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Bethesda Episcopal Church
41 Washington Street
Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

February

Return Service Requested

Dated Material

Ways to become involved at Bethesda....

Acolyte during the 8am or 10am Eucharist—please speak with Charles Griffin

Read a Lesson during the 8am or 10am Eucharist—please speak with Katrina Keech

Usher or present oblations during the 10am Eucharist—please speak with Tom Moeller

Sing in the Treble Choir or Adult Choir during the 10am Eucharist—please speak with Farrell Goehring

Offer hospitality at Coffee Hour help after the 10am Eucharist—please speak with Kristina Delbridge

Assist in the Nursery during the 10am Eucharist—please speak with Jessica Senecal

Teach Church School (Kng.—12th grade) after the 10am Eucharist—please speak with Stacy Akaka

Participate in Service League events-please speak with Mark & Kathleen Anspach

Bellringers—please speak with Fr. Evans

Prayer Shawl Ministry—Please speak with Sherryl Moore

Pray for the Parish—Everyone!

Bethesda
TOWARD A THIRD CENTURY
SARATOGA SPRINGS

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The Very Rev'd Marshall J. Vang, *Interim Rector*
The Rev'd Paul Evans, *Priest Associate*

DEAN'S DOINGS

My Dear People and Friends of Bethesda:

The summer after my second year in seminary, a rare invitation was extended by my Diocesan. The Bishop of Rochester asked me to accompany him on scheduled Sunday morning visitations. With rare exception the churches in which we worshipped were relatively small and located in typically resort communities in or near the Finger Lakes. Following the celebration of the Eucharist, communicants would gather with the bishop in the parish hall or basement to savor home-prepared foods and engaging conversation. Each visitation would conclude with a question and answer session. Invariably the bishop would pose, "What is your greatest challenge in offering your ministry in this place." The response was invariably the same: "Not enough time."

Does that resonate with you?

Surely the demands of family and employment claim a great deal of our attention. The clock ticks faster than we our agenda indicates. But what about matters of our faith? Our commitment to Christ? The practice of our ministry. Even within the context of the Church, time seems to slip away unnoticed.

Soon a time, a season of the Church Year will descend enveloping us with an opportunity to set things aright. We know it as Lent. For a time certain and with encouragement both scriptural and sacramental, you and I are given a fresh opportunity to *practice*, to practice being Christ-like.

The Christian life is not simply something one signs up by agreeing to believe a set of doctrinal formulae. It is a life-long undertaking we need to work at and a life-long journey that we travel. Christianity is something we do because God has done something for us. It is something to which we are called because God is standing there with arms outstretched in love, summoning us to be his *friends* as well as his *body*. It is something for which we need to make time, something we need to make a real priority in our lives. Is there no higher calling than to love one another as he first loved us?

All of us experience a a difficult time getting started , working on those things in life we know we need to address: getting to the gym, starting a more healthy eating regimen, or making a telephone call to tell someone, "I am sorry. Please forgive me." Our Church Calendar is designed in such a way that we celebrate a cycle of feasts and fasts, each allowing us year by year to practice, to journey with Jesus from the time of his birth through his ministry and then walk the way of the Cross to his death and then, ultimately and totally, to experience again the joy of his resurrection.

On February thirteenth the Church will invite us to "spring training." During the holy time of Lent, Our Lord will make each of us keenly aware us how he is working to turn evil into Good. In so doing he will grant us focus: the ability to see through his lens the good in others, thereby becoming the persons he intend us to be. In other words, we will be, in his heart and mind, practicing Christians.

The Apostle Paul has a word for us here: *Behold, now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.*

Please make a note of the date of Tuesday, March fifth, the first anniversary of Father Parke's death. The 6:30 p.m. Eucharist will be a Requiem to honor our former Rector. Please share this observance with others.

The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang
Interim Rector

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

9:45-12 Noon Nursery care provided in Parish House

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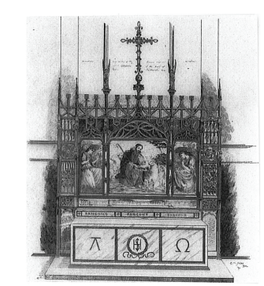
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.-Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 9:15 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at Home of the Good Shepherd Wilton

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.—Holy Eucharist with Healing

Thursday 9 a.m.--Holy Eucharist at Home of the Good Shepherd Saratoga Springs



THE VESTRY REPORTS

At its meeting on 18 December 2012 the Vestry of Bethesda Church

- gathered for the Tuesday evening celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 6:30;
- welcomed Geoffrey Delbridge as a first time, newly-elected member;
- reappointed Mark Griffin to serve as Clerk and appointed Anne Van Acker and Jerry MacDonald to serve a one-year term as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer respectively;
- received the Interim Rector's Report, which highlighted very fine attendance for Advent Lessons & Carols at 3:00 pm on 2 December, positive reaction to the Annual Meeting, especially the presentation of a published summary of activities and financial matters; and a dinner hosted by Dean Vang for the office staff;
- noted with appreciation Senior Warden Mark Claverie's remarks expressing gratitude to Doug Huston's service and ministry during Bethesda's period of transition, thanking the Youth Group and its advisors for the successful Spaghetti Dinner; indicating his willingness to maintain the Churchwardens' communication with the office staff in a manner beneficial to all; and anticipating 2013 to be a year where clarity and purpose are brought to issues and challenges facing the parish;
- learned from Gordon Boyd of a recent meeting between ABC [Almost Bicentennial Commission] and Property Management and its discussion of a process leading to a capital campaign and Vestry authorization of a professional assessment of the church building [passed unanimously];
- appreciated Darren Miller's [now former Treasurer] update of parish finances: 2012 pledge and plate income is $61,391 ahead of budget; $7,645 is still owed to the Diocese [Assessment]; and a budget for 2013 will be prepared in early January;
- voted unanimously, at Mary Withington's recommendation, to agree to the granting of 501C3 tax exempt status to Home of the Good Shepherd, Moreau;
- acknowledged Leisa Brockett's leadership with Personnel matters, especially with regard to National Church mandated employee coverage for health insurance and pension, the latter expense being at a minor variance with current coverage;
- rejoiced at Mark Claverie's Property Management report which noted the completion of new boiler and furnace installations at the church and Parish Hall, but expressed concern over further pipe replacement needed at the Parish Hall and Bethesda's need to fill the position of Sexton within the very near future;
- accepted with applause Gordon Boyd's Stewardship summary, revealing that 2013 pledges represent a $60,000 increase over last year; and
- expected the Interim Rector to announce a date to commission newly-elected Vestry members at a Sung Eucharist on a Sunday in January.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Griffin, *Clerk*

February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Brigid, Abbess of Kildare 11am-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall* 9pm-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall*	**2 THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE**
3 THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY **8am Holy Eucharist** **10am Sung Eucharist** **3pm Solemnity of Candlemas Choral Evensong with the Blessing of Candles and Procession**	**4 Cornelius the Centurion** 8pm-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall*	**5 The Martyrs of Japan** 12pm-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall* 6:30pm - Holy Eucharist *High Altar* 7:30pm-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall* 9pm-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall*	**6 Titus, Bishop and Confessor** 9:15am Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton 12:10pm Holy Eucharist with healing	**7 Feria** 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs 1pm Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting, *Parish Hall*	**8 Feria** 11am-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall* 9pm-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall*	**9 BVM on Saturday**
10 THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Baptism of Christ **8am Holy Eucharist** **10am Sung Eucharist** **Service League Valentine's Brunch following the 10 am Eucharist**	**11 Feria** 8pm-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall*	**12 Feria** 12pm-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall* 6:30pm - Holy Eucharist *High Altar* 7:30pm-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall* 9pm-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall*	**13 ASH WEDNESDAY** 6:30am-Holy Eucharist 12:10pm Holy Eucharist 7:00pm-Solemn Eucharist	**14 Lenten Feria** 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs	**15 Lenten Feria** 11am-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall* 9pm-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall*	**16 Lenten Feria**
17 THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT **8am Holy Eucharist** **10am Sung Eucharist** **11:30am-Adult Forum**	**18 Lenten Feria** 8pm-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall*	**19 Lenten Feria** 12pm-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall* 6:30pm - Holy Eucharist *High Altar* 7:30pm-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall* 9pm-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall*	**20 Lenten Feria Ember Day** 9:15am Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton 12:10pm Holy Eucharist with healing	**21 Lenten Feria** 9am Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs	**22 Lenten Feria** 11am-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall* 9pm-AA Meeting, *Parish Hall*	**23 Lenten Feria**
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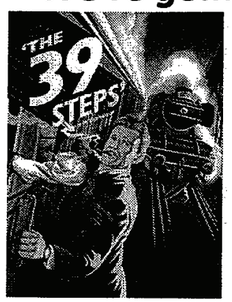
SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, February 8, 2013

We're going to the theater!



For HMT's

THE 39 STEPS

A Hitchcock masterpiece mixed with a juicy spy novel creates a whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theater!

Join us at the theater and help
Bethesda Episcopal Church.
HALF of all sales *using the promotional code* **HELPBEC** will benefit us.

Purchase your tickets on Jan. 29th, 30th & 31st in one of these ways:

★ **CALL** the HMT box office between 12-5 P.M. at 587-4427 and mention the code.

★ **GO TO** www.homemadetheater.org, click "Buy Tickets Now" and enter the "coupon" code.

★ **STOP IN** at HMT's box office between 12-5 P.M. and mention the code.

THE SOLEMNITY OF CANDLEMAS

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, February 3

3:00 P.M. Choral Evensong with the Blessing of Candles & The Great Procession

to be followed by Tea in the narthex

Please plan to join us for more Bethesda fun and fellowship at the annual **Service League Valentines Day Brunch**, Sunday February 10, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The scrumptious menu includes Mimosas, Ham Strata, Fresh Fruit, Sweet Breads and Chocolate Cake. A sign-up sheet is located in the church narthex. Suggested donations are as follows: Adults- $7.00, Children $4.00, Children 5 years old and under free, Families--$20.00.

A BETHESDA LENT 2013

THE FIRST DAY OF LENT: ASH WEDNESDAY
February 13

6:30 A.M.	HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 P.M.	HOLY EUCHARIST
7:00 P.M.	SOLEMN EUCHARIST

SUNDAYS IN LENT
February 17 – 24, March 3–10–17

8:00 A.M.	HOLY EUCHARIST
10:00 A.M.	SUNG EUCHARIST
11:30 A.M.	ADULT FORUM

Lenten Sermon Series – *Children's Letters to God*

SUNDAY CHORAL EVENSONG
March 3 at 3:00 P.M.

TUESDAYS IN LENT
February 19 –26, March 5–12–19

6:30 P.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

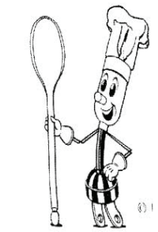
WEDNESDAYS IN LENT
February 20 – 27, March 6–13–20

12:10 P.M. HOLY EUCHARIST with Healing

A LENTEN REMEMBRANCE
The first anniversary of Father Parke's death
will be observed on Tuesday, March 5,
at the 6:30 p.m. Eucharist.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER
Wednesday, March 13, at 7:00 P.M.
with Presentation

BETHESDA COOKS:



Baked Salmon in Burgundy Sauce
with Orange Onion Marmalade
serves 4

Orange Onion Marmalade

¼ cup unsalted butter
2 onions, sliced
1 teaspoon grated orange zest
1 tablespoon slivered basil
1 cup burgundy
¼ cup sugar
salt & pepper to taste

Salmon and Burgundy Sauce

4 8 ounce boneless salmon fillets
1 cup burgundy
1 cup heavy cream
salt & pepper to taste

To prepare the marmalade: melt the butter in a large skillet over high heat. Add the onion slices and cook for 10 minutes or until caramelized, stirring frequently. Add the orange zest and basil. Stir in the wine and sugar. Cook until most of the liquid has evaporated. Season with salt and pepper and cool slightly.

To prepare the salmon and sauce: Place the salmon fillets in a baking dish and add the wine and cream. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake at 400 degrees for 8 minutes. Remove the salmon to serving pates. Pour the cooking juices into a saucepan. Cook until reduced to syrup consistency. Adjust the seasoning.

Spoon the marmalade onto each salmon fillet. Spoon the sauce over the top and serve immediately

The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang

The deadline for the **March Newsletter** will be **February 15TH.** Please submit material to the office by this date. You can email it to bethesdabee@yahoo.com. Thank you for your