

News You Can Use

April 6, 2017

Passion Sunday: Palm Sunday

Holy Family Episcopal Church

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday 9 AM - 2 PM

The office will be closed on Monday, April 17, 2017.

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

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, April 18th.

Serving This Sunday, April 9:

Celebrant: The Rev. Steven Giovangelo
Homily: The Rev. Steven Giovangelo
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott
Music Director: Bethany Paden
Organist: Ron Iacocca
Greeter: Judi Taflinger
Ushers: Bob French, Joe Spangler
Readers: Betty Bogeman, Wade Nichols, Rachel Wilson, Jim Taflinger
Prayers: David Emerson, Jonathan Gosser
Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Scott Wilson, Joe Spangler
Acolytes: Paul Mundie, Hannah Tannas, Lexi Burke, Lauren Cahalan
Healing: Wade Nichols, Stephen Canter
LEV: Stephen Canter
Almoners: Lee Cahalan, Lauren Hendrickson
AG Sat. Set Up: Cathy French
AG Bread: Evelyn Johnson
AG Sun. Set Up: Amy Mundie
AG Clean Up: Cathy French, Greta Wilson
Hospitality: *Assistance Requested*

9 AM Sunday School:

Adult Forum: Lenten Discipleship

Godly Play: Heather Tannas

Believers/Disciples: Cheryl Burke

Youth Group: Marty Blake, Susie Beard

10 AM Nursery: Teresa Conroy-Roth

10 AM Childcare: *Assistance requested*



Sunday's readings:

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a **Psalms** 22:1-11 **Second Reading** Philippians 2:5-11 **Gospel** Matthew 27:11-54

Our Mission

Worship and Feast Days

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

Gospel Notes from Father Steve: The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem marked a high point in the earthly ministry of Jesus. Jesus made a dramatic entrance, as he made his way down the Mount of Olives into the city of David.

The crowds gathered, hailed the coming teacher, and praised God for his presence. Of course, this commotion baffled the Roman government authorities in Jerusalem. Who was this ‘country rabbi’ from a backwater area making all this commotion? What is he up to? The Romans wanted ‘law and order.’ Jesus clearly made them nervous because the crowds were hailing him as if he were some conqueror.



The gospels clearly tell us that the leadership found Jesus to be a threat; the amount of the threat was (and still is) open for debate. His trial was a hastily held “kangaroo court;” yet, he was arrested alone, as his followers fled. The mob turned against him, even after many in the blood thirsty mob greeted Jesus into the city with honors. The Lord entered the city in glory, but left it in shame.

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Maundy Thursday 7 PM
Good Friday 7 PM
Saturday Vigil 8 PM
Easter Sunday 8 & 10 AM
Easter Brunch 9 AM
Easter Egg Hunt 11:30 AM

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A graphic with a yellow flower and green leaves. The flower is in the foreground, and the leaves are in the background.

Fickle? Yes, but in truth most of the people understandably were in fear for their safety and afraid of being arrested by the Roman authorities. The gospels were not written to relate the story of a failed political figure. They were written to engender faith.

‘Hosannah to the Son of David!’ cried the crowds! The King has come! What we expect of him may delight us, but he may disappoint us. Jesus did not come to fulfill our expectations. He came to fulfill the will of the Father. In essence, that is what Holy Week is all about.

Prayer Group: The next gathering of our prayer group will be Monday, April 17th at 6:15 PM. If you cannot attend, you may submit prayer requests by clicking [HERE](#).

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 You may also follow our updates [ONLINE](#).

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



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.

Christian Education

Lenten Adult Forum: What does it mean to be a disciple of our Lord? For our final gathering in 9 AM Adult Forum this Sunday, we will discover and practice one the 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



Hero Central VBS: VBS returns to Holy Family on June 5-9, 2017. Please prayerfully consider volunteering, contributing supplies, or giving a monetary donation. *We also need youth volunteers (rising 6th grade and older.)* VBS Hero Central will have music, science, crafts, games, bible stories, and snacks! Help kids discover their strength in God! **Registration is open now: [CLICK HERE](#).** For more information please contact Kristine Canter or Jolene Johnston. jjohnston@hfec.org



Outreach Opportunities

Jail Ministry Month: This past fall, Holy Family once again supported Stephen Canter and Scott Wilson on their journey with Kairos Prison Ministry. Members of Holy Family baked chocolate chip cookies in abundance to provide Stephen and Scott with the 60 dozen cookies each of them were responsible for on the Kairos weekend in October...a part of the total of over 30,000 chocolate chip cookies brought to Pendleton Correctional Industrial Facility! Holy Family also showed very well on the "Prayer Chart" where a person is praying during every 30-minute segment of time from Thursday at 12 PM until Sunday at 5 PM. Stephen and Scott were also able to bring posters and placemats colored with pictures drawn by the children and other members of Holy Family to lift up and encourage the inmates being served that weekend. For more information please contact the men listed above or the church office. admin@hfec.org



Escape Homelessness Day: The Escape Rooms [Indy](#) and [Fishers](#) are helping to put an end to our city's homelessness, especially for the children! On Tuesday, April 18th, 100% of ticket sales from Escape Room Downtown and Fishers will go to help combat and prevent family homelessness in Indy through [Dayspring Center](#). Get a team of 6 or 12 friends or family members together. Select your themed escape room from five downtown or six in Fishers. Book your team's preferred time slot on April 18th. Your

team will get 60 minutes to find clues, solve puzzles, and discover keys and combinations to escape the locked room together. Get ready for the best interactive entertainment experience of your life!

Fellowship Gatherings

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 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. This event supports the mission work of our youth.

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



Other News

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.



Easter Eggs: We invite you to fill Easter eggs 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 **THIS SUNDAY Palm Sunday, April 9th**. We appreciate your generosity in helping continue this tradition for Holy Family's children and visitors.

Church Office closed: Please note that the Holy Family offices will be closed on Monday, April 17th.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Our crafters will gather in the Narthex at 7 PM on Wednesday, May 3rd.

Thanks Be to God

- Father Steve for celebrating Eucharist with us; view Deacon Cathy's homily [HERE](#)
- James Keith for facilitating our opening Community Garden meeting with information about this year's growing season
- Kristine Canter for volunteering to serve as Director for our Hero Central VBS in June



Elaine Pickens	April 6
Jacob Forman	April 7
Gavin Wagoner	April 10
Kristine Canter	April 11
Cole Renckly	April 12

Happy Anniversary

Chris & Anna Corbit April 13

Church Budget Through End of March:

	Actual	Budgeted
Income	\$42,914.65	\$44,043.50
Expenses	\$42,645.74	\$46,271.76
Difference	\$268.91	-\$2,228.26

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