

Grace Notes

Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia

Rector's Reflections

The Gift of Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, and I can hardly wait! I'm more excited about Lent this year than other years because I missed all of Lent last year, being on disability leave, after my accident and surgery. In fact, last year on Ash Wednesday, I had x-rays and an appointment with my surgeon to review my "progress" three weeks into my recovery.

Often Lent seems to be more of an obligation, a requirement, a constraint. This year, Lent is a gift. The obligatory nature of Lent comes from practices of "discipline" the Church encourages: self-examination, confession, repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, almsgiving, attending more liturgies. We think about "giving something up..." and/or "taking something on..."

These disciplines can be helpful as we prepare to celebrate Easter. Yet I hope we can balance our discipline with a reality of joyful thanksgiving for the gift of this "holy" season. Our response to the holy coming into our lives can always be joy.

Specifically, let's celebrate the gift of this holy season as we experience four important aspects of Lent:

- Time – Lent is 40 days. Each day in Lent can offer us a glimpse into the reality of God's love for us in Christ. We can find time each day, each week to celebrate this love.
- Worship – At Grace we add a Monday and a Friday celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Monday is at 6:30 pm, using the free-standing Altar, singing two hymns; supper and an educational program follow. On Fridays at 12:15 pm, we begin by walking the Stations of the Cross.
- Preparation – Everything we do during Lent should point us to Christ's Passion and Glory. Adults and teenagers will be preparing for Confirmation and the Bishop's Easter Eve visitation. All of us can prepare for the new life of Resurrection.
- Forgiveness – Lent is always a time to give and to receive forgiveness, to work on reconciliation, to experience Christ's forgiveness from the cross. We all have relationships that can be strengthened through forgiveness.

Enjoy the gift of Lent. The season gives birth to the glories of spring and to the beauty of new life.

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*Grace, Peace, Love,
The Rev. Robert H. Malm*

Worship Schedule

Sunday Schedule

Holy Eucharist Rite I.....7:30 am
Child Care.....8:45 am–12:45 pm
Children’s Chapel..... 8:50 am–9:30 am
La Santa Eucaristía.....9:00 am
Choral Eucharist Rite II.....9:00 am
Christian Ed classes..... 10:15 am
Choral Eucharist Rite I..... 11:15 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II..... 5:00 pm

Weekday Schedule

Mondays, Rite II..... 6:30 pm
Tuesdays, Rite II with healing... 6:30 pm
Wednesdays, Rite I.....7:00 am
Thursdays * 12:15 pm

*Alternating Rite I and Rite II weekly

Grace Church is:

A center for worship and fellowship

A school for discipleship and stewardship

A community for healing and outreach

About Grace Notes

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Grace Church’s newsletter team includes Amy Barron, Gary Carter, Kristine Hesse, June Huber, Lee Meeks, Teresa Preston, Sarah Schultz and Beth Wiggers.

From the Assistant to the Rector

On February 2, I will return from a trip to El Salvador. I am traveling with a delegation from the Diocese of Virginia to participate in the consecration of the new bishop, The Rt. Rev. Juan David Alvarado. The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff, the Rev. Catherine Campbell, the Rev. Bernie Schroeder and I will represent the Bishop and the good people of the Diocese of Virginia. Before and after the ceremony, we will be the guests of Foundation Cristosal, a non-profit that is seeking to address issues that lead to violence and injustice in El Salvador. We are scheduled to tour some of the historic sites in the capital city, San Salvador, and to meet with local leaders to discuss their work. We will learn about the particular regional issues and about the ministry of the Anglican-Episcopal Church of El Salvador.

I am particularly excited to be on this trip because it will help me learn more about the culture. Most of our La Gracia members are Salvadorian, as is much of the Arlandria neighborhood to the north of Grace Church. I am not sure where the experiences I have during the trip will lead me or how they will impact my ministry with La Gracia and Grace Church. I trust that Grace’s commitment to the La Gracia community and to our neighbors in Arlandria will inform my perceptions and experiences while in San Salvador. My prayer for our congregation is that we continue to grow in our sense of mission in the local community and in the larger Anglican Communion. We are tied to El Salvador in many ways, both by our parish’s history and through Christ.

I look forward to speaking to Grace Church about this trip!

Peace,
The Rev. Leslie Steffensen

Ash Wednesday, February 18 Schedule of Services

7:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:00 am	Grace School Chapel
12:00 Noon	Holy Eucharist with hymns
6:00 pm	Children’s Service with Holy Communion
7:00 pm	La Santa Eucaristia
7:30 pm	Choral Eucharist

All services include the imposition of ashes.

A Word from Mother Elizabeth Shining with Radiance

“Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and forever. Amen.”

This collect, for the second Sunday after the Epiphany, is one of my favorite collects in the church year. I wrote about it last year at this time as well. But this year, with Lent approaching so soon, I have been reflecting on it as a preparation for that season.

Too often we think of Lent as a season of darkness. It is penitential, and many of us give something up. Plus we usually enter it as winter is dragging on and we are getting tired of cold and grey weather and early darkness.

But the word “Lent” is actually from an old English word for “spring.” And as we travel through Lent we find the earth beginning to waken and the days filling with more light.

And so this collect for Epiphany, a season which focuses on the theme of light—of Christ as “a light to the Gentiles”—is also a very helpful collect as we move through the season of Lent on a pilgrimage to the empty tomb of Jesus’ resurrection.

Jesus is the Light of the World. God’s love is radiant, and He is always inviting us to welcome that radiance and light into ourselves. And this collect reminds us how we can do that—how we can welcome God in and “shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory.”

It is through Word and Sacrament. Word – as in Jesus himself, and as in our encounter with Jesus through the stories of Holy Scripture. And Sacrament, as in baptism – an entrance into God’s kingdom of light.

And Sacrament, as in Eucharist, the bread for our pilgrimage. Our nourishment and strength in this daily pilgrimage that is life as a Christian. In the bread and wine God reminds us of His presence and His radiant love. He reminds us that He is a source of strength that we can rely on. And He enters into our bodies and souls, so that we can be filled with light and shine radiantly as we travel with Him.

*In Christ,
The Rev. Elizabeth Locher*

Newcomer Reception – Sunday, February 8

- If you are a newcomer, feel like a newcomer, or are ready to re-engage with ministries at Grace, please
- join us the evening of Sunday, February 8 for a newcomer welcome reception immediately following the 5:00 pm Eucharist. We will gather in the narthex at the back of the church. Enjoy good food and good company! For more information or to let us know you plan to come, please contact Dorothy Daniel at dorothy.daniel@gracealex.org.

Update from Haiti Micah Project (HMP)

Like so many projects, trying to bring the dreams of a vocational center to fruition has been over two years in coming. Now, suddenly it appears that the dream will come true. Fundraising efforts for the Vocational Training Center have been a priority. At the Board of Directors meeting in early December, Father Constant brought us up to date with recent developments at Haiti Micah Project.

Work on building the Vocational Training Center began in November, and in early December they were ready to put on the roof. A local builder and engineer oversees the building of the structure. We plan for the building to be completed in spring, 2015. As an initial step, plans are underway to develop a sewing program at the center. The local Haitians are very enthusiastic about the teenagers and young adults learning to sew school uniforms, which are required of all students in Haiti. This would provide income so that the sewing program would become self sustaining.

Plans are also developing for a new SAES (Solidarite et Action Pour Les Enfants de Sion) Home. Currently, HMP pays rent on the property now housing the 27 children. The city of Mirebalais has given HMP six acres of land (with 20 mango trees!) for the complex. Electricity will be available and the city is building a road to access the land. There is only one surveyor in all of Haiti and our turn finally came up, the land has been surveyed, and a barbed wire fence is being built for security.

The manager of the water treatment facility now keeps records on the donated computers that the Grace mission team brought with them. He reports to Madame Charité, our point person in Mirebalais.

HMP has passed its third annual audit and currently an accountant in Mirebalais is looking at the entire program to set priorities. Five barrels of donations were shipped this fall with shoes, sponsors gifts for the children, and a microwave to replace the original.

A budget for 2015 has been passed. We look to increase donations and look for other sources of revenue to finance these two capitol campaigns.

Karen Wires

Claim Your Lost Items!

The lost-and-found basket in the church office is overflowing with jackets, sweatshirts, umbrellas and various other clothing and non-clothing items. If you are missing something and don't know where it went, maybe it found its way there. Claim it on or before Sunday, February 15. After that it will become a Lenten offering to Salvation Army.

Haiti Micah Project

It's not every day that I get an envelope from a child in Haiti. In fact it has been never! At a recent meeting, Father Constant handed me a large manila envelope that he brought back from a recent trip. It was from a teenager that our Haiti Mission team met in November, 2013. His name is Emmanuel Joseph and his 16th birthday is December 21. Emmanuel has made quite an impression on visitors through the years. He has a certain maturity and sensitivity, and is a good student. His sponsor very much wants him to go to college. He and his sister were taken to the SAES (Solidarite et Action Pour Les Enfants de Sion) Home by their mother, who was too poor to take care of them. They have lived there since its opening.

You may remember the story of Emmanuel. He was the young man yelling out his sponsor's name when our team arrived. He was desperate to meet her, to no avail. Since I recognized the sponsor's name, we sat down together, allowing time for him to read from a school book in English. Then he said he had something special to read to me. It was the Martin Luther King "I Have a Dream" speech. This was the stuff that memories are made of.

So I opened my envelope and there were several drawings, a greeting card and two prayers. One prayer was the 23rd Psalm and the other was "A Prayer" Emmanuel had written. I want to share the prayer with the Grace Community because Grace has been so generous through the years toward Haiti Micah Project. Although communication is extremely challenging and efforts in Haiti are so fluid, this prayer is for all the people at Grace who are members of Haiti Micah Project through your support and prayers.

Karen Wires

A Prayer

Watch over all the members of the Haiti Micah Project.

O Lord, as their days increase, bless and guide them wherever they may be.

Strengthen them when they stand.

Comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful.

Raise them up when they fall and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday, February 17

The Journey to Adulthood (J2A) youth group will be hosting a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 17, at 6 pm. Enjoy a last hurrah before the beginning of Lent! This dinner is a fundraiser for the J2A pilgrimage to Germany this summer.

Homilies and Sermons

Have you ever wondered what the difference is between a homily and a sermon? I decided to look into this after a friend asked me the question. I assumed that homilies are shorter and less formal; my exposure to them has been either at 5:00 pm on Sunday, where the preacher often speaks from the floor of the nave instead of from the pulpit, or at a daily Eucharist. I discovered that it's more complex than that.

A homily is a commentary that follows a reading of scripture. The word is derived from the Greek word *homilia*, which means to have a conversation with another person, or to share. In Luke 24:14 and Acts 24:26 the word *homilei* is used, in the sense of two persons "speaking with each other." Origen, an early Christian scholar and theologian (184-253), prepared and preached at least 205 (of which we still have the texts) or more homilies. Since his time, the word homily has meant a commentary without formal introduction, division, or conclusion on some part of scripture, in order to explain its literal and spiritual meaning. Apparently, it is the oldest form of Christian preaching.

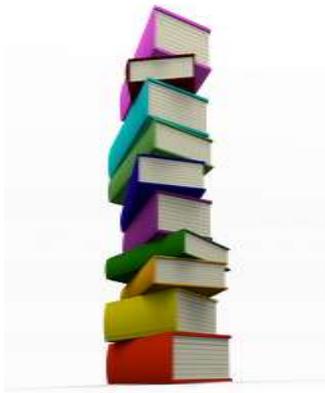


A sermon is an oration (i.e., a formal and highly organized speech) by a member of the clergy. It does not have to address a specific scripture text. Sermons address any aspect of Christian doctrine—Biblical, theological, religious or moral—usually addressing a type of belief, law or behavior. Elements of a sermon usually include exposition (to introduce important background information), exhortation (encouragement of spiritual growth) and practical application (in our daily lives). Early sermons may have been delivered in the form of question and answer, but it has come to mean a monologue. In all of the examples from the Bible, sermons are speeches without conversation: Moses' sermon in Deuteronomy 1-33; Jesus' sermon on the mount in Matthew 5-7; and Peter's sermon after Pentecost in Acts 2:14-40.

If you raise this subject with someone who has studied at seminary, you might hear three unfamiliar words: exegesis, hermeneutics and homiletics. Exegesis is the act of critically interpreting a Biblical text to **draw the meaning out** of the text. (What do I think this text means?) Hermeneutics is concerned with the philosophy and science of communicating this interpretation. (How can I explain what I believe this text means?) Homiletics is the application of the principles of rhetoric to public preaching. (How can I turn this knowledge into an effective sermon or homily?)

In his blog, one Episcopal priest describes homilies and sermons in a simple way that makes sense to me. "A homily is a reflection on the scripture reading for the day. It is designed to make the passages real in ordinary lives. The preacher doesn't get to choose the passages; they cycle so the entire bible is read over a period of time. A sermon uses scriptural passages to explain an idea. The role of scripture is reversed. It is used to support an idea. So, for example, if you wished to do a sermon on adultery, you would choose passages that cover the idea and explain why God considers it a sin. A sermon is designed to teach to a specific point. A homily is a reflection upon the passages designated for the day. A homily doesn't really have a point unless the particular reading has a point."

June Huber



From the Parish Library

Sunday, February 15, is **BOOK SWAP SUNDAY**. Bring a book, take a book. Search your shelves for books you are done with and bring them to the Swap. The preferred topics are religion, theology, self-help, religious history, religious fiction and sociology. Paperbacks and hard backs are welcome. Bring one or two books to Coffee Hour and swap them with books brought in by other parishioners. The parish library will provide about 100 books to get started. If you do not have a book to swap, you may also come and choose a book or two. This will be our first Book Swap. Help us make it a success by bringing in your books on February 15.

The February library special topics are *Lent* and *The Book of Common Prayer*. Many of our books on common prayer, worship and liturgy are in the Reference Section of the library. See R/242 for *A Prayer Book for Australia*, *The Book of Common Prayer-First American Edition*, *Book of Common Worship-Church of South India*, *Alternative Service Book*, *Book of Occasional Services* and *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*. Under the call number R/264 are *The Teacher's Prayer Book 1898*, *The Oxford Guide to The Book of Common Prayer*, *The First and Second Prayer Books of King Edward VI* and *The Office of the Holy Communion as Set by John Merbecke*. Reference books may be taken home with permission from a member of the library team—Wendy Cummings, Brad Bergmann, Margaret Will or Katie Zeigler.

Many, many thanks to those who provided their lists of recommended books for our January library topic including John Berry, Anne Boris, Brad Bergmann, June Huber, David Adams, Chrissie Crosby, Polly Spahr and Mothers Leslie and Elizabeth. These book lists will be used to order new books for the library in the coming year.

Wendy Cummings

Are you interested in Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, or Renewal of Baptismal Vows?

If you are interested in entering the Church through Holy Baptism, please contact Mother Elizabeth (elizabeth.locher@gracealex.org) or any of the clergy about baptismal preparation.

If you are a teenager interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are invited to join our youth confirmation class for 9th and 10th graders, which will be running from 7:30-8:30 pm on Mondays during Lent (February 23 through March 23). Confirmation will take place during the bishop's visit at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4 at 8 pm.

If you are an adult interested in Confirmation, Reaffirming Baptismal Vows, or being received into the Episcopal Church, please join our Inquirers' classes throughout Lent to prepare for one of these three rites during the bishop's visit at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4 at 8 pm.

June Huber and Brad Bergmann Awarded Rector's Cross

At the annual meeting on Sunday, January 25, Fr. Malm awarded the 2015 Rector's Cross to June Huber and Brad Bergmann for their unselfish and dedicated service to the parish over many years. Both June and Brad have been deeply involved in the life of this parish for many years and this year, especially, they have given many hours to helping the parish during our time of transition. Brad took on the large task of organizing the office documents during the transition from our previous parish administrator to our current one. Brad also heads up the usher team, counts money and volunteers in the library, among other things. June writes the Graceful Worship column for this publication, volunteers in the office, has headed the Communication Team in the past and generally comes forward to perform any task requested of her by the rector.

June accepted the award on behalf of herself and Brad. Brad was not present because he was working with the counters.



New Vestry Class Elected at Annual Meeting

The 2015 Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 25, and a new vestry class was elected. The new members are as follows:

Class of 2017:
John Boris
Colby Gustafson
Katie Madigan
Leo Ribeiro
Lorna Worley

Class of 2015:
Jan Wolff

Alternates: John Metz and Judy Willard

The new vestry officers are:

Lisa Medley, Sr. Warden
Eric Waskowicz, Jr. Warden
Bill Eckel, Treasurer
Mary Ann Ryan, Register
Eric Bonetti, Member at Large

A Brown Bag Lunch Program Primer

During Lent this year, Grace Church will have two opportunities to participate in the Brown Bag Lunch Program: February 23 through February 27 and March 23 through March 27. Seven other Alexandria churches also take part throughout the year. Sandwiches made by parishioners along with lemonade, or soup in the winter, fruit, chips and dessert provided by the parish Food Fund are distributed at Meade Memorial Church in Old Town to those in need: the homeless, the working poor, and the unemployed.

Notices are placed in the bulletin several weeks in advance asking for volunteers to deliver and hand out the brown bags at Meade Memorial, and asking for volunteers to make at least 10 sandwiches to be left in the church freezer the Sunday preceding our week to serve. Detailed instructions for making the sandwiches can be found on the first floor Outreach bulletin board along with a sign-up list for both the requested sandwiches and for the volunteers to deliver them.



There are always two volunteers to do this on any given day and the work lasts from 9:30 am when the food is picked up in our church kitchen until 12:30 pm when the necessary equipment is returned to the church.

Whether you are a newcomer or a long-time parishioner, help is always needed and welcomed, along with my gratitude as a new coordinator. Mary Fox, who is retiring, has been the remarkable volunteer coordinator for many years, and Puddy Blunden (who, thankfully, is not retiring) is the hands-on coordinator who does all the shopping and sets everything up prior to the week Grace Church is responsible. If you have any questions, please e-mail Linda Waskowicz at linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org.

Food Pantry News

At the end of 2014, our Food Pantry had served an amazing number of 1600 households for the year. Many thanks to our 25 dedicated volunteers who give their time each month to greet and serve the needy who to come to Grace.

If you are looking for a ministry at Grace, please consider joining us. With our normal turnover, we can always use a few more volunteers. Training is provided, and the reward is a simple thank you and smile from those who come to the Food Pantry.

Khacki Berry - khacki.berry@gracealex.org

Lenten Spiritual Retreat—Saturday, February 28 “Holy Seeing—An Invitation to a Lenten Discipline of Sight”

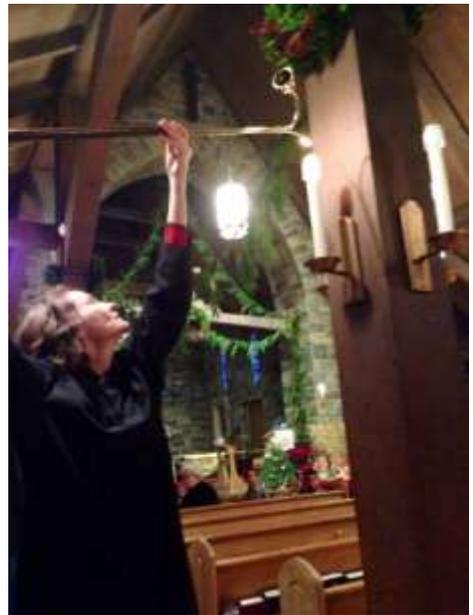
Come enter into the season of Lent with our parish Lenten Retreat Day on Saturday, February 28 from 8:30 am–3 pm. Local artist Peggy Parker will be leading a retreat which will include times for meditation, contemplation of images, discussion, and even the option of art instruction for those who are interested.

Please help us prepare by signing up at <http://bit.ly/graceretreat2015>. If you are unable to sign up online, please contact Mother Elizabeth by calling the church office.

A registration fee of \$10 will cover the cost of a light breakfast and simple lunch. Checks can be sent to the Grace Church office and made out to “Grace Episcopal Church” with “Lenten Retreat” in the memo line. Please register by **Saturday, February 21**.

If you’re interested in child care during the retreat, please contact Mother Elizabeth at family.ministries@gracealex.org about possible arrangements.

Christmas 2014 at Grace



Praying in Common: The Book of Common Prayer

Grace Church Monday Lenten Series: February 23rd – March 23rd

Nightly Schedule:

6:30 PM: Holy Eucharist

7:15 PM: Simple Supper

7:45 PM: Speaker – 30 minutes speaking, 15 minutes of Q&A

Children's Program - 7:45PM – 8:30PM

Youth Confirmation class – 7:30PM – 8:30PM

Introduction to the Book of Common Prayer – February 23rd

The Rev. Dr. Robert Prichard
Instructor in Liturgics
Virginia Theological Seminary



Episcopal Services – March 2nd

The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff
Suffragan Bishop
The Diocese of Virginia



The Daily Office – March 9th

The Rev. Martin Smith
Author, Retreat Leader, and Preacher



The Holy Eucharist – March 16th

The Rev. Anne Turner
Senior Associate Rector
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Arlington



Sharing Jesus Outside Our Walls – March 23rd

The Rev. Dr. David Gortner
Professor of Evangelism and Congregational Leadership
Virginia Theological Seminary



*In coordination with the Alexandria Episcopal-Lutheran Lenten Series
This speaker will begin at 7:30pm.*

"Praying in Common" Winter 2015 Forums

FEBRUARY

- Feb 1 Report on Diocesan Council – with Grace Church Council Delegates
St. John Room
- Feb 8 Liturgy Moment: "Passing the Peace"
Nave and St. John Room
- Feb 15 NONE – President's Day Weekend
- Feb 22 Lent Series – "The Acts of the Apostles"
Week 1: Pentecost: Preparing for the Mission of the Church
St. John Room

MARCH

- Mar 1 Lent Series – "The Acts of the Apostles"
Week 2: The Church's Mission in Jerusalem
St. John Room
- Mar 8 Lent Series – "The Acts of the Apostles"
Week 3: The Church Begins its Mission to the Gentiles
St. John Room
- Mar 15 Lent Series – "The Acts of the Apostles"
Week 4: The Conversion Stories of St. Paul
St. John Room
- Mar 22 Lent Series – "The Acts of the Apostles"
Week 5: St. Paul and His Missions to the Gentiles
St. John Room
- Mar 29 NONE – Palm Sunday Intergenerational Event

Rite 13 Service Project



In December, students from the Rite 13 program helped our 1st and 2nd graders make Christmas ornaments and origami figures.



Lent and Easter Events for Children, Youth, and Families

Sunday, February 1

- EYC Hoagie Sale all morning
- No Youth Dinner

Sunday, February 15 – President’s Day Weekend - No Sunday School

Tuesday, February 17 – Shrove Tuesday

- 6 pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Hosted by J2A

Wednesday, February 18 – Ash Wednesday

- 6 pm: Ash Wednesday Children’s Service

Monday Nights in Lent

- 7:30-8:30 pm: J2A Confirmation
- 7:45-8:30 pm: Children’s Lenten Program

Sunday, March 1

- 10:15 am: Parent Forum
- 5:30 pm: Youth Dinner

Saturday, March 21 – Sunday, March 22 - J2A Lock-in

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday

- Palm Sunday Intergenerational Activities - No Sunday School

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

- 11:45 am – 3 pm: Childcare available in nursery
- 5 pm: Children’s Holy Week Service

Saturday, April 4 – J2A Easter Egg Dyeing

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

- 10:15 am - Easter Egg Hunt - No Sunday School
- No Youth Dinner

From the Parish Register

Baptisms

-  Vera Faye Havener, daughter of John and Vanessa Havener
-  Jack Walter Janeczek, son of Eric and Jessica Janeczek
-  Everett Davis Pichler, son of Chris and Kristie Jo Pichler
-  Alexandra Grace Smith, daughter of Keller Smith and Heather Wishart Smith

Burial

-  Harvey John Winter

February Birthdays

2/1	Helen Viera	2/16	Jack Hamilton
2/2	Karla Merritt	2/16	Aidan Koelbl
2/2	Kathleen Roche	2/16	Jose Rodriguez
2/2	Ruby Stanley	2/17	Kate Reeder
2/3	Perrin Chiow	2/18	Jamie Grimes
2/3	Lawrence Kline	2/19	Ashley Spencer
2/3	Kyle Laemmle	2/19	Mary Toler
2/4	Emma Grimes	2/20	Sophia Vassallo
2/4	Lottie Henry	2/21	Anne McFadden
2/4	Alma Deane	2/21	Pamela Valenzuela
	MacConomy	2/21	Seamus White
2/4	Littleton Tazewell	2/22	Jean Goodson
2/5	Ronan Cheron	2/22	Andrew Lorentz
2/5	Lesley Gable	2/22	Gemma Pianesi
2/5	Karsten Glazier	2/23	Claudine Donovan
2/5	Katie Schanely	2/23	Lauren Gustafson
2/7	Alexandra Feeley	2/23	Carole Guzzetta
2/7	Kelly Gable	2/23	James Holloway
2/7	Joseph Giacomo	2/23	Carole Hunt
2/7	Daniel Wakefield	2/24	Connor Murphy
2/8	Peter Madigan	2/23	Evan Robinson
2/8	Sofia Reyes	2/23	Nancy Robinson
2/10	Bert David	2/24	Renée Rutkowski
2/10	Betty Lawson	2/23	Raphael Sanchez
2/11	Kelley Miller	2/25	Graham Borgia
2/11	Amy Sullivan	2/25	Kerrigan O'Malley
2/12	Peregrine Enger	2/25	Amelia Page
2/12	Elizabeth Legere	2/26	Jay Burgess
2/13	Libby Padilla	2/26	Betty Jones
2/13	Lucy-Lee Reed	2/26	Joe Washington
2/14	Megan Laboy	2/27	Sidonie Gillette
2/14	Dawn Alee Yerkes	2/28	Elizabeth Dorton
2/15	Catherine Giacomo	2/28	Willem Egaas



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- Class of 2015
- Eric Bonetti Member at Large
 - Lisa Medley Senior Warden
 - Mary Ann Ryan Register
 - Eric Waskowicz Junior Warden
 - Jan Wolff

- Class of 2016
- Jeffrey Chiow Fellowship
 - Lina Dobbs Communications/La Gracia
 - Bill Eckel Treasurer
 - Bill Malone Stewardship
 - Easter Thompson Worship

- Class of 2017
- John Boris
 - Colby Gustafson
 - Kate Madigan
 - Leo Ribeiro
 - Lorna Worley

- Alternates
- John Metz & Judi Willard

- Non-Vestry Coordinators
- Gary Carter Fellowship
 - Mickey Craven Education
 - Chad Eckles Worship
 - Kristine Hesse Communications
 - Rich Kelly Youth
 - Cindy MacIntyre Evangelism
 - Andrea Santos TNT
 - Mike Smith Pastoral Care
 - Tania Wilkes Outreach