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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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Deadline: May 11

FROM THE RECTOR

Becoming the person you are meant to be

This weekend I participated, along with a host of fellow Redeemerites, members of the Diocese and guests from near and far, in the **Consecration of Tom Breidenthal as our Diocesan Bishop**. The sights and sounds of the service were awesome. There were many aspects that were extraordinary: the procession of liturgical ministers, the gorgeous music, the asperging of the congregation with water from the seven rivers of the Diocese, a wonderful sermon, the sense of being a part of something big and the feeling of unity with the many people of our Diocese.

What struck me most deeply, however, was the humility and faithfulness of our new Bishop in taking on this new calling. He didn't have to. Really. He had a good job as a chaplain at Princeton. But God moved with power in showing him that Southern Ohio was where he was meant to minister and in convincing the people of Southern Ohio that he was called to be our Bishop. So, this last Saturday, the people of Southern Ohio celebrated his Consecration by the Holy Spirit as the one who will "represent Christ and his Church, particularly as apostle, chief priest and pastor" (BCP, p. 855) of our Diocese. I had the distinct feeling that Bishop Briedenthal knew the difficulty of what he was undertaking. However, he seemed determined to respond faithfully and to become the person God created him to be. This will not be easy, yet with God's strength and our support, our Bishop will become the leader God intends. I am thankful that he responded to God's call to come among us, to take the risk that God has called us to a bright new future.

Every Christian is called by God to ministry in the service of Jesus Christ. We have each been given gifts to carry on Christ's work in the world. For members of Redeemer, this is the time of year when we are asked to consider where God is calling us in the year to come. Our **2007 Time and Talent Stewardship campaign** has begun. Each parish household should have received Time and Talent forms which show a list of every parish ministry and of skills each of us might have to

offer. I want to encourage you to select the ministries to which you feel called, mark them on your form, and return it to the church. This campaign asks each of us to discern what God is doing in our life, particularly as it relates to our parish ministries. In essence, we are being urged by God to think outside of the box we live in and seek to offer ourselves in ways that will allow us to stretch and grow. I look forward to a parish-wide celebration of ministry on Sunday, May 13, when we will offer on the altar for God's blessing our responses to the Time and Talent campaign.

One week later on Sunday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m., we will celebrate again with a **service of Confirmation, Reception and Re-Affirmation**. Our new Bishop will be present to preside and preach in his first visit to Redeemer. Youth members of our Confirmation Class and several adults who have attended the Inquirer's Class in the last year will reaffirm their baptismal promises in front of our congregation. The Bishop, their families and their friends will then lay hands on them and ask that God would strengthen them in their mature commitment to Christ. This service is a major transition point for our confirmands, a moment when we sacramentalize the movement from one stage of life to another. Our prayer is that each person who receives the laying on of hands will move closer to God and to the person they hope to be.

Lastly, it is my pleasure to announce that **Mark Sesler** has accepted my call to be our new **Education Board Chair**, succeeding Mark Blocher. As many of you know, our Board Chairs oversee the four principal areas of our parish ministry – Liturgy, Pastoral, Mission and Education. We rely upon them to direct, encourage and otherwise oversee most of the work of our Redeemer ministries. Their role is pivotal in a church which truly believes that lay leadership is central to the vitality, effectiveness and faithfulness of our community. Mark is a long-time parish leader who has served in many positions including Mission Board Chair, Search Committee member and most recently, Jr. High Church School teacher. Mark brings great gifts of organization, passion for education and spiritual commitment. He is truly the right person at the right time for our education ministry, and he will build ably on the effective work of Mark Blocher. Please welcome Mark and pray for him as he moves into this new area of responsibility.

May we all have a most Blessed Easter season.
In Christ,

Bruce Freeman

FROM OUR CURATE

A treasured part of my teenage years was the television program *The X-Files*. FBI agents Mulder and Scully investigated bizarre cases, argued over conspiracy theory, and sometimes solved murders. The chemistry between the two of them brought me and many others back week after week, even when the plot made little or no sense. I watched nearly every episode for nine years. My obsession with the show was just one of the quirky traits that made me something of an outsider in my high school. The show ended just after I graduated from college, and I hadn't thought much about it until my husband Leighton and I signed up for Netflix. Now that we're able to rent anything on DVD, one of my first thoughts was, "I can re-watch all of *The X-Files*!"

Fox Mulder was my hero because he was willing to search for and speak the truth no matter what. He constantly and consistently sacrificed himself and his reputation in an effort to expose the untruths he saw. No one, and I mean no one, believed his theories about aliens or paranormal phenomena, not even his partner Agent Scully. He had a motto: Trust no one. Mulder was an outsider in every sense of the word. Ridiculed, rejected, targeted by the bad guys and good guys alike, he refused to give up. And, lest you think he was on some quixotic journey, in the world of the show Fox Mulder was right. Just about every weird theory he had was true whether he knew it or not. From the standpoint of the audience, his sacrifices were justified and heroic. From the other characters' standpoints he was a clown, a fraud, a stranger.

Our religion is one of outsiders. We are called to welcome the stranger in our midst. We ourselves have been strangers at some point in our lives; we are outsiders this very moment in one way or another. Our Lord Jesus, founder of the revolutionary movement Christianity, was rejected in his home town and killed for his incendiary words. His friends Peter and Thomas didn't even believe he'd been resurrected after hearing it from others. The disciples were all killed for their beliefs. Those who came after, the second-generation Christians, worshiped together, supported each other, preached a gospel of love and forgiveness, and were martyred in droves. It is said that the Church grew, watered by the blood of the martyrs.

Our own language at Redeemer reminds us of our call to be and serve the outsider. We are focused on ministry

beyond our walls, ministry to those outside. We are responding to God's call to open our doors, to open the circle and accept strangers into our midst. And yet, and yet, and yet.

Christianity is no longer a minority religion. We are not the persecuted few, desperately searching for hope and standing up for our faith in the face of overwhelming opposition. We Christians are the majority in America. We are The Man, as it were. We are no longer outsiders but insiders. In many ways, we have forgotten what it is like to be the stranger, rejected, ridiculed, and targeted for our beliefs. If Jesus came back tomorrow, he might very well be killed all over again – by Christians.

What would happen if we reclaimed our revolutionary faith? If we took the Beatitudes seriously, what would our mission look like? If we lived and worked without fear of death, what would our life together look like? If we all spoke openly about the joy we find in this community with our neighbors, what would our relationships be like? If we invited our IHN guests to worship with us on Sunday or our neighbors to socialize with us at church, how would our lives change? If we opened our arms to people of all stripes, especially those whom we disagree with or dislike, would Jesus not be in our midst? What if we took those risks? What if we were willing to sacrifice ourselves, our reputations, our comfort for someone else? For something bigger. For the cause of Love. Have no doubts, brothers and sisters – we would be rejected, ridiculed, and targeted, even by other Christians. And yet, and yet, and yet. No one ever learned from their success. Humanity's greatest triumphs have come in the midst of difficulty. And God does not call us to what is easy – God calls us to what is right.

As we approach Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, let us remember all those who came before us, those brothers and sisters who loved God so much that they lay down their lives for their friends. Let us remember that our faith is not static, not acceptable, not comfortable. Let us remember that we are outsiders and we are called to welcome the stranger in our midst.

Alice Connor

A testimonial

My husband John and I love to sing but are not able to sing every week, so Loretta offered us a couple of vacant spots in the diocesan choir for the bishop's consecration service on April 28. A few rehearsals and a motel room in Columbus later, there we were. I had been to several ordinations in my time, but a consecration was a notch above.

There was an hour of prelude music. Near the end of this hour when we stood and belted out our first offering, people turned around and stared. Wow! A huge choir is back there and they sound great! The text of our second piece was a George Herbert poem – a favorite at General Seminary where Breidenthal used to teach. (Frances Twigg had told me this once. I saw her at the consecration service, by the way. She and three other classmates had come to honor their professor.)

Five hymns and other pieces were needed to process everyone – deacons bearing water from each of the seven major rivers of our diocese, national church dignitaries, all the clergy of our diocese, at least twenty bishops, and many others. From where we sat in the balcony we could not see most of the clergy, but the bishops sat on stage, and the colors of their garments were fabulous – copes and miters in varying shades of red mixing with a wonderful flow of red and orange that formed the frontal of the altar and continued down becoming a floor covering as well. The waters were blessed, and then the bishops asperged the people.

Early in the service, the Presiding Bishop called for the testimonials to be read. There followed the reading of several documents, each certifying a prerequisite event. For example, Heather Wiseman, secretary of November's diocesan convention, read the document certifying that Briedenthal had been duly and properly elected by that convention. Basically, these people were saying, "You need to know that this happened. Well, let me tell you . . . I was there, and I can tell you that it did." So if you were not in Columbus on April 28 –

I, Elizabeth Grover, do hereby certify that on Saturday, April 28, Thomas Edward Breidenthal, a priest in the Episcopal Church, was consecrated by five bishops, including the Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, and the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Price, and thereby became the Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal, Bishop of Southern Ohio. Wow, did he ever!

What's New in the Stewardship of Time and Talents?

By now, everybody in the parish in fourth grade and older should have received an updated yellow time-and-talent form along with a personalized list of ministries you are currently active in (if you turned in a blue Time and Talent covenant form in 2006 and if we recorded it properly). This year, there is a separate form for our youth, so letters were mailed separately to adults and youth in each household. If you didn't receive a letter, please call the church office so we can send you one. Additional forms will also be available in the narthex.

As you look at the new time and talent forms, you will notice a host of new opportunities for service and fellowship, including:

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| FreeStore/FoodBank | Junior High Band |
| Meals on Wheels | Centennial Celebration |
| Adult Acolytes | Young Parents Group |
| Celtic Guild | Grief Support Group |
| Celtic Music Ensemble | Website Maintenance |
| Adult Contemporary Music | Bread Guild |
| Millenium Development Goals | |

and even Furniture Movers!

Near the bottom of the form (on page 3) you will also see a list of leadership positions that we ask you to prayerfully consider.

Please spend quiet time thinking and praying about your commitment to ministry. We ask each parishioner to participate in at least one ministry – for example, the parish Intercessory Prayer Group is good way for people who can't attend church regularly to support the parish through individual prayer.

Bring your completed form to church on May 13 for our annual Renewal of Ministries liturgy, or mail them to the church. Remember, in the life of the church we view stewardship of time and talents to be just as meaningful, if not more, than our stewardship of treasure. Please prayerfully consider your gifts and availability so you can make a covenant of time and talents to God and to our community. We all have gifts to share in ministry.

Questions? Suggestions? Contact Jo Henning at 561-2853 (jhenning@cinci.rr.com) or Dawn Neely at 321-5267 (neely@current.net).

Why is Stewardship of Time & Talent important?

On Friday April 27, I participated in the diocesan youth event "Celebrate: the Ninth," which included a youth lock-in Friday night and the Bishop's consecration on Saturday. What attracted me was the advertised Bishops' game show talk time with Bishop Ken Price, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, and Bishop-Elect Tom Breidenthal, followed by a late-night Eucharist with the Bishops. It didn't disappoint!

The Bishops arrived around 10:00 pm while Spikenard was playing. (Spikenard was awesome! They were great representatives of Redeemer and our diocese.) They stayed for over two hours to talk with the youth, participate in Eucharist, and receive gifts from the youth. A highlight came for me during the Q&A when Bishop Katharine was asked "What is the one thing that you would most like to accomplish during your term as Presiding Bishop?" Answering in her deep and resonant voice, Bishop Katharine talked about every person finding their ministry... so Episcopalians could enable His reign.

Wow! I'd expected to her to answer about the big picture of unity within the Anglican Communion, but no. If you and I are able to find our ministry, we can individually, and collectively, make a difference in this world. Her goal struck me as a basic truth. Since we are in the middle of our Time and Talents campaign at Redeemer, it was God moment for me.

You and I are being asked to prayerfully consider the ministry or ministries to which God is calling each of us. Hopefully it's a ministry that we feel passionate and excited about. I certainly feel that way about the Stewardship of Time and Talents, and I have a whole new appreciation for why it's so important for us. At a parish level, it enables us to match people with the ministries they want to participate in, leverage our skills, and grow our ministries. Thanks to Bishop Katharine, I now better understand the importance of each of us giving of our time and talent as individuals, so we can collectively make this world a better place.

Dawn Neely

LITURGY BOARD

Summer Blend is coming!

Our program year is coming to a close on May 27, but summer is just around the corner and with it comes a refreshing Summer Blend worship service. We're mixing the traditional, rich roast of the Sanctuary service with the modern, creamy taste of the Banquet. Because the Banquet has become so much a part of our lives together, our summer 10am services will incorporate Banquet-y elements. Keep your eyes open for the Banquet songbooks in the Sanctuary, for youths as readers, psalmists, intercessors, and chalicists, and for special Godly Play sessions for the youngest! Pay attention, too, because we'll mix in traditional hymns, organ music, Eucharistic prayers, and more. The fun begins June 3! If you are interested in participating in these services, please review the opportunities for ministry under the Liturgy Board on your time-and-talent form and select the area that interests you.

Spikenard in the Big City!

On April 27, the day before our new bishop was consecrated, over 140 youth and youth workers from around the diocese descended upon St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Columbus. The event was called Celebrate:9 and Redeemer's own Spikenard was the featured band. The group road-tripped up to Columbus on Friday afternoon, cars jam-packed with band equipment and snacks. Spikenard played a 20-minute set of songs and then led the late-night worship. As they began playing a bluesy version of "Jesus Loves Me," in walked Bishop Price, Bishop-Elect Breidenthal, and Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts-Schori. These spiritual and influential leaders' first impression of the youth event and of Spikenard was totally rockin'!

I can't tell you how proud I am of the youth in Spikenard. They not only blew everyone away at Celebrate:9, but they put in hours and hours of rehearsal to play for the Banquet twice a month. That is a huge accomplishment and I hope you can see how big it is. The next time you see Izzi Krombholz, Jack Hopper, John Custer, Jillian Bennett, Alex McClay, Jake Reed, Ross Frischmuth, or our roadie Hume Jamison, tell them how much you love them.

Alice Connor

MISSION BOARD

Mission trip to New Orleans

On a sunny Monday morning, four vans with folks from four churches from the Diocese of Southern Ohio headed for New Orleans to gut houses and share our Baptismal Covenant with residents and fellow Episcopalians. Twelve hours later we arrived at the Victorian house next door to Christ Church Cathedral – newly remodeled (with funds from Episcopal Relief and Development) to house volunteers. The next morning we received our work assignments and within an hour began gutting a two-family home. Six hours later our fifteen-person crew had filled two dumpsters with what was left of the floors, ceilings, etc.– everything including the contents. All that remained was an empty shell – kind of like the feeling you get when traveling through some of the abandoned neighborhoods.

The next several days we worked at Johnny's house. He's a lifelong resident of New Orleans, who definitely has post-traumatic stress disorder and was probably bipolar. My job was to keep Johnny distracted while the others did their magic on his two-story home. (He was a handful – see me for details.)

On Wednesday evening there was a service with a six-harp ensemble, incense, and an outdoor picnic. We broke bread with the homeless at St. George's on Thursday and were invited to the Crawfish Feast at St. Andrew's on Friday. A sunny Saturday morning brought a prayer for a send-off, and twelve hours later we were back in Ohio. No tickets, no broken bones – just memories of the broken people still abandoned on the Gulf Coast.

I am thankful to the Redeemer community for another opportunity to serve.

Much LOVE,
Bob McGonagle

People Working Cooperatively's Repair Affair

When folks in our area lose their ability to accomplish all the chores required to maintain their homes (whether through aging or disability), People Working Cooperatively (PWC) can help. Each spring they sponsor Repair Affair, an all-day-Saturday event that assigns volunteer groups to work with homeowners to accomplish post-winter seasonal chores. Without PWC's help, many of these homeowners would be in care facilities. Come do your part; projects are assigned according to group size and skills. This year, Repair Affair is on Saturday, May 12. Please join us for this event (and if you like this sort of work, for our Habitat for Humanity workdays on Saturdays this summer). Call me at 533-9356 if you have questions or would like to participate.

Keenan Beauchamp

Hyde Park Center for Older Adults gala in May

The Hyde Park Center for Older Adults will hold its annual major fundraiser on Tuesday, May 22 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. This year's gala theme is "Forever in Blue Jeans" and will be held at Arthur's. Tickets will entitle the holder to drinks and appetizers. Space is limited. Anyone interested should either contact me or call the center directly. The Center is always looking for items for the silent auction held at this event (especially "big ticket" items like vacation home usage, artwork, jewelry, behind-the-scenes tours, etc.). If anyone at Redeemer has something that they would like to donate, they can either call me or Terese Munro at HPC.

Scott Swan

Special events at Hyde Park Center in May

Monday, May 14 at 1 pm
Hyde Park Community Choristers

Thursday, May 24 at 1 pm
Blechbaser Ensemble (performing German music)

EDUCATION BOARD

Kelli's Keys to the Kingdom

Project Picture

Our church school classes (grade 3 and higher) were given disposable cameras to take pictures representing where they see God in their lives. It's time to get those pictures developed and bring them to class! May 13 is the last Sunday for these kids to be in church school, and we would like to have our collages ready for Pentecost. Please let me know if I can be of assistance in developing your pictures!

Hope Chests

Are those little red and white boxes still sitting around your kitchen counters or dining room tables? We will be collecting them on Pentecost, which is May 27. When you do spring cleaning, put all that loose change from the washer, the couch, your car, etc. into the box and bring it with you to church. You can bring it early if you won't be here on Pentecost.

VBS theme – Avalanche Ranch: A Wild Ride Through God's Word

Vacation Bible School is a great experience for young and old. I look forward to it every year. It is a unique opportunity for children and adults to spend five mornings singing, playing and experiencing the stories of faith together. It truly touches the lives of the children who participate. And as a volunteer you also get to witness (or maybe even experience for yourself) the power of community and faith in action. I hope your kids can come, and you can support the program with your time and talent.

The dates of the program are June 18 to June 22. We meet from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon each day at the Hyde Park Community United Methodist church located on the corner of Grace and Observatory in Hyde Park – just two short blocks away from Redeemer.

Registration is made even easier this year! You can register online! You can even sign-up to **volunteer** online! There is a complete list of volunteer opportunities online so you can pick where your gifts might best be used. And you can volunteer for whatever time you have available to give, part-time or full-time.

For younger children of volunteers, there is child care available. Here is the link to the website <https://www.groupvbs.com/myvbs/default.aspx?churchid=388>. You can also access this link from the Redeemer website at www.redeemer-cincy.org. You can also find registration forms in the reception lobby outside the office wing and in the Great Hall. I can even e-mail you a registration form!

Procter Camp

It's also time to register for Procter. If your child has completed the 3rd grade, he or she is eligible to attend a week of camp on his own. There is also a three-day family camp session that begins on a Thursday evening and concludes Sunday morning.

- Rising 4th and 5th graders July 24-28
- Rising 6th and 7th graders July 18-23
- Rising 8th and 9th graders June 25-30
- Rising 10th - 12th graders and graduated Seniors July 2-7
- Family Camp July 19-20
- Adventure Camp July 15-19
- Creative Arts Camp July 24-28

All weeklong sessions are \$200. Family camp is \$100 for adults and \$50 for children. Registration is available online at <http://www.dsoyouth.org/camp.htm>.

The Banquet on Pentecost

We are planning a celebration for Pentecost the likes of which the Banquet has never seen before! Put May 27 on your calendars. Be sure to wear red, orange or yellow. The morning will begin at 9:30 when we will gather to make special crafts for our Pentecost service. We want to see flying doves everywhere! The Banquet will also be hosting its first baptism on this day and welcoming our newest members into the fold. Come celebrate the birth of the church and the gift of the Holy Spirit among us. Bring those Hope Chests too!

Also, make sure your child can attend Church School on May 6 and May 13. During church school they will be painting their hand prints onto a new altar linen designed by Alice especially for Pentecost. We want every child's hand prints represented.

When the noise of the children is heard in church , the noise of the church will be heard in the children.

Glenn E. Busch

Rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, High Point, NC

Youth News

Youth events

Sunday, May 6 at 6 pm
 Procter Games for Junior and Senior High
Open to current 6th graders – as a way of offering a preview of next year
 We'll play fun games from camp and eat massive amounts of grilled food.

Sunday, May 13 at 6 pm
 The eleven ninth graders being confirmed (on May 20) will be feted and served by the rest of the youth. Come hang with us whether you are an honorer or an honoree.

Sunday, May 20 at 6 pm
Teens and Parents Walk the Talk
 Join us in the Great Hall for in-depth conversation on what you wish your teen knew about being a parent and what you wish your parents knew about being a teen. This is your opportunity to really be heard! We'll share a light dinner, then split into small groups. Parents, please covenant to bring your teen, and teens, please covenant to bring your parent. And everyone, please be willing to share and listen. **PLEASE RSVP ON THE WEBSITE or BY CALLING THE OFFICE.** For more information, call Alice at 307-2930 or Betsy at 321-6700.

Rites of Passage

Since the last publication of this column, we have marked the following milestones in the lives of our parishioners:

Births

John Tucker Kattus born April 23
 son of Lisa & Eric Kattus

New members (returning)

Luke & Rachel Robinson
 with Lela and Lorelei
 1023 Celestial St. 45202

PASTORAL BOARD

Sole Mates to run or walk May 28

The annual Hunger Walk, which is sponsored by the Freestore/Foodbank every year on Memorial Day, was the inaugural event for Sole Mates several years ago. This year join us for this 5K event – and get your friends and family to join us, too! ***We are trying to get forty walkers and runners*** on our team. Sign up on the Redeemer team and designate MEAC as the beneficiary. (Go to www.fsbhw.org to register or see Bonnie in the narthex on Sunday.) What your \$20 registration fee (and any other donations you are able to give or solicit) will earn for MEAC is a credit in their Freestore account. Then when MEAC needs some food from the Freestore's stock, they have the means. (Even though the food is donated, there are transportation and storage costs.) ***But there is more!*** The Mission Board will match your donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$1,000! Call Sole Mates representative Karen Murphy at 351-3210 or Freestore representative Bonnie Kretschmer at 871-1299 if you have questions. Register today, get ready to wear a Redeemer shirt (or other red shirt for Pentecost!), and plan to run or walk with us on May 28.

WOMAN Challenge

This May, thousands of women across the country will embark on an eight-week walking challenge for better health. They will be part of the WOMAN Challenge – **Women and girls Out Moving Across the Nation**, a program of the US Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health to encourage women to get 30 minutes of moderate activity most days of the week and to kick off the eighth annual National Women's Health Week (May 13-19, 2007). The WOMAN Challenge begins on Mother's Day, May 13, and ends on July 8, 2007. Participants can register online at www.womenshealth.gov/woman/register.cfm and will receive a pedometer (while quantities last) and tracking log to record their progress. They will also receive weekly motivational e-mails and health tips to help them reach their goal. Woman can choose to travel one of six different "virtual" courses across America.

Make your participation a fellowship activity. Team participation is highly encouraged. So why not register a team of parishioner friends? However you choose to take part in the WOMAN Challenge, make it fun.

Kenyon Conference 2007

The Kenyon Conference is undergoing a transformation, but you have a chance to be part of this rebuilding year. The dates are July 22 to 27 and the place (of course) is Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio.) This year all conferees will meet with the two bishops – the Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth of the Diocese of Ohio and the Rt. Rev. Tom Breidenthal – and with the Rev. Mike Kinman (executive director of Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation) and musician Kate Campbell. Go to the conference website at www.kenyonconference.org for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Art Committee announces acquisition

Cindy Matyi's painting *Calling the Spirit* now officially belongs to Redeemer and is permanently resident in the parish library. Thanks to the donations from twenty families, the Art Committee was able to purchase this wonderful piece of Celtic tradition. Please stop by and take some time to study this intricate and delightful painting. Cindy has prints of this painting available, as well as prints of her other works. Please give her a call at 871-4527 if you are interested in any prints. The Art Committee will continue to search for and add meaningful works of art to special spaces at Redeemer.

Judy Manzler

Lute concert coming soon

On Saturday, May 12, the Cincinnati Guitar Society will sponsor a concert in our Chapel of the Holy Cross. (A classical guitar concert last fall sounded so great that the Guitar Society has asked to hold occasional concerts in this acoustically alive space.) The concert will feature Christopher Wilke, a Xavier faculty member, on the baroque lute. All are invited.

Book club in May

The Redeemer Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 9, at 7:30 pm, in the parish library to discuss Sue Monk Kidd's *The Mermaid Chair*. Everyone is welcome – especially newcomers. If you have questions, please call Nancy Schulhoff at 891-2786.

