



Otey Notes



In the holy season of Lent we return to the basics—of Christian faith and of who we are as human beings. “Human” itself alludes to the dust or soil (humus) Ash Wednesday reminds us comprises our bodies and is their destination after death. Lent is a time to look our mortality square in the face, and to renew the spiritual practices that connect us with the God who gives us our very existence and draws us close in Jesus Christ.

- For individuals and families at home, we will again make available the **Lenten posters** that offer a brief reflection or suggestion each day.
- Regularly scheduled **Morning Prayer** (Mon-Fri at 7:30am) and Evening Prayer (Mon-Thur [and sometimes Fridays] at 4:30pm) are modest in duration, yet spiritually significant experiences for those who take part.
- The **Centering Prayer** group, facilitated by Jennifer Michael, continues at 7:00 pm on Mondays.

Morning and Evening Prayer, and Centering Prayer, will all take place in St. Paul’s-on-the-Mountain Chapel in Claiborne Parish House during Lent.

- We will again hold the popular **weekday celebration of Eucharist** in the church on Tuesdays, February 16-March 15 at 12:15pm. These services will feature a different guest preacher each week, and prayers for healing with those who wish to remain afterward.

Lenten Reflections will focus on a practice at the heart of Christian faith this year, using the book *Forgiven and Forgiving*, by L. William Countryman (available in both paperback and Kindle formats, and there is a copy in the duPont Library).

“Only the strong can forgive. God, who is strongest, forgives best,” Countryman writes. Once we truly understand the depths of God’s love for us and know deep-down that we are forgiven, we begin to see the world anew through God’s eyes. Only when we are able to accept God’s forgiveness for ourselves can we offer forgiveness to others. Biblically based with sound academic research, yet written in a conversational style, *Forgiven and Forgiving* offers valuable insights for clergy, laity, and church study groups. Countryman is an Episcopal priest and retired professor of New Testament.

There are three **ways to participate** in the Lenten reflections:

- A **brown bag lunch and discussion** at 1pm Tuesdays, February 16 through March 15 (immediately after the 12:15pm service) in Claiborne’s Adult Education Room.
- Soup and Reflection at 6pm Wednesdays, February 17-March 16 in St. Mark’s.
- Reading the book if you are unable to attend one of the sessions.

One of the reasons I felt drawn to Otey was the culture valuing matters of spirituality and faith development. I look forward to walking with you through these forty days of prayerful discovery.

Rob Lamborn

TAKE NOTE

CHRISTIAN FORMATION SUNDAYS, 10 AM

Lectionary class each Sunday reviews that Sunday’s Gospel lesson

- ✓ Feb. 7 Rector’s Forum
- ✓ Feb. 14 "John Henry Newman as Anglican/Roman Catholic Theologian" - Benjamin King
- ✓ Feb. 21 "John Newton, William Wilberforce, and the Movement to Abolish the Slave Trade." –Matthew Mitchell
- ✓ Feb. 28 TBD

MONTHLY EVENTS

- ✓ Feb. 17 *Otey Notes* submissions due, 3pm
- ✓ Feb 18 Vestry Meeting, 5:30pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ✓ Feb. 9 Fat Tuesday, 6pm St. Mark’s

SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES

- Feb. 10
Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist -
12:15 pm and 7:00 pm
- Tuesdays, Feb. 16, 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15 -
12:15 pm
Holy Eucharist followed by Prayers for Healing

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

- Tuesdays, Feb. 16, 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15 -
1:00 pm
Brown bag lunch and discussion
Adult Ed. Room, Claiborne Parish House
- Wednesdays -Feb. 17, 24, Mar. 2, 9, 16 -
6:00 pm
Soup and Reflection
St. Mark’s, Claiborne Parish House

OFFICE CLOSED

FEB. 15—PRESIDENT’S DAY

SERVICES IN CLAIBORNE HALL DURING LENT

LENT, BY GEORGE HERBERT

The first door on the left at the south entrance of Claiborne Hall opens into St. Paul's-on-the-Mountain Chapel, a space for prayer and gathering that has not seen much use since its consecration by Bishop Bauerschmidt in November, 2014. During the season of Lent, the services of Morning Prayer (7:30am) and Evening Prayer (4:30pm), as well as the Centering Prayer group (7pm Mondays) will take place in St. Paul's-on-the-Mountain Chapel rather than in the church. Toward the end of Lent, the participants will reflect together with Rob Lamborn on the experience as part of discerning the most suitable location for those services.



ECW SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 1



ECW co-presidents, Marcia Mary Cook and Susan Holmes, have announced a special meeting of ECW on Feb. 1 to hear The Rev. Dr. Robert MacSwain, Associate Professor of Theology at the University of the South. Dr. MacSwain will discuss the recent Primates' Meeting of the Anglican

Communion, held in Canterbury, England, from January 11-15. What are the implications of this meeting for the Episcopal Church? Dr. MacSwain was research assistant to Archbishop George Carey at Lambeth Palace, London, in 2000-01, and is a priest canonically resident in the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina.

The luncheon meeting will take place at noon in St. Mark's Hall of Otey Parish Claiborne Parish House. Reservations for the \$10 catered lunch should be made by calling the caterer, Jennifer Janeway, at 598-5065 or e-mailing her at jejaneway99@gmail.com. A vegetarian meal will be provided if requested at the time the reservation is made.

All interested persons of the area are invited to come.

Ruth Ramseur

Welcome dear feast of Lent: who loves not thee,
He loves not Temperance, or Authority,
But is compos'd of passion.
The Scriptures bid us fast; the Church says, now:
Give to thy Mother, what thou wouldst allow
To ev'ry Corporation.

The humble soul compos'd of love and fear
Begins at home, and lays the burden there,
When doctrines disagree,
He says, in things which use hath justly got,
I am a scandal to the Church, and not
The Church is so to me.

True Christians should be glad of an occasion
To use their temperance, seeking no evasion,
When good is seasonable;
Unless Authority, which should increase
The obligation in us, make it less,
And Power itself disable.

Besides the cleanness of sweet abstinence,
Quick thoughts and motions at a small expense,
A face not fearing light:
Whereas in fulness there are sluttish fumes,
Sour exhalations, and dishonest rheums,
Revenging the delight.

Then those same pendant profits, which the spring
And Easter intimate, enlarge the thing,
And goodness of the deed.
Neither ought other men's abuse of Lent
Spoil the good use; lest by that argument
We forfeit all our Creed.

It's true, we cannot reach Christ's forti'eth day;
Yet to go part of that religious way,
Is better than to rest:
We cannot reach our Saviour's purity;
Yet we are bid, 'Be holy ev'n as he, '
In both let's do our best.

Who goeth in the way which Christ hath gone,
Is much more sure to meet with him, than one
That travelleth by-ways:
Perhaps my God, though he be far before,
May turn and take me by the hand, and more:
May strengthen my decays

Yet Lord instruct us to improve our fast
By starving sin and taking such repast,
As may our faults control:
That ev'ry man may revel at his door,
Not in his parlour; banqueting the poor,
And among those his soul.

FOTM

Ever wanted to help the youth group but didn't know how? Now is your chance! Fire on the Mountain is looking for people who would be willing to provide a meal for some youth meetings during the spring term. Meals need not be fancy-- sloppy Joes, sub sandwiches, pizza, chili, tacos, vegetarian soup are a few ideas. There are approximately 10 participants. If you can help out, please call or email Neil Patterson (fotm@gmail.com; 931-598-9530) or sign up in St. Mark's Hall. Thank you for your support!

Due to the snowy weather of this past weekend, the second day of the Diocesan Convention was postponed to Saturday, February 6, 2016

OFFICE MOVE UPDATE

As announced in Otey Notes last month, our clergy and administrative offices will soon be moving to Claiborne Hall --not quite as soon as hoped, but the preparations are at least underway! The office in Brooks Hall currently housing Financial Administrative Assistant Diane Fielding is being readied for Organist Kathy Sturgis (and her considerable collection of music!). Folks at Home has made a long-term loan of a conference table and chairs for the adult education room, freeing up the current dining table and chairs there to return to the once-and-future dining room in Brooks Hall currently housing Rector Rob Lamborn. A door will be installed between the new offices of Rob and Parish Administrator Frieda Gipson (framing was provided inside this wall during construction of Claiborne to allow for such a door in the future). Once that step is complete, Rob, Frieda, and Diane will all move to Claiborne, and Kathy will move to Brooks (if she hasn't already). Thanks go to the "Friday Guys" construction crew led by Mickey Suarez, to contractor Bill Mauzy, and to the family who made a donation to cover the costs of this move.

Robert Lamborn

VESTRY NOTES

At its January 21 regular meeting, the Vestry:

--elected Laura Willis Senior Warden, Dorothy Gates Junior Warden, Ann Aitken Clerk, Susan Holmes Assistant Clerk, and Beth Wiley Treasurer, all for 1-year terms.

--approved another \$50,000 payment toward the principal of the Claiborne Hall loan.

--heard an update on property issues, the addition of a sign for the Sewanee Children's Center (perhaps to include CAC and Thurmond Library), including the February move of offices to Claiborne, and the upcoming sale of surplus items from the Brooks Hall basement to help fund needed paving of the gravel driveway from University Ave.

The next Vestry meeting is February 18 in the Adult Education Room of Claiborne Parish House.

Robert Lamborn

*Reminder—Otey and CAC offices
will be closed Monday, February 15
for Presidents' Day*

CLAIBORNE PARISH HOUSE LOAN PROGRESS

Last month your designated debt reduction payments and continued Phase II capital campaign contributions allowed Otey to make another \$50,000 payment toward the principal of our loan. Through a combination of debt reduction payments and the principal portion of our regularly-budgeted monthly payments, our loan balance has declined from an initial \$682,088 as of September 1, 2014 to \$481,532 as of February 1, 2016. Every reduction in our loan balance helps our operating budget by reducing the interest portion of our monthly payment. (Currently the operating budget is stretched to the point of not funding the vacant position of Director of Christian Education and paying only 70% of our diocesan assessment.) Congratulations and please keep those gifts and pledge payments flowing so that we can make another \$50,000 payment toward principal this year!

Robert Lamborn



CLAIBORNE PARISH HOUSE KITCHEN ETIQUETTE

Our kitchen in Claiborne Parish House is shared by many different groups. In order to keep it clean for everyone, below are a few rules.

1. Leave it the way you found it, hopefully neat and clean
2. If you run out of anything, please note it on the shopping list on bulletin board.
3. Put all non-perishable opened food items securely wrapped and labeled in the "food" cabinet.
4. After your event, PLEASE take home all left over food, dishes, supplies. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE PERISHABLE FOOD IN THE REFRIGERATOR EXPECTING THAT IT WILL BE USED BY SOMEONE ELSE.
5. Please wipe the stove and the counter tops .
6. Dishtowels: It would be greatly appreciated if you would take them home to wash and return them promptly. Keep in mind that the next group will need them and to find the dishtowel drawer empty is most inconvenient..
7. Table Cloths: If this has not been discussed before the event, it is expected that you will wash the cloths and return them promptly..
8. Coffee Pots: Please empty all pots and turn upside down on the mat beside the coffee maker. This is not a dish drain so please do not leave other cups, plates, dishes on this mat.
9. Coffee Cups: please store regular coffee cups (not mugs) in the basket kept on the window counter; mugs go in the cabinet next to the microwave; additional regular cups are in a basket in the pantry.
10. Paper/plastic supplies: A supply of napkins (various sizes), paper plates, plastic cups is in the drawers and cabinets below the window counter. Please use these before opening any new packages.

We want everyone to enjoy our beautiful kitchen. Thank you.

FAT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 6:00 PM

Come one come all and let the good times roll for a New Orleans themed celebration in St. Mark's Hall of Claiborne Parish house! On Tuesday, February 9th at 6:00pm, you won't want to miss the Fat Tuesday festivities and feast hosted by the Otey Parish Crewe! Everyone and every age is welcome, so invite all your friends and neighbors!



Master Chef Gary Sturgis, will return to his throne as Otey's chef extraordinaire. The menu will delight your taste buds with Cajun jambalaya and red beans and rice. Vegetarian offering will be provided. For the kids, there will be a special pancake station manned. Orange juice and coffee will be provided but please feel free to bring your own beverage of choice (adult or your children's favorite). Entertainment will include jazz and Mardi Gras favorites (dancing and beads are encouraged)! Tickets prices are \$7.00 per adult in advance with no family paying more than \$20.00, Ticket prices at the door will be \$8.00, and children ages 0-5 are \$2.

Lynn Stubblefield (lynnstubblefield@gmail.com, 423-838-8201) and Claudia Porter (porter45@bellsouth.net, 931-636-6548) are coordinating volunteer efforts and advance ticket sales for the evening. Please contact them if you are willing to help or have any questions. Costumes of all kinds are strongly encouraged but not required. Please join us for an evening you are sure to never forget!

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Rachel Suarez, '18, Stewardship
Ken Taylor, '17, Parish Life
Laura Willis, '16, Senior Warden
Beth Wiley, Treasurer
Ann Aitken, Clerk

PRAYER LIST

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED OUR

PRAYERS: Gay Alvarez, Caroline Myers Baird, Lydia Burroughs, Canon Gideon Byamagishu, Nancy Chase, Stuart Cook, Finnegan Davis, Jackie Faircloth, Mary Frances Gallagher, Bob Hughes, Michael Hurst, Patrick Irwin, Angela Jacobs, Bob Keele, Luwin Lewis, Howell Lynch, Ellon Meeks, Kathleen Kelleher O'Connor. Francis Ridpath, Almeda Roberson, Henry Schneider, Mary Sears, Virginia and Scott Sloan, Laura Stavro, Clifford Tomes, Liz Workman, Kathy, Cameron, Suzanne, Karen, Travis

The prayer list will be updated on February 10. Names will need to be submitted/resubmitted to Frieda Gipson before then to remain on the list.

UPDATED INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

It is Otey Parish's policy to follow the Franklin County School systems closures and delays for inclement weather. But there will be times when Franklin County School System is closed and Otey will be open. An "All Parish" email will let you know when this is the case. If in doubt it is always best to call the office to check.

More Kitchen Notes

During our various events over the past few months, dishes and pans have been left in our kitchen. If you are missing any cooking vessels, please check and see if it is in Claiborne's kitchen.

Don't Forget!

The deadline for submissions for the March 2016 issue of Otey Notes is: 3pm Wednesday, February 17

Email submissions to: oteyparish@gmail.com

FEBRUARY



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