#### April 2025



# **Reflection From the Rector's Desk**

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer



Signs of life signal the stuff of resurrection and renewal everywhere that we're willing to look this time of year. The radical abundance of it all warrants our fullest attention and our heartfelt thanksgiving."

As winter's frost begins to plines that foster spiritual melt and the earth awakens growth, the natural rhythms from its slumber, spring of spring providing us with emerges with a sense of re- an inspiring backdrop for newal and rebirth. And this our embrace of these practicseasonal transition is mirrored for us in the spiritual journey of Lent, a time traditionally observed for reflection, repentance, and preparation leading up to Easter. Indeed, every year, Lent invites us to engage in disci-

es.

And as we recognize, spring fosters and symbolizes the gift of new life. Buds softened soil, and the air

carries the promise of growth. This awakening calls to mind the spiritual renewal that Lent offers us, as an extension of nature, arising from her winter's sleep. At the intersection of nature and liturgical cycle, we're also beckoned to awaken our souls, to examine our hearts, and to shed ourselves of what hinders our spiritual growth. And so it is, that things like fasting, prayer, and almsgiving-the most traditional of Lenten disciplines-are not unlike the first rays of sunlight breaking through the winter clouds. After all, fasting helps us release the excesses that weigh us down, as prayer awakens our spiritual senses, and acts of charity revitalize hearts of compassion within us. Indeed, spring's promise of rebirth, and the story that we share as followers of Jesus, encourage us to embrace Creation's invitation with trustful hope and with sincere intention.

But there's a simplicity in early spring that also offers us an insight into the practice of detachment, encouraged during Lent. Because trees stripped bare by winter have no pretense; they stand tall in their authentic state, awaiting new life. Similarly, Lent invites us to find ouremerge from barren branch- selves free from distractions es, flowers push through and attachments that weigh

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### Reflection

itual growth. And through literal and metaphorical fasting, simplifying our lives, we're naturally reminded that our true sustenance comes not from material possessions but from deeper, spiritual nourishment. In spring, we, like gardeners, prune our branches and clear away dead foliage to encourage our own spiritual vitality and renewed potential. We prune the overgrowth in our lives-the habits, indulgences, and patterns that prevent us from flourishing.

However, it's easy for us to miss the subtle shouldn't be altogether easy. Instead, they invitation of the natural world when we should challenge us to confront our weakforget to exercise Lenten intentionality: to nesses, practice self-control, and grow in pause, to look around, and to take it all in. resilience. Yet, we're assured that our in-But it's all there for us...the quiet stillness vestment in such trying spiritual develop- Signs of life signal the stuff of resurrection that lingers from winter into early spring, ment is well worth our every effort. Be- and renewal everywhere that we're willing inviting our embrace of an evolving con- cause just as flowers bloom more vibrantly to look this time of year. The radical abuntemplative spiritual understanding about after enduring the cold of winter, our open- dance of it all warrants our fullest attention the wisdom-laden rhythms of our own indi- ness to Lenten discipline fosters in our and our heartfelt thanksgiving. Indeed, vidual and corporate lives. For as the natu- souls, greater joy and peace through our practicing gratitude during Lent allows us ral world begins its transformation...as it fidelity to the process. And yes, spring also to savor the explosion of beauty and possibegins again...we too, transition. Like our reminds us that all growth requires pa-Lord braving the wilderness, in order to tience. Seeds do not sprout overnight. sort through the temptations ubiquitous to Blossoms unfold in their own time. In like presence in both the ordinary and the exbeing human, we navigate the dance of manner, Lent teaches us to trust in the slow traordinary. And as we witness the earth's darkness and light in ourselves, confront- work of rebirth and renewal, believing that transformation, we're invited (and exing our shadows, and seeking the indwell- even our smallest acts of sacrifice and deing of God when we exercise faithful voli- votion can contribute to our spiritual inner transformation. Because our Lenten tion between Ash Wednesday and Easter 'becoming' over time. Sunday.

And so it is, that contemplative practice Because the Lenten journey delivers us to becomes especially important during Lent. Silence, solitude, and mindfulness nurture the soil of our souls to create space for a It's a season of fulfillment, where our hope deeper awareness of our thoughts, emotions, and spiritual needs. And in the still- Indeed, nature reverberates in us, as ness, like our Lord, we may sense divine spring's witness to new life and abundance whispers, leading us toward clarity, heal- inspires our own motivation, to release ing, and preparedness for the mission that what we no longer need and to share what lies ahead. Because in the same way that we hold as essential. And as the world farmers prepare the soil for planting, Lent around us blossoms with generosity, we're

into the hardened ground of our compla- first fruits of our own spiritual harvests. As cency, nourishing the spaces in us that alreflections of spring-the budding trees, the lengthening days, the return of birdsong—serve as gentle reminders of the nature in spring serves as a tactile expresauthentic renewal that is possible within each of us.

But just as the earth undergoes laborious growth in spring, Lent invites us to accept the discomfort that often accompanies our spiritual transformation. Lenten disciplines

It's not all grinding work for us though. the doorstep of our ritual celebration of life's very conquest over death every year. and our trust bears inspired, good fruit. is a time to till the soil of our hearts. also reminded to give our best, extending

us down, to make room for our own spir- Through prayer and meditation, we dig kindness and compassion to others, as the the rains of spring nourish the land, our low for new spiritual growth. Indeed, the renewed spiritual vitality brings hope and healing to others. And as a natural extension, the apparent interconnectedness of sion of our interconnectedness as members of the human family. For as the flourishing of one plant supports the life of insects, birds, and other creatures, our spiritual growth feeds those whose lives we touch with the nutrients of God's love in Christ. And so, through our Lenten practices, we really do participate in the life of God, spreading the seeds of grace and renewal in the lives of those around us.

> bility around us, renewing our senses of perspective, by helping us recognize God's pected as disciples) to undergo our own disciplines, practiced with intentionality and humility, nurture our souls and enable us to appreciate the celebration of Resurrection life that we proclaim on Easter morning. And so, in this sacred season, may we follow the rhythms of spring, embracing its model of growth and renewal. And through the contemplative observance of a Holy Lent, may we also reawaken to the beauty of our spiritual vitality, drawing ever closer to the source of all life and light at the core of who we are. Enjoy the growth my friends,

> > Rick+

#### Parish Office Hours



The parish office will be closed from April 21st - April 28th. There will be no Wednesday Service on April 23rd. Please check with your ministries regarding meeting during that week.

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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.

Closed:



#### **By Michelle Bentley**

It is always bittersweet when vestry members rotate out of their 3-year term. Serving with vestry is quite a unique ministry. Not only are vestry members communicants of St. Edward's, and baptized and/or received Episcopalians, but they serve as the executive committee of our non-profit religious corporation. This shared leadership structure engages in decisions related to finances, property, and parish life. We are so fortunate to have the commitment When I think of Beth Lynch and her serand unfettered enthusiasm of our vestry vice as Senior Warden, I must say she has members. It is a beautiful thing to be a been much more than that. Beth not only part of. And, what makes it so beautiful is fulfilled the responsibilities as Senior the functionality of our St. Edward's vestry - sharing in responsibilities, being liai- our Annual Meeting, she brought amazing ish, for one another, for our extended fam- our Club Pokémon offering, and so much communities. What I have noticed is how form and participate in any of these exan excellent vestry that supports our rector Senior Warden Jay Miller. Jay served as and our parish in ways that are seen and Junior Warden last year, and the very cool unseen, enabling us, as a spiritual home to thing is all the new perspectives he will be faithful in stewarding our parish home bring to his ministry - his love of music, and our parish family. And two vestry cooking, serving the altar, hospitality. positions that are so important to assist in And so much more! We are thankful to Junior Warden. The Junior Warden is the Edward's vestry. "people's warden" and is often tasked with oversight of the building and grounds of a Newly Elected Vestry Members parish. The Senior Warden serves as the "rector's warden" and is chosen by the rector. They serve as the primary lay person liaison between the parish and the rector.



**Beth Lynch** retiring Sr. Warden



Jav Miller new Sr. Warden

Warden, but, as Father Rick pointed out at sons with our various ministries, reaching programs, insight, and enthusiasm to our out to our parish members at events and in Faith in Action ministry, to our fellowship worship, and in our prayers - for our par- events, to the Rahim Family journey, to ilies, and for our wider local and world more. It wasn't that Beth was "required" to each vestry member truly takes on their tended parish life activities, it was that responsibilities with pride, seriousness, Beth has a passion for helping others and compassion, fun, curiosity, and the open- supporting this parish home. We are so ness and an easy comfort level to bring thankful to Beth for her years of vestry their own unique perspective to this minis- service! And, as we begin a new vestry try. Bottom line: We have had, and have, term, we are so thankful for our incoming that mission are the Senior Warden and you both and to all who serve on our St.



#### **Mary Gibson**

I grew up in Southern California and then spent most of my adult life in Chicago,

where I built a career managing healthcare organizations. I've held administrative positions with teaching hospitals, medical schools, and medical practice plans at several large universities, including Northwestern University, the University of Illinois at Chicago, and the University of Washington in Seattle.

After living in Seattle for several years, I moved here to be closer to family and, as a history buff, have enjoyed learning about this area and states nearby. I recently retired from a "second career," teaching health administration courses to adult learners in bachelor's and master's programs at the Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences. It was gratifying to help students be successful in their courses and gain the skills and knowledge to be successful in their chosen careers.

I have one son, who lives in Jacksonville, Florida with his family, and a sister who lives in Scottsdale, Arizona, with her family. I try to spend travel time by alternating visits and especially enjoy being with my 3-year-old granddaughter, Stella, as well as my young-adult niece, Marianna.

While living on the north side of Chicago, I attended St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church, which has served the community for over 130 years and reminded me of churches I attended in England on visits to family there. While in Chicago, I was active in several organizations, particularly Prevent Child Abuse America where I served as treasurer and president of the women's board, spearheading fundraising efforts in support of abuse prevention programs.

Since moving to Lancaster, I've attended St. Edward's remotely and, most recently, in person. My time here has been an enriching and vitally important one and I've

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### Military News

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

- ★Richard Mutari
- ★Tyler Trimble

Please advise Michelle Bentley in the Parish office or HJ Miller@ Outlook.com if these names should remain on our list:

- ★Justin Carnahan
- ★Brandon Fox
- ★Gordon Frankenfield
- ★Matt Fuhrman
- ★ Jack Hawk

- ★Drew Johnson
- ★ William Justice
- ★ Anthony Koser
- ★Alex Kube
- ★John Lewis
- ★ David Peck
- ★Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer
- ★Mike Spurr
- ★David Sternberg
- ★Clayton Tennies
- ★Connor Tennies
- ★Evan Westgate
- ★Seamas Whitesel
- ★  $1^{st}$  Lt. Thomas Whitesel



### Vestry Cont'd

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enjoyed contributing to several outreach and fundraising opportunities and being a part of comforting spiritual community. If I have an opportunity to serve this community as a member of the Vestry, I'd be both honored and pleased to do so. **Donna Ray** 



Episcopalian". I moved to Lititz from Southern New active member of Holy Trinity Church in Colon Vestry and during my resolutions.

served as Treasurer. When I moved to I was introduced to Mark Espie, my part-PA, St. Edward's was the first and only ner of over twenty years now. I started to church I visited. I knew I had found my attend Saint James Church with Mark and new Home. I was so impressed and hap- was confirmed into the Episcopal py with the warmth extended to me from Church. On September 19, 2015, we bemy very first visit.

I am a retired from PECO/Exelon Corp in Philadelphia where I was a Fuel Analyst. I have one son, Daniel, who with The onset of COVID brought about mulmy daughter-in-law, Sarah, and my 3 grandchildren - Norah, Brook and Ben hospitalized at LGH for six weeks, for live in Wenonah NJ. I do miss seeing which he is still dealing with Long Term them as frequently as I used to, but we Affects. Toward the end of COVID, we make the most of our get-togethers.

I am thankful for the nominating committee and Fr. Rick's invitation to be on Vestry, and I look forward to the opportunity to become more involved at St. Edward's.

#### **Dan Sanders**



I would like to thank Father Rick, and the nominating committee, for inviting me to be a member of Saint Edward's Church Vestry. I was born and grew up in Levittown, Pa. where I attended and served as a deacon in The Church

of Christ. I was married to my wife, Kay, for 20 years. In addition, my stepson, John, lived with us also. I now have three granddaughters (one local) and three great grandchildren.

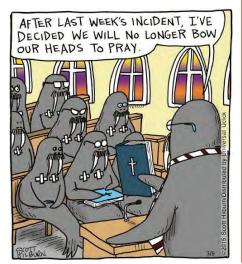
I worked for Verizon for thirty years in Customer Service and Tech Support and am now retired. While still employed, and after retiring, I was an active member of The Telephone Pioneers of America. Pioneers is a volunteer organization involved with community service projects including child reading programs, handicapped children, and helping those in need, along with fun, food and fellowship. In addition, I held multiple offices including Chapter President of Central

#### Pennsylvania.

I also helped and worked as a chairperson for our Annual Sports Jamboree weekend for blind and wheelchair bound children for over twenty years at Indiantown Gap military base. While working along with State Police and National Guard volunteers, I was introduced and recruited to the Selective Service aka M I am proudly a "cradle Draft Board for a 20-year volunteer civil servant position as an arbitrator. My position would be to hear and help deliberate Jersey where I was an on cases concerning conscientious objectors in case the Draft was reinstated. This task would help to improve my skills in lingswood. I have served fair unbiased negotiations and alternate

last 10 years in NJ, I After my twenty years of marriage ended, came the first official same sex marriage at Saint James Church after the approval of Bishop Audrey Scanlon.

> tiple changes for many people. Mark was made the decision to transfer our membership to Saint Edward's. During this time of transition, we enjoyed (and continue to enjoy) the friendship and faith of Father Rick and the congregation. Besides caring for Mark at our home in Manheim Twp., I enjoy gardening, cooking, crafting, cars, antiques and decor. My hope and prayers, as a new member of Vestry, is to be mindful of the church's past and be a kind, caring and creative voice in the future.





Pokémon Club meets Wednesdavs from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

March 29, April 2, May 7, May 14, May 21, May 28

Play Pokémon, either the game or GO. There are crafts and giveaways. Some trading as well.

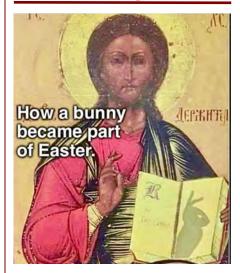
It is all FREE. You can drop-off or stay.

St. Edward's Parish Hall

2453 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA

If you need more information feel free to contact Beth Lynch

### Easter Insights



Did you know the word Easter never appears in the Bible? It may be a variant of the name Eostre, a pagan fertility goddess who symbolized rebirth and spring. Eostre stems from the Proto-Germanic word for dawn, which Christians connect to Jesus' victory over darkness.

The ancient tradition of Easter baskets also has ties to Eostre, whose symbol was a rabbit. Christians likely adapted the practice of bringing eggs and seeds as an offering to Eostre. Some Orthodox Christians continue a tradition of having a priest bless baskets of Easter food on Holy Saturday. Items usually hold special symbolism, such as Paska bread, cured meats, colored eggs, salt, horseradish and lamb-shaped butter.



### Kid's Corner

### Longwood Gardens Day Trip







Iron's grandsons: Harrison, the older grandson, and the twins, Liam in green and Torin in blue, spent the day doing a scavenger hunt and 3rd grade journaling as they identified plants and explored tree houses. It's a great place to spend a beautiful spring day together.

### Easter Egg Hunt

#### **By Leslie Arnold**



Whenever Easter "rolls around" for children, they are easily delighted by the prospect of an "egg hunt."

This year's event will occur April 20, after the 10 a.m. service, on the lawn area by the memorial garden.

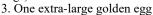
All children up to the age of 9 are invited to join the fun.

Please have your child bring a decorated Easter basket, though we will have bags available for those unable to bring a basket. Pictures will be taken, and maybe a bunny will hop in, too.

If you are willing to make a donation to help host the event, please choose from the list below:

1. Plastic eggs (50-100)

2. Individually wrapped candies (stored in bags)





#### OUR EASTER GIFT Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us? Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write order on the blinks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV. vided Then w 1. C+++ в С D Ε H→↑→ G н 1 J 3. VA+V 4.1444 M N L 0 5 TA6A S Q R т 6. PA>> 7. DV +++ х v W Υ 8. T↑←↑€ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV HTHIR WAR TIBWERA



# April 20, after the 10 a.m. service, on the lawn area by the memorial garden.

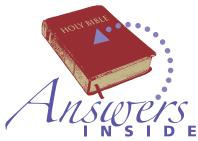
From the cross, Jesus prayed words from the book of Psalms. What were they?

A. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

B. "I thirst!"

C. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

D. "It is finished!"



Answer: A (See See Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34; and Psalm 22:1.)

### **Bible Study**



A scholarly evaluation of the fourth Conversations with Scripture: The Gos-Gospel and Johannine community.

For contemporary Christians, Johns Gospel is a paradox. On the one hand, it stresses boundaries: "No one comes to the Father except through me."

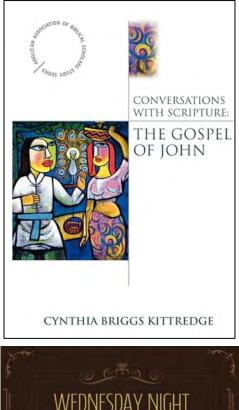
community: "I have no longer called you servant, but friends."

pel of John encourages readers to draw out the tensions between these two perspectives for an open, inclusive reading of this difficult Gospel-and to find in it reaching meaning for their lives. With a study guide that includes thoughtful, But on the other hand, it's all about challenging questions for reflection and discussion, this is an ideal resource for individual and parish study.

YEAST



Bob Mosebach, Mac Miller, Rick Dombach, Tony Tooth, Meredith and Randy Westgate, Blair Lord and Leslie Arnold



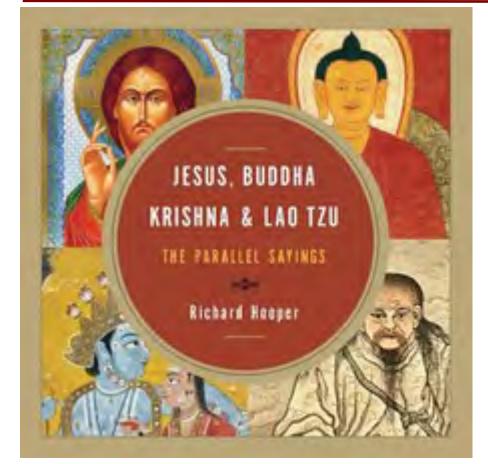


Join the zoom group Wednesday Evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 PM



Author, The Very Rev. Cynthia Briggs Kittredge - The Second Sunday in Lent preaches recently on the importance of knowing where we belong. https:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6h1YAbWuk&t=4s

### Lunch and Learn Spring Session Begins March 14th



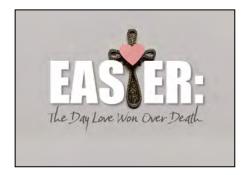
#### **By Michelle Bentley**

Our next Lunch & Learn session begins Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon via Zoom.

This next book should be a fantastic exploration and discussion. Here are some words from the book descriptor on Amazon and from the book jacket:

In this fascinating volume, theologian and philosopher Richard Hooper reveals the common spiritual threads of the world's great religious traditions.

Hooper organizes hundreds of sayings attributed to Jesus, Buddha, Krishna and Lao Tzu thematically and assembles these parallel sayings into four columns for easy reference. Culled from more



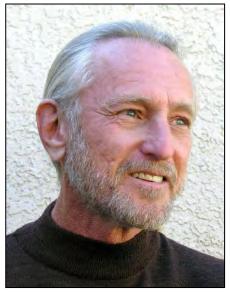
than fifty ancient Christian, Buddhist, Hindu and Taoist texts, *Jesus, Buddha, Krishna, and Lao Tzu* includes topics such as, "The Great Way, "Suffering," and more.

Each topic includes an insightful introduction that sends a powerful message that will be welcomed by all who seek the truth within, and within their own spiritual tradition.

"A much-needed journey into the minds and hearts of the great prophets of our world; academic, yet heart-filled, stimulating and illuminating. . .This rare text answers many questions that others leave hanging, and touches the spirit as well as the mind." – Alan Cohen, author of A Deep Breath of Life

"Resurrection means that the worst thing is never the last thing."

-Frederick Buechner



**Richard Hooper** 

Richard Hooper is a former Lutheran pastor with degrees in both theology and the philosophy of world religions. Once a nationally syndicated radio commentator on religion, Hooper is now a columnist for United Press International's web forum: ReligionandSpirituality.com, and has recently founded The Sedona Institute for Comparative Theology. His other books include The Crucifixion of Mary Magdalene and The Gospel of the Unknown Jesus.





### Women's Spirituality Group



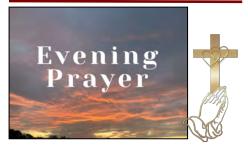
#### By Michelle Bentley

The group next meets on Saturday April 5th at 10 AM in the lounge. For those of us who have participated in this group since its inception, it has been a most fruitful experience of fellowship, prayer,

meditation, and discussion. For women who have thought about joining our group, but have yet to try it, I am here to encourage you to give it a try. What we hope for in 2025 is for a time of peaceful and thoughtful prayer and discussion as we begin each month. There is something that is very simple and comforting about gathering at the start of each month, in simple prayer, meditation, and discussion that gives us the opportunity to look inward and express what is in our hearts and minds so that we can venture with a renewed sense of faith, mission, and ministry each month. Our gatherings do not exceed 90 minutes and we offer tea, coffee, and pastries. Join us in 2025. And, we are always looking for different voices to lead discussions. The Women's Spirituality Group is a great refreshment for the new year!



### Sunday 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. :

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

drutledge1225@gmail.com

Sunday Evening Prayer@ 7:00pm Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 847 0061 4072



### Wednesday Noon



Looking for a meditative complement to Sunday services? Need a peaceful break mid-week? Join us for the Wednesday Noon Contemplative Eucharist and Meditation in the Parish Hall chapel. Each Wednesday, about 16-20 of us gather for reflection, meditation, and Eucharist, led by Father Rick. It truly is a refreshing reset to the week. For some, this is their weekly service they attend. We welcome donations to our free-will offering plate at this service.



### 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. Next meeting Bob will be in touch with the group about April meeting date. (it will not be April 12th)



### Won't You Host a Coffee Hour?

#### Pictures by Mary Snyder and Rayelenn Casey

#### By Beth Lynch

Every week there is an hour between the services and a coffee hour is hosted by one of our parishioners. You can be one of those individuals. It is an easy lift and help is nearby.

Here are a few things that would help you understand what hosting it entails: 1) You are responsible for providing the snack for the morning. 2) You are asked to clean up at the end of the coffee hour. 3) The coffee will be made by either Barb Jakiel or Michelle Bentley so your duty with the coffee is to make sure it is not running low. 4) Provide the creamer from the refrigerator and service any other beverages that may need refilled. That's it!



The hosts enjoy getting a chance to meet parishioners



#### Join Us for Coffee Hour By Michelle Bentley

One of the foundations of our weekly fellowship is our Sunday coffee hour. From 9 AM to 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.

Join us at a coffee hour, sign up to serve as a coffee hour host, participate in our craft activities, or, if you hold musical gifts, contact Randy Westgate about joining the Coffee House Band.

### First time hosts describe their experience:

Recently Jean and Kim Havens posted for the first time, Jean said "We were a little anxious about serving the coffee hour as it was our first time. The coffee was made. The creamer and condiments were ready. Really it was very simple, we just had to put the desserts we brought on plates and clean up."

Kathy and Alan Flowers also recently hosted a coffee hour for the first time. "We would be happy to share our experience hosting coffee hour. It was such a great experience. We got to talk to so many of our church family that we only have a chance to say hi to before or after our service. We definitely plan to do it again," said Kathy.

If you are interested in hosting a coffee hour, please sign up on the sheet that is on the table every Sunday.



Always yummy treats to go with the



### **Seasonal Craft Days During Coffee Hour**

The craft for lent was decorating crosses with gems. These were sent to many of our homebound parishioners to let them know they are in our minds. The left over crosses were given to families with children. Below Sadie (left) and Emma (right) Stauffer make crosses (and decorate the nails) for their dolls.





After the Annual Meeting. A relaxing time to socialize and once a month to enjoy the Coffee House Band.

### St. Ed's Live Stream



#### By Mac Miller March 2nd 2025 Cozumel Mexico

While our ship's (Celebrity Summit) satellite internet connection was not able to handle some last minute changes to the March Scepter, it did make it possible for me to see the Sunday service from St. Ed's from my favorite spot on the ship—our balcony. Fortunately, texts were fine, so Joyce Kamm was able to follow directions and make the needed updates.

### **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?**



#### **By Meredith Aul**

The semi-annual Guess Who dinner is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th at 6 p.m. Please mark your calendar for an informal evening of delicious food and great conversation. It's a great way to spend some time with old and new friends.

For now, I am looking for hosts! That way I have an idea of how many people can be accommodated. While I have never had to turn anyone away, it helps to know how many hosts are available ahead of time. It would be wonderful to have some new hosts so that those who have opened their homes on multiple occasions can enjoy an evening out.

If you are interested in hosting, your role is to set a table for six or eight (whichever your home best accommodates) and provide the main dish and beverages. Guests bring an appetizer, salad, dessert, rolls or wine as best complements your meal. The fun is in the mystery. Guests don't know who else will attend the dinner until they arrive at their designated home. Hosts will be given a guest list in advance so that they can coordinate the menu.

If you would like to host an informal dinner for six or eight in your home – or if you prefer to attend a dinner, please complete the form below and return it to the box in the Narthex (or call or text Meredith Aul at 717-575-2119). I would appreciate hosts signing up by Sunday, April 27th. If you would prefer to be a guest, be sure to sign up by Sunday, May 4th.

Yes! I will participate in the Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Dinner on May 17th at p.m.

Name(s)

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I am/We are able to host 6 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_ people.

I am/We are happy to either host or be a guest \_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like to attend as a guest\_\_\_\_\_

I'm a single, please seat me with

Your host will get back to you by May 11 to discuss details. Please call or text Meredith Aul at 717-575-2119 if you have any questions.

### Saturday May 10th - Save the Date





Holy Week & Easter Services at St. Edward's JOIN ST. EDWARD'S AS WE CELEBRATE LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2025

SERVICE & EVENT INFORMATION LISTED BELOW

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Friday, April 11th: Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM

Sunday, April 13th: Palm Sunday - Rite I at 8:00 AM & Rite II at 10:00 AM

Wednesday, April 16th: Contemplative Eucharist with Meditation & Healing Prayer at 12 Noon

Thursday, April 17th: Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 PM

Friday, April 18th: Good Friday Service - Veneration of the Cross at 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 19th: Easter Vigil Service at 7:00 PM

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>: Easter Sunday Service – Rite I at 8:00 AM and Rite II at 10:00 AM (Children's Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 10:00 AM service.)

Please note: Our 10:00 AM services on Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday will be livestreamed.

### **ST. EDWARD'S PARISH**



#### SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM (RAIN DATE, SATURDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>)

IN THIS LENTEN SEASON OF SPIRITUAL SPRING CLEANING, WE CAN ALSO BEGIN TO CLEAN OUT OUR HOMES OF UNWANTED ITEMS!

### FUNDRAISING GOAL: \$2,500

#### HOW CAN WE REACH OUR GOAL?

- SALE OF DONATED ARTICLES SUCH AS CLOTHING, BOOKS, DECORATIVE ITEMS, SMALL APPLIANCES, TOOLS, FURNITURE, SPORTING EQUIPMENT, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, TOYS, OUTDOOR ITEMS, ELECTRONICS, AND MORE!! (QUESTONS ABOUT YOUR ITEMS?? ASK US!!)\*\*
- SALE OF FOOD & BEVERAGES: CREATE A SMALL CONCESSION SELLING COLD BEVERAGES, HOT DOGS, CANDY.
- SALE OF THE CRAFTS FROM OUR NEEDLE WORKS GROUP

WE NEED A MINIMUM OF 20 PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE AS DONORS WITH A QUANTITY OF ITEMS THAT CAN CAPTURE THE DOLLARS WE NEED TO REACH OUR STATED GOAL. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PARTICIPATION BY APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> BY SIGNING UP IN THE NARTHEX. WE WILL GIVE UPDATES FOR DROP-OFF & VOLUNTEERS ONCE WE REVIEW OUR DONOR PARTICIPATION LIST AT OUR APRIL VESTRY MEETING.

\*\*NO OBJECTIONAL MATERIAL OR WEAPONRY. ITEMS MUST BE IN GOOD, CLEANED & WORKING CONDITION.

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Supper



Buddy Yeager cleaned his plate!

#### **By Bruce Lynch**

The March 4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at St. Edward's was a success again this year! The Men's Spirituality Group took the lead in hosting and organizing the event for the first time. Folks from our congregation, as well as the community, had a lot of fun



Jay Miller, chef

and enjoyed the food and fellowship! Fifty people attended the Dinner, including a family of 9 (3 adults and 6 children) from the community. Thank you to our talented and hard-working cooks, Rick D., Mark, and Bob. Thank you to other members of the Men's Spirituality Group whose excellent work



Fun event!!!

contributed to the success of the Dinner: Jay, Buddy, Bruce, Vince, Randy, Richard, Mike, and Carl, and to Freda, Gail, and Barb for their essential collaboration. We look forward to enjoying future fellowship events.

### Annual Meeting

#### **Pictures by Mary Snyder**



Bob Mosebach & Father Rick



Father Rick & Jay Miller



Michelle Bentley talks about 2025 fundraising

Father Rick introduces our vestry candidates







We had a nice turnout!



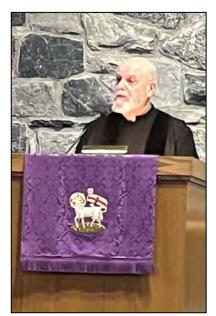
Lots of information. . . And new magnets to buy!!!

### Ash Wednesday Service

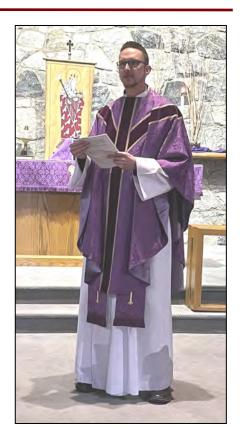
#### Pictures by Mary Snyder



Lenten purple vestments and altar hangings



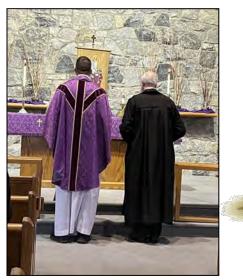
Bob Mosebach





Fr. Rick

Imposition of Ashes



Fr. Rick and Bob Mosebach



The altar guild does a great job of preparing the sanctuary for lent

### How To Use the Church Kitchen

#### By Beth Lynch and Michelle Bentley such as coffee hour and our parish din-

We have been using our kitchen a lot late- ners, we can use just one tub. ly so let us just go over a few reminders of some things about the kitchen that you may or may not have known.

#### The Refrigerator



When placing items in the refrigerator it is important to cover them with Saran wrap or aluminum foil or have it in a covered dish.

Please mark the item you place in the refrigerator with your name if it is to

be used for a future gathering so it will not be used accidentally.

It is important to understand the placement of items in the refrigerator for food safety reasons. Liquids should be below solid items so there is no leakage. Fruits and vegetables should always be towards the top of the refrigerator. Meats should always be at the bottom of the refrigerator.

As a courtesy to everyone that uses the refrigerator, if there is a spill please clean it up immediately.

#### The Oven



The oven is rarely used but must be taken care of ways turned off

between usages. When and if you need to use the oven, please con-

tact Michelle Bentley or Beth Lynch if The Floor you do not know how to turn on the pilot light.

It is extremely important to clean up any spills on the top of the stove or in the oven to avoid any flash fires. If you are unable to take care of this spill at that time you must inform Beth Lynch or Michelle Bentley of this spill so that someone else is aware of the possible hazard. (This does not mean they will clean the spill but will work out a solution.)

#### The Sink

The sink is a three-tub industrial sink that is needed for the type of kitchen we have. The three sinks are used when we have a large gathering, each tub has a significant purpose. However, at small gatherings

towels

door.

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Once an item is

cleaned it should be

dried and put away

care of it. The soiled

the laundry bag that

is located behind the

and

rags



KITCHEN HINTS

#### **The Counters**

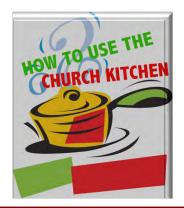


counters are used to prepare food, they are not supposed to be used to store your coats and bags. Like the refrigerator, if you are dropping off food please mark it appropriately with name and event.

properly. It is a The counter next to the stove is a place gas stove, and the where items left for people to pick up are pilot light is al- stored for approximately one month. After that period, most items are sent to Community Aid.

> At the end of each event all counters should be wiped off.

Any spills that occur that fall onto the floor must be immediately wiped up. This will prevent falls from occurring in that small space.



### Needle Arts

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.

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 has recently started doing wonderful little crazy quilt projects.



## **ST. EDWARD'S FISCAL FITNESS**

### CHALLENGE



### MAY 4 – JUNE 29, 2025 FUNDRAISING GOAL: \$10,000

HOW CAN WE REACH OUR GOAL?

OVER A 9-WEEK PERIOD WE ENCOURAGE FOLKS TO DONATE AS OFTEN AS THEY CAN VIA CHECK OR CASH IN THE OFFERING PLATE ON SUNDAY, VIA THE DIOCESAN PORTAL, PAYPAL, OR OUR ZETTLE CREDIT/DEBIT CARD IPAD APP SET UP IN THE PARISH HALL AND NARTHEX DURING WORSHIP/FELLOWSHIP. MANY CONVENIENT WAYS TO PARTICIPATE!

PLEASE MARK ALL DONATIONS: 10K FISCAL FITNESS CHALLENGE SO WE CAN ALLOCATE THEM PROPERLY.

HELP US ACHIEVE OUR GOAL WITH THIS NEW "EXTRA GIVE" IN OUR SEASONAL FUNDRAISING SCHEDULE!! YOUR DONATIONS ENSURE THAT OUR SPIRITUAL HOME IS WELL-STEWARDED DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS WHEN OUR OPERATING EXPENSES INCREASE. HELP US TO STAY "FISCALLY FIT" AND JOIN US IN THIS 10K CHALLENGE!! WE CAN DO THIS TOGETHER!

### Faith in Action Ministry

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#### HEMPFIELD AREA FOOD PANTRY

HAFP News: Thank you for the 132 pounds of food items contributed to the pantry in February. In February, we served 519 children,882 adults, 357 seniors, for a total 1,758 people served!

Food items currently requested are: Pasta Pancake mix Pancake syrup Canned mushroom soup Canned diced tomatoes Canned spinach Canned potatoes Canned spaghetti sauce White rice Canned pineapple Small (15 oz.) peanut butter Cereal

The mission of the Hempfield Area Food Pantry is to show the underserved the

gracious love of God by feeding the body, mind and soul of it's clients with dignity!

The pantry is open Monday and Wednesday from 10 am to 1 pm





Soles for Souls	Ends April 13
1st Reformed Dinner	April 15
Race Against Racism	April 26
LGH Blood Drive	May 22 2 to 4pm 4 to 6pm
Back Pack Drive	June-July
Turkey Drive	Nov 1-23
Jesse Tree ALERT Sock Drive	Nov/Dec. Nov/Dec.
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Collection of food for the Hempfield Food Pantry in the narthex is ongoing.

### Community Aid News

Community Aid has expanded the payouts to partner organizations for donated items!!! Below is a list of items you can bring to Community Aid, mentioning they are for St. Edward's Episcopal Church (*Our Partner Number is 40036*). We will receive credit for quarterly payouts that assist our Faith-in-Action ministry. Community Aid has always accepted these items, but in the past, they did not give credit to partner organizations for electronics, toys, and household goods.

Clothing Shoes Accessories

Electronics Toys Household goods

### Rahim Supplies



There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for the Rahim April - June collection. Items needed are: Paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, of soap, laundry detergent.

body wash, hand soap, laundry detergent, fabric softener, dish soap, dishwasher tablets, kitchen garbage bags, hand sanitizer.



Soles For Souls Now Thru April 13



St Edward's is once again working with St Johns collecting new and used shoes over Lent. So rather than giving something up for Lent, let's give something.

When people lack the resources to get through today, it's difficult for them to focus on tomorrow. Soles4Souls turns shoes into opportunities for education and employment so they can have a more hopeful future.

The collection will end on April 13.



### FIA Outreach Tuesday, April 15

Our next dinner is on Tuesday, April 15th. For this event, St. Edward's was asked to donate potato chips and fruit cups. If folks would like to donate funds towards this purchase, we are raising \$100 to support this cause.

Stay tuned with news from Ellen Milligan about future fall dates for our next meal service and our planning for 2026 for an Easter style dinner!

Thank you for all of your support, in donations and volunteering, for this wonderful way to be an important resource for our downtown homeless population with good food and good hospitality!

### Faith In Action Ministry



### Books For Prisoners New Protocol Begins

#### By Joyce Kamm

We are entering into a new relationship with the Lancaster County Prison. In the past, we worked with a chaplain from St. John's who selected and delivered the books. She has given up the position. Book requests will now come directly from the Administrative Assistant at the Chaplain's Office. Individuals will no longer be shopping via Amazon or local bookstores. The prison prefers to receive books shipped directly to them in batches. Individual books are too time-consuming for them to process. **Therefore, we are requesting monetary donations directed specifically for Books for Prisoners.** 

The prison is in need of 100 books, which include The Shack in Spanish, Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis, as well as true stories from ex-prisoners. We are not expected to supply all 100 books but let's do the best we can to enliven the lives and minds of the incarcerated.

Every time we reach \$100 in donations, a batch of books will be sent to the prison. Please support this vital ministry.



### Prayers for incarcerated relatives of parishioners:

Joey (nephew of parishioner)

Saskita (niece of parishioner)

Prayers for **Randy Westgate**, Music Ministry and Leader of Celebrate Recovery

Hebrews 12:1-3 NIV. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Race Against Racism April 26



For the last 5 years, St. Edward's has had a team participate in the YWCA's Race Against Racism. We gather together to unite against oppression and celebrate our community's commitment to justice. Whether you're walking or running, joining a team, your family, or as an individual, we need your support to show the world that our shared movement of eliminating racism and empowering women is stronger than ever!

This year the St. Edward's team will walk individually or with friends rather than as a group.

We are officially set up! You can sign up at <u>https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/</u> <u>RaceGroup-1743846?raceId=81889</u>

The link is also available on St. Edward's webpage under FIA. Registration dead-line is NOW, April 6.

Let's invite our friends and family to walk or run with us at this important event for all of us.

#### Race Day Schedule:

7:00 AM - Day of Registration & Day Of Packet Pickup

**8:00 AM -** Gather in Musser Park for announcements, instructions, & the race start

8:30 AM - Kid's Fun Run 9:00 AM - 5K Run Start 10:05 AM - approximately- Awards will be announced from the Portico in Musser Park as results come in.



### Annual Blood Drive May 22, 2-7 p.m.



This year our annual blood drive will be held jointly with our neighbors at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It will take place in our parish hall on Thursday, May 22, 2-7 p.m. I will be looking for a couple volunteers to assist for two hour shifts, 2-4 and 4-6. If you are available, please contact me by phone or text at 717-575-2119.

You must be age 16-79 to donate. Age 16 will need a signed parental consent.

LGH will give donors a new reusable tote bag (choice of black or blue) and 2 Lancaster Stormer ticket vouchers.



You can register bycontacting the Blood Donor Center Team at 717-544-0170 or online <u>LGHealth.org/</u> <u>giveblood</u> using the QR Code at left. Enter mobile code 468611



### Willing to Sacrifice

Robert Coleman, in *Written in Blood* (Fleming

H. Revell), tells of a boy whose sister needed a blood transfusion. The boy was the ideal donor because the two children had the same rare blood type. When the doctor asked, "Would you give your blood to your sister?" the boy hesitated.

Finally, with a trembling lip, he said, "Sure, I'd do it for her." Soon a nurse inserted a needle into the boy's arm. As he watched his blood flow out, his voice shook. He asked, "Doctor, when do I die?" The doctor then realized the gravity of the boy's decision. He'd thought giving his blood to his sister meant giving up his own life

The boy's love for his sister mirrored Jesus' love for all. Fortunately for us, Jesus loved us so deeply that he was willing to die so we might live.

### Nugget for the Journey

### Ponderings For The Fifth Week Of Lent

#### John 11:1-44 The Raising of Lazarus

Martha speaks profound sorrow at the death of Lazarus, but it is tinged with a touch of blaming Jesus: "Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died."

Where do I resent the losses in my life and somehow blame God for them, rather than seeing them as places where God's glory will be revealed?

Even when Jesus tells Martha, "I am the one who raises the dead to life!" she finds it hard to believe he means now, in the case of her dead brother.

Where do I doubt that Jesus can bring life?

Jesus stands before the tomb weeping. He places no barriers to his feelings about death. Could he be staring at and facing the tomb of his own death?

Can I be with him there? Can I stand before and face the tombs in my daily life?

Jesus shouts the liberating words of life, "Lazarus, come forth!"

How is he shouting that to me today?

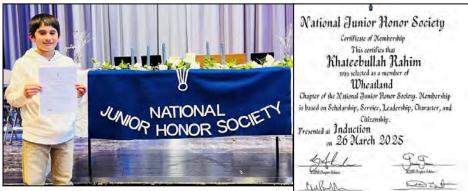
When I experience how entombed I have been, tied and bound, no longer alive, dead for a long time, I will sense the power of the command of Jesus that I "come forth."

While Jesus could have done it himself, he told the people to unbind Lazarus

Who has helped unbind me?

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PRAYER How can you love me, loving F You who are the storehouse of a good.	
How can you love me, a stack of flaws and failings - I struggle to	
Yet in all my days, You have run to hug me Every time I turn away from my selfishness.	
Patient Father, I beg that my sin like dirt on my skin to wash awa with clean repentance.	
Never let sin poison the marrow heart which I hold out to you in bright hope that You have loved from the start and all along.	the
Amen	1

### Khateeb Rahim-National Junior Honor Society



Congratulations, Khateeb. Job well done!

Thank you, tutors, for the incredible amount of time you spent with these children over a 3-year period!



So proud of their brother

Mom and Dad



Celebrating Khateeb's Accomplishment: Back: Seth and Beth Hake, Malalay and Najib, Tayab, Joyce Kamm Front: Moneeb, Muska, Khateeb, Sohaib, Anfal, Haseeb

### Lunch With the Chosen Kindness Ripples



#### Hosted by Blair Lord

March's viewing of *The Chosen*, "Ears to Hear," threw some heavy-hitting punches for the characters and the audi-

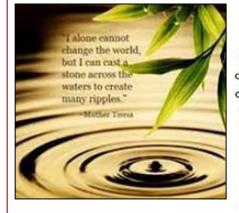
ence. Simon learns of his wife's miscarriage and vocalizes brutal questions and feelings: why did Jesus not intervene? How could he let this happen? The timing seems unfortunate as Jesus and the rest of the disciples are drawn to the Decapolis to dampen the tension broiling among Jews and Gentiles of various factions. Thomas, meanwhile, has yet to resolve his own conflict with Ramah's father. One of the most surprising developments came from Matthew when Mary Magdalene approaches him about something he has been hiding-a source of confusion and shame. Now, however, it transforms into a symbol of return and renewal. Even Simon encounters unexpected camaraderie yet again in Gaius after learning a shocking fact about the Roman officer's personal life.

These moments led us into beautiful wonderings and conversations about how we've experienced the world's brokenness, and how we've felt God at work through that brokenness. Mary Magdalene puts it so aptly: "So we think life is full of scarcity and not abundance. But then there are those times when, out of nowhere, somehow the world expresses its longing to be whole. And suddenly, God steps in, and we are pulled out of our blindness. We are invited into redemption."

Our episode for **April 6<sup>th</sup>**, "Sustenance," will be special for a few reasons. First, it is the *last* episode of season 3! Don't worry, more episodes are coming. (In fact, the first few episodes of season 5 are playing in theaters at the time this article's publication.) Second, lunch will be provided! Come enjoy a pre-Palm Sunday spread as we close out this season with some of the most exciting moments from the Gospels. We hope to see you there!

As for future episodes, we will jump into the first episode of season 4, "Promises," on **May 4**<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to catch up on seasons 1, 2, or 3, you can access *The Chosen* for free at <u>thechosen.tv</u> You



#### Kindness!

By Boston Hamer – 1st grade

Hello! My name is Boston. Today I'm going to talk about kindness. It's like a superpower so I'll demonstrate. It's kind of like this... one person does something kind to three people and then those three people be kind to others and over and over again.

It's called the ripple effect! Kindness is a really great thing to do. Kindness is all our superpowers!

The End.

### Taizé Worship



Saint Luke Episcopal 209 South Market St. Mount Joy, PA. The first Saturday of every month @ 5pm.

Interested in experiencing meditative worship

with candlelight, chanting with live musicians (harp, piano, guitar), scripture interspersed with short periods of silence? Join us as Br. David Rutledge, Br. A. J. Robins or The Rev. Martha Harris lead worship.

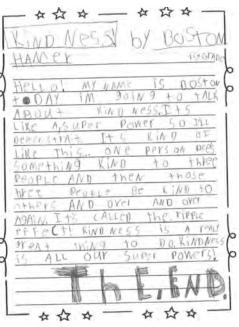
**Upcoming musicians:** 

April 5 - Father Rick, guitar

May 3 - Bill Wright, piano

June 7 - Davie Krak, harp

can download The Chosen App to your Amazon FireTV, Apple TV, or Roku, and on your phone from the Apple Store or Google Play Store. Additionally, the show is available for streaming on Amazon Prime.



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

-Sally Koch

### Saint James Saturday Evening Mass



#### Saturday, April 12 | 5:00 PM

#### Jesus Christ: A Super Star & Mass

Join us for a very special mass on the eve of Palm Sunday as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant return to Jerusalem with the music from Jesus Christ Superstar. The mass takes us through the journey of Holy Week with the iconic music of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice providing the backdrop of the Last Supper, Jesus' betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the trial before Pilate. With a live band, a multi-generational ensemble, and the congregation joining us in singing the timeless songs from the musical, we invite you to journey with us as we present a Jesus Christ Super Star and Mass

### Services

#### **Pictures by Mary Snyder**



The choir adds so much to every service



Linda Jones



Sue Purdy



Jay Miller



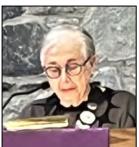
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Kathleen Spencer

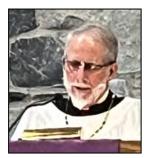


Donna Burkholder



Karen Waddill





Peter Weber



Fr. Rick



Prayers



Fr. Rick & Art Hagan



Bev Achey and Kevin Milligan

Vanessa Helsel







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The Rev. Dr. Rick Bauer, Rector

Michelle Bentley, Parish Administrative Assistant

Karen E. Waddill, Director of Worship Music

#### Parish Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday: 11AM – 4:00PM



Closed:

The parish office will be closed from April 21st -April 28th. There will be no Wednesday Service on April 23rd. Please check with your ministries regarding meeting during that week.

<u>Vestry</u> (year term ends)

Mike Freshwater(2027) Vestry Clerk

- **†**Ethel Lawrence (2027)
- Blair Lord (2026) Vestry Clerk
- \*Jay Miller (2026) Senior Warden
- **Bob Mosebach (2026)**
- Donna Ray(2028)
- Dan Sanders(2028)
- **\*** Kathy Spencer (2027)

### 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

