



A Slice of H.A.M.

Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator



April 2011

The Reverend Edward Garrigan



A bowl of water. What is it for? One person will say, "To take a drink." Another will say, "To wash my face." Another will say, "To wash away my sins and for my adoption as a child of God."

A bottle of wine, a loaf of bread. What is it for? One person will say, "To offer my guests." Another will say, "To pack for tomorrow's picnic." Another will say, "To feed me with the bread of life and the cup of salvation."

How does the Christian see? He or she sees what everyone else sees—but then sees more. The Russian writer Boris Pasternak describes this a particular way of seeing: "*Everything that happens in the world takes place not only on earth but in some other dimension we call the Kingdom of God.*"

And nowhere is the disparity between the ordinary significance of a thing and its eternal significance, between what the world sees happening and what the Christian sees happening, more profound than on the Friday we call Good Friday, when the soldiers of the Roman Empire put to death a young rabbi from the village of Nazareth.

Hanging there, bleeding, slowly suffocating, he looks defeated, another one of life's losers. Yes, there is defeat involved in his hanging there, but to see it you need what G.K. Chesterton called a "far-seeing eye." For Jesus is not defeated. What is defeated is death and hell and evil and sin and Satan. Jesus is victorious. What is won is life and grace and love and glory. Is that a crown of thorns? So it would appear. But no, it is a King's throne.

"The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God...for foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth ; but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption; therefore, as it is written, "let him who boasts, boast of the Lord." (1 Corinthians 1:18-31)

May Holy Week, 2011, be a blessing to us all.

Edward Garrigan

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4 Jean Lewis

5 Spencer Sonii

8 C. Marcus Furlow

15 William Sherman Houston

18 Odette Morris



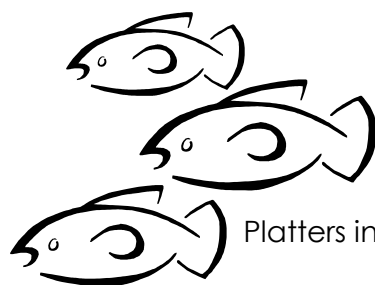
19 George C. Bell, III

22 Allean Scott

Robert Allen

23 DeAnna Burchette

30 Lucinda Witherspoon



Acolyte Fish Fry
Saturday April 9, 2011

12:00-4:00 PM

Platters \$7.00

Baked or Fried Fish

Baked or Fried Chicken

Platters include: potato salad, string beans and roll with butter

Sandwiches \$3.50 chicken or fish with choice of wheat or white bread

Call in order 215-472-300 and pick up in church parish house

Swing into Spring
Card & Games Party Luncheon
Saturday, April 30, 2011
Noon until 4:00PM



Contact

Shirley Warner 215-471-819 * Alberta Williams 215-472-7082 * Udean Morrriis 215-472-0405

14th Annual Taste of the World

Saturday May 21, 2010

6:00-9:00PM

Adults \$20 Seniors (65 & Older) ▪ \$15 Students (with ID) \$15

Juniors 13-18 \$10 ▪ Children 6-12 \$5

Free for Children under 5

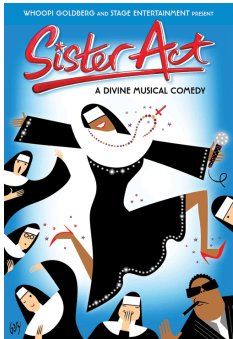


Lectors - April 2011

Apr 3, 2011 4 th Sunday in Lent	S. Fowler Genesis Boima	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Ephesians 5:8-14
Apr 10, 2011 5 th Sunday in Lent	Stephanie Golson Everett Gillison	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:6-11
Apr 17, 2011 Palm Sunday Note: The Passion will be read and readers will be assigned)	Janis Moore R. Williams	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11
Apr 21, 2011 Maundy Thursday	Volunteers Volunteers	Exodus 12:1-4,(5-10) 1 Corinthian 11:23-26
Apr 22, 2011 Good Friday	Volunteers Volunteers	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews (TBA)
Apr 24, 2011 Easter	Iola Harper Everett Gillison	Readings to be selected Readings to be selected



ECW Annual Broadway Bus Trip



Sister Act

A Divine Musical Comedy
Broadway Theater
1681 Broadway, New York, NY
Saturday, June 18th
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Holy Week

SERVICES

Palm Sunday	10:00 AM
Maundy Thursday	6:30 PM
Good Friday	12:00 noon
Easter Sunday	10:00 AM

Date of Easter



Easter is a “moveable feast” meaning it’s date is not fixed in relation to the civil calendar. The method for determining the date of Easter is complex and has been fraught with controversy. The simple explanation is that the Western Church (Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran and other Protestant denominations) using the Gregorian calendar celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox. Therefore Easter can fall as early as March 22 and as late as April 25. In actuality, the rule is far more complicated because the precise calculation involves ecclesiastical definitions that don’t exactly dovetail with astronomical observations.

The Eastern Church (Greek, Russian, and other forms of Orthodoxy) use the same calculation, but based on the Julian calendar. So the Orthodox Easter sometimes falls on the same day as the western Easter (as it did in 2010 and will in 2011), but the two celebrations can occur as much as five weeks apart.

This discrepancy in the dating of Easter was one of the topics on the agenda of the Council of Nicaea, an official gathering of hundreds of theologians and bishops that took place in 325 AD. The council established the rule that Easter is to be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox. Disagreements on the dating of Easter persisted, however. Differences in language and theology in addition to poor communication between widely scattered churches resulted in many more years of controversy before the Nicene formula became generally accepted.

In the 20th century, discussions began as to a possible worldwide agreement on a consistent date for the celebration of the central event of Christianity. As yet, no resolution has been reached.

Layette Sunday

Every Easter Season, The Episcopal Church Women of Holy Apostles and The Mediator bless the families at ECS St. Barnabas Mission with spring clothing. Under the guidance of Shirley Warner, Program Manager at ECS St. Barnabas Mission, the women of ECW bring Easter joy to many.



About ECS St. Barnabas Mission

ECS St. Barnabas Mission serves homeless women and their children, providing not only shelter but case management and related services to address the root causes of homelessness.

Intensive case management at the Mission helps families address economic and personal barriers to obtaining housing. While just under a quarter of families remain in shelter for only a few days or weeks, most residents stay for one to nine months. Three quarters of residents eventually move into safe, stable housing.

The Mission maintains high quality service and meets the diverse needs of families presenting mental health, substance abuse, poverty and other challenges. Each year, about 140 female-headed families (including about 200 children) find a safe haven at ECS St. Barnabas.

One thing most families have in common is young children - half of all the children served are age four or younger. Most families include just one or two children. The majority of mothers at the Mission are under 30, while about 20% are between the ages of 40 and 64.

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HAM in the News



Iola Harper, receives the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Gladys Warrington Service Award. One of five extraordinary women recognized for their outstanding contributions to the community.

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Sunday- Holy Eucharist Services: 10:00 AM Mass
1st Tuesday- Noonday Eucharist & Healing Service
3rd Tuesday- Noonday Eucharist
Wednesday- Bible Study & Light Supper, 6:00PM

Anniversaries

4/25 Ervin & Niasha Gamble

Memorials

4/29/95

Muriel Hamer

4/27/97 Henrietta Murray

4/28/98 Carmen Horn



The Vestry

2012

Clare Nelson

Sonya Riggins Furlow, Evangelist

Boima Sonii

2013

Everett Gillison, People's Warden

Iola Harper, Sr. Warden

Janis Moore

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Angela Harris-Thompson

Byron Golson, Director of Music

David Miller