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Easter: Resurrection Sunday

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

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 16:

See page 2 for Holy Week serving roles.



9 AM Sunday School:

There is no Sunday school on Easter. Please join us for brunch in the parish hall.

10 AM Nursery: Lauren Hendrickson, Bethany Cason 10 AM Childcare CLOSED: Children attend church with parents

Sunday's readings:

First Reading Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 114 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Gospel John 20:1-18

Our Mission

Holy Week Serving Roles

Maundy Thursday, April 13th - 7 PM

Acolyte: Assistance Requested

Reader: Greta Wilson, Betty Bogeman

Maundy Thursday Vigil:

April 13th 8 PM - April 14, 2017 8 AM

8 PM: Cathy Scott 9 PM: Cheryl Burke 10 PM: Betty Bogeman 11 PM: Bob French Joe Spangler 12 AM: Fred Stahly 1 - 3 AM: 4 - 5 AM: David Emerson Charles Forman 6 AM: Scott Wilson 7 AM:

Good Friday, April 14th - 7 PM

Acolytes: Bryan Luce, Charlie Barker, Sophia Paden,

Matthew Johnston

Ushers: Joe Spangler, Andy Barker Readers: Jonathan Gosser, Bob Murray

Passion: Wade Nichols, Betty Bogeman, Cathy Scott,

Lauren Hendrickson, Lauren Wilson, Bryan Luce,

Bethany Paden

Prayers: Jonathan Gosser

Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Chris Beldin

Easter Vigil, April 15th - 8 PM

Acolytes: Bryan Luce, Thomas Canter, Assistance Requested

Ushers: Brad Daniells, Stephen Canter Readers: Betty Bogeman, Jonathan Gosser,

Bob Murray, Teresa Conroy-Roth, Joan Head

Chalice: Jim Taflinger, Nancy Thomas

Fire Crafter: Joe Spangler

Easter Sunday, April 16th - 8 and 10 AM

Celebrant: The Rev. Steven Giovangelo
Homily: The Rev. Steven Giovangelo
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott
Music Director: Bethany Paden
Organist: Ron Iacocca
Greeter: Gary Snyder

Ushers: Larry Pickens, Troy Everett

Readers: Jeff Merryman, David Emerson, Chris Brown,

Jonathan Gosser

Prayers: Wade Nichols, Barb Spangler

Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Debbie Talbert, Joan Head Acolytes: Joe Spangler, Ian Johnston, Jenny Luce,

Mikaila Blake

Thurifer: Joe Spangler

Healing: Wade Nichols, Ruth Everett

LEV: Ruth Everett

Almoners: Lauren Hendrickson, Marty Blake AG Sat. Set Up: Completed After Vigil

AG Bread: Holly Forman AG Sun. Set Up: All available

AG Clean Up: Jenny Barker, Cathy French

Hospitality: Easter Brunch at 9 AM, Join us for the

Easter Egg Hunt after the 10 AM service

Holy Family Episcopal Church
11445 Fishers Pointe Blvd. Fishers, IN
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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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 church website <u>HERE</u> if you are able 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: Alleluia, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia! It may have pretty good competition from Christmas, but there is no question that Easter, and what we celebrate today, the resurrection, is the central tenet of Christian faith. This is a day of joy and celebration and victory.

Early Sunday morning, the Gospels tell us, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene walked to the tomb where Jesus had been laid. His family was too poor so a wealthy sympathizer of Jesus, a man named Joseph uses his authority to get the body of Jesus taken down from the cross and reverently prepared for the Jewish burial rites; but it was the Sabbath and Jews were forbidden from touching a dead body. And so it was, the Gospels tell us, that early on Sunday morning (and therefore after the Jewish sabbath) one of his most devoted followers, Mary Magdalene, sorrowing, goes to the tomb; there she saw the stone that covered the tomb was removed. She is stunned, shocked horrified. She thinks the body may have been stolen by his enemies. All she sees is a white burial cloth on the slab of stone where the body had been placed.

It is not until Jesus says her name, "Mary" that her eyes are opened and she recognizes who Jesus is. Mary and the women in the resurrection account become the first bearers of the Good News: "The Lord is risen!" Mary says,

"I have seen the Lord!"

This resurrection scene from John's gospel emphasized the empty tomb as a cause for faith, not the appearance of Jesus. And so it is for us, a story of faith. He is risen even as he said, Alleluia! A very blessed Easter to all.

<u>Prayer Group</u>: 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 <u>HERE</u>.

The Bishop is Coming! On Sunday, May 21st, our new Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows will visit Holy Family for the first time. On that day she will lead our Sunday school hour at 9 AM for those in second grade and older. A special hospitality hour will follow the 10 AM service. All are invited to attend.



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
 Governoon Above Transition
- Say "Good Bye" well
- Call Interim/Transition Priest
- Explore Diocesan Requirement for Search
- Review Search Options, Budget & Charge
- · Choose Search/Discernment Committee

o inspire and guide

<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

Sunday School: There is no 9 AM Sunday school on Easter, April 16th. Please join us for Easter brunch in the parish hall.

Hero Central VBS: VBS returns to Holy Family on June 5-9, 2017. Please prayerfully consider volunteer-



ing, 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

<u>Jail Ministry Month</u>: Jehoshua House Ministries provides a condensed version of Alpha (basic course in Christianity) by presenting 12 Bible Studies on six Monday nights to men and women in the Hamilton County Jail five times per year.

While we have seven men from Holy Family that have participated in Jail Ministry by teaching Alpha Classes at the Hamilton County Jail we are hoping we can increase that number. Female volunteers are welcome to help teach Alpha Classes at the Hamilton County Jail too. We have learned that many of the men we encounter behind bars aren't that different from us.



Sometimes when I get home from Jail Ministry I am so filled with the Holy Spirit it takes me several hours to be able to relax and fall asleep. God is Great! All the Time! The Alpha volunteers come from many different churches and backgrounds and when we volunteer for Alpha we stand on the Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) and leave all of our other differences behind. For more information please contact the men listed above or the church office. admin@hfec.org

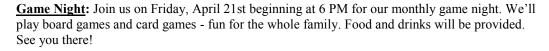


Escape Homelessness Day: The Escape Rooms Indy and Fishers are helping to put an end to our city's homelessness, especially for the children! On Tuesday, April 18th, 100% of ticket sales from Escape Room Downtown and Fishers will go to help combat and prevent family homelessness in Indy through Dayspring 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

<u>Easter Brunch:</u> 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 <u>online</u> if you wish to provide food or drinks for this event.





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: The Youth Group will host a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday April 22, 2017 from 5:00-8:30 PM. Tickets are on sale now! The cost is \$20 per family, \$5 per adult, or \$3 per child under 10. Proceeds will support Youth Group social and service activities as well as the Mission Trip in July. Please see Ruth Everett or Jolene Johnston for information. jjohnston@hfec.org 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.



Easter Egg Hunt: All children in fourth grade and younger are welcome to participate in our egg hunt following the 10 AM service on Easter Sunday. Please bring a basket or bag to collect eggs. Following the egg hunt, please empty candy and treats into your personal basket, snap the plastic eggs halves together, and return the empty eggs to the collection basket. This year we have a coloring sheet and a certificate for a free kid's meal for each child—be sure to pick up one for your child!

<u>Church Office closed</u>: 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 his homily **HERE**
- Michelle Daniells, Ruth Everett, and Cathy French for deep-cleaning the sanctuary for Holy Week



Scott Cripe April 13
Dave Chapman April 15
Fiona Waddell April 18
Richard Quear April 19

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

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