

# HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH The Crossroads

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# HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Prayer Concerns

**MEMBERS WHO ARE ILL OR RECOVERING:** Dolores Wilson, Glen Carlson, Ginger Leslie, Verona Marra, Sheila Pandescia, Susan Parry, Jeb, Mary Bor denkircher, Sharon Keogh, Theodora Coleman, Dorothy Brown, Steven Brown, Patsy Ungarelli, and Shirley Brewer.

**MEMBERS THAT ARE HOME BOUND AND NEED CONTINUOUS PRAYER:** Victor Ham, Peggy Johnson, Noemie Beaucluche, and Alice Parry

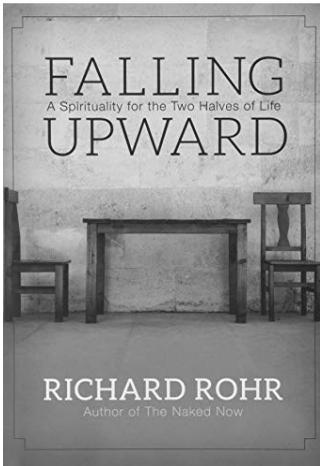
**OTHERS WHO ARE ILL:** Jennifer, Barry, Marcha & David, Hudson, Grady, Jennifer, Raelyn (2yr old-leukemia) & Stephanie (mom) King, Narni, Sean, Susan, Steve, Clay, Tonja, Cathy Graham's son, Uncle John, Sonny, Carson, Barbara, Donna, Andrea, Marie, Jose, Aunt Mickey, John Michael, Ali, Celia, Zander, Tom, Tim, Nancy, Carson

**SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS:** For those serving in our Armed Forces, especially remembering: Preston, David, Kenny, Joseph, Lexi, Brian, Justin, Jeremy, Jared, Nick, Matt, Gary; for Jennifer; for Greyson; for Fr. Loren & Linda Fox; for Fr. Stephen & Mary Dass (missionaries to Brazil); for Ivy Jean; for Justin; for Lynn

**RETURNED TO OUR LORD:** Peter Rautenstrauch

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## Holy Cross Book Club



We are still reading our book: Richard Rohr's *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. We have some very interesting discussions as we seek to move into living our true selves in Christ. YouTube has several lectures by Fr Rohr on this book. If you wish to see them, I can send you the links.

We are continuing on Zoom since we have several who are out of the area -- one in New Jersey, one in South Carolina, and one in New Smyrna Beach or Tennessee. If you are interested in joining us, please send me an email ([SLCARVETH@MSN.COM](mailto:SLCARVETH@MSN.COM)) so you can receive the weekly evite to the Zoom meeting and

the weekly update on where we are in the book, plus possible discussion ideas. We do not record the sessions; your privacy is protected as we respect the confidentiality of everything that is shared.

Happy reading,  
Sharon

## **From the Desk of Dan Smith, *Priest-in-Charge***

Dear Friends,

2023 is off to a busy start. As I write this note for the Feb/March Newsletter we are not quite three weeks into the year. Already we have had a baptism, elected a new bishop, held an annual meeting (welcome to the vestry Judee Fontaine, Dede Durham, Mike Vernon and Kathy Krasnoff), invited Bo Bowman to serve as Senior Warden. By the time you read this we will have kicked off the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the Taste of Holy Cross. February will be equally as fast paced. The new vestry will meet for the first time, electing the rest of the officers for the year, we will celebrate another baptism, there will be a pancake supper, Ash Wednesday services and a dinner and movie night, with a film featuring our members talking about Holy Cross through the years. All of that in the shortest month of the year. With our calendars that full, it can be easy to take our spiritual lives for granted.

During this busy year, we need to pay particular attention to our life of worship. Worship is at the center of who we are, it is why there is a church whose history we are celebrating. It is important for us to remember that. It is important that we come together to pray, to sing God's praises and to be nourished by word and sacrament. We need the energy that worship gives to us to carry out all of the other activities of the year.

Most of these two months will be taken up by the season of Lent. Lent is a time of self-examination, repentance where needed, study and discipline. We will during Lent this year have opportunities to move deeply into our understanding of the gifts that God has given us. Each week we will meet on Wednesday evening for a meal of soup and salad followed by a time of teaching. This year we are going break down Holy Week and all of the saving events that took place in that week. Starting with the triumphal entry and ending with the crucifixion we will look at what scripture has to say about all of the events of the week and how they inform our spiritual lives. Also during Lent, on March 26 we will have an instructed Eucharist, where we take a look at each part of our Sunday worship, why it is there, what it means, how it brings us to a deeper relationship with God.

I am looking forward to sharing all of these events with you. I believe they will serve to increase our knowledge and love of God and of God's Son, Jesus Christ and our love for one another.

Faithfully,

Fr. Dan+

This has been a very busy year already filled with trials that fluctuate as much as the crazy temperatures. This week alone we have simmering summer heat one day and bleak winter the next, with rain in between. Our mantra is, say it with me, 'We Worship, We Serve.' In both, we will soon celebrate the life, very well lived of our Peter Rautenstrauch. Embrace his family and our beautiful Rachel with love and prayers, knowing that we will all be together in affection and thanks.

This year also marks the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday for our beloved historic Holy Cross. The first church of Sanford that once housed the Bishop and brought this community together through the good and bad of the past. 150 years of worship! Celebrations begin with The Taste of Holy Cross this coming Saturday. I am going to taste and see everything on the table! This week the team is actually filming the history play. I can't wait to see this movie with our church family representing the Sanfords, and when they founded the town, built the church and started the celery industry.

**We Serve.** Let us know if you see or know of anyone in need. We have willing hands willing to help. Bigger issues that you need help with, please ask Father Dan & the Vestry. I am so very grateful to Father Dan for getting that tree off of our roof. You should have seen Father wielding his chainsaw! Brian and Tom helped with all the debris that came down, which was great! We also have prayer warriors. Prayers work and you just have to ask for healing, strength, support, etc. and your family will be lifting prayers for you.

Wow, was it so long ago that we were still celebrating the joys of Christmas, Epiphany? Lent is only a few weeks away now. Shh, don't let anyone know, but I am still putting away our Christmas boxes... well, they are in a staging area in the garage, but don't tell. This week we learn about the beatitudes. How can we use them in our lives and what will the outcome be for us? Where will we head this year as your church? I will give you a hint, have we come to serve? Yes. The Sunday-School is still collecting items for the needy. Please bring in your can pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. They can be from any pull tab can; soup, pet food, beer, oil, not just soda.

February is all about love. (Isn't that part of a 'tude?) We start the month with the Salt of the Earth lessons. On the 19<sup>th</sup> we will, tentatively hold our Ash of the Palms service in the Memorial Garden at 9:30. So please remember to donate your old, dried palms from last year so we may use them in the burning. The resulting ash

will be given to Father Dan to use during the week on Ash Wednesday. The last Sunday of the month is The Temptation of Christ and the first Sunday of Lent. What are you giving up, or adding to do for Lent this year? Will we avoid temptations and keep resolute? And don't forget that we omit 'Alleluia' until Easter.

Lent continues through March and I do hope we have a good amount of families come to the Lenten Suppers, including the older students. *Hint, hint.* The lessons are always enjoyable and we'll be grateful for breaking bread with our church family. Invite some friends, if you feed them they will come. Our 'Cheer Campaign' continues where the Sunday-School sends homemade cards and/ or crafts for our parishioners on the LEV list. Last Easter was a lovely card with a Risen Jesus depicted. We have a beautiful craft for our families on Saint Patrick to bring home, I hope you get to see them. Ending the month we will learn about the Annunciation. We will connect that one cannot occur without the other!

I hope you had a chance to read my Annual Report. Oh, wait, I didn't send one in! I had an email/Google issue and I didn't get Sandy's reminder. I would have assured you that your Sunday-School is full of waiting volunteers who are eager to share Jesus' loving lessons. You can enjoy the adult Christian Formation with, The Chosen, uninterrupted while your children are engaged in a fun class with art, snacks and the Bible. I hope that our Youth Group, though tiny, will be able to do some of God's work this year. Ivy loves to serve and, would love to share this wonderful ministry with some more Acolytes; so, talk to her about serving, okay? We had to say TTFN to our BFF Ajani L. Ajani moved to Brooklyn to be with his nuclear family. He will be missed so very much. Miss Tehiara and the Wimberley three have stepped up to help in the production side of worship. Thank you!

Also, I would like to thank all of you who have lifted prayers, sent cards, flowers and have called Mom through this cancer fight. The chemotherapy has stopped working and she will soon start a chemo alternative pill. Prayer warriors, please. She is determined, with our Lord's help, to overcome this, return to our beloved Holy Cross and continue His work.

Our recipe for happiness, the Beatitudes. We Worship, We Serve. Will you join us in making our church family grow? Grow even more loving, caring and joyous this year?

God's blessings family,  
*Marco*

# Holy Cross 150th Anniversary Celebration

In February we continue our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with



**Documentary Movie Night  
and Italian Dinner**  
Friday, February 24, 6:00 p.m.  
Parish Hall



Renowned chef, Art DeVito, will dazzle you with his famous (or is that infamous) spaghetti menu. After his superb cuisine is served the Band of Brothers, the Holy Cross Documentary will be unveiled. This documentary is dedicated to Ms. Bette Peacock Skates, the historian of Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Sanford Florida. She was instrumental for an oral history interview conducted on July 8, 2010, at the Museum of Seminole County History by a representative of the museum for the Historical Society of Central Florida. That interview may be obtained on line and copies of all her research is on file at the museum and Holy Cross. This documentary represents interviews with Shirley Grey Brewer, Doris Jackson Duxbury, Marie Paul Roche, Bette Skates, Bettie Bollinger Sonnenberg, Bruce Stanley, and Patsy Ungarelli; all valued members of Holy Cross. The interviewer is Edna Brewer and the producer is Brian Simmons, both members of the Holy Cross historical committee. This documentary will become a part of a presentation to the congregation during 2023. The documentary along with the transcripts and recordings of the interviews will be made available upon request and remain in the archives of Holy Cross. A \$10.00 donation is recommended.

In March we tour the Sanford Historical Museum and learn more about those who have made an enormous impact on our church. The following Sunday, we will have a special Instructed Eucharist service.

These events are excellent opportunities for us to invite family, friends, and neighbors to share in our festivities. We have already seen an increase in visitors to our Sunday services. Let's all take advantage of this year's events to pick up the phone, send a card or email, mail an "Schedule of Events" trifold, knock on a door to invite others to share in our celebration.

As Holy Cross Episcopal Church celebrates this anniversary it makes me wonder:

Why has this church flourished for so long? What does belonging to Holy Cross mean to members? Why would anyone want to become a member? I suspect that learning more about God, how to live to please Him, and developing a personal relationship is the most important reason. However, our church also offers a sense of community where we support each other and socialize—a place to make friends, where we can find a sense of belonging, and have a network of support. It is also through our church that we become involved in making our world a better place to live. We have so much to offer!

Let's be aware of visitors, especially visitors who may not be familiar with our service format. Help them to feel welcome by meeting their needs...if they need a hymnal, get them one; if they are lost in the service, show them where we are in the bulletin; if they look lost, at the very least, give them an encouraging smile. During "the peace" look for visitors and make a special effort to be welcoming.

Introduce yourselves to those you don't know—members and visitors alike. We are told five times in the New Testament to greet one another and show affection. Make a point of introducing yourself to each visitor. Set a goal of learning the name of at least one person at each service until you know the name of everyone. We are a friendly and welcoming church now...Can you imagine how incredible we would be if everyone in our congregation followed these simple suggestions?

Remember every church member was at one time a visitor. Do you have friends, neighbors, or family who do not have a church family? If so, think about bringing them to one of our events or to a service at Holy Cross. We promise to make them feel welcome!!

*Colossians 4:5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.*



# Treasurer's Report

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

**Here is a summary of where we stand through December 31, 2022:**

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual
Income	\$241,686.00	\$273,925.27
Expenses	\$252,568.85	\$298,987.65
YTD Totals	(\$10,882.85)	(\$25,062.38)



**The balance of our Endowment and Savings accounts as of December 31, 2022:**

Endowment Fund	\$228,379.61*
"Rainy Day" Savings	\$101,204.75**

**Abundant™ App 2022 offerings for November/December 2022 :** \$5,641.54

November \$4,046.22

December \$1,595.32

\*The Holy Cross Endowment Fund is invested in the Vanguard Life Strategy® Moderate Growth Fund-Investor Shares (Stock ticker - VSMGX)

\*\*Our "rainy-day" savings are kept in an on-line savings account with Capital One

## Note

**Amazon Smile is being discontinued as of Feb 23rd. Please use Amazon Smile while available through February 23rd. We receive .5% of your entire purchases made through that date credited to our checking account.**

**Download the "Abundant Giving" app from the App store or Google Play to your phone and you'll be able to donate to Holy Cross, anywhere, anytime, It's easy!**

**Have a credit card and/or your checking account routing # and account # available to set-up your account and you can be a "mobile" or "on-line" giver in about 5 minutes.**

Holy Cross has established a special fund #1006 for our **Sesquicentennial Birthday this year.**

If you would like to donate to support this special year-long celebration, just note this on the memo line of your check or choose this as your donation in the Abundant app. Any and all donations are welcome.

We accept pledges year-round! ...please don't forget to turn in your 2023 pledge as soon as possible if you haven't already...help reduce our deficit to start the New Year in the black!!

*Remember, God loves a cheerful giver!*

Drew Radenhausen



# February 2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>5 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>9a Holy Eucharist Rite II Livestreaming on FaceBook Christian Formation</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00a St. Mary's Guild</p>	<p>7</p> 
<p>12 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>9a Holy Eucharist Rite II Livestreaming on FaceBook Christian Formation</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> 
<p>19 Last Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>9a Holy Eucharist Rite II Livestreaming on FaceBook</p> 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> 
<p>26 First Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9a Holy Eucharist Rite I Livestreaming on FaceBook Christian Formation</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> 

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1

10:15a BOOK CLUB  
Noon Holy Eucharist  
7:00p BIBLE STUDY  
Facebook Livestream

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8

10:15a BOOK CLUB  
Noon Holy Eucharist  
7:00p BIBLE STUDY  
Facebook Livestream



10

11

15

10:15a BOOK CLUB  
Noon Holy Eucharist  
7:00p BIBLE STUDY  
Facebook Livestream



16

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18

22

10:15a BOOK CLUB  
Noon & 7:00p  
Facebook Livestream



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HCEC  
Documentary

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# March 2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

<p>5    <b>Second Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>9a   <b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b> <b>Livestreaming on FaceBook</b> <b>Christian Formation</b></p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>10:00a St. Mary's Guild</b></p>	<p>7</p> <p> <b>STORY TIME</b></p>
<p>12   <b>Third Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>9a   <b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b> <b>Livestreaming on FaceBook</b> <b>Christian Formation</b></p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p> <b>STORYTIME</b></p>
<p>19   <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>9a   <b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b> <b>Livestreaming on FaceBook</b> <b>Christian Formation</b></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p> <b>STORYTIME</b></p> <p><b>6:00 Vestry Meeting</b></p>
<p>26   <b>Last Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>9a   <b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b> <b>Instructed Eucharist</b> <b>Livestreaming on FaceBook</b> <b>Christian Formation</b></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p> <b>STORYTIME</b></p>

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1 10:15a BOOK CLUB  
 Noon Holy Eucharist  
  
 6:00p

2  
  
 STORY TIME

3

4

8 10:15a BOOK CLUB  
 Noon Holy Eucharist  
  
 6:00p

9  
  
 STORY TIME

10

11

15 10:15a BOOK CLUB  
 Noon Holy Eucharist  
  
 6:00p

16  
  
 STORY TIME



18

22 10:15a BOOK CLUB  
 Noon Holy Eucharist  
  
 6:00p

23  
  
 5:30p Holy Cross Interviews

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25

29 10:15a BOOK CLUB  
 Noon Holy Eucharist  
  
 6:00p

30  
  
 STORY TIME

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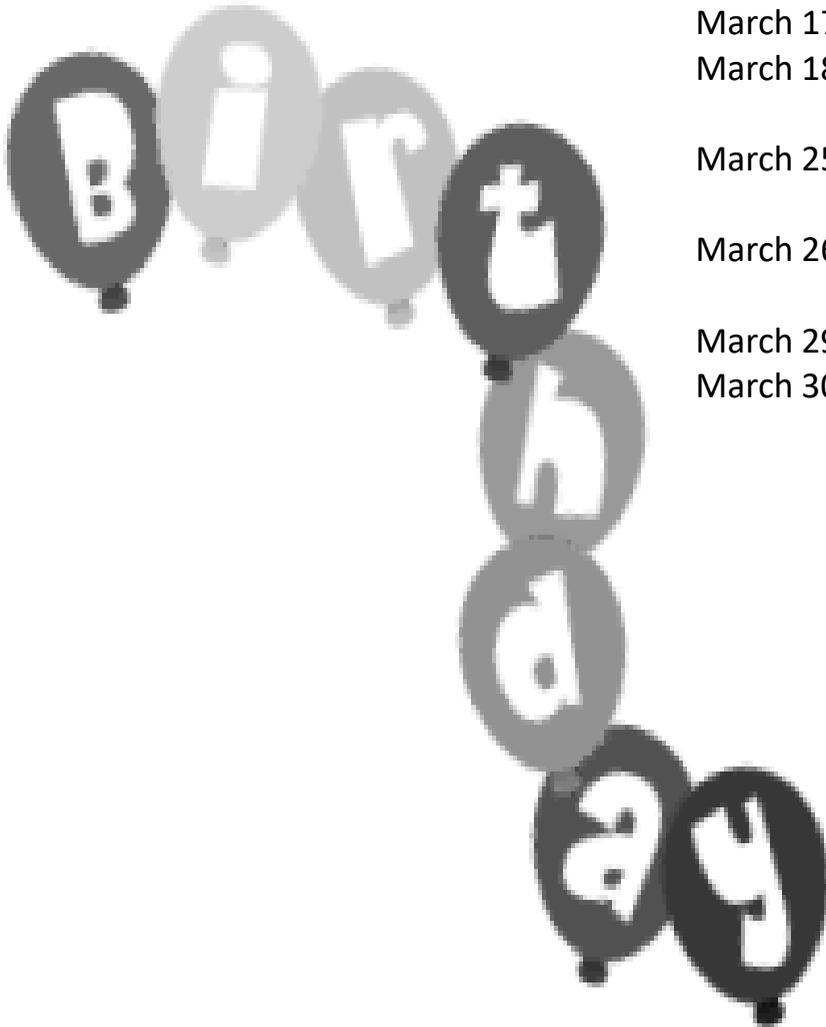
## February 2023

February 14<sup>th</sup>: Brenda Rutherford  
Terry Suber  
February 15<sup>th</sup>: Debbie Bowman  
February 21<sup>st</sup>: John Harbeck  
February 24<sup>th</sup>: Roscoe Nesmith  
Ronnie Cuthbert  
February 29<sup>th</sup>: Susan Nicholas

# *Birthdays*

## March 2023

March 1<sup>st</sup>: Drew Radenhausen  
March 4<sup>th</sup>: Ginger Leslie  
March 5<sup>th</sup>: Sonja Greenlee  
March 9<sup>th</sup>: Claudette Jackson  
March 10<sup>th</sup>: Maria Lemon  
March 11<sup>th</sup>: Brook Ainsworth  
March 14<sup>th</sup>: Marcia Cuthbert  
March 15<sup>th</sup>: Judee Fontaine  
March 16<sup>th</sup>: Melinda Wimbish  
March 17<sup>th</sup>: Kole Dangleman  
March 18<sup>th</sup>: Peggy Johnson  
Rachel Rautenstrauch  
March 25<sup>th</sup>: Abby Hall  
Dawn Radenhausen  
March 26<sup>th</sup>: PK Rutherford  
Danielle Dangleman  
March 29<sup>th</sup>: Frances Elaine Westerfield  
March 30<sup>th</sup>: Amuree Wimberley Best



# *Anniversaries*

## February 2023

February 1<sup>st</sup>: Al & Mary Cole  
February 6<sup>th</sup>: Nick & Doris Brady



## March 2023

March 4<sup>th</sup>: Arthur and Carol Ripley  
March 6<sup>th</sup>: Kevin & Denise McCabe  
March 29<sup>th</sup>: Keith & Yvonne Jennings

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### **THE CLERGY**

The Rt. Rev. Gregory Brewer, *Bishop of Central Florida*  
The Rev. Dr. E. Daniel Smith, *Priest-in-Charge*

### **THE PARISH STAFF**

Mrs. Rachel A. Rautenstrauch, *Music Director*  
Ms. Sandra Faint, *Parish Administrator*  
Marco Ungarelli, *Children and Youth Ministries Director*

### **WARDENS, VESTRY & OFFICERS**

Robert 'Bo' Bowman *Senior Warden* , *Junior Warden*  
 , *Clerk of the Vestry*,  
Drew Radenhausen, *Parish Treasurer*

Alison 'Dede' Durham, Judee Fontaine, Sonja Greenlee, Kathy Krasnoff,  
Phil Ricker, Mike Vernon, Fran Westerfield and Dianne Wontenay

### **MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS**

The programs and ministries of the Parish are listed in the WELCOME brochure available at the back of the Church or from the Church office.

A plea from Pat Miller for some new sponsors for our Altar flowers. Over the past couple years, we have lost some sponsors for various reasons. The flowers are on the high altar and also the chapel altar. You may make a memorial for loved ones or you may make a thank offering for family, friends or special occasions. The cost for flowers is \$35 for each altar and you may take one of the arrangements home after the Church service. The other arrangement is usually taken to a shut-in. You may also make a memorial or thank offering for the Sanctuary Candle that is in the chapel. The cost for the candle is \$12. Each week the floral and candle offering is listed in the bulletin and two months floral and candle offerings are listed in the Crossroads. The floral arrangements are made weekly by Seminole Flower Shop. If you would like to sponsor either the floral or candle you may contact Sandra at the church office or Pat Miller at 321-363-3136. Payment can be made by sending it to the church office or putting it in the offertory at church. Please note on your check that it is for a floral or candle and note the date that it will be placed.

### **February 2023**

**2/05/23** – The flowers on the high altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding anniversary of Father Al and Mary Cole and in thanksgiving for our family and our Church family.

**2/05/23** – Chapel Altar – The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mal Freeman, Sr., and Mary Mills Freeman by Sarah Freeman.

**2/05/23** – The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Harold Sonnenberg and Robert Newton Sonnenberg by Bettie, David and Lynn Sonnenberg.

**2/12/23** – The flowers on the high altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Joe Miller by Pat Miller.

**2/12/23** – Chapel Altar – The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bobby and Elaine Hall by Clark, Fran and James Westerfield.

**2/12/23** – The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Naomi, Bill, Bob and Tom from the Durham family.

**2/19/23** – The flowers on the high altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Brewer and Redmond families by Edna and Sam Brewer.

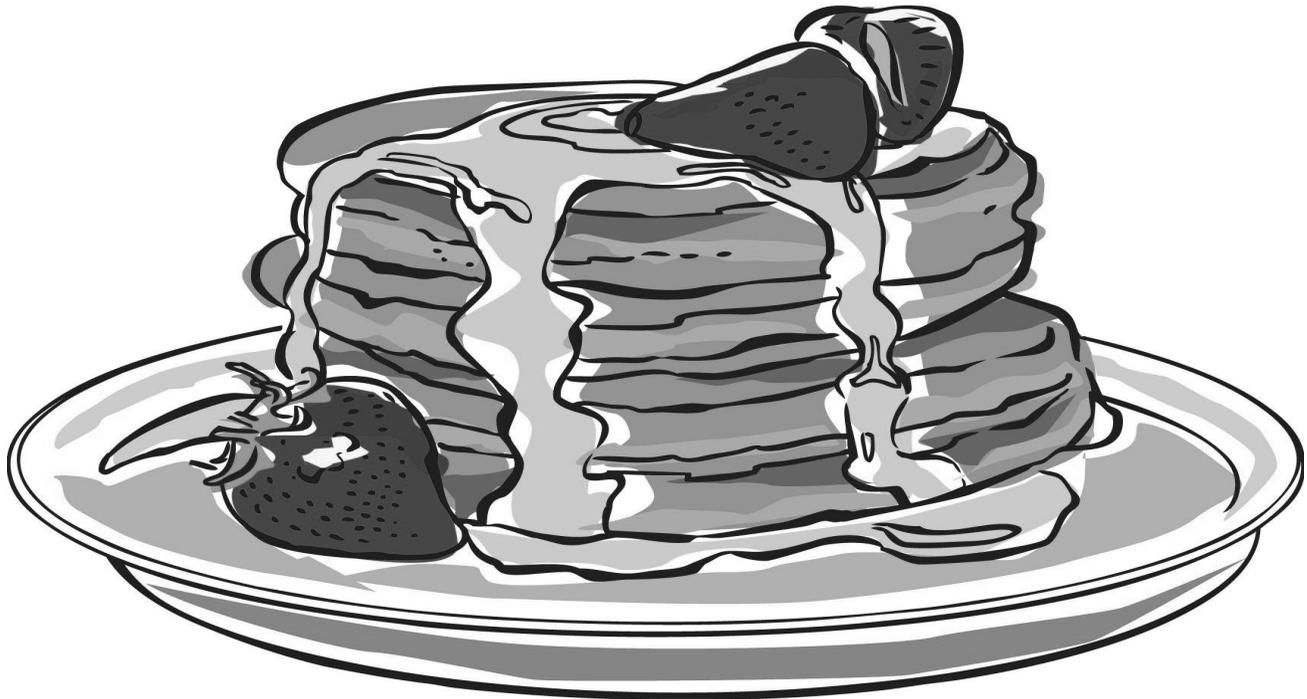
**2/19/23** – Chapel Altar – The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah Holley, Michael Powers, Sandy Seigler and Ishmael and Harriett Seigler by Dr. Larry Seigler.

**2/22/23** – Ash Wednesday, no flowers through Lent

 *Altar  
Flowers*

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# Shrove Tuesday





Every SATURDAY MORNING  
10:00 a.m. 'till 11:30 a.m.

P.S. The room isn't bigger but it certainly feels bigger.  
SUCH FUN! JOIN US!

The following faithful are listed alphabetically.

**Hallelujah!!!  
and THANK GOD!!!!**

**We have 5 really good SOPRANOS:**

**Edna Brewer, Theodora Coleman, Kathy Krasnoff,  
Ivy Ungarelli, Margaret Westmoreland,**

**2 excellent ALTOS:**

**Nancy Camp and Yvonne Jennings  
Roberta Clark**

**3 marvelous TENORS:**

**Glen Carlson, Roberta Clark and  
John Crowley**

**NOW!!!!!!**

**Do we have to**

**HIRE MORE REAL MEN to sing with us?????**

**OR**

**Does Holy Cross have some brave men who can  
Work with the scathing choir director  
To enhance our musical offering  
When we worship?**



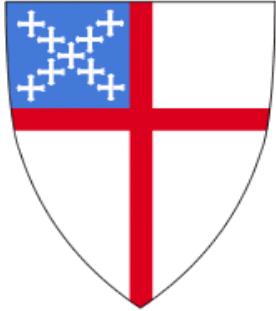
# Lent.

A SEASON OF RENEWAL



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