

THE SUNDAY PAPER

Late March 2019

THE PARISH CALENDAR

TODAY, The Third Sunday in Lent
 8:00 a.m. Worship-Holy Communion
 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 10:15 a.m. Worship-Holy Communion/Sunday School
 11:30 a.m. Coffee/Goodies/Fellowship-Gathering Area
 Church Council
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation I

IN MINISTRY TODAY

Asst. Ministers: 8-Farris Parker/10:15-Melanie Apicella
 Usher: Joe Apicella
 Reader: Terry Benesh
 Acolyte: Zaire Reed
 Counters: Maj Karlson/Megan Wills-Llewellyn
 Altar Guild: Maj Karlson/Linda Parker

Toni's Kitchen: Melanie Apicella/Chris Hamden/Maj
 Karlson/Cathy Oswald/Linda Parker

LAST WEEK

8:00 a.m. 13 10:15 a.m. 32 Pledge Income \$1,658

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Asst. Ministers: 8-Farris Parker/10:15-Stacey Lewis
 Usher: Wolfgang Benz
 Reader: Nicole Lewis
 Acolyte: Clayton Rosenberger
 Counters: Lois Kummer
 Altar Guild: Maj Karlson/Linda Parker

First Sunday BLAST!
 APRIL 7th

A Pot-Luck Breakfast following the
 10:15 a.m. Worship
 for adults/children (members and
 non-members)
 Free will offering

On that day expect to see:

- Special music
- A Special Stewardship project
- Evangelism Emphasis: Fill the Church Sunday!

Coordinator Melissa Foord can be reached at 973-296-7655 if you can help with any food items. We will provide the basic breakfast such as casseroles, quiche, coffee, tea, milk. In addition you can bring breakfast or brunch dishes to share (bagels/fruit bowls/breakfast cakes/juice). You do not need to bring something to attend, we just want you to be there.



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FUND (Fellowship and Stewardship)

We Are Proud Of... Chris Hamden's (communion assistant/altar guild) daughter, Erika. She has been chosen to give a TED Talk on NPR. Erika is an astrophysicist and is developing telescopes with new ultraviolet detection technologies to improve our ability to observe distant galaxies. This year's TED class represents 12 countries across 4 continents. We will keep you informed as to the date and time of the talk.

We Are Proud of...Our Alto section leader Marcia Pelletiere, who has recently published a book of poetry titled, "A Crown of Hornets". It is available through Four Way Books (in Tribeca), under Poetry. Marcia suffered a traumatic head injury as a result of an automobile accident some years ago and recounts her painstaking recovery through her poems. This is Marcia's second publication.

If you, or your spouse, or your children or grandchildren have an accomplishment that others would like to know about, please submit the information for consideration at the church office.

The 32nd NJ Synod Assembly this year is Thursday, June 6th - Saturday June 8th at The Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick. One more voting member is needed to attend with Pastor Will. Terry Benesh who has previously attended, has already agreed. Registration, hotel reservations are handled by the church office and paid for by the church. Interested? Call the church office.

INVITE (Evangelism)

If you are visiting today, our family extends a heartfelt welcome and please join us again. Sign our "guest book."

REJOICE (Worship, Music and Arts)

The Icon for Lent is displayed during the Season. It is a gift in loving memory of parents/grandparents, Anna M and Axel G. Peterson by Nancy Von See and son, Bob.

Worship in Lent. Due to the solemn nature of the season of Lent we make several changes in our liturgy and sanctuary:

- The live flowers are replaced with the dried flower arrangements.
- The service music is solemn and in minor keys.
- The crosses are veiled reminding us of how our sinful nature obstructs our view of God.

Use the Easter Plant Flyer in today's bulletin to order lilies or azaleas or towards Easter Decorations. Deadline is Sunday, April 7th.

Devotionals for the second quarter (April-June) are available on the table in the entrance way. Large print also.

Lenten Devotional

During Lent we are admonished to increase our spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and charity. The prayer devotion known as the Stations of the Cross has been inspiring Christians for centuries. Following the "Via Dolorosa" or the "Road of Sorrows," the 14 individual stations recall the journey of Jesus from his trial, his carrying the cross, his crucifixion, and his burial.

Our beautiful set is made of hand-crafted ceramic tiles, and includes a 15th station at the Altar, The Resurrected Christ. At each station, prayers, Bible readings, and hymn verses are sung or spoken. The physical movement in a clockwise manner has a similar effect as walking a prayer maze, going full circle; arriving at the same physical place, but perhaps in a changed or deepened spiritual place. This prayer devotion may not appeal to everyone, but many millions of Christians over many centuries have had their spiritual lives deepened walking the Stations of the Cross. You may come to the sanctuary on your own at any time when the church doors are open to walk the stations. It is open most evenings, as other groups use the facilities for evening meetings. Prayer booklets are on the table by the first station, and instructions for the sanctuary are posted on the wall. You may also take a booklet home with you and pray the stations at home, or in a park, etc. We will walk the Stations of the Cross at 2 PM on Good Friday.

SERVE (Social Ministry)

Our Hearts Break for Our Muslim Brothers and Sisters. The name of God and of humanity were desecrated today in Christchurch, New Zealand when people filled with hate violated the sacred precincts of two mosques and murdered 49 innocent people during prayer. We grieve with the bereaved families of the victims and their communities, and we condemn in the strongest terms possible these barbaric acts of premeditated violence and murder.

Today we must all see ourselves as Muslims. We must see ourselves as Muslims because when one of us is singled out on the basis of our faith all of us are hurt and humanity is violated.

Today we must see ourselves as Muslims because to be a Muslim means to submit to the will of Allah, the will of God. And the will of God is that we should not hate. Rather, it is that we should love all of God's children and hold each and every one sacred, created one and all in God's image.

Today and every day we stand in solidarity with our Muslim sisters and brothers and join them in praying for strength and healing. May God bless them and us all with peace. Statement issued by Coalition of Religious Leaders on Sat., March 16, 2019

Check out the "in the church bulletin board" - an update from our missionaries in Malaysia Eric and Wendolyn Trozzo.

TEACH (Education)

Our Sunday School continues today. Students first gather at the 10:15 a.m. service with their parents. Children are dismissed after the Children's Sermon and gather for Sunday School with their teacher, Melissa Foord. Sunday School is for youth ages 3 through 6th grade. Each session has a Bible story & craft. Join us!

Today they are working on Easter bulletin covers. Children Pre-K through 6th grade are eligible to participate in the 27th Annual Easter Bulletin Cover Contest. We use the covers the seven Sundays of Easter plus All Saints' Sunday.