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ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer



“The Holy Spirit, like a flame in our midst, shines in the Resurrection light of our ongoing Eastertide celebration. We’ve lit a flame that simply can’t be put out.”

If I’m being completely honest...I think that I may have limped across the finish line by the time my ninth celebration of the Holy Eucharist in five days ended around noon on Easter Sunday. But looking around our beautifully decorated sanctuary when all was said and done, I stood silent and still for a while, resting with a palpable feeling of spiritual warmth for our wonderful community, recognizing that the Spirit of our living God had carried us every step of the way through our profoundly meaningful and reverent Holy Week experience together. In the quiet aftermath of it all, I gave

thanks for a great many things: for the inspiration to craft an Easter sermon that felt right to me, for the poignant and powerful preaching of Wanda and Bob over the weekend, for the feet that were washed on Maundy Thursday, the tears that were shed on Good Friday, and for the dignified liturgical observance of our Easter Vigil service. From our altar guild to our Eucharistic ministers, our administrator to our thurifer, we embraced the arc of a shared experience in a manner that placed God in Christ at the center of our hearts and minds. We held space for encounters with Jesus, for

those who came to our Holy Week services, and for those who watched them online. What a beautiful and a blessed thing!

I found myself deeply inspired by our Holy Week observances and allowed myself to lean further into my own sense of worship and vocation, into my personal experience of God in Christ. And so it was, that I left for a vacation after Easter with a strong sense of connection to our shared mission and vision here at St. Edward’s, feeling called to spend my time away in some of the holy places that continue to call pilgrims, the world over, to marvel at the inspirational power of our Christian faith to manifest brilliant works of art and architecture. Traveling to Rome, I booked a hotel room in view of Vatican City and the dome of St. Peter’s Basilica. And there, I knelt in prayer before the ashes of St. Peter, revisited the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo’s Pieta, posed for a picture in front of my favorite painting by Vincent Van Gogh, and wandered the rooms of the Vatican Museum covered in the incomparably brilliant frescos of Raphael. In Rome, I explored the depths of my own walk with the Cross and the Resurrection and found pro-

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Reflection

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found beauty and power in even unexpected places.

For the first time, I visited the Capuchin Museum and its famed crypt where the exhumed remains of 4,000 friars are on display, blending the beautiful and the macabre in an awe-inspiring juxtaposition. From skeletal remains fashioned into chandeliers to mummified bodies standing like mannequins in still-life, the Capuchin Crypt introduced me to the monks' own, Ash Wednesday-like mantra: "what you are now we used to be; what we are now you will be...". The place humbled me to my core; and in the hopes of always recalling the experience, I came home with a small print of a hidden Capuchin treasure: Caravaggio's painting of St. Francis with a skull. It now hangs on the wall in our Rector's Study.

While I had been to Rome before as a young man, I then decided to visit a place on my "bucket list" that I hadn't been to yet...Athens! But what I couldn't have imagined, is that I was about to have one of the most profound religious experiences of my life there. Something incredibly obvious to a person in my line of work hadn't occurred to me, in that our Eastern Orthodox sisters and brothers still use the Julian calendar to determine the date of Easter, placing me in the heart of Greece on Good Friday. Furthermore, I hadn't realized that the hotel I had booked was, quite literally, next door to the very seat of the Archbishopric of Athens and all of Greece, the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Annunciation. Thus, despite my lack of awareness, I was placed in the center of the Eastern church's observance of the most solemn day of the year. Despite myself, the Holy Spirit seemed to be guiding my itinerary.

As thousands upon thousands of Greeks descended upon the area, gathering outside of the cathedral where the head of the nation's church leads worship, I proceeded to the doors of the sanctuary and was welcomed to stand in the back for the Good Friday liturgy. After being censed and blessed with holy water and rose petals by the archbishop of the nation, I became entranced by two hours of chanting and prayer beside an ornate canopy of flowers. This structure called the Easter Epitaph, representing the symbolic funeral bier of Jesus Christ, and it's Orthodox custom to process through the city streets behind the canopy as a liturgical participation in the actual funeral of Jesus every year. With the city's streets closed off, I walked along with the people of Athens behind the giant Epitaph to the city square, where gathered with heads of state and military generals, our Lord was laid to rest with the full gravitas and ceremony of a beloved king's funeral. At that moment, it was the most beautiful liturgy that I had ever been a part of.

In the aftermath of this incredible experience, I spent the next day doing research while climbing the Acropolis and pausing atop the ancient Areopagus where Paul spoke to the people of Athens. I learned that a special celebration was about to take place after sundown outside of a small church not too far away from the historic center of the city. Every year, when the Holy Fire is lit during the Easter Vigil inside of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, the head of the Orthodox Church transports a lantern illuminated from the new fire to Athens by airplane to be spread throughout the city and lit in the great Cathedral. In a ritual dating back more than 1200 years, the Holy Fire comes to the city under guard of police escort and secret service where it then lights the city, candle by candle, from person to person. I

couldn't have imagined that I would find the exact spot where the lantern was brought, but the Spirit led me to the time and space that allowed me to participate in the unveiling of the Holy Fire, where I was then able to light candles for the people of Athens from my own, spreading the same flame that began inside the tomb of our Lord in Jerusalem just hours before. For the second time in two days, it was the most impactful liturgy that I had ever been a part of.

I kept my candle lit as I made my way back to the hotel from the procession that night, watching the flame as it flickered in my room against the window facing the Cathedral. Knowing that I would have to blow out the flame before falling asleep, I felt like I was doing something wrong...as if it was a "sin" of the highest order to willfully extinguish this bit of light from the Holy Fire. But then it dawned on me: that every candle lit from my own, that every flame burning throughout the streets Athens, assured that the Holy Fire would continue to give light to the world. And somehow, that summed up everything for me. The Holy Spirit, like a flame in our midst, shines in the Resurrection light of our ongoing Eastertide celebration. We've lit a flame that simply can't be put out. And so, I feel like I'm coming home with a bit more fire in my belly, with a deeper appreciation for the breadth of the Christian experience and our shared histories. In *Eucharisto: Vita bella*...Life is beautiful....

Rick+

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Parish Office Hours

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Tuesday- Friday:
11:00 – 4:00PM

Parish Administrator
Michelle Bentley

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Production Staff:

H. J. "Mac" Miller
Mary Snyder



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.

Vestry

By Randy Westgate Sr. Warden



Your new Vestry met on April 23rd with our new members, Blair Lord, Jay Miller, and Bob Mosebach on board for the first time. I will be continuing to be your Senior Warden for the next year, and Mary Snyder has been selected to serve as Junior Warden for another term as well.

Father Rick reported his excitement with the position of our parish at this point, with growth noted in attendance, inspiration, and programs, specifically the men's and women's spirituality groups and our study groups including the Wednesday evening Bible study, the Friday Lunch and Learn, and the monthly discussion group viewing episodes of The Chosen.

He was pleased with the service offerings during Holy Week and Easter, and enthusi-

astic about our new addition of the Easter Vigil service. He experienced the Easter Vigil of the orthodox church on his post-Easter trip to Italy and Greece, and is inspired to expand that service next year at St. Edward's. In his words, the Saturday evening Easter Vigil "links us to the ancient," the earliest Christian celebrations of Easter.

He spoke to us about our own Easter miracle, the rehabilitation of our property along Swarr Run, now a beautiful place for respite and reflection on the banks of the beautiful stream. Our thanks to all who helped with the project, including our landscaping crew, and to those who supported the work financially.

Rick is hoping, perhaps this fall, to kick off a campaign to officially launch an Endowment and Legacy Fund for our church. Such a fund would provide for the financial health of St. Edward's for years to come, enabling new generations to experience the blessings we now enjoy in this special place.

We reviewed the latest finance reports and are pleased to report that we are on schedule, very close to the financial projections for 2023.

Our parish administrator, Michelle, is busy as always, and reported progress on the replacement of the front entrance doors, a new hearing assistance system for the sanctuary, updating the battery for our AED (the defibrillator in the box on the wall beside the mailboxes in the parish hall) and improvements to the windows in the parish hall. There are many additional needs for upkeep and improvements of the building and campus on the horizon: stripping and waxing the parish hall floors, repaving the parking lot, painting the sanctuary and par-

ish hall, renovation of the back bathrooms, and replacing the mailboxes in the parish hall, to name a few. This led to discussion of the possible establishment of a Building Maintenance fund to help with the costs of these needed projects.

Events of interest to our church family are coming up soon. Our spring clean-up day, with lots of available jobs inside and outside the building for you to pitch in with, will be scheduled for a Sunday in mid May. Lancaster PrideFest will be held on June 17 at the Lancaster Convention Center, and Mary is coordinating our presence there. On July 15, our friend and former parishioner, Dina Ishler, will be ordained a priest at the church in Sunbury where she is serving as deacon.

Bob reported an acute need: we need more Eucharistic ministers! Speak to Bob or Rick if interested in that ministry.

In response to Rick's query about a "wish list" from each of our new members, Blair is wondering about a children's choir and summer program for youth in the future. Jay would like to see us offer quarterly parish dinner activities, an idea which will be explored further with Michelle and others interested. Bob hopes that his time on Vestry will be one of shared ministry, with active engagement of all with the leadership, an idea endorsed by Rick. Bob also reminded us of the active Stephen Ministry program in place.

Your vestry plans a retreat day in early fall, and our next meeting will be May 21. Please contact any vestry member with any concerns or questions!

Blessings,

Randy Westgate

Military News

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

- ★ Justin Carnahan
- ★ Brandon Fox
- ★ Gordon Frankenfield
- ★ Matt Fuhrman
- ★ Jack Hawk
- ★ Benjamin Jenkins
- ★ Drew Johnson
- ★ William Justice
- ★ Anthony Koser
- ★ Alex Kube
- ★ John Lewis
- ★ Richard Mutari
- ★ David Peck
- ★ Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer
- ★ Mike Spurr
- ★ David Sternberg
- ★ Clayton Tennies
- ★ Connor Tennies
- ★ Allison Tomich
- ★ Evan Westgate
- ★ Seamas Whitesel
- ★ 1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel



Spencer



We were deeply sorry to hear that Bill and Carol had lost their precious Spencer.



Giving Fr. Casey a puppy greeting



He and Fr. Casey became good friends

Lori and Jay Miller



Lori and I got to meet this guy yesterday. Chef Robert Irvine, at a bottle signing in Lancaster. He was super friendly, taking several minutes to chat with each person...getting to know them a bit, not just signing a bottle and asking you to move along. We were impressed. Pretty darned good vodka too!

Note: Robert Paul Irvine is an English celebrity chef who has appeared on and hosted a variety of Food Network programs.

New Smart Dryer

Donna and Joe Holwager's new dryer alerted them that there was a problem with the vent and they should not use the dryer. The problem turned out to be this nest. Donna said they were told it was a warbler of some type.



Iron's Addition



Easter afternoon our son, Josh & family welcomed Phoebe June, a 1-Year lab. We are ALL OVER THE MOON w/her addition to the family.

Mike's Maintenance



Mike Freshwater treats the cross in our Memorial Garden

Future Harpist



Anfah Rahim trying out Joyce Kamm's harp.

Graduations

We will be happy to report on all graduations. Pre-school, to Graduate Degree and any between, please send pictures and information to

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Pokémon



By Beth Lynch

The spring dates will be April 19 - June 7.

Wednesday nights
6:30 p.m.
to 8:00 p.m.



Spirit Spinner

For Pentecost, make a thaumatrope, a spinning toy that creates an optical illusion of motion.

What you need:

- White paper
- Cup
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Plastic drinking straw
- Glue



What you do:

1. Using the cup's circular shape, trace two identical circles on the paper. Carefully cut them out.
2. In pencil, draw a person's head on one circle. Then place the blank circle on top and use the image beneath to guide you in drawing a flame above the head.
3. Color the two images with markers.
4. Apply glue to the backs of the circles and sandwich the top of the straw between them so it looks like a lollipop. Let dry.
5. Roll the straw quickly between your hands to view a mini motion picture.



Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.

1. HEAV
2. ABLE
3. AY OF PENTECOS
4. ONGUE
5. PIRI
6. OGETHE
7. ES
8. ONGUE
9. A
10. IND



"When the _____ came, they were all _____ in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent _____ came from _____ and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They _____ what seemed to be _____ of fire that separated and came to _____ on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy _____ and began to speak in other _____ as the Spirit _____ them."

ACTS 2:1-4, NIV

Answer: 1. heaven, 2. enabled, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. Spirit, 6. together, 7. rest, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. wind



Bible Quiz

According to Peter, at what time of day did the Holy Spirit come upon the disciples on Pentecost?

- A. 9 a.m.
- B. Noon
- C. 3:30 p.m.
- D. 9 p.m.

Answer: A (See Acts 2:15.)



Answers
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Answer: A (See Acts 2:15.)

Men's Group



Saturday Men's Group: 2nd Saturday of the month from 8 AM -10 AM. **Join us for two hours of fellowship**, including Morning Prayer. Coffee and donuts will be served. **Special Day for May – Saturday, May 20th.**



Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.

Due date for June will be:

May 20th.

Send articles and announcements to:
HJ_Miller@outlook.com



Lunch and Learn



Friday, April 21st at 12 noon, we began to be engaged in *Life Together – The Classic Exploration of Christian Community* written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. This book may be compact in text – 122 pages, but it is overflowing in insight as Bonhoeffer speaks to us during his time spent in an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany. As detailed on the book jacket: “*Life Together* reads like one of Paul’s letter, giving practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups. The role of personal prayer, worship in common, everyday work, and Christian service is treated in simple, almost biblical words. *Life Together* is bread for all who are hungry for the real life of Christian fellowship.” Please join us for this next Lunch & Learn session as we delve in to the very essence of what it means to each of us to experience the joy of living together in Christ. We meet via Zoom and details are in the weekly emails. The book is available on Amazon or at your favorite bookstore.



Dietrich Bonhoeffer

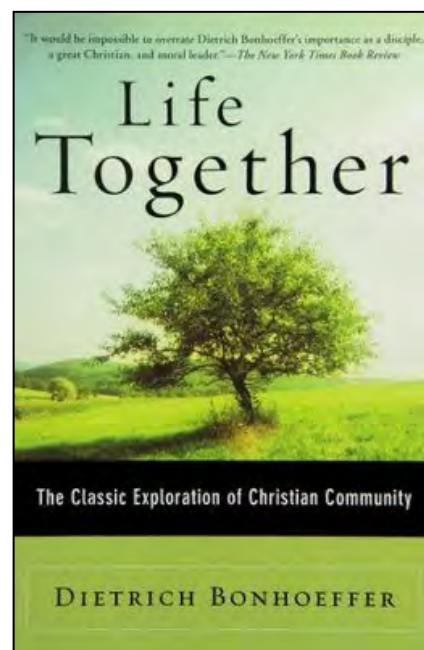
After his martyrdom at the hands of the Gestapo in 1945, Dietrich Bonhoeffer continued his witness in the hearts of Christians around the world. In his book *Life Together* we learn of Pastor Bonhoeffer’s experience within Christian community

.Join Zoom Meeting

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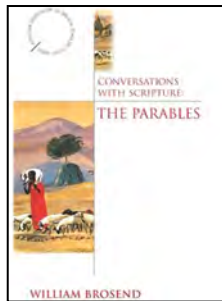
“Christ did not come into the world that we might understand him, but that we might cling to him, that we might simply let ourselves be swept away by him into the immense event of the resurrection.”
—Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Wednesday Evening Bible Study Series "The Parables"



William "Bill" Brosend



Our St. Edward's Wednesday night Bible study offers an in-depth look, in this case at Jesus' parables. Our approach to Bible study has been to use the 'Conversations with Scripture' series as a guide through the topic. We travel at our own pace with the intention to delve into the scripture, recognizing its social-historical meaning for its initial hearers, as well as its modern-day readers. Please join us on our spiritual journey. Bob Mosebach

Conversations with Scripture: The Parables by William Brosend

Overview from Barnes & Noble: *From the very beginning, human beings have loved to listen to stories. And Jesus loved to tell them. The parables are vivid, rich, arresting stories that make us think and teach us lessons about our relationship with God and others. From talents to mustard seeds, from shepherds to Samaritans, Jesus used common reference points to teach im-*

portant truths.

But the parables are filled with ambiguity and room for interpretation. With historical and cultural background, and careful scholarly detail, this book helps readers explore their beauty, richness, and joy.

The author is uniquely qualified to have written this book. As he says in the introduction:

The parables of Jesus are important to me for many reasons, most of which will be obvious by the time you finish this book, so only a few need be noted here. First, the parables were Jesus' favorite way to preach and teach, and as someone who preaches and teaches about Jesus I believe content and form are both important. Better understanding how Jesus taught will

ently appealing. Finally, as I explain in the last chapter, I also believe that learning how to interpret the parables helps us in our interpretation of the whole of Scripture. So the work we do together on the parables may help you be a better student of the Bible in unexpected ways. I have been preparing most of my life to write this little volume on the parables, and I have to admit that I had a marvelous time doing so. I pray that you will be informed and formed by it, and hope that you will enjoy it a bit in the process. Blessings!

Bill Brosend



help us better understand what he taught. Second, I have found that the Gospel of Mark is correct in saying that parables are the way the people of God best hear the Word of God (4:33-34). In a variety of settings, from seminary to Sunday school, classes on the parables of Jesus are consist-

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study:
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM:** Zoom invite in your weekly emails. For questions, please contact:

Bob Mosebach at:

rcmosebach@comcast.net or

Leslie Arnold at: larnold897@aol.com

Women's Spirituality Group Story



On the first Saturday of each month, women gather in the parish hall for Morning Prayer, refreshments, fellowship, and . . .

reflection. Our group of between 12-15 women share in the practice of Morning Prayer and we have incredible conversation surrounding the teaching we are gifted to receive through the scripture readings. It is so life-giving to be in community with parishioners (and visitors!) during this time as it leads us to be curious about how our spiritual paths may converge and diverge. It allows us to better understand ourselves and to open our hearts and minds to the wider community. For our April 1st gathering we undertook the ministry of stripping the palms for Palm Sunday. Through our prior months' meetings we

have established the desire to hold an additional coffee hour after the 10 AM service. New ministry opportunities, for anyone, will be introduced in the ensuing months related to that. If you have attended past gatherings, we invite you to join us, again, on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10 AM. If you have considered attending the Women's Spirituality Group but have been unable to attend, we wholeheartedly invite you to join us! Participation is what makes us stronger in our collective faith journeys! For more information, please contact Barb Czepukaitis at: barbc43@gmail.com.

Widow's Group

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Our **Widows Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10 AM at the church.

All widows are invited. Come to a place where sharing is caring.

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Ethel Lawrence:

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Ripples of Kindness



"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day."

—Sally Koch



Adrift

St. Brendan, May 16

Tossed and crashing
or lightly bobbing
in this coracle rough-hewn
like Brendan
no oar nor rudder, no sail
on this smoothly gleaming
this treacherously tempestuous
sea --
adrift,
admitting to visceral terrors
yet daring to shout to the Unknown:
what have I to dread?
what have I to fear?
because nevertheless, even so,
I am viscerally convinced
of being in the place
just right,
enfolded
in good in joy in direction
(albeit unknown)
no map no positioning system,
learning day by day to be less
and less
needy about knowing --
latitude longitude location location.

Peregrination.

No idea where I'm going
nor even where I am
except to know that
where once I stood was holy ground
where I now float is holy water.
My needs are fewer than I knew:
sun and wave grant
warmth and motive power
rain and sea provide nourishment;
the light is life-giving,
the dazzling darkness is safe.
I have all I need;
I am all I need to be
wondrously adrift here in the mystery.
"Fear not" I hear in the sea breeze.
I fear naught.
I am adrift
every moment, every now,
in just the place
where I ought to be.

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Contributed by Mary Snyder



Pysanky Eggs



Carol Carey brought these Ukrainian Easter Eggs (Pysanky Eggs) to a Widows' group. She showed them to Fr. Rick and said at her old church they were used on the Altar at Easter. Fr. Rick added them to our Altar as a way to remember the people of Ukraine.

Pysanky eggs are Ukrainian Easter eggs decorated with complex floral and geometric designs. The name pysanka comes from the Ukrainian verb *pysaty*, which means "to write". The tradition of decorating eggs dates back to the pre-Christian era and relied on a wax-resist technique known as *batik*. The eggs were believed to contain great powers and were considered a talisman against evil. The tradition was absorbed into the Christian celebration of Christ's resurrection. The practice was banned in Ukraine by the Soviet regime, but saw a resurgence after independence in 1991.

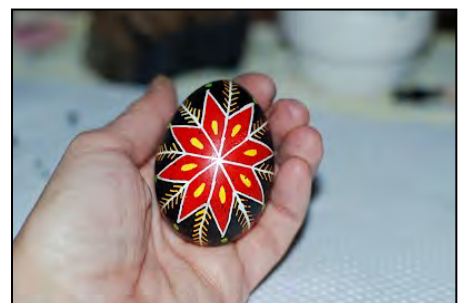
From Microsoft Bing-Summarized from 5 sources and the web



By HJ "Mac" Miller

The column to the right shows the process for creating the eggs. Using the stylus to paint the design with melted wax, first draw a design on the egg. Using the melted wax, start by covering what you want to stay white in the final design, then dye the egg a light color, such as yellow. Using the melted wax cover the part of the design you want to remain yellow. Dye the egg a slightly darker color. Repeat these steps until finally you dye the egg a dark color, then remove the wax to see the finished design.

Above and to the left are some of my collection of eggs. I made some of them. I used to show my classes how to make them. The original ones still have the egg inside. Newer ones are hollow. My Russian tutor, who is Ukrainian, said the eggs are still made at Easter and are brought to church with bread to be blessed for the traditional Easter meal.



Lunch With The Chosen



Hosted by Father Rick and Blair Lord

A big, warm thank-you to parishioners and visitors who sat in for a special Palm Sunday brunch on April 2nd. We proceeded with Jesus, his disciples, and many curious witnesses to the healing of a leper and a paralytic. For some people, Jesus's miracles and professed authority as the Son of Man confirmed new or growing faith in the wonders our Lord was starting to bring into people's lives. For others, these experiences disrupted, even disturbed their comfortable bubbles. This memorable scene from multiple perspectives gave us opportunities to see ourselves on our spiritual journeys, especially as we headed into Holy Week, to Good Friday, and ultimately to Easter morning. Wonderful discussion as ever!

Evening Prayer

Sunday Evening Prayer, at 7:00 PM:

We use the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* and the readings for the Sunday Lectionary. It is a quiet service and a good way to end the weekend and prepare for the week to come. :

No Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday, April 9th.

Anyone interested can send me an email to be put on an email distribution list:



Our next Chosen luncheon is **Sunday, May 7th** after the 10am service in the parish hall. How appropriate that the next viewing, the penultimate episode of Season 1, is called "Invitations." We look forward to meeting up, including with newcomers interested in joining the conversation. In this episode, Nicodemus the Pharisee, has his long-awaited meeting with Jesus, and Matthew the tax collector wrestles with the miraculous things he's seen and what they mean for him and his future.

If you would like to catch up on episodes 1 through 6, you can access The Chosen for free at these links:

- new.thechosen.tv
- angel.com

You can also download The Chosen App or the Angel Studios App to your Amazon FireTV, Apple TV, or Roku, and on your phone from the Apple Store or Google Play Store.



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Sunday Evening Prayer@ 7:00pm
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84700614072>

Meeting ID: 847 0061 4072

Passcode: SunEP



Stephen Ministry



Our **Stephen Ministry** program is a confidential and prayerful resource to support those in need during the challenging times we encounter in our personal lives. If you could

benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care of a Stephen Minister, please contact our Pastor Care Coordinator, Peggy Hanzelman at phanzelman@comcast or 717-390-4944. There are brochures in our narthex and in our sanctuary pews. Our Stephen Ministers are also identified by special name tags at our Sunday worship.



Brochures are available in the Parish Hall and also in the sanctuary pews.

Australian Easter Gift

By Meredith Aul



I don't know who made these adorable dolls, but I bought them at the Cookie Sale in December. Sending them off to my grand daughter in Alice Springs,

By Mary Snyder

St. Edward's will be hosting a booth again for Pridefest, Saturday, June 17. Last year's event at Clipper Stadium was such a success that it has been moved to a bigger venue. This year's event will be indoors to accommodate more people and avoid extreme weather. We are looking for volunteers to host our booth. If you are interested in greeting people and letting them know about St. Edward's, we would love to have you there. We will need 4 people to help set up and 4 people to help tear down, we need two people to host the booth during the festival from 12-8pm. Please contact Mary Snyder at starleo1328@yahoo.com or 717-945-8101. We will have literature about St. Edward's and handouts to distribute to attendees. If you have never been to pride this is a good way to attend with friends and family and support the LGBTQ+ community.



Wanda Stoltzfus handing out stickers and smiles



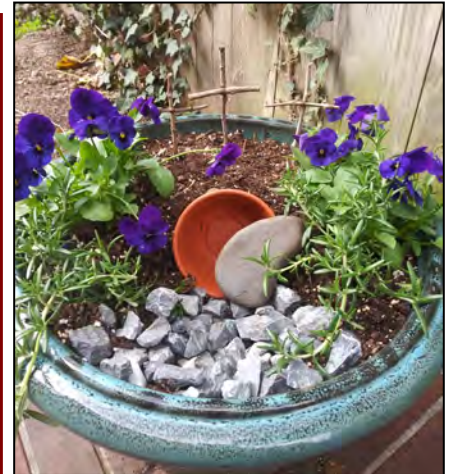
Mike Freshwater, Mary Snyder, and Dina Carter just finished setting up.



Sharon Gromis and Lori Miller, waiting for people to start coming in.



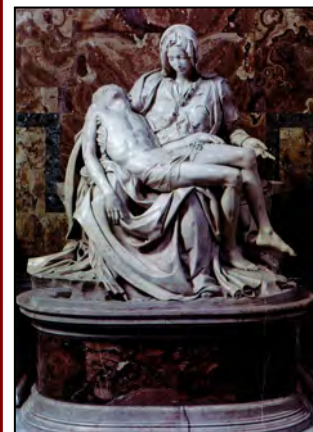
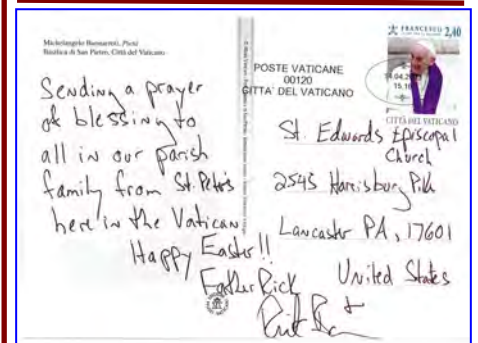
Plaques made by Eric Sandblade



As part of our Easter celebration, here is a resurrection garden on our patio. - Meredith & Blair Lord

"You shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back."—Maya Angelou

Vatican Postcard



Postcard from Father Rick+ from Rome - Imagine my surprise when we received this blessing of Eastertide from Father Rick



Father Rick and Michelle Bentley enjoying the live music.

Rome and Athens



Inside the largest church in the world: St. Peter's Basilica



Atop the ancient Aeropagus in Athens



Michelangelo's *Pieta*



Good Friday service with the head of the Orthodox Church in Greece: Leronimos II of Athens



Father Rick visiting the ancient Acropolis and its picturesque *Parthenon*



Inside the Holy Metropolitan Cathedral of Athens



St. Peter's Tomb:
beneath the altar of the
Vatican's great Basilica



Snapping a picture with
Vincent Van Gogh's *Pieta* at
the Vatican Museum



SWARR RUN STEPPING STONES

We have an opportunity to create a beautiful path of stepping stones along the creek in our transformed natural space. We are looking for approximately 20 stepping stones to be created, which we will then set in place on a designated pathway along the creek.

What a meaningful way for our ministry groups to enhance this space, through artistic expression, while lifting up their ministry to the community. For individuals, it is an opportunity to express your memories. We currently have approximately 10-15 ministry groups and 5-6 individual spots. Ministry leaders, please discuss with your group members and sign-up on the sheet in the narthex so that we can ensure we have your basic supplies (pans, concrete mix, contact sheets to help secure your design elements). For individuals, a small donation (\$10) to cover the costs of the base materials is most appreciated. You can then add your personalized touch to your design.

We continue to beautify the spaces of our spiritual home in ways that honor our ministry, mission, and memories! If you and/or your ministry group are seeking inspiration, there are many links online with amazing design thought-starters!

**Enhance our
Swarr Run
Contemplative
Space**

**Ministry Groups &
Individuals can
participate**

**A chance to be
creative!**

**Basic supplies
provided – just
add your design
elements**

**Connect with your
ministry group to
plan your design**

We would like to create our stepping stones during the months of May and June, so that we can then allow them to cure and poly-coat them prior to installation.



It Feels Good to
be a Hero



LGHealth.org/GiveBlood

**Blood Drive at
St. Edward's
Episcopal Church**

All donors will receive two tickets to redeem at
any home, regular season Lancaster Barnstormer's game.

When: Thursday, May 18th, 2023
2:00pm – 7:00pm

Where: St. Edward's Episcopal Church
2453 Harrisburg Pike
Lancaster, PA 17601

To register contact the Blood Donor Center at
717-544-0177, visit us online at **LGHealth.org/giveblood**
or scan the QR code below.



Fr. David Bateman's Visit April 16th

Picture by Mary Snyder



Fr. David. Bateman returned Sunday April 16th



The Eucharist

Worship
SERVICES

Willow Valley Dinner



Blair Lord



Beth Hake



The Gospel



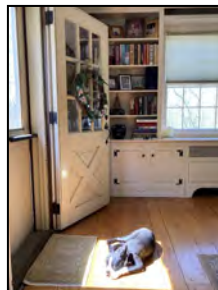
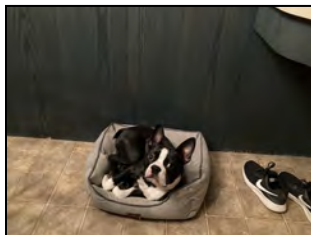
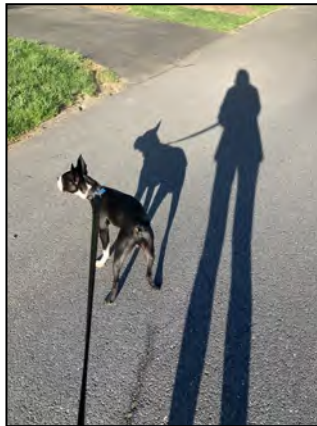
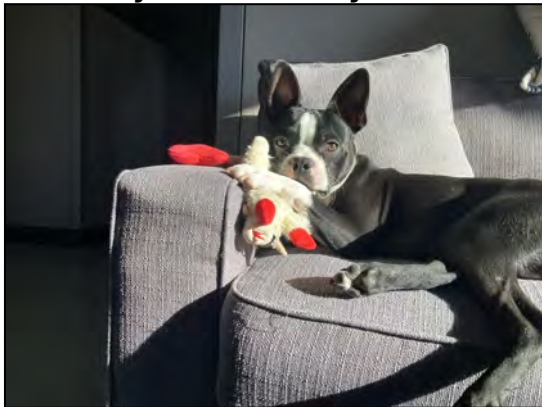
Jay Miller and Fr. Bateman recessional



It was delightful to spend time, sharing a beautiful dinner, with our parishioners who live in Willow Valley on Sunday, April 23rd. Many thanks to Ed and Jeanne Neff for orchestrating this gathering! Front table, from left: Linda Jones, June Klemm, Janet Rumer, Mary Ann Outman, Bill Outman, Rea Outman, Geraldine Cosgrave. Back table, from left: Barb Czepukaitis, Linda Spire, Hank Spire, Father Rick, Ed Neff, Jeanne Neff, Charlie Thomas, Vince Czepukaitis. Not pictured: Kathy Spencer, Cindy DiStefano.

Bowie's Excellent Adventure

Pictures by Michelle Bentley



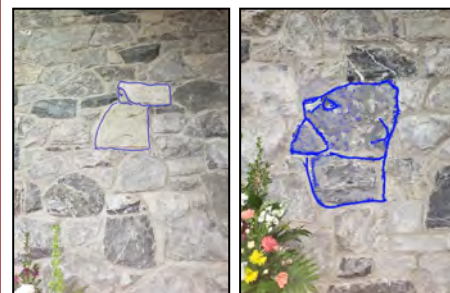
:-) For ten days, Bowie decided he would play "Where's Waldo" and he did a great job! What a best friend!

If he could type he would get the gig!



Stone Sightings

By Beth Lynch



Here are 2 more I have found.

One is Mary with her head covering flowing behind her.

The other is a man praying and looking up to the sky.

Coffee Hour

Pictures by Mary Snyder



April 23rd



Coffee Hour April 16th

One of the foundations of our weekly fellowship is our Sunday coffee hour. From 9 AM – 10 AM each Sunday, we offer folks a chance to gather, as one community, between the services, as well as the space we hold for our fantastic Coffee House Band to perform, and have us participate in, a wide range of music. Join us at a coffee hour, sign up to serve as a coffee hour host, participate in our activities, or, if you hold musical gifts, contact Randy Westgate about joining the Coffee House Band.



April 23rd

Needle Arts Ministry

The Needle Arts Ministry meets Tuesday at 1 PM in the lounge area.

Members of this group, plus volunteer crafters, work all year to create a variety of items for the cookie/craft sale. They also make items such as prayer shawls and baptism blankets, as well as hats and scarves to be donated to any in need.

All are invited to be a part of this enjoyable and productive group. Yarn, patterns and "expert assistance" are available, so you do not need to have a project started to join in the fun.

NEEDLE ARTS HAS A NEW ADDITION!



Our ever popular "Knitwits" now welcomes a home based companion group : *The St. Edward's Piecemakers*. Many in our fellowship sew, embroider or quilt; taking pieces of fabric and making them into something useful, beautiful or fun. And, since we use our sewing machines at home to do this, there's no need to commit to a meeting. (However, everyone is welcome to the Needle Arts group meeting on Tuesday's at 1:00.)

You may already have noticed the new rotating wall quilts in the narthex, as an example of our first project. Brainstorming for other ideas: baby quilts to be gifted at infant baptisms; items to be included in a basket at the fall event; contributions to the December Cookie and Craft sale (Breaking news; for the very first time: the sign out front will say "Cookie AND Craft Sale! How cool is that?) Think table runners, placemats, napkins, gifts for grandchildren and teachers, clothing accessories etc., just ideas for brainstorming.

Again, no need to commit to a meeting; just think up an idea of something you'd like to make and then contact Donna Holwager, just to clue us in on what you're making.

ddholwager@aol.com

text (717) 327-0683

Home(717) 892-1331

Remember, everyone's always welcome to pop up at a Needle Arts meeting on Tuesdays at 1 PM in the lounge. No reservations required-just bring your sense of humor with you.



Donna Holwager and Janet Smith
with quilt made for the Narthex

By Donna Holwager

The Red Rose Quilter's small group "The White Oak Quilters" meets at St. Edward's monthly and wanted to show appreciation for the warm welcome St. Edward's has extended. The Easter quilt was a team project: members jointly contributed to the expense; donating the fabric for batting, backing and borders. Individual members stepped up putting



Name of quilt
The Spirit of Love

on the borders; completed the binding; and the grand finale provided by Janet Smith, team coordinator, who cheerfully donated her exceptional long arm quilting skill to the finished project! As a group, we are thrilled to present this to the Saint Edward's community.

Incidentally; The White Oak Quilters includes Saint Edward's own Sharon Hubbard and Donna Holwager.

Prayer Shawl Thank You

By Meredith Aul Westgate

I received a thank you note from a friend and once fellow-co-teacher for a prayer shawl I sent to her a few weeks ago.

"Your gift was so unexpected -- and quite welcome! Please pass my thanks on to the "Knit Wits." The color is beautiful, by the way. I also appreciate your prayers and those of your church. This whole situation has been so awful, but knowing that friends near and far are praying for us and loving us has made it more bearable."

Thank you again.

Julia

Julia is the mother of ten year old Liam, who- has been diagnosed with cell lymphoma and it has been a nightmare. Liam is in Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. Julia and her husband Dustin have two younger children at home in Alvin, about an hour away from the hospital. They are a very religious family and members of a supportive church family, Heights Baptist Church in Alvin, TX.

Compounding an already incredibly difficult situation, Liam must have surgery on May 2 to amputate both hands and feet .

(Liam is on the prayer list in our Sunday morning bulletin).

This link is to Julia's last Facebook post (prayer requests at the end)

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0CU1XcKJxJcauRbSdJEuhpwju6pQsKVZBHSiXjQU6CuvYYEVjaVVCYCwkBW6DcHJ2l&id=170100753&mibextid=tejx2t



Julia and Dustin Renee, Aiden, and Liam

Faith in Action



Thank you for the 249 pounds of food contributed to the pantry in March.

In March, the pantry served:

567 children

98 adults

379 seniors

For a total of 1,944 people served

21 new families were registered.

Requested food items are:

Cereal....always need cereal

Canned mixed vegetables

Canned carrots

Gluten free Progresso soup

We prefer no glass containers.



Photos by Bev Achey



In 2023 we collected 452 pairs of shoes! That surpassed our 2022 total by about 100 pair!



Loading them up!



On the way to be delivered. What amazing ministry!! Thank you to all.

Prison Ministry



St. Ed's Blood Drive
May 18 2:00-7:00pm



We are partnering with Lancaster General Hospital. Thursday, May 18th. The drive will be held in the Parish Hall. It begins at 2 PM and ends around 7 pm. All blood collected goes back into their local Hospitals. Ages 16 to 74 are eligible.

Pray for Incarcerated Family and Friends of St. Ed's Parishioners



Prayers requested for: Joey (nephew), Mike (son), Jeremy (friend) and Saskita (niece).

Please contact us if you have someone in your life who is incarcerated. We will add them to our prayer list. **If they would like to receive cards or letters**, please contact Bruce Lynch or Catherine Donohue.

Pray for Father Rick and Randy Westgate as they minister at LCP.

Prison Ministry

Support For Prison Ministries, Brownstown

Bringing hope and encouragement to those within prison walls in Lancaster County and beyond.

Support for Prison Ministries, with offices in Brownstown, PA, is a growing inter-denominational ministry that contracts chaplain services to Lancaster County Prison (LCP) and Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center (YIC). SFPM also does training and educational programs for local churches and community groups.

How You Can Help:

Praise Item - as Spring comes forth in its beauty, it is a reminder that barrenness can be restored. In prison settings many individuals' Spiritual lives were barren, but when hearing the good news of Jesus Christ, they have come forth in the Spiritual beauty of a new life in Christ.

Pray for an officer who is trying to be the best father he can be but also allow himself to take some self-care time.

Continue to pray for Emily Sensenig, daughter of SFPM Administrative Assistant Jewel, as she battles cancer. She is waiting for a bone marrow transplant, hopefully by June.

Pray for an inmate whose family is praying that he hits rock bottom here in prison and turns his life over to Jesus. Pray for peace for the family.

Pray for a SFPM board member's wife - who was diagnosed with cancer. Pray for the family as they deal with this challenge.

Pray for an inmate who is angry and takes it out on everyone around her. Pray that God will soften her heart and show her how much he loves her.

Pray for an LCP Chaplain's mother - who has some neurological issues. The prayer would be that it is not cancer and that they would be able to treat her, and she can be restored to health.

Pray for a released female inmate - who has mental health challenges and has not been taking her medicine since release and is falling back. Pray those around her could convince her she needs the medication to live productively.

SFPM Giving - We ask your prayers that giving remain strong to cover the costs of our prison work.

Ramadan With The Rahims

With Input From The Rahims

Ramadan starts the 9th month in the Islamic lunar calendar. The start date is dependent on when the new moon is visible. Muslims believe that this is the month in which God revealed the first verses of the Quran to Muhammad, who is considered the final prophet of Islam. So for 30 days, Muslims abstain from sex, food, drinking (even water), and smoking from dusk to dawn. During this time period they take time for spiritual reflection, prayer, doing good deeds, spend time with family and friends, consider their shortcomings in their relationships with others, enabling them to strengthen their bond with the rest of humanity for the sake of Allah. The elderly and sick are exempt from fasting as are girls till age 13 and boys till age 14.

If someone breaks their fast *intentionally*, they have to get it back. Rather than 30 days, they have to fast for 60 days and feed 60 people under the imposition of penalties. Malalay says "This is part of our religion. That's why people have to be careful about it."

During Ramadan there are two meals. The first is Suhur (just before dawn) after which Najib is required to go to the mosque and pray and the second is called Iftar, when the fast is broken at sundown. They break the fast with dates and milk, followed by a meal.

The night is for worship. The Rahims said it is worse at night because they don't get a lot of sleep. They wake before midnight for prayers (if they have even gone to bed before then) and wake again at 4:30 to start their day with breakfast (suhur) before the fasting begins. I don't know if Najib does this but many will gather after nightfall in the mosque for a special communal night prayer called the Tarawih. This is in addition to the five daily prayers that are part of the core of Islam. In the morning, sleeping longer than needed and missing your prayers is not permissible. Najib said they believe the more they pray, the more rewards they will receive. (The biggest reward they can receive, in my opinion, is to see those three children on a plane to the U.S.).

Giving thanks to God is core, which is why Muslims break the fast with a three-day holiday called Eid at Fitr ("Festival of breaking fast") in the 10th month of their calendar. Muslims all over the world greet each other with the phrase Eid Mubarak which means "Blessed feast/festival".

There is a lot of shopping in preparation for Eid. Women decorate the house for

this special occasion. Money is given as a gift to the children which makes them very happy. The night before Eid, women usually get henna tattoos on their hands. It is believed to bring good luck and an unseen flow of positive energy that will bring blessings and protect against evil spirits. It is also because their religion encourages women to beautify themselves and look good at celebrations.

Even in the time of Prophet Muhammad, women used it on nails and palms.



Henna tattoo on the hand of their daughter, Muska in Afghanistan.



New clothes for Eid Celebration, given by their Aunt Galalay.

This year the Rahims traveled to Maryland where they celebrated with Najib's two nephews and their families. Isn't it a blessing that the Rahim family is so close to relatives who moved here from Afghanistan six years ago?

Ramadan With The Rahims



Malalay's brother and family.



The Rahims celebrating one of the three days of Eid with their neighbors.

Rosie at the Rahims

Pictures by Meredith Aul



Rosie, home on Easter break, went with Randy and me for our tutoring day at Rahims. She took her guitar and had the boys change the words to a song to make it about soccer. Anfal liked having her around too, I think!



Rosie and Anfal share a snack

Anfal enjoyed Rosie's company.



St. Edward's Spring Clean-up



For this year, we will be holding a **DIY-style spring clean-up**. What does this mean??? During the two-week+ span mentioned above, we are inviting you to pick from one of the few outdoor tasks on our sign-up sheet that we have specified, from weeding to mulching, leaf removal, and tending to fertilizing the evergreen shrubs.

Fertilizer and mulch will be here by May 9th. . . we just need your awesome gardening power and if you need tools/power tools for your task please bring yours from home.

May 9th – May 26th
Pick a time that is convenient for you!

Sign-up for a specific task and a day/time that works for you so we can ensure our list will be completed by May 26th.

We thank you for helping us with stewarding the natural spaces of our spiritual home!

Swarr Run Project

A biographical history of the Swarr family.

By Jacob Mellinger Swarr

Published for the Author in 1909

Found in Forgotten Books

https://www.forgottenbooks.com/en/books/ABiographicalHistoryoftheSwarrFamilyofLancasterCountyPennsylvania_10116864

The founder of the family in this country was Peter Schwahr, now Swarr, a native of Alsace province, and was born Anno Domini, 1690, near the city of Strasburg. He married a lady, who was a native of the city of Strasburg, whose maiden name was Adaline Blooming.. They had two sons, Peter and Christian. In the year 1715, he with his family, emigrated to this country and arrived in Philadelphia in the Spring of 1716, as found by colonial records. He left France on account of the persecutions waged against the Protestants, himself and family being Huguenots. Soon after their arrival at Philadelphia, they left for the interior and arrived, at what is now Lancaster City, in the same spring of 1716 and went about one and one-half miles farther west where they made their abode, and took a meal under an oak tree (as I heard related when I was a boy). Here Peter Swarr got in the possession in common, with Hans and Jacob Brubaker, of 1000 acres of land which they divided, Swarr taking the most northerly part of it, which

was along the King's High-way, now the Harrisburg Pike. The stone arch bridge on the pike adjacent to what is now Long's Park, was for many years known as Swarr's Bridge. On the north side of the east wing wall, there is a stone built in, that was blood stained before the wall was made, there having been a peddler murdered, by which the stone was stained. Swarr's farm on the south side of the pike (now Harnish's) still contains buildings put up by Swarr. There was one of the sons killed by a cross bull in the meadow of that farm. The spot was marked with a stone as I was told by Jacob Harnish, who was also raised on the farm; his brother David is the present owner.

Soon after the founder, Peter Swarr had settled here, he got into the possession of 1000 acres of land, four and one half miles northwest of Lancaster City, now East Hempfield township, where he built a grist and sawmill. On Swarr's run, where he built an aqueduct about a mile long, in order to get rise and fall for a 14 foot over-shot water wheel, one of the sons, during the Revolution, put up in place a large three story brick mill by which a post office was named Swarr's Mill Post Office. The mechanics employed by Swarr were Hessian prisoners, who were skilled workmen whom he got out of the barracks at Lancaster.



Fishermen trying for a trout



Sign welcoming fishermen



The finished area is so peaceful



Spring flowers



St. Francis of Assisi



Mike Freshwater with sign when it was found.



The sign after Mike cleaned it

Palm Sunday

Picture by Mary Snyder and Rayelenn Casey



Julie Hoff and
Barbara
Czepukatis



The women strip the
palms



Blessing the Palms



Getting ready for
processional



Karen Waddill and choir



Jay Miller leads and
Jamie Alton plays
the trumpet



Choir in the processional



Joyce Kamm and
Jeanne Mosbach carry



Dorris Smith
greet



Fr. Rick and Jay
Miller



Kathy Spencer



Peter Weber



Sermon



Sally Lederer, Dorris
Smith and Joyce Kamm

Holy Week

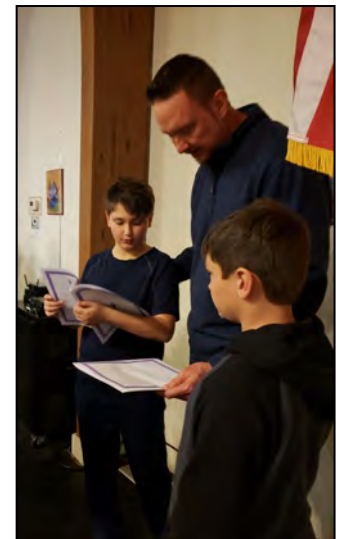
Pictures by Mac Miller



Beth Lynch reads



The Stations of the cross liturgy



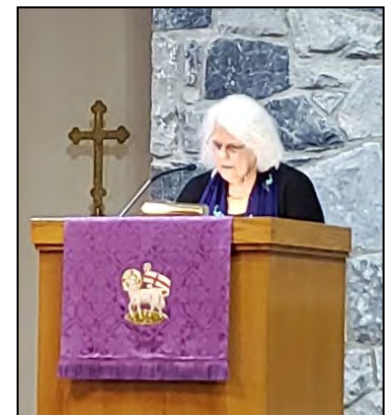
Ricky reads. Fr. Rick and Christian listen



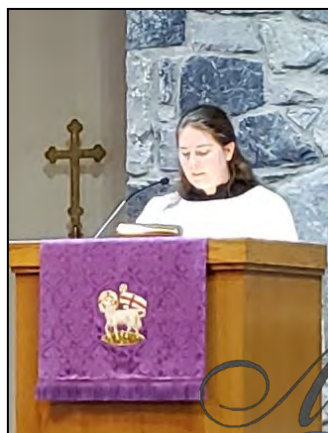
Wanda Stoltzfus Preaching



Bob Mosebach and Jay Miller lead



Jeanne Mosebach reads



Blair Lord



Fr. Rick reads Gospel



Choir provided lovely music



Deborah Fast assists Fr. Rick with foot washing



Michelle Bentley, Julie Hoff, Barb Jakiel and Lori Miller strip altar



Choir recesses



Maundy
THURSDAY

Holy Week

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Buddy Yeager

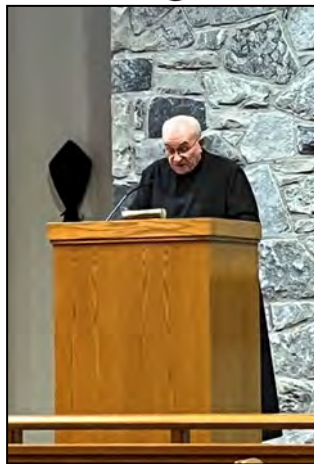


Buddy Yeager, Fr. Rick and Bob Mosebach

good friday



Jamie Alton



Buddy Reads



The choir



Incense



The Exsultet



Lighting the Paschal Candle

Easter Sunday

Pictures by Mary Snyder



The sanctuary is beautifully decorated



The pews were full



Processional



Eucharist



Meredith Lord, Donna Esbenshade, Susan Murray at the Offertory



The music was beautiful



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risen
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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday:
11AM – 4:00PM

Vestry (year term ends)

- ✦ Karen Grant (2024)
- ✦ Peggy Hanzelman (2024)
- ✦ Richard Irons (2025)
- ✦ Blair Lord (2026)
- ✦ Beth Lynch (2025)
- ✦ Jay Miller (2026)
- ✦ Bob Mosebach (2026)
- ✦ Mary Snyder (2025)
Jr. Warden
- ✦ Randy Westgate,
Sr. Warden (2024)

Worship Services

Sunday Services

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

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday

12 Noon: Contemplative Eucharist,
Meditation, and Healing Prayer

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