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Ash Wednesday

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Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in

order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

Luke 4:1

Approval

Today many people will be going to Ash Wednesday services or seeing an Ashes to Go station somewhere and receive the sign of the cross or a smudge on their forehead made with ashes. Then they will go from there into their schedule for the day. Some will wipe the ashes off and others will not. Are the ones who do not wipe them off willfully disregarding Jesus and, therefore, receiving no reward from their Father in heaven? I don't think so- for the most part.

The Approval of God

You already have the approval of God. Jesus words here go right to the heart of how deeply we see receive it. If you receive ashes and do not wipe them off hoping people will notice how devout, spiritual, or Christian you are then you looking for the approval of others as a means of bolstering your identity. When people notice you for doing that you have your reward. Jesus is calling you to receive your identity from the love and grace of the Father. He is asking you to put aside your efforts to do better, sin less, and be good as a mark of your identity. He asking you instead to build your relationship with the One who loves you, calls His child, and calls you by name. He calls you to the One who will never leave you or forsake you. When you come to worship look for that One amongst the congregation. When you are in your fellowship groups look for that One in each other.s When you are serving in the community look for that One among those you are reaching. It will be a richer, fuller Lent as you observe the season in that manner.

Coming Attractions

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

Sunday, March 10, 2019 10:00am Worship followed by pot luck. If you have come out as a prophet on the five fold survey please sit with the Vicar during the potluck. You may take the survey at fivefoldsurvey.com

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 6:30pm Theology on Tap. Contact Richard at richardandhedy@yahoo.com

Music Event For Your Family and Friends - St Patrick's Day

Weekend - Friday, March 15th. 7:30 - 9pm.

The Music Ministry of St Francis and ManyWaters Ministry led by Carol Maher are hosting a special evening of songs from Ireland with Irish Singer-songwriter, SIOBHAN O'BRIEN - www.siohhanobrien.com

This event is the first of 3 events we hope to sponsor this year to encourage the Arts and Creativity here in Goochland.

Please join us and invite your friends for this special evening. Siobhan O'Brien is a well known performer with a beautiful voice and acoustic guitar. Siobhan will play her own music, some traditional Irish melodies, and tell some Irish stories. She may even engage our questions! After the hour concert we'll have a time for refreshments, get to know some new folks, and purchase CD's. All this for a Suggested Donation of \$5 !!!

Jobs For Life Volunteer Opportunity this is a great ministry in which some of us may want to be involved:

Central Goochland



The first Goochland *Jobs for Life* training class is starting
Thursday, March 28th at
GoochlandCares from 6p-8:30p.

The *Jobs for Life* class helps men and women find employment, learn God's gift of work, and receive a supportive community through volunteers.

Volunteers are needed to make the classes successful.

Learn How to Get Involved: Instructors, Mentors, Business Speakers, Meals, Transportation help is needed.

For more information email Ginger Lowery
at Goochlandjfl@gmail.com
Or leave a message at
JobsRVA at (434)829-2658

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About the Program

The Jobs for Life program helps unemployed and underemployed get employed and move up the ranks. In doing so, they become productive residents that give back to the community that gave to them. Those that

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**Great Team =
GoochlandCares + Jobs For Life + JobsRVA + You**

Join the worldwide network of churches, businesses, and organizations addressing the devastating impact of joblessness in their communities. GoochlandCares, well known for giving back to the community, has offered a location for the training. What we need now are Champions to help mentor the students; Meals for each class; Instructors from local businesses and community organizations; Businessmen and Women to volunteer to participate in class presentations and assisting in mock interviews.

We appreciate your support!

[Contact Ginger Lowery for more information](#)

Highlights from the February 19, 2019 Vestry Committee Meeting

In attendance were: The Rev. Dr. John Maher, Vicar; Joey Broussard, Richard Walker, Rick Lloyd, Diane Montgomery, Debbie Taylor

Marian Elam, Susan Kidd & Dorothy DeJong (CCM Liaison)

-We started with an orientation which included the responsibilities and practices of the Vestry Committee since we welcomed Diane Montgomery a new vestry member and Richard Walker a former vestry member.

- Our vestry members are: Senior Warden- Joey Broussard, Junior Warden- Richard Walker, other members are: Rick Lloyd, Diane Montgomery & Debbie Taylor. Register- Marian Elam & Treasurer- Susan Kidd.

- Joey Broussard was appointed to be our Delegate to the Annual Council with Rick Lloyd to be the alternate.

- Rick Lloyd has volunteered to be our Regional Representative.

- We have to replace our heat pump system. Woodfin is doing the work. We are using the money in our housing account to pay for the new system.

DOING THIS WILL reduce our electric bill and provide A/C when needed. KICK is also going to submit a request for a grant from the Peter J. Lee fund for possible reimbursement for some of the money spent for this project.

- Dorothy DeJong our CCM Liaison told us about the Scott Foundation Fund that is available for Building & Property projects that may be submitted for any future projects.

- The next vestry meeting will be held on April 9th at 4:00pm.

The first Sunday of each month, after church, Karen & Chris Webber will be collecting donated food from the Food Lion in Centerville and taking it to the food pantry. This would be an ideal time for anyone in the church to bring in their own donations!! The food pantry is in dire need of cereal, canned soups, and canned vegetables (not generally things donated by grocery stores). If this is something you would like to contribute to, just bring it to church and we would make sure it was delivered to the food pantry.

Please help us in the fun sharing our favorite recipes, in the form of a St. Francis cookbook. Please bring your recipes to the pot luck each month, and give to Libby or Karen. You can also email to lcp@libbyclarkphotography.com.

Centerville Circle of Prayer

Goochland Dentistry, Peter Murchie, D.D.S., owner. that the health of many in the community would increase

The Diocese of Virginia

For the People of Emmanuel (Brook Hill), Richmond; St. Dunstan's, McClean; St. Gabriel's Leesburg; All Souls, Atlee that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Anglican Communion

For the people of the dioceses of Mara (Tanzania) The Rt Revd George Okoth (Diocesan Bishop)
Trinidad & Tobago (West Indies) The Rt Revd Claude Berkley (Diocesan Bishop)
Truro (England) The Revd Christopher David Goldsmith
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Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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