



The Messenger

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Priest Musings

It is hard for me to believe Lent is just around the corner! Didn't we just take down the Christmas tree?

February 17th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of that lovely season of prayer, penance, fasting and almsgiving as a means of spiritual preparation for the Paschal Mysteries of Holy Week/Easter. We will be having a recorded service for Ash Wednesday. (See announcement below for more information.) I hope you will join us for what I hope will be a powerful and meaningful liturgy.



I also want to say more about a Lenten Study I have devised. The topic for our Lenten study will be worship. I will be recording and posting a video each Wednesday in which I will be talking about some aspect of our Sunday morning Liturgy. My goal is to teach about why we do things the way we do. We will examine each part of the Liturgy and think about what we are doing and why. In addition to the weekly talk you will be able to download worksheets I have composed for each week that outline what I will talk about in the videos as well as Scriptures I would like you to read and questions for you to ponder and answer. My hope is that as we walk the Lenten journey we will take this dedicated time to consider the depths of what constitutes worship. Not just for us as Episcopalians but as people who have a relationship with the Living God. Stay tuned for an upcoming E-News for the pdf download or you can pick up a packet of the worksheets in the office.

Stay well and be at peace! *Patti+*



Ash Wednesday Service
February 17, 2021
12:00 PM, YouTube Channel

Since the service will be recorded, the Imposition of Ashes will be done in a unique way that requires you to plan ahead a bit. Have on hand a small piece of paper and something to write with, a can or other appropriate bowl for burning those papers and matches. Time will be given in the service for you to write down your sins and desire for repentance. Then time will be given to burn them. Following the burning we will pray a blessing upon those ashes. Instead of smearing the ashes on your forehead, you are invited to keep those ashes in a small container in a prominent place in your home throughout Lent to remind you of your mortality and call to fasting, prayer and penance.

Live Streamed and recorded services are available on our YouTube channel, "Emmanuel Parish Coos Bay", at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9rtAd3nGaZ-Xpa38796ctA>

Coos Food Cupboard

For the month of February, the food cupboard would appreciate donations of toilet paper. Non-food items, such as toilet paper, cannot be purchased with SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. Toilet paper is an expense many of our clients cannot afford. Thank you for your continued support of the Coos Food Cupboard!





ZOOM Presentation and Discussion: Overview of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:30pm

Link to Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94156550908pwd=Yi8wb0N0UTBqQ1dOK1VGU05UbUZIZz09>

Meeting ID: 941 5655 0908

Passcode: 352271

Presentation will include:

- Intro to St. Dominic
- Founding of the Order
- Charisms, Pillars and Vows
- Dominican Way of Life in today's world

Presented by Amy J. Linder, OblOP

(If there is interest in an afternoon offering, I am happy to add another date.)

February Music Notes

In February, I will be offering piano preludes of favorite compositions.

On February 7, the Old Testament readings bring "Tahoe Thoughts" to mind, a piece inspired by this stanza my great-aunt wrote:

"Lake of a thousand hues from dawn to set of sun
Lake of silver and pearl as the course of the moon is run,
Lake with voice of thunder when wind and wave command,
Lake silent as time, still as space at rest on sand."

-Agnes Claypole Moody, Blazed Pine, 1941

Available for listening here: <https://katemusic.com/track/2109995/tahoe-thoughts>

On February 14, The Transfiguration: "The Light Is Born"

February 21: "Still Waters"

And on February 28, Psalm 22 calls forth "Heart":

"The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
'May your heart live for ever!'"



~Respectfully submitted, *Kate Moody*, Parish Music Director

The 'New' and Sparkling Vesting Room

The Priest's Vesting Room is just down the upstairs hallway from the Altar Guild's work room. Always used for vesting and perhaps meeting with the reader or organist/pianist for the service, this is also to be a quiet place of reflection and preparation for the sermon and Eucharist.

The Vesting Room has not had a thorough cleaning for many, many years.

Rev. Patti and her friend Amy Linder from Springfield, who currently is doing our live audio and tape of the Sunday morning 10 o'clock AM service, decided to tackle the re-do of the room on Labor Day weekend.

Every item in every corner of the room was removed, cleaned and examined to determine if it should be kept or be taken out of the room permanently.

The larger furniture items, like the cabinets, could not be removed (though this mighty team tried!). It was determined to work around them and put furniture sliders underneath to push them around as needed.

One of the items in the room is the banner with INR on the top. INR means *Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews*. The beautiful banner was made by Loanne Lark. It became the color palate for the room as you see in the picture, with the rich, dark burgundy accents. At the conclusion of the cleaning and painting, the banner was remounted on the west wall. It is the first article you see when you come into the room.



The west wall was painted a deep blue that matches a piece of the banner. The rest of the walls were painted a light gray.

The carpet was removed; below the carpet was a parquet linoleum floor of dark brown and beige. Patti and Amy re-floored with a vinyl laminate which is a darker gray than the walls. It looks absolutely outstanding and is a compliment to the room.

The wood paneling was in really rough shape. So, it was removed and white wainscoting was installed. After that came the baseboard and finishing the edges. Thus, the big table saw and other carpenter tools that you probably saw in the courtyard on Sundays for several weeks. (All the equipment was removed when they finished that day's tasks.) This duo meant business!

Then, new electrical GFI outlets were installed. (Amy and Patti can do anything!)

All of the gigantic drawers from the cabinets were brought downstairs, stacked in varying directions, cleaned, and painted on the outside. While these were drying, the large cabinet for priest vestments and the wardrobe were painted to match and contrast with the other shades in the room.



The collection of icons that Patti had was mounted on the south wall. They are quite a standout when you come into the room.

A small table was purchased that Patti painted black. The white cubby book bookshelf was relocated to the preschool storage room.



All in all, instead of the room being a storage/closet catch-all, it is now a place to pray and prepare for worship.

A heartfelt thank you to Amy who had the know-how and the tools to do such a project. She was really the mastermind and boss behind the renovation. They feel really good about their work. The Vesting Room is now truly a place of reflection and prayer.

Rev. Patti gifted the cost of the entire project to Emmanuel from a little bit of money her dad left to her when he passed away a year ago in December.

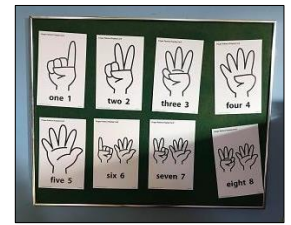
Blessings to both Rev. Patti and Amy for their vision of a truly functional, beautiful preparation room for the celebrating priest.

~Submitted by *Carla Courtney*

To see more photos of the renovation, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=coosbayepiscopal&set=a.1889819091180525>

While you are there, make sure to like our Facebook page and share our posts!



Little Pirates Preschool Promise

The program is open to children that live within the Coos Bay School District's service area and meet income qualifications or are in foster care. The preschool is free to those who qualify and includes transportation to and from the school, breakfast and lunch meals. Since opening on October 19, 2020, here's a little bit of what they've been up to from Lead Teacher Dan, Assistant Teacher Sara and Assistant Teacher Peyton:

How many children are enrolled?

- ♦ Currently, we have 11 children enrolled in our program. The program is structured for an enrollment of 18 children so we will always be small but that allows teachers to more strongly individualize and to better support each child's learning goals.

What are some of the children's favorite things to learn about?

- ♦ The world!! They are full of surprising questions every day. It's a wonderful experience listening to their stories and helping them observe and discover the world in so many ways.

What sort of art projects have you done recently?

- ♦ In the classroom, our focus on art is about exploring the materials and each child's creativity rather than crafts or projects. Each day the children are creating easel paintings, play dough creations and collages - sometimes these activities produce rainbows and self-portraits or sometimes they are mixes of color and images but are often paired with stories and a great sense of pride.

What books are you reading?

- ♦ The most interesting books that we read are the ones that create a shared reading experience. It could be the repeating reframe of Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? or stories in which the children can act out the characters or themes, like The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks.

Do the children have a favorite song?

- ♦ Our goal is to fill our classroom with music and active singing - drums and bells ring out throughout the day. Each circle time is filled with shared songs but what is really wonderful is when a child requests to share their own song with the group. It's a great way for children to build confidence and appreciation for differences and for teachers to learn new songs as well.

Anything else you would like to share?

- ♦ We, the teachers, just want to appreciate the kindness and welcome Emmanuel has offered us. Having a new program step into a space which has historically been a model for the Coos Bay community was a bit daunting but your welcome and support has made it feel like home and a great space for us to grow. Thank you!

*FUN FACT: Assistant Teachers, Sara and Peyton, are both teachers originally from Emmanuel Preschool.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Nat Jaeggli Birthday - February 1

Bob & Janet Huggins Anniversary - February 12

Eric Flaherty's Birthday - February 17

Jason Davidson Birthday - February 22