

Chapel of the Holy Spirit

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Inquirers' Class and '40 Days of Prayer for Haiti' just some of the Chapel's Lenten offerings



The Rev. Julianna Cappelletti Gray
Chaplain

The early spring semester at Tulane and Loyola is a season of decadent distractions. Between Epiphany and Mardi Gras Day, New Orleanians celebrate life like it is their job!

We have the Super Bowl, an over-abundance of king cakes, fabulous costumes, Rush for Greek Life, Second Lines, dozens of Mardi Gras Parades.

Celebrating life is so good. Yet,

by Ash Wednesday half of us in the city have come down with a case of the carnival cough and cold.

Achieving balance as we live in this great and strange city is no small feat for any of us... particularly during carnival! In a sense, we take a collective sigh of relief when Lent begins. The season of Lent will bless us again this year with permission to slow down, examine ourselves, and turn back to those things that enrich and heal us. This Lent, we have several offerings. We offer them to you and encourage you to consider making some of these a part of your Lenten offering to God.

Our Ash Wednesday service will be held at 7pm, and the Lenten Inquirers' class will begin the following day. The Chapel's Inquirers' Class will be held on Thursdays in Lent

from 6pm until 7:30pm.

Inquirer's Class will begin each week with a simple vegetarian supper, have a brief period of instruction about the Christian faith and the Episcopal Church, and continue with small group conversation. All are welcome to join us for this class, regardless of where you are in your life. In fact, we hope this class will be multi-generational and inclusive of a diversity of backgrounds.

During the season of Lent, we will also observe '40 days of prayer for Haiti'. From Monday through Saturday during Lent, we will gather at 5:30pm to support our brothers and sisters in Haiti through prayer.

We are keenly aware that, while the terrible tragedy is already falling out of the news, the suffering shall continue for a long time to come. Many in our community remember how meaningful it was in the aftermath of Katrina to find out that communities throughout the world had been praying for us, and we now feel the need to prayerfully respond as something that is very much on our hearts at this time.

We invite all people to join us for these brief daily prayer services for the people of Haiti. We also invite those who have been personally affected by this tragedy to pass along prayer intentions they may have.

Thank you for taking the time to discover some things that we are doing at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit! We invite you to join us as we celebrate this good life that God has given us during Mardi Gras, and we also invite you to join us as we seek to follow God more closely during the season of Lent.

Upcoming Events at the Chapel

Daily Devotions 40 Days of Prayer for Haiti
Mon.-Sat. 5:30pm (during Lent)

Sundays Holy Eucharist at 10am and
7pm (student service followed by dinner)

Tuesdays Centering prayer at St. Andrews,
leave the Chapel at 5:20pm, return at 6pm

Wednesdays We start cooking at 5:30pm.
Dinner and Discussion at 7pm

Thursdays Inquirers' Class, 6-7:30pm (during Lent)

Rebuild Service Day Saturday, March 6

Mardi Gras

Sunday, Feb. 14: Parade watching party. Meet to
carpool after the 10am service

Tuesday, Feb. 16: Mardi Gras Day barbecue,
in the yard at the chapel

Empty Bowl Fundraiser for Haiti

March 11: Viewing

March 12: Soup meal and bowl sale

Help feed Haiti with 'Empty Bowls'

Madeline Shelton
Chapel Intern

On March 11 and 12, we at the Chapel will have an opportunity to unite together with our larger community and raise funds to support our brothers and sisters in Haiti through a program called *Empty Bowls*. *Empty Bowls* was the brainchild of a group of artists and potters in North Carolina as a grass roots campaign to end world hunger.

The general concept is that a simple supper of soup is sold in handmade bowls. At the end of the meal each participant goes home with a great hand crafted treasure, while their donation for the meal goes to support the poor and hungry.

Together with the Newcomb Art Department we are preparing for a production day of bowl making in late February. I am also currently soliciting donations from local and well-known



potters in our area.

The meal will be made with volunteer help and food donated by local businesses.

Please contact me at madeline.shelton@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of this project! More details will come as plans are firmed up.

Cacophony will be drowned out by silence as Carnival turns to Lent



Madeline Shelton
Chapel Intern

This Valentine's Day, as the Church remembers the Transfiguration of our Lord, we are poised at an interesting time in our liturgical calendar. We're on the edge of Lent, at a point of revelry and excitement, with Carnival all around us, but with the stark realities of Ash Wednesday just around the corner.

It's a distracting time in our lives and in the life of our city. Yet, in the midst of it all we begin to hear God's command to be still and listen. He exclaims as the voice from the Holy cloud "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him!" (Luke 9:35). Such an encounter with Holiness leaves the disciples shaken and terrified, and it begins

to shake the foundations of our faith journey.

As I look towards Lent and contemplate this passage once more, I am struck by the mystery and significance tied up in that command to listen. So often in my life and in our culture we are called to be a people on the move - to be creating, working, and analyzing. Among students there is the crush of tests and papers, the demands of social networks, and the overarching needs of family. Who can listen in the midst of that cacophony?

However, Christ is ever uprooting our cultural expectations. It is radical to simply "be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). It's also not so easy to figure out how to enact this command! But the traditions of Lent help to bring the believer closer to a healthy practice of holy listening, whether it is by listening to God through his Holy Word, in meditative prayer, or in contemplation of the course of our lives. While it is a lifelong challenge to cultivate "an ear to hear" (Matthew 11:15), what sweet revelations await us as we fast and pray with Christ in the desert!

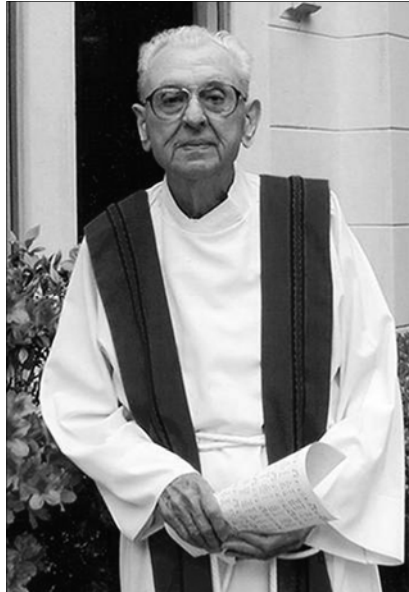
Chapel community, Diocese remembers Canon Richard Wilson, 1928-2010

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The Rev'd Canon Richard W. Wilson died Monday, January 25 after a brief illness at the age of 81. Fr. Wilson was born in New Orleans and attended Robert E. Lee Elementary School; Christ School in Arden, NC; Tulane University and General Theological Episcopal Seminary in New York City.

Richard first served as vicar of three missions in Louisiana: St. David's Rayville, St. Columba's Winnsboro, and Redeemer in Oakridge. He then served for five years at St. Thomas mission and as Chaplain at NE Louisiana University in Monroe. Fr. Wilson went on to serve as Archdeacon of the Episcopal Diocese of NW Texas for nine years before becoming the rector of St. Matthew's Parish in Covington, TN for the last eight years of parish service. He left St. Matthew's Parish debt free when he retired. Fr. Wilson was a priest associate of the Order of the Holy Cross for Men and the Order of St. Helena for Women.

After 40 years, he retired from being a parish priest, having served his calling in Louisiana, Texas and Tennessee. The Rev'd Susan Gaumer, rector of St. Andrew's, New Orleans, said that Richard and his four siblings were raised at



the church, being the children of very active parents in the parish. His father was Senior Warden for some time. Richard remained closely in touch with St. Andrew's throughout his life and his late sisters, Rena and Marjorie, were lifelong members as well.

"He had very definite ideas about liturgy and very much appreciated a good sermon. His funeral plans revealed the attention to detail that was characteristic of his passion for good liturgy and his love for the Episcopal Church," she said. "He was always a friendly pres-

ence at St. Andrew's. I shall miss the times he came to 8 o'clock Eucharist, beaming his approval when things happened the way he thought they should. May he rest in peace amidst clouds of heavenly incense!"

The Rev'd Julianna Cappelletti Gray, who visited with Canon Wilson in his last days, explains, "I truly was blessed to have Canon Richard Wilson's warm welcome when I became the full-time chaplain at Chapel of the Holy Spirit this year.

"Fr. Richard welcomed me into the community, openly shared his hopes and opinions, and found ways to show his kindness each and every time I saw him. At the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Canon Richard Wilson will be missed, but remembered as the warm, candid, and faithful priest that he was. Even in his last days, Fr. Richard was lively, opinionated, and an absolute joy."

Memorials may be made to the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, 1623 7th Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70115 for the Endowment Fund for the Episcopal Conference Center at Robert, LA.

May God grant him eternal rest and joy.

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STAIR teaching kids to read each week at the Chapel

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With the 2009-2010 school year, Start The Adventure In Reading (STAIR) celebrated its 25th anniversary of service to the children of Greater New Orleans. Using volunteers to help second grade public school children in the GNO area who are at risk of academic failure,

STAIR has been providing children with one-on-one tutoring for the past 25 years.

STAIR increases the reading level of "skill deficient" children and boosts each child's sense of self-esteem by providing a program which expands each child's knowledge of self and the world of reading. The program provides a caring environment that promotes a meaningful dialogue among multi-ethnic volunteers, children, teachers, and parents.



The Chapel of the Holy Spirit hosts STAIR four days each week. Eleven students from Banneker Elementary and nine from Johnson Elementary come twice per week each, and receive tutoring from twenty-two Tulane students for two hours. The University students come as part of their Work Study.



Know you're on a spiritual
journey?

Want to learn more
about Christianity in a
non-judgmental atmosphere?



Inquirers' Class at the Chapel!

We invite you to join us at the Inquirers' Class at the Episcopal Chapel of the Holy Spirit! Our goal is to make this a comfortable place regardless of where you are on your journey. Class atmosphere will be casual and provide time for large and small group discussion.

Thursday Evenings 6:00-7:30pm

Feb 18th: Your Spiritual Journey

Feb 25th: The Great Commandment &
The Great Commission

March 4th: What We Believe

March 11th: The Baptismal Covenant

March 18th: The Roots of Ministry

March 25th: Episcopal Worship

An optional closing retreat will be offered after the last class.

Sunday, April 18th: A Special Service with Bishop Brown. Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception will be offered for all desiring!

Each class will include a simple vegetarian supper. Please sign up in advance with Rev. Giulianna Gray by contacting her at (504)957-5775 or by email at giuliannagray@gmail.com