



A NOTE FROM PASTOR JIM

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Season of Lent is upon us. It is often thought of in negative terms: having to “give up something”, having to dig deeply into ourselves to consider our sins, dealing with memories we’d rather forget. While there is some truth to these considerations, I also want to suggest we think about it in positive ways. The season of Lent is a gift. We are invited to slow down and take some time to reflect on our lives. Yes, we are asked to consider our ways. Have we let others down? Have we let ourselves down? Have we considered the gift we have of faith that in spite of our sins, we have a merciful God---our savior Jesus Christ who forgives us our sins and loves us so much that He willingly went to the Cross, bearing our sins so that we might be seen blameless before God the Father, and be given eternal life.

This is the message we need to hear not only in Lent, but throughout the year. We can hear this message best by attending worship services, where we hear the Word proclaimed, preached, prayed, sung and receive the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus. In the fellowship of each other. Pastor Ness, of blessed memory, used to say, “If you come to church only on Christmas and Easter, how about coming a few more times a year? If you are coming every other month, how about trying every month? If you are coming twice a month, how about trying to come 3 times a month?”

Let’s see how we can encourage each other to be attending more regularly. A great way to begin will be our Ash Wednesday service which is followed by a soup and sandwich supper. It is an important service and it is also a way to show the unity of the Parish in fellowship. The service will be on March 5 at 4 PM at Third in Rhinebeck. For those whose schedules are complicated, know that I will be available to impose ashes throughout the day beginning at 11 AM and will continue until 7 PM.

Also let's note that there will be upcoming Parish events throughout the Spring, Summer, and Autumn, which will be all the more successful when they are enthusiastically attended, so stay tuned!

In Christ, Pastor Jim

Meetings

Third W&M	March 4 & April 1 @ 4:00 pm
Parish Council	April 15 @ 6:00 pm
Joint Session of Councils	March 18 @ 6:30 pm
Congregational Councils	March 18 @ 7:00 pm
Third's Council	March 18 @ 4:30 pm

Council Meetings are at Third in March, and are at St. Paul's in April

Wednesday Ecumenical Services

Red Hook Council of Churches @ 7:00 pm

March 12—St. Paul's; Pastor Jim preaching

7412 South Broadway, Red Hook

March 19—Red Hook United Methodist Church; Rev. Stephen Ernst preaching

4 Church Street, Red Hook

March 26—Christ Church; Rev. Alisha Riepma-Hosier preaching

7423 South Broadway, Red Hook

April 2—St. John's Reformed Church; Rev. Caroline Berninger preaching

126 Old Post Road North, Red Hook

April 9—St. Paul's & Trinity Parish; the Canon K. Jeanne Person preaching

39 Woods Road, Tivoli

Holy Week Services

April 13—Palm Sunday

April 17—Maundy Thursday

Third 10:00 am bible study with communion

Memorial 7:00 pm evening service

April 18—Good Friday

St. Paul's 7:00 pm evening service

April 20—Easter Sunday

Memorial 8:30 am

Third 9:45 am

St. Paul's 11:00 am

Faith Building Opportunities

Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Jim

Begins April 30th, taking place every Wednesday @ 7:00 pm

TOPIC: Martin Luther's 95 Theses

Contact Pastor Jim, 914-441-4360

All are Welcome!

Invite a friend!

Service Opportunities

Crafty Christians

Every Thursday @ 11:00 am!

Third Rhinebeck

*All members and friends of the Parish and members
of the community are welcome to participate!*

Contact Bonnie Revero

518-697-7608

Please invite a friend to join us!

Day Top Village Mission

Collecting gently used seasonal clothing items, all
sizes for men and women.

Contact Carole Hack @ 845-867-7344

Easter Eggs & Communion Bread

Come have fun on Saturday, April 19! Time TBD

Blessing of the Animals

*Honors LA Firefighters and Animal
Rescue Groups*

&

Community Adorned "Pet Remembrance Tree"

*Dedicated to the animals who met an untimely 'Journey's
End' in California wildfires*

Saturday, May 17 @ Third Lutheran Church in Rhinebeck 12:00—4:00 pm

(Rain date: Sunday, May 18, 1:00—5:00 pm)

Bring your pets to be blessed. Invite family and friends. All pets welcome!

Activities will be held outside: Blessing, Information Booths

Raffle to benefit BISSELL Pet Foundation (BPF)

Tickets: \$5.00 each | Prizes: 4 BISSELL Pet Pro Carpet Cleaning Vacuums

A number of groups will be participating with their Ambassador Animals representing a variety of rescue
and special interest organizations.

Check out the various community based rescue services and animal shelter organizations while interacting
with their Ambassador Animals!

Contact Rosemary @ 845-478-2452

Thank you for your participation in our Parish mission of service

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Third Lutheran Church, 9:45 am Service, 31 Livingston Street, Rhinebeck,

NY, 12572 Council President: Monica C. Gabryszewski

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 11:00 am Service, 7412 South Broadway,

Red Hook, NY 12571 Council President : Brad Patton

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