

# News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

## Adult Forums

**Sunday, February 26, 10:45am - Burns Hall**

**Peter Vanderveen**

**FASTING**

Let's be honest: no one really gets excited about fasting. It's not something passionately pursued. Fasting is considered a discipline, or maybe even an obligation or an imposition or a sacrifice or a deprivation. It's the B side of the record that helps you realize just how great the A side is. But this is to misunderstand fasting from the very start. For fasting is actually a form of feasting. Wouldn't this be a good way to begin.



**Sunday, March 5, 10:45am - Burns Hall**

**Father Stephen N. DeWitt**

Franciscan Friar, Catholic Priest, and Licensed Social Worker, Father DeWitt lives and works at St. Francis Inn in Kensington. Fr. Stephen will speak to us on the topic of fasting from a Catholic perspective as well as how it pertains to the largely unhoused population he works with at St. Francis Inn.

## New Coffee Hour Offerings

**There are now two locations:**

directly inside the Parish House entrance (gathering space) and in the hallway outside the kitchen. It is our hope that those who wish to attend the Adult Forum in Burns Hall will collect food by the kitchen and enter the Forum. If not, we hope you'll continue with fellowship and food in the gathering space and Clothier Room.

## Save The Date

**Sunday, March 12**

We will fête Michael Diorio following the 9:30am service as he departs for new ventures. Later that day at 5:00pm the Music Series continues with an all-Mozart concert featuring the choirs performing the Coronation Mass and the Piano Concerto in A played by Alexander Leonardi and all conducted by Michael Diorio. A reception follows the concert.

## Sunday February 26

*The First Sunday in Lent*

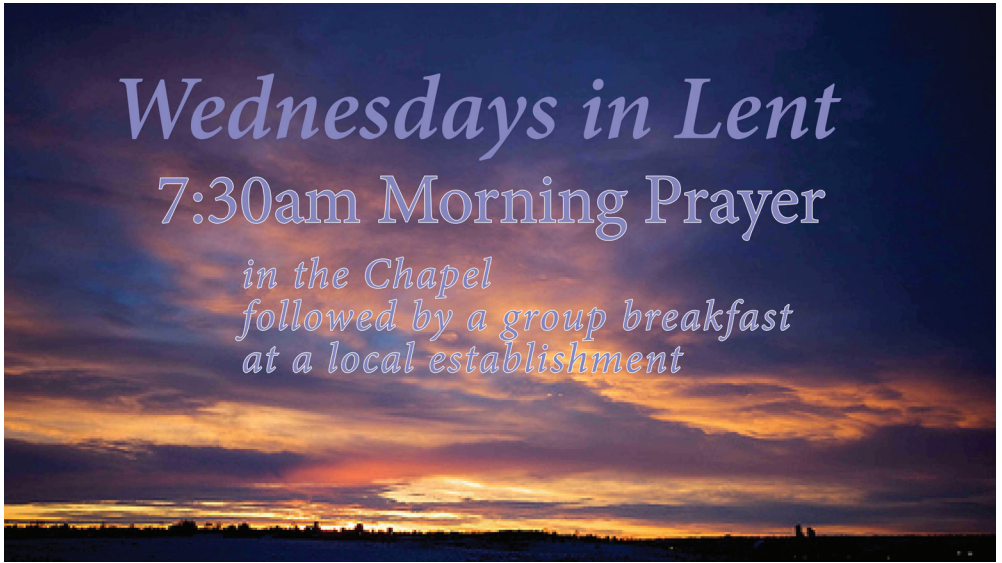
8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	Church
9:15am	Nursery.....	Rm 208
9:30am	Choral Matins .....	Church & via Livestream
10:30am	RYG @ St. Francis Inn.....	Youth Cottage
10:30am	Lower Elementary .....	Rm 215
10:30am	Upper School (Grades 4-7).....	Rm 217
10:30am	Preschool.....	Rm 221
10:40am	Coffee Hour.....	Burns Hall
10:45am	Confirmation Class.....	Hospitality Suite
10:45am	Adult Forum .....	Burns Hall + Livestream
4:00pm	RYG .....	Youth Cottage

## Weekly Wednesday Morning Prayer

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### **Beginning March 1 at 7:30am**

Join us as we gather in the Church Chapel for weekly Morning Prayer together throughout Lent. Following the service, you are invited to join the group for breakfast together at a local establishment, to be determined.



## OPPORTUNITIES

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### Parents Group

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#### **Sunday, March 5pm, Burns Hall**

Parents, please join us for a discussion on the intersection of faith and mental health in our children and youth. Rebecca, Tory, and Winnie have observed an increase in anxiety and depression among our youngest members and know how taxing this is on parents and families. With the help of a licensed adolescent therapist, we will discuss what we're all seeing, how parents are feeling, and what role we all might be able to play in helping students cope. Please plan to attend this important and timely meeting.

### Wednesday Parish Dinners - JOIN US

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Please join us for Parish Dinner on Wednesday nights from 6p-7p. What started as a potluck community dinner for choir members and families is now open to the entire Parish. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together for a midweek feast as a community. We encourage parish and choir members to bring their families and friends to join in this weekly dinner gathering. In general, this is an informal potluck dinner, however on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, we will invite everyone to participate in BINGO night as well!

No dinner plans? No problem. Come to dinner at the parish house!

Eating alone? No problem. Come dine with your parish community!

Love to cook? Perfect! Sign up to make a meal!

Not a great cook, but love to clean? Perfect! Sign up to help with clean up!

Busy schedule and no time to cook? No problem! Stop by for a delicious home cooked meal with no prep or clean up needed.


Signups available at: [www.TheRedeemer.org/RSVP](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/RSVP)

### Join the Painting Circle

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#### **Tuesdays 9am to 5pm in the Parish House Hospitality Suite**

Parishioners are invited to come and be creative with The Painting Circle on Tuesdays any time 9am to 5pm. Watercolor is the preferred medium. No acrylics. There is no teacher. Everyone works on their own project. Bring your lunch & liquids & a cloth to cover your table if you have one. There is refrigeration and a microwave. All artistic experience levels are welcome. For more information, email Mimi Johnson [artistmimi@hotmail.com](mailto:artistmimi@hotmail.com) or Bunny Coates [ebhcoates@comcast.net](mailto:ebhcoates@comcast.net)



## MUSIC AT THE REDEEMER

ENGAGING COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC, SONG AND EDUCATION.  
Church of the Redeemer - 230 Pennswood Road, Bryn Mawr, PA

**A Festive Mozart Concert followed by  
a fully catered reception**

**Sunday, March 12 at 5:00pm**

\$50 per ticket \$10 for children 12-16, free admission for children under 12.

Conducted by Michael Diorio, Alexander Leonardi plays the 23rd piano  
concerto in A major, followed by the beloved "Coronation" Mass in C,  
featuring the choirs and staff singer soloists of The Redeemer, and orchestra  
members from the Academy of Vocal Arts Opera Orchestra.

For tickets and more information visit [www.TheRedeemer.org/musicseries](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/musicseries)  
or call The Redeemer Music Office at 610.525.2486, x. 22

### DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, now that the active phase of the 2023 Stewardship campaign has come to a close, this weekly column is excited to feature different areas of our parish life and community? Stewardship makes everything possible, both within the Church, and into the community, through outreach and fellowship. Stay tuned to see how the collective support of many generations, past and present, created the Redeemer of today.



[Pledge Now](#)

*... Now that's Ministry and your Stewardship makes it happen!*

## Outdoor Benches Around the Parish House

We're pleased to report that all eight benches are spoken for. We hope to have them in place by early spring for all to enjoy. Thank you!

### OUTREACH MATTERS

## IHN Guests Return

Our Interfaith Hospitality Network host week is March 19-26 in the Parish House! We are thrilled to be hosting in person – to be able to relate to our guests, who are our neighbors, face to face. Providing a meal, eating dinner together, taking time for conversation, staying overnight, setting up or taking down beds, or supplying basic groceries are ways for parishioners of all ages to participate. Those who give also receive; it's a win-win experience. Watch for sign-up information next week.

## Help For Turkey & Syria Earthquake Victims

Episcopal Relief & Development is mobilizing with long-term partners after a 7.8-magnitude earthquake in Turkey and Syria. The earthquake killed thousands and caused widespread damage across the region. Working through Action by Churches Together Alliance (ACT Alliance), Episcopal Relief & Development is rapidly responding to the disaster through existing networks by providing supplies including winterization kits, hot meals and other food, medicine and emergency support. Please continue to pray for those who have been affected by the earthquake. Donations to the Turkey and Syria Earthquake Response Fund will help the organization to continue to respond to communities impacted by this disaster. <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/syria-turkey-earthquake>

## Have A Heart - African Children's Mission Annual Appeal

Every year we appeal to your **HEART** around Valentine's Day to support our friends in Malawi. This year we will focus on the **accessibility and staffing of health clinics** whose infrastructure system and resources are not sufficient enough.

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The Mission of the Church of the Redeemer is to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. As an open and welcoming Episcopal community, we worship, learn and grow together, supporting each other and our world through the generous and creative use of God's gifts.

## NEW TO THIS COMMUNITY?

**We're glad you're here!** We'd like to get to know you. Please sign the guest book on the podium in the Church entrance way or fill out one of the cards in the pew. We will be in touch.

### **Worshiping in the time of COVID-19.**

Mask wearing is now optional. If you wish to partake of the wine at Communion, do so by intinction, dipping the host in the wine.

**Many of us here today were not raised in The Episcopal Church,** but have found in this parish a source of spiritual growth. If you might like to join this congregation or come seeking prayer or guidance, please speak to one of the clergy or call the office at 610-525-2486.

**For young children,** we offer a worship tote bag filled with materials meant to enhance their sense of worship and help them process new prayers, scriptures and hymns. Pick one up in the narthex.

**Restrooms** are located through the large wooden door halfway down the left side aisle. Baby changing stations are in the handicap restroom off the left side aisle and in the hallway restroom behind the high altar.

### **Wi-Fi Access**

Choose: **COTR-Congregation**  
Password: **Redeemer1881**

**Best sources for information** on all our ministries are on our:

website (www.TheRedeemer.org),  
Facebook page (RedeemerBrynMawr),  
Twitter feed (@TheRedeemerPA) and  
Instagram (theredeemerpa).

**Submission guidelines and a submission form** for The News can be found at [www.TheRedeemer.org/the\\_news](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/the_news).

## ASK AN USHER

- For hearing assistance devices
- For a card to drop in the offering plate if you give online

**Monday February 27***George Herbert, Priest & Poet, 1633*

8:00pm NA.....Masterman Hall

**Tuesday February 28***Anna Julia Haywood Cooper, Educator, 1964*

9:00am Painting Circle.....Hospitality Suite  
 3:30pm Waverly Eucharist.....Waverly  
 6:00pm Stewardship Committee.....Staff Conf Rm 204  
 7:00pm New Committee .....Rm 204  
 9:00pm Compline .....via Zoom

**Wednesday March 1***David of Wales, Bishop, c.544*

7:30am Morning Prayer.....Chapel  
 1:00pm Staff Meeting.....Rm 204  
 2:00pm Reserved.....Raymond Library  
 2:00pm Liturgy Meeting.....Rm 204  
 5:00pm Chorister Rehearsal.....Choir Rm  
 5:00pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal.....Rm 221  
 6:00pm Mid-Week Parish Supper.....Burns Hall  
 6:45pm Schola & Redeemer Choir Rehearsal.....Church

**Thursday March 2***Chad of Lichfield, Bishop, 672*

7:30am Men's Bible Study.....Rm 125  
 12:00pm Women Exploring Scripture.....Raymond Library & Zoom Meeting  
 1:00pm Formation Meeting.....Rm 204  
 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous.....Masterman Hall  
 9:00pm Compline .....via Zoom

**Friday March 3***John & Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791,1788*

9:00am Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....Church  
 5:30pm Prysm Prep.....Rm 208, Rm 217  
 5:30pm Prysm.....Masterman, Hospitality Suite  
 5:30pm Prysm YA.....Rm 221, Rm 215

**Saturday March 4**

9:00am Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....Church  
 10:30am Organ practice.....Church

**Sunday March 5***The Second Sunday in Lent*

8:00am Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....Church  
 9:15am Nursery.....Rm 208  
 9:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II.....Church + Livestream  
 10:30am Upper School (Grades 4-7).....Rm 217  
 10:30am Lower Elementary.....Rm 215  
 10:30am Preschool.....Rm 221  
 10:40am Coffee Hour.....Gathering Space & Burns Hall  
 10:45am Confirmation Class.....Hospitality Suite  
 10:45am Adult Forum.....Burns Hall + Livestream  
 4:00pm RYG.....Youth Cottage  
 4:00pm Choral Evensong.....Church  
 5:00pm Parents Group.....Burns Hall

*Up-to-date calendar always available on [www.TheRedeemer.org/calendar](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/calendar)  
 All Zoom meeting links are there as well.*



## IN OUR PRAYERS

- For those who are sick or in need:

Kent	Janet Harvey	Fran Northrup
Tim & Deb	Meg Curry	Joan
Sara Farwell	Louise Marx	Monica Hackett
Jean Murdock	Irene	Jeffrey
Mimi Johnson	Dana	John
Virginia Simpson	Barbara	Rebecca Clothier Case
Lou Russo	Gene	
Pierce Archer	Chris McCleary	

- For the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.
- For our brothers and sisters in Malawi affected by HIV/AIDS.
- For those fleeing from devastation in their countries of origin.
- For the victims of violence in this country and throughout the world, especially Ukraine.
- For those who have died and the victims of gun violence throughout this country.

If you know a parishioner who needs pastoral care or could use a visit, please contact Peter Vanderveen-pvanderveen@theredeemer.org or ext. 17, Jo Ann Jones-jjones@theredeemer.org or ext. 16, or any member of the Pastoral Care Committee.

To add names or thanksgivings to the prayer list, use the online form at: [www.TheRedeemer.org/pastoral\\_care](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/pastoral_care) or contact Jo Ann Jones; [jjones@theredeemer.org](mailto:jjones@theredeemer.org)

## CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Lesson of the Day

#### The Season of Lent

#### Preschool - Rm 221 (age 3 to Kindergarten)

We invite the children to help “Bury the Alleluia.” The catechists and children will decorate an “Alleluia” banner and then put it away until Easter. This is one small way of acquainting the children with the custom of not speaking or singing “Alleluia” during Lent.

#### Lower Elementary - Rm 215 (grades 1 to 3)

This week the children will explore Lent as the season when we prepare for Easter. Lent is a solemn time of reflection in which we explore both the limits of our humanity and the greatness of Christ’s sacrifice. Together we will explore ways in which Lent prepares us to remember the Mystery of Easter.

#### Upper School - Rm 217 (grades 4 thru 7)

Today we will spend the morning exploring the significance of Lent within the Church calendar and our own lives. Specifically we will examine how we can use the 6 weeks of Lent to prepare us to embrace the Mystery of Easter.

#### Confirmation - Hospitality Suite

We will meet this week and discuss outreach programs at Redeemer as we continue figuring out what our service project will be!

#### Redeemer Youth Group - Youth Cottage

RYG will be meeting this Sunday from 4-6 pm in the cottage. We will be playing some fun games, discussing Lent and making dinner. Please join us!

## WAYS TO GIVE



Via Text



Via Venmo



Via PayPal



All Options