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Volunteers Prepare Original Book of Lenten Devotions

By Betsy Rogers

As Lent 2011 approaches, 47 volunteer writers at St. George's, Belleville, are reading Scripture, praying about its meaning, and collecting their thoughts in daily meditations: the parish is preparing, once again, its own original book of Lenten devotions.

For more than a dozen years, St. George's has created this slender volume, based on the readings from the Daily Office lectionary. It's not fancy: reproduced by photo-

copier, "bound" by staples with a simple paper cover, its appearance reflects the simplicity of its intent—to support parishioners in their Lenten devotions, to encourage Bible reading and prayer.

Humble though it is, the book has developed a loyal readership, not just at St. George's but among a much more far-flung audience—family, friends and co-workers of parishioners who've seen and used the book and now wait each year for the new edition.

The past years have been a period of continuing transition for the parish. In 2000, long-time rector Elliot Blackburn retired. The Rev. James Leovy served as interim until the arrival of Fr.

Chris Coats in 2002. Coats, a chaplain in the Army Reserves, was deployed to Iraq in 2003, and Associate Rector Emily Schnabel became acting rector. Coats returned in 2004, but then moved to Alabama to accept a new call in 2006.

Fr. Emery Washington of St. Louis supplied for nine months, until the Rev. Dale Coleman was called as interim

rector in 2007. Coleman became priest-in-charge in 2008 and then rector in 2010.

Through it all, St. George's has continued

to publish its Lenten meditations, and in this period of constant change, the writings have often expressed the parish's trust in God's providence. "Anyone who has been out in a small boat when a storm rises knows the fear that comes with the wind and waves and towering clouds," wrote one 2008 contributor about Mark's description of Jesus approaching the disciples' boat across a stormy sea. "Often our lives, individually and communally, take on that fearful coloration. Our privilege and our holy calling is to recognize Jesus in our midst ... to 'be not afraid' and to receive His healing in our minds and bodies, in our families, our church, our nation

and this broken world."

Parishioner Sue Vaughn first introduced the project at St. George's, bringing it from Fayetteville, North Carolina, where the Rev. Scotty Brock, associate rector, had introduced the idea at St. John's Church. The Vaughn family lived in Fayetteville and attended St. John's before moving to O'Fallon.

Vaughn first encountered the book in 1991, when her husband, Bob, an Air Force officer, was repeatedly deployed to Iraq during and after the first Gulf War. "This was a very stressful time in my life," she said. "Then one day just before Lent the meditation books were disseminated among the congregation. I picked one up and took it home. I read one and didn't get up until I'd read them all and the scriptures upon which they were based. I was so very lifted up by the depth of faith, thought, trust, and hope shared by each of the writers. I then used the book daily and continued to feel lifted up throughout that Lenten season.

"There was a lovely elderly lady at St. John's named Edith with whom I'd made friends through a Bible study we both attended," Vaughn went on. "Edith was blind, so each year during the Lenten season, I'd call her in the mornings and read to her the scripture for

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EYE Held at the Cathedral



EYE participant, Abby Yeley and Bishop-elect Martins

The Diocesan Youth Department hosted an Episcopal Youth Event December 30, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Springfield.

Teens from across the diocese met for an overnight lock-in, and engaged in activities to help them end the year developing their love for their church and their God.

The evening began with Eucharist celebrated by Bishop-elect Daniel Martins. Dinner was served immediately after in the Great Hall, and attendees had the opportunity to socialize with Bishop-elect Martins. Information was also offered on diocesan-sponsored youth activities, such as Happening, New Beginnings, Work Week, Church Camp, and Agape Fest.

The group was led in song and praise by Skip Clarquist of Silva. With keyboard and vocals, Clarquist connected with the youth by playing songs they knew from New Beginnings and Happening, as well as contemporary works. His program included songs that were joined along a common thread, often on the fly. The result was a continuous stream of contemporary Christian music. The teens quickly joined in, filling the Great Hall with melodies. Clarquist closed the session with two separate meditations which allowed attendees to consider how they are letting God use them to spread the kingdom.

The next day, Kevin Korte, Julie Herr, and Tom Heiting from St. George's in Belleville led the teens in team-building exercises. After breaking into two groups, youth members participated in various activities focused on building trust, teamwork, and leadership. Each activity required creative problem solving and working together to succeed. Many remarked how amazing it was to see the teams quickly gelling and natural leaders emerging.

Toward the end, participants provided thoughtful insights on what they learned and how they can take those lessons back to their

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College for Bishops Holds New Bishops and Spouses Conference

Bishop-elect Dan Martins Attends

The College for Bishops held its eighth annual conference for recently elected bishops of the Episcopal Church, January 17-21 at the Roslyn Conference Center in Richmond, VA.

Bishop-elect Dan Martins and his wife Brenda of the Diocese of Springfield attended. Bishop-elect Martins' consecration is scheduled for March 19, 2011.

Eleven other bishops and bish-



Bishop-elect Dan Martins

ops-elect who were elected during 2010 and their spouses will gather for worship, fellowship, and to discuss topics ranging from transitions and leadership development to family life and research on the roles and expectations of partners or spouses.

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and her spouse Richard Schori participated on January 20, leading a plenary conversation touching on their lives as bishop and spouse.

The conference's primary purpose is to allow time for the participants to build community as a class and to assist them in examining inherent transition issues as they experience a new location, new expectations, and new responsibilities.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

Chapel of St. John the Divine Represented at National Episcopal Church Gathering

By The Rev. Timothy Hallett



Part of the Chapel group in Estes Park: Jacob Lessing, Rebecca Greenlee, Fr. Tim Hallett, and Brett Bravo

Students from the Chapel of St. John the Divine traveled by train to Colorado with a large group from Province V for the biennial national student gathering held at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park on December 28-January 1.

The conference included workshops, speakers, small groups, and inspired worship, plus an opportunity to build friendships with fellow Episcopalians across the country. We're grateful to the Diocesan Department of Young Adult and Higher Education Ministry for providing travel assistance and financial aid for the conference.

Rebecca Greenlee from St. John's was a member of the Student Leader-

ship Team for this year's event. She is the twelfth student from St. John's to be part of the planning team since these gatherings were revived in the 1980s. A number of chapel alumni now living in Denver joined our current constellation one day for lunch at the Stanley Hotel.

On our way home, the Province V group starting singing Christmas carols in Denver Union Station while waiting for the train. A goodly number of the other passengers joined in! On the train heading back to Chicago we celebrated the Holy Eucharist. As the Prayer Book says, "...in all times and in all places."

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EYE Event, continued from front page

churches and put them to use. Youth Department activities are open to all youth in the diocese, and most activities are planned by youth with adults facilitating. Information about Youth Department activities is available on the diocesan website at episcopalspringfield.org, and is sent to all churches when plans are finalized. More youth are needed to serve on the board as well. For more information please contact Youth Dept. Chair Kathy Moore at moorehouse@consolidated.net.

Deadline for the next Current is February 20!

Volunteers Prepare, continued from front page

the day and then the meditation written by the person assigned for that day. Some days we'd discuss the meditation, other days I was on the run with kid things. This was a lovely discipline for me through those Lents, and I cherish that friendship even though Edith has passed on. Those meditations not only lifted me up, they also lifted Edith up."

At St. George's, the annual project came under the aegis of the Spiritual Growth Commission. Commission members solicit writers and assign them a day and a lesson or lessons.

Typically the meditations are based on the Gospel reading, though some years the book uses the Psalms instead. This year writers may take their pick among all of the readings. Each writer is asked simply to read and pray about the lessons and then share whatever seems most important.

Writers submit their meditations for basic copyreading to ensure consistent style; they are not edited or revised but stand as the writers created them. Commission member Vicki Hall takes it from there, designing the cover with a

title she finds in the first reading — "Amazing Love," "Seeking the Face of Jesus," "Humble Thyself," "So Great His Love," and "Living Water" are among recent titles. Hall lays out the booklet, reproduces and assembles it. It is available for distribution the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

Vaughn treasures the meditation books and finds numerous benefits in them. "Episcopalians, in general, are very quiet about their faith — quiet about their thoughts on their faith, and quiet about how the Bible impacts their faith. The Lenten meditation booklets are a wonderful outlet for just regular people to express their faith, or their thoughts, or the Bible's impact on them. "And these meditations come right out of the pews, right out of the heart of the parish," she adds. Though the priest typically writes the Easter meditation, the others are the work of lay people. She believes the books allow parishioners "to know and trust each other more fully because of the level of faith sharing."

Further, she sees them as an op-

portunity for evangelism. "Many people in all of our environments are very stressed and need relief or a feeling of being lifted up," she observed. "Bob and I often send one to a friend far away, or to a coworker we know to be feeling especially stressed. We often get positive feedback from those with whom we've shared a booklet. Some have even begun a meditation booklet movement within their own churches!"

Finally, she notes, the writers themselves are enriched by the experience of contributing to the books. She says she's encountered among contributors "a definite feeling of being lifted up, a sense of doing something important for the larger group, a sense of sharing, a sense of peace."

Fr. Coleman had never encountered a "homegrown" book of Lenten devotions before coming to St. George's. "It is inspiring every year to read these meditations," Coleman said. "I use them in my own devotions. I'm always struck by the insight, understanding and commitment they express."

Tuesday, February 1

Brigid (Bride), 523
ANGLICAN CYCLE: Machakos - (Kenya)
The Rt Revd Joseph Mutie Kanuku
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of the Rev Donald J Schroeder, Maine. Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Wednesday, February 2

The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple
ANGLICAN CYCLE: Madhya Kerala - (South India) The Rt Revd Thomas Samuel
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Feast of Title, Emmanuel Memorial, Champaign; Birthday of the Rev Christopher L Ashmore, Jacksonville. Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Thursday, February 3

Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary to Denmark and Sweden 865
ANGLICAN CYCLE: Madi & West Nile - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Joel Obetia
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Friday, February 4

Cornelius the Centurion
ANGLICAN CYCLE: Madurai Ramnad - (South India) The Rt Revd A Christopher Asir
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Saturday, February 5

The Martyrs of Japan, 1597
ANGLICAN CYCLE: Mahajanga - (Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Jean-Claude Andrianjafimanana
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Sunday, February 6

5 EPIPHANY
ANGLICAN CYCLE: The Most Revd Dr Mouneer Anis, President Bishop, Jerusalem and the Middle East and Bishop in Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa, Egypt - (Middle East) The Rt Revd Andrew Proud and the Rt Revd Bill Musk
DIOCESAN CYCLE: St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Glen Carbon, The Rev. George Pence, Supply Priest, and the Rev. Joan Coleman, Assisting Deacon; Chapel of St. Basil, Christ Church Parish, Barbados, The Rev Noel A. Burke, Priest-in-Charge; Anniversary of the Consecration of The Rt Rev Donald M Hultstrand, IX Bishop of Springfield; Birthday of Brenda, wife of the Rev. Daniel H. Martins, Bishop-elect of Springfield; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Monday, February 7

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Maiduguri - (Province of Jos, Nigeria) The Most Revd Emmanuel Kana Mani
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Tuesday, February 8

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Maine - (Province I, USA) The Rt Revd Stephen Taylor Lane
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Wedding Anniversary of The Venerable Shawn W. and Mary Ann Denney, Springfield; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Wednesday, February 9

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Makamba - (Burundi) The Rt Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Thursday, February 10

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Makurdi - (Province of Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Nathan Nyitar Inyom
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Friday, February 11

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Malaita - (Melanesia) The Rt Revd Samuel Sahu
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Saturday, February 12

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Malakal - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Hilary Garang
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of Jean, widow the Rev Canon Charles Draper, Springfield; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Sunday, February 13

6 EPIPHANY
ANGLICAN CYCLE: The Most Revd Henry Luke Orombi, Archbishop of Uganda and Bishop of Kampala
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Christ Church, Springfield, The Rev Dr Gregory Tournoux, Rector; St. Christopher Church, Christ Church Parish, Barbados, The Rev Canon Henderson Guy, Priest-in-Charge; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Monday, February 14

Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869, 885
ANGLICAN CYCLE: Manchester - (York, England) The Rt Revd Nigel McCulloch; Manchester - Bolton - (York, England) The Rt Revd Christopher Paul Edmondson; Manchester - Hulme - (York, England) The Rt Revd Stephen Richard Lowe; Manchester - Middleton - (York, England) The Rt Revd Mark Davies
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Tuesday, February 15

Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary, 1730
ANGLICAN CYCLE: Mandalay - (Myanmar) The Rt Revd Saw Noel Nay Lin
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of Nada, wife of The Rev Gregory Tournoux, Springfield; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and

Consecration.

Wednesday, February 16

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Manicaland - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Julius Maconi
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Thursday, February 17

Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977
ANGLICAN CYCLE: Mara - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Hilkiah Omindo Deya
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Friday, February 18

Martin Luther, 1546
ANGLICAN CYCLE: Marathwada - (North India)
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Saturday, February 19

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Maridi - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Justin Badi Arama
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Sunday, February 20

7 EPIPHANY
ANGLICAN CYCLE: The Most Revd Dr Barry Cennydd Morgan, Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Llandaff; Llandaff - (Wales) The Rt Revd David Yeoman
DIOCESAN CYCLE: The Church of the Holy Trinity, Danville, The Very Rev Geoffrey Scanlon, Rector; St. David Church, Christ Church Parish, Barbados, The Rev Noel A. Burke, Priest-in-Charge; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Monday, February 21

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Maryland - (Province III, USA) The Rt Revd Eugene Taylor Sutton
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of Sharon, wife of The Rev Arnold R Hoffman, St. Louis, MO; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Tuesday, February 22

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Masasi - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Patrick Mwachiko
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of Michael, husband of The Rev Christine C Hopkins, Champaign; Birthday of Alison, wife of The Rev Philip M Lewis, Mt. Pleasant, SC; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Wednesday, February 23

Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr of Smyrna, 156
ANGLICAN CYCLE: Maseno North - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Simon Mutingole Oketch; Maseno South - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Francis Mwayi Abiero; Maseno West - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Otieno Wasonga
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination

and Consecration.

Thursday, February 24

St. Matthias the Apostle
ANGLICAN CYCLE: Masindi-Kitara - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Stanley Ntagali
DIOCESAN CYCLE: St. Paul's Carlinville, Anniversary of the Consecration of church building, 1881; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Friday, February 25

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Massachusetts - (Province I, USA) The Rt Revd M Thomas Shaw
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of The Rev T Larison Phillips, Champaign; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Saturday, February 26

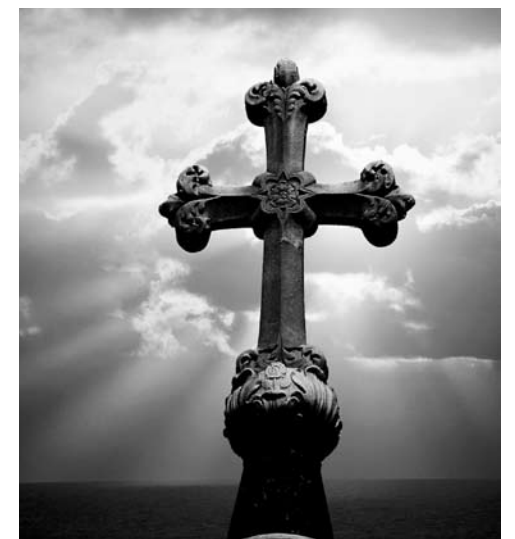
ANGLICAN CYCLE: Masvingo - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Godfrey Taonevzi
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of The Rev Dr Keith R Roderick, Carbondale; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Sunday, February 27

8 EPIPHANY
ANGLICAN CYCLE: The Most Revd John Chew, Archbishop of South East Asia and Bishop of Singapore
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Church of the Redeemer, Cairo, The Rev. Canon Richard Swan, Canon Missioner; St. Lawrence Church, Christ Church Parish, Barbados, The Rev Sandra Hazell; Pray for the Clergy of the Diocese as they gather for the Pre-Lenten Retreat, King's House, Belleville; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Monday, February 28

[Anna Julia Hayward Cooper, 1964 and Elizabeth Evelyn Wright, 1904, Educators]
ANGLICAN CYCLE: Matabeleland - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Cleophas Lunga
DIOCESAN CYCLE: Anniversary of the consecration of The Rt Rev Peter H Beckwith, X Bishop of Springfield, Feb. 29, 1992; Pray for the Clergy of the Diocese as they gather for the Pre-Lenten Retreat, King's House, Belleville; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.



Diocesan Prayer Calendar ~ March 2011

Tuesday, March 1

David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales, c. 544
 ANGLICAN CYCLE: Matlosane - (South Africa) The Rt Revd Stephen Molopi Diseko

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Clergy of the Diocese as they gather for the Pre-Lenten Retreat, King's House, Belleville; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Wednesday, March 2

Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672
 ANGLICAN CYCLE: Mbaise - (Province of Owerri, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Bright Joseph Engemasi Ogu

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Clergy of the Diocese as they gather for the Pre-Lenten Retreat, King's House, Belleville; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Thursday, March 3

John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791-1788

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Mbale - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Patrick M Gidudu
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Friday, March 4

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Mbamili - (Province of Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Henry Okeke

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Saturday, March 5

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Mbeere - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Moses Masamba Nthuka
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: St. Thomas, Salem, Anniversary of the Consecration of Church building, 1926; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Sunday, March 6

LAST EPIPHANY
 ANGLICAN CYCLE: The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: St. Andrew's, Carbondale, The Rev Dr Keith R Roderick, Rector; St. Matthias Church, Christ Church Parish, Barbados, The Rev Canon De Vere Murrell, Rector; Birthday of The Rev Mary Christine "Mollie" Ward, Bloomington; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Monday, March 7

Perpetua and Her Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 202
 ANGLICAN CYCLE: Meath and Kildare - (Dublin, Ireland) The Rt Revd Dr Richard Lionel Clarke
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of Sue, wife of The Rev Thomas A Davis, Kell; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Tuesday, March 8

ANGLICAN CYCLE: PRAY for the International Anglican Women's Network (IAWN) as it connects Anglican women across the world.

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Wednesday, March 9

Ash Wednesday
 ANGLICAN CYCLE: Medak - (South India) The Rt Revd Badda Peter Sugandhar
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Anniversary of the organization of the Diocese of Illinois at Peoria, 1835; Trinity Church, Jacksonville, Admitted to the Diocese of Illinois, 1835; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Thursday, March 10

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Melbourne - (Victoria, Australia) The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier; Melbourne - Eastern Region - (Victoria, Australia) The Rt Revd Stephen John Hale; Melbourne - Northern Region - (Victoria, Australia) The Rt Revd Philip James Huggins; Melbourne - Southern Region - (Victoria, Australia) The Rt Revd Dr John Warwick Wilson; Melbourne - Western Region - (Victoria, Australia) The Rt Revd Paul White
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Friday, March 11

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Meru - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Charles Ndiga Mwendwa
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of Elisabeth, wife of The Very Rev John C Betmann, Carlinville; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Saturday, March 12

Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604
 ANGLICAN CYCLE: Michigan - (Province V, USA) The Rt Revd Wendell Nathaniel Gibbs; Milwaukee - (Province V, USA) The Rt Revd Steven A Miller
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Gene R Tucker, Ordination to the Priesthood; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he begins his ministry in the Diocese and prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Sunday, March 13

LENT I
 ANGLICAN CYCLE: Minna - (Province of Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Daniel Abu Yisa
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Emanuel Memorial, Champaign, The Rev Alan Herbst, ossje., Rector; St. Patrick Church, Christ Church Parish, Barbados, The Rev Angela Phillips, Priest-in-Charge; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Monday, March 14

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Minnesota - (Province VI, USA) The Rt Revd Brian N. Prior
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of Linda Holt-Monson, Decatur; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Tuesday, March 15

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Missionary Area of Macau - (Hong Kong) The Revd Simon Fan
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Wednesday, March 16

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Missionary District of Oeste-Brasil - (Brazil) The Rt Revd Almir Dos Santos
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Thursday, March 17

Patrick, Bishop and Missionary of Ireland, 461
 ANGLICAN CYCLE: Mississippi - (Province IV, USA) The Rt Revd Duncan M Gray
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of Margaret, wife of The Rev James W Evans, NY; Pray for the Bishop-elect as he prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Friday, March 18

Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, 386
 ANGLICAN CYCLE: Missouri - (Province V, USA) The Rt Revd George Wayne Smith
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the Bishop-elect as he prepares for his Ordination and Consecration.

Saturday, March 19

Saint Joseph
 CONSECRATION OF THE ELEVENTH BISHOP OF SPRINGFIELD
 ANGLICAN CYCLE: Mityana - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Dunstan Bukonya
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: St. Mark's, West Frankfort, Anniversary of the Consecration of church building, 1939; PRAY for the Rev. Daniel Hayden Martins as he is Ordained and Consecrated as the 11th Bishop of Springfield.

Sunday, March 20

LENT II
 ANGLICAN CYCLE: Mombasa - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Julius Robert Katio Kula and the Rt Revd Lawrence Dena
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Christ the King, Normal, The Rev Dr. Desmond Francis, Rector; St. Andrew's Parish Church, Barbados, The Rev Edward Gatherer, Rector; The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Springfield, Consecration of church building, 1913; St. Paul's, Pekin, Anniversary of the Consecration of church building, 1876; Birthday of Ruth, widow of the Rev. Eric B. Asboe, Nebraska City, NE; PRAY for the Rt. Rev. Daniel H. Martins as he begins his Episcopate.

Monday, March 21

Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1711
 ANGLICAN CYCLE: PRAY for the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation and its mission to resource and communicate liturgical issues across the Anglican Communion
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: PRAY for the Rt. Rev. Daniel H. Martins as he begins his Episcopate.

Tuesday, March 22

James De Koven, Priest, 1879
 ANGLICAN CYCLE: Monmouth - (Wales) The Rt Revd Dominic Edward Walker
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of The Rev Charles John Reischman, Decatur; PRAY for the Rt. Rev. Daniel H. Martins as he begins his Episcopate.

Wednesday, March 23

Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop and Missionary of Armenia, c. 332
 ANGLICAN CYCLE: Montana - (Province VI, USA) The Rt Revd Charles Franklin Brookhart

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of The Rev. Dr. William N. Malottke, McLeansboro; Birthday of Stephanie, wife of The Rev Brant V Hazlett, Mt. Carmel; PRAY for the Rt. Rev. Daniel H. Martins as he begins his Episcopate.

Thursday, March 24

Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, 1980
 ANGLICAN CYCLE: Montreal - (Canada, Canada) The Rt Revd Barry B Clarke
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: St. Paul's Carlinville, Consecration of church building, 1881; PRAY for the Rt. Rev. Daniel H. Martins as he begins his Episcopate.

Friday, March 25

The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary
 ANGLICAN CYCLE: Moray, Ross and Caithness - (Scotland) The Rt Revd Mark Strange
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Patronal Feast Day for St. Mary's, Robinson; Pray for the attendees at the Annual ECW Retreat this weekend at Todd Hall; PRAY for the Rt. Rev. Daniel H. Martins as he begins his Episcopate.

Saturday, March 26

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Morogoro - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Dudley Mageni
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of The Rev Gene R Tucker, Mt. Vernon; Birthday of The Rev Maurice C Lee, Atlanta, GA; Pray for the attendees at the Annual ECW Retreat this weekend at Todd Hall; PRAY for the Rt. Rev. Daniel H. Martins as he begins his Episcopate.

Sunday, March 27

LENT III
 ANGLICAN CYCLE: Mount Kenya Central - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Isaac Nganga; Mount Kenya South - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Timothy Ranje; Mount Kenya West - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph M Kagunda
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: St. Paul's Parish, Alton, The Rev David Boase, Rector; St. Saviour's Church, St. Andrew Parish, Barbados, The Rev Fequel LaPlante, Priest-in-Charge; Pray for the attendees at the Annual ECW Retreat this weekend at Todd Hall.

Monday, March 28

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Mount Kilimanjaro - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Simon Elilekia Makundi
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Timothy J Hallett, Champaign, Ordination to the Priesthood; Christ Church, Springfield, admitted to the Diocese, 1889.

Tuesday, March 29

John Keble, Priest, 1866
 ANGLICAN CYCLE: Mpumalanga - (South Africa) The Rt Revd Leslie Walker
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Pray for the observance of a Holy Lent.

Wednesday, March 30

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Mpwapwa - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Jacob Erasto Chimeledya
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of the Rev Eugene A Stormer, Springfield.

Thursday, March 31

John Donne, Priest, 1631
 ANGLICAN CYCLE: Mthatha - (South Africa) The Rt Revd Dr Sitembele Tobela Mzamane
 DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of Donna, widow of the Rev William Davis, Granite City.