



FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK: The Basement of Lent

Dear Friends in Christ;

I was looking at the stretch of purple that is facing us from Ash Wednesday at the beginning of February until Easter in the third week in March, and two things occurred to me: One, it's too *early*.

And Two: it's too *short*.

I know I may be in a minority, but I actually like Lent. It is a sort of concentrated run at the Christian life, a time when we can really focus on what is getting in the way between us and God, and receive the help of the whole Church, in paradise and on earth, to clear out a lot of old sin and distraction.

Yes, sin. Before it got skittish about the "S" word, the Church used to make a distinction between *mortal* and *venial* sin, that is the kind that can kill your soul in a heartbeat versus the kind that just drags you down slowly one ounce at a time. Mortal, or deadly, sins were catalogued in a handy list of seven. Venial sins were numberless. Cataloguing those was such a bore that even Vatican lawyers gave up on the project. A friend of mine who grew up in parochial schools tells me he used to add the sin of lying in his confession to cover all the things he had done but just didn't have the patience or focus to itemize to a priest.

The problem of our smaller sins makes me think of my basement. In the fall, we had an open house for newcomers at the Rectory. I was glad to welcome everyone to wander from room to room in this wonderful house, but I did not lead a tour of the basement. Were you to go down there, here is a partial catalogue of what you would find: miscellaneous dysfunctional camping equipment, some of it in boxes. Two incomplete sets of golf clubs. One bin containing *single* gloves and ski socks (the remainder of the pair having gone missing). A whole carton of broken fishing rods (why I keep them, I do not know). Assorted accessories belonging to pets and cars we no longer own. Old Christmas cards mixed with Federal income tax returns, filed non-sequentially, beginning sometime in the Carter administration. Etc.

Now, I am going to get rid of this stuff this spring. No, really, I *am*. I have already circled the weekend on the calendar (if I could only *find* my calendar), I have help lined up, and I am going to do it. I expect to be able to host a dinner party down there in time for Flag Day.

Not to trivialize the serious work of repentance, but Lent is a bit like cleaning out the basement. The small stuff gets to us eventually, you see, just by its sheer quantity. And oddly enough it is connected by subtle cords to the larger things that go wrong with our lives. Sometimes when we begin with an annoyance, we can trace it back to a grief, or a small sin of impatience can lead us to its larger source in pride. It doesn't take a lot of labor to get there, just a little time, a little prayer, some sincere reflection, a little help from the Spirit, from a whole season set aside for just this work, and from the Church gathered in worship of the One who by his grace is able to present us whole and sound before the Throne of God. In this case, he does the cleaning: we just invite him downstairs.

The end of repentance is glory. God wants to fill us with such joy in him that even the small encounters and ordinary events of our lives are turned to occasions of wonder and blessing. That is why focusing on matters of less apparent gravity can be very fruitful. It is hard for me to get a handle on something as big as my pride. Being late for appointments, however, is a concrete and particular failing that I *can* grasp, though its source is in something larger. So I ask God's help for both, punctuality and pride, knowing that as he works on one, the other will also yield, and the clock will become a measure of blessing rather than an instrument of anxiety.

May we all have a marvelous and holy season of the Cross, and see the blessing daily, as we walk this path together toward the splendor of our Lord's Resurrection.

Faithfully in Christ,

Dorsey+

P.S. Many of you already know the Reverend Sheela Jeyaraj, her husband Daniel, and her daughters Ruth, Rebecca and Elizabeth, who have been members of the Redeemer for some time. Sheela is a priest in the Church of South India, and is licensed in the Diocese of Massachusetts. Her husband, also a priest, is currently Professor of Missions and World Christianity at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary. Sheela will be helping us here, celebrating and preaching occasionally, and ministering in our Children's Chapel. I know you will join me in warmly welcoming her.

FROM THE CURATE

Dear Friends;

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and prayers during my ordination and first Eucharist and Baptism. You have all been such a blessing to me, and I consider myself fortunate to be serving in such a warm parish community. I was moved by your generosity of spirit and thank you for inviting me into your church. Dorsey mentioned in his sermon my thoughts from my ordination experience, so I would like to pause for a moment and share with you the experience of my first celebration at the 10:30 Eucharist.

That Sunday morning I awoke very early, too nervous and excited to sleep. After getting dressed, I prayed to God for guidance. I asked the Lord to be with the parish and with me, and I asked God how I should proceed through that day. The Eucharist is very important to me, as I know it is for you, and I did not want to interfere in the worship of the parish by doing something incorrectly. During my practice mass I repeatedly used the words of institution (This is my body...) in Rite I language instead of Rite II. I also tended to shake too much. That morning, all of this was running through my head. In prayer, however, I was given a clear message – I was to celebrate the Eucharist prayerfully. As long as I was really praying, everything would be fine. I then became less anxious.

This experience made me again realize that my life is to be a life of prayer. Not just the type of prayer one says on one's knees, but a living, breathing prayer as I live my life. I will not always live up to Paul's command to pray without ceasing, but that is the life toward which I am being called. Paul also describes humanity as being broken clay jars. I certainly am no better just because I am a priest, and that is why all of your prayers are so necessary for me to have the strength to live the life I am called to live.

In Dorsey's sermon that day, he rightly preached that the church bestows the authority given to me. This means each and every parishioner in this church grants me the authority to be a priest. This theology was beautifully illustrated when all of the children of the church school came forward to clothe me in the vesture of the priestly office. All of you including the children have granted me this right, and I am your grateful servant.

In this new office, I have vowed to study the scripture, to preside over the sacraments, and, most importantly, I will keep all of you in my prayers public and private. I know that all of you are also broken clay vessels seeking to live a good life in Christ. I will do all in my power to lovingly help you grow in Christ, as you sustain my ministry through your prayerful actions. The spirit is moving in our lives, and I am excited and hopeful for our future ministries.

Yours in Christ,

Marc

VESTRY NOTES

At its meeting on January 15th, the Vestry received a report on the endowment from Steve Mead, chair of the Investment Committee. At the end of 2007, the endowment was valued at \$7.279 million, up 6.19% from last year. This included bequests, gifts, and reimbursements to the endowment of \$10,975. 57% of the endowment is currently invested in equities with 39% in fixed income and 4% in cash. This represents, from 2006 to 2007, a 6% shift of investments from equities to fixed income. 71.8% of the equities are currently in U.S. mutual funds and 28.2% are in international mutual funds. During the year, \$71,178.95 funded capital improvements, the building reserve, and the organ fund. Many thanks were expressed for the wonderful job Steve and the Investment Committee do overseeing the parish's endowment.

As Diocesan delegate, Steve also reported on the Diocesan Convention and the current mission of the Diocese. He reviewed the mission strategy of the Diocese as formulated in 2003. The emphasis is on evangelism and stewardship, namely 'inviting, forming, sending, serving'. Steve felt the emphasis at the Convention was on mission as well as the health of the Diocese and the vitality and viability of its parishes. Currently there are only thirty parishes that are paying Diocesan assessments of \$50,000 or more and 98 parishes who are paying less than \$20,000 each.

Many thanks were expressed for the fabulous Christmas services that took place at the Church of the Redeemer in December. As a result of the congregation's generosity, the Christmas Offering to Pilgrim-Uganda totaled \$12,856.36. With the addition of the children's chapel offering of \$155.57, the Redeemer's gift totaled \$13,011.93.

Many thanks were also given to the Church Service League and Erik Britt-Webb for their help in upgrading the church's computer system. This was a much needed and overdue occurrence, which is very much appreciated by the staff and will greatly improve the functioning of the office.

Congratulations and best wishes were offered to the Rev. Marc Eames, who was ordained to the priesthood on January 5th. On the following day at the Redeemer, he celebrated his first Eucharist as well as his first baptism and received a gift from the parish of a stole and chasuble.

Marc reported to the Vestry on the youth program, talking about what had been tried both successfully and not so successfully. There will be house meetings this winter to try to

ascertain what kind of offerings would be most productive for our youth going forward. There is also a gulf coast mission trip being planned for this summer.

The Vestry then discussed the upcoming visitation of Bishop Shaw on February 10th and how they might best use their time with him. He has expressed an interest in talking about Vitality, Viability and Mutuality.

It was also announced that, as of January 1st, Mary Reynders has agreed to be our permanent Youth Choir Director and a paid member of our staff. We are most fortunate to have her working with our children, and are delighted that she has accepted this position.

Finally, many thanks were given to the retiring members of the Vestry: Charlie Kline, Peter Coffin, Gene Dahmen, Marion Haffenreffer, Steve Hill, Jim Napier, Cotty Peabody, and Mary Reynders (who resigned in September when she agreed to be our Interim Youth Choir Director). The parish has been most fortunate to have had all of these people serving on the Vestry, and they will be greatly missed. They have devoted many hours to the life of this church, and we are most grateful for their wise, caring, and thoughtful leadership.

The office will be closed Monday, February 18th in observance of Presidents' Day.

ANNUAL MEETING

All parishioners are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting of the Church of the Redeemer following the 10:30 am service on Sunday, February 3rd.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Share good cheer and fun!
Join us for our annual pancake supper.

When: Tuesday February 5th

Time: 5:30 pm

Where: Parish Hall

Sign up sheet is located outside the Rector's Office.

Ash Wednesday

February 6, 2008

8:30 am – Holy Eucharist Healing Service with ashes

12:00 noon - Ash Wednesday Liturgy

7:30 pm – Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Sunday, February 10th

VISITATION OF THE PARISH BY BISHOP M. THOMAS SHAW SSJE

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

11:30 am Coffee Hour and Visitation of the Church School by Bishop Shaw

11:45 am Forum with the Congregation in the Parish Hall

12:30 pm Vestry Luncheon with Bishop Shaw

HOUSE MEETINGS BEGIN

Please look for your invitation to the House Meetings that begin this month. These meetings are centered on building Family Ministry. We encourage everyone to participate. The meetings are a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and to share our stories. The experiences that we share will help us build a ministry in which we all can contribute and support. At the end of this round of House Meetings we will gather together as a parish community and discuss the results. From these follow-up meetings, our new family ministry will arise. The meetings will be fun and thought provoking. Please join us.

Monday, February 4	7:00 pm	Stanbury
Monday, February 11	7:00 pm	Mathews
Sunday, March 2	6:00 pm	Gangemi
Sunday, March 9	6:00 pm	Grandin

Lenten Series 2008

What is sin? How can it be Good News? In these days of constant C-SPAN and MTV, how do I know what is right or wrong, and how right or wrong is it? What difference does a “small decision” make in my life, my work, the lives of my family and co-workers?

Welcome to **“The Seven Deadly Sins: a Consumer’s Guide”**. The series will explore the spiritual, emotional, psychological and physiological ramifications of the seven great sins, and their corresponding virtues. Led by the Rector, the series will incorporate guest appearances by more than one expert in the field of sin, and will also use excerpts from film, literature, and music to explore the shadow and light of our common soul. Five Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall from February 13th through March 12th, 2008.



Choral Evensong

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH
5:00PM

Chamber Choir of the Church of the Redeemer
Michael S. Murray, *Organist & Choirmaster*

*Featuring music by William Byrd, Smith of Durham, Arvo Pärt,
Gustav Holst, Samuel Barber, and Johann Sebastian Bach.*



DONATIONS FOR EASTER LILIES

It has been an Easter-time tradition at the Redeemer to give donations towards the Altar Lilies as a way of remembering those who are special to us. The Altar Guild invites all parishioners to contribute to the Church's Easter lilies either "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving for" their loved ones. Names will be recorded in calligraphy in the church's Book of Remembrance, which is on display during the year in the bookcase in the Narthex. Checks payable to the Church of the Redeemer Altar Guild may be sent in any amount to Mrs. Nina Moriarty, 214 Heath Street, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467. Please list names exactly as you would like them to appear in the Book of Remembrance.

GROUNDS

Weld House Garden Rejuvenation Project

The Grounds Committee is very excited about a new plan for plantings at the back entrance of Weld House. As you may have noticed, a portion of the bed in front of the entrance was claimed last summer in order to expand the parking lot. In addition, the old plantings had become quite overgrown and ugly, and several of the yews could even be considered safety hazards (providing someone a place to hide).

The new plan, which entails the planting of several pink flowering dogwood trees, a number of rhododendrons and hollies, and a border of boxwoods, should truly enhance the back entrance of our church building. It will be on exhibit in the parish hall in February (and possibly late January), at which time we are also hoping that parishioners will consider helping with the project by giving plants in memory of or in honor of their loved ones. While the Grounds Committee has some money in its budget for this project, there is not enough to fund it completely. Your gifts will help to make the garden a reality and will be a lasting tribute to those whom you cherish. Gifts can be made in varying amounts and will be greatly appreciated.

**February 15th is the deadline for the
March Redeemer News**



If you have recently moved, changed phone numbers or any other contact information, please call or e-mail the church office so that we may update the Parish Directory.

CHURCH SERVICE LEAGUE

The Church Service League invites you to the annual Christmas Market and Auction Luncheon. This year it will be held at the home of Charlotte Kline on Monday, February 4th. A short meeting begins at 11 am with luncheon to follow. It is a time to give thanks for all we have been generously given through this year's event, to generate future possibilities, and to welcome new parishioners who might like to know more about us. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend. RSVP to janebmetcalf@comcast.net or charlottekline@gmail.com. We hope you can join us; we would enjoy having you there.

There are some upcoming events in February. The Pancake Supper for Shrove Tuesday is February 5th in the Parish Hall at 5:30 pm. Wolfie and Esmerelda are making special appearances. It is a great event for all parishioners; you are all invited. Then there is the Lenten Series which is on four consecutive Wednesdays- February 13th, 20th, and 27th, and March 5th. Dorsey and Betsy McConnell will lead the always informative discussions. The CSL serves a light supper at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall; the series follows. If you would like to help our team leader Lisa Farber with one of these suppers, please contact either Lisa at farmince@aol.com or Jane at janebmetcalf@comcast.net. You can also indicate your interest on the sign up sheets outside the Rector's office and we will contact you. We hope to see you there for these lively evenings.

The CSL Meeting on March 4th will be held at 9 am in the Tripp Room. All women of the parish are invited.

UNITED THANK OFFERING



SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND, 2008

The mission of the United Thank Offering (UTO) is to expand the circle of thankful people. When you give, you tell and show God that you are thankful.

We encourage everyone to contribute to the UTO. Your offerings will be combined with the coins and dollars of children, adults and grandparents from the Church of the Redeemer and other congregations. Each year the gifts total nearly \$3million and are given away in the form of grants to support important ministries in the USA and overseas as an outreach of the Episcopal Church.

What kind of things does the UTO fund?

- Refurbish a small church kitchen in Nebraska, enhancing service to the community through meals and a food bank
- Support a summer urban youth camp serving disadvantaged youth in New Jersey
- Grants to the Diocese of Louisiana for projects related to rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina
- Fund motorcycles for clergy and lay workers engaged in ministry in distant places in Sri Lanka

Please consider making an offering to support this worthwhile organization. Envelopes are available in the Narthex and will be handed out at the morning service on Sunday, March 2^{cd}. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Linda Conway.

Church School News

Epiphany was a celebration! Marc taught us many more interesting facts about the magi and their visit to the Christ child during an all-grade chapel and then they experienced burning Frankincense and Myrrh. Each class had a special King's cake with a hidden baby Jesus inside and 4 lucky children went home as the King or The Queen for the day.

The church school studied John the Baptist and came upstairs to witness the baptism. Children of all ages are always touched while watching someone new be baptized and welcomed into our church family.

FEBRUARY

There have been wonderful responses to our appeal for more volunteer teachers. Thank you, Thank you to all who have signed up. Here is the schedule:

- February 3- church school and chapel*
- February 5- Pancake Supper on Tuesday night*
- February 10- church school with a very special visit from Bishop Shaw!*
- February 17- There is no church school or childcare*
- February 24- All Parish Eucharist*

Please thank our January teachers: Teresa Chope, Martha Gangemi, Christa Hawkins, Ginny Wilmerding, Zibky Pyle, and Malcolm Baker

REDEEMER YOUTH CHOIR

New members are always welcome any time of the year all year long! If your child would like to give Youth Choir a try, please come and sing with us on Sunday mornings at 9:30am -10:15am downstairs in the Church School classroom area. No experience is necessary ☺The children are having a fabulous year! We have lots of fun and we do lots of great singing.

It's such a wonderful experience for the children to rehearse and prepare a Musical Offering. To be able to contribute in such a valuable way to the service while having fun and forming friendships all at the same time makes for a happy crew.

The children will be singing at the following Family All Parish Eucharists:

February 24th

March 23rd

April 27th

May 18th

I am so grateful for all the young voices who gather on Sunday mornings! It's a fabulous way to start the morning and the week!

Thank you to all the parents for your kindness and support!

See you Sunday!

Many thanks & Blessings,

Mary Reynders

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday Morning Bible Study

The 6th and 7th grade Bible Study will meet twice in February on the 3rd and the 24th at 9:50. The Bible study will be looking at the Book of Joshua. I thank the Bible Study for all their great work during the month of January. Having just finished our John the Baptist skit, we will be settling down this month into our usual pattern of Bible Study followed by a fun Bible game. We will lead off the month by playing Bible Pictionary, which has become a Bible Study favorite. New students are always encouraged to join the Bible Study.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Confirmation Class's next few meetings will transition from the Nicene Creed over to the Sacraments and liturgy. We will begin on Sunday, February 3rd by finishing our conversation about the creed. Having talked about the first person of the Trinity in January, we will move on to the Son and the Spirit. This class will be followed by the first mandatory liturgy of the year: Ash Wednesday, which is February 6th. We will discuss this ancient liturgy and begin to talk about the sacraments on Sunday, March 2nd. The Confirmation Class will also join in the conversation with the High School Students concerning the Youth Sunday liturgy. Lastly, the Confirmation Class will take part in its first pure fun activity of the year at MetroRock, which is an indoor rock climbing gym. This team building experience will take place on Saturday February 9th.

FAMILY MISSION TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS

From the Curate:

The Church of the Redeemer will be heading to the Big Easy to partake in vital mission work in the devastated Gulf Coast region. I have been down to the Gulf Coast for a total of a month over three occasions since Katrina, and there is still an overwhelming amount of ministry to do in the area. The trip will begin on June 24th and we will be returning on July 2nd. I will talk about what we are planning for the trip, and share some of my own experiences of the Gulf Coast during a parish forum on Sunday, February 24th after the 10:30 Eucharist. This will be a family mission trip; children, teens, and adults are invited to come along. Young children can attend with their parents, and youth from the eighth grade up are encouraged to attend if their parents are able to come or not. Adults without children are also encouraged to come along. Those who are handy are especially needed, but this is not a requirement for participation. On the trip, we will be helping the people of the devastated 9th Ward in New Orleans rebuild their communities. Jobs range in difficulty from heavy construction to passing out food, and bringing water to neighbors and workers. Please let me know if you would like more information about the trip, and please join me on February 24th.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

*"...we will take heart for the future
Remembering the Past." T. S. Eliot*

TWENTY CURATES, ASSISTANTS TO THE RECTOR

Marc G. Eames is **Number 20** in a long line of assistants to the Rectors of the Church of the Redeemer. Our first Associate Rector, Stephen V Bowman, was hired in 1949 to assist in a missionary project in conjunction with the Massachusetts council of Churches and with support from the Diocese. Since that time several curates have been ordained to the priesthood during the first few month of their appointments here at the Church of the Redeemer (among them Tim Crellin and Craig Swan). They celebrated their first Eucharist here at Redeemer, as did Marc this past January 13th.

In 1950, when Bowman was to leave and another person hired, the Vestry seems to have been concerned about titles for the Rector's assistant. Charles F. Rowley, a member of the Vestry, wrote to Stoughton Bell, Chancellor of the Episcopal Church for clarification. (Of note, Stoughton Bell was the son of Matthew D. S. Bell, first Senior Warden of the Church of the Redeemer (1890-1892) and on the Executive Committee of the St. Andrew's Association from our founding until 1890). Bell's letter to Rowley stated, "I do not find the title Associate Rector in any of the Canons of the Church. I do find the title Assistant Rector, but I do not find a definition of their duties....There is but one head to the Parish, and that is the Rector."

By 1958 the title generally used was Curate and often Assistant Rector. By that time, too, descriptions for assisting clergy were given general guidelines, but not position descriptions. In general, curates and Assistant Rectors have worked with the youth of the Parish. Each person has brought their own special talents to that work and have become increasingly involved in the life of the parish and in following their vocation. **Number 20** joins an impressive group of curates and assistants to the Rector of the Church of the Redeemer.

-Jody Castello

SERVICE ASSISTANTS' SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2008

<p>Sunday, February 3rd Morning Prayer</p>	<p>Server: TBD Acolytes: J. Forse, T. Grimes Lectors: P. Burnham, E. Maynard Ushers: G. Beal (Head Usher), C. Cooney, J. Marenghi, P. Reiser Greeter: D. Tucker, L. Dahmen</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 6th Ash Wednesday, 12:00 pm</p>	<p>Lectors: J. Castello, R. Foy LEM's: L. Doran Stern, S. Westcott</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 6th Ash Wednesday, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Lectors: A. Lee, L. Dahmen LEM's: L. Doran Stern, S. Westcott</p>
<p>Sunday, February 10th Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>Server: W. Paoella Acolytes: E. Brewster, B. Mills Lectors: E. Davis, T. Contos LEMs: D. Mills, J. Paoella Ushers: J. Marenghi (Head Usher), D. Brewster, C. Lewis, G. Mills Greeters: D. Tucker, L. Dahmen</p>
<p>Sunday, February 17th Choral Eucharist</p>	<p>Server: TBD Acolytes: T. Grimes, E. Cho Lectors: V. Perry, E. Grimes LEMs: M. Finley, L. Doran Stern Ushers: C. Lewis (Head Usher), P. Bianchi, D. Tucker, TBD Greeter: L. Dahmen</p>
<p>Sunday, February 24th All Parish Eucharist</p>	<p>Server: TBD Acolytes: T. Grimes, N. Cho Lector: Youth TBD LEMs: B. Reece, T. Allen Ushers: C. Cooney (Head Usher), M. Aylward, S. Hurlbut, P. Reiser Greeters: D. Mills, G. Mills</p>
<p>Sunday, February 24th Evensong, 5:00 pm</p>	<p>Lectors: G. Conway, L. Horst Usher: J. Grandin (Head Usher), M. Aylward Greeters: G. Murphy, K. Murphy</p>

If you are available to serve on any of the dates marked 'TBD', please contact the office!!

Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill, MA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Epiphany III 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Parish Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:50 AM APE Family Bible Study 10:30 AM All Parish Eucharist 10:30 AM NO Church School/Childcare provided 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 12:00 PM Youth Assistants' Meeting 4:00 PM Concert Series II	28	29 Clergy Conference	30 Clergy Conference 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Morning Prayer Healing Service	31 Clergy Conference 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study	1 4:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal	2 Family Ice Skating 4:30 PM Hawkey/Cooper Wedding
3 Annual Meeting Last Sunday after the Epiphany Transfiguration Sunday 9:00 AM Parish Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:50 AM Junior Youth Bible Study 10:30 AM Church School/Childcare Provided 10:30 AM Morning Prayer 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 4:30 PM Confirmation Class	4 11:00 AM Christmas Market thank you luncheon at the Klines' 7:00 PM House Meeting at the Stanburys'	5 Voting 5:30 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 7:00 PM New Vestry Orientation	6 Ash Wednesday 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist with Ashes and Healing 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service	7 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:15 PM Investment Committee	8	9 12:00 PM Confirmation Class - MetroRock
10 Lent I Parish Visitation by Bishop Shaw 9:00 AM Parish Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Church School/Childcare Provided 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30 AM Bishop Visits Church School 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:45 AM Parish Forum with Bishop 12:30 PM Vestry Lunch with the Bishop	11 7:00 PM House Meeting - Mathews	12 9:30 AM Church School Committee 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Worship Committee 7:30 PM Vestry	13 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Morning Prayer Healing Service 6:30 PM Lenten Series	14 Valentine's Day 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study	15 REDEEMER NEWS DEADLINE	16
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24 Lent III 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Parish Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:50 AM APE Family Bible Study 10:30 AM All Parish Eucharist 10:30 AM NO Church School/Childcare Provided 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 12:00 PM New Orleans Mission Trip Informational Meeting 3:30 PM Chamber Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM Evensong	25	26 11:30 AM Holy Eucharist at Fox Hill 12:00 PM Lunch at Fox Hill 7:30 PM Outreach	27 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Morning Prayer Healing Service 6:30 PM Lenten Series	28 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study	29 8:00 PM Worcester Opera	1

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