Weekly Newsletter – February 16, 2020

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Collect of the Day
O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Catechism of the Episcopal Church: An Outline of the Faith (part II)
The Catechism is an outline for instruction in the Christian faith presented in a question and answer format. It appears in the Book of Common Prayer as "An Outline of the Faith" (pp. 845-862). Although the Catechism serves as a commentary on the creeds, it is not intended to be a complete statement of belief and practice. It provides a brief summary of the church’s teaching. The Catechism is intended to serve as a point of departure for discussion by the catechist (lay or ordained) with those who seek to understand the beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church.

Today we present “The Old Covenant” and the “Ten Commandments” sections of the Catechism. We encourage you to take a few moments to read, learn, reflect, pray and feel free to ask questions about the beliefs and traditions of the Episcopal Church.

The Old Covenant
Q. What is meant by a covenant with God?
A. A covenant is a relationship initiated by God, to which a body of people responds in faith.
Q. What is the Old Covenant?
A. The Old Covenant is the one given by God to the Hebrew people.
Q. What did God promise them?
A. God promised that they would be his people to bring all the nations of the world to him.
Q. What response did God require from the chosen people?
A. God required the chosen people to be faithful; to love justice, to do mercy, and to walk humbly with their God.
Q. Where is this Old Covenant to be found?
A. The covenant with the Hebrew people is to be found in the books which we call the Old Testament.
Q. Where in the Old Testament is God’s will for us shown most clearly?
A. God’s will for us is shown most clearly in the Ten Commandments.

The Ten Commandments (see BCP p. 317)
Q. What are the Ten Commandments?
A. The Ten Commandments are the laws given to Moses and the people of Israel.
Q. What do we learn from these commandments?
A. We learn two things: our duty to God, and our duty to our neighbors.
Q. What is our duty to God?
A. Our duty is to believe and trust in God;
   I. To love and obey God and to bring others to know him;
   II. To put nothing in the place of God;
   III. To show God respect in thought, word, and deed;
   IV. And to set aside regular times for worship, prayer, and the study of God’s ways.
Q. What is our duty to our neighbors?
A. Our duty to our neighbors is to love them as ourselves, and to do to other people as we wish them to do to us;
   V. To love, honor, and help our parents and family; to honor those in authority, and to meet their just demands;
   VI. To show respect for the life God has given us; to work and pray for peace; to bear no malice, prejudice, or hatred in our hearts; and to be kind to all the creatures of God;
   VII. To use all our bodily desires as God intended;
   VIII. To be honest and fair in our dealings; to seek justice, freedom, and the necessities of life for all people; and to use our talents and possessions as ones who must answer for them to God;
   IX. To speak the truth, and not to mislead others by our silence;
   X. To resist temptations to envy, greed, and jealousy; to rejoice in other people’s gifts and graces; and to do our duty for the love of God, who has called us into fellowship with him.
Q. What is the purpose of the Ten Commandments?
A. The Ten Commandments were given to define our relationship with God and our neighbors.
Q. Since we do not fully obey them, are they useful at all?
A. Since we do not fully obey them, we see more clearly our sin and our need for redemption.
10:30am Service Schedule for Greeters, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Intercessors, and Altar Guild

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**PANCAKE SUPPER**

**Tuesday, February 25th @ 6:00pm**

Every year we host our annual Pancake Supper to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday (known in some countries as Pancake Day) is the day preceding Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent), which is celebrated in some countries by consuming pancakes. In others, especially those where it is called Mardi Gras or some translation thereof, this is a carnival day, and the last day of "fat eating" or "gorging" before the fasting period of Lent. Good will offering of $5. per person or $20. for a whole family. All are welcome!

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**February 26th is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Fr. Tim will be at the corner of Lincoln Road and Collins Avenue from 8:30am to 11am. Ashes will be distributed here at the church after the Noon Day Mass and at 5:30pm with a prayer service. Please remember that this is a HOLY Day and fasting and prayer is appropriate. God bless you in Lent!**

**WE HOLD IN PRAYER †**

*O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants, that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen †*

**We pray for healing for:** Baby Alia, Andre, Bill, Carlos, Rev. Dorenda, Fr. Errol, Gloria, Humberto, Baby Hunter, Irma, Jay, Joyce, Latisa, Norman, Olga-Maria, Richard and Ruth. For those living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

**PUB THEOLOGY**

**Thursday, February 27th @ 6:00pm**

Pub Theology will meet on Thursday, February 27 at Yard House on Miami Beach (1681 Lenox Ave). This month, we'll be talking about Lenten observances and the practices that we have experienced in the past and practices we're considering for this Lenten season.

**GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY AT ALL SOULS**

**Sunday, March 8th @ 10:30am**

No matter how Girl Scouts express their spiritual identity, the Girl Scout Constitution notes that “the motivating force in Girl Scouting is spiritual”. Usually celebrated in March during Girl Scout Week, Girl Scout Sunday and Sabbath provide Girl Scouts with the opportunity to learn more about their chosen faith and share in one of the oldest Girl Scouting traditions, as well as a way to thank the local faith communities for any partnership or support you’ve received in the last year. This year All Souls' Church salutes all our local Girl Scout Troops with a special Sunday of prayer and celebration! All are welcome to our 10:30 Mass!

**HOSPITALITY**

*If your First Name begins with N – Z, a reminder that there is an opportunity for you to provide a much-needed food item for our hospitality next Sunday, February 23rd. Thank you for your continuing support and participation.*