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Newsletter February 2016

Lent, Leadership, and Love

When confronted with writing a reflection for the newsletter, I always spend time considering the month to come. What is the season in the church year? What's going on in the world? What's happening in parish life? What's on the hearts and minds of our community? As I thought about February 2016, five chunks of life came to me—Annual Meeting, Ash Wednesday/ Lent, Valentine's Day, Presidential Primaries, and snow. For such a short month, even with Leap Day, there's a lot going on—all of which could get messed up by snow.

As I thought about February, my mind kept coming back to a story I used in a sermon a few weeks ago. In his book "The Boys in the Boat," Daniel James Brown chronicles "nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics." Brown delves deeply into the lives of Joe Rantz and his rowing teammates at the University of Washington. As opposed to most of the US and global rowing community, Joe and his teammates are not the sons of power and privilege. Joe himself faced his mother's death when he was young followed by poverty, neglect, abuse, and ultimate abandonment by his family once his father marries his sister-in-law's sister. Coming of age in rural Washington in the early years of the Depression, Joe survives brutal poverty and isolation by hard work and determination.

Late in the book, the Yoda-like boat builder George Pocock compares racing to a symphony in which each part is different but only when all are performed to perfection does the music come together as it is meant to be heard. He explains to Joe that "What mattered more than how hard a man rowed was how well everything he did in the boat harmonized with what the other fellows were doing. And a man couldn't harmonize with his crewmates unless he opened his heart to them. If you don't like some fellow in the boat, Joe, you have to learn to like him. It has to matter to you whether he wins the race, not just whether you do." Pocock continued, "Joe, when you really start trusting those other boys you will feel a power at work within you that is far beyond anything you've ever imagined. Sometimes you will feel as if you've rowed right off the planet and are rowing among the stars.... For Joe, who had spent the last six years doggedly making his own way in the world, who had forged his identity on stoic self-reliance, nothing was more frightening than allowing himself to depend on others. People let you down. People leave you behind. Depending on people, trusting them—it's what gets you hurt."

The book details a story of awesome athletic achievement. But even more it tells of the power of love, commitment, and community to heal and transform. As I reflect on all that February will bring, I invite all of us to take into our prayer this Lent the words of Jesus that we will hear on Maundy Thursday; "*A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you.*"

Love is not the romantic emotion or excuse for excess the Valentine's industry would invite. Love is trusting, giving, and serving another without the thought or expectation of return. Love "*bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never ends.*" Imagine our church, our community, our nation, our world if love were our language. This Lent, may we transform life and leadership as we love one another as Jesus loves us.

Jane⁺

Dear Friends,

On the first Sunday of Lent we will hear from the story of the Devil testing and tempting Jesus. The devil has two goals with his tests: for Jesus to turn away from God to worship him and for Jesus to reveal his identity as the Son of God. Each time, Jesus deflects the Devil's challenge by responding with a quotation from scripture. After the last temptation Jesus responds, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" He says these words with such authority and power that the Devil has no choice but to run away.

It's appropriate that we begin Lent with this passage because Lent can often feel like a season of testing or temptation. It is a time to overcome these temptations and to test our faith with new practices. We give up treats, take on a new way of prayer, write daily meditations, engage the rite of reconciliation, etc... For forty days we struggle with the new routine. We long to be in a deeper relationship with God but the temptations and tests can wear us down. Often we give in and eat that sweet treat, we stop praying, we stop attending church. Burdened with these failure we disappear from our community, even from God.

As I pray for our community members who are fighting illnesses, struggling with finances, worrying about heat, I recognize that some of us live in a Lent that lasts more than 40 days, even more than 365 days. For them the temptations and tests of Lent don't vanish when the church calendar moves on to the joy of Easter and later Pentecost. How do you give up a favorite food when you don't have enough food to eat? How do you provide a story for the God Blog when you don't know how to write? How do you try a new form of prayer when you don't feel worthy to approach God? How do you experience the joy of Easter when stuck in a permanent Lent?

Our church fathers and mothers were wise to limit Lent to short season of the year. Like us, they experienced deep pain and suffering—hunger, poverty, persecution, martyrdom—AND they knew that this was only a part of God's story. God forcefully ends Lent with the resurrections. And so Lent is only a part of God's story which means it is only a part of our story as well.

During Lent we acknowledge the pain and suffering of Jesus so that we who are well and able-bodied can provide a balm for the pain and suffering of our neighbors. As we resist temptations and try on new ways of meeting God we discover the strength and the courage to stand against the social injustice that surrounds us.

When the Devil tested and tempted Jesus, Jesus wasn't interested in proving his worth. Instead it was a moment of preparation for greater tests and temptations that would soon follow. Lent is our moment of preparation.

How will this Lent prepare you to fight against oppression, injustice, and scarcity?
How will this Lent prepare you for all the tests and temptations to come?

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah". The script is cursive and fluid, with a long, sweeping tail on the letter 'h'.

“Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.”
Mother Teresa

It's hard to believe that February is already upon us. This month has been called the month of love, probably because Valentine's Day comes in the middle of it. My late father in law used to call it a Hallmark holiday; he gave my mother in law exactly one Valentine card in sixty-five years of marriage! When she died we found it and what my husband said must have been every other card she ever received, carefully wrapped and preserved.

But love must be more than a card sent and even kept for years. 2015 was a rough year for me and my family. Most of you know about my grandson Levi who was diagnosed last April a malignant brain tumor called a medulla blastoma. Surgery was quickly followed by thirty one radiation treatments, and six chemotherapy treatments. He was a patient at Boston Children's Hospital, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Mass General Hospital, Spaulding Rehabilitation Center, and Mass Eye and Ear Institute. As I write this piece, he is scheduled to have the tracheotomy and feeding tubes removed next week and to be checked for any remaining traces of cancer.

The love shown by Rev. Jane and Rev. Sarah and by the St. Stephen's community as individuals and as a whole has been sustaining for me and for my family. My daughter Jen, Levi's mother, knows that his name has been in the bulletin and that everyone has been praying for him. Some of you have worn the bracelets that say TEAM LEVI on one side and **A Little Love for Levi** on the other side. What you may not know is that Jen and I were not in communication for several years before Levi got sick. Now we text and talk when we see each other. She offers hugs when we meet and when we part. I believe it is the love and prayers offered by my St. Stephen's family that has helped to make this reconciliation happen.

So thank you all and continue to share the love you have shown And let me be the first to wish you a happy Valentine's Day. I will continue to let you about Levi's progress.



Irene Axelrod
Junior Warden

**COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2015 AT NOON**

Why should you come?

To enjoy food and fellowship with our church community

To hear about the year past and the year to come

To review the parish finances

To elect leaders for the Parish, Deanery and Diocese

To fulfill your responsibility as a member

Please let us know what you plan to contribute to our Potluck Feast!

2015 ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE. Our Annual Report tells the story of an amazing year in the life of St. Stephen's. Many thanks to all who did the ministry and all who pulled together the reports included in our summary of 2015. Pick up the Annual Report at the church or download it from our website, and check out the ministry reports, 2015 financials, and 2016 budget. The Report of the Rector, which will be the sermon on Sunday, February 7, 2016, will be available on February 14. If you would like a hard copy of the Annual Report including the Report of the Rector, send a check for \$5.00 black & white/ \$10.00 color and your name and address, and we would be happy to mail one to you.

STEWARDS OF RESOURCES

VESTRY SUMMARY: JANUARY 17. The Vestry reviewed end-of-year financials, and discussed and approved the proposed 2016 budget. The Vestry discussed new and renewed fund raising initiatives knowing that meeting our income projections for the approved budget relies on full pledge payment, successful grant applications, and effective fund raising. Ginny Fuller updated the Vestry on chancel restoration work in progress, and a bequest of \$100,000 to restore all the Tiffany windows in the chancel. In addition to discussing recruiting candidates for Vestry, Deanery, and Diocesan Convention, we offered words of gratitude for leadership of out-going Vestry members: Bob Dixon, Conrad Squires, and Joyce Wallace.

FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE. January is a very busy month for the Treasurer's Office as final financials for 2015 needed to be prepared as well as a budget for 2016. The good news is that the Vestry approved a near-balanced budget and it as well as all the 2015 financials are included in the Annual Report. 2015 donation statements have been prepared and will be mailed by early February. If you have any questions or the statement differs from your records, please call the church and Treasurer Heather Collis Puro will get back to you.

GIFT TO RESTORE CHANCEL WINDOWS. In late January, St. Stephen's received from W. Robert Simpson and Family a \$100,000 gift to restore the chancel Tiffany windows. Mr. Simpson and family have visited St. Stephen's periodically over the years as members of the extended Johnson Family have come home to Lynn to be buried in Pine Grove Cemetery. Mr. Simpson and his daughter Carolyn Scott hope that their act of generosity will inspire others to commit to the restoration of our church as a historic and artistic landmark, and as a place of significant community ministry. It is hard to express our gratitude for such generosity.

PALMS NEEDED TO MAKE ASHES. At funerals we say “dust to dust, ashes to ashes.” On Shrove Tuesday, we take our Palm Sunday palms and burn them into the ashes that will mark our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. The mark of our mortality connects us directly to our Lord’s Passion. Remember to bring your palms on February 7 or Shrove Tuesday.

NURTURING THE CONGREGATION

TUESDAYS FEBRUARY 2, 16, & 23 AT THE MONASTERY. Celebrate the Feast of the Presentation with the monks in Cambridge on Tuesday, February 2. And, as we begin Lent, we join the SSJE Brothers for worship and supper at the Monastery every Tuesday. Cars leave St. Stephen’s at 4:15 and return about 8:00.

“THE GIFT OF INTERCESSION” WORKSHOP AT THE MONASTERY FEBRUARY 5. *“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.”* How do we ask God for what we want? Can we be too pushy with God? Should we just pray for God’s will to be done? Join the monks on Saturday, February 5 for a workshop on intercessory prayer—the prayer of asking. Sign up is required; cars leave at 8:00am and return at 1:00.

HEALING PRAYER AND PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEET FEBRUARY 4. The Healing Prayer and Pastoral Care Teams will meet at 10:30 on Thursday, February 4th. Our discussion will focus on chapters 7 & 8 (pages 81-104) in Lay Pastoral Care Giving.

BELOVED COMMUNITY TEAM MEETS FEBRUARY 4 AT 6:30. If acts of racial violence upset you and you struggle trying to figure out how you can make a difference, join the St. Stephen’s Beloved Community Team. We don’t have all the answers but we are committed to furthering our understanding of the implications of race, class, and privilege, and deepening our relationships with one another that we might make a start at building God’s beloved community of love and justice. Join us February 4 at 6:30 as we plan next steps.

HELP MAKE GUMBO. Neil’s gumbo ingredient list is ready, all he needs is for each of us to volunteer to bring a bit. Also, join him in the kitchen if you want to help make the gumbo!

JOIN US FOR MARDI GRAS/ SHROVE TUESDAY ON FEBRUARY 9 AT 5:30. Whether you go for Mardi Gras Gumbo or Shrove Tuesday Pancakes, we will have food and fun for everyone as we celebrate the last day of Epiphany. If your schedule permits, join us at 3:00 as we decorate the Graham Suite in the greens, yellows, and purples of Mardi Gras, and help Neil get dinner on the table. Food will be ready by 5:30 for our last day of indulgence before Lent. At 7:00, we will gather in the parking lot for prayers and palm burning to prepare for Ash Wednesday.

**JOIN US ON ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 10
EUCCHARIST AND THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

7:30AM NOON 7:00PM

MAKE A RIGHT BEGINNING ON THE SEASON OF LENT

PICK UP A TOKEN TO CARRY WITH YOU THROUGH LENT

Take on a Lenten Discipline

- ❖ Come to church every Sunday during Lent and practice Sabbath Sundays
- ❖ Commit to talking to one person that you don't usually talk to each Sunday
- ❖ Commit to a daily practice of prayer (start with the prayer list in the bulletin)
- ❖ Write and read our God Blog on what it means to walk with Jesus
- ❖ Pick up a free Lenten Daily Readings booklet to focus your thought and prayer
- ❖ Pick up a free Lenten Calendar with suggested daily Bible readings & faith practices
- ❖ Join us for Tuesdays at the Monastery starting February 16 (cars leave at 4:15)
- ❖ Join us for Wednesday evening Soup and Study—Soup 6:00, Study 6:45, & Prayer 7:45
 - Walking with Jesus: Exploring Faith & the Episcopal Church
 - Bible Study with Jesus' Seven Last Words from the Cross
- ❖ Join us for Healing Prayers and Eucharist at noon on Thursdays
- ❖ Come to Tea & Talk at 1:00: read Kate Moorehead's Organic God
- ❖ Open yourself to Reconciliation – Prepare to make your confession
 - Resource books and pamphlets available from the clergy
- ❖ Give up a daily or weekly treat and donate the money you save to support ERD
- ❖ Take a quarter card and fill it during Lent to support ERD
- ❖ Serve people in need at the Food Pantry (Fridays), or My Brother's Table (4th Sundays)
- ❖ Get involved with ECCO addressing economic insecurity, racial injustice/criminal justice reform, or immigration
- ❖ Bring a non-perishable food item for The Pantry each Sunday
- ❖ Visit one of the Blessed of God—someone who is lonely, sick, grieving or struggling

**Whatever practice you choose, may it draw you closer to God & Community in love
It's not about how good & disciplined you are, it's about how much God loves you
Give it up; take it on—Live a Holy Lent**

JOIN OUR LENTEN GOD BLOG. Again this year, we hope to offer by email, on our website, and on paper Daily Lenten Reflections offered by members of the parish. The clergy and other eager editors will encourage, collect, edit, scribe... whatever it takes to encourage you to offer a 100 word story of your life as a disciple because all of us are called to engage God's mission. Inspiring quotes, poems, and prayers as well as photographs and works of art are welcome contributions. What does it mean for you to walk with Jesus?

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SOUP & STUDY: Bible Study and Walking with Jesus.

Beginning Wednesday, February 17, get to know your pew mates over homemade soup and salad served at 6:00pm. At 6:45, we will offer two study options. **Bible Study will focus on Jesus' seven last words from the cross.** We encourage participants to read reflections on the "Last Words" by such writers as Margaret Bullitt Jonas, Peter Gomes, and Fleming Rutledge each week but our Wednesday gatherings will focus on the Biblical texts. Collections of reflections are available for \$10 or whatever you can afford. **Walking with Jesus** will invite participants to reflect on how Episcopalians understand the importance of scripture, sacraments, worship, creeds, prayer, service, and community as we live as Christians. All adults and young people curious about Confirmation or Reception in the Episcopal Church should come Walk with Jesus on Wednesdays this Lent.

COME TO TEA & TALK ON THURSDAYS. During Lent, we will use Kate Moorhead's Organic God: Daily Readings on the Words of Jesus for our reflections during Tean and Talk about Faith. Copies of the book are available (\$10 or whatever you can afford) for those who would like to read her meditations every day.

TAKE ON SABBATH SUNDAYS. Thomas Merton described busy-ness as the greatest violence of our time. Merton had no way of imagining the extreme pace of life for those of living more than 65 years later in our digital age. We live in a 24/7 world regularly violating God's commandment to "keep holy the Sabbath." As part of our communal Lenten discipline, St. Stephen's takes on Sabbath Sundays. We schedule no Sunday afternoon meetings. We encourage activities such as weekly Healthy Snacks after Church and our February 14 Lunch & Learn to build community and slow down the pace of life.

SIGN UP TO PROVIDE HEALTHY SNACKS. Please talk with the clergy or sign up in the Galahad Area if you will provide healthy snacks for the community after church one Sunday during Lent. Our hope on Sabbath Sundays is that people will stay around to enjoy the community of the church. Healthy snacks make it easier and more pleasant to stay and talk a while. Healthy snacks will be served in the Graham Suite to provide more space.

"LUNCH & LEARN" FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULTS ON FEBRUARY 14. After 10:00 worship on Sunday, February 14 the clergy will offer a "Lunch & Learn" gathering with a focus on Lenten spiritual practices. After a light lunch, the children and youth will join Rev. Sarah for pretzel making, and the adults will join Rev. Jane to talk about what Lent means to us. The two groups will come together for final reflections and closing prayer. At the March session, we will look at the story of Holy Week. Please speak with the clergy if you are able to help with food, drink, or hospitality.

LIVING WORD ON FEBRUARY 21: WHAT IS LENT? Did you know that Lent isn't mentioned in the Bible? Do you know when the church started celebrating Lent? All these questions, and many more, will be answered as we explore why we observe Lent each year. Sermon discussions will offer opportunities to examine your Lenten practices and how they are leading you to God.

VOLUNTEER WITH KIC MUSIC. KIC Music is seeking volunteer homework helpers for our elementary-aged students. Homework helpers sit one-on-one with a child as they complete their work, answer questions as needed, and often just offer encouragement to keep working. Homework volunteers should commit to coming once a week (either Monday or Wednesday), from 5:15-6:00 pm. If you're interested, please contact KIC Director Audrey Gutfreund at 617-435-3325. Please consider helping out. You will be much appreciated by staff, and much loved by kids!

COME TO OUR COMMUNITY FAMILY DINNER ON FEBRUARY 3. The next community dinner will be Wednesday, February 3, at 6:00 pm in the dining room. All are welcome, and music lovers and families with children are especially encouraged to come. KIC Music kids perform pieces they have been working on, followed by a supper that the KIC Music kids help prepare. Please join us before coming to Bible Study at 6:30!

HOSPITALITY TO CHILDREN, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

CHURCH SCHOOL PREPARING FOR THE SEASON OF LENT. Church School is in full swing after the two-week Christmas break. Each Sunday our teaching teams lead lessons and activities based on the day's Bible readings. As the year continues a group of parents and teachers will begin meeting to discern God's amazing dreams for our Church School. If you want to be part of this group and/or would like to share your thoughts please see Rev. Sarah.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP MEETS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 6:30-9. Join Jason Cruz, Rev. Sarah and a surprise guest for dinner, a secret project, and music. The group is open to all youth in grades 6-8. Come and bring a friend!

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT AT BCH CAMP FEBRUARY 5-7. Join young people (grades 9-12) and adults from across the diocese for a weekend of games, song, discovery, and inspiration. Organized and led by the Diocesan Youth Council, the retreat is designed to give high school students a chance to get off the treadmill and get in touch with themselves, their peers, and their Loving Creator. This year there will also be time for youth to share their thoughts with the leaders of the Diocesan Mission Strategy Process. The cost of the retreat is \$125, which means that the Diocese hopes for a minimum family contribution of \$40 but they and we are committed to every teen who wants to attend being able to attend. So, don't let the money get in the way. The retreat fills up quickly so please see Rev. Sarah ASAP!

YOUNG ADULTS GATHER AFTER GUMBO ON FEBRUARY 9. YAs are invited to come at 3:00 on Tuesday, February 9 to help Neil with cooking gumbo. After dinner and palm burning, we'll gather for conversation.

OASIS: FRIDAYS, FEBRUARY 12 & 26 6:30-9. In February OASIS will continue conversations that began with youth from across our diocese at the Sr. High Retreat. We will also begin planning for a possible summer mission trip. This trip will require extensive planning, fundraising and participation from all our youth. See Jason or Rev. Sarah with questions.

BE YOU LGBTQ GROUP MEETS TUESDAYS 3:30-5:30. In January BE YOU met with Rev. Jane to brainstorm a possible Lynn Youth Pride event to be held in June. Currently there are LGBTQ organizations in Boston and Salem but not in Lynn. Our youth are answering the call to change that through their Lynn Youth Pride Event. Their first step is to solicit donations and support from the Lynn community. If you can help in any way, please see Jason, Shanel Anderson or Rev. Sarah.

DEEPENING COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6. The Greater Boston Food Bank's Mobile Market will be in St. Mary's parking lot from 7:00-11:00AM on Saturday, February 6. The emergency pantry distributes about 20,000 pounds of food a month among 400-plus people. Harry Jackson and Sally Gosselin head up St. Stephen's volunteers but pantry patron Ida volunteers as a Russian translator and lots of volunteers are needed.

KEEP OUR PANTRY SHELVES FULL. In recent weeks the lines have been long at our Pantry. The combination of the closing of 2 pantries, changes in food stamp regulations, and winter have resulted in creased volume—20 new people in January! All contributions are welcome but canned tuna and chicken, beef stew, and spaghetti sauce are always good choices. Also, we can always use volunteers on Friday afternoons to hand out food, share a book, give away clothes, or just show hospitality. Food question of the month: *What school in Lynn has one of only eight school food pantries in the state?* Answer: *Connery Elementary at 50 Elm Street.*

LITERACY HOUR AT THE PANTRY. Books are flying from the shelves at our Food Pantry on Friday afternoons. If you would like to join Joanne Droppers as we give away books, read stories, and otherwise encourage community literacy, talk with Joanne. We've discovered that the combination of books and food is a great way to build relationships.

JOIN THE TEAM AT MY BROTHER'S TABLE ON FEBRUARY 28. St. Stephen's Table Team did a bang up job again in January. There were plenty of food and vegetables to be chopped and desserts to be served up and much much more-- all nutrition for body, mind, and soul. We worked side by side resting on the hope that we were doing what Christ would have us do: love one another and spread that love to the guests. The guests responded by also being loving and kind. Next month come on out! Join us in fellowship! A raucous time will be had by all on February 28 from 1:00 until 4:00! It would be a great way to live into Lent.

DIOCESAN MISSION PLANNING PROCESS BEGINS WITH LISTENING. As Bishop Gates settles into being our Bishop, he has initiated a Mission Strategy Process. To ensure that all voices are heard in this process the Diocese has set up 3 different methods for people to engage this process:

-*Mission Listening Sessions* with a video invitation into the process from Bishop Gates, and facilitator led small and large group discussions. Remaining sessions include: St. John's, Beverly Farms, Saturday, February 13, 3:00-4:30pm; and The Cathedral, Saturday, February 27, 10:00-11:30am.

-An *Online survey* is available at the Diocesan website: diomass.org

-A *telephone survey* is also available. Please call the toll free 855-208-5877.

Please plan to attend the mission listening sessions AND respond to the survey so that the voice of our urban congregations—and especially St. Stephen's-- can be heard.

ECCO IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE. In January ECCO and our MCAN allies across the state was awarded the 2016 Sr. Margaret Cafferty Development of Peoples Award by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development of the US Catholic Conference of Bishops. **Join ECCO on Wednesday February 17 at 3:30PM at a protest at Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) administrative offices.** In recent weeks ICE has been raiding immigrant communities and destroying immigrant families through mass deportations of recently arrived immigrants. This means they are targeting *children* who risked their lives fleeing violence in Central America, children who came to this country seeking asylum and refuge. ECCO leader Diana Cunningham writes: I know from my people's history that they way to conquer a people is to destroy their families. When we were forced to come here from Africa, they first took away our men. Then they sold our children to other slave masters. The Black family has never fully recovered.

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAYS 8 & 10am Worship in English 10am Worship in Kiswahili	1 2-6pm KIC Music 7-9pm North Shore Mission Hub 8pm AA	2 3:30-5:30pm Be You Monks 4:15pm Tuesday with the Monks 6:30pm Knitters' Club 7pm NA	3 2-6pm KIC Music 6pm KIC Family Dinner 6:30pm Bible Study	4 10:30am Pastoral Care & Healing Prayer Teams Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk 6:45-8pm Beloved Community Team Meeting	5 Senior High Retreat Carpool leaves @ 3PM	6 7-11am Emergency Pantry 9-10:30am Sewing Club 9-1pm SSJE "The Gift of Intercession" 10am Choir Rehearsal Senior High Retreat
7 11:45am Potluck Lunch 12:30pm Annual Meeting Senior High Retreat	8 2-6pm KIC Music 8pm AA	9 SHROVE TUESDAY 3:30-5:30pm Be You 5:30-7pm Mardis Gras Pancake Supper 7pm Burning of Palms 7-8:30pm YA Group 6:30pm Knitters' Club 7pm NA	10 ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes: 7:30am in Chapel Noon in Church 7pm in Church 2-6pm KIC Music	11 Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk 6pm Vestry Meeting & Pot Luck	12 3-4pm Food Pantry 6:30-9pm OASIS	13 9-10:30am Sewing Club 10am Choir Rehearsal 3pm Diocesan Mission Hearing, St. John's, Beverly Farms
14 11:30am Lunch & Learn for Children, Youth & Adults	15 PRESIDENTS DAY Office Closed 8pm AA	16 2pm Communion at St. Stephen's Towers 3:30-5:30pm Be You 4:15pm Tuesday with the Monks 6:30pm Knitters' Club 7pm NA	17 3pm ECCO Immigration Action 6:30pm Soup & Study: Bible Study & Walking with Jesus	18 Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk	19 3-4pm Food Pantry 6:30-9pm Middle School Group	20 9-10:30am Sewing Club
21 10am Living Word Worship	22 2-6pm KIC Music 8pm AA	23 3:30-5:30pm Be You Monks 4:15pm Tuesday with the Monks 6:30pm Knitters' Club 7pm NA	24 2-6pm KIC Music 6:30pm Soup & Study: Bible Study & Walking with Jesus	25 Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk	26 3-4pm Food Pantry 6:30-9pm OASIS	27 9-10:30am Sewing Club 10am Choir Rehearsal 10am Diocesan Mission Hearing, Cathedral
28 1-4pm My Brother's Table	29 2-6pm KIC Music 6:30pm Finance Committee 8pm AA					OFFICE HOURS Monday – Friday 8:45am – 2:45pm 