

The Church of the Holy Family

Family Affairs

March 2016

Deadline for April 2016 *Family Affairs*: March 20

The week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday is the center and apex not only of the Christian year, but of our life together as the Body of Christ. What we do together in those seven days — making Eucharist, washing feet, stripping the altar, venerating the Cross, praying before the empty tomb, following the rekindled light of Christ, baptizing new Christians, and rejoicing in and giving thanks for Christ's passing over from death to life for our sake—defines our life as Christians.

Our Holy Week observance will begin on Palm Sunday, and continue with Holy Eucharist at noon on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. We will have a special service around the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evening, and then the liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and the Great Vigil of Easter.

It is a lot, but then it ought to be. Joining in the liturgies of Holy Week, and especially those of the Triduum, is worth it. It's worth missing some school or work, worth disrupting our usual routines, worth delaying our Spring Break travel. Missing the liturgies of Holy Week and skipping ahead to Easter Sunday means missing the essential truth of Christ's Passion. It means missing the fullness of the gift God gives us in Jesus, which is God himself.

I invite you, therefore, to come journey through Holy Week and in so doing, to discover you are traveling with Christ.

—Sarah

A Short History of Holy Week

Holy Week as we know it today is rooted in the fourth century when it became easier to make pilgrimages to Jerusalem and the Holy Land. Christians, once they arrived in Jerusalem, wanted to retrace the last steps in Jesus' life. From that practice developed the liturgies of Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and the Great Vigil of Easter.

These services were usually held in Jerusalem on the original sites and at the times indicated in the gospels. The Spanish pilgrim Egeria, who visited Jerusalem in the 380s, was fascinated by the novel celebration of what they called the Great Week and described the services in detail in her journal. She was particularly impressed that the psalms and readings were appropriate to the time and place — obviously a new idea to her.

From Jerusalem pilgrims took the Holy Week liturgies home, adapting and incorporating them into the liturgical cycle of their own churches. These rites thus provided the basic structure of the liturgical celebrations of Holy Week. Kenneth Stevenson calls the piety of these rites 'rememorative': they remember the historical events of the passion. They do not imitate them like a passion play, but they are remembered symbolically so that we may enter into them. The gospel story is the thread on which the events hang, and we move with Christ from event to event throughout the week. Here, in particular, is more about the liturgies of the Triduum, the three days from Maundy Thursday to Easter in which we retell and participate in Christ's Passion, Crucifixion, and Resurrection.

Maundy Thursday

The name Maundy Thursday is derived from the Latin *mandatum*, and refers to the new commandment (*novum mandatum*) in John 13:34 ('that you love one another, just as I have loved you'), appointed in the Prayer Book to be sung as an antiphon during the footwashing, which came to be called 'the Maundy' in medieval England.

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The Vestry class of 2019 will begin serving at the Annual Vestry Retreat on March 11-12.

Summary of Vestry minutes

AT ITS REGULAR MEETING on January 19, 2016, the Vestry:

- Heard the Rector’s report, which included the announcement that Music Director, Boyd Gibson, will retire on May 23, after 20 years of service; Fr. Clarke has accepted a 3-year appointment to serve on the diocesan Commission on Ministry; The Rt. Rev. Peter Lee will be at Holy Family for confirmation on March 26; a photo of the baptism of Oliver Hambley, son of Tyler and Crystal, was featured on the cover of *Living Church* magazine.
- Received the Treasurer’s report for the end of the year 2015, showing we had larger than expected receipts in December and closed out the year in a positive way. All bank accounts will soon be moved to BB&T.
- Received the Finance Commission’s proposed budget for 2016: major points are planned pledged receipts of \$654,000; proposed 2.3% Cost of Living increase for eligible staff and clergy salaries; plan for \$12,000 carry forward to serve as goal for growing the parish giving and fundraising for 2016.
- Heard these updates: Fellowship Commission is without a chair; Penny Machin will continue to host funeral receptions. Approved a motion for Holy Family to partner with Orange County Justice United. Deep thanks to Bill Andersen, who has agreed to serve as Senior Warden for 2016; Vestry Retreat will be held on March 11th and 12th.

March Meeting Schedule

- Augustine Project Board
No meeting in March
- Christian Education Commission
No meeting in March
- Christian Life Commission
No meeting in March
- Fellowship Commission
No meeting in March
- Finance Commission
Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m.—Commons
- Liturgy Commission
No meeting in March
- Outreach Commission
No meeting in March
- Pastoral Care Commission
Tuesday, March 10 at 12:00 noon—Library
- Properties Commission
No meeting in March
- Youth Commission
No meeting in March

The Vestry CLASS OF 2017: Bill Andersen • Emy Scoville • Diane Steinhaus • Mark Witcher
 CLASS OF 2018: John Blunk • Leslie Butterfield • Michael Cornett • Beth Nelson
 Class of 2019: Don Kerkow, Christine Oramasionwu, Andrea Phillips, DeeDee Riffe

For your consideration, from Pastoral Care Commission.....

Growing Up in Faith with Mental Illness, a one-day conference offered by Faith Connections on Mental Illness in conjunction with AHEC, will be held on Friday, April 1, 2016 at St. Thomas More Church in Chapel Hill. The program runs from 9 till 4:30 and features Gary Nelson, DMin from West Virginia, author of *A Relentless Hope: Surviving the Storm of Teen Depression*. Other presentations include Jack Naftel, MD, *Understanding Mental Illness in Childhood and Adolescence*; Youth M.O.V.E; a parent panel; one church’s effort to raise mental health awareness, and other expert speakers. Early Bird registration is \$35 until 3/14 or \$75 for optional professional credit via Wake AHEC. Breakfast and lunch are included. Register online at www.wakeahec.org; visit faithconnectionsmentalillness.org for details. There is always a waiting list so sign up soon.

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The Proper Liturgy celebrates the events of the Last Supper, the footwashing and the institution of the Eucharist. It is the only Eucharist celebrated between Wednesday and the Great Vigil and ties the events of the Last Supper to those of Good Friday. It is appropriately celebrated as a Holy Week liturgy connecting the institution of the Eucharist with the sacrifice of the cross.

The distinctive elements of the Maundy Thursday liturgy are the washing of the feet, the reservation of the Sacrament for Good Friday communion, and the stripping of the altar. The reservation of the Sacrament is for the purpose of administering communion at the Good Friday liturgy. If communion is not to be administered on Good Friday, then the Sacrament is consumed following the reception of communion at this liturgy.

In many places (including Holy Family) the Sacrament is reserved in a place where people may keep watch before it, following the example of the apostles whom Jesus asked to watch and pray with him before the Last Supper (Matthew 26:40-41). This all-night vigil apparently began, like so many other Holy Week ceremonies, in fourth-century Jerusalem.

There are two partially inconsistent explanations of the ceremony of washing feet. One is that it is a dramatic portrayal of the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper. The presider washes the feet of twelve men to imitate what Christ did. The second explanation focuses on two passages from John's gospel: the new commandment and the command to wash each other's feet which concludes the Maundy gospel (John 13:34; John 13:14-15). In this explanation, the washing of feet is the outward and visible sign of the love of Christ, which we are commanded to share with one another. We therefore wash one another's feet as Christ commanded that we all may share in that love. It is not an acted parable to be watched, but an action in which all are invited to participate.

Good Friday

The observance of the Friday before Easter as a commemoration of the crucifixion can be traced back to Jerusalem in the fourth century. Prior to that time, Easter had been a combined celebration of the passion and resurrection: crucifixion and resurrection were celebrated as a single event in its many aspects, as God's victory in Christ over sin and death. It was not until the fourth century, when the observance of Good Friday spread throughout the Christian East and then to the West, that the two aspects were separated into Good Friday and Easter celebrations. The Good Friday proper liturgy consists of three parts: the Liturgy of the Word, the veneration of the cross, and communion from the reserved sacrament. Celebration of the Eucharist is not permitted on Good Friday, and all consecrated bread and wine must be consumed following the distribution of communion at the Good Friday service.

The Good Friday liturgy is a solemn commemoration of and participation in the great events of this day, the salvation of the human race through the victory of Christ, who by dying destroyed death, not a funeral for Jesus. Nonetheless, it is a powerful liturgy, which begins and ends in silence. Many churches then close and lock their doors until the Great Vigil of Easter.

Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday, also called the Holy Sabbath and the Great Sabbath, is an empty day, the day when Christ rested in the tomb and all creation awaited the resurrection. Only the daily offices are traditional. The altar is bare, as on Good Friday, although in some places it is covered with a funeral pall. The entrance is in silence. After the gospel and homily, and in place of the Prayers of the People, the anthem from the Burial of the Dead is sung or said. The presider then leads the congregation in the Lord's Prayer and the service concludes with the grace. All bow to the altar and leave in silence.

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The Great Vigil of Easter

The Holy Week services carry us through the events of the passion. The Great Vigil, a more ancient service, leads us from death to life with Christ through fire, light, word, water, and bread and wine. A new fire is kindled, a great candle is lighted, by its light the Bible is read, prayer and praise are offered, and we celebrate the Easter sacraments of baptism and Eucharist. At the Great Vigil we celebrate the paschal mystery, which incorporates us into Christ's saving acts.

The service of Light is a special form of the lamp lighting that was once a part of every evening service. In origin it is a utilitarian act: the service is at night, and light is needed. The service will be long, so a large light is needed. Yet it did not long remain a utilitarian act. At every evening service, the bringing of light into the dark building is identified with the light of Christ shining in the darkness. At the Great Vigil the service begins with the lighting of a new fire. The ritual extinguishing of the old lights and the kindling of a new fire is an archetypal symbol of renewal and new birth. Before the invention of matches it was serious business to put out your source of light and kindle a new one. So the Great Vigil starts with this act of beginning anew, as reflected in the presider's prayer 'that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light' (BCP p. 285).

The person appointed leads the congregation into the church, carrying the newly lighted candle and proclaiming it 'the Light of Christ.' The candles of the congregation and the lights of the church are lighted from the new light. The *Exsultet* is sung, celebrating not only the mighty acts of God in Moses and in Christ, but our own participation in these events through the Easter sacraments of baptism and Eucharist.

By the light of this new fire the Old Testament is read, beginning with the story of Creation, and including Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea. Each reading is followed by a psalm or canticle and a collect which gives the reading Christian context. As many as twelve lessons have been read at various times, but the Prayer Book requires two and offers nine.

After the readings the action moves to the font, where the water is blessed, the candidates are baptized, and the baptismal covenant is renewed by the congregation. Baptism is the theological climax of the Great Vigil.

Finally, the church, renewed and increased by the addition of the newly baptized, makes Eucharist, as we join in celebrating the Easter Eucharist and in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. The bond of union with God in Christ established in the font is proclaimed in the reading from Romans 6.

It is all there, the solid symbols of faith, fire, light, water, bread and wine, and the proclamation of the Word of God. In the Great Vigil of Easter we pass over with Christ from death to life, and with the church from Lent to Easter.

---- excerpted and adapted from Leonel L. Mitchell, *Lent, Holy Week, Easter and the Great Fifty Days* (Boston: Cowley Publications, 1996).

Holy Family Church School

Angela Nelson, Director of Christian Education (anelson@chfnc.net)

Children's Lenten Programs | Wednesdays in Lent @ 6:30pm | Commons

We have already enjoyed two of our Wednesday evening Lenten gatherings for children. Join us for the rest as we gather in the Commons from 6:30-8:00 to explore ways to inhabit the season of Lent through Scriptural stories, community, and reflection on Lenten themes through artistic response and tactile experiences. These events are fun, meaningful, and provide opportunities for more conversations at home.

- March 2: Prayer
- March 9: Bread
- March 16: The days of Holy Week

Join us for a service focusing on the Stations of the Cross Wednesday, March 23. Watch your bulletins and emails for more information about this gathering.

If you have questions, please email Angela Nelson (Anelson@chfnc.net).

Holy Week Nursery

So that we might plan well for the needs of our Parish during Holy Week and use our staff and budget resources wisely, please request childcare for children under four for the liturgies of Holy Week. You can find a request form on the children's page of Holy Family's website under the heading parish nursery. If you have any questions, please contact Angela.

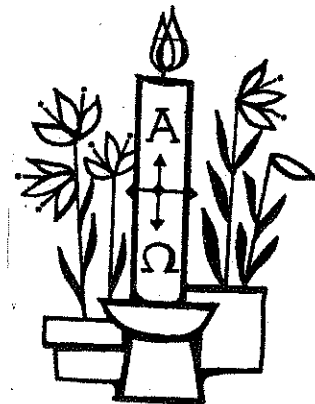
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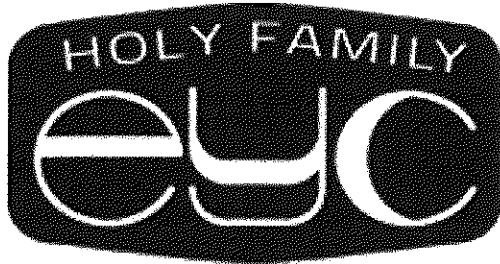
Over the next month, keep an eye on the children's baskets at the back of the Nave (located under the half-circle table). Binders with the liturgy, children's service books, will soon be available for use by children of reading age. These binders are a great resource for helping early readers work with you through the service without having to flip through several books at once. If you are interested in helping work on this project as we work to create a library of services through the Church year, please contact Angela.

Vacation Church School

Interested in joining us this year as we plan the formation opportunities, fun, and fellowship for Vacation Church School? A group of parishioners began meeting in January to plan the details for VCS. If you are interested in joining, we would love to have you. VCS is the evenings of June 12-16. Contact Angela for more details.

Reminder: Sunday school classes will not meet on Palm Sunday (March 20), Easter Sunday (March 27), and Sunday, April 3. Please plan to attend the *All Parish Events* planned for each of these dates. All Parish Event details can be found on the Parish Notes, page 7, of this newsletter.





real life, real friends

March 2016

Ski News: On the first weekend of February, our youth traveled to Valle Crucis—an Episcopal retreat center near Boone, NC. There, we skied at Sugar Mountain for a day. Our trip was both relaxing and invigorating, capped off by a wonderful morning of worship at Holy Cross Episcopal Church. Jim Wennerstrom and Karyn Hlad Miller were our chaperone extraordinaires!

EYC gatherings in March

March 6th - The Community of the Franciscan Way at Granite Springs Farm

March 13th - EYC at the Movies

March 20th - EYC at the Church

March 27th - No EYC (Easter)

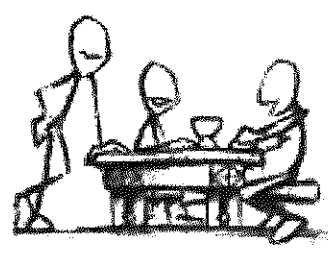
Shrove Tuesday: On February 9th, our youth helped serve pancakes, bacon, and eggs to the parish for one last big meal before the season of Lent. Many thanks to Lisa Ray, Debbie Newcomb, Kurt Uphoff, Megan Clowse, Jennifer Olson, Bill and Leslie Andersen, Clarke French, Sarah Ball-Damberg, and everyone else who lent their support!

Mark Your Calendars!!! April 15th-17th - Sr. High Beach Trip to Pawley's Island.

This trip is rescheduled from the Fall. If you are interested in going on this trip, either as a Sr. High youth or as an adult chaperone, please contact Tyler Hambley: thambley@chfnc.net.

Note from the Youth Minister

This spring has marked a season of fresh wind for EYC. New things are being mixed in with older things. Our youth are bonding over new kinds of gatherings: movie nights, "EYC in the home," and travels to Granite Springs Farm. Meanwhile, we returned our Sunday night church gatherings to their older structure, giving both Jr. High and Sr. High their own dedicated times of reflection and discussion. Of course, the Church's prayers continue to ground our growing friendships. Please continue to pray for us! -Tyler



Questions? Contact the Youth Minister, Tyler Hambley, at thambley@chfnc.net

Mystery book group in March

Thomasine, on the verge of taking her vows as a nun, is shocked when her aunt descends on the priory with ideas of marrying the young girl off at a profit. Not surprisingly, murder follows, and it's up to Dame Frevisse to solve the crime in the first book of what became a long-running series. Join the Canonical Crime Squad on March 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library for Margaret Frazer's "The Novice's Tale".

Spring Work Day planned

The Properties Commission has scheduled an outdoor work day for **Saturday, March 19**, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. We will prepare for spring weather by trimming of shrubs and trees, fertilizing, mulching, and dividing and transplanting some overgrown plants. Please join us at any time during the morning and leave when necessary. Mark your calendars now for other outdoor work days planned on April 23, May 28, July 16, September 10, and November 12.

All Parish Palm Sunday Event | March 20th at 9am | Parish Hall and Library

At 9am on Palm Sunday, join us for an intergenerational event during which we will fold palm fronds into crosses and enjoy other activities that help us remember Jesus' journey into Jerusalem. During this time, adults and children are invited to walk a set of interactive Stations which are based on the Scriptural Way of the Cross. These will be available in the Library during the Christian Education hour. We will not have Church School on this day.

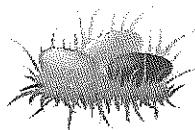


All Parish Easter Event | March 27, 9am and 11am | Parish Hall and Memorial Garden

At 9am on Easter morning, join us in the Parish Hall. We will process to the Memorial Garden and witness the raising of "the shhh word"* buried in the garden during Lent and then we will flower the cross. This celebration, which involves a short liturgy, will be in lieu of Church School.

At 11am, Easter morning, we will have a small Easter Egg Hunt.

Bring your bag or basket from home. If you would like to help out at either of these events, contact Angela.



All Parish Easter Event | April 3 at 9am (no Sunday School) | Parish Hall

On Easter 2, join us for the morning in the Parish Hall as we make Paschal candles together and give our attention to the symbols of baptism and resurrection that mark the season. We will not have Church School on this morning. To help with this event, contact Angela.

Churchwomen United of Chapel Hill in World Day of Prayer will be hosted by the women of Holy Family on Friday, March 4, in the Parish Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. As you are able, please bring fruit or a finger food to share. The women of St. Paul AME Church will present the worship program "Receive Children, Receive Me." We will have a voter registration and information table, along with handout materials for our outreach efforts. For more information, contact Sheryl Forbis (skforbis@gmail.com).

*Alleluia



CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local volunteers to raise funds to end hunger. The **2016 Chapel Hill/Carrboro CROP Hunger Walk** will be held on **April 10**. The walk is a four mile stroll along the streets of Chapel Hill and Carrboro and through the UNC campus. A shorter route also is available. Registration begins at 1:30 and the walk kicks off from Carrboro Town Commons at 2:30. A celebration with food and music will follow the walk's successful completion. Sign up sheets for walkers and sponsors will be

available every Sunday in March after both liturgies.

Who benefits?

The Chapel Hill/Carrboro CROP Hunger Walk supports hunger relief efforts globally and locally. Church World Service, established in 1946, distributes 75% of the money to hunger programs, refugees, disaster relief, and self-help projects in more than 80 countries. The remaining 25% stays in Carrboro and Chapel Hill to support the IFC's food programs. During the past 25 years, over \$1 million has been raised by the Chapel Hill/Carrboro CROP Hunger Walk to support IFC's hunger relief efforts

St. Paul Village Community Walk & Run will be held Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., beginning and ending at McDougle Middle School. Proceeds benefit the building of mixed-use senior and affordable housing and other community resources at the St. Paul Village Community. Registration is open to anyone and is available online at www.stpaulamechapelhill.org.



IFC LAUNCHES FoodFirst CAMPAIGN

The Inter-Faith Council recently launched its plan to streamline food services programs to better meet the needs of food insecurity and hunger in our community. Combining its community kitchen and food pantry operations into one building will create a more cost-effective, efficient and wholesome environment for clients and volunteers. The best solution may be to demolish the existing building at 110 W. Main St. in Carrboro and replace it with a building specifically designed for the comprehensive food services programs. We have a loyal team of parishioners who serve lunch twice a month at IFC's Community Kitchen in downtown Chapel Hill. Contact Bob Armstrong (919) 362-5224 if you are interested. The next step to implement IFC's FoodFirst plan is a March 22 public hearing where the Carrboro Board of Aldermen will consider a text amendment to allow this dual purpose function. IFC is asking for our prayerful (and vocal!) support of this goal. We will have a petition and information available during coffee time in March. To learn more, visit : <http://www.ifcfoodfirst.org/>

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.

—Mark 11:17

Your prayers are invited for the people of our parish and of all nations,
and for the extension and establishment of the kingdom of God.

house of prayer

Intercessory Prayers on behalf of specific individuals or groups are recorded in the notebook kept on a lectern in the Narthex. Intercessions are offered at Morning and Evening Prayer during the week. To have a prayer included in the parish prayer list, please call the church office: 919-942-3108.

The e-mail listserv is a means of inviting the community to join in praying for particular concerns or thanksgivings. To make a prayer request in this way, contact either the Rev. Clarke French (cfrench@chfnc.net) or the Rev. Sarah Ball-Damberg (sballdamberg@chfnc.net).

Confidential requests for prayer may be made directly to one of the clergy, or by asking members of the Prayer Team at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service to pray with and for you.

This month, please pray for:

- **The victims** and perpetrators of violence, and the victims of war, and natural disasters.
- **Those who lead the nation**, especially Barack Obama, our President, and Pat McCrory, our Governor. Please pray that they may serve justice, and promote equality and peace.
- **Those who risk their lives** in the service of their country, especially members of the armed forces and the diplomatic corps.
- **Our sick, homebound, and recovering**, especially Helen Dascomb, Jean Thorpe, Pegge Folger, Eleanore Dunn, Sylvia Woodgates, Dave Worster, Brianna McDonough, Lele Tison, Elizabeth Wade Grant, Carl Fox, Ann Willis, and Jim Gray.
- **Those who have died.**

- **Those who live with AIDS** and those who care for them.
- **Those expecting children**, especially Dana Carotenuto, Laura Gallaher, Meredith Stewart.
- **Those in special need**, especially Billy Ray and Gary in prison; Eddie on Death Row; the inmates and staff of Orange Correctional Center.
- **Our bishops:** The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple, Bishop Pro-Tem of North Carolina; and the Rt. Rev. Peter Lee, Assisting Bishop.
- **Our seminaries**, especially the University of the South, Sewanee, and the Anglican Episcopal House of Studies at the Duke Divinity School.
- **Our mission partners:** Gyani Thapa in Nepal (Kirtipur Christian Fellowship), Catherine Piwang in Uganda (ChildReach Africa), and Karen Calani in Guatemala (Food for the Hungry).
- **Our Companion Diocese** relationships with Costa Rica and Botswana.
- **L'École de Notre Dame** in Molas, Haiti – its students, teachers, and staff, and priest-in-charge Père Wildaine André.
- **Iglesia El Buen Pastor** and all who work and plan for its future.
- **The Augustine Project** students, tutors, and board members.
- **Our clergy:** Clarke, Sarah, and Paula.
- **Our seminarians:** Josh, and Jeanine.
- **The lay staff of our parish:** Tom, Boyd, Celia, Gary, Debbie, Ele, Angela, Tyler, and Julie.

Lent and Easter at The Church of the Holy Family

SUNDAY MORNINGS: THE HOLY EUCHARIST

8:00 A.M. AND 10:00 A.M. (NAVE)

COMPLINE, the final office of the day in the tradition of canonical hours, will be sung in the Nave at 8:00 p.m. on Sundays, March 6, and 13.

THE DAILY OFFICE: Morning Prayer is said every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer is said Wednesday, March 2, 9 and 16, at 5:30 p.m., in lent.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS, a Lenten devotion found in the Book of Occasional Services, is offered in the Nave at 6:00 p.m. every Friday in Lent, through March 18.

Book Study: *The Holy Spirit*, by Stanley Hauerwas and Will Willimon, Tuesdays, 12:00, Gallery Classroom Come join the Rev. Clarke French for a study of this recently published, accessible, and wise book, and do bring your lunch, if you would like. We will meet on Tuesdays in Lent beginning on February 16th. *The Holy Spirit* is readily available from all booksellers.

Wednesday evenings: Lenten Study

How, then, do we live? Christian community in the age of cars, computers, and commutes
Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Our Lenten program will be held in the Nave. You are invited to come ahead of time to join in **Evening Prayer at 5:30** and **Soup Supper in the Parish Hall at 5:50**. Our speakers and topics are as follows:

March 2: Milner Scott Ball, Principal, Commons Planning, will help us understand what goes into building lifelong sustainable communities.

March 9: Alan Steinbeck, Project Manager at Renaissance Planning Group, will talk with us about communal discernment—what it is, how it works, and why it matters.

March 16: The Rev. Nathan Kirkpatrick, Managing Director of Alban and Duke Divinity School and Priest Associate at the Church of the Advocate, will lead us in a conversation about Christian community and money.

Children's Lenten Programming, Wednesday, March 2, 9, and 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m., in the Commons (childcare until 8:00 p.m.). We will be exploring ways to inhabit the season of Lent. Stories and activities are designed for children ages 4-12. To request nursery care for children under four, please complete the form on the children's page of Holy Family's website under the heading "Parish Nursery." See the Christian Education page for more details.

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., The Holy Eucharist (Nave)
9:00 a.m. All Parish Event in lieu of Sunday School: We will make palm crosses and walk a set of interactive Stations of the Cross (Parish Hall and Library)

Midday Eucharists during Holy Week, 12:00 noon Monday - Wednesday, March 21-23 (Nave)

Wednesday, March 23, Stations of the Cross (Nave), more information to follow in the weekly bulletins and emails.

Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 24: The Holy Eucharist with Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar (Nave). A vigil will be kept through the night.

Good Friday, 12 noon Friday, March 25: The Good Friday Liturgy (Nave)

Holy Saturday, 12:00 noon, Saturday, March 26: The Holy Saturday Liturgy (Nave)

The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter, 8:00 p.m. Saturday, March 26 (Nave)

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday, March 27,
The Holy Eucharist (Nave)
9:00 a.m. All Parish Event: Raising the Alleluia buried in the Memorial Garden and flowering the cross.
11:00 a.m. A small Easter egg hunt

Midday Eucharists during Easter Week, 12:00 noon Monday-Saturday, March 28 -April 2 (Nave)

Sunday, April 3, 9:00 a.m. All Parish Event: Making of Paschall Candles and give our attention to the symbols of baptism and resurrection.

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6 Fourth Sunday in Lent 8 am Holy Eucharist (N) 9 am Christ Ed(C)/Lect Bible(GC)/Jif(L)Adult Forum(PH) 10 am Holy Eucharist(N) with Children's Liturgy 11:00 am Fellowship time EYC/Community of the Franciscan Way 8 pm Compline</p>	<p>7 7 pm Canonical Crime Book Club (L)</p>	<p>8 9 am Morning Prayer (N) 12 noon Lenten Book Study (C) 12 noon Pastoral Com (L)</p>	<p>9 10 am Bible Study (L) 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (N) 5:50 pm Soup Supper (PH) 6:30 Lenten Study (Nave) Children's Program (C) 7:30 Adult Choir (M)</p>	<p>10 9:30 Contemp Prayer (H)</p>	<p>11 + Vestry Retreat (Andersens) 6 pm Way of the Cross</p>	<p>12 9 am Altar Guild (N) 9 am-2 pm Vestry Retreat(PH) 3 pm-6pm Nachman Sr. Pastal (N/G)</p>
<p>13 fifth Sunday in Lent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist(N) 9:00 Lect Bible(GC)/Jif(L) Christ. Ed(C)/Adult Forum (PH) 10:00 a.m. Holy Euch (N) 11:00 Fellowship time EYC movie night 8 pm Compline Daylight Savings Time</p>	<p>14 (12 noon Shelter meal) 7 pm Stamp Club (PH)</p>	<p>15 9 am Morning Prayer (N) 12 noon Lenten Book Study (C)</p>	<p>16 10 am Bible Study (L) 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (N) 5:50 pm Soup Supper (PH) 6:30 Lenten Study (Nave) Children's Program (C) 7:30 Adult Choir (M)</p>	<p>17 9:30 Contemp Prayer (H)</p>	<p>18+ 9 am to 5 pm Konkak (PH)</p>	<p>19 St. Joseph 8:30-12 noon Work Day 9 am Altar Guild (N) 12 noon Holy Eucharist (N)</p>
<p>20+ Palm Sunday 8 am Holy Eucharist (N) 9 am All Parish Event 9 am Lectionary Bible Study 10 am Holy Eucharist(N) with Children's Liturgy 11 am Fellowship time 5 pm EYC (H) 8 pm Compline</p>	<p>21+ Holy Week 12 noon Holy Eucharist (N) (12 noon Shelter meal)</p>	<p>22+ Holy Week 9 am Morning Prayer (N) 12 noon Holy Eucharist (N)</p>	<p>23+ Holy Week 10 am Bible Study (L) 12 noon Holy Eucharist (N) 7:30 Adult Choir (M) 6 pm All Parish Event- Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>24+ Maundy Thursday 9:30 Contemp Prayer (H) 7 pm Holy Eucharist w/footwashing and stripping of Altar (N) Vigil through the night (N)</p>	<p>25+ Good Friday 12 noon The Good Friday Liturgy (N)</p>	<p>26 Holy Saturday 9 am Altar Guild (N) 12 noon Holy Saturday Liturgy (N) Jif retreat leading up to Vigil 8 pm The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter w/Baptism and confirmation (N)</p>
<p>27+ Easter 8:00 am Holy Eucharist(N) 9 am All Parish Event 10:00 a.m. Holy Euch (N) 11 am Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 Fellowship time</p>	<p>28+ Easter Monday (Parish Office closed) 12 noon Holy Eucharist (N)</p>	<p>29+ 9 am Morning Prayer (N) 12 noon Holy Eucharist (N)</p>	<p>30+ 10 am Bible Study (L) 12 noon Holy Eucharist (N) 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir (M)</p>	<p>31+ 9:30 Contemp Prayer (H) 12 noon Holy Eucharist (N)</p>		

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Easter Groups at Holy Family

The account of the disciples' meeting Jesus on the Emmaus road (Luke 24) is a favorite Bible passage for many of us. In the story, it has been three days since the crucifixion and some incredulous rumors about resurrection have begun to circulate among the grieving band of believers in Jerusalem. But two disciples have given up hope altogether. On the road, the bewildered and disillusioned followers of Jesus recount all of their dashed hopes to a mysterious stranger, who eventually reveals his true identity. The disciples are able to recognize Jesus, beginning with burning hearts, as Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

Jesus continues to make himself known in sacred text, prayer, and the breaking of bread. Will you join us this Easter season, as we too, seek to encounter the risen Christ? Holy Family parishioners can join together in one another's homes and live into the apostolic tradition of Eastertide fellowship, bible study, and prayer. Four such groups met two years ago during the Easter season and discovered a depth of fellowship they had not experienced before at Holy Family. We hope that other parishioners will join a group this year.

Four or more groups, of between 8-10 participants, will meet once each week of the Easter season. The Butterfields and the Cornetts will each host a group, and we are making arrangements for additional groups.

More information will be forthcoming. In the meantime, plan to join an Easter home group. Please contact us to register to be in a group or for further information:

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