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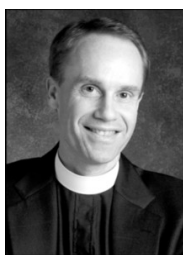
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After the 11am service!

March 2, 2014

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany



Dear Friends,

If we were to play the game in which I mentioned a word, and then you said the first thing that came into your mind, your response would be "Tuesday" if the word I gave you was "Shrove." Shrove and Tuesday go together like peanut butter and jelly, like bread and butter, like bacon and eggs. What is more, the next word to come to your mind after Shrove, and Tuesday, would be pancakes. For centuries it has been incumbent upon good Christian people to eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Why? Because people of ancient times had to use up their eggs and lard, which were forbidden during Lent. What better way to use up your eggs and lard than with a rollicking pancake supper? Thus, in my mind I assumed early on that "shrove" was a liturgical verb which, translated into English meant, "to eat pancakes."

Now for a sad little truth: our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at Grace Church, while once a raucous carnival of salted fatty goodness, has been dying a slow death for the past two or three years, with fewer and fewer people attending. What's to be done? Give up shroving? Never! It was while pondering these mysteries that I discovered Shrove Tuesday is not a day unto itself, but merely the final day of what is called Shrovetide. Shrovetide is the three days prior to Ash Wednesday. In other words, we have Shrove Sunday, Shrove Monday, and Shrove Tuesday. Who knew? Therefore, this year we are transferring the pancake feast to Shrove Sunday.



Shrove Sunday!

MARCH 5th



8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(in the Chantry)

12 p.m. Holy
Eucharist
(in the Church)

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(in the Church)

All services include homily by the Rev. Stephen Holton, Associate Rector, Holy Eucharist, and the imposition of ashes. The 8 am and 12:10 p.m. services are expected to last 45 minutes. The 6 p.m. service includes music by the Adult Choir.

Immediately following the 11 am service on Sunday, you will find a pancake brunch awaiting in Tuttle Hall. Come enjoy the food and the fellowship before we pass over into Lent.

Alleluia. Shrove Sunday pancakes are prepared for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

See you in church.

[The Reverend J. Donald Waring](#)
Rector

This Sunday, March 2, 2014

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: The Girls' Choir with Adults

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry
Sermon: The Rev. Mary Cat Young
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

(Service times are updated weekly on the [website](#).)

WEST VIRGINIA MISSION TRIPS – THE SUNDAY FORUM
AT 10 AM – Four Grace Church parishioners will discuss their experiences on their mission trips to McDowell County, in the West Virginia Appalachians. Join Currie Estreich, Betty Graber, Melissa Morgenweck and Mike Watson as they talk about the work that we are doing to help people who live in this severely impoverished region. Sunday, March 2, in the Reception Room.

SHROVE SUNDAY! Come celebrate Shrovetide this

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you can take all of
2014 to fulfill your
pledge.*

year with a fabulous Sunday brunch of pancakes, bacon and eggs, and fruit salad. \$15 per person requested donation at the door. Fun activities for all ages included. Share a meal with friends before Lent begins. Held in Tuttle Hall after the 11 am service.

COMING SOON

MAR 9, 16, 23, 30, APR 6 – CLOSING THE GAP: Testimonials of Transformation – THE SUNDAY FORUM AT 10AM. During the season of Lent, we often feel compelled to give something up or take on new things in an effort to create discipline in our lives. However, if sin is defined as separation from God, then the greater challenge is to eliminate that distance. This series will focus on testimonies from Grace Parishioners and others who have undertaken journeys of rigorous self-examination. Five presenters will focus on how such reflection has resulted in personal transformation, as they faithfully answer God's call to cleave ever nearer to the divine. Held in the Reception Room; pick up some refreshment at coffee hour and join the discussion.

MAR 9, 16, 23, 30, APR 6, 13 – WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED – SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 7PM. What does it mean to live a cross-shaped life? How does Christ's passion inform our daily lives, our sense of mission, and our service to God and others? Walk the way of the cross this Lent with a series of brief readings, reflection, and discussion centered on Kenneth Leech's masterful devotional book, *We Preach Christ Crucified*. Leech, an Anglican priest, served for decades in urban parishes in London, focusing on young adult ministry and outreach to homeless and addicted populations. Sundays in Lent following the 6 o'clock service in the Chantry. Light refreshment served. *Books are \$12; order [online](#) or email to [Fr. Stephen Holton](#) to reserve a copy.*

MAR 11 – ECW FUNDRAISER COOKBOOK Anyone from the parish is welcome to join the committee for this project. The first meeting will be Tuesday, Mar 11 at 6pm in the Reception Room. We will discuss the format, the collecting of parishioners' favorite recipes and any other suggestions or ideas. The book will be completed in time for sale at the 2014 Grace and the Arts at Christmas Fair!

MAR 14 – 20s30s LENTEN SUSHI FRIDAYS – Enjoy a meal, prayer and fellowship with others in their 20s and 30s at 6:30 pm on alternate Fridays during Lent (Mar 14, Mar 28, April 11). Come to one or to all three! \$10 per person for dinner and BYOB. Held in the Reception Room. *RSVP by 5 pm each THURSDAY prior, to [Melissa Spindler](#).*

MAR 16 – MEETING OF THE ALTAR GUILD – for all who serve the ministry of the altar, we will meet to plan for services in Lent and Easter. We'll plan, collaborate and answer all of your questions! Grab some coffee in Tuttle Hall and come to the Reception Room at 12:30 pm.

MAR 27 – DOCUMENTARY FILM *MISS REPRESENTATION* will be screened on Thursday, Mar 27 at 6:15 pm in Tuttle Hall, along with discussion time and a "no pressure potluck" supper (bring food or bev to share – no pressure!). The evening is hosted by the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Grace Church and all parishioners and friends are welcome. \$5 suggested donation. *Premiering at the 2011 Sundance Film Festival, Miss Representation is written and directed by Jennifer Siebel Newsom and exposes how mainstream media contribute to the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence in America. The film challenges the media's limited and often disparaging portrayals of women and girls, which make it difficult for women to achieve leadership positions and for the average woman to feel powerful herself. View the trailer: <https://vimeo.com/28122207> Check out the website: www.therepresentation.org/film.*

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