



THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

This Week at Redeemer

Adult Forum on Sunday:

Our guest will be the Rev. Elizabeth Gardner, who will speak on diocesan programming for young adults. On February 26, the Rev. Sarabeth Goodwin will share information on sanctuary cities.



Are you a new member of Redeemer? If so, please mark your calendar and attend an informal lunch with the rector on March 18 at Noon. There will be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall so Amma Cricket will know how many to plan for and be aware of any dietary restrictions. Ongoing members are very welcome. Let's get to know each other!

Sunday's Readings

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Psalms 119:33-40

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Matthew 5:38-48



The Collect

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Serving: February 12, 2017



Sunday, February 19 - Healing Sunday

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Mary K Young, Michael Mershon

Crucifer: Sam Nickerson

Acolyte: Olivia Tyler

Lectors: Susan Grigsby (8:00) , Beth Warner, Huda Kraske (10:30)

Intercessor: Pat Fitzgerald

Chalice: Tami McMinn (8:00); Patricia Snowden, Steve France,
Helen Zitomer, Nathan Price (10:30)

Greeters: Brooke Anthony, Mary K Young

Counters: Clark Downs, Ben Ivins

Flowers: Patricia Snowden

Altar Guild: Diana Dial, Cathy Baker, Ann Hartman

Monday, February 20 - Office closed/Presidents' Day

- AA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- Centering Prayer, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21

- Education for Ministry, 6:30 p.m.
- AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 22

- Education for Ministry, 9:30 p.m.
- AA Meeting, Noon
- Holy Eucharist, Noon
- Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m.

Looking ahead

American Boychoir, February 19, 5:00 p.m.

Redeemer Book Club, February 26, 3:00 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Talent Show, February 28, 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, March 1, Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 7:30 a.m., Noon, and 7:30 p.m.

Dying on our Own Terms, Lenten Program, begins March 8

**More News from
Redeemer**

The February Redeemer Spirit is available at:

<http://www.redeemberbethesda.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Redeemer-Spirit-February-2017.pdf>

The Annual Report is available on our website:

<http://www.redeemberbethesda.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Annual-Meeting-2017.pdf>

AMERICAN BOYCHOIR SINGS AT REDEEMER FEBRUARY 19

On Sunday, February 19, we are very fortunate to be hosting a return performance by America's most popular touring vocal ensemble, the American BoyChoir. The concert begins at 5.00 p.m. Invite your family and friends to this great event. Special thanks to the Friends of Music at Redeemer for making this special performance possible.

3rd Annual Voices From the Holy Land 2017 Film Series begins at the Washington National Cathedral, Perry Auditorium, this coming Sunday, February 19, at 2:30 pm with a showing of Two Blue Lines. Free Event. Free Parking. Link to voicesfromtheholylan.org for details.

Dying on Our Own Terms: A Wednesday Evening Lenten Program (March 8 - April 5)

We avoid it, deny it and joke about it. Dealing with death, especially our own death is a

difficult issue. But if there is anything the church should be able to do, it is to speak frankly about loss and look directly at death. This five evening discussion program at Redeemer will use a series of video vignettes to explore the ethical, medical and economic forces that often drive a person's choices. The time to talk about these difficult issues is before they happen, before you're in the emergency room and under pressure to make a decision "right now". Armed with courage and knowledge, each of us can help one another, our families and the clergy to make those decisions which allow us to die on our own terms. There will be some homework. There are directives to consider and decisions to be made to plan your own burial service. These actions are kind and thoughtful gifts we can make to those we love the most. The program will be led by the Rev. Joe Clark. Cost for the program: \$40. Make checks payable to Church of the Redeemer, or you can pay online through our website.

Pancake Supper, Talent Show & Lent Madness 2017 - February 28

Join us for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 28 beginning at 5:30 p.m. (Please note earlier start time.) During supper, support Bethesda Cares by participating in Lent Madness! For each \$10 donation, you'll draw a saint from the Holy Grail. Vote throughout Lent on lentmadness.org to usher your saint into the match for the Golden Halo. Following the Pancake Supper, we'll celebrate the artistic gifts of Redeemer at our annual Talent Show. Sign your act up on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, or contact Chrissy deFontenay (cfontenay@yahoo.com).

Redeemer Book Group

The next reading of the Book Group is: *A Rage for Order --- The Middle East in Turmoil, from Tahrir Square to ISIS* by Robert Worth. The book narrates first-hand accounts of how various countries rose up against dictatorship and then why they were not able to sustain democracy. Robert Worth is a New York Times journalist who has written an eye-opening read for anyone interested in understanding the raging crisis in the Middle East.

Discussion of the book will take place at 3 pm on Sunday, February 26 at the home of Juliet Grant-Suttie, 4986 Sentinel Drive #301, Bethesda, Md. 20816. For questions, contact Huda Kraske at hqkraske@aol.com. The author may be able to join us for the discussion.

Confirmation/Newcomer Classes Scheduled

Spring Confirmation Service is Saturday, May 13, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral. If you wish to be confirmed (make an adult commitment to the baptismal vows made for you at baptism), received (officially become an Episcopalian from a church in communion with ours), or reaffirm your baptismal vows, please plan to come to the following classes:

March 4 (Sacramental Life/Book of Common Prayer)

April 1 (Living in Christian Community)

If you have questions, please see Amma Cricket. Anyone interested in these classes are welcome, even if you don't plan to participate in the May service. Take this opportunity to refresh your knowledge of Anglicanism! Meetings are on Saturdays and start at 11:30 a.m.

MEN'S RETREAT 2017: Friday through Sunday, April 28th - 30th

Men in Their Roles as Leaders

Meeting for our sixth annual weekend retreat, men at the Church of the Redeemer will gather in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, on the weekend of April 28-30, with David Schlafer as our convener, to share experiences and reflections on what it has meant for us to be "leaders." We gather as friends and colleagues, and as fellow explorers in the

Community of Christian faith, to speak and listen with one another in considering questions related to "Leadership." Sign-up sheet in the parish hall. Questions: Jefferson7019@aol.com

Help Wanted Sundays

Would you like a leadership role on Sunday mornings that doesn't involve speaking in public? We need acolytes and crucifers especially. Please e-mail John Harbeson (jwharbeson@aol.com) or Amma Cricket (rector@redeemberbethesda.org) to volunteer.

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When you purchase items remember: your purchases at **smile.amazon.com** can support Church Of The Redeemer. Go to the Smile website, select Redeemer as your charity. Amazon donates a small percentage of your purchase. The little bits add up so sign up today! (This, of course, is a supplement, not a substitute, for your pledge.)

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