

Week of March 19 - 26, 2017

Sunday, March 19th

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am The Best Way to Pray, Adult Forum, parish hall
Christian Formation for all ages, parish hall
Choir Practice, nave
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:45 am HS 101, rector's office

Wednesday, March 22nd

6:30 pm Soup & Salad, parish hall
7:00 pm Rob Morpeth, *Jesus Died Because of My Sins Not for My Sins*
7:30 pm Choir Practice, choir room

Sunday, March 26th

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am The Best Way to Pray, Adult Forum, parish hall
Christian Formation for all ages, parish hall
Choir Practice, nave
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:45 am Cursillo Reunion, parish hall

*Living
in the
Spirit*

Lent Soup & Program, 22nd at 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Join us for soup and salad at 6:30 pm in the parish hall as a family. Then at 7:00 - 7:30 pm we will have guest speakers for the adults in the nave and Julia will have activities for the school age children in the parish hall. *Childcare provided.*

March 22nd - Father Rob Morpeth, Staff Officer for Finance for the Diocese of Alabama

Jesus Died Because of My Sins Not for My Sins

Father Rob offers another way of looking at the meaning of Jesus' death.

Notes from the Interim Rector

The Best Way to Pray: Adult Sunday School During Lent

What's the best way to pray? The best way to pray is the one that works best for you. As a matter of fact, there are probably several ways of praying that suit you. That's been my personal experience. My prayer life regularly includes prayers of gratitude and intercession, centering prayer, Collects from the Prayer Book, and journaling. And I'm open to experiencing other forms of prayer along the way.

I invite you to join me at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall during the Sundays of Lent as we explore and experience five of those other forms of prayer. My guess is that one or more of them might just appeal to you. I've found a couple of them quite helpful.

Each Sunday, I'll share a little bit about the personality type that may find a particular prayer form helpful. Then, after an introduction to the prayer form, we'll spend a few minutes using it. I'll send you home with some "homework" for further use of the newly introduced prayer form. I hope to see you there.

The Rev. Bill Blackerby, Interim Rector

Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Holy Spirit 101	Mar 19th	11:45 am	Rector's Office
Choir Practice	Mar 22nd	7:30 pm	Choir Room
Cursillo Reunion	Mar 26th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Women's Circle	Mar 28th	6:30 pm	Nave
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Apr 8th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting	Apr 9th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Healing Eucharist	Apr 12th	11:00 am	Nave
Pack for Beans & Rice	Apr 14th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	Apr 15th	9:00 am	Narthex
Bunco	Apr 20th	6:30 pm	Parish Hall

Save the Date

Sun, Apr 9th	Palm Sunday, 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Thurs, Apr 13th	Maundy Thursday Service & Foot Washing, 7:00 pm
Fri, Apr 14th	Good Friday Service & Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm
Sat, Apr 15th	Easter Vigil, 7:00 pm
Sun, Apr 16th	Easter Sunday, 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Church Happenings

Music Captures the Season

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. The Gloria is not sung during Lent and is sometimes replaced with the prayer: *Kyrie, eleison*. This prayer derives from the Psalms and several New Testament passages. In Matthew 20:30, 31, two unnamed blind men call out to Jesus, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David." The phrase "Lord, have mercy" became the basis for the liturgical prayer.

Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Christe, eleison. Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy.

During Lent we will sing the Kyrie, Sanctus and Fraction Anthem from the *New Plainsong Mass* composed by David Hurd. These are found in our *Hymnal 1982*. Hurd (b. 1950) is an African-American composer, organist, choral director and educator. He is widely recognized as one of the foremost sacred music composers, and church musicians in the United States. He was one of the major musical contributors for the Episcopal Church's *Hymnal 1982*.

Cursillo Ultreya Open House, Friday, March 24th at 6:00 pm, Sorensen Home

Interested in attending Cursillo? Come to our Open House to get more information and all of your questions answered. There are no secrets about Cursillo, only wonderful surprises. Bring a dish to share and your beverage of choice. Questions? Kim Sorensen, ksorensen@jackhenry.com

Cursillo is an opportunity to grow in faith and in spirituality. Cursillo in the Diocese of Alabama begins with a three-day weekend at Camp McDowell. During these three days, lay people and clergy share their experiences and perspective on a variety of topics related to the love of God, the Christian life, and Christian community. Through Cursillo we seek a deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus and how we can serve Him. We work together to share God's love and encourage each other to persevere in carrying out our Baptismal vows. Cursillo *starts* with a three day weekend, but the best is yet to come!

Upcoming 2017 Cursillo Weekends:

* June 8th – 11th (*deadline May 2nd*) * Sept 7th – 10th * Oct 5th – 8th

Financial Fitness Program, Mondays, May 1st – June 12th at 6:30 pm, parish hall

Course will cover developing budgeting skills, basic financial management skills and helping attendees understand the financial playing field. This class will be taught in English with plans to offer follow up sessions in both English and Spanish. Registration forms are in the Narthex. Cost is \$10 per workbook. Contact Suzanna Rawlins with any questions, sr6395@att.com.

Volunteer Ministry Sign-up

You can now sign up to volunteer for any of our ministries at any time! In the narthex we have a notebook with a sign up page for each ministry with the ministry leader's name and contact information. If interested in serving Holy Spirit in a particular ministry please sign up so we can get you connected. Thank you everyone for your continuing support of Holy Spirit!!

Member Directory

Our member directory can be accessed anytime at www.holyspirit-al.org/directory with the password: HSFAMILY. Please check your family's listing to confirm we have all correct and updated information for you. Please contact Tara, tara@holyspirit-al.org with any needed changes. We have a few hardcopies available in the narthex if you prefer.

Lenten Retreat

Renewed Life: Seizing the Promises of Christ, March 31-April 2 at Camp McDowell

We yearn for a rich relationship with Christ, one that will deepen our connection to God and to one another, but too often, the new life in Christ can seem a lot like the old life, plus church Flyers available in the narthex. Visit http://www.dioala.org/digital_faith/events/3173137 for more info and to register. Contact M.E. Spencer if you have any questions, spencermedr@gmail.com

Diocesan Events

Episcopal Place 12th Annual Gumbo Gala, April 22nd 11am – 2pm, Sloss Furnaces

Join us for the 12th Annual Gumbo Gala with proceeds benefitting Episcopal Place! Gumbo Gala is now one of the largest gumbo cook-offs in the southeast. Live music, art vendors, Pogo's Playground, the Muskrat Art Ramble featuring local artists, food trucks, and a beautiful setting make Gumbo Gala a great time for the entire family. For more info and to buy tickets: <http://gumbogala.swellgives.com/>

Rites of Spring, March 24 – 26, Camp McDowell

Calling all 9-12 graders! Rites of Spring is an incredible weekend event at Camp McDowell, and includes the EYC Convention. Rites of Spring is a combination of EYC Convention and a weekend retreat at Camp McDowell. Members for the 2017-2018 Youth Department will be elected over this weekend! Register by March 13th at <http://dioala.org/youthevents.html>.

2017 Ultimate Parish Retreat, May 5-7, Camp McDowell

Formerly known as *Small Parish Weekend*. You are invited to come together and enjoy the group activities that larger parishes experience each year and to worship and play with others throughout the diocese. This year the retreat is planned for May 5-7, an ideal weekend at camp when the wild magnolias and other native plants are in bloom and the weather is usually ideal. Activities are being planned and will be designed specifically for those who attend. The theme will be centered around the Stewardship of Creation and there will be something for everyone. Contact Tara, tara@holyspirit-al.org, for pricing and more information.

Visit dioala.org for diocesan events and resources.

Financial Update

Contributions

Thank you for your generous support of our parish. Below is a summary of the contributions received during the week ending on Sunday, March 12, 2017.

Pledged	\$3,210.00
Unpledged	\$ 100.00
Bethany Village	\$ 200.00
Men's Group	\$ 55.00
Total Contributions.....	\$3,565.00

Please pray for...

Bishops and Clergy: **Justin** Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; **Michael** Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop ECUSA; **Kee** Sloan, Alabama Bishop; **Bill** Blackerby, Interim Rector; **Stan** Wright, Priest Affiliate

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Our companion dioceses of Alaska & the Virgin Islands & their bishops Mark & Ambrose; Department of Mission and Outreach; Companion Diocese Commission

Ministries and Programs within The Church of the Holy Spirit: Worship Team, Mow & Clean Teams, Daughters of the King, Coffee Hour Ministry

For Nation and Local Community: Donald Trump, President; Robert Bentley, Governor; Communities of Calera, Alabaster, Helena, Maylene, & Pelham

For all people everywhere, especially: those living in Syria and all war-torn countries

Healing & Guidance for members, relatives and friends of Holy Spirit: **Richard** Smith (Victoria Knierim); **Carl** Raymond (Allyson Agee); **Jo** Cochran (Judy Dykes); **Roxie & Stan** Wright; **Debra** Dewees (Glenda Jones); **Bud** Montgomery, **Henry** (Carol Smedley); **Kim & Luke** Sloan, **Nila** Whetsell, **Roy** Wolfe, **David, Obie, Brian, Bill & Debbie** (Katy Brooks); **Karen** Marshall (Allyson Agee); **Barbara** Carroll (Harriet & Bill Meeks); **Jaxson** (Mary Hodgetts); **Jim** Mankoski (Allyson Agee); **Dan** Poset; **Shannon** Bogert & family (Amanda Wilbanks); **Will** Graham; **Lou** Malone (Sharon Poset); **Charlotte** Callough (M.E. Spencer); **Jimmy** Lee (Rodney Dilbeck); **Betty** Marek; **Greg, Tyler, Derek, & Josh** Hussey; **Val** Autrey; **J.T.** Peterson; **Barb** Diehl (Jim Hamilton); **Hailey; Elaine** Vazquez; **Dawn** Mango, **John** Kimbrough, **Mallory** Carroll (Harriet & Bill Meeks); **Gladys** McKay

For those serving in the armed services: **Hall** Graham (Julia Jackson), **Mark** McKay (Gladys McKay)

For all who have died, especially **Robert** Harrison, may light perpetual shine upon them.

Upcoming Birthdays: M.E. Spencer (3/20), Holly Roberts (3/22), Ella Aldrich (3/22), Al Crumpton (3/24), Victoria Matthews (3/25), Olen Vickery (3/25), Jim Bowen (3/27), Nancy Musgrove (3/27), Mark Araujo (3/28), Aubrie Kate (3/28), Dominic Muruako (3/29), Bay Hughes (3/30), Hunter Cooley (3/31)

Upcoming Anniversaries: Debbie & Mark Cawthon (4/1), Roxie & Stan Wright (4/1), Bethann & Julio Campos (4/2)

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