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Holy Eucharist – 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays at
9 am
Morning Prayer – 2nd & 4th Sundays at 9 am





PACE OF GRACE



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APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8:30 am - Community Tag Sale - Parking Lot 9 am - 6:30 pm Newington Children's Theater - PH/Back lawn
3 Fifth Sunday of Lent 9:00 am Morning Prayer	4 6 pm Boy Scouts - PH	5 7:00 pm Vestry Mtg 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH	6 12 pm Hi-Noon 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	7 2:30 pm Piano Lessons - S 7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH 7:00 pm Lenten Book Study - Zoom	8	9
10 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 	11	12 6:00 pm Vestry by Zoom 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH	13 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY 2:30 pm Piano Lessons - S 7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist 	15 GOOD FRIDAY Noon - Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist 	16
17 Easter 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 	18	19 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH	20 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	21 2:30 pm Piano Lessons - S 7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH	22	23
24 2 nd Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Morning Prayer	25 6 pm Boy Scouts - P	26 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH	27 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	28 2:30 pm Piano Lessons - S 7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH	29	30

Room Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; MMR= Music Meeting Room; MR=Meeting Room; C=Chapel; K=Kitchen



To renew, to
serve, and to
accept all people, as we
grow together in Christ.

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Bible
Readings for the Month

Here are the lectionary readings for each Sunday and Holy Day in April

	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Fifth Sunday in Lent April 3, 2022	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalm 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
Palm Sunday April 10, 2022	Isaiah 50:4-9a	31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:14-23:56
Maundy Thursday April 14, 2022	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	Psalm 116:1, 10-17	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Good Friday April 15, 2022	Isaiah 52:13-53; 12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25 Or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
Holy Saturday April 16, 2022	Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24	Psalm 31: 1-14, 15-16	1 Peter 4:1-8	Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42
Easter Sunday April 17, 2022	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12
2 nd Sunday after Easter April 24, 2022	Acts 5:27-32	Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31
St. Mark the Evangelist April 25, 2022	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalm 2	Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-16	Mark 1:1-15 or Mark 16:15-20





Greetings (and Alleluia if you are reading this on April 17th and beyond):

Women's History Month (March) is coming to a close as I write this article. The celebration of the importance of the roles of women started in 1987, but we all know that women have played an important, but not always acknowledged, part from the beginning. However, I am not getting into that topic now as another one has been placed on my heart. But one last comment. We have read about the phrase "a chicken in every pot and a car in every garage" during the presidential campaign of 1928. I ask the question: who was expected to cook that chicken?

Hopefully the weather remains warmer now. I have never been a fan of a white Easter unless the white is me getting white chocolate Easter bunnies to eat and share. Lately we have had a lot of talks and articles about climate issues. We must try to do what we can to take care of "this fragile earth, our island home." We have had time to read, converse, and pray about what each of us might be able to do to leave our earth in a better place for generations to come during our Covid alone time. One small step forward is all we need to try to do. I welcome any suggestions as to what we can do as a parish to contribute towards this endeavor. Remember...April 22nd is Earth Day.

The subject I would like to mention from my heart involves hymn #208 "The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won: the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia" We will be celebrating the risen Christ on Easter Sunday. Jesus sacrificed for us! We must be willing to sacrifice some time for Him. There is much to do in this parish, community, and the world. We can ask through prayer and with one another what gifts and talents we can use. The battle might not be totally done with Covid but enough that we can move forward. We can try new ways to share the love of Christ with ourselves and those in need. Please also mention some ideas you might have as to what outreach we can try. I thank you in advance for your contributions to our Lenten Project. I give thanks to our Creative Energy Team for all of their projects. I give thanks to everyone in our parish for all that you do.

I pray that peaceful solutions can be found for the wars and battles that are still going on in our country and the world. We won the victory of life through the Risen Christ but we must use that life as Christians to help others. We still put on the armor of God each day as we rise and let the love of Jesus shine through us to help those who are still in the dark. Alleluia Alleluia!

Stay safe - stay well-stay connected- max to the vax
cj

PS: Dug the Potato from New Zealand was not a potato but a tuber of a gourd (whatever that is) so no world record

PPS: I hope we all are living into our servant hearts and discovering our inner deacons.



04/09 Jonathan Page
 04/11 Barbara Johnson
 04/12 James Dumont
 04/20 Pat Rogorzanski
 04/21 Walt Parker



Seniors on the Go! HI-NOON - All parishioners and their friends are invited to attend the meetings of Hi-Noon. The group's activities varied and are a combination of informative, cultural, social and entertaining events. With the decrease in Covid cases the group will resume meeting.

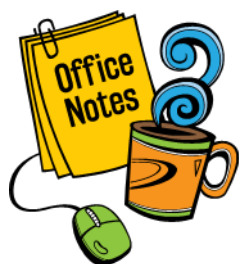


April 3 Morning Prayer
 April 10 Palm Sunday
 Holy Eucharist
 April 14 Maundy Thursday
 April 15 Good Friday
 April 17 Easter
 Holy Eucharist
 April 24 Morning Prayer

April 6, Wednesday – 11:00 (Note – not the usual Monday) – **Noonday Eucharist Service at Christ Church Cathedral** - Hartford, the Bishop's seat of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut – Meet at 11:00 to carpool from Grace parking lot.

May 2, Monday – Lunch at Parkville Market in Hartford, the largest Food Hall in Connecticut. Select your food from the 23 vendors serving many different cuisines. Seating is available both inside and outside. We will meet at noon to carpool from the Grace parking lot.

June – Annual Picnic – Parish Hall & Patio



The deadline for the May issue is Tuesday, April 19. Please make every effort to meet this deadline to allow us to distribute the issue promptly. The earlier you submit, the easier it is to publish the issue.



Maundy Thursday Watch: We are asking that, as Jesus asked, “Could you not keep awake one hour” that you pick one hour from 9 pm on April 14th until 7 pm on April 15th to spend some quiet time awake. You can use this time to read, pray or just reflect where you are in your spiritual journey. We ask that you do this at home as the church building will not be open once the altar has been stripped after our service. We will be having a Stations of the Cross service at noon on Good Friday as well as an evening Good Friday service. Please send CJ an email to let her know what hour you will be awake so that all the hours included in this watch are covered.

Community Tag Sale: The community tag sale will be held on Saturday, April 2 from 8:30 to 1:30 in the parking lot. Spaces are available for \$15 each. For more information, please contact Lynn Page.

Deacon CJ
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The Grace Church Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 20. All meetings will be in person at noon, unless specified differently, and each participant is welcome to bring a bag lunch if they so choose.

There are several avid readers in the group and a list of potential reads is always at the ready! To that end, the next few selections have been made for those who are always looking for a good book to cozy up with. The following is the list of book selections through September.

April 20 – The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate

May 18 - Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty

June 15 – The Carnegie’s Maid by Marie Benedict

No meeting in July and August

September 21 – The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

October, November and December TBD

The group enjoys reading and in particular enjoys the discussions that follow. And the discussions are fun, lively and not always about the book! We have a lot of fun, fellowship and laughs and good will toward each other. If you like to read, please consider joining us. Or if you have a good book that you have recently read, please pass the title along as we are always looking for a good read.

Happy Reading!
Melissa Haseley

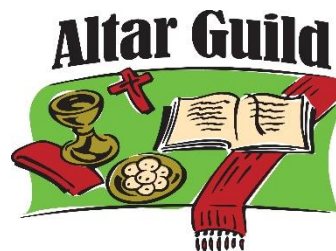


Newington Food Bank: We continue to support the food bank by donating shampoo/conditioner, toilet paper, paper towels and grocery store gift cards. You are truly the hands of Jesus serving the poor. Bless you all and thank you for your ongoing generosity.

JoAnn Cromwell

Safe church Training: Safe Church Training includes an online course followed by a 3-hour live session on Zoom that will build on and put into practice content from the online course. The online course must be completed two days before the Zoom live session. Dates through May:
April 5-9-23-27
May 10-14-15

Registration is through the ECCT website:
<https://www.episcopalct.org/event/safe-church-training-19>



Altar Guild: The Altar Guild will be setting up for Easter Sunday on April 16 at 10 am.

Some changes: Marie Ritchie is going off the Altar Guild, but Barbara Johnson will be returning. Thank you Marie, and welcome back Barbara!



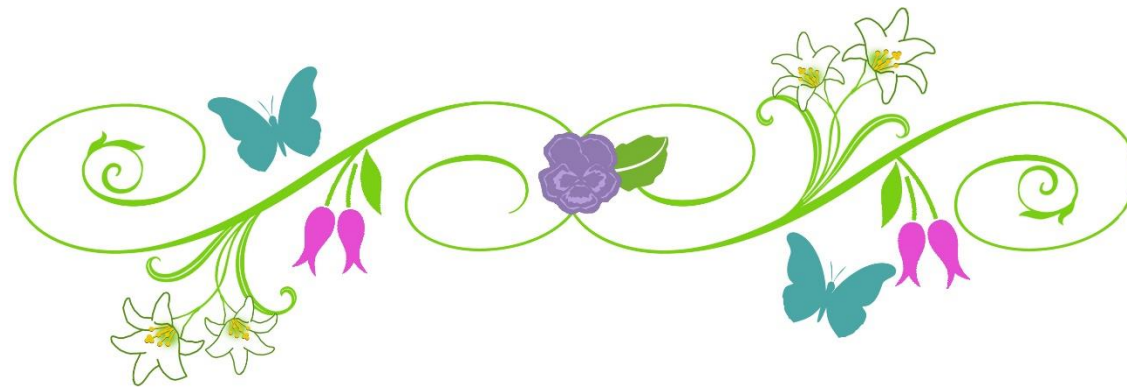
QUICK UPDATE: February 28, 2022

	<u>FEBRUARY OPERATIONS</u>	<u>Year to Date OPERATIONS</u>	<u>Year to Date BUDGET</u>	<u>TOTAL 2021 BUDGET</u>
Pledge Income	\$ 5,639	\$ 10,102	\$ 10,156	\$ 63,468
<u>INCOME:</u>	\$ 6,410	\$ 11,688	\$ 16,705	\$ 101,028
<u>EXPENSES:</u>	(\$ 10,989)	(\$ 23,212)	(\$ 23,016)	(\$ 130,248)
<u>NET CHANGE:</u>	(\$ 4,579)	(\$ 11,526)	(\$ 6,311)	(\$ 29,220)
Checkbook Balance:	\$ 21,576		<i>End 2021 Checkbook:</i> \$ 32,797	

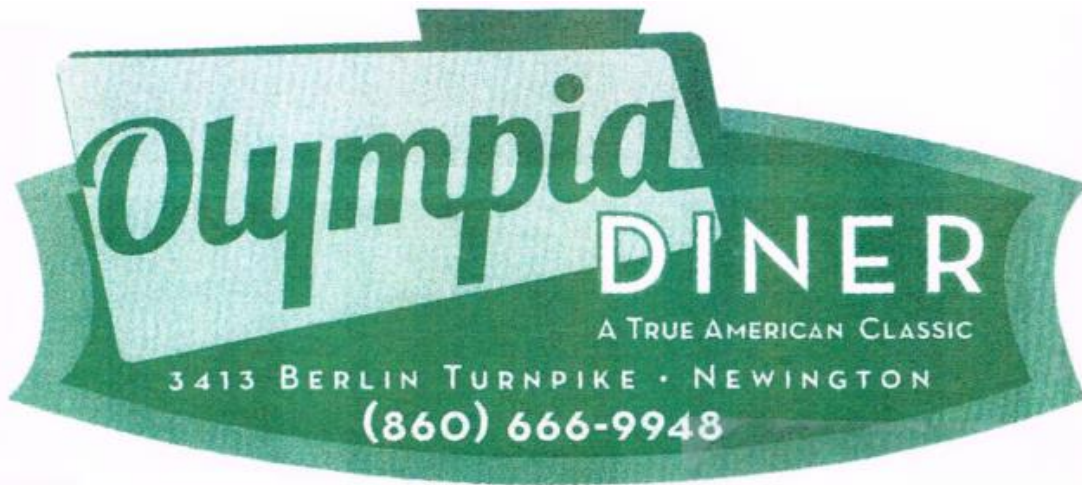


Lay Ministry Schedule
9:00 AM

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
	5th Lent	Palm Sunday	Easter	2nd Easter
	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Morning Prayer
Clergy		Rev. Valerie Miller	Rev. Valerie Miller	
Deacon/LWL	Rev. CJ Puskarz	Rev. CJ Puskarz	Rev. CJ Puskarz	Rev. CJ Puskarz
				JoAnn Cromwell
LECTOR	Walt Parker	Marie Ritchie	Beverley Manning	Mabel Maynard
PRAYERS	Karen Halpert	JoAnn Cromwell	Walt Parker	Marie Ritchie
ALTAR GUILD	Candy Casciano	Kathy Shoemaker	Kathy Shoemaker	Elizabeth Welk
	Elizabeth Welk	Nancy DiPrato	Nancy DiPrato	Jane Stewart
COUNTERS		Walt Parker		Melissa Haseley
		Melissa Haseley		Nancy DiPrato



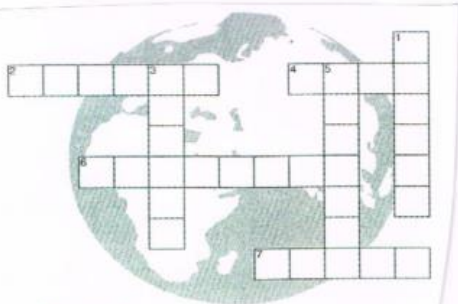
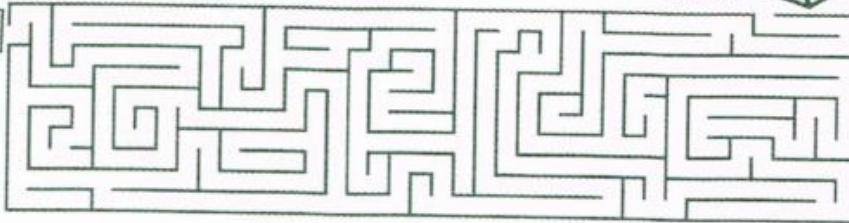
Celebrate Earth Day



RACE TO RECYCLE



Help Percy get the newspaper into the recycling bin



Across

- 2. Don't _____. Use the garbage can.
- 4. Something that is planted on Earth Day.
- 6. We celebrate this on April 22 every year.
- 7. Earth Day Color

Down

- 1. When using less you _____.
- 3. Turning off lights helps us to conserve _____.
- 5. When you use things over again, you _____.

G L A S S I P B I V S I C R D
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| CANS | LITTER | REUSE |
| CLEAN | NATURE | SMOG |
| CONSERVE | OZONE | TRASH |
| EARTH | PAPER | TREES |
| ENERGY | PLANET | WASTE |
| ENVIROMENT | RECYCLE | WATER |
| FOREST | REDUCE | |