

# News You Can Use

*The Third Sunday in Lent*

March 16, 2017

Holy Family Episcopal Church

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## **Our Staff:**

The Rev. Cathy Scott, Deacon  
Jolene Johnston, Director of Children's Ministry and  
Director of Communications  
Marty Blake, Director of Youth Ministry  
Cheryl Burke, Parish Administrator  
Bethany Paden, Music Director

## Church Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday 9 AM - 2 PM

## The Vestry:

**Senior Warden** Ben Paden, **Junior Warden** Lauren Hendrickson; *Treasurer* Betty Bogeman; Connor Wilson (youth), Dan Chillemi, Marty Blake, Fred Stahly, Susie Beard, Debbie Talbert, Doug Tannas, Lauren Wilson, Lee Cahalan; *Clerk* Jim Agnew

*The next vestry meeting will be held at 7 PM on Tuesday, March 21st.*

## Serving This Sunday, March 19:

Celebrant: The Rev. Steven Giovangelo  
Homily: The Rev. Steven Giovangelo  
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott  
Music Director: Bethany Paden  
Greeter: Barb Spangler  
Ushers: Scott Higgins, Brad Daniells  
Readers: Betty Bogeman, David Emerson, Bryan Luce, Joel Bruns  
Prayers: Sandra Cline, Joan Head  
Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Gary Snyder, Joe Spangler  
Acolytes: Paul Mundie, Shannon Luce, Mikaila Blake, Matthew Beard  
Healing: Ruth Everett  
LEV: Kristine Canter  
Almoners: Lauren Wilson, Dan Chillemi  
AG Sat. Set Up: Kris Brown  
AG Bread: Chris Brown  
AG Sun. Set Up: Amy Mundie  
AG Clean Up: Kris Brown, Kristine Canter  
Hospitality: Hendrickson

## 9 AM Sunday School:

**Adult Forum:** Lenten Discipleship

**Godly Play:** Jolene Johnston

**Believers/Disciples:** Bryan Luce, Lee Cahalan

**Youth Group:** Ben Paden, Susie Beard

**10 AM Nursery:** Teresa Conroy-Roth

**10 AM Childcare:** Kate Chillemi



## Sunday's readings:

**First Reading** Exodus 17:1-7    **Psalm 95**    **Second Reading** Romans 5:1-11    **Gospel** John 4:5-42

## Our Mission

We bear witness to the Light of Christ by serving as the heart and hands of Jesus, nourishing people and transforming lives.

# Worship and Feast Days

**Gospel Notes from Father Steve:** Last week, Jesus had an in-depth conversation with an elderly teacher and rabbi by name of Nicodemus about being “born from above” about spiritual rebirth in this extensive and fascinating meeting. In today’s Gospel between Jesus and a woman of Samaria who had come to a well to draw water, a weary Jesus asks the woman for some water. The woman was a bit shocked because Jews of Jesus’ time and Samaritans were bitter religious enemies: Samaritans had a different way of interpreting the Law of Moses and it led to historic hostilities between two groups who were essentially of the same faith. Jesus’ revealing and probing discussion with her connects her experience of his love for her with God’s love for the world.



**Prayer Group:** The next gathering of our prayer group will be Monday, March 20th at 6:15 PM. If you cannot attend, you may submit prayer requests by clicking [HERE](#).



St. Patrick is Ireland's patron saint, known for spreading Christianity throughout the country as a missionary during the 5th century. Born somewhere in Britain arguably in the late 4th century A.D., the man who would come to be known as St. Patrick was captured by pirates as a child and brought to Ireland. During his enslavement, he was called to Christianity and escaped his captors after six years. He later returned to Ireland as a missionary, and in his teachings combined Irish pagan beliefs with Christian sacrament, devising the Celtic cross.

The Episcopal Church annually honors St. Patrick with the celebration of St. Patrick's Day on March 17th (which some cite as the date of his death), which falls during the Christian season of Lent. For more than 1,000 years, the Irish have observed St. Patrick's Day as a religious holiday. Traditionally, on St. Patrick's Day, families would attend church in the morning and embark on other rituals later—including eating a traditional meal of cabbage and Irish bacon. The holiday has notably expanded into the secular world as well, representing a robust international celebration of Irish culture and heritage.

## Rector Search

We will make every effort to keep all members of the congregation updated on our progress during our search for a new rector. Currently we are in the separation and planning phase. Questions about the search process may be directed to our Senior Warden Ben Paden via the church office. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org) You may also follow our updates [ONLINE](#).

**Search Prayer:** Creator God, thank you for bringing us together as a holy village. Send the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide our Search Committee as they discern rector candidates to lead us in worship and service to others. Grant our Committee clarity, wisdom and vision as they work together in the selection of our new spiritual leader.

Grace us with joy, patience, mercy, and strength to continue to bear witness to the light of Christ by serving as the heart and hands of Jesus. Open our hearts to support and care for each other during this time of transition. Likewise, prepare the heart of the priest who will answer our call for leadership. May this servant of God be responsive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### 1 – SEPARATION & PLANNING

*Pray for faith-filled endings and preparation*

- Notify the Bishop's Office
- Form Transition Team
- Say “Good Bye” well
- Call Interim/Transition Priest
- Explore Diocesan Requirement for Search
- Review Search Options, Budget & Charge
- Choose Search/Discernment Committee



## Christian Education

**Lenten Adult Forum:** What does it mean to be a disciple of our Lord? Each Sunday during Lent, in 9 AM Adult Forum, we will discover and practice one of the holy habits of discipleship: Prayer. Worship. Learning. Service. Giving. Participants will also be linked as prayer partners. Come and see how discipleship can deepen our relationships with God and each other and broaden our vision of the Kingdom of God in our midst! Questions? Contact Deacon Cathy. [cscott@hfec.org](mailto:cscott@hfec.org)



**Hero Central VBS:** Holy Family will be bringing back VBS this summer! Please prayerfully consider volunteering, contributing supplies, or giving a monetary donation. *We also need youth volunteers (rising 6th grade and older.)* We will be taking kids on an awesome adventure along side some of their favorite Bible heroes and discover the qualities that make all of us truly heroic in God's eyes. VBS Hero Central will have music, science, crafts, games, bible stories, and snacks! Help kids discover their strength in God! For more information please contact Kristine Canter or Jolene Johnston. [jjohnston@hfec.org](mailto:jjohnston@hfec.org)

## Outreach Opportunities

**Homeless Month:** – In 2015, an average of 582 homeless people lived on the streets and not in shelters or transitional housing. Want to take action to help the homeless? Here is something you can do!

**Help with meals:** [Second Helpings](#) relies on 700 regular volunteers to fight hunger in our community. Volunteers chop vegetables and cook meals in our Hunger Relief kitchen. They deliver food to recipient agencies and lend their expertise to office operations. Volunteers also share Second Helpings' story and impact in the community.



## Fellowship Gatherings



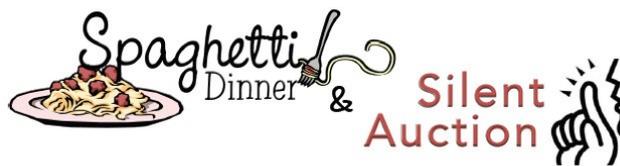
**Youth Group Dinner Meeting:** This Sunday, March 19th, all youth group students are invited to our monthly gathering. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM, and the meeting will end no later than 8 PM. Please contact Youth Director Marty Blake if you have any questions. [mblake@hfec.org](mailto:mblake@hfec.org)

**Easter Brunch:** Congregation members and guests at Holy Family are invited to participate in our annual Easter Brunch held at 9 AM between Easter Sunday services. This event is a joyous gathering filled with delicious food prepared by parishioners and shared among families. **The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex and available [online](#) if you wish to provide food or drinks for this event.**

**Game Night:** Join us on Friday, April 21st beginning at 6 PM for our monthly game night. We'll play board games and card games - fun for the whole family. Food and drinks will be provided. See you there!

**Men's Breakfast:** All men of the parish are invited to our manly men's breakfast on Saturday, April 22nd from 9 AM - Noon. Bring a friend!

**Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction:** On April 22nd, Holy Family's Youth Group will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser event. We are inviting members of the congregation to join in the fun by donating a themed basket of items (tax-deductible) valued between \$20-50 for the auction. You are also invited to make a monetary donation, and we will create a basket in your name. **Donated items are due by Palm Sunday, April 9th.** Contact Jolene Johnston for more information. [jjohnston@hfec.org](mailto:jjohnston@hfec.org)



## Other News

**Holy Week Service Roles:** We are in need of volunteers to fulfill the service roles for Holy Week. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex or on the church website [HERE](#) if you wish to serve during any of the Holy Week services. Please contact the church office with any questions. admin@hfec.org

**Hospitality Help Wanted:** Please consider signing up to host our donuts and coffee time following the 10 AM service. You may find more information about this ministry by clicking [HERE](#).

**Childcare Volunteers Needed:** We are in need of nursery and childcare volunteers during the 10 AM service. Please use [this link](#) to access the Nursery sign-up sheet and [this link](#) to help with PreK-1 childcare. Signing up to supervise children just 1-2 times per quarter will make a tremendous difference to this important ministry. Students in grades 9-12 are invited to participate as assistants. All adult volunteers are required to complete online training through the Diocese. We are happy to contact you to begin this process once you sign up to volunteer.

**COFFEE  
FELLOWSHIP**

Join us!



**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Our crafters will gather in the Narthex at 7 PM on Wednesday, April 5th.

**Easter Eggs:** Bags filled with empty Easter eggs are available in the Narthex near the welcome desk. We invite you to take home a bag of eggs and fill them with individually-wrapped candy (no loose jelly beans), stickers, temporary tattoos, erasers, or small toys. Please loosely tie the bag shut and return it to church by Palm Sunday, April 9th. We appreciate your generosity in helping continue this tradition for Holy Family's children and visitors.

## Thanks Be to God

- Father Steve for celebrating Eucharist with us - view his homily [HERE](#)
- All those who attended the Ministry Chair meeting; Ben Paden for providing lunch; Susan Luce for providing childcare
- Hillary Blake for playing piano at our Lenten Taizé service; Marty Blake, Bryan Luce, Bob Murray, Linda and Jonathan Gosser for singing in the choir

**THANK  
YOU**

*Happy  
Birthday*

Dawn Waddell March 17  
Gary Snyder March 19  
Doug Tannas March 21

*Happy Anniversary*

Oscar & Dawn Waddell March 20

### Church Budget Through End of February:

	Actual	Budgeted
Income	\$32,492	\$29,529
Expenses	\$27,935	\$31,950
Difference	\$4,557	-\$2,421

**Pledging Options:** Did you know that you can issue checks from your bank directly to Holy Family? As more and more people stop carrying checkbooks with them, this is an easy option to set up recurring payments to fulfill your pledge for the year. If you prefer, you can pay your pledge via credit card through the church website. Simply use the secure PayPal link on the [Contact Us](#) page of the website. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. admin@hfec.org