



LOGOS

The Newsletter for St. John's Episcopal Church, Arlington

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." John 1:5

From the Rector: What Comes After Easter?

What comes next, after Easter Day is over? The Easter season is seven weeks long. What might we do during that season?

Jesus' resurrection has brought us the promise of new life and begun the process of commissioning a community to send out into the world among his disciples. The gospels tell of Jesus appearing to the disciples in several ways—in the upper room and for a morning fish fry to name just two. His new life is different, unlike anything they had ever seen before. He is at once the same and yet sometimes unrecognizable, but there is no doubt that he is the same Jesus drawing them to him at the center. He instructs them to feed his sheep and promises to be with them always.

There are three parts of our lives we could work on during this time of year as we pray and meditate and come together to worship. We can look for the new life God is bringing in our lives, we can take a new look at our communities and remember how we get support and encouragement from them and we can examine how we are to go forth in Christ's name.

To discern where God is calling us in each of these places in our lives, we have to stop, look and listen for God's word. In *Meditating on the Word*, a young Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes that "Being silent means being unable to say anything more; it means a strange but dear hand has placed itself on our lips to make us be still...to be silent does not mean to be inactive, rather it means to breathe in the will of God, to listen attentively and be ready to obey".

In one of Region 3's Lenten programs, The Rev. Margaret Guenther talked about dreams helping us find out what God wants us to do. She was talking about sleeping dreams, but I think waking dreams can be just as important. What is it in this season of life that you are dreaming about doing that would give you new life? Whether it is a new job, a different self-care regimen, a new creative project or a new way to be with people you love, consider whether this dream is a piece of new life God is opening your heart to in this season of new life. Bring it into your prayer and ask God's help. Even if it is something you've wished about before but never done, perhaps now is the time. If God is bringing the thought to you, the Holy Spirit will give you the ability to do it.

Another image I want to offer for new life is one from *The Shack*, a book that is causing much comment these days. In one scene there is a riotous mess of a garden filled with gorgeous flowers and weeds and poisonous plants all jumbled together. Two of the characters are digging in the garden and they are plucking up and planting in what turns out to be the soul of one of the diggers. They are taking out even plants that are beautiful to put in new life, new growth, new hope. Imagine your soul as a garden. What could God be inviting

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you to dig up? Is there something you need to let go of that you want to hold on to? Or is there something that needs to be moved to another part of your garden that takes up less room to make room for new life? I like the image of the riotous display of color in my soul garden—perhaps God is inviting you to examine what is there and remember that it is very good.

Our next thought involves the importance of community. In this day and age, when we are surrounded by people and sometimes feel isolated, it is important that we name our communities during this Easter season—to be intentional about thanksgiving for those who encourage and strengthen us in the middle of life's often difficult road. We have our church community—we gather around the table in fellowship and love as the disciples gathered around Jesus. We have our families, but some are far away and others are difficult to live with. What about our friends, our colleagues at work, our volunteer groups? Human beings are social animals and we need community. During this season, think and pray about how we relate to the communities we are in now. Do we have too many or too few? Do we have some that we need to relate to in a different way—less volunteer work or more commitment for example? What about our families and other communities that live far away? Are there other ways we could be in touch with them to add to our closeness? We need to look at ourselves and see whether it is difficult for us to be in community. If it is, we can ask God's help with that effort too.

The final image I want to offer is about taking our new life and our communities with us to spread the gospel, to feed Jesus' sheep. Second Corinthians 3:3 says we are letters of Christ, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, written not on tablets of stone but on tablets of the human heart. With a nod to the "Upper Room" meditation for March 19, I encourage you to think about yourself this Easter as a letter of Christ, about being someone who is read everyday by others in the ways we work and act and think and care. We want the letter that we are to say good things about the resurrected Jesus and his love for us. This season is a good one to investigate how we are read by others and to make changes where needed.

There are many ways we can make good use of the time after Easter to enhance our relationship with

God and others. Pondering what sort of new life God may be calling us to, examining our community lives and purposes and looking at what we say to others as letters to Christ are just three of them. May your Easter season be blessed with growth, with joy and with all the gifts God wants to give you.

Ann†

Plant a Row for the Hungry

The Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC), where we donate our non-perishable food items, has a program called Plant a Row for the Hungry. It is part of a nationwide movement of gardeners and farmers who plant an extra row of vegetables in their fields and donate the harvest to a local food bank such as AFAC.

To be a part of this project, you can plant an extra row and donate the extra harvest to AFAC. AFAC has free seeds available for planting. You can also glean fields with the Mid-Atlantic Gleaning Network and bring fresh produce to AFAC.

The Plant a Row for the Hungry receives fresh vegetables of every kind from community and backyard gardeners. The produce is distributed each day to AFAC clients along with other basic groceries. This project is important because fresh produce is nutritious and necessary for good health, but is often the most expensive item at the grocery store. Families with few resources may choose cheaper foods first, which are higher in calories and lower in nutrients, before vegetables.

Information about this program, including drop off sites for produce is on the St. John's table. And if you are not able to Plant A Row For the Hungry remember to buy something extra for AFAC when you do your weekly shopping.

Children Continue Stewardship Learning

In April our young people continue learning about the stewardship of creation. On Palm Sunday, they will plant wheat and have conversation about why it is important to keep the environment clean and healthy. On Easter, the sprouting wheat will be presented as an offering of new life to be blessed, symbolic of the new life given us in Jesus Christ. They will also experience a Seder meal, make more of those yummy cookies for the bagged lunches and sponsor fellowship.

Study Theology in University Seminar Offered Through St. John's Church

Adults in the Washington area will be able to study theology, Hebrew and Christian Scriptures and the Judeo-Christian tradition this fall in Education for Ministry (EFM) seminars being held at St. John's Episcopal Church of Arlington on Sunday evenings. Registration for the university-level program begins this spring; seminars are limited to "the Biblical 12," so early registration is essential. Classes begin in early September.

St. John's Episcopal Church is at 415 S. Lexington Street, Arlington, Virginia, 22204, at the intersection of S. Lexington and S. 5th Streets, just off Carlin Springs Road near Route 50.

EFM is an extraordinary program established by the University of the South School of Theology more than 30 years ago. It offers a comprehensive theological education, the core curriculum of seminary, in four academic years—students register one year at a time and take the summers off. The first instructional year includes origins and Hebrew Scriptures (OT), the second Christian Scriptures (NT), the third Early Church History and the fourth Modern Philosophers and Theologians. Table fellowship, worship in many forms, theological reflection and other practices that foster spiritual development are part of each seminar session.

St. John's classes are held Sunday evenings 6:00-9:00 p.m., beginning about Labor Day, and openings for up to four new students have been announced for 2009-2010. Academic-year tuition is \$340. Students earn 18 CEU's for each of the four years in the program. There are no examinations or papers to write, and classes are conducted as seminars, not lectures, with all adult learners participating in the explorations of course content and in leadership. Each evening's seminar begins with a shared meal and informal conversation. No one dresses up; jeans are fine.

EFM is excellent for adults in transition, for persons who are exploring the possibilities of a belief system and for those whose solid faith is seeking understanding. Membership in a church, synagogue or mosque is not required. Differences among students are honored, which permits discussion and discovery of truth. Respect for colleagues is a core value.

For an information packet, contact Prof. Pat Bleicher at 703-532-9156 or email pbleicher@aol.com.

Adult Forum To Study Difficult Bible Passages

In April, the adult forum class on Sunday morning will be studying difficult Bible passages. Bill Schenck will be teaching about a couple of difficult Old Testament passages and Ann will lead discussions on New Testament passages. Bill Pritchard will finish his series on China, and Anna will also be teaching a series. She has a few topics under consideration for those sessions. Please note: There will be no adult forum on Easter Day.

United Thank Offering Ingathering May 10

The Spring Ingathering of the United Thank Offering will be collected on May 10, which is also Mother's day and a wonderful opportunity to express gratitude for mothers everywhere. Those who grew up in the Episcopal Church may have memories of their mothers teaching the value of prayerful offerings by putting coins in a blue box.

The United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church provides a way for all to offer daily thanks to God for our many blessing by putting coins in a small blue box and returning it on May 10. Every penny collected is used to help human beings in need. Please pick up a blue box from the table downstairs or use an envelope to enclose a check.

LOGOS

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The next deadline is Friday, April 17 at 10:00 am.

Reminders

- On Easter, April 12, the children will flower the cross at the beginning of the service. Please remember to bring your children and to bring flowers.
- St. John's will have a cleanup day on April 18. Mark your calendar and plan to come for spring cleaning indoors and outdoors, along with good fellowship with your fellow parishioners. Junior Warden Brian Cavey is coordinating this effort and will tell us more as the day approaches.
- The Spring Tea will be May 9. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

Intercessory Prayer Group Offers Spiritual Support

Did you know St. John's has an email intercessory prayer group? Several members and friends of St. John's receive requests from group members, parishioners, friends and family and keep them in prayer. The group gives thanks, prays for healing and comfort and responds to special requests. We also pray for St. John's and its ministries.

The first coordinator of this group was Alice Kniskern. Our rector coordinated on an interim basis when Alice moved to Wisconsin, and our new coordinators are Anne and Paul Stenger. Anyone can send requests to Anne and Paul (or to Ann Barker and she'll make sure they get to the Stengers to distribute). The list will be updated on a regular basis. You can really help us by letting us know if a situation you have requested prayer for has changed so we can change how we pray for you or for the person you requested.

If you would like to become a part of this group, which undergirds our life together with the power of prayer, please let Anne and Paul Stenger or Ann Barker know. The church and the world can always use more prayers and pray-ers. Sometimes people pray the list each day and sometimes people pray a specific part of the list each day of the week. Whatever works best in your schedule is just fine. Please prayerfully consider being part of this special ministry.

Parish News

We offer thanks this month to:

Anne and Paul Stenger, our new intercessory prayer group coordinators

Liz White and Barbara Hill, who chose the plaques for the altar guild chairs and Jack Turner

Bryan Harbin for installing the plaques

Bryan Harbin for help in repairing the paschal candle

All those who helped with the pancake supper. We had a 33% attendance increase over last year, including three new families from the neighborhood. (see related article on page 5)

Those who braved the weather to distribute flyers for the pancake supper

Liz White and Del Hunt for initiating and coordinating our new bagged lunch outreach program for the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter

Our young people for baking the yummy cookies that go into those lunches

All who have contributed time and money to this important effort

All those members who gave of their valuable time to make the St. John's part of Region 3's Lenten program a success (see related article on page 5)

Our EFM mentor Pat Bleicher and co-mentor Chris VanWyk for another year of dedicated service to this wonderful ministry (see related article on page 3)

Jeff Wallace and Bryan Harbin for the work they did to fix the stair rails on the 5th Street side.

New Altar Hangings

The St. John's community offers a special "thank you" to the anonymous parishioners who donated the new purple altar hangings that were dedicated just before Lent and that have been used on the altar during Lent. They are a truly fine gift which will be used and appreciated for years.

St. John's Hosts Region 3 Lenten Program

St. John's hosted its part of the Region 3 Lenten Program on Tuesday, March 10. We began with supper at 6:30, continued with a program at 7:30 and ended with Compline at 8:30. About 70 people had dinner with us and more than 80 heard the second speaker in the series, Professor Tony Lewis of Virginia Theological Seminary. Professor Lewis's topic was "Who Was Jesus". He drew on sources outside the Bible and also commented on who the biblical authors thought Jesus was. Lewis also talked how difficult it was to separate who Jesus was from who Jesus is for us as Christians.

The dinner would not have been possible without the help of a large number of St. John's members, who set up, cleaned up, brought food and welcomed those from other parishes with our St. John's hospitality. Contributors included: set up—Betty Vertiz, Jeff Wallace, Susan Cox Burke, Bill Thomson, Beth and Brian Cavey, and Jane Shafran (from St. Mary's); clean-up—Anne and Paul Stenger, Brian Cavey, Jeff Wallace, Susan Cox Burke, Betty Vertiz, Jan Hull; food—Beth and Brian Cavey, Carrie Harbin, Leslie Mead, the Beavin family, Beth Fowler, Lynn Christopher and Bill Schenck, Henry and Debbie Carter, Diane Henderson, Jan Hull, Eileen Tallent, Del Hunt, Faye Pritchard, Lynn Robinson, Carolyn Corlett, Kay Wells, and Bill Thomson. Thank you all for your help.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper a Success

by Bill Schenck

The Men of the Skillet once again celebrated Shrove Tuesday by hosting our annual Pancake Supper. About 75 people came—church members, neighbors, and friends—enjoying pancakes, ham, apple sauce, and coffee or milk. Proceeds from the event were \$383.

Shrove Tuesday is the Tuesday before the beginning of Lent. The word shrove is the past-tense of the English verb shrive, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and doing penance. (Thus sayeth Wikipedia.) Thus Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the shriving that English Christians were expected to do prior to receiving absolution right before lent. It's also known as Pancake Day as making pancakes is a way to use up eggs and fats—ingredients

normally restricted during Lent. (This practice gives Shrove Tuesday its other name: Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, for the fats that are used up before Lent.)

Men of the Skillet who made this so successful include Bill Thomson (coordinator), Bill Schenck, Del Hunt, Marshall Adair, Jeff Aitken, Brian Cavey, Bryan Harbin, Don Hess, Jud Buchanan, Henry Carter, Michael Beavin, Paul Stenger, Keith McCartney and Jeff Wallace. Great help came from the Boys of the Skillet Paul Petrich and Gage Buchanan and one Girl of the Skillet, Maggie Buchanan.

The Undercroft was colorfully decorated in a Mardi Gras motif by Kay Wells, assisted by Liz White. Mardi Gras beads, brought by Kay, were especially popular with the many children.

St. John's Reaches Out to Glencarlyn Homebuyers

St. John's Mission statement says: "St. John's is dedicated to making disciples for Jesus through attracting, welcoming, and incorporating newcomers..." (See the Mission Statement on page 8.)

St. John's is always looking for ways to attract new members. Recently we tried a new idea. With the help of Rob Hardman, a registered real estate broker and husband of our former seminarian Sue Hardman, we got a list of all homes sold in Glencarlyn in the last twelve months.

There were only ten homes bought in Glencarlyn in the last year. Once the sales were identified, we used the online Arlington County Tax records to get the names of the new homeowners. Ann Barker then sent each new homeowner a personalized letter, welcoming them to the neighborhood and inviting them, as our guests, to the Pancake Supper. Three of the families came and were welcomed by Ann and other St. John's members living in Glencarlyn. Ann has followed up with a second letter.

We don't know if any of these families will come to St. John's, but we want them to know they will be welcome.

Speaking of Faith on the Radio

by Bill Schenck

Looking for something to do as you get ready for church? Turn your radio to WAMU, 88.5 FM between 7 and 8 a.m. to hear *Speaking of Faith*. This program, hosted by Krista Tippett, has features about religion, meaning, ethics, and ideas.

What I especially enjoy about this program is that you don't have to be a theologian to appreciate it. And the topics covered are of interest to all. For example, the March 8 program was about how individuals can cope during this economic crises. In this program Ms. Tippett interviewed nine people, including the theologian Martin Marty and Naomi Remen, author of *Kitchen Table Wisdom*. Recent programs have also included the novelist as God and Buddha in the world.

For more information, go to the *Speaking of Faith* web site (<http://speakingoffaith.publicradio.org>). From there you can read transcripts and subscribe to the podcast. (Especially useful if you attend the 8:00 service.) But I think the best way to enjoy it is to get up early Sunday, fix a cup of coffee, turn on the radio, sit back and relax.

Reflections on Stewardship: Why and What Do We Give to the Church?

by Dave Dunlap

Last month we began our consideration of stewardship with a discussion of caring and service as aspects of good stewardship. At the end of that discussion I promised that this month we would take up the questions of why we give to the church and what we give to the church.

So, why *do* we give to the church? Please note that I ask "Why do we give to the church?" not "Why do we give to St. John's?" The focus of my question is deliberately broader than our parish and includes the larger Christian community. Taking this broader focus may help us separate our parish concerns from the wider issues of stewardship.

By way of answering the question, let us consider some commissions laid upon us in the Gospels. We are called upon as Christians to spread the Gospel to all lands. We are also called upon to feed the hungry, to care for the sick and injured, to visit those in prison.

In Matthew's account of the Last Judgment (Matthew 25:31–46), those who have fed the hungry, cared for the sick, welcomed the stranger, visited those in prison are welcomed into heaven; those who have not are cast into the eternal fire. These are our commissions: to spread the Gospel and to care for those in need. This is the work given us by God. We give to the church to help carry out these commissions. We give to the church to do God's work.

If you go back and read the article in the January/February LOGOS about the annual meeting, you will have no doubt that the people of St. John's are doing God's work. We give substantial sums to the United Thank Offering, the national Episcopal Church Women's charity. We give to the Heifer Project at Christmas and Episcopal Relief and Development during Lent. Over several years we supported David Bako's daughter's schooling and we recently forwarded money to him in Sudan to pay for a used car. The vestry's commitment to providing meals on a once-a-month basis at the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter is a very recent example of how St. John's and its members are doing God's work.

Doing God's work includes more mundane things, like paying our rector a fair salary, since she has to live as we do. It includes repairing and maintaining our place of worship. It extends to buying paper and office supplies, to printing Sunday bulletins, to mailing letters, and to producing printed copies of this, our parish newsletter.

But if our budget does not have money enough to fund meals for the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter once a month, or if we do not have the budget to advertise our existence to those looking for a church, or if we do not have the budget to support our diocese in its mission, we need to ask if we are really fulfilling our mission. Are we giving and doing as much as we should?

Let us pass on to *what* we give to the church. Our annual pledge of money is paid on a weekly or monthly basis. It is the modern-day version of the first fruits that were expected of the Israelites. When the time came for the harvest, they gave to the Lord an offering of the first fruit, grain, and products of the harvest. I am sure you recall that giving of the First Fruits was the theme of our stewardship campaign last fall. The Israelites were

expected to give to God first, as we are today. Our society is not agriculturally based, so we do not have grain and fruit that we personally harvest, but we are still expected to give to God first, rather than giving from what is left over after we have taken care of our own worldly needs. In our abundant society, this rarely means that anyone is going hungry in order to give to the church. We are not like the widow whom Jesus praised for giving her “widow’s mite” to the temple. At the same time we should not be like the rich man in the same story who exults in his giving.

But we give more to the church than money. We also give to the church is by using of our God-given gifts to do God’s work. In Second Corinthians, Paul talks at length about different gifts that are given by the Spirit. Paul’s discourse on spiritual gifts was the basis of our discernment of individual gifts several years ago. Knowing what our gifts are, we are expected to devote time and energy to using those gifts to do God’s work. The people of St. John’s are generous in giving of their time and gifts to doing God’s work.

However, I think it is a cause for concern that we have to support new ministries, such as providing meals for people at the Bailey’s Crossroads Community Shelter, as an addition to our budget. The initial support of this ministry came from an anonymous donor. Once begun, parishioners have responded to an appeal for special donations to continue the ministry. I support beginning and institutionalizing new ministries—but I am concerned that we have no budget for doing so. New ministries arise from the concern and leadership of individuals who have to find the initial support for them. We need to be able to fund these efforts from our budget.

As our funding for new ministries has dwindled, our support for the diocese and its ministries has declined as well. This concerns me even more. Supporting the Diocese of Virginia, the national church and the Anglican Communion are important. The Diocese and national church expand our outreach and spread our efforts around the world. We need to ask if St. John’s is giving to its mission and to the Diocese and the national church from our first fruits or from what is left over. We are not alone in needing to answer that question, as evidenced by the following from Bishop Lee’s pastoral address to the Diocesan Council in January:

In these uncertain economic times, I hope very much that your vestries will pay attention to the need for generous giving to what we do together as a diocese. We have not been able to fund many budget requests. . . . Going home from this council to encourage an increase in your giving to our diocesan mission and ministry will be an affirmation of our common life. We continue to live with the lowest level of parish giving to the diocese of any diocese in the Episcopal Church. That is an unacceptable legacy as we prepare to support the transition to Bishop Johnston’s leadership.

So we see that this discussion of why we give and what we give has left us with other questions: Are we giving enough? How much is enough? What can we do to improve our stewardship and outreach? These are questions that many churches are facing. We are not good at talking about these questions, much less answering them. However, next month I will provide some thoughts on how we might approach these questions and seek answers to them.

Birthdays This Month

Linda Trochim	April 2
Carol Dunlap	April 4
John Petrich	April 6
Evan Barker	April 8
Caitlin O’Connor	April 8
Amanda Pardo	April 16
Diane Henderson	April 24
Jackson Tallent	April 24
Valerie Wilson	April 25
Jim Hull	April 26
Sebi Pardo	April 26
Bob Tallent	April 26
Maggie Buchanan	April 29

Anniversaries This Month

Bill and Faye Pritchard	April 1
William and Nancy Gibb	April 3
Lisa and Jud Buchanan	April 9
Ray and Stacy O’Connor	April 24

Gospel Lessons for April

April 5, Mark 11:1–11a, Palm Sunday: Liturgy of the Palms

In this Gospel reading, Jesus approaches the holy city of Jerusalem, and his disciples sing praises to God in anticipation of the coming of a new kingdom of David. He has a colt brought to him. As the kings of old in royal celebrations, Jesus rides on it, while his followers spread their garments and leafy branches in the way and shout “Hosanna.” Here is great drama as he enters the city and temple he would save, but there is also acute irony for those who know what lies ahead.

April 5, Mark 14:32–15:47, Palm Sunday: Liturgy of the Word

Our Gospel is the story of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, his trials before the Jewish council and Pilate, followed by his sufferings and death.

April 9, John 13:1–15, Maundy Thursday

Our Gospel tells how Jesus washes his disciples’ feet during his last meal with them. This action symbolizes the love and humility of Christ in stooping down to wash those whom he loves from their sins. He also sets them an example: he has acted as their servant—so they should serve one another.

April 10, John 18:1–19:42, Good Friday

Our Gospel is the story of Jesus’ trials before the Jewish Council and Pilate, followed by his final sufferings and death.

April 12, Mark 16:1–18, Easter Day

Our Gospel tells how three women disciples first learn of Jesus’ resurrection. Coming to the tomb early in the morning, they are astounded to find its huge stone covering rolled back. A young man, in appearance like an angel, announces to them that Jesus is risen and will go before his disciples to Galilee. The event is awesome, even terrifying. The women flee from the tomb and, for at least a time, report nothing to anyone because of their fear.

April 19, John 20:19–31, Second Sunday of Easter

Our Gospel presents two appearances of the risen Lord to his disciples. The first takes place on the very evening of the day of his resurrection. The disciples are gathered in fear, but Jesus brings them peace, gives them their mission, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. A week later, Thomas, who has been absent when Jesus first appeared and who doubted his resurrection, now knows Jesus by his wounds and worships him as his Lord and God. Future disciples will not have Jesus physical presence, but they will be blessed in their belief.

April 26, Luke 24:35b–48, Third Sunday of Easter

In our Gospel the risen Jesus shows himself again to his disciples, and he interprets to them the scriptures that reveal that his death and resurrection were part of God’s plan. This Jesus is no ghost or phantom (as some later interpretations of the resurrection might have suggested). His appearance is real; his friends touch him and he eats with them. Now they are to be his witnesses and to carry the message of repentance and forgiveness to all peoples.

St. John’s Mission Statement

To discover and share the transforming love of Christ

St. John’s Vision Statement

St. John’s is dedicated to making disciples for Jesus through

- attracting and welcoming newcomers;
- sharing faith-deepening worship, education, outreach, and pastoral care; and
- together carrying God’s vision of the kingdom into the world around us.

Easter Week

- April 5 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist Rite I , 8:00 a.m.
Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist Rite II , 10:00 a.m.
- April 9 Maundy Thursday
Traditional Maundy Thursday supper and stripping of the Altar , 6:30 p.m. *
- April 10 Good Friday
Good Friday liturgy, noon and 7:00 p.m.
Cristo Rey Good Friday liturgy, 8:30 p.m.
- April 11 Easter Vigil
Region 3 celebration of the *Great Vigil of Easter*— St. Peter's, 7:30 p.m. **
- April 12 The Feast of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday)
Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist with children's message, 10:00 a.m.
No Christian Education or Children's Chapel
Reception and Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:00 a.m. service

Notes

- * Maundy Thursday Loaves and Fishes dinner, Holy Eucharist and stripping of the altar will be held on Thursday, April 9. This simple meal of fish, coleslaw, roll and a beverage will begin in the undercroft at 6:30 pm. After the meal, a short service incorporating the Eucharist will take place at the dinner table. The conclusion of the service includes proceeding to the nave where the stripping of the altar and draping of the cross will take place. The service will end with participants leaving in silence.
- ** The *Great Vigil of Easter* will be celebrated at St. Peter's on Glebe Road as the conclusion of the Region 3 Lenten series this year. See the article on the Lenten series on page 5 for more information.

St. John's Calendar

April

- Thu 2 Morning Guild, 10 a.m.
- Sun 5 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
Liturgy of the Palms and HE Rite I, 8 a.m.
Liturgy of the Palms and HE Rite II, 10 a.m.
- Tue 7 St. John's Book Club, 7:30 p.m.
Region 3 Lenten Program at St. Michael's
- Thu 9 Maundy Thursday
Traditional Maundy Thursday supper and stripping of the altar, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri 10 Good Friday
Good Friday liturgy, noon and 7:00 p.m.
Cristo Rey Good Friday liturgy, 8:30 p.m.
- Sat 11 Great Vigil of Easter celebrated by Region 3 at St. Peter's, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun 12 Feast of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday)
Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10 a.m.
No Christian Education or Children's Chapel Reception and Easter Egg Hunt following the 10 a.m. service
- Tue 14 Vestry Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Thu 16 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
- Sat 18 Men's Fellowship, 8 a.m.
- Sun 19 Second Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8 a.m.
Christian Formation for all ages, 9 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10 a.m.
Education for Ministry, 6 p.m.
- Thu 23 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
- Sun 26 Third Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8 a.m.
Christian Formation for all ages, 9 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10 a.m.
Education for Ministry, 6 p.m.
- Thu 30 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

May

- Sun 3 Fourth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8 a.m.
Christian Formation for all ages, 9 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10 a.m.
Education for Ministry, 6 p.m.
- Tue 4 Morning Guild, 10 a.m.
Vestry Meeting, 7 p.m.
St. John's Book Club, 7:30 p.m.
- Thu 7 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
- Sat 9 Spring Tea, 1-3 p.m.
- Sun 10 Fifth Sunday of Easter
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