

# ST. AIDAN'S TORCH



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*St. Aidan's Mission:  
Spread the promise of Jesus Christ in and beyond our  
community through worship, education, and outreach*

## Lent

By Fr. Scott Dolph



By the time you get this edition of *The Torch*, Lent will already be underway. In Lent, we are invited to sojourn in an area of our soul-scape that may be difficult and painful. Lent is a season with emphasis on personal transformation and on social justice. It is a time to take stock of our way of life, and

where we have gotten off track, to repent and return to God and God's ways. It is a time of reconciliation and restoration through penitence and forgiveness. The traditional means the church has used in all of this is the use of prayer, fasting, and self-denial; in reading and study of Scripture; in the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday and in rehearsing the words of the Great Litany.

In the early church, Lent was when those who wished to receive the Sacrament of Baptism were prepared. Their training in the mysteries of the faith often stretched over three years, and culminated in Baptism on Easter Eve at the Great Vigil of Easter. We have had a baptism for almost all of the Easter Vigil over the past several years, and that is good. But what of this 'preparation'? What if we had no new people to Baptize, but all wished the rigorous preparation to renew our own Baptismal Covenant?

St. Aidan's offers a number of opportunities to enter anew into the fundamentals of our faith. We will gather on Wednesday evenings for the Stations of the Cross, share a simple supper of soup and salad, and study our values as a church.

Our custom has become to rotate through a variety of forms of the Stations of the Cross as the weeks of Lent

roll by. We get new insight from each vantage point expressed. Walking the way of the cross, the last earthly steps of our Lord on the way to Golgotha, is a poignant way to be put in mind of Christ's redemption of the world. If you have never been a part of this before, I encourage you to do so. Everyone participates, whether walking or speaking or just listening in.

Self-denial does not come easily to most of us. Our simple supper is one example of how foods as unassuming as soup and salad, when mixed with good fellowship with fellow travelers are more fulfilling and enjoyable than many a four star rated dinner.

We will study our values. Our values as Christians cannot live in a vacuum; they are played out in the theater of the world. What we read in Scripture, what we say in prayer and worship, what we learn in classes is moot if it does not give rise to some works of social justice: In feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless or being in solidarity with those wronged by society. The Epistle of James says it well: "But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith." (*James 2:18*) Lent is prime time to find ways to make faith and works match - to find congruence between the two.

Our program for Lenten Study at both the Sunday Forum and the Wednesdays in Lent will hold us to account how we connect the dots between our personal transformation and our social witness. And who better to do this with but our fellow travelers and sojourners in the faith. Who better to join in exploring issues of repentance, witness, service, respect and communion as ethical choices than with our brothers and sisters in Christ?

What *IF* we were preparing for our Baptism, as if we had never been Baptized? What better time to give it another crack! Everyone is invited to make any or all parts of our special programs a part of your Lenten discipline.

## THE CHURCH MOUSE March 2007



Didn't I just write the last column? February sure is a short month, but it's nice to see signs of spring. Everybody is happy to see a little more sun and daylight, despite the rigors of Lent. The Ash Wednesday services were well attended, and a fitting beginning to the Lenten season. Former

parishioner, **Val Cobb** was at the Wednesday morning service. She's still recovering from an accident where she narrowly escaped death. She's doing pretty well, considering.

The **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** was a great success, thanks largely to the efforts of the extended Ferguson family. **Brian Carlson** did the honors as the head kitchen honcho, leading a full team of young people in preparing a nice menu to "clean up the fat." One of the teen-agers is really getting the knack of cracking an egg one-handed. Wow! I hear there were lots of families making the event a great get-together. **Colleen Hatala** was joined by her sisters, **Anna Marie Gomez** and growing-up kids and older sister, **Linda Sears**. It was nice to see **Wynema Gerba's** mom enjoying herself.

The Crab Feed will be over by the time you read this. We can congratulate steering committee members, **Chuck and Julie Kyer** and **Jeanne Pinkerton** for a job **WELL DONE!** Then we have to thank all of ourselves for helping with this big event. (Psssst... they're hoping to have a few more people help with leadership next year—dining room leadership relief? Kitchen leadership relief? etc.

Seems like every family has had a bout with the cold and flu that's going around this season. **Lori McCoy** has had to miss several weeks at church and work because either she or one of the kids has been under the weather. Let's hope they get better in the near future. **Joyce Robinson's** wrist is slowly healing after her fall during the ice storm. She says the pain has begun to subside. As of this writing she hasn't been able to drive yet. Her bright pink cast is almost a twin for **Shaunna Vidito's** (age 6), but I think **Shaunna's** break wasn't as serious, and she'll be castless very soon. Eight o'clocker, **Betty Shipley** has recently lost the use of her car. Hope we can still continue to see her here. We need to remember her in our prayers. **Maxine Viebrock** is feeling better after a terrible bout with back pain. Physical therapy has helped. **Elise Swan** had an abscessed toe removed. She's going to have trouble counting to twenty now, I guess.

It was nice to see **Lisa Croft** at a 10:00 service in mid-February. She has been mostly attending at the 8:00 service where she is a very welcome member of the lay ministry team. She says she and **Lorraine Crawford** then get to go out to breakfast—when she's in town. (She's still traveling a great deal for her job and getting pretty worn out). **Mark Jones** is still busy with his school and massage classes. It's been keeping him pretty busy,

even having special classes on Sundays—necessitating the use of a back-up organist. Thanks to **Marilyn Pierik** for filling in for him. She says the assignments came sooner than she expected, so she's had to work at it harder than she would like, but it's an adventure. It's been very nice to see **Georgia Shaw** attending at ten o'clock with her family, the **Finks** and daughter **Jan Greenfield**, who has even come to Wednesday Bible Study. We have also welcomed two new families, the **Jaspers** and the **Maguires**.

**Mary Anderson** was delighted to have her grandson visit the area to participate in one of the jazz festivals. He's shown a lot of talent, according to proud grandma. **Coleen and Chuck Howard** are feeling sad about having to send grandchildren, **Jaden and Brandon** back to central Oregon to be with their mother. We'll miss seeing **Brandon** serving as acolyte and **Jaden's** cheerful presence at the door on youth Sundays. **David and Darlene MacFadden** were delighted to have daughter, **Toni** visit from Seattle. Hear they had a great visit. **Marilyn DeWitz** spent a good deal of energy celebrating her mother's one-hundredth birthday. Thanks to **Colleen Hatala** for catering the main event.

**Diane Parker and Bruce Richardson** have left for a two or three week trip to Buenos Aires and the International Tango Festival—right after they visit one of **Diane's** former psychiatric counseling trainees in Atlanta. I think **Diane** is hoping to get to dance a few steps—but she's not so sure about **Bruce**. After the festival they plan to visit Iguazu Falls, that's right on the border of Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina. Bueno Suerta, amigos. **John and Marian Treviso** are back from Tucson, Arizona where they attended a family wedding (step-granddaughter). They say it was beautiful, and the weather was good, too.

It was nice to see **Alex DeWolf** helping at the altar in early February—in honor of his mom, **Henrietta's** birthday. He and his sister and brother-in-law have moved back to the area, so we hope to see them more often. **Malcolm and Peggy Brewer** have been spending some of the rainy season in warmer climes. I think I heard Palm Springs. We've been missing them at Zarephath Kitchen, but I hope they're having a good time.

This year's **Vestry Retreat** at the Bishop's Close was fruitful, and according to Fr. Scott the ideas were freely flowing. It should be a good year. Thanks and best wishes to new (or recycled) Vestry members, **Angie Groce, Gloria Trunk, Marlene Lucas and Betsy Berninghausen**. New Senior Warden, **Mike Vidito** says the first month of his new job has been nothing but busy, but somebody has to do it.

At the **Diocesan level**, have you heard that Triangle Lake is going to be closed this year? I'm sure there will be a big article about it in the Oregon Churchman. Apparently there just hasn't been enough money to keep the program running. Like dominos, that loss has affected the youth program in the Diocese. Our **Metro-East Convocation** has tried to do a little to pick up the slack, and the congregations of All Saints and St.

John's have been taking a leadership role. **David Champion** (All Saints) writes, "The diocesan youth programs are not doing much better (than Triangle Lake) right now so our convocation youth ministry has assumed greater importance. One of the ideas we agreed to start working on immediately was to integrate the summer schedules of the different churches as much as possible. We all unanimously agreed that we need to have more people on the team. Ideally, we need at least one representative from each church in the convocation. So, if you know of any youth or adults at your church that would

be an asset to this team, please encourage them to contact me" Please talk to Fr. Scott or one of our convocation delegates if you have thoughts to promote the youth in our diocese.

Just a reminder: This column is only a good as the information we are given. You can drop a note to the Church Mouse in the offering any Sunday, or send a note to the Church Office. There are even some little yellow notes in the narthex so you have a ready-made blankety blank. Hope to hear from you soon. - CM

**Happy Birthday**—The great secret that all old people share is that you really haven't changed in seventy or eighty years. Your body changes, but you don't change at all. And that, of course, causes great confusion. ~Doris Lessing

March 5	Bill Pratt	March 17	The Rev Diana Starr-Sainave
6	Robert Evans	17	Pat Rose
6	Coleen Howard	18	Janice Erickson
7	Claire Anderson	20	Chad Ferguson
8	Rachel Hayashi	20	Christine Young
8	Tim Pfeiffer	21	Nancy Knoles
9	Jocelyn Goodnight	22	Leslie Hirsch
12	Betty Brosseau	26	David Cox
12	Esther Murdock	26	Marlene Haldors
14	Lil Yasumiishi	27	Tracy Pendus
15	Bill Berninghausen	28	Patricia McVay
15	Lyman Houk	30	Barbara Lambert
17	Carolyn Elsensohn	30	Helen Rees



## Intercessions

### March 4, 2007 Second Sunday in Lent

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer, asks us to pray for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Missouri - (Province V, USA). Our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, asks us to pray for the congregations of: St. Paul, Oregon City; St. Christopher, Port Orford; All Saints, Portland; Ascension, Portland. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Altar Guild.

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18  
 Psalm 27  
 Philippians 3:17—4:1  
 Luke 13:(22-30)31-35

### March 11, 2007 Third Sunday in Lent

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer, asks us to pray for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Moray, Ross & Caithness - (Scotland). Our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, asks us to pray for the congregations of: Good Samaritan Foundation, Portland; Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland; Grace Memorial, Portland; Metropolitan Portland Episcopal and Lutheran Campus Ministry, Portland. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we are asked to pray for our Lay Eucharistic Ministers.

Exodus 3:1-15  
 Psalm 103  
 I Corinthians 10: 1-13  
 Luke 13:1-9

### March 18, 2007 Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer, asks us to pray for the Diocese of Mwapwa - (Tanzania). Our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, asks us to pray for the congregations of: Oregon Episcopal School, Portland; St. Andrew, Portland; St. Barnabas, Portland; St. David of Wales, Portland. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we are asked to pray for our Lay Eucharistic Visitors.

Joshua(4:19-24); 5:9-12  
 Psalm 34  
 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21  
 Luke 15:11-32

### March 25, 2007 Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer, asks us to pray for the Diocese of Muyinga - (Burundi). Our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, asks us to pray for the congregations of: St. Gabriel the Archangel, Portland; St. John the Baptist, Portland; St. Matthew, Portland; St. Michael and All Angels, Portland. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, We are asked to pray for our Lectors.

Isaiah 43:16-21  
 Psalm 126  
 Philippians 3:8-14  
 Luke 20:9-19

## MARCH 2007 EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> 6:45-8:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 8:00 AM HE—Rite I 10:00 AM HE—Rite II 12:00 PM Wintergarden Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00 PM Girl Scouts Murdock Hall	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM HE, followed by Bible Study 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM Simple Supper 7:00 PM Via Media Session 2 7:00 —8:30 PM Holy Cross Worship Service	<b>8</b> 6:45-8:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:00 AM HE—Rite I 10:00 AM HE—Rite II	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00 PM Girl Scouts Murdock Hall	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM HE, followed by Bible Study 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM Simple Supper 7:00 PM Via Media Session 2 7:00 —8:30 PM Holy Cross Worship Service	<b>15</b> 6:45-8:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 8:00 AM HE—Rite I 10:00 AM HE—Rite II	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting Deadline for The Torch	<b>20</b> 10:00 AM H.E. & Healing Service 6:00 PM Girl Scouts Murdock Hall	<b>21</b> 10:00 AM HE, followed by Bible Study 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM Simple Supper 7:00 PM Via Media Session 2 7:00 —8:30 PM Holy Cross Worship Service	<b>22</b> 6:45-8:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8:00 AM HE—Rite I 10:00 AM HE—Rite II	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:00 PM Girl Scouts Murdock Hall	<b>28</b> 10:00 AM HE, followed by Bible Study 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM Simple Supper 7:00 PM Via Media Session 2 7:00 —8:30 PM Holy Cross Worship Service	<b>29</b> 6:45-8:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:00 AM Altar Guild Work Party for Palm Sunday

## From the Senior Warden

I want to thank everyone for their support of my appointment to Senior Warden. I appreciate the offers to help with the upcoming events and challenges that lay ahead. My first order of business is to assist Father Scott prepare for his sabbatical this coming fall. We as a congregation, need to show our support for Father Scott by keeping the church services and programs running smoothly during his absence. Preparations are being made to have supply priests handle Sunday Services, and we are also preparing our office staff and vestry to handle day to day operations as well as any emergencies that may arise. This is a much needed opportunity for Father Scott to reflect, rest, and get re-energized. This is also a good time for us as a parish family to reflect and to show our support for each other by keeping our programs and services going, while filling the gap for our rector. My guess is we will find that Father Scott does far more than we ever imagined, and that we've taken for granted those things that we know he does for us.

My next priority is to get the Saint Aidan's 50th Anniversary Celebration and Events planning underway. We are planning on a big celebration in the late summer of 2009, and we need to get started now in order to make it a joyous and memorable occasion. We will be forming an events committee this year and start meeting quarterly to get things underway. We want to celebrate and show our appreciation to the Rockwood Community, and to our church members, past and present. I urge everyone to think about what they would like to see take place at the celebration, and to bring it to the committee meetings.

Last but not least, I want to thank Chuck and Julie Kyer for organizing another successful Crab and Shrimp Feed. Chuck and Julie have done an excellent job over the years by making our most important fund raising event successful each and every year. The Kyer's have announced they would like turn over the reins to persons interested in taking on the challenge. The Kyer's said they will stay on through the 20th anniversary of the Crab and Shrimp Feed (2010) and will train those persons taking over for them through the next three crab feeds. What that means for Saint Aidan's is the clock has started. We have three years to get it done. That doesn't mean we can wait one or two years before we can get started, it means start now. Please take some time and give some consideration to being one of the future organizers of the crab feed. Chuck and Julie are willing to answer any questions you might have.

Remember, the clock is running. The 50th anniversary will be here before you know it. The 20th annual Crab and Shrimp Feed will be right behind it.  
Sincerely,  
Michael J. Vidito

## Apply for Pentecost Offering funds

Over the years, Diocesan Council has designated the Pentecost Offering for a variety of different types and numbers of ministries. Historically, the designations have held in balance the two different and yet related interpretations of the Spirit of Pentecost. On the one hand, Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. In this spirit, the offering or a portion of the offering has often been designated for "bricks and mortar." On the other hand, Pentecost is the great baptismal feast that expresses the empowerment of Christians to be Jesus in the world. Our proposal is that each year the Pentecost offering be divided equally between two ministries, each representing one of these two expressions of the Spirit of Pentecost.

Our Diocesan Council accepts this gift and sends this special offering to support important and creative programs all around the Diocese. In this regard, as we have done in the past, I invite you to mail your program proposals in letter form to Jonathan Weldon **by the deadline Friday, March 15, 2007**. *Please do not send applications by e-mail*. The applications can be found at <http://www.diocese-oregon.org/documents/2007PentecostOfferingApplication.pdf> on the Internet.

Please note, as well, that the committee reviewing the applications is planning to meet in March so the deadline cannot be extended.

Upon receipt of this information, our Council will determine the best way of supporting particular ministries of service and outreach.

Johncy Itty, Ph.D. Bishop of Oregon invites your support of the Pentecost Offering, and affirms, with gratitude your support of this endeavor in past years.

## St. Aidan's Outreach

For 84 years, the **Good Friday Offering** has been the primary and ongoing effort throughout the Episcopal Church in support of the institutions within the four dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. For information about how to donate to the Good Friday Offering, visit [http://www.episcopalchurch.org/1649\\_1669\\_ENG\\_HTM.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/1649_1669_ENG_HTM.htm).

**Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)** is responding to escalating violence in Palestine and Israel after the election of Hamas. ERD will provide emergency supplies such as food, water and medicine to vulnerable people cut off from food aid. To make a contribution, please donate to the Middle East Crisis Fund at [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org) or call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to: Episcopal Relief and Development, designated for Middle East Crisis, P.O. Box 12043, Newark, NJ 07101.

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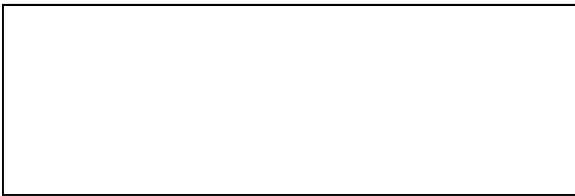
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