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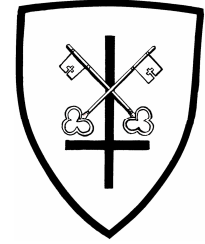
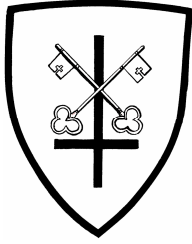
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MARCH PARISH MEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

March is Usher Team 1: Pete J., Ron H., Joanne M., Valerie M., John M., Jim Saunders, Lloyd S., Peter W., Leslie W., George W.

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
<u>Acolytes</u>					
8:00	Corey K.	Austen A.	Need Volunteer	Jacqueline M.	Austen A.
9:00	Jack W., Meredith R., Elsie G.	Chrissy R., Alison B., Sarah L. John R., Caroline M., Grace R.	Meredith R., Corey K.	Elsie Gibson, Neil G., Sarah L. Claire C., Sarah C., Angel H.	Alison B., Emily L., Kirsten K. Micaela G., Erin G., Alex G.
11:00	Erin G., Alex G., Micaela G.		Zoli Molnar, H. M.		
<u>Chalicians</u>					
8:00	Ed W.	Tootie K.	Mike L.	Bill M.	Ed W.
9:00	Kathi A., Laura D.	Sue B., Georganne J.	Thad K., Sharon S.	Kathi Argiropoulos, Laura D.	Sue B., Georganne J.
11:00	Larry S., Bob W.	Keith A., Alan B.	Jeff C., Jim L.	Judith L., Andy O.	Paul S., Larry S.
<u>Lay Readers</u>					
8:00	Tootie K., Jim S.	Erika S., Lee M.	Sally H., Bob W.	Suzanne B., Tom B.	Bill S., Chris A.
9:00	Jack W., Peter H.	Claire C., Nora S.	Youth Reader Needed, Jan G.	Neil G., Eric S.	Kirsten K., Jonathan S.
11:00	Jack S., Don W.	Vikkey A., Keith A.	Bob S., Bettie J.	Allen B., John M.	Don C., Rich D.
<u>Altar Guild</u>					
Weekly Capt.	Pam P.	Katie E.	Jessie N.	Suzanne B.	Nan W.
Flowers	Melanie B., Diane S.	Melanie B., Diane S.	Melanie B., Diane S.	Melanie B., Diane S.	Melanie B., Diane S.
<u>Greeters</u>					
9:00	Joe and Tatiana D.	Kathryn H.	Katie E.	Caroline G.	Jim and Joyce R.
11:00	Jim and Bettie J.	Bill and Judy W.	Taffy G.	Alan and Jan B.	John M.

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE KEY

MARCH 2009

"Called together in Christ, Transformed by God's grace, Sent out to serve."

FROM THE PRIEST IN CHARGE

The season of Lent may be very familiar to many of us and something of a puzzle to others. For all, it is a challenge to our ordinary ways of doing things. The forty days are fashioned after the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness during the temptation that preceded his public ministry, and probably also reflect the forty years that the Israelites spent in the wilderness following their deliverance from slavery in Egypt.

The account of the temptation of Jesus is brief and, for the most part, only delineates the three temptations: to turn stones into bread, to cast himself from the pinnacle of the Temple and alight unharmed, and to fall down and worship Satan in exchange for being given the kingdoms of the world. In each case, he is proffered a large following.

These dramatic offerings tend to obscure the length of forty days of fasting in a deserted place filled with silence. Satan was quickly and decisively dismissed with appropriate quotations from Scripture. Forty days of isolation and hunger, with the thoughts that dominate one's consciousness when alone and hungry, and dealing with a call to make a life of proclaiming repentance and preparation for the Kingdom of God to people who might not be all that receptive is not that easily dismissed.

Lent, like Jesus' forty days, is not all that easy for us either. There is ample witness from those who undertake silent retreats that turning off our frantically busy minds is virtually impossible. The well-known spiritual director Henri Nouwen decided, after years of teaching spirituality, to spend some time in a Trappist monastery in Genesee, New York, fine-tuning his own

spirituality. The account of this very difficult time for him is chronicled in a little book I recommend to all during Lent, *Genesee Diary*.

Silence is hard. We are hooked on the endless loop playback of the busyness that is our lives. We do not do well giving up our favorite comforts. Introspection and self-examination are not our ordinary pursuits. And the challenge of becoming something different and more faithful to our callings can be daunting.

Experiencing resurrection without death is what Dietrich Bonhoeffer called "cheap grace." Actually, it isn't grace at all—just a momentary euphoria.

Soon we are summoned to the observance of a Holy Lent. That means finding time and occasions to be quiet and reflective, to deny ourselves the usual comforts, and to reexamine our discipleship. It means dying to some things we would be better without. It means deepening our understanding of the Lord we profess.

A booklet you will be receiving describes some occasions to participate and grow during this special season, and you are invited to take advantage of as many as you can. At the heart of it all, however, will be the discipline you undertake and the silence you give yourself, and the dying to the old, troubling things of the past.

If you walk in the wilderness of such an undertaking, you will emerge from that place a new person.

Faithfully yours,

The Rev. Phillip Cato

DATES TO NOTE:

- 1,7,8,9,10,12 - *Narnia* Rehearsals
- 3,10,17,24,31 - Region 3 Lenten Series
- 4,11,18,25 - Lenten Bible Study
- 4,11,18,25 - Handbell Choir Practices
- 4,11,18,25 - Adult Choir Practices
- 4 - Godzilla
- 5 - SOME
- 5,12,19,26 - Thursday Ears
- 5 - Pastoral Care Meeting
- 6,13,20, 27 - Women's Bible Study
- 7,14,21,28 - Icon Writing
- 9 - Finance Committee Meeting
- 9, 23 - Prayer Group
- 12 - Trivium Bare Bible Study
- 13 - Meals on Wheels
- 13,14,15 - Youth Performance of *Narnia*
- 18 - Vestry Meeting
- 26 - Trivium After Work
- 28 - Lenten Quiet Day

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN —

Each January, the Vestry spends a weekend at a retreat where we have time for fellowship and prayer together as we try to take a step back and look at the “big picture” of St. Peter’s. With the guidance of a facilitator, we review the past year and set goals for the coming year.

The top-priority goal identified by the Vestry this January was to keep the momentum from the Vision Task Force going. The top-priority goal identified at the 2008 retreat had been to start a visioning process and have the parish establish a vision statement. That 2008 goal was achieved. In making it a goal to keep the visioning momentum going, the Vestry recognizes that St. Peter’s entered into the visioning process not just to produce a vision statement, not just to answer the question, “Who is God calling us to be/become?” on paper, but to help guide us in pursuing that call from God. The vision statement itself is not the end point of the visioning process. Now that we have articulated a vision statement, we are to use it.

But how? Our church’s stated mission is to call us together into a Christian community in which we can be transformed by God’s grace and sent out to serve Christ’s mission in the world around us. How does the vision statement fit into this mission?

The first two items listed in the vision statement seem to me to fit with the “transformed by God’s grace” part of our mission. They call to my mind worship and formation, learning and commitment. At the most concrete level, I think of things like icon writing, the music program, Sunday School, Adult Forums, Lenten programs, Greek classes, the Prayer Group, *Narnia*, the Christmas pageant, and all the other programs through which we learn and are enriched by participation.

The third and fourth items mentioned remind me of the first part of our mission statement, where we are “called together in Christ.” Here I think of coffee hours and fellowship, the offering and receiving of pastoral care, potluck suppers, Shrine Mont, Foyer Groups, and the wonderful sense of inclusion our children gain both from the youth programs and from all of us loving all of them.

The remaining four items listed in the vision statement seem to me to have a different character. They speak to me more of agency—of the means for making it all come true. Perhaps this is where the final part of our mission statement—“sent out to serve”—comes in. Clearly we are sent out to serve in our mission activities like feeding the homeless and homebound, traveling on mission trips, and offering help through a variety of local programs. In this part of the vision statement we are articulating a call to “be more intentional stewards” of what we have, and to commit ourselves to “improve,” “participate” and “discern” with the help and guidance of a “strong, supportive, and well-balanced clergy,” whose retention and nurture is part of our responsibility.

I am looking forward to participating as St. Peter’s lives into this vision with its characteristic energy, joy and grace.

Faithfully,
Catharine, Senior Warden

St. Peter’s Vision Statement

We the people of St. Peter’s believe that God is calling us to:

- Strengthen our spiritual foundation so that people can deepen their knowledge of God and advance on their spiritual journey.
- Preserve our congregation’s core values and nurture all we have been given.
- Welcome all who come to St. Peter’s and help them find a place in our community where they can grow in faith and serve God.
- Be welcoming and creative in our programs for youth and children, recognizing that they are the future and lifeblood of the church.
- Be more intentional stewards through a focused commitment of time, talent and treasure.
- Improve our internal communication functions in order to support the congregation’s awareness of and participation in a wide range of programs and ministries.
- Retain and nurture a strong, supportive and well-balanced clergy.
- Discern how we can achieve our vision in our church home.

MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN —

“Called together in Christ, transformed by God’s grace, sent out to serve”

I think about our mission statement often and how it reflects who we are as a parish.

Over this past year there have been many people who have been studying, researching, praying, and thinking more deeply about the question, “Who is God calling St. Peter’s to be or become.” We started with a small group of people (the Vestry) who worked on how to take the steps forward in answering this question. The Vestry commissioned the Vision Task Force (VTF), who reached out to as many members of our congregation as possible to gather input on this question. The VTF compiled a vision statement from the parish's input and presented it to the Vestry. The Vestry then asked the Building & Grounds committee to conduct a building facility study. The results of that study were presented to the Vestry last fall. In December 2008, the Vestry approved the hiring of Shutler Architects to start the preliminary exploration of a building concept that reflects the results from the B&G study and the parish vision statement. Now it is time for the parish to take the next step in shaping the future of St. Peter's.

I have been carefully studying and praying on how we should take these next steps together as a parish. So far, the progress we have made has been “by the book.” It is advised by others, who have gone through this discernment process, that you start the process with a small strategic group (our Vestry) and then open the circle to the next level (VTF and B&G) and finally take the step to the greater circle (the congregation). This next step must be inclusive and transparent and allow all who want a voice in this process to be heard. It must involve all levels of communication to reach all the diverse ages of our congregation.

As a faithful member of our church family I have been happy to be one of the volunteers to help keep this process moving forward. Now it is time to ask: How can we design our church to express both our mission statement and our vision statement and at the same time incorporate the much needed building improvements identified by B&G? How do we acknowledge the current growth pattern in our church and meet the needs that this growth has brought about? How do we build for our church’s future as a thriving place of worship? What will the legacy be for those who founded St. Peter’s? It is time for our parish to take a fresh look at our home and gather together to help decide what we want our building to be. We have made a lot of progress over the past year with the help of a trained facilitator, Carroll Sheppard. As we talk with each other and begin to express our vision of our church home through drawings, it may be wise to bring her back again.

The Adult Forum on March 1 is another opportunity for our parish family to gather together and have a discussion of how to shape the future of St. Peter's. (Due to the *Key* mailing schedule, you may be reading this letter after the March 1 forum has happened.) We plan to meet again during our weekend at Shrine Mont to follow up on our March 1 discussion. On April 26 we will host another Adult Forum at which we will continue to focus on this process.

“When it comes to the environment of worship, we should never underestimate the influence of our building upon the way we think about God, about each other, and about the relative importance of the activity we have come together to engage in. Our places of assembly need to speak clearly to us of what we are about as the people of God.” (Richard Giles, *Re-Pitching the Tent*, p.57)

We have formed a vision statement in response to the question, "Who is God calling St. Peter's to be?" Can we rise to the challenge of building that vision?

God’s Peace,
Gretchen, Junior Warden

PARISH NEWS —

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON MARCH 15

Due to the play and its need for classroom space as dressing rooms, there will be no Sunday School on March 15.

LENTEN QUIET DAY—SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Do you want an opportunity to actually have time to pray? Do you want a chance to slow down for a few hours? Do you crave some time away from noise? Then come to our Lenten Quiet Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, March 28. We'll spend time in group prayer and you'll have plenty of private time. Bring a journal, a Bible and a bag lunch. Coffee and water will be provided. If you have questions, please see the Rev. Ann Martens.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN LENTEN SERVICES

Lent is fast approaching and it's time to get some important dates on your calendars. We are holding services specially designed with you in mind! We know it's difficult to get to them, but it is so important for you to make every effort to attend. By doing so, you are teaching your children the importance of Lent and Holy Week and helping to develop their spirituality. So please mark these dates:

Maundy Thursday, April 9: Traditional Seder dinner followed by Holy Eucharist (probably more appropriate for elementary school children and older)

Good Friday, April 10, 6 p.m.: Stations of the Cross (appropriate for all children)

Easter Sunday, April 12, 9 a.m.: Holy Eucharist with a children's sermon; an Easter egg hunt will follow the service

PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN:

Would you like your children to learn more about the last day of Christ's life in an appropriate way? We have just the opportunity for you! On Good Friday, April 10, at 6 p.m. there will be Stations of the Cross appropriate for children of all ages. We will start outside in the outdoor chapel (weather permitting) and walk through the Memorial Garden, stopping at various stations along the way to learn about events that occurred the last day of Christ's life.

We know it is difficult to bring your children to a 6 p.m. event on a Friday. Please try to adjust your schedules to bring them. It is important for their (and your) faith development!

SHRINE MONT 2009: FROM ST. PETER'S WITH LOVE

Mark your calendars for April 17, 18 and 19 for the annual St. Peter's weekend at Shrine Mont in beautiful Orkney Springs, Virginia. We have an exciting and interesting speaker this year, Benjamin Pratt—a retired Methodist minister who has spent several years delving into the novels of Ian Fleming for evidence of major spiritual themes woven into them. The results are summarized in his book, *Ian Fleming's Seven Deadlier Sins & 007's Moral Compass: A Bible Study with James Bond*. You can learn more about Pratt's work at www.bondbiblestudy.info. In addition to the Saturday morning programs for all ages (the Rev. Mary Demmler is designing the youth program around the themes discussed in Pratt's work as well), the weekend at Shrine Mont is filled with the usual activities—hay rides, sports, reflective hikes, Nibbles and Nips, the World Famous St. Peter's Talent Show (start planning your acts now!), Eucharist at the Shrine, Family Olympics, and much more. If you would like to volunteer to help with the many activities, please indicate this on your registration form (available in the Narthex) or contact Steve Collins. On Sunday, March 22, we will have an Adult Forum at which you can learn more about a fabulous weekend our parish enjoys every year. If you have questions, please contact Steve C. by phone or email. See you at Shrine Mont!

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL 2009: REBUILDING TOGETHER

When: Saturday, April 25, 2009

Time: 8 a.m. until we're done, rain or shine

Where: We learn in early March

Sign-up: In the Narthex at St. Peter's, or e-mail a House Captain beginning March 15

Tools Needed: Gloves are always a good idea, and garden tools to clear brush if we have a house (sometimes it's an apartment); we'll have most other things you'll need

Coffee and doughnuts and lunch (Rocklands): Provided

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PARISH NEWS (CONT.) —

What would you call it when 40 St. Peter's parishioners show up on an Arlington homeowner's door step on the last Saturday in April to scrape, paint, fix, repair, and do yard work that the resident can neither afford nor do alone? At the end of the day, the progress on each of the homes we have done over the last 20-plus years has been exciting and inspiring.

When the program started in the late '80s in Midland, Texas, the homeowner said, "It's like Christmas." The name stuck, and although the program is now called Rebuilding Together, we often refer to it by the original name, Christmas in April.

Since then, similar efforts occur each year around the country. In Arlington and Fairfax, more than 2000 volunteers will spend the last Saturday in April fixing a low-income homeowner's residence to make it more livable (<http://www.rebuildingtogether.org/>). Homes are picked carefully by the staff of the Rene Pierre Johnson Housing Development Corporation, an Arlington-based nonprofit that focuses on affordable housing in our area. The emphasis (beyond income) is on those who are elderly and/or disabled.

Christmas in April is sponsored by the St. Peter's Mission Commission as one of our outreach programs. It's local and takes only the part of the day that you can share. It's the week after Shrine Mont—a very different parish experience—so there's no schedule conflict with that. Working side by side with another St. Peter's parishioner, someone you may not really know, when helping someone else is a very special experience.

Although the organizers at Rebuilding Together discourage those under the age of 14 from being on the work site for liability reasons, we have taken the approach that *with parental supervision* (a parent must be present), anyone old enough to hold a paint brush is ok. We'll leave that up to the responsible adult, though my daughters will attest to it. They helped paint their first house at about age 9.

If you have a question, call or e-mail your House Captains, Bruce J. or Allen S.

ST. PETER'S PRESENTS: *NARNIA!*

(a musical in two acts based on C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*)

WHERE? In the transformed Sanctuary of St. Peter's

WHEN? Friday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m.,
Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m.,
Sunday, March 15, at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are free.

Please call 703-536-6606 or email narnia2009@comcast.net

72 of St. Peter's young people (second grade through seniors in high school) will greet and amaze you.

Come share in the magic, the story, and the songs of *Narnia*.

Lorraine G., Director
Kim Pensinger W., Music Director
Ruth P., Stage Manager

COMMISSION NEWS —

MISSION COMMISSION NEWS

Planning and fundraising for the mission trip to the Dominican Republic is underway. The trip will take place July 12-20 and will be led by the very capable Libby C. Fundraising began with the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on February 24. More fundraising projects are being planned.

The mid-winter blanket drive provided 21 blankets for the homeless on the streets of Arlington. These were distributed by A-SPAN (Arlington Street People's Assistance Network). Our very own Kathy Sibert is the Executive Director of A-SPAN.

Spring events and projects to anticipate include:

Rebuilding Together (aka Christmas-in-April) on April 24. We will help to fix up a home in Arlington belonging to an elderly or otherwise needy household.

SMGW (Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington) men's and women's toiletries drive. In May (in honor of Mother's Day) and in June (in honor of Father's Day) we will collect toiletries and "walking food." These will be donated to SMGW.

Just as a reminder, please look at the sign-up board in the Narthex (to the left just inside the doors). There you will find sign-up sheets for various ongoing mission projects. We always need drivers for Meals-On-Wheels (one Friday per month), cooks and food deliverers for the Emergency Winter Shelter (Thursday evenings), cooks for SOME (one Thursday per month) and canned food transporters for AFAC (food pantry, once a month).

If you are looking for another mission project for which St. Peter's doesn't already have an opportunity, just contact the commission chair, Suzanne B. We can always make suggestions.

VESTRY NEWS —

Vestry Highlights: February 17, 2009

At its February meeting, the St. Peter's Vestry:

Heard a report on trends in attendance at St. Peter's three services. Parishioner Kevin G. showed figures that the 9 a.m. service is eclipsing the 11 a.m. as St. Peter's largest, and that overall attendance is up significantly.

Heard a discussion on the process of reaching a consensus on St. Peter's space needs. Parishioner Chris S. discussed the process of developing a vision on how to use and improve the church building. This process is intended "to allow the community to express itself through the medium of the (church) building," he said.

Heard that the parish has signed a letter of intent to make the parking lot available to workers on Marymount University's construction project for a donation of about \$1,800 monthly.

Approved the placement of a stone commemorating a chestnut tree planted in 1997 by Fred and Anita W. that originated at St. Peter's Church in Cambridge, England.

Heard from the Mission Commission that Libby Collins has been appointed organizer of the 2009 mission trip to the Dominican Republic. The trip is scheduled in July. Mission will use the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper as a fundraiser.

Heard from the Stewardship Committee that the 2009 campaign has wrapped up with approximately \$756,000 pledged—very nearly up to St. Peter's goal of \$760,000. Stewardship's focus will turn next to educating new members of the parish about the need to pledge.

ADULT FORUM —

March 1

Plenary Session: The Architects of Our Church Family—Led by Rob S., Chris S., Gretchen G., John D. and Charlie M.

The architects will lead a discussion of the current conditions and needs of our church home. We are asking for your input and participation in taking the next steps together in re-ordering our church building for our future worship and mission work.

March 8

Option I: Mere Christianity: C. S. Lewis's Forceful and Accessible Doctrine of Christian Belief—Led by Jonathan S.

Characterized as the “ideal persuader for the half-convinced,” we will look at C. S. Lewis's guidebook to the fundamental truths of Christianity (as he saw them) and see what insights it holds for us as confirmed Christians.

Option II: Intersection of Bioethics and Our Ordinary Lives—Led by the Rev. Phillip Cato

The Rev. Phillip Cato leads a discussion on topics of medical ethics.

March 15

Plenary Session: Introduction to Job—Led by Jayne S.

Most of us think the Book of Job wrestles with the question, “Why do bad things happen to good people?” Others say the central question is, “Why do we love God?” Whatever our take on Job's central theme, the Book of Job challenges us—about the character of God, the structure of creation, the place of suffering in the world, and the significance of the moral and pious life. Come and be introduced to Job.

March 22

Option I: Overview of Shrine Mont—Led by Steve C.

This Q&A session will give you an overview of our annual parish retreat to Shrine Mont from some veteran organizers, complete with photos and anecdotes.

Option II: Issues in Moral Reasoning: How Do We Know What Is the Right Thing to Do?—Led by the Rev. Phillip Cato

Our Priest in Charge hosts a forum to discuss the ways that moral reasoning affects recognizing—and doing—what is right.

March 29

Plenary Session: Heifer International Sale—Led by the Sunday School Classes

Browse the Sunday School's “marketplace for giving” as students show how they are helping, through Heifer International, impoverished families acquire and raise animals and trees that they need for their livelihoods and sustenance.

MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S —

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1907

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.
- Jeremiah 29:11

Once, when recovering from a bout of depression, I found this hymn very therapeutic. “Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away,” it says. “Giver of immortal gladness, fill us (me) with the light of day.” Notice how every phrase of this prayer is bursting with exuberance: The Lord is our “wellspring of the joy of living,” our “ocean depth of happy rest,” and we ask Him to, “Lift us to the joy divine.”

The author of this hymn, Henry Jackson van Dyke, was born in Pennsylvania in 1852, and became pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City. Van Dyke later became professor of English Literature at Princeton, and the author of a number of books, including the still popular *The Other Wise Man*. He went on to occupy a number of eminent positions, including:

MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S (CONT.) —

American Ambassador to the Netherlands and Luxembourg (appointed by his friend Woodrow Wilson)
 Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy Chaplains Corps during World War I
 Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church
 Commander of the Legion of Honor
 President of the National Institute of Arts and Letters
 Chairman of the committee that compiled the Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship*

In 1907, Henry van Dyke was invited to preach at Williams College in Massachusetts. At breakfast one morning, he handed the college president a piece of paper, saying, "Here is a hymn for you. Your mountains (the Berkshires) were my inspiration. It must be sung to the music of Beethoven's *Hymn of Joy*."

When he was later asked about his hymn, van Dyke replied: "These verses are simple expressions of common Christian feelings and desires in this present time – hymns of today that may be sung together by people who know the thought of the age, and are not afraid that any truth of science will destroy religion, or any revolution on earth overthrow the kingdom of heaven. Therefore this is a hymn of trust and joy and hope."

(Excerpted from: *Then Sings My Soul* by Robert J. Morgan, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2003, pg. 265)

REGION THREE NEWS —

ARLINGTON LENTEN PROGRAM

This year, instead of holding our own evening Lenten program, we are participating in a region-wide program with all of the Arlington Episcopal churches titled "Soul School: A New Look at Basic Faith Questions." The series will take place on Tuesday evenings, beginning with a simple supper at 6:30, followed by the program at 7:30 and ending by 8:45. Some fabulous speakers have been obtained: our new Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston; Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) professors; and noted spiritual directors. A detailed schedule appears below. The series will culminate in a region-wide Easter Vigil service at St. Peter's on Saturday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m., with Bishop Jones preaching and celebrating the Eucharist. In order to accommodate the program, all of our regular Tuesday evening meetings will be moved during Lent. Please try to attend one or more evenings. It promises to be a fascinating time!

3/3 Is There a God? Led by the Rev. Dr. Katherine Sonderegger, Professor of Theology, VTS
 Location: St. Mary's, 2609 North Glebe Road

3/10 Who Was Jesus? Led by the Rev. Lloyd A. Lewis Jr., the Molly Laird Downs Professor of New Testament, VTS
 Location: St. John's, 415 South Lexington Street

3/17 How Do We Know What God Wants Us to Do? Led by the Rev. Margaret Guenther, St. Columba's, Washington, D.C.
 Location: St. George's, 915 North Oakland Street

3/24 How Do I Pray? Led by Liz Ward, Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation Program Leader, Spiritual Director at VTS, and Retreat/Prayer Group Leader
 Location: St. Andrew's, 4000 Lorcom Lane

3/31 What about the Church? Led by the Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston, Bishop Co-adjutor of Virginia
 Location: Trinity, 2217 Columbia Pike

4/7 Is There Life after Death? Led by the Rev. Dr. Ian Markham, Dean, VTS
 Location: St. Michael's, 1132 North Ivanhoe Street

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Barret H. (2011)
Ward L. (2009)
Jack S. (2010)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8am- HE Rite I 9am - HE Rite II 10am - Adult Forum, Sunday School, The 10 Spot 11am - HE Rite II 12:45pm - <i>Narnia</i> Rehearsals	2	3 6:30pm - Region 3 Lenten Program (St. Mary's)	4 10:00am - Bible Study 5:30pm - Handbell I Choir Practice 6:30pm - Handbell II Choir Practice 7:00pm - Godzilla 7:30 pm - Adult Choir	5 6:00am- SOME 10:00am - Thursday Ears 7:30pm - Pastoral Care Meeting	6 7:30am - Women's Bible Study	7 12:00pm - Icon Writing 12:00pm - <i>Narnia</i> Rehearsals
8 8am- HE Rite I 9am - HE Rite II 10am - Adult Forum, Sunday School, The 10 Spot 11am - HE Rite II 5:00pm - <i>Narnia</i> Rehearsals	9 7:30pm - Finance Committee Meeting 6:00pm - <i>Narnia Rehearsal</i> 7:30pm - Prayer Group	10 6:00pm - <i>Narnia Rehearsal</i> 6:30 pm - Region 3 Lenten Program (St. John's)	11 10:00am - Bible Study 5:30pm - Handbell I Choir Practice 6:30pm - Handbell II Choir Practice 7:30 pm - Adult Choir Practice	12 10:00am - Thursday Ears 6:00pm - <i>Narnia</i> Dress Rehearsal 8:00pm - Trivium Bare Bible Study	13 7:30am - Women's Bible Study 11:00am- Meals on Wheels 7:30pm - Youth Performance of <i>Narnia</i>	14 12:00pm- Icon Writing 7:30pm - Youth Performance of <i>Narnia</i>
15 8am - HE Rite I 9am - HE Rite II 10am - Adult Forum 11am - HE Rite II 3:00pm - Youth Performance of <i>Narnia</i>	16	17 6:30 pm - Region 3 Lenten Program (St. George's)	18 10:00am - Bible Study 5:30pm - Handbell I Choir Practice 6:30pm - Handbell II Choir Practice 7:00pm - Vestry 7:30 pm - Adult Choir Practice	19 10:00am - Thursday Ears	20 7:30am - Women's Bible Study	21 12:00pm - Icon Writing
22 8am - HE Rite I 9am - HE Rite II 10am - Adult Forum, Sunday School, The 10 Spot 11am - HE Rite II	23 7:30pm - Prayer Group	24 6:30pm - Region 3 Lenten Program (St. Andrew's)	25 10:00am - Bible Study 5:30pm - Handbell I Choir Practice 6:30pm - Handbell II Choir Practice 7:30 pm - Adult Choir Practice	26 10:00am - Thursday Ears 6:00pm - Trivium After Work	27 7:30am - Women's Bible Study	28 9:00am - Lenten Quiet Day 12:00pm - Icon Writing
29 8am - HE Rite I 9am - HE Rite II 10am - Adult Forum, Sunday School, The 10 Spot 11am - HE Rite II	30	31 6:30pm - Region 3 Lenten Program (Trinity)	<h1>MARCH 2009</h1>			