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Holy Week and Easter



By The Rev. David Bateman

and Christmas are the busimonth.

But when it comes to just our life in the church, it is Holy Week and Easter that Good Friday is the most are truly our busiest — and richest — times of the year. the church year and causes We have an entire week full us to take our time to stop ity culminating in the largest nary reality of Jesus' cruciand most central of all Christian celebrations.

Holy Week begins in very dramatic fashion with Palm Sunday. We start with a big congregational procession followed later by a full and powerfully moving reading of the Passion story. We experience a great shift in mood during this service, and leave on a somber note.

After a few days we resume again on Wednesday with uses material from older occur. monastic services to set a certain tone but then ends on You are of course welcome a note of surprise.

Then comes the so-called Triduum — or Great Three During the month of Decem- Days — which form the ber, we often speak at climax of the week. Maundy church as though Advent Thursday both tells and enacts the moving story of the est times of our year. And Last Supper of Jesus with they probably are when we his disciples. It takes us into factor in all the other non- the heart of the very first church busy-ness of that eucharist and begins the rapidly cascading events of Jesus' last few days in Jerusalem.

> solemn commemoration of fixion and all that it means. compassion for the entire way nothing else can match. world.

> Finally we arrive at the celebration of the Resurrection itself, which we mark with great joy both on Saturday evening at the Great Vigil of Easter and again on Sunday morning. This year we are Note: Calendar of Services privileged to have a baptism is on Page 7

> the unique evening service at 10:15 on Easter Day, of Tenebrae. This service of which is the original day on literally increasing darkness which all baptisms used to

to simply do as many Christians do and come merely on Palm Sunday and then a week later on Easter. That will give you the bare minimum you need to join in with everyone in this most important season. But I encourage you, if you are able, to set aside a little extra time and especially also to come to services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. They are spiritually enriching occasions which connect Palm Sunday with Easter and add important depth to our understanding of our faith. What happens to Jesus of increasingly intense activ- and consider the extraordi- right before and after his death is at the heart of all Christian belief, and mark-It does so in a profound way ing these moments as we do and invites us to see the Pas- allows us to appreciate and sion of Jesus as an act of enter into their meaning in a

Join us!

David +

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- Staff and Vestry Members are listed on the back cover of the Scepter

Our Bishop "Out of the Box"



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Help us Conserve



Each month the little blurb below appears in the Scepter, but it seems we need a reminder to turn off lights and to lower the thermostat back to where it was (if turned up) and to make sure the doors are locked when you are the last to leave the church. Several vestry members complained that the door is sometimes not properly locked. With our high utility bills, we are trying to be sure the lights are off and the heat isn't blasting through an empty building.



If you're the last person to leave the building following Sunday services or an event, please take the time to make sure all the lights are turned off (including the rest rooms) the thermostat is reset and the doors are locked.

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By Meredith Aul Westgate Senior Warden

VESTRY



Dear friends,

Your vestry is hard at work! New and "old" members met over lunch on March 10 to become better acquainted. After sharing a meal, we dove headlong into our 14 item agenda.

Matthew Sternberg and Dottie Gschwend presented the final version of the Parish Survey. Vestry was asked to review and complete the survey by March 15 to insure there are no "glitches." The survey, which will provide the basis for discussion as we move forward in our search for a new rector, should be in the hands of parishioners soon.

Susan Landin was elected Junior Warden by acclimation.

In an effort to improve communication,

we re-established vestry liaisons to committees (See page 9) for a list.

To help minimize wasteful use of energy and to reduce our expenses, we are looking into programmable thermostats.

With Michelle's help, a list has been compiled of church members who have been unable to attend due to health or other issues. I have written "we miss you" notes to these parishioners. David has already visited some of these folks as have Lay Eucharistic Ministers. I've asked him to visit all our shut-ins as his schedule permits.

Michelle divided up the entire list of parishioners in the directory and each vestry member made 8-10 stewardship calls to encourage those who have not pledged to do so and to thank those who did. If you were missed and have not pledged, it is never too late to help meet our budget; if you gave and were not thanked, your commitment and contribution are appreciated.

We held our first Community Fellowship Dinner on March 20. (See page 13).

On March 31, Susan, wearing her "Stewardship hat," spoke at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services about the importance of stewardship and our financial status. Vestry hosted coffee hours and was available to answer questions. Concerns have been raised about Fair Share with our almost \$40,000 deficit. We believe It is important to honor

our commitment to the Diocese. To be financially viable, our parish home truly needs your financial commitment and good fundraising ideas. At the suggestion of Ellen Milligan, we are looking into forming an Endowment Committee, not to ease our current financial shortcomings, but to help us prepare for the future.

We are striving to insure that all volunteers who interface with youth are trained in the required Safeguarding God's Children and have completed state and federal safety regulations. This class is designed to help us to interpret and understand how to create a safer church. Each participant then extends that awareness into their community where, according to statistics put out by the Episcopal Church, 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys report sexual abuse.

Looking ahead, we will be holding our 2nd annual "Sweaty Sunday" Workday on May 5. Bill Swiernik has assessed needs and has planned several projects to help maintain and beautify our church and grounds.

Please continue to keep Father Bateman, Michelle, Vestry, and the Search Committee in your prayers.

Our next vestry meeting will be on April 11th at 7 p.m. Please contact Father Bateman or any vestry member with questions or concerns.

Military News

Please keep in your prayers those close to us who are serving in the military.

- **★**Dustin Burleson
- **★**Justin Carnahan
- ★Brandon Fox
- ★Gordon Frankenfield
- **★**Matt Fuhrman
- ★Adam and Christina Grim
- **★**Jack Hawk
- **★**Benjamin Jenkins
- **★**Drew Johnson
- **★** Anthony Koser
- ★Alex Kube
- **★**John Lewis

- ★Richard Mutari
- **★**David Peck
- ★Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer
- ★Rev. David J. Sparks
- **★**Mike Spurr
- **★**David Sternberg
- **★**Clayton Tennies
- **★**Allison Tomich
- **★**Evan Westgate
- ★Seamas Whitesel
- ★1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel



By Matthew Sternberg



Discernment COMMITTEE

The Discernment The Committee is pleased to announce that the Parish Survey is now available. All parishioners 16 years of age and over are encouraged to fill it out and make your thoughts known. The survey should be taken online at the following

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ DŽKYY66

There are four parts to it: Demographics; About our Worship and Parish Life; Social Outreach and Connections with the Wider Community; and Attributes in a New Priest. There are 65 questions and it will take 15-20 minutes to complete. The survey will be open for responses for three weeks, Thursday, March 28 through Now in the New World, in our Thursday, April 18. Those who prefer not parish named after St Edward, to use the computer may pick up paper infuse us with your Holy Spircopies of the survey in the office or in the it. Lead us as we discern the parish hall on the table by the mail slots. way as a search committee Completed paper surveys should be put in gathered in your name, on bethe Sternberg's mail slot. Be sure not to half of our faith community. put your name on it, as the survey is sup- Make us faithful and effective posed to be anonymous.

If you have questions, please contact any member of the Discernment Committee and we will be happy to help.

Dottie Gschwend, co-chair

Matthew Sternberg, co-chair

Seth Hake

Susan Landin

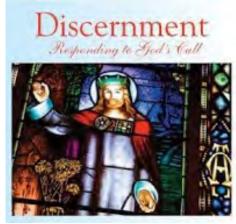
Beth Lynch

Bill Swiernik

Peter Weber



St. Edward's Search **Committee Prayer**



God, Dear through Jesus Christ you brought the Holy Spirit to the glorious Apostles. We, descendants in Faith, inherit the work that they started in Jerusalem. We also build upon what St Edward the Confessor achieved these thousand years ago.

stewards of this opportunity to grow the Church.

In great gladness we pray. Amen.

> 'We are Easter people living in a Good Friday world." -Barbara Johnson



Many thanks to the following parishioners who help host, clean up and supply the delicious goodies for our Sunday Coffee Hours. A great time to gather with one another, please join us!

The Newsome Family Dottie Gschwend Joe and Donna Holwager The Milligan Family Carl and Carol Cotnoir Roger and Ginny Kloepping Mark and Barbara Jakiel Stephen and Catherine Donohue Jerry and Julie Hoff The vestry Larry and Bev Hess

Richard and Gail Irons

R.B. Mullineaux



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Rachel Smith performing in the Spring Dance Event at Florida Southern College in Mid March.



Congratulations to Faith Ishler, who placed 17th in the soft shoe round and 28th OVERALL in Ladies 21-23 at the All Ireland's! in February.

DAYS OF

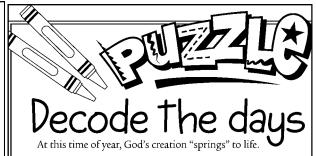
Play this game to remember when God made each of his masterpieces.



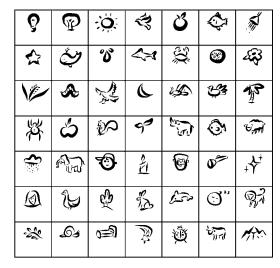
- Rulers
- Pencils
- · Markers or crayons
- Dice
- Bibles (open to Genesis 1:1-2:3 for reference)

What you do:

- 1. To make game boards, draw a grid with four rows and seven columns, totaling 28 squares.
- 2. Across the top row, write DAY 1 in the first square and continue through DAY 7.
- 3. Take turns rolling one die, or all players can roll at once. For the number rolled, draw something God created on that day (in the correct column).
- 4. When you fill an entire row, draw a smiley face in the DAY 7 square. The first player with two smileys wins.



Directions: After reading Genesis 1:1-2:3, write the correct Creation day number under each picture. Then add up each day's total and write it on the correct blank below.



Day 2 (waters) _ Day 3 (land and plants) Day 4 (heavenly bodies) Day 5 (birds and water animals) _____ Day 6 (land animals and people) Day 7 (God rested)

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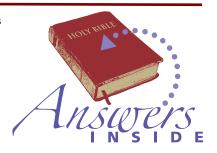


Bible Quiz

After Jesus raises Lazarus from death, what does his family do to thank Jesus?

- A. They host a dinner for him.
- B. Martha serves the meal.
- C. Mary anoints Jesus' feet with an extravagant amount of expensive perfume.
- D. All of the above.

Answer: D (See John 12:1-3.)



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The Dogwood Tree

from "Sower's Seeds Aplenty: Fourth Planting," # 29, p. 22



"At the time of the crucifixion, the dogwood had reached the size of the mighty oak tree. So strong and firm was the wood that it was chosen as the timber for Jesus' cross.

To be used for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the dogwood. While nailed upon it, Jesus sensed this, and in his compassion said. "Because of your pity for my suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used for a cross. Henceforth, it shall be slender, bent, and twisted, and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross—two long and two short petals.

"In the center of the outer edge of each petal will be the print of nails. In the center of the flower, stained with blood, will be a crown of thorns so that all who see it will remember."



Sweaty Sunday

By Meredith Westgate



"Sweaty Sunday"

Work Day and Cinco de Mayo Party!

Sunday, May 5 after the 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services

Wear your sweats or jeans to church and stay awhile to help with some spring clean-up outdoors and indoors.

We will be: raking, filling a pothole, weeding, trimming painting, window-washing and whatever else needs done to spruce up our parish and beautify our grounds.

It won't seem like work when we share the load together and celebrate our revitalized church and grounds with a Cinco de Mayo Party.

Sign up to work and bring a food item to share in the multi-purpose room.



St. Edward's Facebook Page

Did you know that St. Edward's has a Facebook page? Well we do! And we are always looking for photos and information about the community of St. Ed-From Praise Band to Choir, ward's. ALERT meetings to coffee hours, Sunday and Wednesday services, events we host or community outreach we engage in at St. Edward's are great ways to let the wider community know who we are. So, let's spread the good word! If you have a photo and information you would like posted, please submit to the parish office and it will be reviewed promptly by the rector and will be posted.



Thank You –College Care Package

Dear St. Edward's,

I received a package today with a bunch of goodies for the semester. Thank you so much for thinking of me and sending me a package. I truly appreciate it.

Thanks again,

Rachael Smith



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Holy Week Services



Hippity Hoppity. Join us for the St. Edward's Annual Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:15 service on Easter Sunday, April 21st.

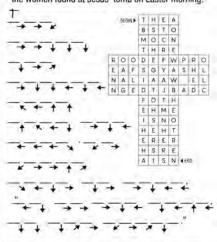
Bring your Easter basket and get ready for some fun in finding all the hidden Easter Egg treats!

We look forward to a big turnout!



Puzzje!

Follow the arrows and fill in the blanks to discover what the women found at Jesus' tomb on Easter morning.



Answer: The stone was rolled away from the door. An angel said to them, "He is not here; he has risen!" (See Luke 24:1-8.) PALM SUNDAY - April 14th

8:00 AM 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II

WEDNESDAY - April 17th

Noon

Holy Eucharist Rite II

(said) & Sacrament of Healing

7:00 PM Tenebrae Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 18th

7:00 PM

Holy Eucharist Rite II

& Sacrament of Foot Washing

GOOD FRIDAY - April 19th

Noon

Good Friday Liturgy

With Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

6:15 PM 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Good Friday Liturgy

With Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

HOLY SATURDAY - April 20th

7:30 PM

The Great Vigil of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY - April 21st

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:15 AM

Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II





In Loving Memory of Geri Ocampo







It is with great sadness that we relay that longtime St. Edward's parishioner, Jeri Ocampo, passed away Wednesday March 6th. A funeral Mass was held at St. Edward's on March 11th.

Great Litany Procession Sunday March 10th

Pictures by Mary Snyder

Piper Brugmann (front) and Dina Ishler process through the sanctuary.





The choir participates in the procession.

Father Bateman, Dina Ishler, the choir and servers process to the altar.



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Movie Review: Apollo 11

By Glen Bentley



Director Damien Chazelle's Neil Armstrong biopic *First Man* arrived last fall as an Oscar contender, but its hopes slowly deflated throughout the next few months.



Some of the criticisms of that film were fair—that *First Man* was dramatically inert and visually unimpressive for as long as it was earthbound—while others were not, starting with the ludicrous controversy about the lack of a shot of the flag being planted on the moon.

Now, several weeks after *First Man* won a single Oscar for Best Visual Effects, there's another film about the same events that's superior. And not only because it left in the shot of the flag-planting.

Apollo 11 is a documentary, directed by Todd Douglas Miller, consisting entirely of previously unseen 70 mm archival footage, shot on earth and in space, over the course of the entire Apollo 11 mission, and married with audio that sometimes came from a completely different source. There's no voiceover or modern-day per-

spective, just the footage on its own, although there's some television and radio news footage sprinkled in as well.

While First Man raised questions of what there was for a film to say about the history of the American space program that wasn't already covered in The Right Stuff, From The Earth To The Moon,

and Apollo 13, the new documentary gives us something vibrant and new. And that's because much of the footage had been sitting untouched at NASA and in the National Archives, and Miller and his team recreated it into a seamless narration.

Miller's documentary puts across the massive scale of the mission, especially the hundreds of people who worked different jobs for NASA. We see their nervousness in each step of the mission, and their exhalation when the feats are ultimately pulled off

We don't get to know Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin much, but there are fun character moments, like audio of one NASA engineer asking another if he heard about Ted Kennedy having driven off a bridge, an event that took place while the astronauts were on the way to the moon.

We also get the sense of how much excitement there was for the mission among the general public, as huge crowds gather to see off the Apollo astronauts, to welcome them back, and to watch different parts of the mission. It also leaves out that strange interlude in the Chazelle film in which it remembered for about two minutes that there was a counterculture in 1969.

Even if you're not a NASA buff, there's still legitimate suspense, and it's thrilling.

Apollo 11, which premiered at Sundance in January, is coming out on IMAX screens and in standard theaters, with an arrival in museums down the road. And as with the last documentary that got a codistribution deal with Neon Pictures and CNN, expect to see this one on TV later this year as well, in conjunction with the mission's 50th anniversary.

It's a great journey to explore. Especially for our youngest generation who may not be aware of this great achievement.



Vestry Liaisons

By Meredith Westgate

With the aim of improving communication, we have re-established vestry liaisons to all the existing committees. Each liaison will be in touch with committee chairpersons prior to each vestry meeting to learn what the committee is doing or planning and to ask if any support is needed. Please don't hesitate to contact your vestry liaison if you have news to share, needs, or questions.

Liaisons and committees are as follows:

Acolytes - Bill Swiernik

Adult Fellowship - Julie Hoff

Altar Guild - Julie Hoff

Christian Formation – Dina Ishler

Coffee Hour – Julie Hoff

Finance - Mark Jakiel

Fundraising – Mark Jakiel; Susan Landin

Knit Wits - Susan Landin

Krist Kindling - Meredith Westgate

LEM - Mark Jakiel

Memorial Garden - Herb Johnston

Men's Group – not currently active

Praise Band – Meredith Westgate

Nursery - Ellen Milligan

Pastoral Care – Bill Swiernik

Property - Mike Freshwater

Readers - Dina Ishler

Scepter - Meredith Westgate

Social Outreach - Ellen Milligan

Stewardship – Susan Landin

Ushers - Herb Johnston

UTO – Ellen Milligan

Welcoming - Herb Johnston



By Beth Lynch

Soles 4 Souls



The collection of Shoes (over 400 pairs) will be delivered to St. John's by Good Friday. We will continue to collect and box until Palm Sunday. Thank you for you generosity.





Bruce Lynch and Kevin Milligan with the collected shoes. The first delivery of shoes to St. John's for Soles4Souls. 26 boxes and 210 shoes packed and ready for transfer.

Hempfield Food Pantry



The Hempfield Food Pantry services many families in the Landisville area. St. Edward's typically delivers our donation to the pantry the week following the 4th Sunday of the month. The pantry is requesting the following

items for April: Canned corn

Canned spinach

Canned beets

Canned pears

Canned applesauce

Chicken Noodle soup

Chunky peanut butter

Boxed pasta

Beef broth

Chicken broth

Cereal

Oatmeal





Sunday School students presented the items for Fr. Bateman's blessing of the collected food.



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Being Made New- a Reflection for Spring

By Dina Ishler

"Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth, shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

-Isaiah 43:19

I enjoyed a walk around my yard on an unusually warm and beautiful mid- March day. My perennials are all in need of attention before the spring growing season begins in earnest; the old, dead growth from last year is still there, clogging the plants with thick leaves and dry stalks. What has sheltered the plant through the winter just past is no longer needed. I will work diligently but gently as I remove all the old growth without harming any of the new life preparing to spring forth. As bare and ugly as the plants and grasses are now, it is hard to imagine how beautiful they will be during the upcoming spring and summer seasons, yet we know that it will be so.



As children of God, our lives often resemble my plants. There are seasons where we may feel dead, dry, and stagnant, as if we aren't growing at all. We may even appear this way to others at times as we struggle with tough situations or issues in our lives and allow our old



growth to protect us. But like a perennial that grows into beauty season after season, we too have the ability to rid ourselves of the dead and useless stuff and allow ourselves to be transformed through God and in God. Just as the plant needs a careful gardener to help it remove the old growth to make room for the new, we need our heavenly Gardener- God in Christ and with His Holy Spirit- to lovingly prune us and rid us of things we don't need anymore. Of course, we are not plants, but human beings made in His image, so sometimes this process is painful and hard. Through prayer and holy listening, worship and service in community, and cultivating patience we can seek His will and become a beautiful new creation, just as my plants will grow into beauty again. Even when we cannot yet see the growth or the growing feels overwhelming, we know that we will grow and become new again, because we have experienced His faithfulness and know His promises are true and everlasting. Amen.

(Note: we will hear this verse soon on April 7, the Fifth Sunday in Lent, as part of our Old Testament reading.)

When you're in a dark place, you sometimes tend to think you've been buried.

Perhaps you've been planted.

Bloom.



Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter. Due date for May will be:

April 20th.

Send articles and announcements to: hj miller@outlook.com



This reflection is by the Rev. Nathan Empsall and is also available on the ECN website: https://episcopalclimatenews.com/2019/03/06/ash-wednesday-stardust/

Today on Ash Wednesday, we are told, sic that's on in the background. All energy connected and related to everything else --"Remember that you are dust, and to dust and all matter comes from stardust. Ameri- to other humans, to animals, to plants, to

you shall return.

At first glance, this is a humbling statement, an appropriate way to begin Lent, the season of penitence. The threats and damage of climate change remind those of us who live Western lifestyles that we certainly have a great deal to repent for.

But there is so much more to this statement than sin and repentance. There is beauty, interconnection, and dare we say even hope.

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

We aren't just any old dust: We are the very oldest dust. We are from stardust, the very same stardust as all God's other creations. God created the universe as hydrogen atoms, which flared forth from one dense moment. Over time, those atoms coalesced into gas and dust, which can form interstellar nebulae. The energy of those nebulae serve as the

ing with stars and planets, but also includ- our ancestors. ing you, me, the laptop I'm writing this on, even our thoughts themselves and the mu- are dust. That means that we are deeply

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Remember that you are stardust.

furnaces that forged everything else - start- can Indians had it right: The stars really are

the snack you're eating as you read, and So we, like everything else in existence,

rocks, to water, to earth systems, to the cosmos itself. We are also the one known part of creation that God chose to give a conscience, a special capacity to reflect, which means that we have a special duty to care for the rest of creation during our time among it.

We come from dust, and it is also to the earth's dust that we shall return. That means that God's earth was here before us, and it will be here after us. We don't get to pretend it belongs to us, or that it is here for us to destroy and use up. But we do get to explore it. We get to enjoy it. And we are called to protect it from ourselves. When we fail in that duty, we are called once more, to repent and to try again

So today, remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. And as you remember, rejoice, and act.







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Community Fellowship Dinner

Pictures By Meredith Westgate

Success! Our first monthly Community Fellowship Dinner, held on March 20, was attended by

27 people with a very nice mix of attendees of both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 services. An array of delicious entrees, salads, and desserts filled two long tables and everyone enjoyed the fellowship. Several people commented that it was nice to meet or catch up with others they don't ordinarily see. Our April dinner will be at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, the 10th. Please plan to join us.

We know that for some people it is difficult to get out on a weekday evening at 6:00. If you have interest in a Saturday evening dinner at 5:30 or 6:00, please call or email Amy Swiernik or Meredith Westgate.



Dick Irons and Randy Westgate



Michelle Bentley and Julie Hoff



Jerry Hoff



Susan and John Landin



Donna Holwager and Gail Irons



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Great Food

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Patrick Ishler, Choir Director

Karen E. Waddill, Organist Elizabeth Yeager, Nursery

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Monday-Friday: 10 AM – 4:30PM

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Vestry (year term ends)

- Michael Freshwater (2021)
- **†** Julie Hoff (2022)
- **†** Dina Ishler (2020)
- **†** Mark Jakiel (2021)
- Herb Johnston(2021)
- Susan Landin (2020) Secretary
- † Ellen Milligan (2022)
- Bill Swiernik (2020)
- Meredith Westgate(2020) Sr. Warden

Worship Services

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (said)

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Contemporary Service (2nd Sunday, Sept – May).

Wednesday

12:00 Noon - Holy Eucharist with healing