

February 2018



ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Scepter



Reflections From the Rector's Desk

**By The Reverend
Canon
Stephen C. Casey**

Dear members of St. Edward's:

By the time you read this "from the Rector's Desk" we shall be a little over a week away from observing Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent. The name Ash Wednesday derives from the ceremonial imposition of ashes as a symbol of penitence. It is based on the "sackcloth and ashes" spoken of by the prophets in the Old Testament, and the ashes are obtained from the burning of the palms from the previous Palm Sunday.

From the Christian authors of the early church we know that some form of Lenten observance was practiced by Christians within a generation or so of the resurrection of Je-

sus. Then as now, Easter was the customary time for new Christians to be baptized, and during the forty days prior to their baptism, the catechumens received instructions in the faith and followed various penitential observances. In addition to the preparation of catechumens, on Ash Wednesday, individuals who were guilty of serious sins were required to perform an act of public penance and appear before the whole congrega-

tion clad in sackcloth and ashes.

When Christianity became the religion of the state in the time of Constantine, then the individual acts of Lenten preparation and penitence were fused, and the whole congregation of the faithful were called to what the Book of Common Prayer in the service for Ash Wednesday describes as the observance of a holy Lent,

by self-examination and repentance; by prayer and fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. Over subsequent centuries various layers have been added to make the Lenten observance more meaningful, such as the Kyrie in place of the Gloria, and the dropping of the Alleluias in the liturgy; purple for the altar hangings and the liturgical vestments worn by the priest. A common practice is for some churches to cover crosses and other symbols with a Lenten veil. This is somewhat a misunderstanding of the original intent. In the medieval churches crosses and Eucharistic vessels tended to be covered in costly gems and jewels. The veil was meant to cover these ostentatious symbols. Today this is no longer necessary.

What is necessary, of course, is for the faithful to keep the original intent of the Lenten season as a personal period of penitential devotion and preparation. At St. Edward's the Lenten season will begin with a parish event on Shrove Tuesday, followed by

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- • *Worship services and Parish hours are on the back cover of the Scepter*
- • *Staff and Vestry Members are listed on the back cover of the Scepter*

Reflection

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three services on Ash Wednesday with the imposition of ashes. The Stations of the Cross will be observed each Friday during Lent. And during the Lenten season, each Wednesday evening, as well as Adult Forum on Sunday and after the Wednesday noon-day services, I shall be offering a series on the Passion Narratives in the Gospels, exploring their similarities as well as their differences and how they might shape our own Lenten observance. You will find details of all these services and events elsewhere in this edition of the Scepter, and they will also be available on the St. Edward's website and Facebook page.

I know we live in busy times, but I hope this Lenten season you will give time for self-examination and repentance; prayer and fasting, and self-denial; and reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

I pray you a holy Lent.

Fr. Stephen+



Information

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
9 AM – 3 PM

Tuesday: 9 AM – 1 PM

Parish Administrative Assistant:
Michelle Bentley

Pastoral Care Ministry

By Fr. Casey

Carol Cotnoir recently informed me that for personal reasons she wishes to step aside as coordinator of the Pastoral Care group. Carol has served faithfully in this position for several years and deserves our appreciation for the manner in which she has carried out this important task. I am pleased to report, however, that Carol will continue to be a part of the Pastoral Care Ministry group and continue as a Eucharistic visitor. I am also pleased to announce that Peggy Hanzelman has graciously accepted my invitation to take over from Carol as the coordinator of the Pastoral Care Ministry.

I am deeply grateful to the members of the pastoral care ministry of St. Edward's, who assist me in meeting the needs of those parishioners who for various reasons cannot attend church on a regular basis. From conversations I have had with parishioners under our care, I know how deeply appreciative they are of your ministry to them.

Thank You

By Fr. Casey

Rayelenn and Fr. Stephen extend our deepest appreciation and thanks for the many cards, gifts, and good wishes we received over the Christmas season. It is not always easy to thank everyone personally for thinking of us, so we pray this "Thank-you" will in some way offer our thanks to you as our parish family.



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If you're the last person to leave the building following Sunday services or an event, please take the time to make sure all the lights are turned off (including the rest rooms) and the doors are locked.

Up-coming Parish Events

Ash Wednesday and Lent occur earlier than usual this year, and Ash Wednesday also coincides with Valentines Day. Please be sure to look elsewhere in this edition of the Scepter for the Ash Wednesday and Lenten offerings. Also please note that the Annual meeting of St. Edward's is scheduled for Sunday 25th February. There will be one service only on that Sunday at 9 am; the Annual Meeting will follow. All these details will be posted on the St. Edward's website and Facebook page, and in the weekly announcements.

Fr. Stephen+



Military News

Please keep in your prayers those close to us who are serving in the military.

- ★Dustin Burleson
- ★Justin Carnahan
- ★Brandon Fox
- ★Gordon Frankenfield
- ★Matt Fuhrman
- ★Adam and Christina Grim
- ★Jack Hawk
- ★Drew Johnson
- ★Anthony Koser
- ★Alex Kube
- ★John Lewis
- ★Richard Mutari



Vestry

By Brian Newsome



Saying goodbye is hard. When a family that has become a vital component of a parish leaves, we feel it as a loss. By the time this article is published, Hank and Debbie Morrow will have departed Saint Edward's for Hank's new assignment at All Saints' in Hershey. The St. Edward's congregation honored Hank and Debbie at their last service with us on January 28. We let the Morrows know how much they have meant to us. We gave them a great send-off. But still the transition is difficult. Yet we can take comfort from Scripture.

The Apostle Paul said goodbye many times in the course of his missionary journeys around the Mediterranean. When Paul left Ephesus, "there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again" (Acts 20:37-

38). But Paul's letter to the Ephesians—and his letters to so many other communities—remind us that Paul kept in touch with the church families he had served. How much easier it is for us to do the same today. Hank and Debbie have moved to All Saints', but they remain members of the diocese. We will see them. We can stay in touch with them through phone calls and emails. Those of us who live in Elizabethtown and Mount Joy will even see them when we are shopping. So let us make a conscious effort to maintain these connections, just as Paul did, and let us remember that Bishop Scanlan has sent Hank to All Saints' so that he may strengthen that community, just as Paul left the churches he served when the right time had come. We may thus rejoice, as Paul did in his second letter to the church in Cornith: "Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you" (2 Corinthians 13:11-12).



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Krist Kindling Dinner

By Rayelenn Casey



Piper Brugmann's animation is always so infectious.



Thanks Randy Westgate for being such a support to Meredith every year as she organizes and solves Krist Kindlers' crises. Did you know that Meredith never tells her family who is delivering gifts to them?



Boys' table — where they ate well, played games, and listened to the stories.



Jane Young REALLY got into acting out her Krist Kindle Delivery story!



The Hakes always make us laugh at the Krist Kindle Dinner.



Maura and Dave explain Tips and Tricks for deliveries at their home.



The Newsomes had a lot of fun with Krist Kindling.



Maeve and Finn Milligan really loved the Krist Kindle gifts they received.



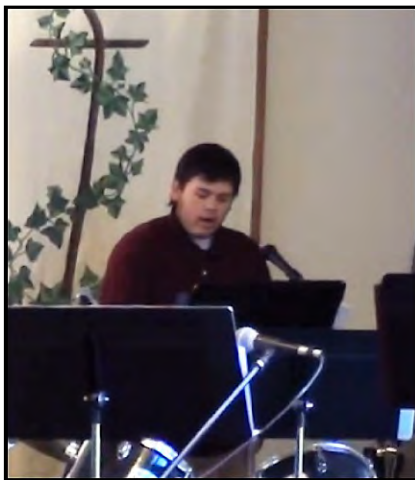
Mary Snyder works nights, so delivering to Rose Dixon's house in broad daylight proved to be a challenge. But she pulled it off!

Epiphany



The Wise Men move into the stable...

Seth Hake Solo

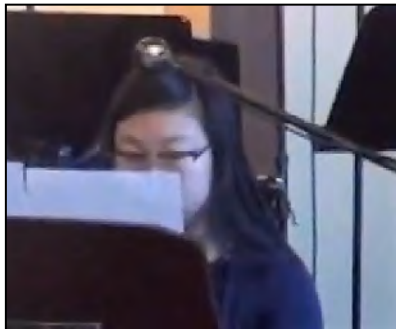


Taken from a video posted on Facebook

At the 9:15 Contemporary service January 7th Seth Hake sang a wonderful solo-"O Holy Night". Rosie Westgate accompanied.

You can view the video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ssVIMAHb0Bs&feature=share&app=desktop>



Rosie Westgate



Show your love by making someone this heartfelt snack on Valentine's Day.

What you need:

- 2 slices of bread
- 2 heart-shaped cookie cutters (one large, one small)
- Lunchmeat and cheese (or peanut butter and jelly)

What you do:

1. Cut a large heart out of each slice of bread.
2. Cut a small heart from the middle of one big heart.
3. With the small cookie cutter, make several heart shapes out of the meat and cheese. Place between the bread slices.
4. If you're using peanut butter and jelly, spread both onto the large, solid heart. Then place the slice with the small heart cutout on top.



A NEW COMMANDMENT

In John 13:34, Jesus offers important instructions for his followers.

Directions: Figure out the pattern in each vertical line of letters. Then add the next letter in the sequence to the blank underneath, completing John 13:14, NIV.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ...

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H	M	T	A	I	L	A	Y	H	K	R	D	Y	P	S	M	G
J	N	U	C	L	M	C	Z	K	M	S	F	B	Q	W	P	H

" _____ "

E	X	M	B	C	L	M	B	U	V	F	R	P	L	V	F	R
F	Y	P	C	F	M	P	C	X	W	I	S	Q	M	W	I	S
G	Z	S	D	I	N	S	D	A	X	L	T	R	N	X	L	T

" _____ "

A	R	J	Q	C	C	S	B	F	K	Y	X	H	L	Q	B	Y	I
E	S	M	R	F	G	T	C	I	L	A	Y	J	M	R	D	A	L
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JOHN 13:34, NIV

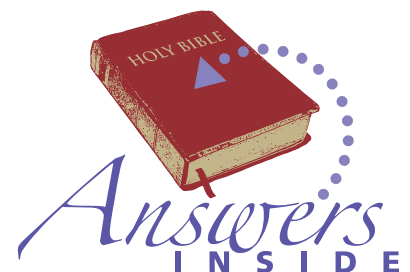
Answer: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34, NIV



Bible Quiz

Paul declares that nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Which of the following does Paul specify as unable to block God's love?

- A. death; life
- B. angels; demons
- C. present; future
- D. height; depth
- E. all of the above



Answer: E (See Romans 8:38-39, NIV.)

Notes of Thanks

From Coby's Family Services:

"We were thrilled that your parish was able to provide wrapped gifts for more than 100 foster children being served by the COBYS Family Services Permanency Unit again this year. By our count, that makes six consecutive years that you have taken on this costly and logistically challenging Christmas project. . . So thanks again for partnering with us during this Christmas season to provide gifts for children who otherwise may not have received many presents. Blessings to the folks at St. Edward's in the New Year.

Mark Cunningham, Executive Director

Donald R. Fitzkee, Director of Development

College Care Packages Thank You's:

Thank you so much for the cookies from the parish. They were very tasty, and there was a wide variety to choose from. I didn't get trick or treating so it was nice to have some goodies to snack on. I really appreciate that you thought of me up at college.

Thank you and see you again soon.

Tole Swiernik

St. Edward's Episcopal Church,

I recently got your package in the mail. Thank you so much for thinking of me and sending me all the way to Florida! The cookies are delicious!

*Thanks again
Rachael Smith*

Letter from the VA in thanks for the cards we signed and delivered to the VA Medical Center this past December.

Dear St. Edward's Episcopal Church,

On behalf of the Lebanon patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of comfort items (signed cards).

It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide our deserving Veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again for future events.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Fees

Saturday Service



**Third Saturday of
Each Month
5:30 PM
Next Services
February 17th
Rite II**

Coffee Hour



Many thanks to the following parishioners who provided fellowship, hosting, and goodies during our January Coffee Hours!

Tony and Sue Bianco
Amanda Ferguson
The McLaughlin Family
The Milligan Family
June Klemm
Geraldine Cosgrave
Janet Rumer
Mark and Barb Jakiel
Richard and Gail Irons
R.B. Mullineaux
The members of vestry

Men's Group

By Mike Patrone



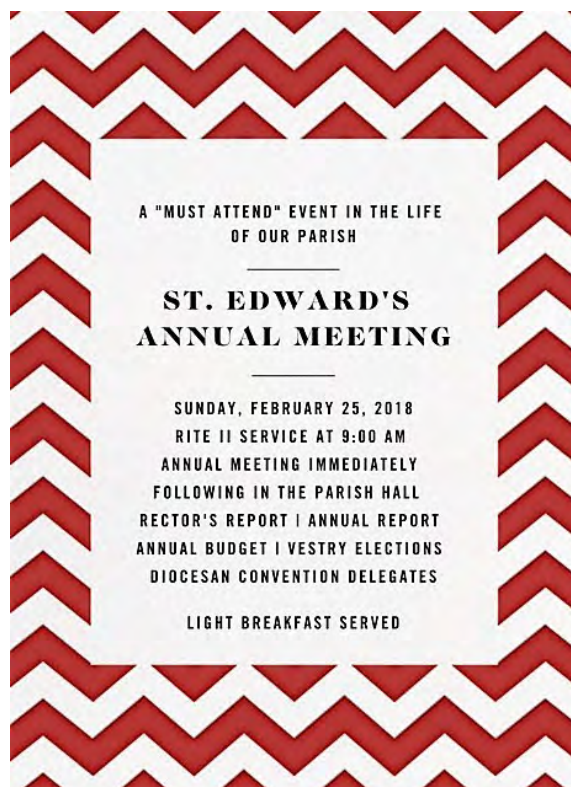
**Men's
GROUP**

The St. Edward's Men's Group meet the last Saturday of the month in the parish hall at 9am. All men of the parish, no matter your age, are invited to attend. Come and see what is happening. A great way to start the weekend.

Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.
Due date for March will be:
February 20th.
Send articles and announcements to:
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February Events



Lenten Services

Wednesday Evenings : 6-8 PM – Commencing Wednesday, February 21st – Wednesday, March 21st

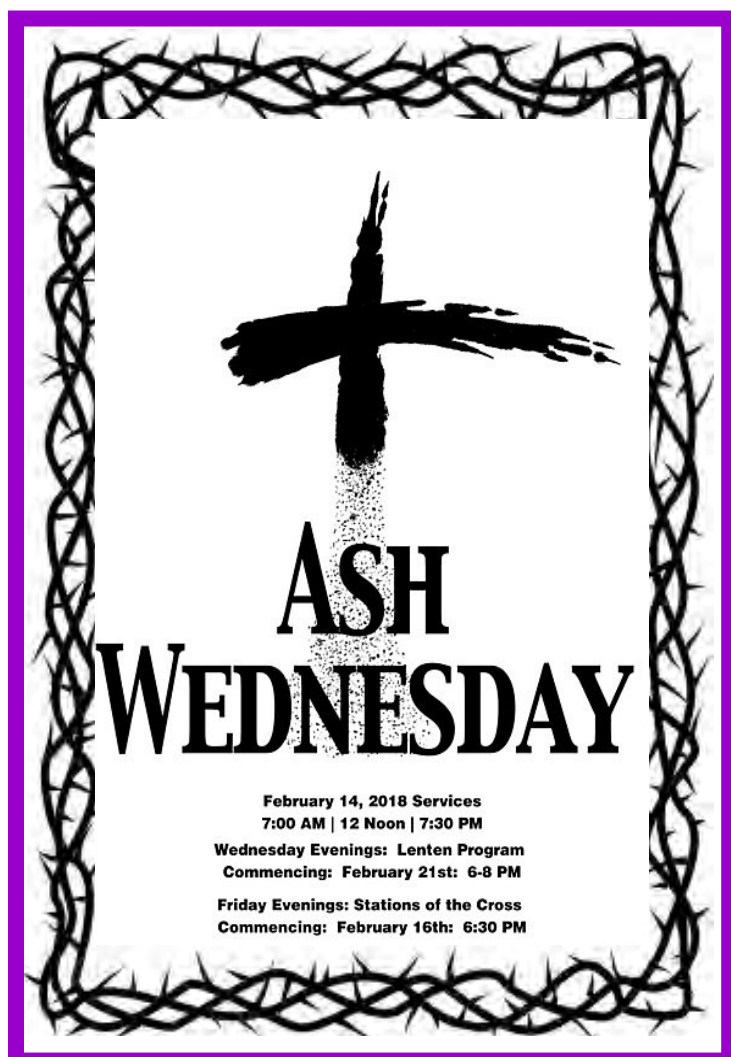
Join us for Pot Luck Supper, Bible Study, Eucharist/Compline. All are invited to attend! Come for all or any part of the evening.

Please bring a dish to share – main, side or dessert. Sign up will be in the Parish Hall for food items.

Drinks and place settings will be provided.

Stations of the Cross

Friday Evenings: 6:30 PM –
Commencing Friday, February 16th – Friday, March 30th



St. Edward's has Deacon Hank to Thank 2011-2018

Pictures from Scepter Archives



Debbie and Bishop Baxter



Holy Week



One of many sermons



Hank and grandson



Pancake Suppers



St. Edward's has Deacon Hank to Thank 2011-2018



Christmas



With wife Debbie and Rose Dixon.



Blessing of new Gospel Book.



Buckets of tools for Hurricane Sandy Recovery



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia!!



One of many children's sermons.

Deacon Hank Morrow's Final Sunday

By Rayelenn Casey



Hank processes, followed by the Reverend Jane Miron, Archdeacon for Deacons, and Father Stephen.

Giving thanks for spending my first seven years of ordained ministry with the loving people of Saint Edward the Confessor Episcopal Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Deacon Hank



Father Stephen offers a prayer of Blessing and sending for Hank and Debbie .



Father Stephen preaches about living into one's call



St Edward's gives Hank a stole, made by the British crafts-woman Juliet Hem-ingray. The stole has a lovely tag that thanks Hank for his ministry here at St Edward's.



Deb Morrow shares the peace with Rose Dixon.



Deacon Hank Morrow's Final Sunday



Deb Morrow has been an important part of the life of St Edward's for the past 6 years, and we thank her for her ministry of presence among us and for her support of Hank.



"Draw near with faith."



A lively coffee hour filled with gifts and love and laughter to send Hank and Debbie off to All Saints.



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!!



Hank serves the bread while Jane Miron serves the wine.



The Reverend Jane Miron, Archdeacon for Deacons, thanks St. Edward's for training and supporting Hank in his ministry.

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**The Reverend Canon Vestry
Stephen C. Casey, (year term ends)
Rector**

**The Rev. Hank
Morrow, Jr., Deacon**

**The Rev Eugene F.
LeFebvre, Honorary
Associate Priest**

**Michelle Bentley, Parish
Administrative Assistant**

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thurs-
day, Friday: 9 AM – 3 PM

Tuesday: 9 AM – 1 PM

- ✦ **Camille Horine (2018)
Junior Warden**
- ✦ **Dina Ishler (2020)**
- ✦ **Herb Johnston(2018)**
- ✦ **Raymond H. Kiefer
(2019)**
- ✦ **Susan Landin (2020)
Secretary**
- ✦ **Brian Newsome
(2018) Sr. Warden**
- ✦ **Bill Swiernik (2020)**
- ✦ **Meredith Westgate
(2020)**

Worship Services

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (said)

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Contemporary Service (2nd Sunday, Sept – May).

Wednesday

12:00 Noon – Holy Eucharist with healing

Saturday

5:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II (Third Saturday)