



CHURCH *of the*  
REDEEMER  

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Chestnut Hill

**Thursday, February 15, 2024**



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## A February Reflection

This month, we are pleased to share  
[Embracing Emptiness: A Lenten Invitation](#) by Barrie Rose Bliss.  
Her reflection can also be found on the Home Page of the website.

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February 18th 10am leaflet

## Readings for February 18, 2024

- [Genesis 9:8-17](#)
  - [1 Peter 3:18-22](#)
  - [Mark 1:9-15](#)
  - [Psalm 25:1-9](#)
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## February 18th 5pm Evensong leaflet

**The Sunday worship leaflets** are also located on the Redeemer website. Look for the '**Worship & Leaflets**' tab. You can access the page [here](#).

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Barbara S. MacDonald

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Karen Argent-Belcher, Juliette Cobian, Alison Field, Eddie Sanders, Adele, Betty, Brett, Brian, Christian, Christopher, Cynthia, Elise, Ella, Fanniter, Frank, Fung, Henry, Jack, Jane, Justin, Karen, Keith, Kirun, Linda, Lisa, Marcia, Margo, Max, Medora, Murali, Nicholas, Oliver, Olivia, Peter, Robert, Ruth, Sean, Stuart, Ted, Tom, Victor, Wai Ling, Will

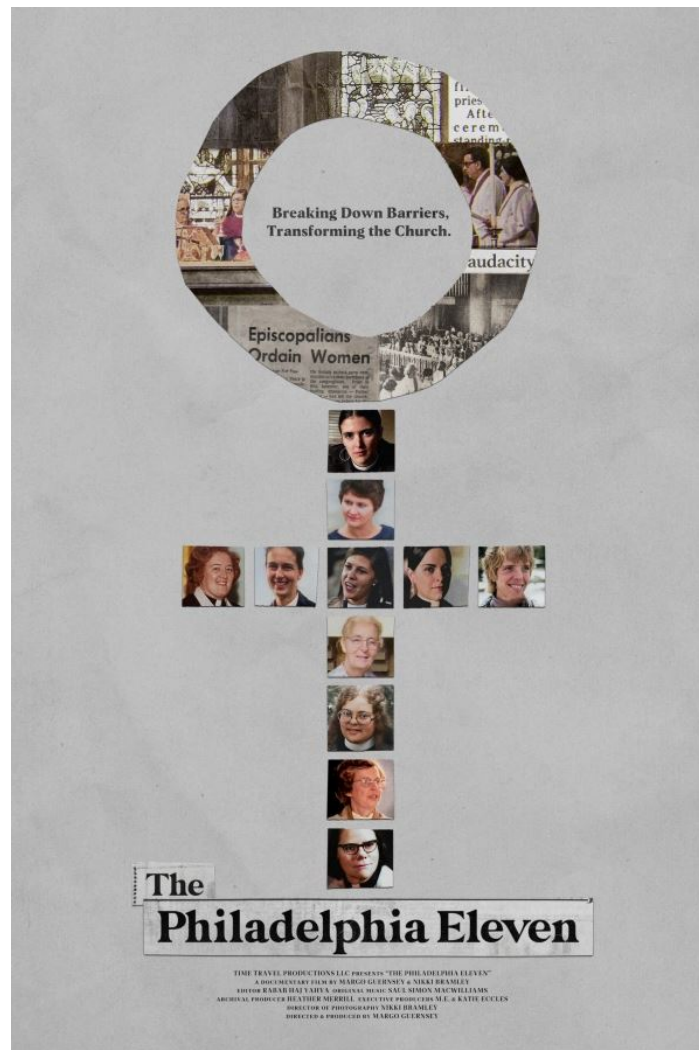
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And what has FUEL been up to now that Newton schools back? You probably noticed three rather distinctive teeth and a table of dental supplies at our last two coffee hours. Velura Perry organized a "pack the bag" event where parishioners could purchase a toothbrush, toothpaste and/or dental floss for one dollar each.

Thanks to your generosity, **200 bags were donated to FUEL** and sent in the weekly food bag. Starting Sunday, we will have FUEL grocery lists outside the Rector's office for those who would like to donate food items to FUEL. Thank you again.

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## The Philadelphia Eleven



**A Screening of *The Philadelphia Eleven***  
**Sunday, February 25th at 2pm**  
**Coolidge Corner Cinema**

In 1974, a group of eleven women were ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in Philadelphia, despite a prohibition in the constitution and canons of the Episcopal Church. At the time only men were eligible for ordination. This dramatic act seemed to break the so-called stained glass ceiling, giving hope to Christian women everywhere. This story is told in a compelling new documentary *The Philadelphia Eleven*.

This film tells a story that continues to resonate today as women seeking ordination continue to face resistance, disrespect and exclusion from roles reserved by men for men. The documentary explores the lives of these remarkable women who succeeded in transforming an age-old institution despite the threats to their personal safety and the risk of rejection by the church they loved. These women became and remain an inspiration for generations of women in the ministry, and a clarion call for the entire Christian Church.

A discussion with filmmaker Margo Guernsey and others linked to this historic event will follow the screening. This film is sponsored by All Saints Parish and the Charles River Deanery.

**[Purchase tickets here](#)**



**CELEBRATE THIS EASTER  
WITH A DONATION OF EASTER LILIES**

The beautiful lilies which adorn the Church of the Redeemer at Easter are made possible by many financial donations from our parishioners.



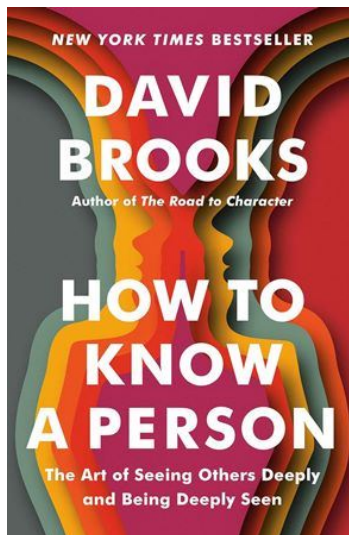
Names which are received by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** will be printed in the Easter worship service leaflets. We suggest \$50 for the first listing, \$10 for each additional one, but ANY AMOUNT is welcome.

**Please make your check payable to *Church of the Redeemer*. Thank you.**

You can fill out the [Lily donation form here](#) or pick up a form in the Narthex or near the church offices and return it to the Church office or by mail c/o Suzy Westcott, 379 Hammond St. Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.

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## FELLOWSHIP EVENTS



Thanks to all who attended Tuesday's fabulous (and filling!) Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. In the coming weeks, the Church Service League is devoting both its Next Chapters luncheon meeting and the Faith Through Fiction reading group session to an examination of David Brooks' thoughtful and engaging book, *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen*.

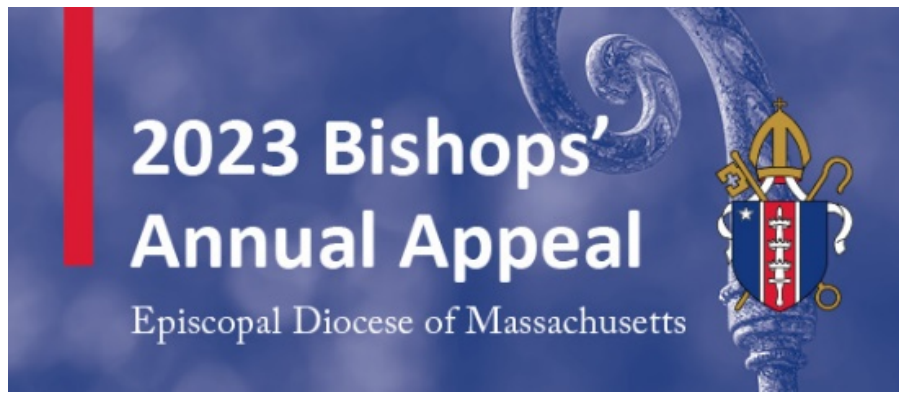
Most of us probably know Brooks as a New York Times columnist and as the long-time foil of Mark Shields on the PBS Newshour Friday broadcasts. In the past few years, however, he has written several books examining the causes and consequences of the collapse of civility and community in America. In *How to Know a Person*, he explores his personal journey and sets forth a pathway that we all may follow to become more engaged and empathetic.

This Sunday (February 18), Redeemer's Faith Through Fiction reading group will be meeting in the Old Parish House following

reading group will be meeting in the Old Parish House following Evensong to discuss two of the opening chapters, in which Brooks discusses the problems that our preconceptions and first impressions create in getting to meet and know people (Chapter Two) as well as how we can change those attitudes to fully illuminate people in all their fullness (Chapter Three).

On Wednesday, February 21, our Next Chapters group will meet for lunch in the Porter Room to discuss Chapters 8 and 9 to discuss epidemic of loneliness that has emerged in the wake of the collapse of social institutions in recent years and accelerated during the COVID pandemic (Chapter 8) as well as ideas for having the "hard conversations" that keep us divided in this increasingly polarized time. Lunch will be provided. Please e-mail CSL Fellowship Chair [michael.aylward4@gmail.com](mailto:michael.aylward4@gmail.com) to ensure that we have enough food and chairs!





## **The 2024 Bishops' Annual Appeal**

We are reminded throughout Scripture that God has formed an everlasting covenant with us. This covenant is an invitation to enter into relationship with God and to act together in harmony with one another and all the earth. As we launch the 2024 Bishops' Annual Appeal, we invite you to join us in deepening covenants we have formed as the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.

Our diocesan mission strategy is a covenant to become ever more faithful and generous disciples of Jesus. With your support, the Bishops' Annual Appeal promotes this goal through lifelong Christian formation, youth and young adult ministries, racial justice and creation care initiatives, as well as multicultural and immigration outreach.

The appeal newsletter and donation envelope are available in the entrance to the church and on the table near the offices. Please place your gift in the Offering on "Ingathering Sunday," March 10<sup>th</sup>. You may also mail it back directly to the diocesan office. Together, we are able to accomplish that which we cannot do alone!

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## **Redeemer Calendar**

The Parish Calendar Listings and Events can be found [here](#).

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