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Chapin, South Carolina

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## **St. Francis' Annual Wednesday Lenten Series to Examine Saints**

**Chapin, SC** – St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church will begin its annual Wednesday evening Lenten series on March 16 with an examination of Sainthood, exploring the history and impact of a number of saints during the Lenten season. Parishioners and members of the community are invited to attend the weekly series, which begins with a light potluck supper of soup and salad dinner at 6:00 pm and the presentations start at 6:30 pm. The schedule is provided below:

- March 16 Reverend J. Blaney Pridgen, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Irmo, will discuss how one becomes a saint and look at holy men and women from the Episcopal Church.
- March 23 Father Leslie Drake of the Mission Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury in Aiken will examine the life of his church's patron saint, the sixth century bishop credited for drafting the oldest surviving Anglo-Saxon laws.
- March 30 Betsy Neal of St. John's Congaree Episcopal Church will discuss St. Therese of Lisieux, author of *Story of the Soul*, an autobiography which talks about finding God in the everyday. Known as the Little Flower, Therese chose to celebrate the little things in life and the story of her ministry has been reproduced for a worldwide readership of millions in 38 languages.
- April 6 Lutheran Bishop Herman Yoos will review the life of modern saint Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who wrote *The Cost of Discipleship*, in support of obedience to the Cross over the State. Bonhoeffer continued to preach the costly nature of discipleship and grace up until his execution for participating in an assassination attempt on Adolf Hitler.
- April 13 Midlands' psychotherapist Amy Montanez will conclude the series by leading a discussion on Living a Saintly Life.

There will be a nursery provided for children four years and under. Older children may participate in junior choir or additional activities during the adult forum. For more information, please call the church at 803-345-1550 or visit [www.stfrancischapin.org](http://www.stfrancischapin.org).