



The Herald

March 6 -13, 2011

Last Sunday after the Epiphany & First Sunday in Lent

From the Rector: Of Life and Ash and Dust

I just saw Cormac McCarthy's latest play aired on HBO, entitled *The Sunset Limited*, in which a paroled murderer attempts to talk a college professor out of committing suicide. In the beginning of the play the points of view of the two characters couldn't be more divergent. The ex-con, played by Samuel L. Jackson, is a person of faith, a so-called born again Christian, not the fundamentalist type, but through his harrowing life experience he has come to believe the vision of the gospels that there is no higher thing than to help one's brother; that we are all tangible sources of light given for each other; that we are to

follow the footsteps of Jesus. He is sincere and wise in his belief. It has enabled him to live a life of integrity....and with some measure of joy.

The professor, played by Tommy Lee Jones, has quite the opposite point of view. He has seen the capriciousness of life; he has seen people undone by it; that we begin our lives in hope only to find out that there is only despair in the end; that to hope is only to prolong the agony found in a dead illusion; that we are merely a dying people in a dying world, which in post-modernity is a world on the edge of panic. The ex-con asks the professor if he has ever read the Bible, and the professor's response is, "yes, but only the book of Job," which of course for some forty chapters of Hebrew scripture bolsters the professor's argument, that even the good must suffer the world's torment. Both of the arguments put forth by the two protagonists have integrity...there is no right or wrong in this conversation. We are caused to have sympathy for both characters, and their stand-points.

We discover early on in the play that the ex-con has saved the professor from his suicide attempt, which was to throw himself in front of an oncoming subway train, aptly named the *Sunset Limited*. The entire conversation takes place in the ex-con's squalid apartment, the sounds of tenement living echoing through the walls. As the conversation progresses both parties of the conversation gain more and more empathy for the other's point of view. The professor sees such palpable hope in his host, and the ex-con increasingly is seduced by the despair of his guest. Finally, after discussing the philosophical intricacies of life and death, which is McCarthy's genius, the two share a fine meal....a last supper perhaps, or perhaps a nurturing Eucharist for the way ahead....the professor leaves finally after the ex-con, deeply troubled at his guest's leaving, unlocks the several locks of the door for him and off he goes, but not without gratitude, into the night... and we never know how things end, or begin again...the play is left unresolved in the recesses of our imaginations....our own sensibilities caught in the great paradox of life...between hope and despair...the dark and the light....both spun into the warp and woof of reality.

We approach Ash Wednesday in the Church next week...It is a time to look at life with integrity...to get real, as it were....to own up to the reality that we are mortal...that we do indeed go down to the dust....that what is left of us after the fiery trials of life is ash....but also we must hold on to the promise that we are light....that the light of human-kind has overcome the dark in ways heroic and in ways mundane. In the play the despairing professor, in spite of his intellectual certainty about the meaninglessness of life, can't deny that there was one who with great sacrifice saved him from death...took him in...fed him ...and freed him to his own destiny. I wonder if the professor, as he walked down the mean corridors of the tenement and out towards the subway station....I wonder if he was changed by such love....for such love is real, love, luminous and warm, like light.... in spite of the mere fact that we are but ash and we are but dust.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, March 1

3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels choir
6pm Supper & Rector's Forum

Wednesday, March 2

12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
4pm St Cecelia choir
7:30pm Adult Choir

Thursday, March 4

12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Sunday, March 6

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Adult Christian Ed
9:50am Music in the EYC room
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Monday, March 7

12N Office closed

Tuesday, March 8

Office closed for Mardi Gras
No St. Michael choir practice

Wednesday, March 9

Ash Wednesday
12N Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes (chapel)
6pm Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes (church)

Thursday, March 10

12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Saturday, March 12

10:30am PFLAG

Sunday, March 6

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Adult Christian Ed
9:25am Arts & Crafts, Stirling Hall
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

This is a two-week Herald!

Service schedules include the Last Sunday after Epiphany (Mar. 6), Ash Wednesday (Mar. 9) and the First Sunday in Lent (Mar. 13). Please find the readings and those who serve on these dates enclosed. If you cannot serve when you have been assigned, please get a substitute and let the office know (438-2492).

The Church Office will be closed at noon on Monday, March 7 and all day on Tuesday, March 8, Mardi Gras Day.

Ash Wednesday is March 9. Services of Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will be held at 12N in the Chapel and at 6pm in the Church. Nursery will be provided.

A Lenten Bible Study, led by the Rector, will begin on Wednesday, March 16, in the chapel. The session will start at 9am with an Order of Morning Prayer from *The Book of Common Prayer*, and continue with Bible study until around 10:30am. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesdays in Lent (March 16, 23, 30; April 6 and 13), a Taizé service in the Chapel will begin at 6pm. The service will last approximately 35 or 40 minutes, and will be followed by supper and conversation. Nursery will be provided; a table for young people to do homework will also be provided.

The Vestry will supply the first Wednesday meal, March 16, and the choir will provide the meal on March 23. Other groups such as supper clubs, breakfast groups, the adult Sunday School class, etc. are encouraged to volunteer for the other three Wednesdays. Please call the office to let us know which date you will take!

This year during the Lenten season, our focus will be on contemplative worship. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel each Wednesday evening beginning on March 16 for a Taizé service. Taizé is an ecumenical community of worship founded in France in the 1950's which became principally a community of youth in its early history. Since then it has become a place of pilgrimage for all ages who seek a very intentional form of reflective and contemplative worship. There has been a genre of beautiful music written for Taizé services... It is easy to sing... often repetitive... sometimes in canon... it contains beguiling harmony... but it is meaningful for the singer and non-singer alike. We will have readings...periods of silence... reflections... and, of course, beautiful music. The service will last about forty minutes followed by supper and informal conversation. We hope this will be an effective means to "keep a holy Lent."

IHN/Family Promise week begins March 13 and continues through March 20. Henry Brewster is creating the schedule for meal preparers, evening hosts and overnight hosts who will welcome our guests. If you want to help, contact him at home: 479.9781; at work: 338.0630; or hbrewster@brewsterlaw.net.

Children's Sunday School

During the next two weeks, the Sunday School children and youth will meet together for the following activities:

Mar. 6 Praise and Worship music in the EYC room, at 9:50am

Mar. 13 Arts and Crafts in Stirling Hall after breakfast

The Rector's Forum will continue next on Tuesday, March 15, with potluck supper at 6pm and class to follow from 6:30-7:30. The current topic is "Episcopalians 101, part trois" which covers a multitude of general questions about the Episcopal Church. Conversation is lively. Everyone is welcome to this bi-weekly event and it's never too late to join in! Please bring a dish to share.



A most generous gift for the music ministry of All Saints Church has been given by the Cherney Memorial Trust in memory of Paul and Muriel Cherney, long-time choir members and faithful parishioners of All Saints, now departed. *May their souls and the souls of all the departed rest in peace.*

Our sympathy and prayers go to Dianne Bourassa and her family at the death of her uncle, George Weaver. *Let light perpetual shine upon him.*

Lost and Found

A navy wool scarf with red and cream stripes has been found and is in the church office. Please call 438.2492 to claim it.

All Saints Online Directory

Did you know that you can update your own information and pictures in the All Saints Online Directory? If you've been able to access the directory, you know that most of the pictures are several years old. If you and your family have recently had family portraits made or you have a favorite picture of your family, you can change the picture.

Simply go to the website www.members-online.us/ase and click on the "My Profile" button. Then click on "Edit". On the next screen you will see a place for Photo. Simply "Browse" through the photos on your computer until you find the picture you want. Click on that photo, and when it appears in your photo window, click "Keep Photo". You have now successfully changed your photo!

If you have problems or need other information, or if you are signing up for the directory for the first time, email Andi Barrett at office@all-saintsmobile.org or aphill4314@comcast.net and she will be happy to assist you with it.

A recent earthquake severely damaged Christchurch Cathedral in the Diocese of Christchurch, New Zealand. (See picture at left.) It is believed that there are more than 20 people buried in the rubble there. Please keep the people of New Zealand in your prayers. Donations for relief efforts can be made through Episcopal Relief and Development.

EYC Garage Sale Ahead!



The EYC is planning to hold a garage sale on May 22 to raise money to help them on their summer Mission Trip to Mexico. This is to give you PLENTY of notice so that you can begin to put aside items you would be willing to donate to the sale.

Stay tuned for further announcements about when and where you can start bringing these items to church. The EYC will be very appreciative of your help!

Special Ministries Camp in June!

For more than 30 years, All Saints Parish has sent children from Leinkauf Elementary to Camp Beckwith for several days, paying for the children's tuition through fundraising and donation. This year's session will be Thursday, June 30 through Sunday, July 3 and we hope to be able to send thirty children again this summer.

This is a special time for these 2nd and 3rd graders, who will do things such as spend the night away from home, learn to swim, even ride across the Bay for the very first time. They love it and the Beckwith staff love them!



The cost to go to camp is \$200 per child. Can you help by sponsoring one of these children? If so please make your check to All Saints Episcopal Church and mark it for *Special Ministries Camp*. Drop it by the church office, put it in the offering plate, or mail it; your help is appreciated!

The Service Center of Catholic Social Services is participating in the 14th annual Feinstein Challenge. Donations received by the Center during March and April and designated "Feinstein Challenge" donations will be reported to the Feinstein Foundation and used to calculate the Service Center's share of a \$1 million pool awarded to agencies fighting hunger. Donations of non-perishable food items can also be reported. All donations and the amount awarded will be used to assist the needy in the Mobile area. Donations may be mailed or delivered to the Service Center at 555 Dauphin St. Mobile, AL, 36602. Please mark donations as a "Feinstein Challenge" donation. For further information, call 434-1510 or email Volunteercoord@mobilecss.org.

Our Children, Our Future:

WHY FUNDING EDUCATION MATTERS

Community Forum
hosted by League of Women Voters of Mobile

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 6:30 pm

Sydney Phillips Preparatory School

3255 Old Shell Rd. (just east of I-65)

Community Leaders Will Discuss How Education Impacts Mobile

Forum Moderator: **Merceria Ludgood**, Mobile County Commission President

ECONOMY: **Troy Wayman**, Vice President of Economic Development,
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce

CRIME: **Ashley Rich**, Mobile County District Attorney

SCHOOLS: **Dr. Roy Nichols**, Superintendent Mobile County Public Schools and
Dr. Wayne Vickers, Superintendent Saraland Schools

STUDENTS: Students' perspectives

**Bring your questions and learn more about our Community, our Schools, and the
Education Tax Renewal**

For more information contact Mary McGinnis, President, League of Women Voters of Mobile
mmcginnis2008@yahoo.com or 251-378-8378



www.ourchildrenourfuture.info

EYC NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The high school EYC Mission Trip will be to Tulum, Mexico with Hands and Feet Ministries from June 5-12!!!

Email Catherine for more details.

I will be gone from January 2nd - March 3rd. I will have limited access to email, but will be checking periodically. There will be a different person to contact each week for questions regarding EYC.

I will miss you all, but will see you in March!

March 6th

Joe Cain Day- No EYC- Happy Mardi Gras!

March 13th

*EYC ushers at 10:30 service. Please be there to help!
Taylor Park*

March 20th

Mission Trip Fundraiser

March 27th

Mulherin home

Looking ahead:

May 21

Garage Sale to raise funds for Mission Trip!!!

Contact Info

Catherine Mackey - SCatherineMackey@gmail.com

March 6: Last Sunday after Epiphany

[Exodus 24:12-18](#)

[Psalm 99](#)

[2 Peter 1:16-21](#)

[Matthew 17:1-9](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday, Mar. 6

Altar Guild: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Danny Moreau, Julie Praytor, Ellen Wingard
Flower Guild: Betty Bentley, Ricky Bradford
Breakfast: Charlotte Hall, Amy Hamilton, Karen McDonald, Amy Thompson
Reception: Carol Mackey

8:00

Lector: Paul Carsten

Intercessor: Bill Evatt

Chalice bearer: K Winkler

Ushers: Caroline Coker, Mark Taylor

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Danny Moreau 2) Rob Gray

Intercessor: Valerie Mitchell

Chalice bearers: Nancy Lancaster, Marion Elledge

Acolytes: Ben Foster, David Reeves, Dustin Reeves

Ushers: Andy Mitchell, James Hamilton, Chris Conte, Bill Hines

Music for Sunday, Mar. 6

Voluntary Healey Willan *Prelude on "Wareham"*

Processional Hymn 137 *Wareham*

William Mathias S-278 *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

Thomas Attwood *Psalm 99*

Sequence Hymn 6 *Christ Whose Glory*

Offertory Anthem William Boyce *Alleluia*

Presentation Hymn 129 *Mowsley*

William Mathias S-128 *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

Mason Martens S-167 *The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus*

Communion Hymn 133 *Elmhurst*

Motet Calvin Hampton *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Post Communion Hymn 122 *Westminster Abbey*

Processional Percy Whitlock *Hymn-Prelude "St. Denio"*

March 9: Ash Wednesday

[Isaiah 58:1-12](#)

[Psalm 103:8-14](#)

[2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10](#)

[Matthew 6:1-6,16-21](#)

Lay Ministers for Ash Wednesday

Altar Guild: Barbara Evatt, Barbara Caddell, Kathy McKenzie, Cart Blackwell

12:00 Noon

Lectors: 1) Debi Foster 2) Michael Morrison

6:00pm

Lectors: 1) Melissa Nissan 2) Valerie Mitchell

Chalice bearers: Lister Thomas, Clayton Ryan

Acolyte: Darrel Williams

Ushers: Martha Hennessy

Music for Ash Wednesday, Mar. 9

Plainsong, Tone II *Psalm 103:8-13*

Sequence Hymn 145 *Quittez, Pasteurs*

Offertory Anthem Joseph Clokey *Treasures in Heaven*

Presentation Hymn 149 *Old 124th*

David Hurd S-124 *New Plainsong, Sanctus and Benedictus*

David Hurd S-161 *New Plainsong, Agnus Dei*

Communion Hymn 701 *Jesu, meine Freude*

Motet Orlando Gibbons *Almighty and Everlasting God*

Post Communion Hymn 143 *Erhalt uns, Herr*

Processional Johann Pachelbel *O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß*



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

Sunday Lectionary: 1st Sunday in Lent

[Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7](#)

[Psalm 32](#)

[Romans 5:12-19](#)

[Matthew 4:1-11](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday, Mar. 13

Altar Guild: Barbara Evatt, Barbara Caddell, Kathy McKenzie, Cart Blackwell

Flower Guild: Stella Hester, Suzanne Drew

Breakfast: Clark Kelly, Curt Doyle, Will Hester

Reception: Martha Hennessy

8:00

Lector: Keith Winkler

Intercessor: Tressa Pressley

Chalice bearer: Mark Taylor

Ushers: Burl Ratcliffe, Will English

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Parker Butler 2) Lillian Carsten

Intercessor: Rosemary Williams

Chalice bearers: Clayton Ryan, Frances Rouse

Acolytes: Mark Williams, Grace Williams, Sarah Williams, Meredith Mosley

Ushers: Louie Wood, EYC

Music for Sunday, Mar. 13

Voluntary Jean Langlais *Chant de Paix*

Processional Hymn 143 *Erhalt, uns, Herr*

James McGregor/Hans Leo Hassler S-89 *Kyrie eleison*

plainsong, Tone III.4 *Psalm 32*

Sequence Hymn 148 *Uffingham*

Offertory Anthem Elizabeth Poston *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*

Presentation Hymn 150 *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

David Hurd S-124 *New Plainsong, Sanctus and Benedictus*

John Rutter *Agnus Dei*

Communion Hymn 140 *Donne*

Motet David Halls *Wash Me Thoroughly*

Post Communion Hymn 142 *St. Flavian*

Processional Jean Langlais *Chant Heroique*

Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers for healing:

Dana Snow

Frances Morgan

Martha Mason

Sylvia Spann

Richard Melton

Mel Manning

Pete Gaillard

Hank Caddell

Richard Bridges

Larry Lake

Agnes Lambert

Martha Murdock

LaNiece Bland

Lamar Elledge

Sharon Cleverdon

Danny Moreau

Mike Downing

Celeste Taylor

Pauline Oliver

Cheryl Peach

Pauline Danner

Butch Boyington

Betty Torbert

Devanie Ellison

Barbie Driver

Patsy Childress

Marion

Debbie Davis

Chris

the White family

Brenda

Tillye Semple

Laura

Serving in the military:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Glenn Foster, Jr.

Soren Rodning

Zack Hadley

T. J. Sherman

Jamie Pontious

Haley Jones

Thedford Daniel Jones, Jr.

Daniel Taylor

Daniel Robert

Refugee Pantry Items

We need items such as **laundry soap**, **toilet paper** (multi-packs), **paper towels**, **adult-size toothbrushes**, **dish soap**, **bath soap** and **garbage bags**. Please put them in the church office or the Ann St. narthex. Thanks!



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Ushers: Bill Evatt, Louie Wood
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Youth Christian Education: Renea Greene

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Service Schedule

Sundays 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Breakfast
9:25 am Christian Education Classes (during school year)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays 12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)