



## Johann Sebastian Bach, George Frederick Handel, and Henry Purcell

**Johann Sebastian Bach** was born in Germany in 1685 into a family of musicians. As a youngster he studied violin and organ and served as a choirboy at the parish church. By early adulthood, Bach had already achieved an enviable reputation as a composer and performer. His assignments as a church musician began in 1707. A man of religious faith, Bach's music was an expression of his religious convictions. **George Frederick Handel** was also born in 1685 in Germany. After studying law, he became an organist at the Reformed Cathedral in Halle in 1702, and in 1703 went to Hamburg to study and compose opera. Handel's energies

were devoted to producing Italian operas and English oratorios, large choral works based upon religious themes. Handel's most popular work, *Messiah*, is notable for its powerful musical interpretation of texts from the Holy Scriptures. **Henry Purcell** was born in London in 1659 and became one of the great English composers, flourishing in the period that followed the Restoration of the monarchy after the Puritan Commonwealth period. Purcell spent much of his short life in the service of the Chapels Royal as a singer, composer, and organist. He died in 1695 and is buried adjacent to the organ near the north aisle of Westminster Abbey.

*Almighty God, beautiful in majesty and majestic in holiness, who teaches us in Holy Scripture to sing your praises and who gave your musicians Johann Sebastian Bach, George Frederick Handel and Henry Purcell grace to show forth your glory in their music: Be with all those who write or make music for your people, that we on earth may glimpse your beauty and know the inexhaustible riches of your new creation in Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

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## Calendar of Events

*If you would like to see your event listed here, please email [Clelia](mailto:Clelia) or [garritycpg@gmail.com](mailto:garritycpg@gmail.com). If you would like to see your event listed in the diocesan calendar, please email [Barbara](mailto:Barbara).*

### SAVE THE DATES

**Jul 29, and 5 weeks following, WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE, 6:30PM, Epiphany, Henderson**

**Jul 1-31, OPEN DOORS AT TRINITY RENO; 200 Island Ave., Reno, NV.** Pipes on the River, organ concert every Friday Noon-12:30 PM; Stained Glass Artist lecture and tour; Jul 6, 10:30 AM-12 Noon; Labyrinth Walk with music and art, Jul 11, 4:00-8:00 PM; Summer Faire and Festival, Jul 24, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

**Jul 31, JOURNALING WORKSHOP: Roisin O'Loughlin, D.Min, presenter, Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development, Las Vegas, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Cost \$45.**

**Jul 31, LAY LITURGICAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP, Coventry Cross Episcopal Church, Minden, 1:00 - 5:00 PM.** This workshop is open to all persons interested in liturgical leadership. The workshop is necessary for those seeking to be a licensed Eucharistic Visitor or a Worship Leader in the diocese. For information or to register contact Canon Chuck McCray at [frensdorff.school@gmail.com](mailto:frensdorff.school@gmail.com)

**Aug 4, 11, 18, 25, DREAM GROUP, Cathy Pagano, MA, facilitator. Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Direction, Las Vegas, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Newcomers Welcome! \$20 per person.**

**Aug 7, INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP: Based on the Teachings of Fr. Thomas Keating, Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development, Las Vegas, 9:00 AM - Noon. Freewill offering.**

**Aug 10, MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE DIOCESE OF NEVADA offered by the Episcopal Divinity School.** An eight-week online course that focuses on identifying ways to empower people to effectively engage in the world through the ministry of the baptized. No fee. To enroll contact [frensdorff.school@gmail.com](mailto:frensdorff.school@gmail.com)

**Aug 14, GALILEE 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, 2:00 - 8:00 PM.** Barbecue Dinner at 6:00 PM. We will celebrate this important anniversary with an afternoon of barbecue, as well as singing, kayaking, guided hikes, and a worship service. Bishop Dan Edwards will join in the celebration with a special pre-dinner Eucharist. No registration is necessary for those coming for the day. For those interested in staying the night, the cost is \$40/person, which includes a brunch on August 15th. To make reservations, please call 775-749-5546.

**Aug 19, THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS: A Presentation by Margaret Towne, PhD, Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development, Las Vegas.** 10-11:30 AM. Freewill offering.

**Aug 21, SUMMER DINNER AND FUNDRAISER, St. Catherine's of Siena.** The event will include dinner, a silent auction, and music. Tickets are \$50; \$25 of which will be tax deductible. For information, or to buy a ticket, call Rev. Sherryl Netzler at 775-513-9412.

**Aug 21-22, HEALING TOUCH SPIRITUAL MINISTRY, Jeanne Clark, MA presenter. Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development, Las Vegas.** Cost \$300 (\$150 for repeaters; \$225 for full-time students) 16 credit hours for massage therapists.

**Aug 28, MYERS BRIGGS: Appreciating Differences using the Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI). Presenter Myrna Araneta, PhD.** Cost \$75. Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development. To register call 702-243-4040.

**Aug 31, APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR ARTISTS TO REPRESENT THEIR PARISH AT THE 2010 DIOCESE OF NEVADA CONVENTION IN OCTOBER.** Add inspirational art to the Diocese of Nevada. Create and share your works of visual art at the 2010 convention. For information, or to submit a piece of artwork, contact Meg Tarble at [megtarble@hotmail.com](mailto:megtarble@hotmail.com) 4500 Pisa Dr. Reno, NV 89509; 775-827-2516.

**Sep 3-6, SOLO FLIGHT AT 20: VISIONING THE FUTURE FOR SINGLE ADULTS IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Richmond, VA.** As Solo Flight gathers for its 20th consecutive year, the coordinators are discerning the future and looking to conduct visioning sessions centering on being single in The Episcopal Church. For further information and registration: <http://www.soloflightministry.net>

**Sep 8, PASTORAL CARE EDUCATION: AN ONLINE INTRODUCTION TO THE FUNDAMENTALS OF PASTORAL CARE offered by the Frensdorff School of Christian Education.** The two-semester class will offer a complete overview of the basic disciplines of pastoral care. It will be taught via Adobe Connect by Jodi Lediard, Maryellen Waltz, Clelia Garrity, Jan Olandese, and Bishop Dan Edwards. The class is strongly recommended for persons currently in vocational discernment for Holy Orders, or for those persons who have been ordained but unable to attend formal Clinical Pastoral Education. Registration for the class is limited. Contact [frensdorff.school@gmail.com](mailto:frensdorff.school@gmail.com)

**Sep 14-15, DISCIPLES OF CHRIST IN NEVADA, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 4709 Nellis Blvd, Las Vegas.** The Rev. James R. Beebe will present a sampling of his new curriculum that focuses on how we are charged to become a church. For information, please call 702-451-2483.

**Sep 17-19, 24th ANNUAL WESTBERG PARISH NURSE SYMPOSIUM; Thriving in a Changing World.** Embassy Suites & St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles MO. [For information, or to register](#)

**Sep 18, NORTHWEST MISSION DISTRICT MEETING, 9:00 - 11:00 AM, St. John's, Glenbrook.** Agenda: Diocesan Convention Issues.

**Sep 18, SERVANT-LEADERSHIP,** a model of leadership that is based on shared power, shared decision-making, building trust, collaboration, and mutual accountability. Servant-Leadership training seeks to draw on the gifts, strengths, and abilities of each person in the congregation. **Trinity Church, Reno, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.** Workshop space is limited. To enroll contact [frensdorff.school@gmail.com](mailto:frensdorff.school@gmail.com)

**Sep 19, SERVANT-LEADERSHIP**, a model of leadership that is based on shared power, shared decision-making, building trust, collaboration, and mutual accountability. Servant-Leadership training seeks to draw on the gifts, strengths, and abilities of each person in the congregation. **Christ Church, Las Vegas, 1:00 - 5:00 PM.** Workshop space is limited. To enroll contact [frensdorff.school@gmail.com](mailto:frensdorff.school@gmail.com)

**Sep 30, STONE SOUP FOR EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER, The Grove, 95 Foothill Rd. 6:00-8:00 PM.** Soup dinner with silent auction and raffle of hand-painted bowls to raise funds for St. Paul's Food Pantry, Sparks. Tickets are \$30, and will be available at each of the Reno-Sparks area churches by early August. Call St. Paul's at 775-358-4474 for more information.

**Oct 8-10, 1ST ANNUAL DIOCESAN WOMEN'S RETREAT** sponsored by St. Peter's Church, Carson City. The diocesan-wide retreat for Women of Faith will be held at Galilee Episcopal Camp and Conference Center. Co-leaders are Rev. Helen McPeak of Epiphany, Henderson and Rev. Stefani Schatz, Rector of Trinity, Reno. All women of the diocese are welcome and encouraged to bring friends. The cost for the weekend is \$145 - \$160. This includes all meals. To register call 775-749-5546, or send a \$50 non-refundable check to Galilee, PO Box 236, Glenbrook, NV 89413.

**Oct. 30, ORDERS OF MINISTRY: SHAPING THE CHURCH FOR LIFE, Roving Workshop presented by Bishop Dan Edwards, 9:00 AM - Noon, St. Bartholomew's, Ely.** The workshop will look at the roles of laity, priests, deacons, and bishops. Who is responsible for what? What is special in the spirit of each order? What's up to the vestry and warden? What's up to the priest? What's up to the deacon? What is a rector, a priest in charge, an assistant? How can we best share the ministries so that we all grow and God is glorified?

**Oct. 22-24, DIOCESAN CONVENTION, Santa Fe Casino Hotel, N. Rancho Drive, Las Vegas.** Delegates and guests are asked to register in advance. Travelers should call the Santa Fe Casino Hotel at 702-658-4900 to make room reservations. Please mention that you are attending the Episcopal Church Convention to get the group discount rate. Icebreaker Thursday night, Oct. 21, 7-9 PM. Todos Los Santos will host our fellowship gathering at All Saints' Church, Las Vegas. **THE AGENDA AND ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION IS NOW POSTED ON THE CONVENTION WEBSITE** <http://www.diocesenvconvention.org/>

**Nov 7, BLOOD DRIVE, Epiphany, Henderson**

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## Ponderings & Prayers

**O gracious and loving God, you work everywhere reconciling, loving, and healing your people and your creation. In your Son and through the power of your Holy Spirit, you invite each of us to join you in your work. We, young and old, lay, and ordained, ask you to form us more and more in your image and likeness, through our prayer and worship of you and through the study of your scripture, that our eyes will be fully opened to your mission in the world. Then, God, into our communities, our nation, and the world, send us to serve with Christ, taking risks to give life and hope to all people and all of your creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen**





## Desert Angels Health Tip of the Week

Some examples of how a Health Ministry in Staten Island, NY is bringing an extra measure of healing, hope, and health to congregation and the community they serve.

**Mount Sinai United Christian Church's health ministry will host a semi-annual health fair on June 27 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the church's Center for Community Enrichment Inc.**

**The afternoon will include blood pressure monitoring, diabetes screening, HIV testing, fire safety information, other safety tips, a visit from specialists in domestic violence prevention, fitness and nutrition facts, and mammograms by appointment. Refreshments will be served.**

## NEWS BRIEFS

**Holy Trinity, Fallon** is offering a discussion/study group, "Growing Through Divorce," every Friday evening through August 27, 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. **ALSO**, every Sunday in August at 9:45 AM, ventriloquist Roger Pond and his puppet Gary will share Bible stories.

**The second quarter 2010 Diocesan Bulletin of Santiago, Philippines is posted on the diocesan website** through the "Companion Diocese" link, or directly through <http://philippines.diocesenv.org/newsletter/htm>

**All Saints' Parish Youth has Bible Study and Fellowship, Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:30 PM**

**RAPT in PRAYER**, a prayer shawl ministry that meets at St. Peter's, Carson City in the library. Patterns and yarn are available; all knitters need to bring is needles. August meetings are on the 5th and 7th at 9:30 AM. All are welcome - we can teach knitting, as well.

**The first Wednesday of every month:**

**Naomi and Ruth Circle - Healing through Friendship and Prayer: A support group for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, 5:45 - 6:45 PM, Trinity Episcopal Library, 200 Island St. Reno. We will be reading and discussing the book "Enduring Grace: Living Portraits of Seven Women Mystics", by Carol Lee Flinders.**

**Epiphany, Henderson Loss and Grieving Support Group meets the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.**

**Mondays at 7:00 PM - Contemplative Prayer, Epiphany, Henderson.**

**Epiphany Adult Sunday School meets every Sunday at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Room.**

**Saturdays at 8:00 AM Epiphany's Men's Group Breakfast: Rae's Restaurant, Alternating weeks.**

**The Epiphany Outreach Group will be cooking and serving a meal to the homeless on the 2nd Friday of every month in collaboration with a program operating at St. Timothy's called "Friends of the Desert." Please arrive at 1PM; clean-up is from 6:00-8:00 PM. For information see Ginny, or call her at 476-9150.**

**An Informal, Contemporary Eucharist at 5:30 PM every fourth Saturday of the month at St. Christopher's, Boulder City.**

**Special Youth Breakfast and Bible Lesson the first Sunday of every month at 9:00 AM, St. Christopher's, Boulder City.**

**Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Fallon offers a Bereavement Support "drop-in" group the 2nd Monday of every month from 6:00 - 7:00 PM at the vicarage.**

**and**

**Two 8 week Bereavement Support sessions are also offered in the Fall (September 30th - November 18th) on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Vicarage.**

**and**

**A "drop-in" Bereavement Group meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at CARES Cottage in Yerington (306 Surprise Street) from 1:00 - 2:00 PM**

**St. Timothy's, Henderson offers a Grief Support Group, the group meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the church. The group is facilitated by hospice chaplains; meeting times are: Mondays at 10:00 AM. The group offers support for those who have experienced any sort of loss. 43 W. Pacific Ave. in Henderson.**

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