin the next chapter of my life!

Please know that although it took us a little longer than we anticipated, we arrived here safe and sound. I thank you for your prayers that helped keep us safe!

From those who organized and provided the farewell luncheon to the many who attended; from those who brought cards and gifts to those who sent well wishes but could not attend; I THANK YOU!

I gaze at a beautiful hand-made stained glass dragonfly that graces the sunny window in my room and recall how much meaning and significance it carries, and I am again touched with appreciation and awe.

I am amazed and overwhelmed by the generosity of you all. The handbag and wallet are gorgeous and an extravagance beyond my imagination, but that I proudly carry!

But beyond the gifts, I thank you for your love and support! I pray that you will stay in touch. I miss you all dearly!

My address is: 2015 Essex Ave.
Casper, WY 82604

My email address is: mcatee.kim0112@gmail.com

I look forward to hearing from you!

With much love and gratitude, Kim



Atrium News:

The atrium hour begins at 10:30 following the Sunday Social.

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



Follow this link to The Episcopal Diocese of SC:

www.episcopalchurchsc.org

This is where you can find out about what's happening in the Episcopal Church. Sign up for their newsletter, receive email updates and devotions.

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.

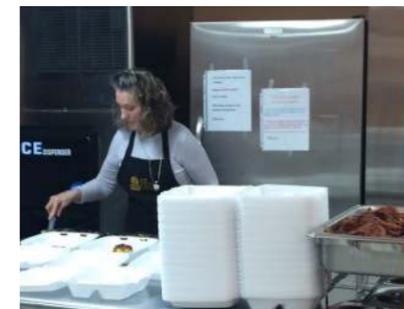
For those not so tech savvy, you may call Sharon Dean at 843-371-2971 or Jan Schumann at 843-276-0452 to let us know that you would like to prepare and take a meal and for whom. Yes, these are challenging times for an effort such as this, but you can do a porch drop. If you feel uncomfortable doing a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

Thank you for your consideration, Sharon Dean and Jan Schumann

Shrove Tuesday Drive-By Pancake Supper



Organizing a drive through pancake supper was a new experience for ALL of us--for those who made it happen & for those who came & supported it. The proceeds will go into the Pantry funds account. We figured out a couple of things we'd do differently if we ever have to do a drive through supper again. HOWEVER, we are sure we all are hoping & praying that we can have a pancake supper in 2022 like we did in 2019. ~Lisa Covington and Sharon Dean

Thanks to... Tim Carswell, Janet Gallagher, Laurie Palmer, Christine Jennings, Dorothy Holland, Ellison Holland, Kate Traywick, McCartney Royster, Father Jeff, Deacon Jerry, Mark and Diane Gould, Sharon Dean, Lisa Covington, and all the faithful who began their journey to Calvary and purchased pancakes.

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 Director
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
Vestry Person of the Day, Ushers, Greeters: Patricia Henley & Roy Schmarkey
Outreach: Mike Jones & Jerry Jellico
Parish Life/Hospitality: Roy Schmarkey, Lisa Covington & Sharon Dean
Pastoral Care: Sharon Dean
Young Adults: Martin Gramling
Inreach: Jan Schumann & Mike Jones
Finances: Sue Cavanaugh
Stewardship: Morey Lent

VESTRY PERSONS OF THE DAY FOR MARCH:

March 7, Lent III
Christine Jennings & Mark Gould
March 14, Rose Sunday/Lent IV
Sue Cavanaugh & Martin Gramling
March 21, Lent V
Michael Jones & Skip Schumann
March 28, Palm Sunday
Roy Schmarkey & Jan Schumann

"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."

HOLY COMMUNION PODCAST CLUB

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

A New Day...CHC Podcast Club is now meeting on Sundays!!!

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

We gather over Zoom each **Sunday 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 Sunday that suits your schedule or interests you. We look forward to having you!

Food Pantry is Saturday, March 13!!!

Please consider coming at 7a.m. to help bag & distribute!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the CHC Food Pantry in February! We truly cannot do this without you. Thank you: Father Jeff, Mark Gould, Skip Schumann, Anne Louise Schumann, Andrew Young, Dawn Balsam, Janet Gallagher, Tim Carswell, John Ettling and Morey Lent, and to all of you who have supported the Food Pantry Ministry with monetary donations. Please contact Jerry at 843-751-8108 or jerico@knology.net for more information.

"If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noon day."



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

~Thank you, Skip Schumann and McCartney Royster, for your service. They both were 1st time sub-deacons in February. Pictured here is McCartney.

~Thank you, Sue Cavanaugh, for replacing and labeling the door stops.

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!



2021 LENTMADNESS.ORG

ROUND OF 32

SAINTLY 16

ELITE 8

FAITHFUL 4

CHECK OUT THE POSTER LOCATED IN THE MAIN HALL AT THE CHURCH TO SEE WHICH SAINT IS IN THE LED.

WHO WILL WIN THE GOLDEN HALO?

THE GOLDEN HALO

Create Space for the Stranger, set a place at your table for the unseen guest.

In our world full of strangers, estranged from their own past, culture, and country, from their neighbors, friends, and family, from their deepest self and their God, we witness a painful search for a hospitable place where life can be lived without fear and where community can be found. Although many, we might say even most, strangers in this world become easily the victim of a fearful hostility, it is possible for men and women and obligatory for Christians to offer an open and hospitable space where strangers can cast off their strangeness and become our fellow human beings. The movement from hostility to hospitality is hard and full of difficulties. Our society seems to be increasingly full of fearful, defensive, aggressive people, anxiously clinging to their property and inclined to look at their surrounding world with suspicion, always expecting an enemy to suddenly appear, intrude, and do harm. But still—that is our vocation: to convert the hostis into a hospes, the enemy into a guest, and to create the free and fearless space where brotherhood and sisterhood can be formed and fully experienced.

~Henri Nouwen



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/UC0RN1r3JX8Va7aD-R60-HCw>

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Masses & Opportunities Holy Week through Easter

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is offered Monday—Thursday

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Palm Sunday Mass, March 28
Said High Mass with Choir at 9:15 a.m.

Holy Week Masses & Opportunities
Monday, March 29—Wednesday, March 31
Morning Prayer at 7:30 a.m. and Said Mass at 8 a.m.
&
Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 1
Morning Prayer at 7:30 a.m. and Said Mass at 8 a.m.
&
Solemn Mass, Stripping of the Altar and
Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2
LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY AT 12/NOON
Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 3
Office of Holy Saturday at 10 a.m.

Easter Day, April 4
Said High Mass with Choir at 9:15 a.m.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday...

- 3/ 4 Mary Amanda Fabian
- 3/ 5 Elliott Randall
- 3/ 9 Libby Cone
- 3/10 Gary Nimocks
- 3/16 Sherry Royster
- 3/17 Ford Walpole
- 3/22 Brayden Horres
- 3/22 Ben Traywick
- 3/23 Louise Salmon
- 3/26 Tim Carswell
- 3/26 Allen Dawson
- 3/26 Mary McElveen
- 3/28 Everett Yaw
- 3/30 Elaine Hume
- 3/31 Wilmer Harris



Happy Anniversary to...

- 3/2 Blair & Ford Rivers, IV
- 3/ 5 Gary & Tricia Nimocks
- 3/24 Frank & Sherry Royster



SUNDAY Social

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

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

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, Michael, Linda, Ariel, Bill, Janice,
Billy, Anna, Millie, Eliza, Steve, Kaitlyn, Randy, Maffett and
Sister Jane Mankaa...* 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.

Taken from Nashotah House Seminary Hymn

*'Sanctus fortis, Sanctus Deus
De profundis oro te
Miserere iudex meus
Parce mihi Domine'*

*Holy Mighty, Holy God
From the depths I cry to Thee.
Have mercy, oh my judge.
Spare me, O Lord.*

Life Changes...

**We celebrate with and extend
our congratulations**



To Brandon & Kaitlyn Jellico
on the birth of their son,
Avery Joseph Jellico, February 4, 2021

(grandparents: Deacon Jerry & Stephanie)

We pray for the family of Cara Daniel,
at her death February 22, 2021.
Cara was the wife of Robert A. Daniel III.

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

Anyone wishing to share a celebration with your church family please email: syjellico@hotmail.com -or- office@holycomm.org with the details.