

## “Support for Church of Japan in Wake of Crises

Episcopal Relief and Development is supporting the relief efforts of the Nippon Sei Ko Kei in the aftermath of last Friday’s earthquake and tsunami.

Donations to Episcopal Relief and Developments Japan Earthquake Response Fund will provide vital support to the NSKK. You can donate by going to <https://www.er-d.org/donate-select.php>

Episcopal Relief & Development is supporting the rescue and relief efforts of the Nippon Sei Ko Kei (NSKK; the Anglican-Episcopal Church in Japan) following the 8.9-magnitude earthquake and resulting tsunami that struck Japan this past Friday. This quake was the strongest to hit the country since officials started keeping records over 100 years ago. It is estimated that at least 10,000 people have died as a result of the disaster, though it may be weeks or even months before an accurate tally can be reached. Shelters are accommodating 350,000 people who have become homeless. Of families who are still in their homes, 1.3 million were without power as of Monday morning, and 1.4 million were without running water. Adding to the crisis is the situation at the Fukushima nuclear plants, which has prompted the evacuation of more than 180,000 people. Local authorities are continuing to screen and treat people for radiation exposure. Prime Minister Naoto Kan told a news conference in Tokyo late Sunday: “I think that the earthquake, tsunami and the situation at our nuclear reactors makes up the worst crisis in the 65 years since the war. If the nation works together, we will overcome.”

Damage to transportation and communication infrastructure has made information collection difficult, so the full scope of the disaster is not yet known. It was two days before the bishop of the most severely affected diocese, the Rt. Rev John

Hiomichi Kato of the Diocese of Tohoku, was able to communicate with provincial leadership, and he himself had not been able to find out much about the other churches in the diocese.

“There is particular concern for two churches,” reported Archbishop Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu, who spoke with Bishop Kato. “Isoyama St. Peter’s Church in Fukushima Prefecture and Kamaishi Shinai Church and the kindergarten in Iwate [were] close to the sea. Priests have been frantically trying to confirm that their parishioners are safe.” The Archbishop went on to explain that churches in the Kita Kanto diocese had also been affected, and that the Sendai Christchurch Cathedral had been badly damaged.

This is part of an article on the Episcopal Relief and development website:

<http://www.er-d.org/JapanEarthquakeTsunamiMar2011>

You can visit that site for more details  
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## “Praying for those affected by the Earthquake in Japan

Father of all, we pray to you for the victims of the earthquake in Japan, and for those we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those affected by the 8.9-magnitude earthquake and resulting tsunami that struck Japan at 2:46 p.m. local time (12:46 a.m. EST). The effects of the disaster are widespread, affecting churches and partners around the Pacific region, including Hawai’i and the west coast of the US. [Episcopal Relief & Development](#) staff have reached out to local partners and are standing by, ready to offer assistance.”

This is quoted from:

<http://www.ang-md.org/> our diocesan website

# The Eagle

The Newsletter of St. John’s Episcopal Church  
March 2011



## What is the Purpose of Lent?

“Lent is a time for grave reflection and forgiveness that leads to reconciliation and Christ-centered joy.

“Why do we celebrate this 40-day season of fasting and prayer that begins on Ash Wednesday, observes Good Friday, and concludes triumphantly on Easter Sunday? Lent is intended to resurrect our joy. Lent originally meant “springtime”: the word comes from the Old English word for “spring,” lencten, which came from lengan, “to make longer” - reminding us that the slow, wonderful lengthening of this season in our souls can signal an end to a winter of bitterness and the flowering of Christ’s love in us.”

Carmen Butcher



“Opportunity may knock once, But temptation bangs on the front door forever.”

## Bishop Clagget Center Summer Camp 2011

### Schedule

High School Week—June 26	Grades 9-12
Middle School Week—July 10	Grades 6-8
Mini Week—July 17-July 20	Grades 2-4
Youth Week—July 17	Grades 3-5
Mid Mission Adventure—July 24	Grades 6-8
High School Mission Week—July 24	Grades 9-12
Youth Adventure Camp—July 31	Grades 4-6

### **Special Challenge Week—July 31 ADULTS**

“Youth and staff form loving Christian communities at summer camps as they try new things, enjoy the outdoors, explore new ways to worship God, share meals and have fun together.”

If you register by April 1st there is a discount! Please visit <http://www.claggettcenter.org/camps.php> to sign-up online, or mail the included registration form and a \$100 non-refundable deposit to :

**Bishop Clagget Center**

P.O. Box 40

Buckeystown, MD 21717

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### The Rector's Corner

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What are you giving up for Lent?

That's the standard question at this time of year, as if that were all to a good Lenten observance! Of course, there's much, much more to it than that. Lent is a time for inner reflection and deeper prayer.

Scholars think that Lent was originally only a three day observance during the three days prior to Easter. It eventually grew into a 40 (or so) day period of fasting, prayer and austerity. The traditional fast was total abstinence from all meat, dairy, oil and even any fish that bled.

In the Western tradition, we no longer do this quite so rigorously although I have known some who have tried it. The point, however, is not to "go without," but to pay more attention to our spiritual growth. This is more easily done when the unnecessary things in our lives are put on hold and we attempt to adhere to a more simple routine.

It is my sincerest wish to our family at St. John's that we all strive just a bit harder this Lent; it will make Easter that much more meaningful. The question, then, shouldn't be, "What are you giving up for Lent?" but, "What are you doing for Lent?"

B'Shalom,  
Fr. Bill & Katy

### Readers Schedule end of March and April:

3/20: Jackie Brandon

3/27: Mary White

4/3: Susan Streb

4/10: Sandra Pope

4/17: ~~Dee Ashby~~

4/17: extra readers needed for the passion!

4/24: Carlos Morales

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### Chalichists and Acolytes

If anyone is interested in becoming a Chalichist or an Acolyte, please let the office know. We will schedule a training SOON. It will help to know who's interested and what needs to be scheduled around. Please call Sarah at 410-939-2107 or e-mail at [stjohnshdg@verizon.net](mailto:stjohnshdg@verizon.net)

All Volunteers are Greatly Appreciated!!

### Sarah's Easy Chili Dip

- 2 cans (8 oz. each) Hormel's Chili with beans
- 1/2 (16 oz) package of velveeta cheese (cut into small cubes)
- 1 cup barbeque sauce of choice
- 1/4 cup cheddar
- 1 package crackers or tortillia chips



It's really easy. Put everything but the crackers and the cheddar in a pan. Slowly cook over a medium heat. Stir regularly to prevent from burning. Once all the velveeta has melted, pour into a serving bowl. Put the cheddar on top to make it look good, and serve with the crackers or chips.

Great for Parties!



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR \*\*\*\*\*

Don't forget that April includes Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter, so there will be special services the week of the 17th through the 24th.

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March Calendar  
Happy Birthday:

5 John Edie  
10 Margaret Waldren  
18 Richard Calder

22: Vestry Meeting, 7:00 pm

Monday April 4: Deadline for Eagle entries:  
[stjohnshdg@verizon.net](mailto:stjohnshdg@verizon.net)

Choir meets Wednesdays at 6:05pm

Support our Community Youth  
Alice in Wonderland @HdG High

3/18 @ 7:30pm & 3/19 @ 12:30pm and 6pm

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A California Christian Author; David Encina is coming to Maryland!

We are all invited to a Book Review and Signing by Author; David Encina.

March 20, 2011 - 3pm -6pm

1200 Bulle Rock Parkway; Havre de Grace, MD 21078

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Wednesday Adult Education Classes through Lent:  
Will be held at 7:00 pm  
Will have a Special Guest Speaker  
Canon Dan Webster will be offering Adult Education on the topic "Sex, Marriage, and Scripture."  
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Next Sunday, March 27, we will have a Guest Speaker in Church. The Rev. Robert Libby will be joining us from "Food for the Poor."

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Regular Weekly Schedule:

Sunday:  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:15 am Holy Eucharist

Monday:  
9:30 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday:  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
6:05 pm Choir Practice

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### Greetings From Sarah Ingalls-Howard:

Hello everyone! I just wanted to introduce myself to you and let you know how happy I am to your new Parish Administrator. If you need anything, please feel free to let me know. I would be happy to help you in any way that I can. I can be found in the office Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. The office phone number is 410-939-2107, and the office e-mail is [stjohnshdg@verizon.net](mailto:stjohnshdg@verizon.net). I look forward to working with you all!

Have a Blessed Day!

Sarah

**Bishop Clagget Center**

**Registration Form**

Please send this form and mail it with your non-refundable deposit to:

Bishop Clagget Center

P.O. Box 40

Buckeystown, MD 21717

Event Registering for: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

(Home)

(Work)

(Cell)

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name/ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (Male or Female): \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

First Time at Clagget?: \_\_\_\_\_

How Did you Hear About Us? \_\_\_\_\_

**If Registering for a Youth Event, Please Complete the Following Also:**

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: (2010-2011 school year) \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: Children's S M L Adult S M L XL XXL XXXL

Parents' E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Clearly!!

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature also indicates permission for photos & videos of participants to be used in publications)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_