

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week, we dip into Celtic spirituality



CELTIC SPIRITUALITY

Fall Adult Christian Education concludes the 3-week mini series
this Sunday, Oct 17th at 9:15am

In-person, with precautions and LIVE via Zoom

In Addition:

this Sunday at 8am and 10:30am,
both services will include some of the traditions from the
Episcopal Celtic worship service

St Thomas' annual fall clean-up

Saturday

Nov 6th, 8am-noon

Cider donuts in the morning and pizza at the end

Please come help prepare our grounds for winter.
Leaf raking, bush trimming, stick gathering

If someone wants to work on bench repair we have a
couple of benches from the Grove that need the slats
replaced.

If anyone is aware of a job that could use some extra
hands, let Sue Houghton or any member of the property
committee know.

Please let Sue know if you can come help out and what type
of work you are willing / able to do that there are enough
jobs planned and we can prepare for the tools needed.
Plus we need a rough headcount for food!

ALL are Welcome!

Sunday

Rite 1 spoken
8:00 am

Sunday

Rite 2 with music
10:30 am

Wednesday

12 noon
Intercessory Prayer

Thursday

7 pm
Evening Compline

Eye Spy Saint Brigid's Cross

This Sunday, you will notice some subtle differences in the worship services. Fr Howie will be incorporating Celtic spiritual traditions. Our talented flower guild often takes notes from special occasions, flower dedications, and holidays, and this week is no exception as the flowers that accent the altar will carry over the Celtic theme.

"Eye Spy" sees something extra special in the flower arrangement: a Saint Brigid's cross, borrowed from our beautiful cross gallery in the lobby. The tradition tells that an old pagan chieftain lay delirious on his deathbed in Kildare. His servants summoned Brigid to his bedside, in the hope this saintly woman might be able to calm his restless spirit.

As she sat by his bedside, trying to calm and console him, she picked up some of the rushes which were strewn across the floor of the room. Her fingers played with the dry strands, and she started weaving them together, eventually forming a cross.

She continued to weave and explained the meaning of the cross to the sick man. Her calming words brought peace to his soul. The chieftain's fever broke, and he grew quiet. Captivated by her lesson of love and enlightenment, the old chieftain was baptized as a Christian, just before his death.

Once word of his conversion reached beyond his lands, news spread fast. Ever since, Irish people have made rush crosses to commemorate the occasion. What lesson can we take from St Brigid's cross? Do you think making some of these would be a fun fellowship activity?



Bazaar Vendor Taking Pre-Orders

One of our returning vendors at the bazaar is Cherita Brasier. She represents Tastefully Simple. Tastefully Simple not only provides delicious products that are quick and easy, this season they are in partnership with Feed My Starving Children.

There are catalogues in the office with order forms. You can also look at the products available on line at

<https://www.tastefullysimple.com>

If you order in advance, the order will be waiting for you at the Bazaar. The pre-order offer is available until October 30th.

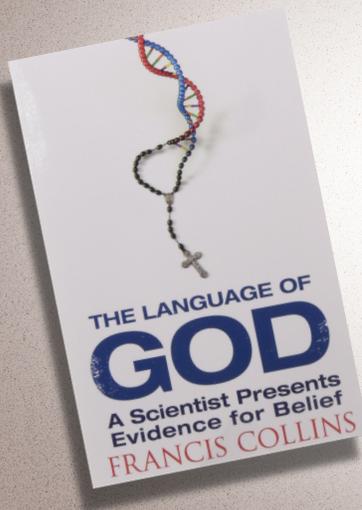
Thank you for supporting our bazaar and our vendors.

2 Saints Readers book discussion

"What an elegantly written book. In it Francis Collins, the eminent scientist, tells why he is also a devout believer.... A real godsend for those with questioning minds but who are also attracted to things spiritual."

-- Archbishop Desmond Tutu

*All are Welcome: Live via Zoom
Tuesdays at 10am starting 10/19th*



*Starting
this
Tuesday!*

