



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



April 2017

Rector's Rambling

Easter is the day that Jesus came back to life. It is the day that he overcame death through the power of love. It is the day that his physicality was revealed to us in a new and more profound way as he manifested what the Bible calls his "spiritual body." He was still a very physical being, but in the profound revelation of a deeper spirituality, he demonstrated to us what will be as our lives are transformed by the power of love. Yes, he was dead and he came back to physical life, but the revelation did not end there. As the "first fruit" of resurrection, he shows us who follow him what we have to look forward to being.

Christianity is all about heaven coming to earth. Jesus came to live among us. God became man to facilitate our redemption. He actively sought us so that we might be able to realize the wonderful potential with which he created us. The Bible tells us about so many people who were transformed. Lepers were cleansed. The blind received their sight. The lame walked again. Relationships were restored. The dead came back to life. Wherever Jesus went, a bit of heaven seemed to go with him. As individuals were brought to the fullness of heaven, cultures and societies were transformed, and for brief moments in time, we have seen hope, mercy, and justice flower in this world, even as they flower in heaven. Easter calls us to believe in what will come, and in what can be.

Do you remember your own Easter? Perhaps your life was shackled by bad decisions or complex situations. You finally realized that you could not cope on your own. You cried out to God and he came to you. Perhaps in an instant, perhaps over time, your outlook changed, and with it you received the ability to face your situation ~ to see and experience opportunities for new life and renewal. As heaven came into your life, you sensed God's presence and came to know that peace which passes all understanding.

Claim that peace again in this Easter Season. Know the joys of heaven in this world as in the next. Discover the potential that Jesus models for us in his Easter body. Share what you have found with others. It is God's will for all of us. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Bill+



Vestry to Meet on Sunday

The Vestry will be meeting on Sunday, April 23; Sunday, May 28; and Sunday, June 25, instead of on Thursdays. We will start the meeting on Sundays 15 minutes after the 9:00 service ends; that is if the service ends at 10:00, we will start Vestry at 10:15; if the service ends at 10:05, we will start Vestry at 10:20. This means that Vestry will be meeting at the same time as our current coffee hour, and this is on purpose. We are hoping that by meeting shortly after service ends on the three Sundays listed, during the coffee hour, more people will consider attending the Vestry meeting, since it will not mean an additional trip.

Garnet Nelson to Visit

Our dear friend and fellow parishioner, Garnet Nelson, moved from Lancaster a couple of years ago to be near her daughter, Jenny. She is currently residing in an assisted living facility. On Wednesday, March 29th, Jenny is bringing Garnet to our noon Eucharist, and she will stay to visit after the service. Garnet would love to see any of you who are able to be here that day. We'll have cake and coffee in the undercroft after the service.

Remember to Invite a Friend

Easter is a time when many people who no longer attend church will consider going to a service. Might we all be aware of this cultural fact, and invite a friend, family member, or neighbor to worship with us this Easter. Sit with them and help them to understand the service. God will bless us all as his people are gathered home.

Attention! Parents of Graduating High School or College Seniors

If you have a high school or college student graduating this year, be sure to get their bio's to Jean Hammer by April 20th for inclusion in the May "Eagle and Lamb." We will commission graduates at a service at graduation time.

Gift Exchange

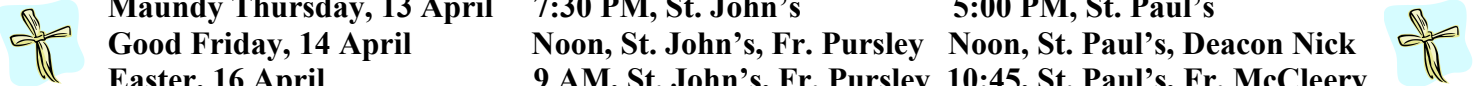
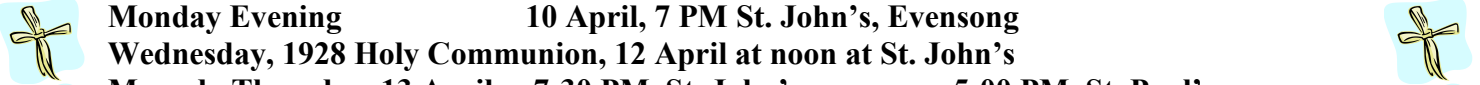
For one who has made thanksgiving the habit of his life, the morning prayer will be, "Lord, what will you give me today to offer back to you?"
Elizabeth Elliot



Holy Week Services



Palm Sunday—9 April	9 AM, St. John's	10:45, St. Paul's
Monday Evening	10 April, 7 PM St. John's, Evensong	
Wednesday, 1928 Holy Communion, 12 April at noon at St. John's		
Maundy Thursday, 13 April	7:30 PM, St. John's	5:00 PM, St. Paul's
Good Friday, 14 April	Noon, St. John's, Fr. Pursley	Noon, St. Paul's, Deacon Nick
Easter, 16 April	9 AM, St. John's, Fr. Pursley	10:45, St. Paul's, Fr. McCleery



May God grant us a profound Holy Week and a blessed Easter. If you are unable to make a time at St. John's, consider making the service at St. Paul's in Logan, our sister parish. Be sure to bring a friend.



Birthdays

- 8 Jim Chilenski
- 10 Nanci Allen
- 12 Nicole Sutter
- 14 Lisa Rosser
- 15 Gary Rowley
- 17 David Berner
- 25 Margaret Baker
Helen Johnston
- 29 Tierney Carter
Chad Shook
- 30 Mary Kraker

Wedding Anniversaries

- 8 Bob and Laura Wright (95)
- 12 Ralph and Reda Kittle (69)
- 14 Robin and Elizabeth Leonard (79)
- 21 Brian and Cecilia Davidson (90)
- 26 Craig and Lori Bockman (97)
- 27 Paul and Nancy Frick (87)
- 29 Denise Denton and William
Nunley (06)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Kirsten Carr (87)
- 3 Lisa Rosser (94)
- 6 Holly Coffill (96)
- 9 Katie Shook (00)
- 10 Amy Eyman (66)
- 11 Barbara Mohler (54)
Fr. Bill Pursley (54)
- 12 Judy Furlow (41)
- 13 Diana Turpin (45)
- 16 Alanna Hurdley (95)
Caitlyn Hurdley (95)
- 18 Nickie Leckrone (43)
Alex Shook (99)
- 19 Jim Chilenski (59)
- 23 Hannah Hurdley (00)

Richard R. Babcock
January 11, 1926—February 27, 2017

“Give to the departed eternal rest. Let Light perpetual shine upon him.

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to Travis and Janet Kling on the birth of their baby boy, Sawyer John on March 7. Sawyer weighed 8 pounds and 11 ounces and was born at Fairfield Medical Center.

Parish Health Ministries Luncheon

The April Parish Health Luncheon will be on Wednesday the 19th after the noon Eucharist.

Fellowship Breakfast

The April Fellowship Breakfast will be on Sunday the 2nd after the 9:00 service. Please be sure to join your parish family in the undercroft. Bring a friend.

Prayer Book Replacement

Some of our Books of Common Prayer are in need of replacement. If you would be interested in making a donation to replace one of these books, the cost is \$16.50. Checks may be made payable to St. John’s with “prayer book” in the memo.

Important Reminder for Altar Guild Members

The Altar Guild will set up for Palm Sunday on Saturday, April 8th at 10 am. On the following Saturday, April 15th, at 10 am, the Guild will decorate for Easter. Please plan to attend.

Parish Family Picnic

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for Sunday, May 7th for our family picnic at the Lancaster Shelter House at Rising Park from 10—4. More details to follow.

“We have to keep our eyes on God, not on the difficulties.” Deacon Nick

St. John's Episcopal Church

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 HC 10:00 Fellowship Breakfast	3 7:00P Choral Evensong	4 3:30 Pizza and God Talk, Logan 8:00P AA Meeting	5 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 4:45 Pizza and God Talk at Nick's	6	7	8 9:00 E & R Meeting 10:00 Altar Guild decorat- ing
9 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour Palm Sunday	10 7:00P Choral Evensong	11 3:30 Pizza and God Talk, Logan 8:00P AA Meeting	12 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 4:45 Pizza and God Talk	13 7:30 P Maundy Thursday Service	14 12 noon Good Friday Service 1:00 P Stations of the Cross	15 10:00 Altar Guild decorat- ing
16 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour Easter	17 7:00P Choral Evensong	18 3:30 Pizza and God Talk, Logan 8:00P AA Meeting	19 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 12:30 Luncheon 4:45 Pizza and God Talk	20 1:00 Eagle and Lamb deadline	21	22
23 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour 10:15 Vestry	24 7:00P Choral Evensong	25 3:30 Pizza and God Talk, Logan 8:00P AA Meeting	26 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 4:45 Pizza and God Talk	27	28	29
30 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour	Easter Blessings!					

April 2017 Serving Schedule

April 2	9:00 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Hall & Shawn Dyer	Ezekiel 37:1-14
Acolytes	Will Eyman & Libby Garbrandt	Psalms 130
Lectors	Charlie Voss & Sarah Perlow	Romans 8:6-11
Ushers	Steve Messerly & Tim Hall	John 11:1-45
Altar Guild	Sarah Perlow, & Bobbi Beebe	Set-up: Mid Hall & Janet Kling
April 9	9:00 AM Palm Sunday	Readings
Lay Readers	Marc Conrad & Ann Rickson	Isaiah 50:4-9
Acolytes	Hannah Hurdley & Nicole Sutter	Psalms 31:9-16
Lectors	Holly Coffill & Ivan Smith	Philippians 2:5-11
Ushers	Steve Wood & Robin Leonard	Matthew 26:14-27, 66
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
April 16 EASTER	9:00 AM Easter Sunday	Readings
Lay Readers	Marc Conrad & Ivan Smith	Jeremiah 31:1-6
Acolytes	1 st Crucifer – Will Eyman 2 nd Crucifer – Hannah Hurdley Torch Bearers – Asher & Joanna Carr	Psalms 118:1-24
Lectors	Mark Conrad & Joan Ream	Acts 10:34-43
Ushers	Steve Messerly & Mike Whiley	John 20:1-18
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton & Gita Sadoni	Set-up: Judie Miller & Mid Hall
April 23	9:00 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Acts 2:14-32
Acolytes	Hannah Hurdley & Asher Carr	Psalms 16
Lectors	Ivan Smith & Frankie Mathias	I Peter 1:3-9
Ushers	Tim Hall & Robin Leonard	John 20:19-31
Altar Guild	Reda Kittle & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
April 30	9:00 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Robin Harris & Frankie Mathias	Acts 2:14-41
Acolytes	Nicole Sutter & Joanna Carr	Psalms 116:1-17
Lectors	Caitlyn Hurdley & Sarah Perlow	I Peter 1:17-23
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Steve Wood	Luke 24:13-35
Altar Guild	Judie Miller, Jessie Smith & Janet Kling	Set-up: Judie Miller & Gita Sadoni

****If you are unable to serve, please arrange for a replacement from the list below. If you cannot find one, please let Fr. Pursley know by Saturday evening (740-215-3900).**

<u>LAY READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
Marc Conrad 740-243-4933	Bobbie Beebe 614-837-0838	Asher & Joanna Carr 740-385-1356	Holly Coffill 740-652-9124	Tim Hall 740-654-5795
Shawn Dyer 740-277-3830	Mid Hall 740-654-5819	Will Eyman 740-654-2417	Marc Conrad 740-243-4933	Robin Leonard 740-808-4814
Jim Hall 740-654-5819	Jean Hammer 740-687-6134	Libby Garbrandt 740-653-9639	Caitlyn Hurdley 740-243-0295	Steve Messerly 740-653-4427
Tom & Jean Hammer 740-687-6134	Reda Kittle 740-467-2049	Hannah Hurdley 740-654-7831	Frankie Mathias 740-653-5559	Mike Whiley 740-654-4306
Robin Harris 740-215-2311	Janet Kling 217-201-0111	Nicole Sutter 740-652-9124	Sarah Perlow 740-654-4459	Steve Wood 740-653-7435
Frankie Mathias 740-653-5559	Peg Merton 740-974-7137		Joan Ream 740-687-4554	
Jim Merton 740-974-4838	Judie Miller 740-215-3135		Ivan Smith 740-654-3859	
Ann Rickson 740-422-9034	Sarah Perlow 740-654-4459		Charlie Voss 740-654-4225	
Ivan Smith 740-503-8880	Gita Sadoni 740-653-8999			
	Sally Stallsmith 740-654-6592			
	Carol Uhl 740-569-6190			

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH STAFF

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Holly Coffill (18)	740-652-9124
Catherine Dyer (19)	740-277-3830
Michael Garbrandt (19)	740-409-4123
Robin Leonard (20)	740-687-5621
James Sutter (18)	740-652-9124

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www.stjohnlancaster.org