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Election of New Bishop

On March 12 we elected the Rev. Canon **Daniel G. P. Gutierrez**, Canon to the Ordinary, The Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande, as the new bishop of this diocese.

Pending confirmation by a majority of the house of bishops of the Episcopal Church and by a majority of the Diocesan Standing Committees in the church, he will be consecrated on July 16.

Rev. Katherine Andonian announced “With joy and thankfulness to God, we announce that Rev. Canon Daniel G. P. Gutierrez has been elected Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. He brings unique gifts to this ministry of leadership and pastoral presence in a time of change. We look forward to our shared ministry and commitment to serving Jesus Christ in this diverse and dynamic Diocese.”

Rev. Gutierrez answered “I give thanks to Christ, through Him, all things are made new. We begin a new and hopeful journey in this beloved place. I am humbled and grateful that you have allowed me into your lives. I will never take for granted this sacred trust you have placed in me. I offer myself to you as a loving shepherd, caring servant, and faithful sojourner.”

“My excitement is in you and the possibilities to come. We have numerous gifts in this Diocese and together we will build the Kingdom of God, hand in hand, hand by hand. Let’s work together so the Diocese of Pennsylvania is known as the “come and see” diocese. A place we encounter God through prayer, community, liturgy and service. Where we lift the dignity of humanity and show how we love one another. A place where Christ is reflected in one another.”

Experience and Education

BA, History and Political Science, UNM; MA, Public Administration, UNM; Certificate in Anglican Studies, Trinity School for Ministry; M. Theol. Studies, Trinity School for Ministry.

Chief of Staff, Mayor of Albuquerque; Director, Bernalillo County Economic Development Department.

Married to Suzanne Fletcher Gutierrez, one son, Jude, Junior at The Bosque School



Streetwise



We have been considering how God changes our practices within the institutional church. Have you ever heard that politics and religion ought not to be mixed? Or have you, yourself, claimed this position? The proposition is probably just below the surface in most congregations. Is it too hot to handle here among ourselves?

I first ran head-on into this issue in 1964. As you may remember, The National Episcopal Church sent me to Berkeley, California to study at St. Margaret's House and Church Divinity School of the Pacific. I was to be educated and credentialed in order to engage in the brand new field of inner city ministry.

National created a position for me and paid the Diocese of California to support me financially. I was to serve as Director of Christian Education for the Mission District Presbytery which consisted of three inner city congregations brought together to learn how to minister to people that did not fit well the characteristics of Episcopal congregations in the diocese. It was a chaotic time in the Presbytery.

The clergy were not well suited to work together. The three congregations had little in common. The one thing the three priests and I could agree on was that our congregations were viewed as the oddballs of the diocese.

St. Aidan's was a charismatic congregation. The priest and I were not welcome because neither of us identified ourselves as charismatic; nor did we speak in tongues, nor could interpret for those who did.

Good Samaritan was located in the midst of a multi-cultural neighborhood. We seldom heard a word of English. We knew that Mexicans lived immediately around the Church and its parish hall. And there were many South Pacific Island families here and there. Neither the priest nor I were fluent in Spanish or any other dialect or language. Negroes lived, segregated, up Potrero Hill in federal housing projects. They constituted most of Good Sam's congregation.

Trinity was located a few blocks away from Castro Street, hub of the homophile community. The homophobic priest threatened me that if I entered the Castro District he would do me bodily harm. Martin had no congregation except for his wife and their six young sons. On the side, Martin was recruiting young adults from other areas to become missionaries in the Fiji Islands. They met on Sundays.

The one action that all three priests and I could gather around was the very early beginnings of the Civil Rights Movement in San Francisco. Negro community leaders and clergy were picketing "Auto Row," a several blocks long center of automobile sales and services. Not one Negro was employed on Auto Row, and the racial reason was loudly proclaimed by

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the Caucasian owners. Negro clergy were seeking other clergy to walk their picket line. And so we did.

We spent Saturdays and weekday afternoons on the picket line. We drafted many members of Episcopal Churches from around the larger Bay Area. Someone said that we should call ourselves “Christians for Social Action; “CSA” for short. Some parishes sent their youth groups to walk the line. Tempers heated up. Walking the line changed to sitting down to block traffic. Daily, the owners called the police. At first police carried protestors to the pad- dy wagons singing “We shall overcome” under their breaths. Soon FBI agents took our pic- tures and required that we allow them to take pictures of all of our identification cards. Cler- gy leadership urged youth group leaders to leave for the safety of the youth, but they did not comply.

In the meanwhile there was considerable coverage in newspapers, on radios, and on TV. A group of Episcopal lawyers from throughout the Bay Area framed a treatise on racial dis- crimination in the workforce. A San Francisco court agreed to judge the case. A number of Caucasian managers, sales persons, and mechanics walked off their jobs and joined the line. As tensions rose, we learned that owners were beginning to hire a Negro or other minority here or there. The numbers grew. An accord was struck through the help of the Episcopal lawyers.

Ironically, on the first Saturday when there was no protest action against “Auto Row,” an Episcopal letter was sent to every parish and mission in the Diocese of California under the name of The Rt. Rev. James Pike demanding all Episcopalians to cease and desist from any actions against the owners of “Auto Row.” The letter was read from every pulpit.

Consider this synopsis of one four-five month period in the life of the church in the Dio- cese of California in the mid-1960s. How do you sort out the complex issues exposed in the account? Some of the complexity lies in its not being explicitly put into words. Should par- ishes or should the diocese take part or declare sides in cases such as this?

J. Robin Robb, Deacon †

CGY On a recent Saturday, CGY, in cooperation with our Thrift Shop, invited some community residents to shop for outfits, free of charge. Area social workers were contacted and they brought clients they knew could benefit from a couple new sets of clothes. CGY members assisted 25 shoppers choose pants & skirts, shirts & coats, nightwear and underwear. The day was fun and rewarding for our guests, CGY and Thrift shop volunteers. On another Saturday, CGY came to Christ Church to clean. They cleaned the side entrance, vacuumed pew cushions, oil-soap washed the pews and left our Sanctuary sparkling & ready for Holy Week.

CGY will host a Golf Outing at Butter Val-
ley Golf Port Saturday, June 4 starting at
1pm

The CGY Mission trip to CT will
be Monday, June 27-Sunday, July 3

Supply, Interim, And All That Other Stuff



We are in the search process, which means we don't have a full-time, permanent Rector. So what do we have, will have, until we get one?

First, importantly, "priest" and "Rector" are rather different things. A **priest** is someone ordained to perform certain sacramental acts, particularly celebration of the Eucharist. A **Rector** is a particular job.

The term Rector comes from the Latin *rectus*, meaning "to rule" or "to direct." It isn't particularly a religious term. Our use of it goes back to the common method of paying a priest in charge of a parish from the income for the parish, typically from farming. The use of the term to indicate a priest in charge is unique to the United States. After the Revolution, the term was maintained and the Canons required that a Rector of a parish be an ordained priest. A Rector of anything else (usually a school) is not.

By Canon, Episcopal Church Rectors have certain privileges that others don't—the biggest being lifetime tenure (defined by Canon as age 72) unless they are deposed by the bishop, die, resign, or retire. There are ways to get rid of one. The two standard ways are a) make their life so miserable that they leave, or b) get them elected bishop. The latter technique is typically limited to large, wealthy parishes.

A Rector is, by definition, leader of a parish. Missions have Vicar's (sometimes priests-in-charge); the term coming from the same root as "vicarious," meaning "in place of someone else," in this case the bishop.

Hired, assistant priests may be called Curates; think curator—taking care of something for someone else. There is normally only one Curate, sort of like an Executive Officer. Others are usually called Assistants (if paid) or Priests Associate (if not.)

The term "Associate" is important. A priest must have, or be associated with, an altar to be allowed to celebrate. Hence priests who are not employed as such are "associates." Fr. John Houghton is the Chaplain of the Hill School, but his altar is Christ Church's.

Since the advent of intercommunion with the Lutheran Church, Lutheran clergy serving in Episcopal churches sometimes retain their "Pastor" title.

So, finally, supplies, interims, and priests-in-charge. A "priest-in-charge" is a Rector or Vicar with a time limit in their contract. Theoretically you could put a time limit in a Rector's contract, but that's just *not done*. When a bishop pushes a person on a parish or mission, that person is often termed a priest-in-charge. The title has become more common in the last few years because it allows for (usually bad idea) "try before you buy."

A supply priest is a priest, not from the parish, who comes in to perform temporary priestly work, typically celebration and preaching. The temporary part sometimes last for a while, but there is no contact nor expectation of any sort of permanency. A supply priest can, however, be a candidate for Rector of the same parish.

Supply priests get paid on a per-event basis. We pay \$225 plus mileage for a full Sunday.

An interim (technically **interim rector** or **vicar**) is a priest hired **with** a contract to fulfill some, but usually not all, of a Rector's duties. The contract typically specifies that their tenure is until a Rector is chosen, or ends by choice of the Vestry or the priest. You can have a full-time interim, but if their work week is over 30 hours, the compensation has to include vacation, insurance, and all the extra stuff for a Rector. Interim's have a contract with many of the provisions (hours, duties, etc.) of a Rector's contract.

Interim's are chosen by the Vestry, with a limited search process. Often the names are provided by the Diocese. Interim's also have a training course as a "specialty" ministry.

Although this is not a Canon, interim's are NOT ALLOWED to be considered for Rector of the parish they are serving. So don't go getting attached.

We are, at the moment, using supply priests, including our own associates.

We do have two possible candidates for interim who you will meet after Easter.

Bob Gross, Rector's Warden

From the Peoples Warden

The vestry retreat was held February 27th at the Hill School. At the retreat I accepted the position of Peoples Warden. I am humbled and prepared to fulfill the obligations presented in this coming year.

Through Vestry and congregational support I will strive to see us be transparent and communicate openly and honestly as we proceed through these times of change and uncertainty. Support through some has been offered and I'm thankful for that.

Through the last few weeks I have attended the Property Committee, A&M Committee, Profile Committee and weekly Wardens meetings. Moving forward I plan to attend different monthly meetings.

With the start of the Search Committee I've had discussion with some in regards to its formation. Discussion has been on a positive note with belief it's a strong and diverse group. There was some questioning of how the chair was appointed and who had made that appointment. Also there was questioning as to why some were appointed in lieu of others. However, these questions were addressed at the March 6th congregational meeting.

In conclusion it is my duty to be a liaison between vestry and the congregation. With the help of God and you I will do that openly and honestly gaining trust and respect.

Know Your Peoples Warden

After the February vestry meeting I was approached with the opportunity of becoming the people's warden. The thought of being Peoples Warden seemed to be a daunting task. My initial thoughts were: Why not someone else and why not me? Then no way! I promised to give it some thought over the coming week. During the week as I would talk to myself concerning the position the little guy on my shoulder would get in my ear and say, what are you crazy? So I thought some more. As I neared my decision of saying I would accept, that little guy appeared once more and said, yeah you really are crazy. So here I am, Peoples Warden, now what? My feelings are I have much to offer, but, the reality of the situation denotes that task is the responsibility of each and every one of us as to the success of this



position no matter who is wearing the P.W.'s shoes. It's not a position where I call the shots. The position is exactly what it is called "*The Peoples Warden*"; I am nothing more than the liaison between the vestry and the congregation.

This is one of those testing times where God has placed me in a wearisome position. Let's see what Rick is made of. These questions will be answered in the weeks and months ahead. My success is your success. Communication from me and the congregation is extremely vital. We all need to be transparent and as open as possible. These ideas aren't new or a brainstorm from myself. We don't always have to agree, but, we do have to react optimistically to any adversities and in a responsible manner to have the best worshipping possible. We all know that in trying times, conflict will raise its ugly head. It's how we handle that conflict that will put us in a flourishing position today and going forward into the future. Any great team has to have conflict. Conflict shows we care. Conflict arises from compassion.

Presently we are working for and striving for stability in our church community. It's a time to move forward. It's a time to embrace each other. It's a time to unite. It's time for prayer and to accept the Power of the Holy Spirit. It's a time to love one another, which I believe is what Jesus has told us, in His greatest commandment. My hopes are that working together we put ourselves in the best position possible in our search of a Rector and our readiness to welcome and work with that Rector.

What no one knows is what exists in my heart. I personally love this church. This church is all of you. Christ Church has been a special place for me. I have been a member since January of 2012. During this time I have served with the Property Committee, been a vestry member since February of 2013. I also have chaired the Advocacy and Mission Committee. So as I embark on this new adventure as the Peoples Warden of Christ Church, I will be just that. *The People's Warden*. Hopefully all will feel comfortable to express themselves to me. I do not stand on one side of the river. I wish to be that bridge which connects both sides. In conclusion I will be open, honest, transparent, and readily available. The position demands I am that bridge between vestry and all of you.

Peace! Rick

Search Committee Report

Our first meeting was spent getting to know one another better, defining our expectations of what another and what we believe the Parish expects of us.

In this latter category, we agreed the Parish expects and deserves as much information on our progress as we can provide while maintaining the confidentiality that is only fair to those who apply.

We are in the process of scheduling a meeting with Jill Mathis, Canon for Transitional Ministry, and talking with a possible consultant for the group.

Our next meeting will examine the Core Values written by the last search committee (2007).

Sue Furman

THE WINTER SHELTER'S CLOSING MONTH

Our neighboring congregation, First United Methodist, is welcoming Kork's Shelter for the month of April. It is their first time, and Pastor Laurie Pfahler has asked for some help with meals. We can be very supportive to their effort. We know what the guests enjoy when they are admitted at 9PM, and we realize how important a good breakfast is, especially on the days when community meals are served in the evening, but not at lunch.

Please think about putting together something delicious that you can either serve or drop off at First Methodist. And/or, please select what you believe will give them a healthy, uplifting start in the morning by bringing in juice, cereal, sticky buns, muffins, milk, hard cooked eggs, and so on.

Ginny plans to meet with Laurie to share our excellent model for managing the month-long effort ministry. She will be able to inform us about who to call in order to signup for open slots.

When the mobile shelter closes, Kork's efforts turn towards helping shelter guests to find alternative housing. And after a brief break for him, Missy, and their now almost young adult "children," they will host a Wednesday evening supper and fellowship time at the park at Washington & Chestnut streets until the mobile shelter opens its doors again.

Deacon Robin

Faith, Hope, and Charity

For a good many years (at least a century), we have had three stained glass windows sitting in our basement.

We think they were given some time in 1869, but were removed with the installation of the reredos around 1879.

We are proposing to have them refurbished, framed, and hung with the high windows in the Great Room. The cost is about \$8,500 and we intend to raise the money with donations and fund-raising. The Vestry has decided to go ahead with the first one, and do the others as we raise the funds. Please consider using one of your green envelopes as a special gift to help with this.

The windows represent Faith, Hope, and Charity, the three cardinal virtues, memorials to Anna Potts Hobart (1792-1869) and Sarah Potts Hobart (1798-1872.)

All have damage and decades of dirt encrusted on them, and one has been folded in half. Winslow Stained Glass in Limerick has handled the restoration of our windows for years and believes that these can be fully restored.

They are not labeled, but the one below is, we believe, Faith.



Can You Tell? A New Look for the Altar

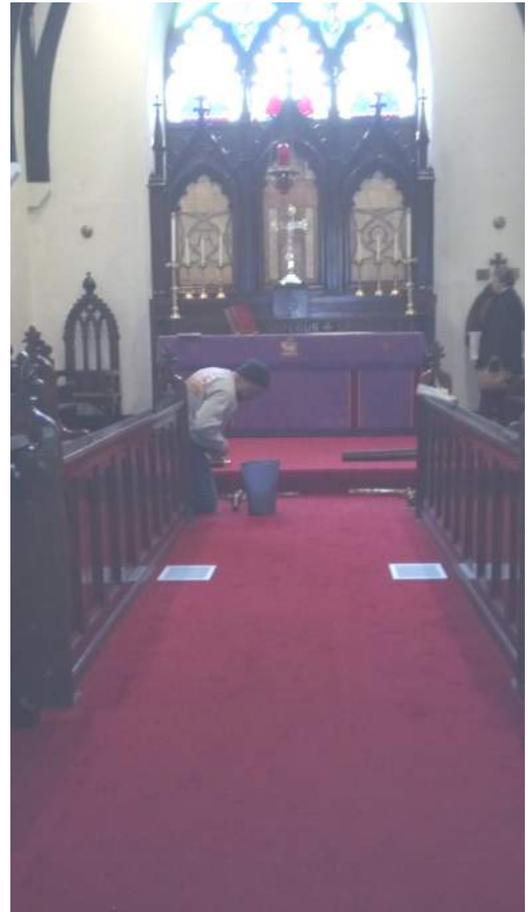
A couple of weeks ago we made a significant change to the altar. The change is almost invisible, except to those working around the altar.

The original structure had the altar at the top of three steps, on a much larger one-step platform. This was very traditional, and at one time, mandatory. However, the steps were only at the front, at the sides was a 3-step drop. This has been considered a safety issue for some time, and the change fixes the safety problem without affecting the look of the Sanctuary.

The three steps were removed and the reredos (the tall wood and ceramic piece behind the altar was shortened (ca. 18") to match. This leaves us with the original platform starting at the altar rail, but no further steps.

What do we get from this? First, it's safer. People serving at the altar no longer have to worry about taking a step too far and falling. Second, there is more space to move around. The former structure made serving communion a complicated dance up and down the stairs. Third, and this was not as expected as the first two, we get to see the entire window. Before, the spires on the reredos covered part of the window, as it was added after the window was installed. It actually blocked, not only part of the current window, but the three lower stained glass windows, Faith, Hope, and Charity. We still have these and will be refurbishing them and hanging them in the Great Room.

And a very nice, unexpected side benefit, it cost slightly over half the initial projection.



Christ Church Chili Cook-Off / Basket Auction

Looking for a fun way to spend a winter evening? Come to the Chili Cook-Off and Basket Auction **Saturday, 2 April starting at 4:30**. We'll begin with chili tasting where you can experience the culinary talents within our parish. A **Basket Auction** follows the tasting.



What's in the baskets? Just about anything—Chocolate lovers basket, coffee lovers basket, hobby themed baskets – knitting, scrapbooking supplies in a storage bin, wine and cheese assortments, golf balls and gift certificate for green fees, flower seeds, gardening stuff in a sprinkling can, and all sorts of other goodies. Each basket has a ballot box and you can purchase as many tickets as you like. You stuff your favorite ballot box (or spread the tickets out) and breathlessly await the drawings.



Donations for the chili accepted to cover costs.



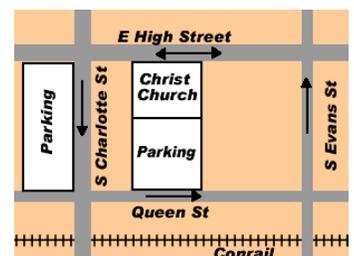
What's in the chili? Your choice of any and all of hot and spicy, mild and wimpy, vegetarian and others. There's cornbread and other things to cool the tongue if necessary. You're the judge.



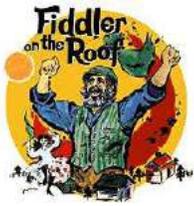
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What's OUR GANG up to?



On Tuesday, April 12, Lunch and Movie at 11:30 in the Parish Hall. Lunch will be take-out from Ice House Deli with wraps, chips, drinks, and desserts.

If you would like to make a dessert or add anything else to the menu, bring it on! Movie is *Life is Beautiful* winner of (3) academy awards including best picture and best actor.

On Sunday, May 15 we are going to Steel River's *Fiddler on the Roof* for a 2:00 PM matinee and dinner afterwards at Red Lobster. There are 20 seats reserved with 11 signed-up already. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the corridor at the church. Don't wait! It's a great show!



We are an active older adult group who enjoys getting out, going places and making friends. If that sounds like you, please join us! Contact persons are **Barbara Ackerman**, early service, and **Susan Rhoads**, later service.



Our Gang

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See Ginny Slichter to
order and pay.

Upcoming Opportunities - Prayer Ministry Training

Sign up on the sheet posted next to the bulletin board in the hallway or email Judy Shelly (judyshelly@comcast.net) if you plan to attend so we will have materials for you.

Just Listen! Part 1: Saturday, April 2, 9 am to 2 pm in the Great Room Bring a sack lunch.

In an age when instant communication constantly bombards us with too much information, most of us are crying out for someone to really listen to what is on our hearts. This workshop will focus on three aspects of listening: Listening to God, Listening to Ourselves, Listening to Others. Good listening is about attitude and skill.

It incorporates the UK-developed DVD course *Just Listen!* It will introduce good listening skills through practice sessions and exercises from an accompanying workbook. Judy & Jim Shelly will facilitate the program and also lead us into the next steps—what to do with what we've heard.

An Introduction to Healing Prayer: Part 2: Saturday, April, 9, 9 am to 2 pm in the Great Room

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Adult Forum Schedule

April 3-Congregational Meeting-Discuss announcements in church, meet one candidate for interim.

April 10-Compass Wellness Program

April 17-Compass Wellness Program

April 24-Compass Wellness Program

May 1-Congregational Meeting

May 8 Compass Wellness Program

May 15 Pentecost—Special Event and Compass Wellness Program

May 22-Compass Wellness Program

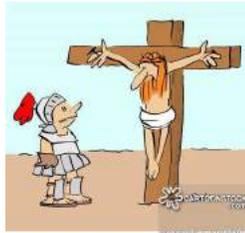
May 29-Compass Wellness Program

June 5-Compass Wellness Program

June 6-Bishop’s Visitation/Confirmation– start of summer hours



Adult Forum



"Sorry about all this — It was Pilate error."

IRS Dirty Dozen Scam List: Don't be a Victim

Each year, people fall prey to tax scams. That's why the IRS sends a list of its annual "Dirty Dozen." Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Be on the lookout for these scams:

Identity theft. Identity theft, especially around tax time, is at the top of the "Dirty Dozen" list again this year.

Telephone scams. Threatening phone calls by criminals impersonating IRS agents remain an ongoing threat.

Phishing. Phishing scams typically use unsolicited emails or fake websites that to steal your personal information.

Return Preparer Fraud. Be on the lookout for unscrupulous tax return preparers.

Offshore Tax Avoidance. Hiding money and income offshore is a bad bet.

Inflated Refund Claims. Be on the lookout for anyone promising inflated tax refunds.

Fake Charities. Be on guard against groups masquerading as charitable organizations

Falsely Padding Deductions on Returns. Don't inflate deductions or expenses on your tax return.

Excessive Claims for Business Credits. Don't make improper claims for fuel tax credits.

Falsifying Income to Claim Credits. Don't invent income to erroneously claim tax credits.

Abusive Tax Shelters. Avoid using abusive tax structures to avoid paying taxes.

Frivolous Tax Arguments. Using frivolous tax arguments to avoid paying taxes can have serious financial consequences.

(<https://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/IRS-Wraps-Up-the-Dirty-Dozen-List-of-Tax-Scams-for-2016>)

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School of Healing Prayer, as well as workshops by Fr. Mike Flynn and others. She is the co-author, with Douglas Schoeninger, of *Healing Generational Wounds* (Xulon Press) and *Spiritual Care: A Guide for Caregivers* (InterVarsity Press). She has many years of experience in prayer ministry.



Useful Links

Episcopal Questions and Answers

<http://stgeorges.wordpress.com/seekers-and-visitors/episcopal-q-a/>

Diocese of PA Parish Events

<http://www.diopa.org/parish-events>

Diocese of Pennsylvania <http://www.diopa.org>

Episcopal Church in the US

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/>

Online *Book of Common Prayer*

<http://www.bcponline.org/>

Anglican Communion

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/>

SPCK—Society for Promoting Christian

Knowledge <http://spckusa.org/>

Bible Gateway <http://www.biblegateway.com/>

Liturgical Calendar

<http://www.lectionarypage.net/CalndrsIndexes/Calendar2016.html>

Anglicans Online <http://anglicansonline.org>

Alpha <http://www.alphausa.org>

Anglicans Online USA

<http://anglicansonline.org/usa>

Daily Prayer and Worship Resources Online

<http://oremus.org/index.html>

Episcopal Veterans Fellowship

<http://evfellowship.org/>

Habitat for Humanity

<http://www.habitatmontco.org/>

Recycling in Montgomery County (including hazardous waste)

<http://www.montcopa.org/index.aspx?NID=637>

General Convention Reports

<http://library.episcopalchurch.org>

Society of Archbishop Justus

<http://justus.anglican.org>

Project Canterbury (Anglican History)

<http://anglicanhistory.org>

Anglican Communion News Service

<http://www.anglicannews.org/>

SAMS—Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders

www.sams-usa.org

Episcopal News Service

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens>

Christ Church, Pottstown

<http://www.christpottstown.com>

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April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:00 am Holy Eucharist - I 9:15 am Nursery 9:15-11 9:15 am Parish Meeting and Coffee Hour 10:30 am Holy Eucharist - II 10:45 am Church School	4 Community Meal 6:30 pm Girls' Friendly Society 7:30 pm Bible Study	5 10:00 am Tuesday Book Study 7:00 pm Property Committee Mtg 7:00 pm Search Committee	6 8:00 am Thrift Shop 9:00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	7 12:00 pm Cluster Delegate Mtg 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	8 9:00 am Bible Study	9 9:00 am Prayer Minister Training
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