

The Lenten

Series 2010



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WEDNESDAY EVENING GATHERINGS

MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24

6:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Center for Ministry and Education.

6:15 p.m. CATERED DINNERS All Saints Hall

Entrée, Salad, Bread, & Dessert

Please make **ADVANCE RESERVATIONS** via the St. John's website (www.sjohnsec.org) starting February 19.

Contact Steve Lyon in the parish office: 410-461-7793, ext. 421 or slyon@stjohnsec.org

Please place your reservations on or before the Monday prior to each dinner.

6:55 p.m. DEVOTIONS for all ages All Saints Hall

7:00 – 8:15 p.m. CLASSES for all ages

See inside for details! Come to class, come to dinner, come to both, come to either! No reservations are necessary for class attendance.



For Adults

One Foot in Eden:

A Celtic View of the Stages of Life by J. Philip Newell

The Rev. Jenni Ovenstone Smith

While the youth in our community are preparing to go on a special spiritual journey through pilgrimage to Iona, we are all on a journey with God that encompasses our whole lives. We will use this work of J. Philip Newell, former Warden of Iona, as springboard for uncovering the significance of each of life's stages viewed through the prism of Celtic spirituality and tradition. Enriched by story, image, and prayer these four weeks will invite you into an experience of pilgrimage in community right here at St. John's.

Have you heard?

The Rev. Dr. Carol Pinkham Oak

This group will use to examine the hows and whys of faith and religion in the 21st century, using podcasts from NPR's *Speaking of Faith* with Krista Tippett. Each week will focus on a different topic or current event in the world of religion.

In dying, eternal life

The Rev. Nick Szobota

Each year, the drama of Holy Week precedes the Church's celebration of Easter Resurrection. What were those last days like for Jesus Christ himself? Using Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan's *The Last Week*, the biblical accounts of Christ passion and death will help us contemplate the days before his death.

For Teens

Breakfast Club and R-13:

“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”

Sibling rivalry, jealousy, faithfulness, forgiveness ... any of this sound familiar to you? And what does Elvis have to do with anything? Come explore the classic story of Joseph, one of the great ancestors of our faith, through musical movie clips, games, and discussion. You might be surprised how the story of someone who lived so long ago has something to say in your life today!

J2A: What *did* Jesus Do? Holy Week in the Gospel of John

Walk through the events of holy week and Jesus' last day before the crucifixion using multimedia, worship, and discussion. By exploring these important days in Jesus' ministry, we will discover together what Jesus' life, teaching, death and Resurrection were about, and what they mean in our life as Jesus-followers today.

For Children

First through Fifth Grades:

Aslan is on the Move: His Kingdom Come!

(Media Center and CME classrooms)

This exciting, interactive Lenten program is based on the well known classic, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, a popular book by C.S. Lewis. We will experience the land of Narnia like never before! Sunday School students from first through fifth grade are invited to experience the story through imaginative games, drama and discussion. While growing closer to the characters of the story, we will learn about the relationship of values to action, forgiveness and reconciliation, and the differing ways that our belief systems may impact our behavior towards others. As we experience this fantasy world, we will invite our students to become aware of the religious dimensions intrinsic to their views of reality with regard to values, attitudes and their ideals. The kingdom awaits us like never before!!

Ages 3 to Kindergarten:

“God’s Stories, Snacks, and Sleeping Bags”

Pre-schoolers will gather for movies, snacks and games. Bring your pillows and blankets from home. Come in your jammies if you wish!

(Day School Music Room)

NURSERY:

Birth up to 3 years old (CME nursery) 6:00pm – 8:15pm

Book Purchases:

Books for Lenten programs may be purchased by linking to www.amazon.com through the Journey to Adulthood page at <http://sites.google.com/site/j2astjohnsepiscopal/st-john-s-episcopal-church-j2a>, click on any of the Amazon links and it will lead you to the Amazon homepage.

Special Worship for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter

Ash Wednesday, February 17

7:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday liturgy and Holy Eucharist. Historic Church.

12 noon Ash Wednesday liturgy and Holy Eucharist. Historic Church.

5:00 p.m. Reflective, simple, shorter Ash Wednesday liturgy designed for families with younger children. All are welcome. (There is no Holy Eucharist at this liturgy.) Historic Church.

7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday liturgy and Holy Eucharist with choral music. Historic Church.

Palm Sunday, March 28

7:45 a.m. Palm Sunday liturgy. Historic Church.

9:00 a.m. Church and 9:00 a.m. All Saints Hall
All begin outdoors and then process to worship space of choice.
(In case of inclement weather, both 9 a.m. liturgies begin indoors.)

11:15 a.m. Palm Sunday liturgy. Historic church, beginning with outdoor procession.

Maundy Thursday, April 1

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist for MaundyThursday. Resurrection Chapel.

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping the Altar. Historic Church.

Prayer Vigil begins at 9:00 p.m. Resurrection Chapel.

Good Friday, April 2

Family Stations of the Cross in the morning. Center for Ministry and Education. The journey through the Stations of the Cross will begin at 10:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

7:30 p.m. Solemn Stations of the Cross with Choral Music. Historic Church.

Easter Eve, April 3

4:00 p.m. First Easter Holy Eucharist. Historic Church

8:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter, with Holy Baptism. Historic Church.

Easter Sunday, April 4

7 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Celebratory Easter Worship in the Historic Church.

9:00 a.m. Celebratory Easter Worship in All Saints Hall.