



The Angelus

The Church of the Holy Nativity

• Clarendon Hills, IL •

March, 2010

MARCH HAPPENINGS AT CHN

Tuesdays, March 2-March 23

BROWN BAG AND BIBLE: A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Bring your lunch and delve into the Bible

Thursdays, March 4-March 25

LENTEN CLASSES: HOW DOES CHRIST SAVE US?

An exploration of three Classical Atonement Theories and why they matter to us today.

Sunday, March 21

LENTEN HEALING TAIZÉ – 7:00 p.m.

A healing service of music, readings, and silence.

Friday, March 26

SUPPER CLUB – 6:00 p.m.

Menu – Corned Beef Entrée and Potluck Sidedishes

Sunday, March 28

PALM SUNDAY - 7:30 & 9:30 a.m.

Follow the passion of Christ, Journey together from triumph to the tomb.

BOOK GROUP – 6:00 p.m.

Pilgrim at Tinker Creek by Annie Dillard

FIND OUT ABOUT THESE EVENTS & MORE INSIDE!

SAVE THE DATES:

MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 1

GOOD FRIDAY – April 2

EASTER VIGIL – April 3

EASTER SUNDAY – April 4



A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS

The sun has set from the sky. There is no light to be seen. It is dark. It is the darkness of despair. The darkness of death. The darkness of the tomb. You are not alone in the darkness. You are surrounded by a community of saints, past and present. You are comforted by the presence of your friends, yet anxious for what comes next. When and how will this darkness break?

Into the darkness a flame bursts. It rises into the night sky. It burns away anxiety. It shines on the faces of those around you. This light swallows the darkness of death. A candle is lit. It is the paschal candle, the light of Christ that enlightens the world. And you realize that it was not the darkness of death, but the darkness of the womb. For what you experience this night is a new birth. Tonight is The Great Vigil of Easter. Tonight, we are led from death to life with Christ through the most primal of elements: fire, light, word, water, bread and wine.

Saturday, April 3 is the night when we will journey together into the dying and rising of Christ. We will join with Christians who have been making this Vigil journey for nearly two millennia. We will participate together in this dying and rising again of Jesus Christ because this is the theological center of our Christian faith. Indeed, this is the theological center of our lives.

We all have a story of dying and rising to new life. The first failure that sent us hiding under the sheets for days, only to find that our parents still loved us. The heart-rending divorce that robbed our vision of the future, but eventually gave way to a new vision of self and family. The earth-shattering death that plunged us into seemingly endless darkness, but from that depth rose a strength of faith that would feed others. What is your story of death? Bring it with you. Where have you experienced the resurrection of new life beyond that death? You may discover it here.

April 3 is the night when the first fire of Christ is lit. By its light the Word is spoken. Like family gathered around the campfire, we will hear the story of our salvation. We will participate in the beauty made known to us by God in creation, in the liberation of those freed by God from bondage, and in the promise of new life beyond apparent death. We will celebrate with our senses the story of God's saving acts.

With the light of Christ kindled within us, this is the night we will recall those saving acts in our own lives. How God created us and called us very good. How God liberates us from prisons, both those of our own creation and those the world imposes on us. How God continues to lead us into futures of promise. How we, the Body of Christ, are a part of God's future promise.

This is the night when we celebrate the resurrection of Christ and our own participation in that resurrection. Hearing our story, responding with music and movement, we welcome the newest Christians as we renew our own baptismal vows and recall our own passing from death into life through Christ. And lest we forget that this cycle of dying and rising happens over and over again in our daily lives, we break and share bread and wine together. "The Body of Christ which is the church receives the Body of Christ which is the Eucharist," until we become what we receive.

If it sounds mysterious, that's because it is. The Great Vigil of Easter is the most mysterious of nights because the truth of Christ's death and resurrection is the most mysterious of realities. Let the mystery draw you in and drench you. This night is mystical and transformative, as by fire, light, word, water, bread and wine we become, again, the Body of Christ broken and given for the world.

Won't you join me, Saturday, April 3th at sunset?

— Aimée

LENT AND EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Thursdays in Lent

Thursday, March 4 – March 25
8:15 p.m. Compline prayer

Compline is a gentle, calming prayer service with words and imagery to soothe any soul. Said at the closing of the day, Compline prepares us for nightly rest in God's peace and daily walking in Christ's love.

Lenten Healing Taizé

Sunday, March 21

A Healing service of music, readings, and silence.

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 1

7:30 p.m. Service of Foot Washing with Holy Eucharist

Journey deeper into discipleship by following Christ's act of humble service, the washing of feet. This is a moving service of symbol and servanthood.

Good Friday

Friday, April 2, 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.

Explore the mystery and power of the cross. Find comfort and strength in Christ's solidarity with human suffering.

Easter

The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, April 3, Sundown

Hear the story of your salvation like you've never heard it before. This is what we wait all year for....

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 4, 7:30 and 9:30 a.m.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

LENT CLASSES 2010

HOW DOES CHRIST SAVE US?

**THREE CLASSICAL ATONEMENT THEORIES
AND WHY THEY MATTER FOR US TODAY**

Thursdays, March 4- March 25, 7-8:15 p.m.

Atonement. At-One-Ment. How does the work and person of Christ make us one, with God, with ourselves, and with each other? How does Christ reconcile us? In other words, how does Christ save us? And why do we need saving, anyway? These are the questions we will engage together this Lent.

Many Christians and non-Christians are familiar with Satisfaction Theory, the theory that God sent Jesus to die on the cross to make reparations to God for the sins of humanity. But this is just one of three .classical Atonement Theories. For some people, this is a powerful theology; but, for other people this theology simply doesn't work, and may even offend or repel. But there are other ways to understand the work of Christ.

Through an exploration of scripture, hymns, prayers, the ancient fathers of our faith, and contemporary theologians (including liberation, feminist, and womanist theologians), we will "try on" various Atonement Theories and open the door to making meaning of Jesus for ourselves in a class that promises to be engaging and enlightening.

WEEKLY COURSE SCHEDULE

Satisfaction Theory: Vicarious Suffering and Forgiveness of Sin
Thursday, March 4

Christus Victor: Cosmic Conflict and Victory over Evil Thursday,
Thursday, March 11

Moral Influence or Exemplar Theory
Thursday, March 18

What difference does it make to you?
Thursday, March 25

THURSDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

6:00 p.m. Simple Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. Class Session: How does Christ Save Us?

8:15 p.m. Compline Prayer

8:30 p.m. Leave Taking

Come for dinner, for dinner and classes, or just for the classes!

SIGN UP FOR CLASSES AT THE MESSAGE CENTER TODAY!

ALSO SIGN UP TO HOST A MEAL! That means you'd bring the salad and beverages that evening, help set the table, and offer hospitality. Soup will be provided.

**BROWN BAG AND BIBLE:
A LENTEN LECTIONARY BASED BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesdays, March 2- March 23, Noon

Bring your lunch and delve into the Bible every Tuesday in lent. We'll gather at noon in the Ford Room and explore the coming Sunday's Gospel reading through the African Bible Study Method.

We will be finished within the hour, so come for your lunch break!



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE!

Submitted by Louisa Hallas, Youth Minister

I would like to begin by saying a huge THANK YOU! to the parish for your overwhelming support for the youth group during the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Plate-a-Thon! We had a wonderful turnout, and after totaling up the pledge sheets, we have raised nearly \$2600!!!! Rev. Aimee washed 227 plates! Also the volunteers were amazing, and without them we would not have been successful. So, thank you thank you thank you for your support as well, particularly those who filled in for me when I was ill. There is a pledge sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Ford Room if you're not sure what you pledged or what your total is. When you turn in your pledge, feel free to check your name off on the poster. To turn in a pledge, you may write a check and clearly label the memo line "Pancake supper" and put it in the offering plate, or clearly label an envelope if you prefer to do cash. You may also drop it off at the office anytime.

The 30-hour Famine that was scheduled for Feb. 26-27 was cancelled due to my inability to be present. I was advised by my doctor that after having pneumonia, not eating and sleeping would most likely incur a relapse which would be worst than the initial pneumonia. The Famine has been re-scheduled for **April 9th & 10th**.

Happening is a high school retreat led by high school youth in the diocese and is occurring **March 5th-7th** in Chicago. We have a few youth who will be attending, please keep them in your prayers during this time. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to youth ministry at CHN!

REMINDER: Junior high youth group meets weekly, Sunday evenings from **5-6:30 p.m.** and the senior high youth group meets from **7-8:30 p.m.** We meet at CHN downstairs in the youth rooms. Youth are always encouraged to bring friends! If you have any questions, please contact Louisa Hallas at CHNyouth@sbcglobal.net or at 847-951-4138.

- 5:30-6:30 p.m.** Junior High Youth Group Meets
- 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Senior High Youth Group Meets

Welcome Lent Activity Calendar: Lenten Devotional for Children

You've heard of an Advent calendar; well, welcome to the world of Lenten calendars. You and your child can explore an interactive open-and-learn calendar that will invite the entire family to participate in Lent. Behind each lift-and-flip tab is an activity for children to complete with their families—like making a donation to a food pantry or planting flowers. Suggested scripture readings can also bring families together in prayer. (Appropriate for children aged 4-9)

ADULT FORUM

Submitted by Terry Johnson

"When we come before God in worship, why do we **sing** rather than merely think or talk with one another?" This question is asked in the opening of the study guide for "**Singing Our Lives**" part of the on-going Baylor Series in Faith and Ethics used by the Adult Forum. We will be beginning this new session continuing in March.

We have a long and rich heritage at CHN around the love and ministry of music, both instrumental and vocal. We are blessed to have the leadership and ministry of Marianne Thompson, who has led us into such traditional and diverse musical worship as Taize and the "Jazz" Service. We have a choir and numerous instrumentalists that shares their time and talents to further our worship experience. We use our voice, hands and any variety of instruments to share the Good News during worship. We have embraced the "Good News" of the U2charist and shared that message without community.

This educational series asks us to reflect and share on the role of music that will "instruct, educate, nurture, cultivate, rebuke, exhort, discipline, warn, delight, enlighten, edify, and develop" our parish community. The text includes the following chapters: "Why We Sing?, Singing with the Psalter, Prophetic Music, Psalms in Christian Art, Gifts of New Music, Worship Service, Being Subject as We Sing, Words of Comfort, Nurturing the Congregation's Voice, U2: Unexpected Prophets, and Music as Spiritual Practice". I do not see us limiting ourselves to just these lessons - there are to many "gifts" within our own community to share. If you have thoughts, lessons or content you would be willing to share in the context of the ministry of music, please contact me (630.810.1707 or window2tpc@hotmail.com) or Rev. Aimee to discuss how and when to be a part of leading this series. Because of the excitement this subject has generated, I have ordered additional copies of the text and will have them available on the communication desk when they arrive in the next week or so. The fee is \$3.00 per text. Come, bring your voice, share the song that is your life with us on Sunday's at the Forum. Hallelujah!



Daylight Savings Time Begins March 14th

Set your clocks ahead before you go to bed on Saturday night!



YOUR BAPTISMAL/BABY PICTURE WANTED...

As we prepare for Holy Week and Easter services, we would like to have a copy of your and/or your child's baptismal or baby picture. Please put your picture in the box located in the Message Center that reads, "Baptismal Pictures" by **Sunday, March 7th**. PUT YOUR NAME on the back of the picture if you would like it returned to you. Thank you for your cooperation as we work to plan inspiring worship.

CALLED TO GROW, SENT TO SERVE, OPEN TO SHARE

Submitted by Jackie Price and Mimi Johnson

More than 95 parishioners have attended or will attend one of the eight small-group discernment sessions being held this month. The level of interest and involvement everyone has shown is just awesome! The first event, Talkin' and Tacos, was a successful evening with participation and visioning by everyone attending.

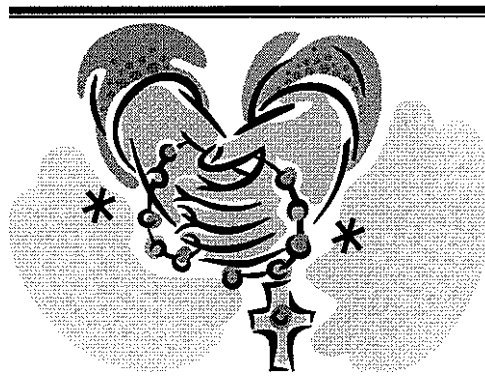
Are you signed up yet? If not, you still have time to attend. Remaining available events are on **March 9th, 10th, 14th, 16th and 17th**. The Heart to Hearty Soup and Salad session on March 22nd is closed due to capacity. For a full event schedule, see the bulletin board in the Ford Room, visit the CHN web site or talk with any of the discernment committee members.

Remember, each person in the household can attend the event that best meets his/her schedule. We need you in this vision; we need to know *your* vision.

Respond today by e-mailing or calling Bettie at bjbuday@sbcglobal.net or 630.323.6820.



Not pictured is the Sbertoli family who attended as well.



AURORA DEANERY

ECW Spring Quiet Day

Saturday, March 13th
9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
1125 Franklin Street
Downers Grove

Workshop: Anglican Rosaries

presented by

Rev. Shelly Forrester
Assistant Rector

Continental Breakfast

Suggested donation for food and rosary supplies: \$8.00

RSVP to Karin Anderson 630-801-9235

Kanderson478@gmail.com



MISSION TRIP PLANNING

The Senior High Mission Trip Planning Meeting is being held **March 20th** at CHN in the Downstairs Conference Room from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

In the Spirit of Taizé:

A Time to Heal

*A healing service of
music, readings, and silence*

Sunday, March 21, 2010

7:00 p.m.

The Church of the Holy Nativity

Corner of 55th St. and Richmond Avenue
Clarendon Hills, IL 60514



Where All Are Welcome!

For more information, contact:

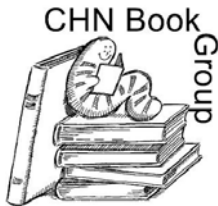
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Mark your calendar and plan to join us **March 26th at 6:00 p.m. for beverages, 6:30 p.m. for dinner!** Sign up sheet is in the message center. The theme for this month is a corned beef entrée and potluck sides. Questions? Call Joan Fox at 630-325-8620 or joanjefox@aol.com.



PILGRIM AT TINKER CREEK

Pilgrim at Tinker Creek by Annie Dillard is the next title for the CHN Book Discussion Group. This book, first published thirty years ago, has become a modern classic. Dillard's reflections on her surroundings in the Blue Ridge Mountains blend fine literature, views of the natural world, and a quest for meaning in life. Whether you first read it thirty years ago or just this month, we welcome you to our discussion. We'll meet at **6 p.m., Sunday, March 28th**, at Nancy Handke's home, 107 Ann St., Clarendon Hills. Contact Carol Park for more information (630-325-4518 or park2@comcast.net)

Submitted by Carol Park

WHAT IS THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER?

The Great Vigil of Easter is the service that ushers in Easter. It is a service of great drama and movement. The Vigil begins outside. As we gather in the dark, the Great Fire of Easter is lit. The Paschal Candle is lit from the fire, as are the congregations candles, and we process together into the church. The church remains dark for the Liturgy of the Word. We hear together the story of God's redeeming work done on our behalf. Between the readings, we will have responses that include music, movement, and ritual. Reminded of salvation history, we reaffirm our baptismal vows together, recalling that we, too, are a part of God's salvation story. Now it is time to declare that Christ is Risen! The Great Alleluia is then proclaimed, the lights are thrown on. We are the people of God prepared to participate in a Resurrected reality, in which death and darkness have been conquered. As the Body of Christ, we are now fed with the Body of Christ, as the service culminates with The Great Thanksgiving, Holy Eucharist. We are sent forth to be a people set free by Christ to be Christ for this broken world. Won't you be a part of this service draped in Holy Mystery, **Saturday, April 3rd at 8 p.m.** Gather in the courtyard.



REHEARSALS are held each **Wed. night at 7:30 p.m.** We need your voice! If you are in high school – 99 years old, “there is a place in the choir” for YOU! Contact Marianne at 630-972-1873 or mmthompson54@comcast.net with any questions.

Submitted by Marianne Thompson



1	Jeff Collins	14	Seun Phillips
	Maria Ethel Acabal-Kaestner		Theo Willis
2	Julie Bossert		A.G. Wilcox
	Erin Collins	17	Terry Smith
3	Mike Capulli	20	Jenni Garnett
4	Ann LeBaron	23	Gloria Domrose
10	Jeff Dillon		Tom Tepavchevich
	Annabelle Kuchler	28	Steven Birch
11	Anna Wilcox	29	Don Good
12	Pete Teschner		Dick Park
		31	Jack Ryan

BIRTHDAY EMAILS (copy and paste in internet address window)

If you follow this address you can bring up the months birthday list. Alongside each birthday date and person (if they have an email address) is a little envelope icon. Click on the icon and it will bring up a window where you can write your birthday message to the person of the day!

<http://www.mychurchbirthdays.com/birthdays.aspx?id=2274766>

VISIT OUR WEBSITE <http://www.holynativity-church.org>

Previous issues of the Angelus can be viewed or downloaded from the website...the next Supper Club date and main course are listed under activities...a calendar of church events...birthday listings...special events...too much to list here.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Submitted by Robin Reeves




The altar flowers which adorn our sanctuary every Sunday morning are generously donated by parish members in honor or memory of loved ones, special people or events.

Dates still free in 2010 are: May 16th & Oct.31st.

The fee for an arrangement is \$47.50. In the spirit of community you are encouraged to share the cost of an arrangement with another family. The fee for each family would then be only \$23.75. Remembrances for each family will be noted in the Sunday bulletin

A check for the flowers can be dropped in the collection plate or sent to the office. Make sure you Note "Sunday Flowers" on the check so the counters will know how to credit your account.

MARCH 2010

<p>28 2 LENT 7:30 & 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Deacon Kathie Preaches 10:45 AM Book Club Meets at CHN 10:45 AM Church School</p>	<p>1 10:30 AM Pastoral Care Visitor Meeting in the downstairs Conference Room 7:00 PM - 9:15 PM EFM Meeting-Ford Room/Sacristy</p>	<p>2 12:00 PM Brown Bag & Bible - Lenten Bible Study</p>	<p>3 Deacon Kathie Gone 6:15 PM Easter Vigil Committee Meeting 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Choir Rehearsal in the Nave and Ford Room</p>	<p>4 Deacon Kathie Gone 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Simple Supper 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Lenten Series</p>	<p>5 Deacon Kathie Gone <i>Office closes at noon</i> <i>Rector's Day Off</i> 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Vestry Retreat</p>	<p>6 Deacon Kathie Gone 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Vestry Retreat 3:00 PM Marianne's Practice in the Nave</p>
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February 23, 2010

The Rev. Aimee Delevett
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Dear Aimee and the People of Church of the Holy
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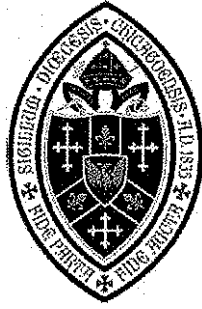
I want to thank you for your very generous gift of \$3,000 to support the mission and ministry of the Diocese of Chicago. While the gift was unexpected, the abundance of grace at work at Church of the Holy Nativity is not. Please know that your gracious gift will be used with care and discernment.

I am blessed to have been called to ministry with you here in this diocese.

In Christ,



Jeffrey D. Lee
Bishop of Chicago



February 5, 2010

Dear friends in Christ,

Since entering into full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in August 2000, The Episcopal Church has been able to bring the Good News of God in Christ to more people and address social justice concerns more effectively than it would if it were not living into a sacramental partnership with its Lutheran brothers and sisters. In the Called to Common Mission agreement, the two churches recognize that full communion "will bring new opportunities and levels of share evangelism, witness and service." This has certainly been our experience for our diocesan community in our shared life and work with the Chicago Metro Synod and the Northern Illinois Synod which have partnered with us in church planting initiatives, antiracism training, and, most recently, the Episcopal/Lutheran South Loop Campus Ministry in Chicago.

We are now joining together in another common mission venture in Chicago's North Lawndale neighborhood with the merger of St. Gregory's Episcopal School and Holy Family Lutheran School. The board of directors of St. Gregory's, which has been in conversation with the Holy Family board this past year on a possible partnership, approved the merger February 5, following approval by Holy Family's board.

In addition to serving the vision of Called to Common Mission, this venture provides a more secure financial base for the work being done by both schools. Raising funds for operations and capital improvements has increasingly proven difficult for St. Gregory's in the current economic climate. Combining operations and resources will translate to an improved economy of scale, allowing more dollars to go toward the core mission of providing an affordable, faith based, college preparatory education for under-privileged youth. It not only is good management, but good stewardship.

This joint educational ministry will be based at the state-of-the art facility operated by Holy Family in the Homan Square area of North Lawndale just over a mile from St. Gregory's location on South Central Park. The two-year-old building has space for 340 students, dedicated art and music classrooms, and a science lab and gymnasium, features not found in the 112-year-old three-story brownstone that is the current home for St. Gregory's. Along with excellent facilities and 24 years experience educating at risk youth, Holy Family brings an extensive curriculum, strong financial base and an array of extra-curricular programs, including an after-school program, pre-school, and summer school to the partnership. Along with a network of dedicated donors and volunteers, St. Gregory's offers over 40 years experience educating and forming at-risk young men in a faith-centered environment, and an emphasis on spiritual development and religious education. Holy Family educates both boys and girls, and the new school will also be coed. St. Gregory's long tradition of educating young men will continue in an academy for boys in the new school, which will have a boys' choir as its cornerstone.

In addition to the endorsement of the two boards, the partnership has the strong support of parents, faculty and donors. Bishop Wayne Miller of the Chicago Metro Synod and I see this venture as a unique opportunity to serve the children and families of North Lawndale, and in doing so to model in the best way possible the spirit and promise of our churches as envisioned in Called to Common Mission.

The new school will begin operating with the fall 2010 term, and over the intervening months the boards will address the mechanics of consolidating budgets, boards, administration, and faculty; and address the legal and ecclesiastical changes needed to initiate this partnership.

I am confident that this new venture will flourish with the combined energies and resources of our two communities. Please keep the boards, families, faculty, staff, and most especially, the students, in your prayers as this partnership in mission moves forward.

Faithfully in Christ,

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