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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

SUNDAYS

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary)
The Banquet (Great Hall)**

5:00 pm

Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 pm

Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday through Friday
8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

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FROM THE RECTOR

RECTOR'S REPORT 2007

Like most men, I don't like to ask for directions when I am having trouble finding a destination. That doesn't mean that I don't bring a map or get directions in advance. I love Mapquest (except when it's wrong). I simply love the thrill of the chase whether I know where I'm going or not. By and large, however, it's very helpful to have a map. At our '06 Vestry/Board Chair Retreat last March, we felt that our most critical task was to develop a map for our life together as a parish. At that point in our collective history, with our building finished, our leadership stable and new initiatives emerging from all corners of Redeemer, a purpose statement was needed to help us focus our ministry efforts by stating our basic values and by providing a rough outline for our life together. Our purpose statement is intended to operate as a set of directions for the present and future life of the Church of the Redeemer. The statement we developed was this:

The Church of the Redeemer will invite all to know and serve Jesus as a part of our faith community and to reach out with love and support to those in need.

When we first developed this statement, I wasn't sure what sort of impact it would have on our life together. In the last year, however, I have become convinced that this statement has brought and will bring significant direction to our parish. It articulates three basic thrusts that are now guiding the small and large decisions we need to make as we undertake our shared ministries.

First, our purpose is to **invite all to know and serve Jesus**. We are a community that follows Jesus Christ, so we know about serving Jesus. His story and the story of his followers as written in Scripture provide the foundation for our faith. Our task to "invite all" is more difficult. These words capture our commitment to the inclusiveness we want in our parish. We want to reach out to the many in our community who are searching for a connection with God and for a community that

will welcome them. We would like to be known as an open place, ready to gather in an increasing number of people of all sorts of backgrounds and interests. In addition, we hope that our invitation is connected to the historical understanding that as Christ's church, we intend to be God's instrument to bring all of humanity within the embrace of a loving God.

This brings us to the second part of our purpose statement. We want to invite all to know and serve Jesus **as a part of our faith community**. During the development of the parish profile that resulted in the calling of your fifth Rector, it was stated that Redeemer needed to create a greater diversity of worship experiences to both honor the current members of the parish and to provide a place for newcomers to find a home. Clearly, our Vestry's purpose statement reflects the commitment of our parish's leadership to grow our community. We hope to make our parish the kind of place that will attract more people to share in our life together. Our commitment is to create a diversity of communities within Redeemer where people might engage with our Anglican spirituality in ways that speak to a broader religious sensibility.

Lastly, our purpose statement states that Redeemer will **reach out with love and support to those in need**. This piece reflects the growing sense in our parish that we are being called out into the community to be Christ's hands of love to those who are hurting, vulnerable or poor. We understand that God has given us, particularly in the last few years, an abundance of gifts. Our commitment is to open ourselves to the community and communities beyond our walls, to share our resources and to expect to be changed and challenged as a result.

So this is our basic map. Even in the short time it has been in place, these directions have had a direct impact on the choices we have made in our ministry and upon our life together. The first example of such an impact is in the area of worship. We have always been rooted in the ancient, orthodox, Anglican approach to liturgy. And we still are. However, we have added a second 10 am service, the Banquet, and the once-a-month Celtic Eucharist at 5 pm. The Banquet has provided a home for the many who are searching for a more informal, more accessible, and musically modern approach to worship. It is a wonderful service, and we are seeing positive growth in the community that supports it. The Celtic Eucharist has become the "hip" new choice for many inside and outside of our community who are looking for a more mystical and ancient style of Eucharistic liturgy.

With these new liturgies, we are making it possible for a greater diversity of people to worship within our parish. This is a very positive development. However, there have been challenges. To add services and continue the ones we already have, we have had to add musicians and worship leaders – with the support of our Music Director, Loretta Graner, our Communications Director, Elizabeth Grover and our new Liturgy Board Chair, Joyce Keeshin. We've had to ask our current Liturgy Board ministries to add an ever changing and growing number of responsibilities to their task list. This has challenged us administratively and financially. It has been worth it. God is showing us that our purpose as a parish is to be a faith community where a greater number and diversity of people can find a home within our open-minded, ancient, Anglican and Christian worshipping congregation.

The impact of our purpose statement on our liturgical life is obvious to anyone who attends on Sunday morning. However, there is growing evidence that our commitment to reaching out in mission to those in need is changing our parish life. Every Sunday during Epiphany we have seen tangible signs that our commitment to mission is growing. The many ministries highlighted (in displays in our narthex) show clear evidence that not only are we continuing to reach out to the community, but we are doing so in greater numbers. In addition, our Mission Board structure has grown and evolved to incorporate the complexities of a larger budget and the demands of the increased activity. The calling of Nancy Hopkins-Greene to guide our mission ministries with the support of our Deacon, Gary Lubin, and Mission Board Chair, Jane Killen, has been a signal of our seriousness in responding to God's call to reach out to those in need. We are opening to the community in Christ's name, and you can sense our mission quicken.

There is little doubt in my mind that we are starting to hit our stride as a parish. It was only a year ago that we were ecstatically proclaiming how wonderful it was to hold our annual meeting in our *new* Great Hall. We were talking about how the Discernment Team was about to hand off to our *new* Mission Board Chair, Jane Killen, who would work with the Mission Board to develop a *new* structure to deal with our *new* emphasis on mission. We were stating that the Banquet would continue to experiment with new worship styles and that we would use the spring to figure out which type of worship styles and emphases worked most effectively. *And now we have direction, focus and a developing confidence.* Our stewardship campaigns – Time and Talent in May and Treasure in October – saw a

dramatic increase in the number of parish members responding to this new vision for ministry. In particular, I want to thank Dawn Neely for her work with the Time and Talent campaign and David Haffner for his work with our Treasure campaign. The overwhelming response of the parish in these efforts tells us that we are on the right track.

We are poised to reach the goals our purpose statement directs us towards. We are becoming the kind of parish that *should* hope to invite all to share in our communal life. Signs of dynamic life abound all over the parish. Our pastoral care ministry, under the leadership of Cynthia Blocksom, Pastoral Board Chair, Charlie Brumbaugh, our Associate Rector and Betsy Babb, our Parish Health Minister, has become a model for our diocese and a beacon of hope for those within our parish who are in need. Our Education Board, under the leadership of Mark Blocher, has seen amazing growth. Our preschool is a leader in Hyde Park for the under-five set and has a large number of Redeemer families participating. The Children's Ministries Team, under chair Carter Kemper and staff liaison Kelli Jasper, has made great strides in the areas of leadership, curriculum and communication. Our youth ministries, with our Curate Alice Connor guiding us, will offer an unprecedented four mission trips for our youth this year. And what to say about our Adult Formation Ministry Team? Their vision and faithfulness has enabled us to provide a diversity of Sunday morning options and the opportunity to share Philip Newell, Celtic author and speaker, with our broader community at the end of February.

This is just a small snapshot of the many ways Redeemer is living into the vision God has for us. There is no doubt that we have significant challenges in following the directions God has given us. We will need to continue to give sacrificially of our time, talent and treasure to support the ambitious ministries to which we are being called. We will need to stretch as new members challenge us in ways we can't even anticipate. We will need to respond with flexibility when our commitment to mission ministry calls each of us in a different direction. In all of this we will need to continue our habits of conversation, open-mindedness, prayer, discernment, hospitality, dynamic worship and humor

that have become the hallmarks of Redeemer. With God's help, we will continue as the Church of the Redeemer, committed to Jesus Christ, seeking and serving him in all that we do and determined to gather all in God's loving embrace.

In Christ,

Bruce A. Freeman

FROM OUR ASSISTING PRIEST

I invite you, therefore, 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.

Book of Common Prayer, p. 265

I'll be saying these words once again as celebrant at one of our Ash Wednesday services. Every year it is the same: the same invitation, the same readings, Psalm 51 and the Litany of Penitence, the imposition of ashes. And so Lent begins once more.

I love our liturgy and I love the cycle that returns us to these same words every year. I even have to admit that I *love* the season of Lent. I know that, for many of you, Lent has negative associations: memories of forced fasts as children, sacrifices made but not understood. But for me – perhaps because I was not a regular churchgoer in my early years – the season is consoling. I love the pure simplicity of it, the stripping down of excess, my becoming aware of all the layers of life that often enhance but can also weigh down my living. I like heading out to the desert with Jesus, traveling lightly but deliberately. It reminds me of the feeling I get when I read a short, succinct and striking poem. Wow, I think, *so few words are needed*. So it is with life: we can so easily think that we need more – *more* knowledge, *more* friends, *more* time, *more* stuff – when sometimes what we need most is *less*.

Now that I've made this confession, what is there to say? As you've probably guessed, the traditional Lenten disciplines – self-examination, prayer, fasting, self-

denial, reading – actually *work* for me. They help me to get in touch with what I truly need, and, with that, to get in touch with my true self, the self that God sees.

Whatever disciplines you choose or have chosen this Lent, I encourage you to use it as a time to allow the layers to be stripped away, to become emptied so that God can fill you with what you truly need. These days, people often talk of “adding something on,” instead of giving something up for Lent – perhaps daily Bible reading or putting coins into one of our Episcopal Relief & Development “Hope Chests.” This is fine, but I’d still suggest giving something up that these can replace – perhaps doing the Bible reading instead of that half-hour you waste in front of the TV, or giving up a fast food meal a week to fund your Hope Chest. Most of our lives are over-filled; some paring down can be good. And do *not* do anything if it is done out of a sense of obligation or guilt; do it to make yourself available to the God who loves you as you are.

So, there you have it – my confession to being a Lent Lover. Self-emptying makes space for an awareness of the Holy in all of life, something that our focus on Celtic spirituality will invite us to do. And this self-emptying makes space for fulfillment – the New Life – that follows. I might be a Lent Lover, but I love Easter even more!

Blessings to you this Lenten season,

Nancy Hopkins-Greene

Amazing Grace

At Redeemer's 10 am and 5 pm services on Sunday, February 18, we sang the popular hymn *Amazing Grace*. Although it is a favorite and is sung frequently, we sang it that day to call attention and awareness to the upcoming release of the movie *Amazing Grace*, the story of William Wilberforce. Wilberforce was the primary figure behind the abolition of slavery in Britain 200 years ago. The movie was produced, not only to tell his story – a great story of patience, persistence and faith – but also to raise awareness of the 27 million people still living in slavery in the world today. The movie will be released on February 23.

To learn more about modern day slavery, you may want to visit the exhibit “Invisible: Slavery Today,” which continues at the Freedom Center until February 28. The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center is a partner with the movie and other organizations in the Amazing Change campaign, a worldwide movement to end slavery. For more information see theamazingchange.com or amazinggracethemovie.com.

One parishioner's sermon response

Nancy's sermon on Sunday reminded me of an event I have thought about many times over the years. Nancy alluded to the darkness of Lent and the bright light of Easter morning. Aspen, the great ski mountain used to hold Easter sunrise services on the top of the mountain. We enjoyed attending even though you had to get up in the middle of the night to get there and stand in a chair lift line in the dark to beat the sun up.

This particular year was special because it would be the final run of the single chair lift which was to be retired that Easter Day. We drove to the mountain bathed in the light of a full moon which, with all the snow, is always spectacular. When we got to Ajax, the moon had gone behind the mountain and there was a long line for the single chair lift. Once on the lift, in total darkness, by yourself, in the cold you wished you were back home in bed. But that feeling was quickly replaced by the wonder of total stillness except for the soft moaning of wind in the fir trees as you passed over them. There was a calm and an anticipation that must have affected all the riders because no one spoke.

Once at the top the full moon was visible again going down in the west. That made enough light so you could make out three crosses on the east end of the ridge. We all, hundreds of us, worked our way toward the crosses. As we huddled without speaking, first light appeared and then all of a sudden the sun broke over a distant mountain. The middle cross was backlit with bright sunshine and briefly seemed to be on fire. Still no one spoke, no one coughed. It was though we all knew we had been touched by the hand of God. An Easter never to be forgotten.

Some people brought their skis to get down the mountain. Others hiked and some took cafeteria trays and rode down. Life is good!

Gene Mapes

Reflections on the Not-So-Silent Retreat

Redeemer's Not-so-Silent Women's Retreat took place February 9 and 10 at the Community of the Transfiguration in Glendale. Thirteen women gathered for a wonderful 24 hours of conversation, reflection, prayer, eating, laughing, crying and knitting! The retreat was facilitated by Nancy Hopkins-Greene, with Redeemer parishioner and writer Anni Gibson leading several writing sessions. Participants wrote to prompts and shared their words with one another. The following is a sample of some of the writing generated at the retreat:

Where are you, God? by Joan Burrow

How do you know when you see God?
Was it in that sunny spot on a cold day where
Robins were gathered,
fluffed up like bread rising?
Was it when Nancy said to me,
“Be kind to yourself these next few weeks, Joan”
after my mother died?
Was it in a poem where
You called me “Sweetcakes”
and said “Yes” to whatever?
Or maybe it was that group of women sitting,
knitting and sharing their stories with laughter and tears.
Just where are you, God?

Winter Meditation by Anni Gibson

Bless the broken me, O Lord,
wash me with your grace,
cleanse my sullied soul
with pure, clean snow.

As I walk through the gorge
of loneliness, lift me up
as a mother does a wailing
babe, and suckles her at the breast.

Your nourishment feeds me
when I hunger from the depths
until, sated, I rise from the table
to succor those not yet fed.

Lord, broken as I am, bless me
wash me with your grace,
cleanse my sullied soul
with pure clean snow.

A Reflection on Psalm 139 by Nancy Hopkins-Greene

You knit me together in my mother's womb.
God with her giant knitting needles, knitting
Knit one purl one knit one.
No, much more intricate than that:
cables and designs and flourishes.
Perhaps along the way she dropped a stitch or two:
the patent ductus arteriosus,
the spontaneous gene.
Stitches added and subtracted.
Circular needles knowing no end,
no end to the work being created.

God is still knitting.
New parts of me formed every day
brown yarn turned to grey on my head
and some parts grown stiff
Fearfully and wonderfully she keeps knitting,
making me.

Often I try to grab the needles from her hands
to form myself by myself, to control.
She lets me.
After watching my tight rows and
dropped stitches for awhile
she gently, graciously, takes them back
reminding me that it is She who knows,
who has known me since the beginning
when the stitches were first cast on.
And she goes at it again.
Knit two purl 2, knit front & back of the next stitch,
purl 3, knit 3.
Only she knows the pattern – and the finished product.

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Special thanks to Anni and to Joan Burrow who did the planning and organization for this year's retreat. The space is already reserved for next year's retreat, so please consider joining us.

First Souper Bowl Sunday at Redeemer

Thank you to all who contributed to the Souper Bowl of Caring collection on Sunday, February 4. The total amount collected in soup pots after all four Sunday services was \$526.58. This amount will be donated to Interfaith Hospitality Network. Nationwide, the Souper Bowl of Caring raised over \$6,500,000 in more than 11,000 churches and other groups. All of these funds go to local organizations that feed the hungry.

Thanks also to all of those who participated in the *Finding God in All Things* adult session that day. Following the presentation, participants joined together to make Leslie Baggish's winter vegetable soup. David Richards and Bob McGonagle finished cooking the soup and took it (along with a loaf of Redeemer bread) to the Drop Inn Center in Over-the-Rhine that afternoon.

All in all it was a *Souper* Sunday!

An opportunity to help a girl named Charity

An 8-year-old girl named Charity lives in Kenya. When she was four, she fell into a fire and burned her face. She is disfigured. Charity has been accepted as a patient at Shriners' Hospital here in Cincinnati, but she needs more than just medical care. She cannot bring anyone with her when she comes, so Charity needs a family.

Specifically, Childspring International, an organization that hosts foreign children for American medical care, needs to find several host families – each to host for four to six weeks. (Charity will probably be here for nine to twelve months.) Also host support is needed – babysitting, spelling the host family at the hospital, taking Charity to appointments, caring for a host family's other children, providing a meal, helping with car pools, etc. If you are interested in this kind of support for Charity, please contact Kristen Wooten at kwooten@crossroadscommunity.net.

MISSION BOARD

Habitat grant

At its February 12 meeting, the Vestry approved Redeemer's first major housing and shelter grant. Recommended by the Mission Implementation Team (MIT), a \$20,000 grant will be awarded to Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity for construction of a house in Madisonville.

This grant is the culmination of a process which began with former Redeemer parishioner John Compton approaching the MIT last summer. The initial meeting of MIT representatives and the executive director of Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity took place in the fall. Habitat for Humanity became the first organization to complete the long-form application which the MIT had created over many months. Along with the information required on the application, Habitat was asked to give feedback on the application itself. Throughout the process, Steve Carlton-Ford served as the MIT "shepherd" of the project, responsible for communication between Habitat for Humanity and Redeemer. When John Compton moved away, Jack Barter took over as the Mission Board "champion" for the project. The application was reviewed and recommended for vestry approval by the MIT at their January meeting.

And now the fun begins! Construction on the house will begin this spring. Volunteers will be needed, not only for Saturday work crews, but also for providing food, registration and other services. See future issues of *Redeemer News*, bulletin announcements and the Church of the Redeemer website for more information.

Lent 2007 begins with special guest

Lent at Redeemer begins with a very special guest. J. Philip Newell, a minister in the Church of Scotland, an author of several books on Celtic spirituality, the former Warden of the Abbey on Iona, and a very spiritual person, will be at Redeemer this Sunday, February 25, and Monday, February 26. Newell will begin by preaching at the 8 am and 10 am services; this sermon will be the same at these two services only. (The title is *Made in the Image of God*.) The 10 am service will be an example of Redeemer's Celtic Eucharist with music provided by the Celtic ensemble along with the Redeemer Choir. After the 10 am service, Newell will speak at the Adult Forum with the title *Listening for the Heartbeat of God: An Introduction to Celtic Spirituality*.

Then at the 5 pm service on February 25, the liturgy will be *A Celtic Mass for Peace*, which was written by J. Philip Newell and recommended by him for this service. This mass has been set to music by Sam Guarnaccia, and Redeemer musicians will include seven of the nine pieces written by Sam for this service. The service will be held in the sanctuary, and Newell will preach. A light reception will follow in the narthex.

On Monday, February 26, there will be two presentations on the two elements of what Newell calls the "twin-loves of Celtic spirituality," Christ and creation. The first presentation focusing on creation will be from 10 am to 11:30 am; the concluding presentation focusing on Christ will be from 7 pm to 8:30 pm, and will be followed by a reception.

Throughout these two days, Newell's books will be available for purchase. All events are free and open to the public. Quite a few people from beyond our congregation have expressed interest, so you should plan your arrival with the expectation that there will be a large number of folks attending. Please welcome visitors graciously – as we always do at Redeemer! J. Philip Newell is a wonderful teacher and we hope that you will take advantage of this special opportunity to hear him.

As Lent continues, we will take what we have learned from Philip Newell and expand our understanding of things Celtic during a four-part Lenten series. On the four Sunday evenings in March, we will offer a Celtic Eucharist (yes, every week!) at 5 pm, a simple supper at 6 pm, and a program at 7 pm. The programs will be on topics related to Celtic spirituality; like the Celtic philosophy, we will take the spiritual and make it concrete as we cover the following topics (listed with their accompanying guest speakers.)

March 4 Finding God in Celtic Art

Cindy Matyi, born and raised in Ohio, was influenced by her Appalachian grandmother's stories and later in life by a trip to Scotland. She developed a love of history, legend and the supernatural, rooted in the Scots-Irish tradition. After a career in health care, she returned for a BFA in painting at Mt. St. Joseph. She now gives workshops in Celtic art, is the founder and artistic director of the Cincinnati Celtic World Festival, and still finds time to play with the band, Silver Arm.

March 11 Finding God in Celtic Music

Nancy Bick Clark is a Celtic harper who has been performing, teaching, composing and recording since 1985. Her five CD's contain many of her own compositions, and selections of her work have aired on the Celtic music radio show *Thistle and Shamrock*. One of her greatest honors came in 2003 when Nancy was invited to play with the Chieftains at Riverbend. She has taught at workshops and festivals all over the country.

March 18 . . . Finding God in Celtic Story and Verse

Charlie Brumbaugh and Jim Votaw will be presenters for this evening. Charlie is the Associate Rector at Redeemer and Jim is a parishioner – often called the Poet Laureate of our parish. They have collaborated on a number of poetry projects and will share with us their insights on the words of the Celtic world.

March 25 Finding God in Celtic Realms

The Rev. Jack Bowers, who was born and raised in Cincinnati, was ordained in 1965 and, after serving three congregations in the Cincinnati area, he was called to be rector at St. John's in Cambridge, where he served for twenty years until his retirement. Jack's spiritual passion over the last decade has been the spirituality of the early Celtic Christian Church (in northern Europe, the British Isles and Ireland). He and his wife Nancy were on the two pilgrimages led by Martin Townsend – one to Ireland and one to Scotland.

Sign up for the dinner and program! This will be a dynamic and exciting series and you won't want to miss it. There is a sign-up sheet at the information center and there is also website registration available.

Miscellaneous announcements

Other Lenten opportunities include **the devotional booklet** from Episcopal Relief and Development (which is available in the narthex) and a **volunteer opportunity at Episcopal Retirement Homes**. ERH challenges you to take something up for Lent – visiting! They have identified at least a dozen residents of M.P. Lee and Deupree who would benefit from having a friendly visitor stop by occasionally. Call Betsy Babb at 321-6700 or Kim Muse at 272-5555, extension 5396 if you would like to visit for Lent.

In addition, the library cart has a number of **books appropriate for Lent** – books of devotions and meditations and more. There is also a box of devotional pamphlets which you are also welcome to borrow.

Outside of Redeemer, you may be interested in the **Lenten Retreat Day** at St. Margaret of York in Loveland. The day (Saturday, March 31 from 9 am to 3:30 pm) will be led by Joyce Rupp, well known for her work as a writer, a spiritual "midwife," and retreat and conference speaker. She is a member of the Servites (Servants of Mary) community and a volunteer for Hospice. She currently resides in Des Moines, Iowa. For more information about Joyce, see www.joycerupp.com.

CORe schedule is as follows:

+Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30 pm

Game Night & Potluck at the Church

Bring your favorite game and dish to share. This is a great way to shake off the winter blues and sample some good eats from your friends at Redeemer – come and see!

+Tuesday, March 6 at 7:30 pm

Lectio Divina in the library

+Tuesday, March 13 at 7:30 pm

Bible Study 101, Ecclesiastes

Fred McGavran is now a published author. In addition to actual hard copies of his work, he recently had a work of his published on an ezine. If you would like to read Fred's story, go to the following website <http://www.storyglossia.com/eighteen/cover.html>.

Listen. Dream. Imagine.

Bishop-elect Tom Breidenthal invites you to share with him your hopes and dreams for the Diocese of Southern Ohio. He will hold listening sessions in each deanery this spring. This is your chance to help the bishop-elect as he crafts a vision for the future of our diocese. To prepare for these meetings, consider what you have found to be the most interesting and/or exciting things that you have experienced in this diocese and what your heart's desire is for our diocese. Our deanery's meeting will be on Wednesday, May 2, at 7 pm, at Christ Church Cathedral. All are invited.

Upcoming youth events

March 4 at 6 pm Jr High dinner and a movie
We will watch *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*.

March 7 No IHOP

March 11 at 6 pm . . . Procter Games for Jr and Sr High

March 18 at 6 pm Jr High Game Night

March 24 at 12:15 pm OTR Tour with Bob

And don't forget – Navajoland applications are due on March 11. And check out the youth website at www.youthatredeemer.com.

Join Deupree and ERH as they tour the Titanic exhibit on March 28. The bus leaves from Deupree at 9:30 am and returns to Deupree in time for lunch (which is included). The cost is only \$7. Send your check to ERH, 3870 Virginia Ave., 45227, by March 14 to be included in this great excursion.

Please remember to look for God! At Redeemer we find God because we look for God. As you travel your Lenten journey, pay attention. When you see God at work in your world, let us know. Sharing your story with other readers will enrich us all. Email your story to elizabeth@redeemer-cincy.org.

Congratulations to Janice Lubin, honored at the Interfaith Hospitality Network's Annual Dinner this week as the Volunteer of the Year!

Upcoming events

- February 23 5:00 pm Women’s Silent Retreat begins
6:30 pm CORE dinner
- February 24 12:30 pm OTR Tour for youth
- February 25 **PHILIP NEWELL’S VISIT BEGINS**
8:00 am Philip Newell preaches
10:00 am Celtic Eucharist
Philip Newell preaches
11:15 am Adult Forum: Newell
12:15 pm Mission Board
5:00 pm Celtic Mass for Peace
Philip Newell preaches
followed by reception
- February 26 10:00 am Philip Newell program
7:00 pm Philip Newell’s final program
followed by a light reception
- February 27 6:30 pm CORE Game Night
- February 28 7:30 pm Spanish class
- March 2 9:00 am *Redeemer News* deadline
- March 3 *El Hogar trip leaves*
- March 4 12:15 pm Children’s Ministries
Pastoral Board
Acolyte training
3:00 pm Way of St. Benedict
5:00 pm Celtic Eucharist
6:00 pm Parish Supper
6:00 pm Jr Hi Dinner and Movie
7:00 pm Lenten Series: Celtic Art
- March 5 5:30 pm . . Administrative Committee
7:00 pm Writing Circle
- March 7 9:00 am . . . *Redeemer News* collating
7:30 pm Bookgroup
Spanish class
No IHOP this month
- March 8 1:00 pm Knitters Group
- March 9 5:00 pm Men’s retreat begins
- March 10 9:00 am Freestore/Foodbank
- March 11 2:00 am Set clocks forward

PARISH CALENDAR
EVERY WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary
The Banquet in the Great Hall
Godly Play for ages 3-5, St. Francis for 2's
Child care for under age 2
- 11:15 am Christian education for all ages
- 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Monday

- 12:45 pm Noonday Prayer
- 1:00 pm Staff meeting

Tuesday

- 7:30 pm CORE Bible Study

Wednesday

- 12 noon Downtown Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Thursday

- 10:00 am Bible Study
- 4:00 pm St. Cecilia Choir
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir
- 8:00 pm Al-Anon meeting

Friday

- 8:30 pm AA meeting