



# Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

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**March 2019**

"We Gather Together"

Lent IS A TIME TO  
GROW  
CLOSER TO JESUS

The Rector responds to concern that Lent is a downer



## **LENT? and FUN?** **CAN THOSE TWO THINGS EVER GO TOGETHER?**

Easter Day comes late this year (just about as late as it can get—April 21). So Ash Wednesday is later than usual, too. It comes on March 6 this year. Hope to see you joining us at either noon [without music] or 7:00 p.m. [with music] that day. Ash Wednesday is easily the most penitential day of the year. The liturgy turns our attention over and over again to the ways we have fallen short of God's will and hopes for us.

It's easy (and popular) to extrapolate from that liturgy and assume that the whole meaning of Lent is to make us feel miserable about ourselves and take any self-esteem we have and grind it (and us) into the dirt. If that were true, then Lent would indeed simply be the "Downer" referred to in the cartoon above.

Lent, however, is so much more. It's a time to grow in our knowledge and sensitivity to God's love and care for us, and how much God has given us the ability to do and to be. During most of Lent this year, our Hymn of the Month will be "Now quit your care", which reminds us that Lent is about growing and becoming, not simply suffering and losing. The second verse goes like this:

To bow the head  
in sackcloth and in ashes,  
or rend the soul,  
such grief is not Lent's goal;  
but to be led  
to where God's glory flashes,  
his beauty to come near.  
Make clear, make clear,  
make clear where truth and light appear.

Our parish will engage in some activities during Lent which are both growth-producing, celebratory, and a lot of fun. One great example of that is the educational online exercise known as "Lenten Madness", which leads us to learn more about the heroes and heroines of the Christian faith at the same time as we have some jovial "contests" about which is the better. The Commissioner of the "Saints League" is, of course, God, whose decisions on the matter overrule ours and are unappealable.

We will be gathering for weekday Eucharists at 11:00 a.m. on the Wednesdays in Lent. This is an opportunity for some quick worship with our fellow parishioners and a chance to give a little boost to our spiritual lives as we do that. Along with that, each of our Sunday Eucharists will have a special Lenten component.

We'll be preparing food for the hungry and having some fellowship time doing a craft project. Lent is a time to build up and renew our relationships with God and other people. That's not work—that's fun as well as good for us.

So take advantage of our parish's multi-faceted Lenten life—choose your favorite saints, worship with us weekdays, help us feed the hungry and celebrate our lives together. It's fun, and it's Lent. Those two actually go together just fine.

--Fr. Wand



## **COFFEE HOUR TALKS, QUESTIONS, AND ANSWERS—“TOM’S TALKS”**

One of our parish’s members is preparing to be received into the Episcopal Church at the Easter Vigil at the Cathedral on April 20. Instead of having a series of private sessions, the person preparing for Reception and Fr. Wand have decided to have some Anybody-Who-Wants-To-Attend talks with a question and answer period during the Coffee Hour after the 10:00 Eucharist on four Sundays:

- March 17
- March 24

You’re welcome to attend—Please feel free to ask any questions you may have about the Christian Faith, Scripture, Church History, and the particular traditions and faith of our Anglican heritage. We’ll try to keep it under 30 minutes each time (maybe a lot less!). If you have any questions, just ask Fr. Wand.

## **COMING ATTRACTIONS:**



### **“SHROVE SUNDAY” DISPLAYS PARISH’S CULINARY DIVERSITY** **MARCH 3**

Over the centuries, differing customs arose as people prepared for Lent [which is itself a preparation for Easter]. In some countries festivals and parades marked the end of the time for joviality and fun, giving rise to events like Rose Monday in Germany, Mardi Gras in France, and Carnival in southern European countries and some Central and Latin American countries.

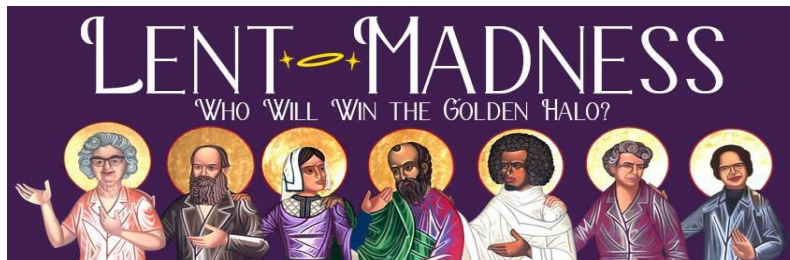
In England, the custom was to use up fat-containing cooking materials such as lard and butter, which were deemed inappropriate for use during Lent. These would be used on the day before Lent to make richer foods cooked in oil or butter, such as pancakes. As part of the festive day, sometimes women would run races holding pancakes in their skillets, to see whose balance was best. All of this was on a day when many people also prepared for Lent by making their confession, and being “shriven” [modern English prefers “shorn”] of their sins. Thus the name “Shrove Tuesday.”

At Resurrection this year, we’re adapting the pancake (but not the women racing) part of these customs by celebrating “Shrove Sunday” on March 3. In a sign of the vast diversity in the culinary skills of our parish, we will serve not waffles, but pancakes! Join us for pancakes after each service on the Last Sunday before Lent.

## **WEEKDAY EUCHARISTS MAKING A SPECIAL LENTEN LIMITED RETURN**



One of the side effects of having a very part-time priest at Resurrection has been the discontinuation of weekday Eucharists. This has left a void in some people’s religious and spiritual lives. There are some in our congregation for whom the length and/or time of our Sunday Eucharists does not fit their present situation. There are others who would appreciate a shorter simpler weekday Eucharist to supplement their Sunday worship. To meet these spiritual needs, there will be celebrations of the Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in Lent (from March 13 through April 17). More details in next month’s newsletter.



## Lent Madness Begins March 7!

Want to be inspired by some saintly souls this Lent and have fun along the way? Join with thousands of Christians across denominations who have discovered the joyful online learning community that is Lent Madness.

With its unique blend of competition, education, and humor, Lent Madness allows participants to be inspired by the ways in which God has worked through the lives of saints over the generations. Based loosely on the NCAA basketball tournament of a similar name, this online devotion pits 32 saints against one another in a single-elimination bracket as voters choose their favorites throughout Lent.

Here's how to participate: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch.

This year, Lent Madness features an intriguing slate of saints ancient and modern, Biblical and ecclesiastical. 2019 heavyweights include Ignatius of Loyola, Nicodemus, Margaret of Cortona, John Chrysostom, and Nicholas of Myra (aka St. Nick).

The full bracket is online at the Lent Madness website and, while not necessary to participate, you can order *The Saintly Scorecard: The Definitive Guide to Lent Madness 2019* at [www.forwardmovement.org](http://www.forwardmovement.org). This companion guide includes biographies of all 32 saints, a fullcolor bracket, information about how to fully participate, and a series of Pocket Lent trading cards.

Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. Tim

Schenck. He and Forward Movement executive director the Rev. Scott Gunn comprise the self-appointed Supreme Executive Committee and are accompanied by eleven Celebrity Bloggers, clergy and lay people from across the country who shepherd several saints each throughout the season of Lent.

If you're looking for a Lenten discipline that is fun, educational, occasionally goofy, and always joyful, join the Lent Madness journey. Lent needn't be all doom and gloom. After all, what could be more joyful than a season specifically set aside to get closer to Jesus Christ?

[www.LentMadness.org](http://www.LentMadness.org)



Forward  
Movement  
inspire disciples. empower evangelists.

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MON.</b>	<b>TUE.</b>	<b>WED.</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRI.</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>March 3</b> <b>The Last Sunday</b> <b>after the Epiphany</b> <i>8am Rite I Eucharist</i> <i>10am Rite II Eucharist—</i> <i>Children's Service</i> <b>SHROVE SUNDAY—FREE</b> <b>PANCAKES AFTER SERVICES!</b>	4  Finance Mtg @ 2:30pm Stewardship Mtg @ 4pm Property Mtg @ 5:30pm	5  Fair Acres Morning Prayer @ 10:30am	6  Girl Scout Troop Mtg @ 6:30pm  Ash Wednesday Svcs—noon & @ 7:00pm	7	8	9  Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm
<b>March 10</b> <b>The First Sunday</b> <b>in Lent</b> <i>8am Rite I Eucharist</i> <i>10am Rite II Eucharist</i> <i>w/Sunday School</i>	11  Vestry Committee Meeting @ 7pm	12	13  Short Weekday Lenten Service @ 11:00am	14	15	16  Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm
<b>March 17</b> <b>The Second Sunday</b> <b>in Lent</b> <i>8am Rite I Eucharist</i> <i>10am Rite II Eucharist</i> <i>w/Sunday School</i> <b>COFFEE HOUR—"TOM'S TALKS"</b>	18	19	20 Girl Scout Troop Mtg @ 6:30pm  Short Weekday Lenten Service @ 11:00am	21 American Legion Ladies Auxiliary @ 6pm	22	23  Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm
<b>March 24</b> <b>The Third Sunday</b> <b>in Lent</b> <i>8am Rite I Eucharist</i> <i>10am Rite II Eucharist</i> <i>w/Sunday School</i> <b>COFFEE HOUR—"TOM'S TALKS"</b>	25	26	27  Short Weekday Lenten Service @ 11:00am	28	29	30  Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm
<b>March 31</b> <b>The Fourth Sunday</b> <b>in Lent</b> <i>8am Rite I Euch—Healing Svc</i> <i>10am Rite II Euch.w/Sunday</i> <i>School—Healing Service</i> <b>SHROVE SUNDAY—FREE</b> <b>PANCAKES AFTER SERVICES!</b>	<b>APRIL 1</b>  Finance Mtg @ 2:30pm Stewardship Mtg @ 4pm Property Mtg @ 5:30pm	2	3  Girl Scout Troop Mtg @ 6:30pm  Short Weekday Lenten Service @ 11:00am	4	5	6  Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm

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<p><b>March 6</b>  <b>Ash Wednesday</b></p>	<p>12noon  Rite I  Eucharist</p>	<p><b><u>Chalicer</u></b>  Jude Winters  <b><u>Reader</u></b>  Phyllis Russell  <b><u>Intercessor</u></b>  Janet Russello</p>	<p>7pm  Rite II  Eucharist</p>	<p><b><u>Chalicer</u></b>  Helen Dunlap  <b><u>Reader(both)</u></b>  Rick Dunlap  <b><u>Intercessor</u></b>  Robin Krider</p>
<p><b>March 10</b>  <b>The First Sunday</b>  <b>in Lent</b>  <b>Counters:</b></p>	<p>8am  Rite I  Eucharist</p>	<p><b><u>Chalicer</u></b>  Diane Mundell  <b><u>Reader</u></b>  Jan Knight  <b><u>Intercessor</u></b>  Robin Krider</p>	<p>10am  Rite II  Eucharist  w/Sunday  School</p>	<p><b><u>Chalicer</u></b>  Phyllis Russell  <b><u>Reader(both)</u></b>  Jude Winters  <b><u>Intercessor</u></b>  Joan Riccardi</p>
<p><b>March 17</b>  <b>The Second</b>  <b>Sunday in Lent</b>  <b>Counters:</b></p>	<p>8am  Rite I  Eucharist</p>	<p><b><u>Chalicer</u></b>  Janet Russello  <b><u>Reader</u></b>  Robin Krider  <b><u>Intercessor</u></b>  Rick Dunlap</p>	<p>10am  Rite II  Eucharist  w/Sunday  School</p>	<p><b><u>Chalicer</u></b>  Rosemary Bezuidenhout  <b><u>Reader(both)</u></b>  Phyllis Russell  <b><u>Intercessor</u></b>  Pieter Bezuidenhout</p>
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<p><b>March 31</b>  <b>The First Sunday</b>  <b>in Lent</b>  <b>Counters:</b></p>	<p>8am  Rite I  Eucharist—  Healing</p>	<p><b><u>Chalicer</u></b>  Janet Russello  <b><u>Reader</u></b>  Jan Knight  <b><u>Intercessor</u></b>  Robin Krider</p>	<p>10am  Rite II  Eucharist  w/Sunday  School—  Healing</p>	<p><b><u>Chalicer</u></b>  Phyllis Russell  <b><u>Reader(both)</u></b>  Rose Schwitter  <b><u>Intercessor</u></b>  Joan Geiger</p>
<p><b>April 7</b>  <b>The Fifth Sunday</b>  <b>in Lent</b>  <b>Counters:</b></p>	<p>8am  Rite I  Eucharist</p>	<p><b><u>Chalicer</u></b>  Helen Dunlap  <b><u>Reader</u></b>  Rick Dunlap  <b><u>Intercessor</u></b>  Robin Krider</p>	<p>10am  Rite II  Eucharist  Children's  Service</p>	<p><b><u>Chalicer</u></b>  Marsha Litwin  <b><u>Reader</u></b>  1<sup>st</sup>:Marissa Cervantez  2<sup>nd</sup>:Nikolien Bezuidenhout  <b><u>Intercessor</u></b>  Kylie Benditt</p>



**OUTREACH:** The Outreach Committee is up and operating throughout the year. For further information about any service —opportunities, contact **Leigh Oppelt (610) 497-4576**. Leigh has offered leadership, and the congregation has strongly supported, several outreach programs during the holiday season. Outreach (like the rest of stewardship) is a year-round, 24/7/365 thing.



**UPDATED—Faith Community Food Pantry: Please be sure to check dates—we can not accept expired food.**

They are especially in need of the following items:

**Coffee—Box Cereals—Pasta (esp. Spaghetti)—Canned Green Beans—Fruit Juice—Tomato Sauce—Peanut Butter—Canned Tuna—Canned Beef Ravioli—Canned Chicken—Canned Tomatoes—Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes**

**The Mission and Goals of Resurrection Church**

The mission of Resurrection Episcopal Church is to nourish the spiritual lives of our diverse parish family and to follow the example of Jesus through service to our community.

The Internal goal for Resurrection Episcopal Church is to grow stronger in faith, care for those who cannot be present, and unify as a family sharing in faith based activities.

The Resurrection Episcopal Church outreach goal is to become more visible and listen to the needs of the community by doing God’s work through service to others.



**Easter Flowers**



Would you like to help decorate our church for Easter Season 2018 (April 21<sup>st</sup>—June 9<sup>th</sup>)?

I would like to help decorate the church for Easter, 2018 with flowers at a cost of \$15.00 each. Please place a flower on the altar:

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] check [ ] cash

\*Please attach cash or check payable to ‘Resurrection’ in the appropriate amount and place this offering in the collection plate or drop it off at the Church Office no later than **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**.



**Resurrection Pre-School**

9am till 12noon / 5 day classes for 4's/3 day classes (M/W/F) for 3's  
Reasonable rates—Financial Aid Available/Children need to be toilet-trained  
Please call the office 610-459-2013 for more information and pricing  
Dawn Viscusi, Pre-School Administrator

**REMEMBER:**

**IT'S YOUR WORD OF MOUTH PROMOTION OF OUR PARISH'S PRESCHOOL THAT KEEPS THIS OUTREACH PROGRAM OF OUR PARISH ALIVE AND DOING ITS GOOD WORK!**



(From left:) Fr. Wand, Rosemary Bezuidenhout, Phyllis Russell, Janet Russello, Rose Schwitters, .....p[elen Dunlap, Barbara Krisack. Not pictured: Marsha Litwin, Jill Graham



**Vestry of Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale**

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| Rosemary Bezuidenhout, Treasurer         | 541-246-0780 |
| Helen Dunlap                             | 610-485-5623 |
| Jill Graham                              | 610-459-5854 |
| Barbara Krisack                          | 610-497-1603 |
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