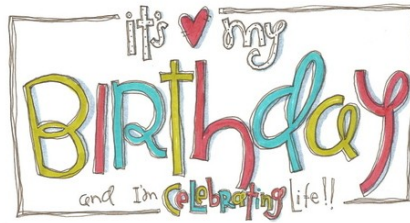


MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3/1 Janis Moore
- 3/3 Veronica Taylor
- 3/6 Patricia Peterson
- 3/7 Herbert Maddy
- 3/8 Elaine Gillison



- 3/18 Ashanti Clark
- 3/19 Gillian Golson
- 3/21 Helen Allen
Damon Charman

ECW News

- **Annual elections.** If you are interested in running for a position within ECW please contact Pattie Burchette Davis or Marit Anderson Houston.

Current ECW Officers

President-Marit Anderson-Houston
Vice President- Angela Harris-Thompson
Secretary- Adele Thomas
Acting Treasurer- Alberta Williams

- **4/10 Layette Sunday-** Please see Shirley Warner for a list of clothing items and sizes needed for this year's recipients. Monetary donations are also being accepted.
- **4/30 Card Party** -Please see Shirley Warner for more details
- **Annual Broadway Trip-** Join the ladies of ECW to see **Fela!** tentatively scheduled for Saturday June 18th. Stay tuned for more details...

Daughters of the King

The Edna Carroll Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King invite you to their Annual Quiet Day on Saturday, March 19th beginning with Continental Breakfast at 9 AM, Lunch will be served and Holy Eucharist will end our day at 2PM. Rev. Edward Garrigan will be our Quiet Day Leader. Please RSVP Daughter Helen Allen or Daughter Clare Nelson on or before Sunday, March 13th. There is no cost and all are warmly invited.

CLERGY CONTINUING EDUCATION



As in other professions, the clergy are expected to engage in some continuing education each year. I will be away from March 23 to March 28 in Orlando attending a theological conference, "*Light & Heat: A Passion for the Holiness of God.*" You will have a supply priest on March 27. (Note that I chose a conference in Florida and not Minnesota!) EG

Lectors - March 2011



March 6, 2011	Pat Peterson Helen Allen	Exodus 24:12-18 2 Peter 1:16-21
March 9, 2011 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Volunteers	Joel 2:12-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
March 13, 2011 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	Clare Nelson Angela Harper	Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 5:12-19
March 20, 2011 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	Iola Harper Marit Anderson	Genesis 12:1-4 Romans 4:1-5,13-17
March 27, 2011 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	Harriet Logan Synae Allen	Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-11

Scholarship Application Information

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is offering scholarships to 12th grade students graduating from a **Philadelphia High School** who plan to attend a four (4) year college or university. Last year over \$25,000 in scholarship was awarded. The annual scholarship application process is from January 1, to April 1, 2011. Please see the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall for an application. All entries must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2011.

Philadelphia City Scholarship Program Application 2011-2012 Academic Year

The Philadelphia City Scholarship Program awards 50 college scholarships to high school seniors each year. Scholarship awards are \$1,000 for each academic year for four consecutive years of full-time enrollment in accredited, four-year, bachelor degree programs. The city of Philadelphia funds this scholarship program and has assisted more than 2,500 students in earning a college degree. The application may be downloaded at www.freelibrary.org/cityscholarship.

2011 Urban League of Philadelphia Community Scholarship Program

Applications must be postmarked by Friday, April 1, 2011 and selected recipients will be announced on or about April 22, 2011. Students may apply for as many scholarships as they wish and the Urban League of Philadelphia's Scholarship Committee will make the selections. Eligibility requirements and a complete application can be found at www.urbanleaguephila.org.



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday March 13th. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour.

THE WEDNESDAYS OF LENT



LENT

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
With short readings from Scripture and prayer, we follow the events from Jesus' condemnation to his death to his burial. Please join us in this brief and moving service.

6:30 p.m. Supper
7:00 p.m. Bible Study

LENT BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

March 16:	Leviticus 16	<i>The Day of Atonement in the Old Covenant</i>
March 23:	Isaiah 53	<i>The Suffering Servant</i>
March 30:	Exodus 12	<i>The Passover</i>
April 6:	John 17	<i>Jesus' High Priestly Prayer</i>
April 13:	Romans 4	<i>Salvation by Faith</i>

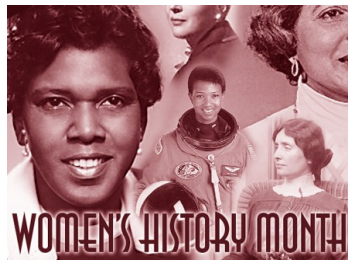


The pretzel has its origins as an official food of Lent. In the early Church, Lenten abstinence and fasting laws were very strict calling for the faithful to abstain from all forms of meat and animal products, though some exceptions were made for fish. During Lent it was not unusual to have one meal a day, and smaller snacks to maintain strength. So a need arose for a very simple food which would fulfill the Lenten dietary laws.

According to pretzel maker Snyder's of Hanover, a young monk in the early 600s in Italy was preparing a special Lenten bread of water, flour and salt. To remind his brother monks that Lent was a time of prayer, he rolled the bread dough in strips and then shaped each strip in the form of crossed arms, mimicking the then popular prayer position of folding one's arms over each other on the chest. The bread was then baked as a soft bread, just like the big soft pretzels you can find on Philadelphia street corners today.

Because these breads were shaped into the form of crossed arms, they were called *bracellae*, the Latin word for "little arms." From this word, the Germans derived the word *bretzel* which has since mutated to the familiar word *pretzel*. Another possibility for the origins of the word *pretzel* is that the young monk gave these breads to children as a reward when they could recite their prayers. The Latin word *pretiola* means "little reward," from which *pretzel* could also be reasonably derived.

The soft pretzels eventually evolved into hard baked pretzels. Another story is that a young apprentice baker dozed off while tending to the oven where the pretzels were baking over-baked the pretzels. At first the master baker was upset, but soon discovered that the hard pretzels were also delicious. These hard pretzels were less perishable than the soft, and thereby easy to have available to give to the poor and hungry. Not only were pretzels easy to give to someone in need, but also they were both a substantial food to satisfy the hunger and a spiritual reminder of God knowing a person's needs and answering our prayers.



On July 29, 1974 eleven women broke the glass ceiling so long in place against the ordination of women to the priesthood of the Anglican Church when they were "irregularly" ordained to the priesthood. The ordination was held on the Feast Day of St. Mary and St. Martha at the Church of the Advocate in Philadelphia. This ordination, performed by retired or resigned bishops Daniel Corrigan, Robert L DeWitt, Edward R. Welles, and assisted by Bishop Antonio Ramos of Costa Rico, was denounced as "irregular" and these women became known as the ***"Philadelphia Eleven."***



Merrill Bittner
Alison Cheek
Alla Bozarth (Campell)
Emily C Hewitt
Carter Heyward
Suzanne R. Hiatt
Marie Moorefield
Jeanette Piccard
Betty Bone Schiess
Katrina Welles Swanson
Nancy Hatch Witting



Although there was no specific canon that prohibited ordaining women to the priesthood, the canons required a recommendation from the standing committee. Many were upset because these women did have such a recommendation. While others were ready for change and ventured into new territory for the Episcopal Church.

Shortly thereafter, four additional women were also "irregularly" ordained:

Eleanor Lee McGee
Alison Palmer
Betty Powell
Diane Tickell

On August 15, 1974, the House of Bishops, called to an emergency meeting, denounced the ordinations and declared them invalid. Charges were filed against the bishops who ordained the women and attempts were made to prevent the women from fulfilling their priestly ministries. On September 16, 1976, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church convened in Minneapolis, Minnesota adopted a resolution to change the church's canon law to allow the ordination of women for all three orders of ministry; bishop, priest & deacon.

The decision to ordain women remains optional in each diocese, however, until 2008 three dioceses in the United States continued to refuse the ordination of, or recognize the priesthood of women; Fort Worth, Texas, Quincy, Illinois, and San Joaquin, California. Unfortunately the conservative views of the Dioceses of Fort Worth and San Joaquin led to their decision to secede from the Episcopal Church. Today women have been ordained as priests in all 110 dioceses of the Episcopal Church, after the last holdout the diocese of Quincy, Ill, ordained its first woman on Saturday October 16, 2010.

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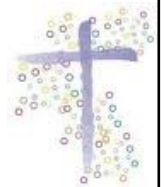
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Sunday- Holy Eucharist Services: 10:00 AM Mass
1st Tuesday- Noonday Eucharist & Healing Service
3rd Tuesday- Noonday Eucharist
Wednesday- Bible Study & Light Supper, 6:00PM

Memorials

3/2/1986	George M. Christmas	3/21/1988	Virginia Stute
3/8/1993	Mildred Ellis	3/6/1993	Jean Singleton
3/23/1995	James Davis	3/14/1997	Charlotte Gorgas
	3/2/2003	Benjamin Nelson	



The Vestry

2012	2013	2014
Clare Nelson	Everett Gillison, People's Warden	Angela Harris-Thompson
Sonya Riggins Furlow, Evangelist	Iola Harper, Sr. Warden	Byron Golson, Director of Music
Boima Sonii	Janis Moore	David Miller