



Otey Notes



The author of this poem is Church of England priest Malcolm Guite, (b. 1957) who writes:

[The Transfiguration is] when we remember how the Disciples, even before they went to Jerusalem to face his trials with him, had a glimpse of Christ in his true glory. The Transfiguration is . . . remembered just before Lent, which is a good time for it . . . as I believe the glimpse of glory in Christ they saw on the mount of the Transfiguration was given in order to sustain the disciples through darkness of Good Friday. Indeed it is for a disciple, looking back at the transfiguration from Good Friday, that I have voiced the poem.

*For that one moment, ‘in and out of time,’
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
There were no angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.*

TAKE NOTE

CHRISTIAN FORMATION SUNDAYS, 10 AM

Lectionary class each Sunday reviews that Sunday’s Gospel lesson

ADULT FORUM SUNDAYS AT 10 AM

- ✓ Feb. 5 Rector’s Forum
- ✓ Feb. 12 “Education: for Jobs or for Life?” - Remington Rose-Crossley
- ✓ Feb. 19 “Parenting and the Religious Upbringing of Children” - Regan Schutz
- ✓ Feb. 26 “Preparing for a Life of Service” - Karen Meridith

MONTHLY EVENTS

- ✓ Feb 15 Christian Formation Meeting—Adult Ed. , 4 pm
- ✓ Feb 15 Otey Notes submissions due, 3 pm
- ✓ Feb 16 Vestry Meeting, 5 pm, Adult Ed.

OFFICE CLOSURES

- ✓ Feb 16 Presidents’ Day.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ✓ Feb 9 Cooking Class with Sandy Rice, 9am (reservations to be made through CAC).
- ✓ Feb 10 Food with Friends Community Lunch, 12 noon; everyone invited
- ✓ Feb 28 Shrove Tuesday, 5 pm St. Marks’

Inclement Weather Policy



It will be Otey Parish’s policy to follow the Franklin County School systems closures and delays for inclement weather. If Franklin County schools are closed, Otey Parish will be closed. The Community Action Committee will also be going by this policy. The Sewanee Children’s Center will decide and announce its own cancellations.

CAC TUTORING PROGRAM



CAC has launched an after-school tutoring program in partnership with St. James and we are up and running! After months of planning and help from some experts, the after-school program will fill a need for children who need help with homework. This community has a wealth of excellent retired teachers who love kids and love to teach, and have generously offered their time. St. James has the perfect set-up with a playground and indoor space for one on one assistance. Everyone involved sees this as a gift not only for children but to their parents. We are beginning as a one-year pilot program on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-5:00. Children can get help and parents will now have more quality time with their children, knowing that homework is done.

CAC will help with all of the details and with volunteer recruitment, funding, and other needed support as this program grows and takes shape.

Dedicated teachers, eager university students, quality space and guaranteed funding is the perfect formula for success and we are aiming for just that. Please pray for this new venture as CAC continues to look for ways to make lives better for everyone.

Betty Carpenter



SEWANEE HEARTS AND GROCERY CARTS



The ladies of Kappa Omega sorority will host the third annual Sewanee Hearts and Grocery Carts Service Event on February 12th from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Otey Parish. The event collects donations, both in money and canned goods, for the local organization Community Action Committee. On the 12th, the event will include family-friendly activities such as live music, Valentine's card making, and a silent auction. Each donation will earn tickets that can win prizes such as gift cards to Mountain Khaki and many others. This year, Kappa Omega hopes to raise \$1,750 to support the Community Action Committee in delivering food and necessary goods to local community members. Please come support this cause at Otey Parish on the 12th by bringing donations of canned goods or money or contact Rebecca Brewer, 423-571-1613 or brewerc0@sewanee.edu, to make a contribution

Save these Dates – Fire on the Mountain

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join Fire on the Mountain. We welcome and affirm young people of all backgrounds and all faiths.

Upcoming meetings are **February 5th, February 19th, March 5th, March 19th, and April 2nd**. Please mark your calendar and watch for more Fire on the Mountain news! At our next meeting on February 5th, we will plan a weekend mission & learning trip to Memphis, so don't miss out! Parents are also encouraged to attend.

On Sundays at 10am, youth in 6th-12th grades are invited to gather in Brooks Hall for a light breakfast and discussion. Join us as we consider our faith together in an atmosphere where questions and doubts are always welcome.

GODLY PLAY

Children ages 3-11 are invited to join their friends in the Godly Play rooms for a contemplative, Montessori-based program that honors each child's own relationship with the divine. 10:00-10:50 on Sunday mornings.

In February, Godly Play 1 (age 3 through first grade) will hear and respond to parables. Godly Play 2 (second through fifth grade) will be exploring stories of saints.

*Jeannie Babb
Christian Formation
And
Acting Youth
Director*



FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN HEARS NEWS FROM OCETI SAKOWIN

"It's hard to say I'm sorry, when you've been mistreated for five hundred years." Yet that is what Frank and Rochelle Bullhead said to the police and mercenaries at Standing Rock. "I'm sorry, and I forgive you, and I love you." Frank Bullhead said some took off their badges, and one of the pipeline workers became a water protector and brought his family to the camp.



Bullhead told us this story after handing Fire on the Mountain students a rubber bullet shot at his wife Rochelle. He protected her with his body.

Since our first Fire on the Mountain meeting of 2017 took place the day before Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, we talked about the importance of MLK Day and ongoing challenges to racial justice today. Then we walked down to the American Legion Hall to help set up tables and chairs for the cultural program and community potluck, called

Standing Rock: News from Oceti Sakowin.

Frank and Rochelle Bullhead have often stood in the front lines at Standing Rock. We met their daughter Mimi, with baby Dawson, and Mimi's husband Isaac Weston who was Head of camp at Oceti Sakowin, and Isaac's brother.



Stories from Standing Rock center on the importance of prayer, and the deep faith of listening. As Isaac Weston shared his own story, we were moved by his belief that prayer is always answered – not always with miracles on God's part, but often with a sense of mission or a new direction.

What is needed, may not be what one expects. Weston said that when the Dakota, Nakota and Lakota people gathered to pray about the Dakota pipeline, one of the responses from Creator was that they must "bring back the women." He said western civilization had taught them to treat women as second class and to look the other way when women and children were hurt. "That prayer taught us to bring back the women. Bring back our old way of life, where the women were held as highest sacred entity, because they do what men cannot do; they bring life."

Another powerful testimony came from Rochelle Bullhead, who stood before us wearing a dress of pennies. She explained what her grandfather told her: The pennies were for Abraham Lincoln. Though he freed black slaves through the Emancipation Proclamation, he also oversaw the largest public execution in the United States, in which 38 starving Dakota men were hanged on a single platform.



Rochelle Bullhead was calm, almost stoic, as she spoke about the need to protect the water that gives life to her people, and ultimately millions more.

"I would die for the water," she said, and then she pointed out the baby in her young daughter-in-law's arms. "These are my children. That is my first grandchild she is holding. I would die for them." She looked back at us and said, "I would die for you."

Jeannie Babb

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PRAYER LIST

PRAYERS REQUESTED: Kenny Alexander, Sr., Thad Andras, Caroline Baird, Kenneth Bentley, Stephen Carter, Linda Cheadle, Nancy Chase, Bill Dick, Doris Ann Edwards, Sally Franklin, Hunter Hawkins, Phebe Hethcock, Linda Hutton, Patrick Irwin, Sylvia James, Mike Jones, David Kearley, Bob Keele, Elinor and Bob Lamborn, Howell Lynch, Flaget and Larry Nally, Julia Ramsey-Tharp, Doug Seiters, Virginia Sloan, Sam Williamson, Liz Workman, George, Karen

Sunday Altar Flower Dedications

If you would like to dedicate the Sunday altar arrangement as a memorial or a thanksgiving, please contact Diane Jones at [615-594-4805](tel:615-594-4805) (cell) or djones.sewanee@gmail.com. The cost is \$40, and your donation supports the Altar Guild.



Don't Forget!

The deadline for submissions for the March 2017 issue of *Otey Notes* is: **3pm Wednesday, February 15.**

Email submissions to: oteyparish@gmail.com

Thank you

We have been deeply touched by the overwhelming love and support shown by Otey parishioners in response to our son Reid's death. The many cards, notes, phone calls, wonderful meals, and the beautiful reception after the burial have sustained us during a difficult time. So many reached out to us in such generous and thoughtful ways, many quietly behind the scenes. We are grateful for this loving parish community.

Peggy and Tom Ward

In Gratitude

Words cannot express the feelings of love and support given to me this past month—first with my broken limb and then with the death of my brother Charles. Thank you so much for all you have done—the food, the cards, the calls. Otey Memorial Parish is a very special place with very special people. I am fortunate to be part of that family.

Frieda Hawkins-Gipson

FEBRUARY



3-Feb	Elliott Duncan	16-Feb	Jeannie Babb
6-Feb	Jay Fisher	16-Feb	Jane Holmes
9-Feb	Timothy Graham	17-Feb	Jimmy Blythe
9-Feb	Mac Croom	17-Feb	John Fisher
9-Feb	Gus Croom	18-Feb	George Dick
10-Feb	Deborah Ball	19-Feb	Amy Neubauer
11-Feb	Kenneth Alexander	18-Sep	Timothy Nelson
12-Feb	Laurie Fisher	18-Feb	Madeline Van de Ven
12-Feb	Beth Wiley	22-Feb	Jett Fisher
13-Feb	Trudy Cunningham	23-Feb	David Kearley
13-Feb	Brenda Matthews	23-Feb	Thomas Macfie
14-Feb	Miree Wood	24-Feb	Elizabeth Camp
15-Feb	Kelley Black	27-Feb	Hampton Mauzy
15-Feb	John Gatta	28-Feb	Bonnie McCardell