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# S<sup>+</sup> Francis



December 30, 2015

## Transformation

*I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps sure.  
Psalm 40:1+2*

### ***Frances Joseph-Gaudet***

Today in our liturgical calendar we remember the life and ministry of Frances Joseph-Gaudet. She dedicated her life to prison and education reform. She lived and worked most of her life in the New Orleans area. After years of helping prisoners of all races in the late 1800's she began taking in young offenders who were convicted of misdemeanors or vagrancy. After taking in too many for her own house she raised money, bought a farm, and started a boarding school for homeless children, orphans, and the children of working mothers. In 1919 she donated the facility to the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana and stayed on two more years as the principal.

### ***The Road from Relief to Transformation***

Frances Joseph-Gaudet started out bringing much needed relief to prisoners supplying clothes and other necessities. Her commitment widened to include working with the Prison Reform Association. That, along with the boarding school she founded, gave the thousands of lives she touched a foundation and an education to change all of their circumstances. She began providing relief for individuals. The road she walked brought her to work for the transformation of whole communities. She focused on addressing the causes of crime and homelessness during her era as well as providing the relief that many needed. That is an essential distinction. When we provide help and relief we are working in the kingdom of God. When we address causes and begin working for the transformation of communities we are extending the kingdom of God. It is in extending the Kingdom of God we answer our calling, just as we see in the life of Frances Joseph-Gaudet.

## **Coming Attractions**

***Sunday, January 3, 2016*** worship at 10:00am

### ***Our Missional Communities***

*The Parke* will meet on January 3, 2016 at 5:30pm for worship and potluck. Contact Richard Walker at [richardandhedy@yahoo.com](mailto:richardandhedy@yahoo.com)

-Color Me Friends meets on January 6, 2016 at 6:30pm at St. Francis.

Contact Carol Maher at [corlsdream@gmail.com](mailto:corlsdream@gmail.com)

-Theology on Tap meets on January 13, 2016 at 6:30pm. Contact Richard Walker at [richardandhedy@yahoo.com](mailto:richardandhedy@yahoo.com).

-Caregivers' Support Group meets on January 13, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Walkers. Contact Hedy Walker at [richardandhedy@yahoo.com](mailto:richardandhedy@yahoo.com)

***Please bring nonperishable food to worship*** to donate to the Food Pantry of the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services.

### ***Centerville Circle of Prayer***

Food Lion, Centerville- that business would increase and many families in our community would be served.

### ***Diocese of Virginia***

For our Bishops, Shanon Johnston, Susan Goff, and Ted Gulick that they would have the strength and wisdom to carry out the apostolic ministry to which they are called.

***Metropolitan Richmond***

For racial reconciliation and healing throughout our region; for an end to all racial prejudice and discrimination, beginning with what is in our own hearts.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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