

The Photo Directory—Success!

Just a quick note to let you know how well the Photo-Directory day went. The team from Olan Mills said that St. Joseph of Arimathea was the only church they had ever had 100% participation from the list of those members who signed up to have their pictures taken.

It was a long day to say the least – the photographer began setting up in the McNeely room before noon on January 21st, the first appointment was for 3pm. The last bag was packed in his car at 11:30pm!

Many thanks must go the husband and wife team; Katie Saliba and Warren Stramiello – who manned the registration table and helped keep sanity when the crowds arrived!

What was wonderful to observe, was just how much everyone enjoyed seeing each other. For whatever reason – attending the early service, or children’s sporting events causing families to miss one another on Sundays – this event was a great reason to play catch up – to share what people have been up to, to see

how much children have grown and as well as to console over losses, and encourage successes, what a wonderful blessing! All due to scheduling a small slice of time – to have a picture taken to create a new directory not only for the parish itself, but for our future Pastor’s use, to put a name to a face of this flock.

THANK YOU !
THANK YOU ALL !!

**Sunday,
February 8th**

Bishop Roskam
visits

Remember Christingle?

It is with great happiness we share the overwhelming joy from the parents at the Coachman shelter who received the infant/toddler Christingle donations. The gentlemen who arrived to transport the mountain of diapers, formula, clothing and toys could not believe it was all for them. Needless to say their van was packed! Phone calls of thanks arrived a short time later; you could hear the voices of mom's pouring over the items laughing and crying. Thank You ALL so much!

The Great Vigil of Easter

On April 11, 2009, you are invited to join us for the Great Vigil of Easter. Marking the beginning of the Easter season, the Easter Vigil is a service full of symbols that brings the resurrection story to life. The service of the Easter Vigil represents both the culmination of Holy Week and the transition from the barren days of Lent to the festival of Easter.

The "darkening" of the church begins in Lent, when the tradition of processing in with music is replaced with silence or the Great Litany, the service begins with the prayer of confession instead of the Gloria, the church is sparsely decorated, and the word "Alleluia" is removed from the liturgy. Then, on Maundy Thursday, we participate in the Last Supper of Christ and then remove the last adornments from

the church to reflect the beginning of the suffering of Christ. On Good Friday, the cross is carried into the church, stopping three times along the aisle to mark the three times Christ stumbled during his path towards the crucifixion. On that Friday, we pray for the world much like Christ and the disciples prayed for the world and the story of that night ends with Christ's death.

The Easter Vigil marks the coming out of the darkness and despair of Christ's death and into the glory of his resurrection. On Easter Eve, we gather like the women who were waiting at the

tomb. At the beginning of the service, the Paschal candle is blessed and lit from a new fire, symbolizing the risen Christ and the light of Christ still in the world. From this candle, other candles are lit, and the procession begins into the darkened church, which symbolizes the darkened tomb. As the candle enters, it breaks the darkness as Christ's resurrection broke the darkness of sin. During the procession, the candle pauses at the same three places where the cross fell on Good Friday, symbolizing Christ's victory over death. Upon reaching the front of the church, the candle is placed on its stand, and the Liturgy of the Word begins. The readings in the liturgy tell stories of God's salvation throughout the ages and are arranged to build up



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**Wednesday,
February 18 & 25**

Sandwich Brigade
9:30 a.m.

Dates in February

2/3, 10, 17, 24	Women's Workshop 10am
2/8	Guest: The Rt. Rev. Bishop Roskim
2/9	Coordinating Committee Meeting 6pm Vestry Meeting 7pm
2/11	Guests: The 7th Graders from WCT 4-6pm
2/15	Altar Guild Meeting Search Committee Meeting Valhalla Residents Dinner
2/18, 25	Sandwich Brigade 9:30am
2/23	Coordinating Committee Meeting 6pm
2/25	Ash Wednesday Services Noon and 7pm
2/26	Westhab Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Lost and Found

Please note: There is a new Lost and Found box located on the top shelf above the coat corner as you enter the building through the double doors.

There are umbrellas and lip gloss, but there is also a beautiful Camel Hair coat that has misplaced its owner. If any one has lost a coat, please let the church office know.

*Monday,
February 9th*

Vestry Meeting
7:00 pm

Prayer List

Billie-Ann's friend, **Brenda Letford**
Charles White's brother, **Sydney White**, his niece **Sheila White**, and Charles' family, Alla Borzova's father, **Alexander**, The **Barnaby** family - especially Zach, **Carol Carroll**, **Maggie Jensen**, the **Udogwu** family, **Arianna Fujimoto Harris**. Mary-Carol Miller friends, **Jane Dunne & Carol Vanecek**, Barbara Brown's co-workers, **Dottie Cunningham & Linda Dralle**, Jennifer Larrow's friend, **Elizabeth Graves**, Althea Serrant daughter, **Grace Anderson-Smith**, Connie Barrett's grandmother, **Sarah Skinner**, and Connie's family, **Rick Merrill**, (classmate of Camele White), **Debbie Gillett-Hermansen**, the **Carpenter's Kids** in Mbabala, Tanzania



A Very Historic Event

The following article was taken from Episcopal Life Online. Written by Mary Frances Schjonberg on January 21, 2009. It is important to learn about what is happening in Episcopal life outside our own church walls. In this historic time, we thought this was a wonderful way of hearing what the service at the Episcopal Washington National Cathedral was like.

Four days of ceremonies and prayers for President Barack Obama's inauguration came to a close January 21 with the traditional National Prayer Service at the Episcopal Washington National Cathedral. President Barack Obama, Michelle Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and Jill Biden attended the invitation-only service along with members of his administration, Congress, and the diplomatic corps; faith leaders and other

invited guests, nearly 3,200 in all. Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori asked God during the service's closing prayer "strengthen and sustain Barack, our President, that in the days to come he may lead your people with confidence and compassion.

"On this radiant day we give thanks to you, O God, for the freedom to gather united in prayer," she prayed, in a prayer that was drawn in part from Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address on March 4, 1865. "Strengthen and sustain Barack, our President, that in the days to come he may lead your people with confidence and compassion. Grant patience and perseverance to the people of this Nation. "With malice toward none, with charity for all, may we strive to finish the work you have

given us to do that we may achieve a just and lasting peace. In this time of new beginnings, new ventures, and new visions, light in us the fire of justice, and the passion for forgiveness. Give us the strength to hold fast to what is good that we may go forth renewed and committed to make hope a reality." The Rev. Sharon E. Watkins, general minister and president of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) preached the sermon, the first time a woman has preached at the service. She began by thanking God for raising up a leader "who would begin a servant's work with worship." After a day filled with the ceremony of the swearing-in, the inaugural parade and the 10 official balls that lasted in the early hours of January 21, Watkins said

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More Surprising Expiration Dates

This is the last of a three part series listing items many of us have in our homes, but may not be aware of how long they are good or safe to use by.

In the first part of this series, I listed some food items, last month I listed household products, this month I'll complete the series with beauty and personal care products:

Bar Soap	-18 months to 3 years
Body lotion	-3 years
Lip balm	-unopened 5 years, opened 1 to 5 years
Lipstick	-2 years
Nail polish	-1 year
Perfume	-1 year
Shampoo	-2 to 3 years
Conditioner	-2 to 3 years
Hair gel	-2 to 3 years
Mouthwash	-3 years from manufacture date

I hope you have found this information useful.

There is a much more complete list you can find on:

<http://shine.yahoo.com/channel/home/s>

Easter Vigil, cont.

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to the culminating moment when the priest exclaims, "Alleluia, Christ is risen". The lights come on to reveal that the once barren church has been decorated with the glorious colors of Easter, and bells are rung in celebration. The story of the Resurrection and

the first Eucharist of Easter follow the proclamation. For those who are concerned, it is absolutely appropriate to receive communion at both the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday.

I've often said that trying to explain the impact of this service is like trying to explain Santa Claus to

someone who hasn't experienced it. I believe this service is one of the most beautiful and powerful services in the Episcopal liturgies, and I hope you will join us for this event. This service will be followed by a reception in the fellowship room.

~Katie Saliba

Historic Event, cont.

that "today the nation turns its full attention" to the work that awaits it.

"As we do, it is good that we pause and take a deep spiritual breath," Watkins said, preaching from the cathedral's flower-festooned Canterbury Pulpit. "It is good that we center for a moment.

What you are entering now, Mr. President and Mr. Vice President, will tend to draw you away from your ethical center. But we, the nation that you serve, need you to hold the ground of your deepest values, of our deepest values."

Watkins extended that charge to the assembled members of the government. "We need you, leaders of this nation, to stay centered on the values that have guided us in the past; values that empowered us to move through the perils of the present and of ear-

lier times and can guide us now into a future of renewed promise," she said.

The service was a variation on the Book of Common Prayer's Morning Prayer, and included scripture readings, prayers, hymns and blessings delivered by faith leaders from across the United States. A video stream of the prayer service was available online on the cathedral's website.

The Rev. Canon Carol L. Wade, Washington National Cathedral precentor, said before the service that she studied previous national prayer services "but also crafted prayers, drawing in part from Lincoln's Inaugural address." "It has been a joy to create a service that reflects the aspirations of hope and unity expressed by President Obama in this significant time in our nation's his-

tory," she said in a January 20 release from the cathedral. A complete list of participants is available here and the order for the 80 minute service is here.

The Very Rev. Samuel T. Lloyd III, cathedral dean, welcomed attendees, and commended Obama for including public prayer in his first full day on the job. Diocese of Washington Bishop John Chane then gave the invocation. Watkins' sermon drew on the images in a Cherokee story she told about how each person has an angry and fearful wolf and a compassion wolf battling inside of him or her. She told the congregation that the winner is the one each person chooses to feed. "In crisis times, a basic instinct takes us over -- a fight/flight instinct we call it and it leans us towards the fearful wolf,"

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Historic Event, cont.

she said.

"In international hard times, our instinct is to fight -- to pick up the sword, to seek out enemies, to build walls against the other -- and why not?" Watkins asked. "They just might be out to get us. We've got plenty of evidence to that effect."

"Someone has to keep watch and be ready to defend, and Mr. President -- Tag! You're it!" she said, drawing laughter from the congregation.

Watkins suggested that the congregation consider how a recent document from an international group of Muslim scholars, "A Common Word Between Us," proposed that love of God and love of

neighbor ought to be the basis for building world peace.

"That's what we just read in the Gospel of Matthew," she said, alluding to the day's reading from Matthew 22:36-40 in which Jesus reminded his followers of the law of the prophets to love God and neighbor.

Watkins said that people can love God "by facing hard times with a generous spirit: by reaching out toward each other rather than turning our backs on each other."

The prayer service is a tradition dating back to the inauguration of George Washington and is considered the conclusion of the official inaugural events.

The first inauguration of George Washington in 1789 in New York City was shaped largely by a Congressional resolution that relied heavily on the English coronation ceremony, according to information on the cathedral's website. It required that, following the oath of office in front of Federal Hall on Wall Street, the Senate and House walk a short distance to St. Paul's Chapel on Broadway to hear "divine service" by the chaplain of Congress, Bishop Samuel Provoost. He acted in a role similar to that of the Archbishop of Canterbury at English coronation services.

**Sunday,
February 15th**

Valhalla Dinners

Culinary Corner

Instead of just one recipe this month, I thought it might be nice to mix things up a bit. How about mixing up fresh, homemade salad dressings?

We are all trying to eat healthier and wiser. After looking at the ingredients as well as the expense of a store bought dressing, perhaps you might like to try two refreshing, easy and health conscious dressings the next time you serve salad.

Lemon-French Dressing

Makes 1 cup at 9 calories per tablespoon.

1 teaspoon unflavored gelatin
 ½ cup lemon juice
 1 tablespoon cold water
 1 teaspoon dry mustard
 ¼ cup boiling water
 ¼ teaspoon garlic salt
 2 tablespoons sugar
 ¼ teaspoon Worcestershire
 ½ teaspoon salt
 Pinch of pepper
 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel

1. Sprinkle gelatin over cold water in a small bowl to soften. Add boiling water; stir until gelatin is thoroughly dissolved.

2. Add sugar and salt; stir

until dissolved.

3. Combine gelatin mixture with remaining ingredients in container. Shake well; serve at room temperature.

California Citrus Dressing

Makes ¾ cup at 6 calories per tablespoon.

½ cup orange juice
 ½ teaspoon garlic powder
 ¼ cup lemon juice
 1/8 teaspoon pepper
 1 teaspoon salt
 ½ teaspoon paprika

Combine juices, salt, paprika, garlic powder and pepper in 1 cup jar with screw top.

Shake until thoroughly mixed.

Sunday Giggles

Sunday after church, a mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson at Sunday school was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say the mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said, "Be not afraid, they comforter is coming."

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Good actions give strength
to ourselves and inspire
good actions in others.
~Plato

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