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FEBRUARY 15, 2015

LENT / CUARESMA

Schedule/Horario

Sunday/domingo

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 a.m. Santa Comunion
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School*
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 2:00 p.m. Sunday Meals Program



Mondays/Thursdays

- 6-8 p.m. Angels Basketball Program

Tuesday

- 6:30-8 p.m. Long-term Bible Study

Wednesday/miércoles

- 6:00 p.m. Station of the Cross and Holy Eucharist
- 6:45 p.m. Lenten Program

Thursday/jueves

- 5:30 p.m. Via Crucis y Santa Comunion
- 6:30 p.m. Programa de Cuaresma



Ultreya

7:00 p.m. 3rd Friday of the month.
Friday, February 20, March 20

Knitting

6:30 p.m. 2nd Tuesday of the month. Tuesday, March 10

De Parranda con Hector "Tito" Rodriguez

9:00 a.m. Sunday, March 15

Phoenix Concert

8:00 p.m. Friday, March 27

The Lenten Journey

Dear friends in Christ,

This year, in the midst of this cold, icy and snowy winter we find the beginning of Lent. As I share every year, it is my hope that you take this opportunity to strengthen your relationship with God and with others.

On Ash Wednesday there is an invitation to the observance of a holy Lent. Here are some of the ways this can be done:

1. Focus on the Baptismal Covenant.
2. Seek reconciliation through penitence and forgiveness.
3. Self-examination and repentance
4. Prayer
5. Fasting

6. Self-Denial
7. Reading and Meditating of God's holy Word

During this Lent there will be opportunities to fulfill many of these things, so bundle up and come to Church: Worship, Stations of the Cross, Programs, Retreats.

I assure you that Spring will come, as the Resurrection also will, and in our effort to restore our Christian lives through study, fellowship and service we will be strengthened to accept the grace of God's death and resurrection for each and everyone of us.

In Christ, *Mother Carla*

La Jornada de Cuaresma

Queridos amig@s en Cristo,

Este año, en medio de un invierno de frío, hielo y nieve encontramos el comienzo de Cuaresma. Como comparto cada año, es mi esperanza que tomen esta oportunidad para fortalecer su relación con Dios y con otros/as.

En la liturgia del Miércoles de Ceniza hay una invitación para observar una Santa Cuaresma.

Aquí hay algunas formas para lograr esto.

1. Enfocarse en el Pacto Bautismal
2. Buscar reconciliación en la penitencia y el perdón.
3. Examen de conciencia y arrepentimiento
4. Oración
5. Ayuno
6. Auto-negación

7. La lectura y meditación de la Santa Palabra de Dios

Durante esta Cuaresma habrán muchas oportunidades de cumplir estas cosas. Por lo tanto, abríguense y venga a la iglesia—misa, Vía Crucis, Programas, Retiros.

Les aseguro que la Primavera llegará, al igual que la Resurrección. Y en nuestra búsqueda de restaurar nuestras vidas cristianas a través del estudio, oportunidades de comunidad y servicio seremos fortalecidos/as para aceptar la gracia de la muerte y resurrección de Dios para cada uno/a de nosotros/as nuevamente.

En Cristo, *Mother Carla*

Important Dates and Information

Mardi Gras – Fat Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday: Pancake Supper and Angels Basketball Program Fundraiser – The Angels will share their culinary and team skills by cooking and serving pancakes on Tuesday, February 17 at 6 p.m. Donation of \$5-10 is kindly suggested.

We are grateful to all who have brought their **2015 Pledge** to the church so far. Our modest goal is \$80,000—we have received 60 pledges for the current total of over \$80,054; your contribution is appreciated and needed. It is our hope that everyone who attends this church regularly fill out a pledge card and contribute to the Church financially, according to their means. The 2015 Pledge Card is Pink.

30-session Bible Study continues on Tuesday during Lent from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The next **Phoenix Concert** is Friday, March 27 at 8 p.m. Suggested donation \$10. For more information go to www.thephoenixconcerts.org

The **Mardi Gras in April** Scholarship Fundraiser is Saturday, April 11. Tickets will go on sale soon!

Tenth-Anniversary Celebration of Deacon George's ministry at St. Matthew and St. Timothy's. Sunday, July 12, 2015.

On occasion **communion preparation classes** for children are offered (this spring we will have these classes) – If you have a child that is of reading age and are interested in these classes, please speak with Mo. Carla. There will be a 6-week session on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. starting April 15, 2015.

Baptisms are offered on the following dates in 2015: April 4 (Easter Vigil), May 24 (Feast of Pentecost), November 1 (All Saints). If you have a candidate in mind, please make sure to sign up with Mo. Carla. All parents/guardians and godparents are expected to attend the baptismal preparation class.

Confirmation Classes will again be offered in 2016.

Staff Schedules

Horarios del Equipo de Trabajo

Mo. Carla
Tuesday
Afternoon,
Thursday
through
Sunday at the
Church, and by
appt.

Dn. George
On Sundays and
by appt.

Felix
Wed.—Sun.

Lila
(Administrator)
Monday through
Friday, 9:30 a.m.
to 5:30 p.m.

Melvin
Monday through
Thursday,
evenings

Información y Fechas Importantes

Martes de Carnaval: Cena de Panqueques: por-fondos del programa de los Ángeles. Martes, 17 de Febrero a las 6 p.m. en el Salón Parroquial. Se sugiere un donativo de \$5-10.

Promesas 2015 Damos gracias a todos/as los que han entregado su promesa para el 2015. Hasta el momento tenemos 60 promesas para un total de \$80,054; su contribución es apreciada y necesaria. Toda persona que asiste regularmente a la iglesia debe considerar hacer una promesa a la iglesia, La tarjeta es color rosa.

El próximo **Concierto Fénix** es el viernes, 27 de marzo a las 8 p.m. Donativo sugerido

de \$10. Para más información ver www.thephoenixconcerts.org

La fiesta de **Mardi Gras en Abril** pro-fondos para becas es el sábado, 11 de abril. Boletos a la venta pronto.

Celebración del Décimo Aniversario del ministerio del Diacono George en San Mateo y San Timoteo será el domingo, 12 de julio de 2015.

Ocasionalmente ofrecemos **clases de preparación para la comunión** para niños/as. Esta primavera será una de esas ocasiones. Si conoce un/a niño/a que puede leer y esta interesado/a en estas clases hable con Madre Carla. Habrá 6 clases los miércoles comenzando el 15 de abril a las 4 p.m.

Bautismos serán ofrecidos el 4 de abril (Vigilia Pascual), 24 de mayo (Pentecostes) y 1 de noviembre (Todos los Santos). Si conoce de un/a candidato hable con Madre Carla. Todos los padres/madres/guardianes y padrinos/madrinas tienen que asistir a una clase de preparación bautismal.

Clases de Confirmación se ofrecerán en 2016

Volunteer Opportunities

The SMST Choir;
The Angels
Basketball
Program; The
Sunday Meals
Program; The
Knitting Program;
Church Office

Looking for volunteer opportunities?

There are two primary ways to volunteer in our outreach programs: First, volunteer with the **Angels Basketball Program** by spending time with the participants either Monday or Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. Don't play basketball? No worries, there are plenty of other ways to be involved. Second, volunteer with one of the **Soup Kitchen Teams**. The meal is served at 2 p.m. on Sundays from October through June: volunteer your time between noon and 3 p.m. If you are interested in either of these opportunities just send me an e-mail and I will help you get started.

Knitting Group meets the second Tuesday of the month. The Knitting Group knits caps, scarves and socks for seafarers around the world and prayer shawls. No experience necessary. Next meeting is 3/10 6:30

Lenten Programs and Retreats

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, Feb. 18. Imposition of Ashes and the Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. (bilingual). Lentil Soup will be available after the evening service in the Recreation Room. Suggested donation of \$5. If you cannot make these services and would like the Imposition of Ashes, stop by the office during business hours on that day.

Stations of the Cross
Wednesdays in Lent at 6 p.m.
(Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25)

The Wednesday Lenten Program will use the book "At Home in the World: A Rule of Life

for the Rest of Us" by Margaret Guenther. Wednesdays after the 6 p.m. Stations of the Cross. A light supper is served: suggested donation \$5.00 (Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25)

The Thursday Lenten Program will focus on the discernment of spiritual gifts. If you are an English speaker and would like to participate, please let Dn. George know. The Program Starts March 5.

Lenten Retreat will be at Holy Cross Monastery

March 6-8. The cost of the retreat is \$190 and there are only 8 spaces available. Reserve your spot soon. For more information please speak with Mo. Carla. The Retreat will focus on Walking as Meditation.

Finding our Way-A Quiet Day: Exploring the Labyrinth Area-wide Lenten Retreat on Sat., Mar. 14 from 10 to 3 at Church of the Epiphany (74th & York). There will be a 21 ft. Labyrinth available for meditation and lunch is provided. For more information contact Reddall@epiphanynyc.org suggested donation \$10

Programas de Cuaresma y Retiros

Miércoles de Ceniza
Imposición de Cenizas y Santa Eucaristía 8 a.m. (ingles), 6 p.m. bilingüe. Después del servicio de las 6 habrá sopa de lentejas.

Vía Crucis Jueves en Cuaresma a las 5:30 p.m. (Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19 y 26)

Programa de Cuaresma de los Jueves en español los jueves después del

Vía Crucis de las 5:30 p.m. El tema es sobre el discernimiento de dones espirituales; este programa será dirigido por el Diacono George. Una cena ligera es servida: donativo sugerido de \$5. (Mar. 5, 12, 19 y 26)

Retiro de Cuaresma: Caminar como acto de meditación. En el

monasterio de Santa Cruz. Marzo 6-8. Quedan pocos espacios.

Un día de retiro con un laberinto. Sábado, 14 de marzo de 10 a 3 p.m. en la Iglesia de la Epifanía (E 74 y York). Para apuntarse hablar con Madre Carla para que ella se pueda asegurar que hayan materiales en español.

Diocese of New York and Anglican Communion

2015 Indaba

Our new conversation partners in 2015 are St. Peter's Church in Chelsea and Saint Gregory's Church in Woodstock. The Indaba weekends are January 31-February 1 at St. Peter's; May 2-3 at St. Gregory's and September 26-27 here at SMST.

We continue to keep in our prayers our previous Indaba partners: St. Paul's in Poughkeepsie and Good Shepherd in Granite Springs.

Companion Church Diocese of London

We are beginning to establish a companion relationship with the **Parish of Saint George and All Saints** in Tufnell Park (London). As details emerge we will let you know and if you are interested in this unique opportunity please let Mo. Carla know.

Lent Madness

This year you can have fun during Lent by participating in Lent Madness. Participate through Facebook and help your favorite saint win the Golden Halo. In Facebook like “lentmadness”

Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. Tim Schenck. In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church’s Calendar of Saints, Tim came up with this unique Lenten devotion. Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints.

The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and people vote for their favorite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch.

Lent Madness

Este año puede divertirse durante la Cuaresma al participar en “Lent Madness.” Participe a través de Facebook y ayude a su santo/a preferido/a con una aurelea dorada. En Facebook dele “like” a “lentmadness.”

Lent Madness comenzó en el 2010 como idea del Revdo. Tim Schenck. Buscando una forma divertida para personas aprender sobre los hombres y mujeres que están en el Calendario de Santos/as de la Iglesia, nació una devoción de Cuaresma. El Reverendo combinó su amor de deportes con su pasión por la vidas de los santos.

El formato es simple: 32 santos/as son puestos en una tabla de clasificación con eliminación sencilla. Los santos/as son apareados y cada santo/a de la pareja recibe votos por un tiempo pre-determinado. 16 santos/as pasan a la Ronda de los Dieciséis Santos; 8 a la próxima ronda; 4 a la Ronda de los Cuatro Fieles; dos al campeonato.

La primera ronda consiste en información básica biográfica sobre los 32 santos/as. Las cosas se hacen más interesantes en las próximas rondas con otros datos de los/as santos/as, incluyendo leyendas y otras cosas notorias y fantásticas.

Holy Week and Easter

3/29 Palm Sunday: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Bilingual with Procession

There will be supervised activities for children (+4) and youth after the service until 2:30 p.m. in the Recreation Room

3/30-4/1 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m.

4/1 Wednesday Service at 6 p.m.

4/2 Maundy Thursday with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar at 6 p.m. (Bilingual) Followed by a Meal in the Recreation Room Altar of Repose and Garden will be set up from Thursday through Saturday

4/3 Good Friday Service at 6 p.m.
Bilingual

4/4 Holy Saturday Service at 10 a.m. followed by the Parish-work Day.

Children and youth are invited to dye Easter eggs at 11 a.m.

4/4 Easter Vigil with Baptisms at 7:30 p.m.

4/5 Easter 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Bilingual) – Bonnet Parade, Easter-Egg Hunt. There will be supervised activities for children (+4) and youth after the service until 2:30 p.m. in the Recreation Room