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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Family Episcopal Church

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Our Staff:

The Rev. Cathy Scott, Deacon

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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, April 18th.

Serving This Sunday, April 2:

Celebrant: The Rev. Steven Giovangelo

Homily: The Rev. Cathy Scott
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott

Music Director: Bethany Paden Greeter: Larry Pickens

Ushers: Brad Daniells, Scott Higgins

Readers: Sandra Cline, David Emerson, Joan Head,

Jonathan Gosser

Prayers: Wade Nichols, Joel Bruns

Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Ruth Everett, Gary Snyder Acolytes: Paul Mundie, Shannon Luce, Sophia Paden,

Ethan Tannas

Healing: Wade Nichols, Barb Spangler

LEV: Nancy Thomas

Almoners: Debbie Talbert, Marty Blake

AG Sat. Set Up: Greta Wilson
AG Bread: Michelle Daniells
AG Sun. Set Up: Amy Mundie
AG Clean Up: Michelle Daniells

Hospitality: Blake

9 AM Sunday School:

Adult Forum: Lenten Discipleship Godly Play: Heather Tannas

Believers/Disciples: Bryan Luce, Jolene Johnston

Youth Group: Ben Paden, Ruth Everett

10 AM Nursery: Kate Chillemi

10 AM Childcare: Assistance requested



Sunday's readings:

First Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Second Reading Romans 8:6-11 Gospel John 11:1-45

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

<u>Holy Week Service Roles</u>: 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 <u>HERE</u> if you wish to serve during any of the Holy Week services. Please contact the church office with any questions. admin@hfec.org

<u>Stations of the Cross</u>: Stations of the Cross or the Way of the Cross, refers to a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers. Join us on Monday, April 3rd at 6:15 PM as we walk the way of the cross together.

<u>Palm Sunday 4/9</u>: To commemorate Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, we join in a procession at 8 and 10 AM with singing and the waving of palm leaves. The reading of the Passion Gospel, with members of the congregation taking the various roles, highlights this service.

<u>Maundy Thursday 4/13</u>: We remember the Last Supper with a service that includes, for those who wish to participate, the washing of each other's feet. Following the service, some members of the congregation maintain an all-night vigil, including visiting the stations of the cross.

<u>Good Friday 4/14</u>: This solemn service commemorates Christ's sacrifice for us on the cross. We are offered the opportunity to venerate the cross in silence.

Easter Vigil 4/15: This Saturday evening service is the first service of Easter. This wonderful service features the lighting of the Paschal candle and the sharing of its light among the congregation, the reading of Scripture that illuminates "God's saving deeds in history," joyous baptisms, the ringing of bells, and the proclamation that "Christ is risen."

Easter Sunday 4/16: During our regular 8 AM and 10 AM services, we affirm that "the Lord is risen indeed." This service is family-friendly; all are invited to participate. Nursery care is provided for children under the age of three.

Invite your friends and family to spend Holy Week at Holy Family.



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.

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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



<u>Search Prayer</u>: 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? Each Sunday during Lent, in 9 AM Adult Forum, 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.) 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! Registration is open now: CLICK HERE. For more information please contact Kristine Canter or Jolene Johnston. jjohnston@hfec.org



Outreach Opportunities

<u>Homeless Month</u>: In 2015, an average of 1,145 homeless adults were fleeing from domestic violence. Here is something you can do!

Make a meal and dine with the homeless: Volunteer to serve a meal and also eat with homeless the Missionaries of Charity Homeless Shelter for Women and Children on the third Saturday of the month. Ask Annette Harling or Deacon Cathy for more information. cscott@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.**

<u>Game Night</u>: 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



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Other News

<u>Hospitality Help Wanted</u>: 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 <u>HERE</u>.

<u>Childcare Volunteers Needed</u>: We are in need of nursery and childcare volunteers during the 10 AM service. Please use <u>this link</u> to access the Nursery sign-up sheet and <u>this link</u> 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.



Community Garden Kick-off Meeting: On April 1st at 10 AM there will be a Community Garden meeting held in the Narthex. All gardeners and those interested in learning more about the garden are invited to attend. If the weather cooperates the meeting will be followed by some clean-up work in the garden. Please contact James Keith with questions. holyfamilygarden@gmail.com.



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

Easter Eggs: Please 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 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**
- Youth Group mentors and parents who chaperoned last week's Lenten Lock-In: Marty Blake, Ruth Everett, Carol Bruns,
 Jolene Johnston, Bryan Luce; Ben Paden for preparing fish for our bible times dinner; Deacon Cathy for leading Evening Prayer around the campfire; Doug Tannas for connecting the youth with the ER staff at IU Saxony

Rene Quear April 1
Taylor Canter April 2
Sophia Paden April 2
Sarah Beard April 3



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

<u>Pledging Options:</u> 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 <u>Contact Us</u> page of the website. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. admin@hfec.org

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