

PARISH UPDATE

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NEWS & NOTES

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

- 1..... Patricia Lane
- 2..... Jason Wiggins
- 3..... Michael Klym
- 7..... Jonathan Linebaugh
- 11..... Dorothy Saladiak
- 11..... Nick Wiggins
- 12..... Thomas Thullen
- 17..... Noah Ryan Jay
- 27..... Robert Workman

ANNIVERSARIES FOR MAY

- 12..... Frederick and Patricia Parker

Motorcycle Ride To Moraine To Honor Our Vets

PLUS

Bar-b-que Blowout
by Famous Dave's

SUNDAY MAY 25TH

Motorcycles Depart -12 noon
From

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR
2405 Clearview Drive
GLENSHAW, PA 15116
(Behind Rogers Elementary)
Church service - 11:00 am
(Everyone Welcome)

Bar-B-Que at Moraine State Park
North Shore McDaniel Pavilion #7

\$10 per adult (please call or email if
coming so we can plan)
412-486-5171 or office@
churchworthfinding.org

Shepherd's Heart Dinner and Worship Sunday May 11

The Church of Our Saviour will be providing the meal and worshipping with our brothers and sisters from Shepherd's Heart fellowship on Mother's Day. Many have signed up to provide and serve the meal for 200 people, some of them homeless. Bishop Duncan will be the Celebrant and preacher. Everyone is welcome. The team will leave the church parking lot at 4:30.

Parish Breakfast and Q & A on May 18th at 10:00 am

Everyone is invited to a light breakfast and possibly heavy discussion on the future of the church as we approach the Diocesan Convention in October. Everyone needs to be informed about what's going on so we can pray and find direction for the journey ahead.

NOTE:

Service times will change to 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. beginning on June 1.

Rector's Message:

More to Learn from History

Dear Friends,

Last month we revisited the tragic reign of Queen "Bloody Mary," the scorned daughter of Henry VIII who, upon taking the throne in 1553, set out with a vengeance to eradicate all vestiges of Protestantism, torturing and burning hundreds of the brightest and most faithful Bishops, Priests, and laity in the land, in an attempt to undo her father's evil deed and reunite the Church of England with Rome. The degree of her brutality was no doubt proportional to the deep seated bitterness and resentment bottled up inside her wounded and unrepentant heart. Ironically, the very men she extinguished, stood for the only message that could set her free, the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This month we're going to skip forward about 130 years, past the long reign of Elizabeth, past the rise of the Puritans and Oliver Cromwell, through the restoration of the Monarchy under Charles II, to the reign of King James II (1685-1688). Here we will focus on the one bright spot in an otherwise debase and religiously bankrupt rule. As Bishop and historian J.C. Ryle notes, James' short reign (3 years) contains more "disgraceful,... cruel, stupid, unjust, and tyrannical actions than any monarch, with the single exception of Bloody Mary." (JC Ryle, Light from Old Times).

The reason for this look at the vile era of James II is not to denounce the atrocities of ungodly leadership, but to highlight the heroics of a small band of Anglican believers, known as the "Seven Bishops" who, combined with the rise of public awareness and disgust, put a stop to the unbridled assault on true faith and cross-centered Christianity perpetrated by James.

To set the stage on just how bad the situation was under James, Ryle gives historical accounts of the onslaught by noting such incidents as the drowning of two faithful women who would not denounce Christ and conform to the state religion, the ruthless retaliation and execution of hundreds of protestants involved in Monmouth's Rebellion, and the despicable mock trial and imprisonment of aged puritan Richard Baxter.

When the destruction, by James, of all that was honorable and true in English Christianity seemed unstoppable, the evil king employed a plot that would ultimately be his undoing. Disguised as an offer of tolerance towards Puritans on one side and Roman Catholics on the other, James issued a declaration that required "toleration and liberty" for all forms of worship under the protection of the crown. Today the declaration would no doubt use the word "non-discrimination." While on the surface the declaration seemed like a humanitarian gesture of "inclusivity," the intent was to remove all puritan (read biblical) objections to the superstitious, corrupt form of Roman Catholicism that intoxicated James. And the Christian believers saw right through it.

The long version of the story is beautiful, but to make the long story short, two days before the Sunday that the Declaration was to be read in all churches, six bishops plus the Archbishop of Canterbury, drafted and signed a petition refusing, out of conscience and a dedication to the principles and theology of the Reformation (the gospel), to obey

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Calendar of Events

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

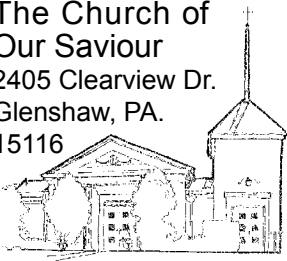
- Sunday9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 a.m. Adult Education
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service w/Sunday School
Family Service the first Sunday of the month w/o Sunday school
- Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Time
- Last Thursday of the Month..... Healing Service and Lunch 12:00 noon

SCHEDULE

- Sunday, May 4.....Deacon Shirley Morris from Hoima, Uganda
- Sunday, May 11 Shepherd's Heart
- Monday, May 12..... Vestry Meeting 7 p.m.
- Sunday, May 18..... Parish discussion & Light Breakfast 10 a.m.
- Thursday, May 29.....Healing Service and Lunch 12 noon
- Sunday, May 25.....Motorcycle Ride & Picnic at Moraine State Park

Please pray for the all the parishioners and friends of Church of Our Saviour

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God Willing

*The Right Reverend Robert William Duncan
Bishop of Pittsburgh*

will ordain

Kathy Lynn Walzer

to the Sacred Order of Deacons

*on Saturday
the seventh day of June
in the Year of Our Lord
two thousand eight*

*at
10 o'clock in the morning*

*in
Trinity Cathedral
Sixth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

Your prayers and presence are requested

*Reception following the Liturgy
Clergy: Red Stoles*

Two Inspiring Lay Ministers

By Kathy Walzer

I made a pastoral visit to UPMC Cranberry Place in March and had a very fine visit with our dear Pat Adams and her friend Roseanne Calabrese, the sister of Chuck Guttilla. I have been visiting these ladies approximately once a month for a couple of years. This particular visit (as you can tell from the pictures) was around St. Patrick's Day. Pat and Roseanne were selling tickets in the gift shop for a Chinese auction of various baskets that the different department staffs at Cranberry Place had put together. The money raised will be used for activities for the residents such as a Christmas party.



Every time I go out to Cranberry now, these two women are involved in some activity to support the residents. Pat has become the resident chaplain and facilitator of a Bible study there. She has become a rock of support for those who need a friend. Last year, Roseanne organized and spearheaded a drive to raise supplies to send to Iraq to boost the morale of a company of soldiers that the residents of Cranberry Place had adopted. Roseanne's roommate wrote letters to each member of the company. The Church of Our Saviour also helped in collecting items to be sent over and funds to send them. During my March visit, Roseanne proudly showed me the flag that those troops had

sent her in gratitude, along with a picture of that very flag flying from a helicopter in the air, and a plaque expressing the appreciation of the troops for the residents' care and efforts on their behalf. These three items are prominently displayed on the wall outside the gift shop. (See picture.) That company of soldiers has now returned from Iraq. Among them, a relative of our of the Cranberry Place staff, who will visit with Roseanne this spring to thank her and the Cranberry Place residents in person on behalf of all the troops.

These two women have truly "bloomed where they have been planted" and are an example to all of us in how to find ways to use our gifts in the service of others in Jesus' name.



Rector's Message (Continued)

the declaration. In short, James was furious and the Bishops were arrested. Their petition circulated throughout London churches sparking hope in the people and a resurgence of hope and enthusiasm for the church and for Protestant Anglicanism. So great was the uprising among the people that when the bishops were brought to trial in what could have been another of James' kangaroo courts, they were actually pronounced not guilty! Such a ground swell emerged for true religion and the end of brutal leadership that within six months James was ousted and replaced by the benevolent King William (and Mary).

Admittedly, not all of the motivations and behaviors of the Protestants were pure, and neither are ours, but the bottom line is that God moved through the lives of a small group of men, albeit bishops, to bring inspiration and enthusiasm to people who had lost hope in the church, and most likely in God as well. By standing for the truth of the gospel of Christ, these men, once again, restored the Anglican Church back to historic, biblical Christianity; at least until the next onslaught.

The response from the believing Church toward the current church crisis needs to be the same. In the words of the apostle Paul, "Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand (Eph 6:12-13). May we all know and believe the gospel and continue to stand for it. We never know when or how the gospel witness will turn the tide for the broken and hurting souls around us.

Standing in Christ, Joseph

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Rock the World Offers Opportunities for Young People of the Diocese

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh is committed to being "Anglican Christians Transforming Our World with Jesus Christ." Rock the World Youth Mission Alliance, based in this Diocese, is focused on multiplying young Christian leaders through the Josiah Project, a program with an excellent 20-year track record of equipping college students to change the world.

Rock the World also offers Epicenter, a year-long "gap year" service program that equips young people age 18-29 to spread the Kingdom of God. Epicenter begins each year in August, and is another great opportunity for your young adults to grow as disciples.

Please visit www.rocktheworld.org for more information or email josiahproject@rocktheworld.org, or call 724-266-8876.