

Pip's Squeak

March 1, 2015

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Dear People of St. Philip's,

During these Lenten Days of "remembering you are dust and to dust you shall return", we find ourselves reflecting on the truth of our own mortality. We give thanks to God for the life given to us, and many of us reflect upon ways we might use this life for purposes greater than ourselves. For this we ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit to show us the way to serve our broader community for Christ's love to be made manifest.

In that effort, St. Philip's is hosting the Faith Communities Shelter on Saturday nights, Feb. 28-March 28, as a Lenten trial. The FCS homeless shelter is a faith-based support to men, women and children who form a covenant community supporting one another through the transition from homeless to permanent housing. Each client/family is invited in through an interviewing and screening process for the health and safety of all.

As our Compassion Ministry liaison, Fran Soule, said last week, each of you is invited to come to St. Philip's to eat and share life with our guests. Dinner is around 6pm., please bring a food offering to share. *Pastor Mary Blessing*

It is with sadness I report the unexpected death of The Rev. Keith Johnson, Rector, St. Andrew's Ben Lomond from 2003-2008. From St. Andrew's Fr. Keith served in churches in Florida, Louisiana and New York. At the time of his passing, Fr. Keith was Rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Harlem, where he had emerged very quickly as a priest-partner with The Rt. Rev. Andrew M. L. Dietsche, Bishop of New York. Bishop Dietsche invited Fr. Keith to help in his effort to, in his words, "...bringing leadership to the revitalization of the Episcopal witness and presence in Harlem. Keith embraced this call at once, and in a short time emerged as a significant leader among the Harlem clergy, and as a reasonable, loving and gracious presence in that community. He was a man in whom one would readily place one's hopes and confidence."

Fr. Keith was diagnosed with a metastatic cancer less than three weeks before his death, but doctors thought with treatment he would be able to live a few years. Sadly this was not to be. His congregation, family and new-found leaders in Harlem are devastated by this loss, and ask for our prayers..

Letters of Condolence to his wife, and children Ginny, Edward and Sarah: 68 Bradhurst Avenue #1W, New York City, NY 10039. Memorial gifts may be made to St. Philip's Church, at 204 West 134th Street, New York, NY 10030 or to Virginia Theological Seminary, at 3737 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA 22304.

Elizabeth Forbes & Pastor Mary

This Week: March 1 - 7

Wed., 10:30, **Theology Book Group**, Sanctuary

Wed., 6 pm, **Soup Supper**, Parish Hall

Thu., 5-6:30, **Food Pantry**, Foyer

Fri., 10:30, **Meditation**, Sanctuary

Sat., 9-12, **EV Training**, Sanctuary

Adult Bible Study

**Sundays, February 22- March 22
9am-9:50 am**

"Episcopal 101:
Introduction to Episcopal Christianity &
St. Philip's Church"

Youth 8th-12th Grade

**March 1-March 22, & April 12
4pm-5:30pm**

"Going Deeper in
Faith & Christian
Service"
May dates TBA.



All are invited to discern Confirmation -- their adult affirmation of Christian Faith.
Led by Pastor Mary Blessing and other adult leaders of faith.

**Lenten Soup Suppers
Fellowship, prayer and Bible
February 25-March 25
6pm-8pm
All ages invited**



EV Training is Happening! March 7, 9am - 12 noon St. Philip's Church

Be a part of a 2-person team!
Contact Elizabeth at the church office to join this exciting ministry.

St. Patrick Duet Concert Jesse Autumn & Shelley Phillips Sunday March 15, 3-5 PM St. Philip's Foyer/West Gallery

Features dueting folk & double strung harps and Irish wood-winds. \$20 suggested donation at the door, advance tickets, \$15 General. \$10 Students & Seniors at brownpapertickets.com.

Hope you can come!

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The Gift You Give Your Loved Ones Advance Healthcare Directive

Sunday, March 22, 2015
9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Visit the info tables for the documents and advice you need to cross this important item off your to-do list. Table hosted by Hospice of Santa Cruz County. All are welcome. Bring your questions.