

Fall 2019



**Diocese
of
Central
Pennsylvania**

**Daughters
of
the
King
Assembly**



God of fallen leaves
lying in colored patterns on the ground,
our lives have their own patterns.

As we see the patterns of our own growth,
May we learn from them.

Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

Daughters of the King

Fall Assembly

Saturday, October 5, 2019

St. John Episcopal Church, 140 N. Beaver St. York, PA 17401

Registration and Check-in 8:30 - 9:00 AM

Continental Breakfast 8:30 - 9:00 AM

Lunch will be served midday

Closing Eucharist by 3:00 PM

“Holy Moments: Praying, Caring, Serving”

Jen Mariano will share DOK National strategic plan and Annie Brooks will talk about the book *Every Moment Holy*. We look forward to sharing a fun and spirit-filled day.

You need not be a DOK member to attend. All women are invited to participate in this day.

REGISTRATION

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CHAPTER: _____ or DAUGHTER@LARGE _____

eMAIL: _____ PARISH: _____

Suggested donation is \$15.00 (cash or check).

Please make checks payable to “Daughters of the King Central PA”.

Please register by Sept. 28, 2019.

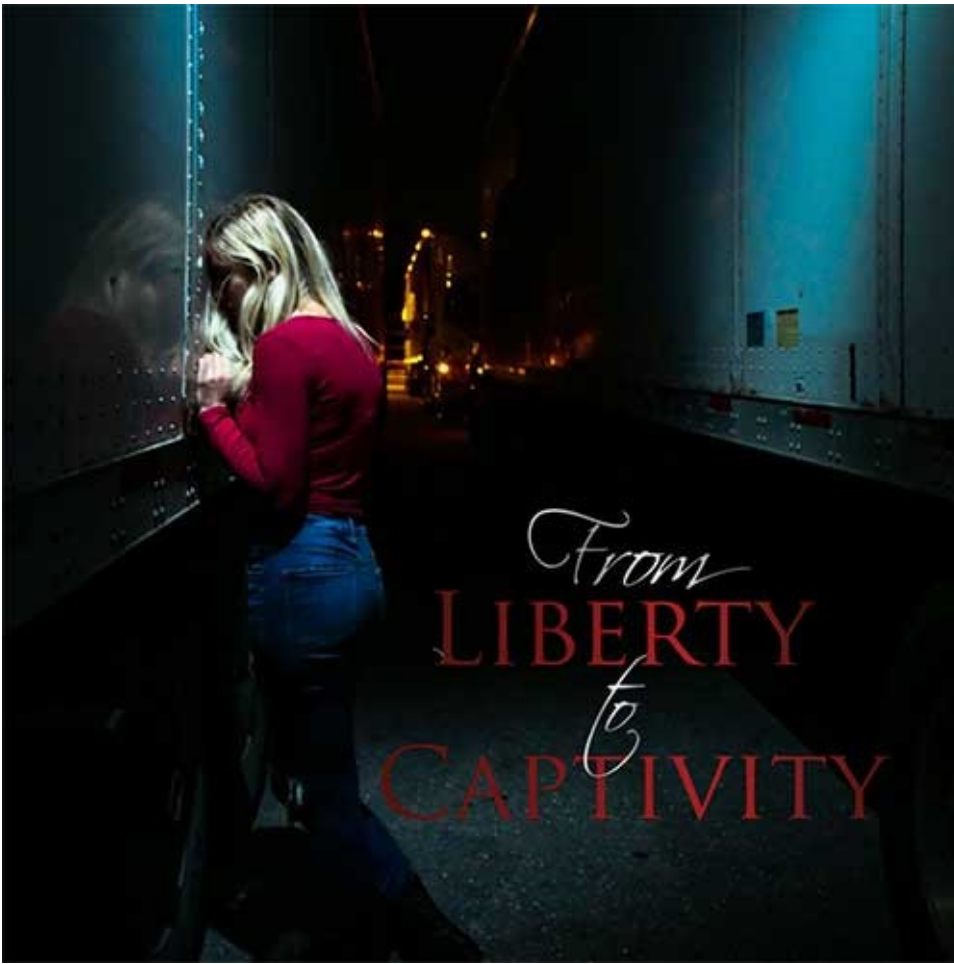
Registration by mail and payment on the day of Fall Assembly is acceptable.

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From Liberty to Captivity

Film Screening

Saturday,
September 21, 2019

Saint James
Lancaster

Hosted by the
Harriet Lane Johnson
Chapter of the
Daughters of the King

A documentary about slavery THEN, slavery NOW, and the abolitionists fighting to end it.

Hosted by the Harriet Lane Johnston Chapter of the Daughters of the King (DOK), this award-winning documentary by filmmaker Debbie Wright shines a light on something lurking in the darkest crevices of society in our own backyards—human sex trafficking. The screening is part of the DOK's ongoing efforts to bring awareness to this important issue.

From the film's official website: "From Liberty to Captivity searched for the answer to the question of how one of America's original 13 states, **Pennsylvania**, went from a place that represented freedom to so many and now has become a state where human trafficking and slavery are flourishing.

With its proverbial lens, From Liberty To Captivity zooms in on Pennsylvania's booming and profitable sex trafficking industry, which is threatening to destroy the principle of 'liberty and justice for all.' This feature-length film reveals the reality and complexities of sex trafficking crimes and this social justice issue and present the very real hope of conquering it. We follow several individuals through their personal and professional experiences with trafficking. Our mission is to awaken people from all walks of life to the pervasive reality of sex trafficking in Pennsylvania and to plant seeds of hope, inspiring them to carry forth the legacy of the abolitionists who came before them, fighting for freedom and rewriting America's history."

<http://www.fromlibertytocaptivity.com/about/>

Harriet Lane Johnson News

The Harriet Lane Johnston Chapter worked through the summer on its mission to bring the film “Liberty to Captivity” to Saint James. Debbie Wright, President of Do What’s Wright Production Company, LLC, the Director and Producer of the film was wonderful to work with. Her passion and dedication for the film and its subject matter, that of the reality of sex trafficking – the horror and heartbreak of it as well as the hope in the fight to eradicate it, was uplifting to the 61 attendees who witnessed the screening.

Following the film and some dialogue time with Jen Sensenig, who traveled on behalf of Debbie Wright to bring the film to us, we closed our day with a Mass. Many of our sisters served as EMs, lectors, and ushers. Our Chaplain, Jane Dutton, was our preacher. Father Rick provided wonderful guidance throughout our journey or planning our day, and Chris Keeney provided music during the service that was in perfect harmony with the theme of our day.

As it was not possible for all of us to be together for the film and for the Mass following the screening, I have included below, the Prayers of the People offered during our service, and written by our sister, Wanda Stoltzfus. Perhaps raising our voices individually through these prayers will unite us all in our common mission of learning more about and helping to eradicate the heartbreak and injustice of human trafficking. With gratefulness for my daughters, their prayers and service ... Susan Landin

Prayers of the People: Sep 21, 2019

Liberty to Captivity Mass (Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

O God, bless us! Bless us with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart. O God, bless us! Bless us with holy indignation at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among humanity.

The congregational response to the petition, “In faith we pray” is “May justice reign in our day.”

Silence. “In faith we pray” ... ***“May justice reign in our day.”***

Grant your universal church grace to fearlessly contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Equip your saints with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

Silence. “In faith we pray” ... ***“May justice reign in our day.”***

Renew our nation in the ways of justice and peace. Guide those who make and administer laws to build a society based on trust and respect. Erase prejudices that oppress; free us from crime and violence. Give all citizens a new vision of a life of harmony.

Silence. “In faith we pray” ... ***“May justice reign in our day.”***

We pray for all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire each one of us with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil.

Silence. “In faith we pray” ... ***“May justice reign in our day.”***

We pray for our community of Lancaster: For our local leaders and law enforcement; for our neighborhoods, schools and workplaces. Send your holy and life-giving Spirit to move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed we may live in justice and peace.

Silence. “In faith we pray” ... ***“May justice reign in our day.”***

We thank and praise you for our earth – your creation entrusted to our care. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to future generations the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

Silence. “In faith we pray” ... ***“May justice reign in our day.”***

Speak peace, we pray you, to all who are in anguish in body, mind, or spirit. Support with your love those who are being trafficked, those denied dignity, and those who live without hope. May every person in need find rest for their bodies, quiet for their minds, and solace for their souls. Lead them to the fountain of life that is in you and grant them hope and healing.

Silence. “In faith we pray” ... ***“May justice reign in our day.”***

We pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial and social reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints.

Chaplain Jane Dutton's Sermon from the Mass Following the Screening of *Liberty to Captivity*:

After any kind of mass shooting or hurricane or other major tragic event in this county, social media is filled with messages of “thoughts and prayers” and now, more than ever, criticism of those thoughts and prayers. When we read about and learn of illness and abuse through opioid use, vaping, and sex trafficking, (which 61 of us learned a great deal about this afternoon in the viewing of the film, “From Liberty to Captivity”), we are often left feeling helpless; we wonder if prayer can do anything to stop the tide of personal and communal devastation. Yet, we are called to pray. As Christian people, this is a core part of our calling, as individuals and as a community. There is verse after verse after verse in our sacred text, our Bible, about prayer and its importance.

I Chronicles 16:11 - “Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.”

Jeremiah 29:8 - “Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.”

Romans 12:12 - “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”

And in our scripture from I Timothy today, with its heading in the NRSV of “Instructions Concerning Prayer” - “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone...”

And we're advised in Matthew and Luke about how to pray, “Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come...”

I am part of a religious order here at Saint James, called Daughters of the King. The order was started in 2016...or actually restarted after something like a hundred years. One of the main responsibilities of each daughter is to pray. We are a group of women whose first and primary work is to pray. We are to live by the Rule of Prayer, “In the Christian life, nothing can be substituted for prayer. It is a Daughter's daily recourse to the source of life and strength...”

Our order meets twice a month; once for a half hour prayer service. Prayer and only prayer. The second is more of a business meeting, which always starts and ends with prayer. Prayer is absolutely core to the order and to each member. And in-between meetings, we email each other new requests that are not part of our regular and ongoing lists of prayers.

Thoughts and prayers. I always feel a twinge – more than a twinge really - when I read people's offerings of thoughts and prayers on Facebook or Twitter – and the subsequent criticism. Part of me feels defeated because I wonder if my prayers are enough or if they mean anything. I recently read a very biting essay from the publication *McSweeney's* written by Chas Gillespie, entitled “God has heard your thoughts and prayers and thinks they are...expletive expletive.” He makes a compelling argument that God is sick and tired of our pleas for help; God has given us all the help we need in our democratic legislative process. We have great minds in our universities and research centers; we have excellent mental health services; we even have a constitutional way to change the Constitution. We are by no means helpless. God has already answered our prayers, so why keep praying?

Chaplain Jane Dutton's Sermon from the Mass Following the Screening of Liberty to Captivity ... cont'd

And another part of me feels defensive because I also know prayer is meaningful and important and life changing. Prayer is not a practice that stops; it's on-going. When I pray, I am changed. And then I have the opportunity to change and to be part of making change.

In our Gospel today from Luke, we hear the parable of the shrewd manager; there is a lot to unpack in these 13 verses...but let's concentrate on verse 10: "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. Fred Craddock writes in the Bible commentary entitled *Interpretation*:

The life of a disciple is one of faithful attention to frequent and familiar tasks of each day, however small and insignificant they may seem. The one faithful in today's nickels and dimes is the one to be trusted with the big account, but it is easy to be indifferent toward small obligations while quite sincerely believing oneself fully trustworthy in major matters. The realism of these sayings is simply that life consists of a series of seemingly small opportunities. Most of us this week will not christen a ship, write a book, end a war, appoint a cabinet, dine with the queen, convert a nation, or be burned at the stake. More likely the week will present no more than a chance to give a cup of water, write a note, visit a school class, vote for a county commissioner, teach a Sunday school class, share a meal, tell a child a story, go to choir practice, and feed the neighbor's cat.

And I would like to add to this list, pray often, daily, when we get up, during the day, when we go to bed, in the night when we cannot sleep. Pray.

Several weeks ago I attended an organizational meeting for POWER, the Philadelphia based organization that "represents over 50 congregations in Southeastern and Central Pennsylvania. POWER is a group people of faith committed to the work of bringing about justice here and now, with people becoming anti-racists at its core. One speaker was so very gracious when she said to everyone in the room, especially the people with my skin tone, "You are all good people. You've been given bad information. And now you know the information."

I'm sure many of you have heard the quote from Maya Angelou: "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."

This afternoon's viewing of the film about sex trafficking here in Pennsylvania is a wake up call to the scourge of sex trafficking and how the very image of God that is in every single human being has been used, abused, and exploited – all in the name of greed. Listen to this from the film's website:

Chaplain Jane Dutton's Sermon from the Mass Following the Screening of Liberty to Captivity ... cont'd

What if you found out that the very same places that you frequented with your friends, where children frequented, like coffee shops, outlet mall stores, sporting events, and family vacation hotels, were hunting grounds for human traffickers and places where children (boys as well as girls) and adults were being sold? What would you do if you found out that sex slavery and human trafficking were not just topics for some Dateline news story about India or countries in Eastern Europe, but it is a plague that has quietly spread ACROSS AMERICA to every state, in towns and cities and suburbs of every size and type, where victims have been dragged across our country's and state's borders to satisfy insatiable appetites and increasingly younger and younger American children are being rented out to be raped, every single day, every single hour, for profit?

This is heavy. Very very heavy. Overwhelming. Ugly. Frightening. Sin. I want to turn away, let someone else – someone with more expertise, more money, more power and authority, more intestinal fortitude step up to stop this. After all, what can I do? Isn't there a law? Shouldn't there be a law?

And yet...when you know better, you do better. We now know better.

There are two other tenets of the mission of Daughters of the King; service and evangelism. Our chapter, our group of women who pray – who pray all the dang time – made a decision awhile back – to see if we can do something about this sex trafficking sin that has infected and festered our community, state, and nation. These women who pray are fierce. They took a scared and wounded United Methodist me into the fold years ago; they prayed me through seminary; they prayed me through my year of chaplain residency at Penn State Hershey Medical Center; they have prayed for me – and I have prayed for them. They have been changed. I have been changed.

Thoughts and prayers do change people. Thoughts and prayers open our hearts and minds and souls...to hear the right information. To know better and to do better. These faithful women are showing themselves trustworthy in small things... and with prayer as the very ground they walk and kneel on, they are trustworthy in large things. All from the foundation of prayer, on-going prayer. Regular, consistent prayer.

The Daughters of the King has a motto: "For His Sake...I am but one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do. What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do."

Lord, what will you have me do?



Pictures from the Liberty to Captivity Screening:



Over half of the attendees were from outside our church!



During check-in, nearly every attendee said "thank you for having this!"

Next Screening of From Liberty to Captivity:

This film will be shown again at the Red Rose Film Festival on November 1, 2 and 3 at the Altana Rooftop Lounge of Lancaster's Marriott Hotel at Penn Square. For schedule and tickets, go to <https://redrosefilmfestival.com/>



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