

ST. CHRISTOPHER BY-THE-RIVER

APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

The last discussion topic during this year's Lenten Simple Suppers was *Jesus' Teachings – How then shall we live?* I was designated to lead the conversation and I began to prepare by re-reading the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). I came away from that experience convinced that Jesus made full use of his time among us. Nearly everything that Jesus did or said, as retold by the Gospel writers, has an important teaching within it. Since earlier conversations had already focused on the miracles of Jesus and the parables of Jesus, I chose to consider only the most direct, spoken, teachings of Jesus.

Jesus' teachings cover a wide variety of subject matter. They address concrete issues of behavior and issues that lie at the heart of those behaviors – our inner habits of thought. In his public and private teaching, he often speaks about the nature of God and about God's desires – for us individually and in communion/community with one another.

He refers to, and quotes from, scripture most frequently when he is in conversation with fellow Jews who were deeply devoted to the study of Torah. As I read the Gospel According to Matthew, I was struck by a particular passage from the Book of the Prophet Hosea that Jesus quotes in two different conversations. The quote is from the sixth chapter of Hosea, verse 6. While Jesus often quoted from scripture, this is the only passage that he quotes from twice and so I believe that it may have been very much at the heart of his own spiritual life.

In the first instance (Matthew 9:13) Jesus and his disciples are criticized for eating with "tax collectors and sinners" in the home of Matthew the tax collector, whom he had just called to be one of his disciples. Jesus' response to this criticism is, "Go and learn the meaning of the words: "What I want is mercy, not sacrifice.""

The second time that he quotes this passage from Hosea (Matthew 12:7), Jesus' disciples are walking near a field of grain. It is the Sabbath and Jesus' disciples are hungry. They begin to pluck ears of grain and eat them. When Jesus is challenged about his disciples' breaking of the Sabbath, Jesus responds, "And if you had understood the meaning of the words: "What I want is mercy, not sacrifice," you would not have condemned the blameless."

As we go about our lives during the Great Fifty Days of Easter, I invite us all to live with this teaching of Jesus, "What I want is mercy, not sacrifice." What might that mean for you? Who do you know in need of mercy? What might showing mercy look like in your daily life? Are you able to accept the mercy offered to you by others? Are you able to accept God's mercy?

By the mercy of God, shown to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and empowered by God's merciful gift to us of the Holy Spirit, may we nurture the habit of showing mercy to ourselves and to others.

In Christ's Love,

Ann+



Missed church on Sunday? Want to hear the message again?

We now have our sermons available on line. There is a link to our YouTube page on our website:

http://stchrisbytheriver.org/sermons-2/

Check it out and subscribe to the YouTube page!

Senior Warden's Report

PARISH REPORT

By John Irwin

Lent is a time for reflection, penitence and meditation upon God's Word. The Lenten Simple Suppers on Tuesday evenings were enjoyable and informative gatherings that started with wonderful soup and salad dinners prepared by different hostesses on each Tuesday night. These were followed by roundtable discussions of the Mediterranean World on the first Tuesday evening; Jesus' Family Values on the second Tuesday; the Miracles of Jesus on the third Tuesday; the Parables of Jesus on the fourth Tuesday; and finally, concluding with the Teachings of Jesus: How Shall We Live.

Some of the discussions involved large-screen projector images of relevant maps, charts and artwork and handouts were distributed, all in the spirit of engaging in a lively and thoughtful discussion of the topics at hand. With this soup and the salad, and the conversations, I think these were very enjoyable and productive times spent meditating upon God's Word. My thanks to all who contributed to and participated in these gatherings.

In a similar way, the Bible Challenge group has continued its meetings on Thursday evenings and on Sunday mornings and although it is intended to take one year to go through the Old Testament and the New Testament, it seems that we are moving very, very quickly through Scripture. The readings for each day are brief enough to be absorbed and the Challenge is greatly augmented by the discussions among fellow parishioners. Once again, the Lenten instruction to meditate upon God's Word is proving to be enjoyable, educational and spiritually fulfilling.

With the conclusion of Lent and the celebration of Holy Week, we are also now in this Season of Spring and, as reported by our Junior Warden, Charley Marston, we can look forward to many new projects and improvements. The River Restoration Project has been a huge undertaking but with the help of many people and the diligent efforts of the Village and the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, we are hopeful that the design and construction of this large project will move ahead and culminate in the protection of our and our neighbors' river banks. Our thanks should be especially directed to Mr. Marston who has put countless hours into coordinating and promoting this project.

Cub Scouts PARISH NEWS

Our cub scouts have been busy in the last few weeks with their pinewood Derby and learning how to tap a tree for sap to make Maple Syrup. Thanks to Hugh for all his help with the Scouts!









Junior Warden's Report

PARISH REPORT

By Charley Marston

I recognize that I am behind in keeping you all current in our efforts to stop the erosion of our property behind the church.

Ever since the interurban railroad bridge was installed, the Chagrin River has slowly eroded our riverbank. It is our belief that this problem has accelerated since the dam at Deerfield Road rolled over and was destroyed.

Several years ago, your Vestry began to address this problem. Discussions with the village engineer led to suggestions to stop the erosion. Unfortunately, the cost to properly complete this was thought to be \$70,000.00 or more. Irene McMullen to the rescue. She is on our Vestry and also serves on the board of The Chagrin River Watershed Partners. Irene suggested that we get this organization involved.

While the bridge design along the river bank has exacerbated our erosion problems, we discovered that the Old Mill Road bridge design was having an even worse effect on the property owned by Nancy

McGuinnis, and to a lesser extent on what we fondly remember as "The Bell House", now owned by Molly Nook.

The Mayor and Council of The Village of Gates Mills, led by Councilwoman Sandra Turner, and the staff of The Chagrin River Watershed Partners, made an application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency asking that they provide financial assistance to the three property owners.

St. Christopher by the River, and its adjacent properties are located in the center of The Village, which is on the National Register of Historic Locations. Additionally, the Chagrin River has been designated "A Scenic River" with special state protections.

Thanks to the great efforts of the aforementioned organizations, last year we were notified that we have been offered a grant which will provide funding to cover 60% of our restoration project. As is to be expected, this funding comes with certain guidelines in terms of creating an environmentally sound design on a protected river and establishing ongoing commitments toward future maintenance. Fully understanding these guidelines has taken a few months to sort out.

I am pleased to report that we are ready to begin the complicated design stage of the project. It is estimated that this will cost as much as \$350,000.00 to properly protect our properties and will require cooperation and team work on the part of not only the owners, but our Village Officials, Chagrin River Watershed Partners, The Army Corp of Engineers, contactors, and The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

We currently have no set timetable. I hope the bulk of the construction work can be conducted during the summer of 2019 and concluded no later than the summer of 2020, which is demanded by the EPA grant. That this funding has been granted is astounding and we owe all parties involved a huge thank you, especially Sandra Turner. She has spent an amazing number of hours working on our behalf to get us to where we are today.

We still have a long way to go, but it is an exciting milestone that we have reached.



NEMAC Meeting (January 22, 2018)

DIOCESE

By Peter Batcheller

Margaret Dodds brought the meeting to order at 6.00 pm

<u>Attendance</u>

Peter Batcheller, St. Christopher, Gates Mills, Margaret Dodds, Grace, Willoughby, Rosalind Hughes, Epiphany, Euclid Robert Thompson, Epiphany, Euclid, Cheri Hettinger Epiphany, Euclid, Vanessa Clark, St. James, Painesville, Sandy Pavick, Christ Church, Shaker Heights, Paul Collins, Good Shepherd, Rose Anne Lonsway, Grace, Willoughby, Linda Webb, St. Christophers, Chris McCann. Jean Spangler, St. Lukes, John Cerrato, Anna Sutterisch, St. Martins.

Opening Prayer -Rose Anne

Election of New Chair: delayed till next meeting in April, 2018.

Minutes of October 26, 2017 passed.

Treasurer's Report- Chris McCann- \$3864 still. Last Check was EFM. Vanesa= check still

Due For Phelps. Chris-When he receives proper paperwork, he will pay Phelps street project as this was approved last year.

New Funding Request:

The Rev. Paul Collins from Good Shepherd requested financial assistance to host a Lenten Study Series each Wednesday during Lent. There will be a table discussion reflecting on the Gospel According to John. Study booklets and a light supper will be provided to the participants. St. Alban's, St. Bart's and St Andrew's (49 Cedar Ave.) will also be attending this program. In all, 30 to 40 people are expected to attend this study each Wednesday. An additional \$450 was needed to fund this program and NEMAC voted to provide the balance needed. Vanessa Clark motioned. Seconded by Sandy Pavick. Motion Carried.

New business:

Anna Sutterisch attended our meeting as the St. Martin's seminarian and brought two exciting ideas to us with an offer to take the lead on them, if NEMAC felt there was interest in them. The St. Martin youth brought up the idea of inviting youth and families from other parishes in NEMAC to form a monthly youth group. They are imagining a Sunday night and either an outing (rock climbing, some community service, a ski outing) or an activity (pizza and a movie, homework party, games). This would be VERY low key and focused more on fellowship plus evening prayer.

Anna's second proposal was the idea of a NEMAC Easter Vigil on Saturday night. The idea was that each of the readings could be done by groups from various parishes and presented in play form, poetry, musically or whatever means deemed appropriate. Planning will happen at Clericus. Epiphany may host first.

The Rev. Rosalind Hughes had a similar ideas; Epiphany will be hosting an annual overnight vigil Maundy Thursday into Good Friday for youth and their leaders and would welcome other parishes to join them.

The Rev. Rosalind Hughes also shared that she had a parishioner who is interested in putting together a forum on antibullying resources for the

beginning of the 2018-19 school year. NEMAC members were most interested in this and, in the Spring, Rosalind may approach NEMAC to sponsor this for a Fall offering, maybe on Holy Cross Day.

NEMAC has a page on Facebook. You can view it by going to North East Mission Area - NEMAC. Churches are encouraged to share church events and outreach programs on this page.

The Diocese CRU (Council for Racial Understanding) requires clergy & Diocese Council members to undergo a racial understanding program. NEMAC vote to be a host site and work with the Diocese on this program. Motion by Rev. Rosalind Hughes. Seconded by Robert Thompson. Motion carried.

Other Projects Discussed for Nemac: Anti Bullying and Needs Assessments through 211 lifeline.

Old Business:

Vanessa: The Phelps Street Project has funds of \$9,000 to continue forward through the next two years. Our partner, Morley Library, has been stalled in their attempts to obtain funding grants but are continuing to pursue other avenues.

Church involvement: Rose Anne: Nothing decided on yet.

Sanctuary: St. Andrews: Lisa O'Rear not present. Still ongoing. Fundraiser the Previous night reported on Facebook.

Diocesan Council: Anne Kidder not Present: Rose Anne: Cathedral Still in search for new Dean. Usual committee appointments by Council. Bellwether Farm still on schedule.

Around the NEMAC:

Good Shepherd: Paul. Lenten Studies previously mentioned above.

Epiphany: programs mentioned above and Rosalind Hughes and Steve Secur are teaming up to cover each churches sabbaticals (St. Barts and Epiphany).

Rosalind is alternating Sundays with St. Barts and Epiphany. Morning Prayer will be done at the Parish that has no Priest that Sunday. Later in Year, Steve Secur will do the same for Rosalind's sabbatical. Also covering for emergencies Etc. 90 th Anniversary celebration of Parish.

St. Martins: John Celebrating New Ministry as Rector, Feb. 12.

Christ Church: Fundraising and volunteering to help Puerto Rico recover from hurricane damage.

St. James: Tried live streaming of service on Facebook.

St. Luke's: Participating in Maple festival.

St. Christopher's: Doing Morning Prayer Services in early morning (Sunday?) Homilies taken off the Diocesan Web. Doing Bible Study Challenges.

Grace: Capital Fundraising campaign. 4 kids confirmed last Bishop meeting. Prayer Shawl ministry started.

Nemac Chair: It was discussed that a "Job Description" and Email go out to the parishes.

Next meeting April 24, 2018, 6:00 pm (Tuesday) at Grace, Willoughby.

Paul Collins closed mtg at 7:46 pm with a prayer.

Faith Development Report

By Peggy Reda, Director of Sunday School

April

April 1 – EASTER & Egg Hunts

April 8 - Class

April 15 – Class

April 22 – Class

April 29 - Class

May

May 6 - Class

May 13 – Class (Mother's Day)/ Open House

May 20 – End of year Party

Summer Church Camp



If you know of any children in your family or neighborhood that might be interested in our half-day summer camp for one week (last week of July), please contact Peggy Reda at prseverin@aol.com call the church office.

PARISH REPORT



Spring Assembly Saturday, April 7, 2018, 9-2 Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrensville Center Rd.

Register by March 30 – all women welcome. Mother Ann Kidder, Chaplain



Thanks for all who prayed for Will, Linda Webb's grandson. He is

doing well and is now able to

attend daycare with his brother, Cooper!



Vestry Minutes (January 28, 2018)

PARISH NEWS

by Irene McMullen

Present: Mother Ann, Elise Bennett, Becky Everett, Mary Holmes, John Irwin, Charley Marston, Sean McMillion, Irene McMullen, Mary Murray, Jim Pender.

The meeting came to order at 11:25 AM.

Mary Holmes nominated John Irwin to serve as Senior Warden. Sean McMillion seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mary Holmes nominated Charley Marston to serve as Junior Warden, Irene McMullen to serve as Clerk, and Mary Murray to serve as Treasurer. Elise Bennet seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Vestry meetings will be held the fourth Wednesday of the month, beginning in March, with no meeting scheduled at this time for July 2018. The next meeting of the Vestry will be a retreat from 9:00 AM to Noon on February 24, 2018.

Charley Marston noted that the elevator project will be ready to go out for bid soon. John Irwin noted that many projects will be discussed at the retreat.

Charley Marston explained the erosion problems and the award of a grant from ODNR to address the erosion. Charley explained the conservation easement restrictions the property owners will undertake. John Kramer (a former parishioner) has volunteered to lend assistance as he is affiliated with the Gates Mills Land Conservancy. Charley Marston suggested transferring the surplus from the 2017 operating budget to the capital campaign.

Mary Holmes moved that St. Christopher's pay up to seventy-three thousand dollars (\$73,000) in costs relating to the grant project, and to authorize the Wardens to disperse the money as needed to meet contract requirements. Elise Bennet seconded the motion. Irene McMullen abstained from voting. She is a member of the Board of the Chagrin River Watershed Partners. All others voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mother Ann led a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 PM.

Guild Programs 2018

BARGAIN BOX – April 27th 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Please note earlier closing time.)

Time again to Sort, Clean and Prepare our Pre- sort Week April 16^{th} - 20^{th} Donations. Set- Up Sunday April 22nd Time to Earn Money for those less fortunate. Pricing Week April 23^{th} - 25^{th}

Time to have Fun with our Parishioners!!!! Resting Day- No work April 26th

Clean-Up Sat. April 28th 9:00 a.m.

May 9th History of the "Euclid Beach Carousel", ride on the carousel and box lunch at the Western Reserve Historical Society.

June 13th Wrap-up meeting, changing of Guild officers and lunch at Sue Marston's.



On March 14th, the Guild Women made Anglican Prayer Beads with Mother Ann and enjoyed a light Lenten lunch.



PARISH NEWS Adult Forum



Bible Challenge Discussion groups are meeting on Thursdays at 6PM and Sundays at 9AM.

Feel free to join in at any time.

Contact the office or Mother Ann if you need a book

The readings for April are:

Apr 1	SUNDAY	Apr 12 2 Kings 25, Psalm 114, Romans 1	Apr 22 SUNDAY
Apr 2	1 Kings 22, Psalm 105, Acts 20	Apr 13 1 Chron 1-3, Psalm 115, Rom 2	Apr 23 1 Chron 25-27, Psalm 119:145-176, Rom 10
Apr 3	2 Kings 1-3, Psalm 106, Acts 21	A 14 1 Clause 4 C Declar 11 C Dece 2	Apr 24 1 Chron 28-29, Psalm 120, Rom 11
Apr 4	2 Kings 4-6, Psalm 107, Acts 22		Apr 25 2 Chron 1-3, Psalm 121, Rom 12
Apr 5	2 Kings 7-9, Psalm 108, Acts 23	•	Apr 26 2 Chron 4-6, Psalm 122, Rom 13
Apr 6	2 Kings 10-12, Psalm 109, Acts 24	•	Apr 27 2 Chron 7-9, Psalm 123, Rom 14
Apr 7	2 Kings 13-15, Psalm 110, Acts 25	-	Apr 28 2 Chron 10-12, Psalm 124, Rom 15
Apr 8	SUNDAY	Apr 19 1 Chron 16-18, Psalm 119:37-72, Rom 7	Apr 29 SUNDAY
Apr 9	2 Kings 16-18, Psalm 111, Acts 26	Apr 20 1 Chron 19-21, Psalm 119:73-112, Rom 8	Apr 30 2 Chron 13-16, Psalm 125, Rom 16
Apr 10	2 Kings 19-21, Psalm 112, Acts 27	Apr 21 1 Chron 22-24, Psalm 119:113-144, Rom 9	r
Apr 11	2 Kings 22-24, Psalm 113, Acts 28		

Building Use Policy

We now have an official building use policy that can be found on the Resource page of our website: http://stchrisbytheriver.org/resources/. If you would like to host a meeting or event at the church please read through the policy and fill out the forms.

Anyone holding a church meeting at the church, please notify the office of the day & time and rooms to be used so we are sure not to conflict with other meetings, we can notify cleaning staff to avoid these times, and we can be sure the building will be open. Thank you!

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1	Sally Conley	7	Brian Wright	16	Bill Doyle	27	Suzanne Murray
	Pauline Marting	8	Kathy Vilas	19	Madeline Figgie	28	Diana Treco
	Connor McMillion	9	Alex Berchek	21	Loni Todd-Lorenz	29	Dan Collister
	Ted Ramsey	11	Barbara Schulze	22	Fran Meyers	30	Beth Miller
2	Trevor Francis	14	Stuart Bates	23	Ed Meyers		
	Elizabeth Eaton		Lou Boswell	24	Claire Murray		
5	Larry Murray	15	Tracy Francis	27	Judy Eakin		

Trinity Cathedral Music & Arts

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Brown Bag Concert Series is back for its 40th season! Wednesday's at 12 noon. Bring a lunch or purchase one in the cathedral for \$7.

Apr 4 – Amethyst String Quartet

Apr 11 – Salzedo Harp Duo

Apr 18 – A.R.T. Cello Trio

Apr 25 – Choirs of Hathaway Brown Upper School

Other Cathedral Events

Mar 30, 7:30 PM – Good Friday Concert – A dramatic and deeply moving setting of the Passion narrative

presented by Trinity Choir, soloists, and Trinity Chamber Orchestra.

April 9, 7:00 PM – Speaker Series: Jackson Katz. Mr. Katz is an internationally recognized educator on gender

violence and its prevention. April 10, 11:30 AM

THOSE WHO SERVE

APRIL 2018 ROTA

EM's & Lectors have not yet been assigned for March.

April 1st - EASTER!

9:00 EM: Randy Cole

LR: Kitty Thomas/Fran Sarkisian

AG: Marcia Alpers

Ushers:

11:00 EM: John Irwin

LR: Jean Ramsey/Courtney Schmidt

AG: Laura Cotton

Ushers: Brian Wright & Rik Bole Hospitality: **EASTER EGG HUNTS**

APRIL 8th

8:00 EM: Melanie Reda

LR: Teri Ianni

AG: Sally Conley

10:15 EM: Beth Miller

LR: Elsbeth Daly/Heather Daly

AG: Mary Murray/Darlene Hauserman

Ushers: Brendan Daly Hospitality: Nancy Irwin

APRIL 15th

8:00 EM: Charley Marston

LR: Annette Lowe

AG: Teri Ianni

10:15 EM: Dale Gnandt

LR: Randy Cole/Victoria Connell AG: Neal Lee/Courtney Schmidt

Ushers: Kurt Liljedahl

Hospitality: Sue Marston/Kathy Pender

APRIL 22nd

8:00 EM: Charley Marston

LR: Kathy Pender

AG: Judy Eakin

10:15 EM: Beth Miller

LR: Chris Pucell/Marilyn Fisher AG: Nicki Heny/Loni Todd-Lorenz Ushers: Dave & Darlene Hauserman Hospitality: SET UP SUNDAY

APRIL 29th

8:00 EM: Peter Batcheller

LR: Judy Holmes

AG: Sue Marston

10:15 EM: John Irwin

LR: Neal Lee/Mary Holmes

AG: Jean Ramsey Ushers: Ron & Neal Lee

Hospitality: Sandy Batcheller/ Neal Lee

Please check out Bellwether Farm's new

website!www.bellwetherfarm.com

<u>Vestry 2018</u>

John Irwin Senior Warden Charley Marston Junior Warden

Irene McMullen Clerk Mary Murray Treasurer

Class of 2020

Becky Everett, Mary Murray, James Pender

Class of 2019

Mary Holmes, John Irwin, Irene McMullen

Class of 2018

Elise Bennett, Charles Marston, Sean McMillion

Northeast Mission Area Council Representatives

Peter Batcheller, 2017+2018 Linda Webb, 2018

Volunteer Opportunities

Blessed Are We Dinner

Friday, April 20th

Meet at St. Christopher's at 4PM Contact the office if you plan to help out.

Food Pantry

Saturday, April 21st

Our Savior Lutheran Church Call the office if you wish to volunteer.



In

APRIL, we are collecting





Canned Fruit

Canned Vegetables

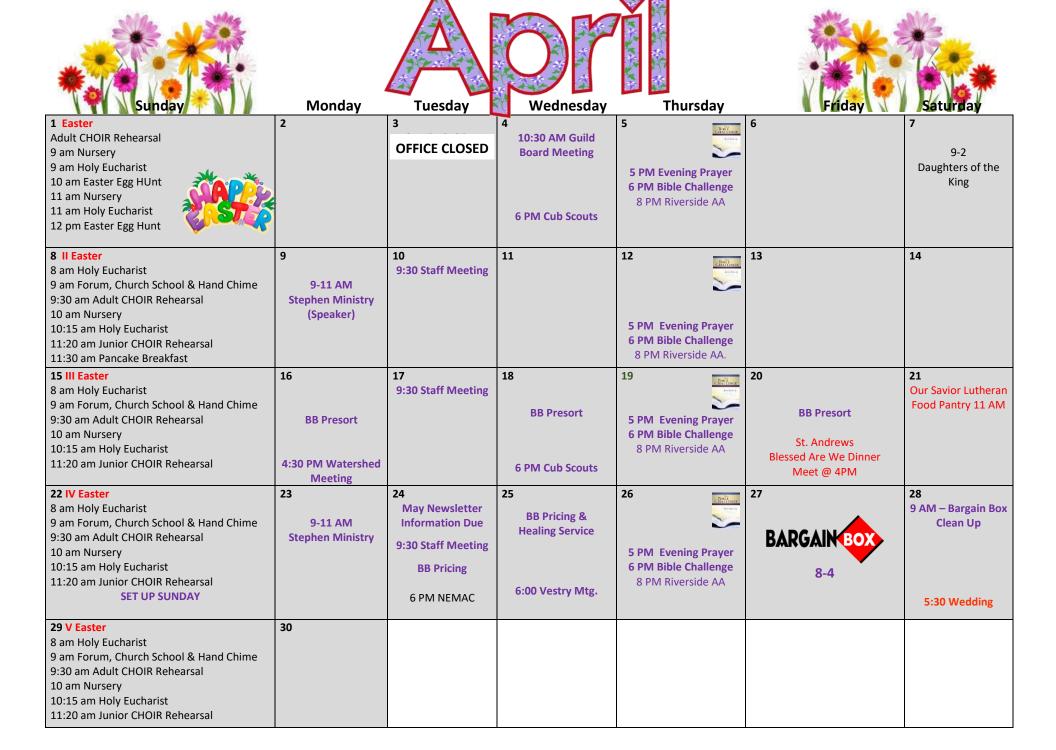
Canned Tomatoes/Tomato Sauce & Paste

Unsweetened Apple Sauce









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Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Nursery Care for 10:15 service 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Parish Office

Open T-W-TH 8:30-2:30 440-423-4451

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We welcome you to join us:



Sunday, APRIL 1st – EASTER!

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, APRIL 8th – Easter II

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, APRIL 15th – Easter III

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, APRIL 22nd – Easter IV

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, APRIL 29th – Easter V

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II



SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR KIDS 5-14

9 -10 a.m. Church School Class (Upstairs) 10-10:15 a.m. Break & Snacks in the Nursery 10:15-10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary with class 10:30 -11:00 a.m. Children's Chapel 11:00-11:15 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary with families

NURSERY CARE

10 am-11:30 am for Ages 0-4