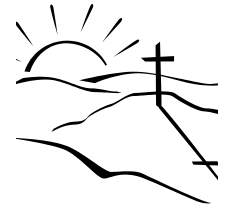




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From the Wardens

Fran Pettit, Parish Warden and Chris Delaney, Rector's Warden

With Easter right around the corner it is time once again for our annual Wednesday evening Lenten series. The worship planning committee has been working very hard to put together another great supper series. Following the "Way of Love" and what it means to be a Christian, each supper will be highlighted by a different speaker who truly is listening to God and making a positive change in the world. We encourage everyone to attend as many of these suppers as possible as they are sure to be very informative.

2019 Lenten Dinners & Worship THE WAY OF LOVE: BEING CHANGE AGENTS FOR GOD

WEEK	DATE/TIME/LOCATION	THEMES	
		GENERAL	CULINARY
1	March 13th, 6:00pm Bolingbroke	Prison Ministry The Rev. Chris Kimmenez	Soups
2	March 20th, 6:00pm Christ Church, Ithan	Poor and Homeless Deacon Phil Geliebter	Stews
3	March 27th, 6:00pm Bolingbroke	Food Scarcity Daisy Rodriguez & Associate	Pot Luck
4	April 3rd, 6:00pm Christ Church, Ithan	LGBTQ Community Joanne Glusman	PA Dutch
5	April 10th, 6:00pm Bolingbroke	Refugee Assistance David Broida	Family Heritage

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Christian Formation: Seek and Serve—A Path Through Lent

By Deb Parker, Christian Formation Director

In Baptism we are asked if we will “Seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?” We are also asked if we will “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?” In this day and age, the very idea can feel overwhelming. Then we are reminded with the response that we are not alone. We say, “I will with God’s help.”

“For God all things are possible”

Matthew 19:26b NRSV

As we enter the season of Lent, the children and youth will continue to focus on how we can go out into the world to make a positive difference. In February the Souper Bowl was a terrific beginning, raising over \$570 for the two food pantries. This is just one tangible way that St. Martin’s and Christ Church came together to seek and serve.

Lent raises the bar again. How else can we listen to God? What else can we do to follow Jesus? Is there something we can give up, or take on, to remind us of Christ’s sacrifice?

Before Lent began, we rolled up the “Alleluias” on Transfiguration Sunday. Each Sunday after we follow in the steps of Jesus and the disciples, experiencing Jesus’ teachings. We will map out Holy Week and walk the Stations of the Cross. These formation plans are for adults as well as youth and children. Everyone is invited to pause—to share how through prayer, worship, and scripture we face the challenges of living into our Christian faith. Below are some of the many ways we can look for God’s help to connect our lives to various parts of the Baptismal Covenant.

- During Sunday School on March 10, 17, 24 and 31 we will use Legos to interpret Bible stories to be disciples, following Jesus through miracles, healing and parables.
- On Sunday April 7, and at 11 a.m. before the Good Friday service on April 19, everyone is invited to walk the Stations of the Cross.
- Palm Sunday, April 14, families will process together at the beginning of the worship service. Then children will go into Sunday School to reenact parts of Christ’s last week.
- April 20 is the Easter Vigil.
- April 21 is Easter Sunday. Christ is Risen! First children will celebrate by unrolling the “Alleluia” before the procession. They will remain in the service and sing with the adult choir. Immediately after worship there will be the annual Easter Egg hunt out on the lawn—with the eggs representing the empty tomb. Alleluia!



Lenten Outreach

By Pam Faber, Outreach Ministry Leader

The beginning of Lent signals the start of our soup making for The Great Valley Food Cupboard. Over the past five years, we have made and donated 673 quarts of a variety of homemade and delicious soups. The people served by the food cupboard have been asking if there will be soup again since December! That's how much they enjoy and appreciate this ministry, so let's not disappoint them. The wonderful thing about this program is that there are several ways that you can participate.

- Make soup individually at home during one or more weeks of Lent.
- Participate in the group soup cook at Bolingbroke on Saturday, March 16th, from 10:00pm – 2:00pm.
- Make a financial donation to offset the expense of ingredients and containers.



Sign-up sheets will be in The Gurley Room, and instructions and quart containers are in the foyer outside of the church office. Help us bring something warm and comforting to the folks at the food cupboard. If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact Pam Faber.



It's time to visit LentMadness.org and sign up for the email messages that invite you to vote for each pair of saints. During Lent, saints go head to head, much like sports brackets. The Episcopal Church provides you with enlightening information on each holy man or woman, and you will help make a decision on who moves from the first round to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen. Then eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. Starting Thursday, March 7, winners will be listed on the brackets page on the wall opposite the Education Bulletin Board.

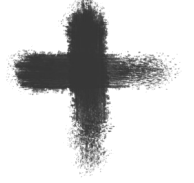
Watch to see how your favorite saints progress!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Join us as we mark the beginning of Lent and our 40-day journey to Easter.



Wednesday, March 6th
12:00 PM and 7:00 PM



Both the afternoon and evening services include the
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist.

HOLY WEEK

April 14th —Palm Sunday at St. Martin's Church	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Distribution of Palms Holy Eucharist
April 18th —Maundy Thursday at Christ Church, Ithan	7:00 PM	Holy Eucharist, Washing of Feet, & Stripping of the Altar
April 19th —Good Friday at St. Martin's Church	12:00 PM 7:00 PM	The Lord's Passion
April 20th —Holy Saturday at St. Martin's Church	5:00 PM	Candlelight Procession, Stories of Salvation, Baptismal Promises & Holy Eucharist
April 21st —Easter at St. Martin's Church Egg Hunt and Coffee Hour <i>(outside, weather permitting)</i>	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Holy Eucharist Resurrection Celebration

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Shared by: All Saints' Church, Wynnewood

The Fourth Sunday in Lent, 3/31, is a traditional time for a bit of relaxation in the midst of our Lenten disciplines. Paul reminds the Galatians that our spiritual mother is the Church, realized in the world to come as the "Jerusalem which is above." The admonition in that Epistle to "rejoice" was styled in Latin "laetare" which can also be paraphrased "be refreshed," hence the other name for the day of "Laetare" or "Refreshment" Sunday. The traditional English treat of the day is Simnel Cake. Here is the recipe -

SIMNEL CAKE

Ingredients

3/4 cup butter	2 cups sugar	2 cups flour	4 eggs
1/3 cup mix of lemon & orange zest	1 cup currants	Almond paste	1/2 tsp salt

Directions

Cream the butter and sugar until smooth. Separate the eggs. Add the yolks to the butter and sugar and reserve the whites. Sift the flour and salt and add to the mixture. Dust the peel and currants with a little flour and add to the batter. Beat the egg whites until stiff and fold into the mixture. Line a cake tin with waxed paper and pour in half the batter. Add a layer of almond paste (coarse-grate cold to sprinkle a generous layer) and then top with the remaining batter. Bake at 325 degrees for an hour or until done. May be iced with white icing flavored with a few drops of almond extract.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 3

All activities in Bolingbroke

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:30am Parish Breakfast
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Sunday School and Nursery
10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Tuesday, March 5

9:30am Makin' Music
5:30pm Worship Planning Meeting
6:00pm Mardi Gras

Wednesday, March 6 ***ASH WEDNESDAY***

9:30am Makin' Music
10:00am Staff Meeting
12:00pm Ashes & Holy Eucharist Service
7:00pm AA in Bolingbroke
7:00pm Ashes & Holy Eucharist Service

Friday, March 8

9:30am Makin' Music

Sunday, March 10 LENT 1 ***Daylight Savings-Spring Forward***

9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Sunday School and Nursery
10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Tuesday, March 12

9:30am Makin' Music

Wednesday, March 13

9:30am Makin' Music
12:15pm Holy Eucharist
6:00pm Lenten Dinner Worship
7:00pm AA @ SMC

Friday, March 15

9:30am Makin' Music

Saturday, March 16

10:00am Soup Cook

Sunday, March 17 LENT 2

8:00am Morning Prayer R1
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Sunday School and Nursery
10:00am Morning Prayer R2

Tuesday, March 19

6:30pm Yoga Class

Wednesday, March 20

9:30am Makin' Music
12:15pm Noon Day Prayer
6:00pm Lenten Dinner Worship
7:00pm AA @ SMC

Thursday, March 21

7:00pm Vestry Meeting

Friday, March 22

9:30am Makin' Music

Sunday, March 24 LENT 3

9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Sunday School and Nursery
10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday, March 27

12:15pm Holy Eucharist
6:00pm Lenten Dinner Worship
7:00pm AA @ SMC

Sunday, March 31 LENT 4

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Sunday School and Nursery
10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Tuesday, April 2

6:30pm Yoga Class

Wednesday, April 3

12:15pm Holy Eucharist
6:00pm Lenten Dinner Worship
7:00pm AA @ SMC

Sunday, April 7 LENT 5

All activities in Bolingbroke

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:30am Parish Breakfast
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Sunday School and Nursery
10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday, April 10

12:15pm Holy Eucharist
6:00pm Lenten Dinner Worship
7:00pm AA @ SMC

Sunday, April 14 ***Palm Sunday***

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Sunday School and Nursery
10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Tuesday, April 16

6:30pm Yoga Class

Wednesday, April 17

12:15pm Holy Eucharist
7:00pm AA @ SMC

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Holy Eucharist Rite II @ CCI

Friday, April 19

Good Friday

12:00pm Good Friday Service
7:00pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 20

Holy Saturday

5:00pm Easter Vigil Service

Sunday, April 21 EASTER

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I with music
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Sunday School and Nursery
10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:15am Egg Hunt & Fellowship

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