

The Angelus

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From the Rector

Mom's Rosary

I just was advised that I will be writing an article for the newsletter. Then, I found out that it is The Angelus. So, I feel at home! As I said recently, one cannot go to Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven) Parochial School and the University of Notre Dame (Our Mother) and not have an affinity for the Blessed Virgin Mother. As I say, she's my girl! On a more serious note, she always has been a source of strength and solace for me.

What I learned in my young adulthood was that my mom prayed a Catholic rosary every day, even well into her illness that eventually led to her death at the young age of 62. I always wondered why her blue rosary beads were held together by her version of gum and baling wire. Securing one section of the beads was a paper clip! So, on a trip to Rome, I stopped at the Vatican and bought her a black onyx and silver rosary that was blessed by Pope John Paul II. Each of the beads was carved to look like a rose. I was so proud of my gift and she was so gracious in accepting the new beads from me. What I didn't know was that she very promptly and lovingly put them in a drawer and continued to use her blue beads.

It wasn't until my mom was very ill that she forgot to put away her rosary beads after praying with them. I wandered into my parents' room and sitting on the nightstand was the blue rosary. And, the paper clips had multiplied. There may also have been a safety pin keeping them together. They were well loved, just like the Velveteen Rabbit.

My mom had a deep devotion for the Virgin Mother, as was evidenced by her daily practice of praying the rosary. The origin of the rosary itself is up for debate, but among my favorite stories is how Mary appeared to the children at Fatima and encouraged them to pray the rosary daily to bring the Great War to an end. They were to pray for peace in the world. The rosary on which my mom continued to pray was a rosary she had used since her childhood. Perhaps those beads reminded her of simpler times. Perhaps the rosary I had bought her was just a little too fancy. Maybe she saw her rosary as having created peace in her life. That the well-worn beads matched the joys and the sorrows of her life. That every crack and crevice and furrow in those beads represented challenges and the fact that she had overcome them, with God's help. Even every paper clip clinging to those beads had a story about relationships that remained intact during the most difficult of times.

Just as she and the Virgin Mother were great friends, she shared a deep friendship with God. She leaned into God in ways that are still beyond my comprehension, and I strive for the same relationship.

I originally thought that those Vatican beads were a trade up. I finally realized that those blue rosary beads were the manifestation of a lifelong friendship with God. They were a manifestation of my mom's faith and trust in God through all the hills and valleys of life. We all should strive to create that sort of friendship with the Divine.

- The Reverend Lisa Zaina

Christ Episcopal School

C.E.S. Class of 2020 raises \$15,000 to build a well in South Sudan!

After reading the novel, *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park in the winter of 2018, the sixth grade class at Christ Episcopal School was inspired to have a positive, lasting impact in the world. The novel portrayed the true story of Salva Dut, a Sudanese lost boy, who faced extreme challenges as he fled civil conflict in his South Sudanese village. The novel also told of the difficulty Sudanese families have in gaining access to clean water.

Galvanized by compassion for these suffering families, the CES 6th graders decided that they wanted to help get clean water to more families in South Sudan. This began a three-month campaign to raise money for Water for South Sudan, a non-profit created by Salva Dut. Their hope was to have the ability to co-sponsor a well in South Sudan. In order to realize their dream, the students needed to raise \$5000 – a lofty goal. The class was highly motivated and leveraged social media, as well as a marketing campaign they developed and used throughout the school and church community. As part of the marketing, the students pooled their own money to design and sell bracelets that said “Water for South Sudan” and included the web address for the on-line, crowdsourcing web site that they created to collect donations.

The project soon exceeded expectations. By April, 2018, the students had raised over \$15,000 from both the CES community and their extended network. This meant that rather than co-sponsoring a well with other schools, CES would sponsor one additional well in its entirety. In February 2019, Christ Episcopal School received word that the well had been built! CES received pictures of the well surrounded by people in the Adot village waving their thanks and holding a sign recognizing Christ Episcopal School’s and Church’s sponsorship.



Our students are truly overwhelmed with what they have achieved. They have thrown their hearts into this project, feeling a strong connection with the plight of the Sudanese people. The generosity of the CES community has left a lasting legacy for the families in the Adot village and the students at CES. It is a legacy that is bound to create positive change in the minds, hearts and spirits of all those who have been touched by this project. The entire CES community is proud of these students who on their own embraced the spirit of the Christ Episcopal School motto, “Minds to Learn, Hearts to Love, and Hands to Serve”.



Inside Outreach

An Update on the Christ Church Outreach Program



*“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”
Galatians 6:2*

My husband and I moved to Rockville last April, partially to be closer to work, and partially to settle into a community that felt a bit smaller and less busy than life inside the Beltway. In the past year, we haven’t been disappointed; Rockville has proven to be a vibrant, friendly place where we quickly felt at home. Christ Church has been a significant part of that for me. I’ve enjoyed getting to know folks here and becoming involved with the Outreach Committee, and through that, the Loaves & Fishes ministry. Over the past several months, I’ve been struck time and time again with how passionately Christ Church takes Jesus’ call to love our neighbors.

Each month, the Outreach Committee meets to determine how to handle the stewardship responsibilities of Christ Church in our community, both here in Rockville and in the larger DC metro region. In a quickly-changing urban and suburban landscape, this is no small feat, and it is a ministry that is as important as ever. Before joining Outreach here at Christ Church, I have to admit that I wasn’t as connected to the substantial and important relationships that my local parish took care to foster in the community. After several months of participating in this ministry and learning about the wonderful work this parish funds, I can honestly say that I’ve renewed my passion for and belief in what church is truly about – community and sharing Christ’s love with the world.

For those looking for a way to deepen their involvement with this special parish, I would encourage getting involved with the Outreach Committee. Through my own involvement, I've not only gotten to know about the excellent events they support like Rise Against Hunger and A Wider Circle, but also about important ministries around the Washington region, like Loaves & Fishes, the Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington, and the Diocesan Hunger Fund. These ministries, and others, ensure that people in need around Washington get the help they need every day, and the Outreach Committee ensures that they get the funds needed to carry out this vital work.

- Julie McVey

The Outreach Committee March meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 10th from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish House beside the church. All are welcome to attend and learn more about the opportunities to live our faith through service to those who need us most. For further information, contact Ben Shuman at benofwater@gmail.com.

Environmental Stewardship

Lenten Creation Care: Chocolate or Plastic?

Mark Wright & Janice Musselman, Environmental Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs

During Lent, according to The Washington Post, dozens of Lutheran churches near Pittsburgh “are encouraging their churchgoers to forgo commonly discarded single-use plastics. Each week, parishioners will be encouraged to give up a different item: shopping bags, drinking straws, water bottles, Styrofoam and food wrappers.” (The latest Lent challenge for churches: Give up plastic; Sarah Pulliam Bailey; March 5:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2019/03/05/latest-lent-challenge-churches-give-up-plastic/>)

Closer to home, St. Columba’s Episcopal Church in D.C. is hosting Lenten workshops on “solar energy, green homes, green community, green world, and green yards. And instead of giving something up like chocolate, parishioners have been encouraged to take a leaf from a cardboard cutout of a tree with an environmental change to make,” the Post reported.

The age-old question – Should we give up something for Lent? – has taken on a decidedly green tinge, as awareness of sustainability and concern for God’s creation increases. (Check out National Geographic’s “Planet or Plastic” website for inspiration: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/planetorplastic/>.)

Here are two quiet actions for all of us at Christ Church to consider as Lent progresses:

1. Let’s prayerfully contemplate what we as a faith community could do to help remove plastic pollution from our streets, streams and seas.
2. Let’s continue our April “Earth Month” tradition of gathering together to clean up a local park or watershed.

Annual Trash Cleanup Set For Saturday, April 13th

You’re invited to join with fellow Christ Church parishioners and friends on Saturday, April 13th, to help clean up part of the nearby Rock Creek watershed.

Time & Place: We'll gather at 9:30 a.m. that day at the Linthicum Street trailhead to Rock Creek Park in the Twinbrook area of Rockville. Our work will conclude by noon. Here are details about our cleanup site:

<http://trashnetwork.fergusonfoundation.org/event/4302/show>.

Regional Impact: Our event is being coordinated through Montgomery County Parks, as part of the region-wide 31st Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup organized by the Alice Ferguson Foundation.

Please RSVP: Your participation will make a big difference! Feel free to bring friends and fellow family members. Please email Mark Wright (mark@pickupyourplastic.org) ASAP to confirm, though, so he'll have an accurate head count to ensure enough gloves (and donuts)!

Thanks in advance for your help. The Environmental Stewardship Committee looks forward to working alongside you to get rid of trash that's polluting our little corner of God's creation.

Download Your 2019 Interfaith Power and Light Lenten Calendar! It contains lots of easy ways to reflect on the Lenten season and care for the earth simultaneously.

<http://ipldmv.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2019lenticallimage.png>

Styrofoam Food Containers: Statewide Ban Looks Likely



Environmental Stewardship Committee Co-Chair Janice Musselman asks Maryland State Senator Cheryl Kagan (D-17) about the Styrofoam legislation during a February 3rd environmental event in Rockville Town Square.

Too bad something so useful turned out to be so damaging to the environment. Styrofoam® – known technically as “expanded polystyrene” (abbreviated as EPS) foam – never decomposes.

It's a serious and resilient pollutant, commonly found among litter in streets, storm drains, and streams. When Styrofoam cups and food containers get into watersheds and ecosystems – as they frequently do – they just break down into smaller and smaller pieces that birds and fish mistake for food, which kills them and poisons our food chain.

The problem has become so bad that a bill (HB 109) is working its way through the Maryland General Assembly to create a statewide ban on Styrofoam food containers. This is the third year the bill was introduced, and Democrats announced recently it's one of their priorities for this legislative session.

The cities of Annapolis, Baltimore, Gaithersburg, Takoma Park, and Rockville, as well as Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, have already enacted bans. The state legislation nearly succeeded last year, but lost in a General Assembly committee by one vote.

Interested in learning more? Here is the link to HB 109

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=hb0109&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&sys=2019RS>.

And if you want to ask your delegate or state senator where they stand on this issue, you can find them via this directory on the General Assembly's website

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmmain.aspx?pid=legisrpage&tab=subject6&s=cnty>.

You can also get more details online via Trash Free Maryland and from Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake.

Uh...Garbage in, Garbage Out?

This little story created quite a ripple when it, um, plopped into social media. From The Washington Post: Scientists found a working USB stick in some leopard seal poop. (In related news, four out of five leopard seals now believe marine plastic pollution is either a really big problem – or really hilarious. Stay tuned.)

You Are Invited to Greet Visitors at Christ Church

The eighteenth chapter of the book of Genesis gives the account of how Abraham welcomed three visitors and received in return the promise of having a child by his wife Sarah despite the fact that he and his wife were already well advanced in years. This story and many others from the scripture teach us the importance of welcoming others, most especially those that visit our house of worship.

You, too, can demonstrate God's love for others by becoming a greeter that greet those that visit our church at the end of the 9AM or 11AM service. If you are interested, please contact: Delia McCormick deliamccormickdc@gmail.com or Rev. Simpson csimpson@cecrockvill.org, or Ken Ekechukwu Kensons1@verizon.net.

Worship

Tuesday Evening Lenten Prayer Continues

Christ Church is offering a short Evening Prayer service from 7:30 p.m. until about 8:00 p.m. each **Tuesday** (through March plus April 2nd and concluding on April 9th) during Lent. This lay-led service takes place in the sanctuary. For more information, or if you would like to help, contact Gary Correll at garycorrell@verizon.net and Bill Thompson at amherstdude4@gmail.com.

Great thanks to these two leaders for making themselves available.



St. Francis Flock

The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated. – Mahatma Gandhi

God Speaks . . . What Happens When We Listen?

Lenten Film Series Including Dinner & Discussion

Wednesdays April 3rd and 10th at 6:45 p.m.



Come one and come all (especially kids and families!) to our second annual Lenten Film Series. This year we thought that we would lighten it up a bit with two heartwarming films.

On April 3rd, we will be showing *Evan Almighty* (rated PG), a comedy starring Steve Carell as Evan Baxter, a newly elected Congressman, who wants “To Change the World” and Morgan Freeman as God who asks him to do just that – by building an Ark! Things start to get interesting when animals of all shapes and sizes begin to follow him – two by two.

God: How do you change the world? Evan: One single act of kindness at a time

On April 10th, we are excited to share a wonderful documentary about Arthur, an injured stray dog, who joins an adventure race (spanning 435 miles) and teaches the extreme endurance athletes what it really means to be a team.

It was so clear, he was a part of us... There was something bigger in taking care of this dog than winning.” Staffan Bjorklund, Team Peak Performance (Sweden).

The movies are free; the dinner will be delicious (and on us!); and the discussion will be engaging! A nice way to spend two evenings in the Lenten season for the whole family.

Hope to see you there!



Ongoing Activities – Great Opportunities to Help Animals and People!



• **March on over to the shelter and donate!!** Donations of gently used dog beds, old towels and blankets, and (new) pet toys are ALWAYS welcome. Many dogs, cats, and other critters are waiting for their forever families at the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center. They would love to have toys (gently used or new) to play with, soft blankets to lay on, and towels & blankets to be cleaned up with. Drop off your donations in the shopping cart in the main dining area of the basement and the Flock will deliver them to the shelter.

• **Help loved ones stay together by donating to our Pet Food Drive.** Please provide unopened donations in the shopping cart in the main dining area of the basement (same cart as Manna donations) and the Flock will deliver to the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County's Chompers Pet Food Bank. Pet food donations benefit local families struggling to provide for their pets. In many cases, providing pet food to families makes the difference between being able to keep their pet or having to surrender them due to a lack of food. With our donations, Christ Church is making a difference!



• **Love Lost – Pet Grievance Ministry.** St. Francis Flock provides ministry to those grieving the loss or illness of a beloved pet. Please contact Carolyn Cole at stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org for more information.



• **Assistance To The Elderly and/or Disabled.** St. Francis Flock provides assistance to Christ Church elderly and/or disabled parishioners in driving them and/or their pet to the veterinarian. Please contact stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org if you need assistance.

Meeting Time: Second Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish House! All who feel called to expand their circle of compassion, please join us! For more information contact stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org. Also, did you know that we have a Facebook page? Become our friend on Facebook @StFrancisFlock to learn more about us.

Christ Church Pictorial Directory

Christ Church to Produce New Pictorial Directory
Photo Sessions: May 14th through 18th

The Communications Committee is pleased to announce that Christ Church will be producing a new pictorial directory with photos and contact information for our parish community. Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey about the new directory; the feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Photo sessions for the new directory will be held May 14th through 18th, with daytime and evening hours, including a Saturday session. We will begin scheduling photo sittings several weeks in advance. We hope you will participate to make the directory as complete as possible.

Our vendor, Lifetouch, will provide each participating individual/family a free directory, as well as a free 8x10 photo with the opportunity to purchase additional photos. An online directory will also be available. There is no obligation to make any purchase.

We will be reaching out soon to the many people who indicated an interest in volunteering during the photo sessions. Thank you!

Vestry Nominations

The Vestry is pleased to put forward the following slate of candidates for Vestry and for Delegates to the Diocesan Convention.

Senior Warden: Janice Musselman

Junior Warden: Geoffrey Fuller

Vestry:

- Diana Locke (3 year term)
- Emily Pearce (3 year term)
- James Suit (3 year term)
- Tim Johnston (1 year term)

Diocesan Convention:

- Kate Albus
- Kennerly Chapman
- Anne Scott
- Peggy Gilliam (alternate)

The candidates will be available at the Adult Forum on April 7th to tell you about themselves and answer any questions you have about their candidacy. Please plan on attending. We will elect new Vestry persons and Diocesan Delegates at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 28th.

Christ Episcopal Church 2019 Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 28th

10:30 a.m.

Note that there will be only ONE service on Sunday April 28th, at 9:00 a.m., followed immediately by the Annual Meeting. The Youth Group will serve their famous chicken and waffles breakfast following the Annual Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Altar Guild

The Altar. And You.

*From the pew you see them
Covered on the altar, hidden,
Like the people who placed them there.
Gleaming chalices, golden plates, sacred vessels
Held high by praying hands,
Tended weekly by a band of volunteers--your peers--
Gathering to set a table for all,
For a holy banquet.
They wait for the prayers that
Send us out into the world,
Then swoop forward to
Retrieve, wash, and lay the
Chalices and plates back in place.
Their faces smiling, but their hearts wishing
For a few extra hands to share in the care,
To help return the sacred to the mundane,
Brass and silver safely lain in cupboards, drawers,
Until next week.
With your spirit filled, your Altar Guild bids you
To seek, to join, to serve.
You, yes.*

Call or email Anna Von Arx (301-838-9284) advonarx742@gmail.com

Music at Christ Church

“SPIRIT”

Featuring National Philharmonic Singers
Saturday, April 27th 2019, 8:00 p.m.
In Concert at Christ Church – Mark your calendars!

The National Philharmonic Singers’ Spring Concert features music that shares how the Spirit is always present in our daily lives, guiding us in the sojourn to find meaning, faith, hope, and love. J S Bach’s motet “Der Geist hilft” (“The Spirit helps us”) opens the evening along with selections from Mozart’s Vespers (evening prayers). Fly to Paradise by Eric Whitacre, We Can Mend The Sky by Jake Runestad, Carly Simon’s Let the River Run, and exciting spirituals also celebrate how the spirit lifts us up.

The National Philharmonic Singers, conducted by Stan Engebretson is a select group of 25 singers associated with the National Philharmonic at Strathmore. They perform featured concerts throughout Montgomery County. In February, 2019, they participated in the Chinese Lantern Festival Gala sponsored by the Shaolin Temple USA Culture Center.

The choir looks forward to a concert collaboration with the Strathmore Children's Chorus at Strathmore Hall and singing with composer Eric Whitacre in May at the Washington Convention Center.

This is the 13th year of performances at Christ Church with a free-will offering benefiting Community Ministries of Rockville, a most important ministry for the care of the Rockville community.

Newcomer's Corner

Matt Brown

A lifelong Episcopalian, Matt Brown first came to Christ Church last summer. After 30 years in Loudoun County, he and his wife, Sheri, moved to Rockville Town Center last May. Sheri took the position of Preschool Director at Tikvat Israel Congregation, and they became "empty nesters". Their son lives in Manhattan, and their daughters are close by in Bethesda. Matt and Sheri are expecting their second grandchild this spring, joining two-year-old Ellie!

Originally from the Boston area, Matt served as a Navy officer after graduating from Cornell, and has since enjoyed a long career in technology policy and strategy. He is now a federal employee at the Department of Homeland Security Headquarters in downtown DC. He's a regular platelets donor with the American Red Cross, and is exploring the growing craft beer scene in Montgomery County.

Matt has enjoyed participating with the pastoral care team and the Sunday morning Studies in Christian Faith group and hopes to contribute in other ministries. Welcome to Christ Church, Matt!





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VOLUNTEER PROFILE



PHYLLIS BYRNE started working at the Bargain Box in 2014 after she retired from NIH. In Phyllis' own words -- I knew both Donna and George as long time dedicated platelet donors and believe it or not, I was Janet Miranda's boss! At the encouragement of Janet I started to volunteer, working at the front desk. I enjoy my volunteering very much and especially selling jewelry and collectible pieces. I find that I usually go home with a few items every time I volunteer so I try to balance it out by donating from my huge collection of jewelry, clothing and vintage items. I also enjoy the interactions with the wide variety of customers who visit the Bargain Box. Retirement is not really a time for slowing down. The only

difference is I do not wake to an alarm or need to drive in bad weather or rush hour traffic! Every work day I walk my Cavalier King Charles grand puppy and soon I will have my first granddaughter to walk. I thought this was a temporary situation but it has turned into a full time responsibility! Besides dog duty at my daughter's, I have 2 rescue dogs of my own plus many flower gardens surrounding my house. I am constantly fending off critters such as ground hogs, squirrels, skunks and deer. It keeps me very busy but I love being outside and digging in the dirt.

TIDYING UP? DONATE YOUR DISCARDS

Have you been inspired by Marie Kondo to rid your home or office of items that don't spark joy? Or are you simply de-cluttering as part of your spring cleaning? Either way, if you're ready to donate items you no longer want, consider donating them to the Bargain Box. And if there are items we don't take, or you need to have something picked up, the Montgomery County Volunteer Center can help connect you to local nonprofits and government agencies that may need them.

Visit their online [donation resource page](#) for a quick guide to organizations and the types of donated goods they receive--everything from books and clothing to garden supplies and athletic equipment. In addition, you'll find details on how to list furniture, office equipment, medical devices, craft supplies, and other items you may have available for donation in *Hotlink*, their weekly e-newsletter sent to the 1,200 nonprofits and government agencies registered with the Volunteer Center.

OUTREACH SUNDAY



The third Sunday in April is Easter so we will see you on May 19 in the Dining Room for SOS

Sunday after the 9 am service with a raffle theme of gardening and flowers.

EASTER GOODIES!

We have lots of fun things for Easter. Bunnies galore! Easter basket stuffers, not to mention Easter baskets. And you can surely find a new Easter outfit among our spring clothing.

The Bargain Box
Thrift and Consignment Shop
An Outreach Ministry since 1957
 398 Hungerford Drive, Rockville 20850
 301-762-2242
 Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 4:30 pm
 Donna Wolohojian, Manager
 Email: bargainbox@cecrockville.org
 On the web: www.bargain-box.org
 Follow us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/BargainBoxRockville

*All our profits fund outreach projects in
the community and diocese.*

Children's & Youth Ministries

Sunday, April 7th



Worship Services at 7:30am, 9am and 11am in the Church
Nursery is available 9am – 12:15pm for infants & toddlers
Children's Church meets at 9am in the Murdock Room
Sunday School from 10:15 – 11am in the Classrooms

Friday, April 12th



Youth Group Play, Dinner, EGGSTAVAGANZA & Lock-IN from 6pm- 9am. We will meet in the Parish House! **RSVP** mcraig@cecrockville.org.

Sunday, April 14th

Palm Sunday



Worship Services are at 7:30am, 9am & 11am in the Church
Nursery is available 9am – 12:15pm for infants & toddlers
SOS – Serving Others Sunday at 10:15am in the Murdock Room
We'll pack 200 bags of food for children at Meadow Hall School who need food on the weekends, make 300 bags of granola for Interfaith Women's Shelter residents.



Thursday, April 18th



Seder Meal from 6 - 7:15pm in the Dining Room - **RSVP 301/762-2191**
Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 7:30pm in the Chapel

Friday, April 19th



Hot Cross Buns & Pretzel Making from 7-7:30pm in the Dining Rm
Stations of the Cross-Intergenerational at 7:30pm in the Murdock Rm



Sunday, April 21st

Easter Morning

EASTER Worship Services at 7:30am, 9am and 11am in the Church

Nursery is available 9am – 12:15pm for infants & toddlers

Flowering of the Cross begins at 8:45am in the Children’s Library

Children are asked to bring a small sprig of flowers to decorate the cross

Easter Egg Hunt begins at 10:30am outside in Foley Park



Saturday, April 27th



5th & 6th Grade Youth from 10am – 1pm for Service & Lunch in the DR

Sunday, April 28th



Worship Service at 9am ONLY (due to the Annual Meeting) in the Church

Nursery is available 8:45am – 10:30am for infants & toddlers

Children's Church begins at 9am in the Murdock Room

Waffles & Chicken Brunch at 11am in the Dining Room



Dear Friends of Christ Episcopal Church,

Who doesn’t like to rest and recharge? I know that in the past I have wanted to simply be, and not do. That is the opportunity that our friend Michele has right now. She is going to take a long-awaited sabbatical beginning May 1 and will return on September 3, 2019. She will use the time during her sabbatical to refocus on her work at CEC and we will welcome her back with great joy. But, for now, we will pray that her time away will give her an opportunity to reconnect with family, friends, and God in deep and meaningful ways.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Lisa Zaina



Easter Flowers 2019

*We invite you to give a Memorial or Easter Offering of Easter flowers to decorate Church, for the celebration of the Resurrection of our Savior. A donation of \$30.00 per plant is requested. The deadline for orders is **Friday, April 12, 2019.***

Given By _____ # of plants _____
Phone # _____ Amount enclosed _____

- In honor of _____
- In memory of _____
- In thanksgiving for _____
- Other _____

Please place your order in the offering plate or mail it to the office using a check separate from other offerings, and noting "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. *Thank you.*

Mail to: Christ Church
107 South Washington St.
Rockville, MD 20850

All Christ Church Worshipers

*Especially those new in the past twelve months,
those who have missed earlier newcomer events,
and those who feel new at heart!!!*



*The Welcoming Committee cordially invites you to a
newcomer reception to be introduced to our parish family*

Sunday, May 5, 10:10 – 11:00 AM

The Murdock Room

All in the Parish are invited!

April

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OTHER PARISH EVENTS

(Date/Event/ Time/ Location)

APRIL 2019 WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Regular Sunday Schedule Services at 7:45, 9:00 & 11:00am

7:45 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
A Spoken Service

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
*A Family Service for All People and Ages
Featuring Choristers of Christ Church*

9:00 AM Children's Church – Murdock Room
*A Service for Young Children
Using a Story-Telling Theme with Music 9:00-9:30am
(April 7th)*

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Featuring Christ Church Choir

Nursery 8:45 AM – 12:15 PM *for infants and toddlers
6 months to 4 years old*

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

9:00 AM Studies in Christian Faith (*led by Nancy Lewin*)
10:10 AM Adult Forum – Murdock Room
10:10 AM Coffee Hour – Dining Room
10:15 AM Sunday School – Classrooms Preschool-6th Grade
(April 7th)

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday

1:30 PM Staff Meeting (PH)
7:00 PM English Conversation Practice (CEC DR)

Wednesday

12:10 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)

Thursday

12:00 PM AA Meeting (PH LR)
4:45 PM Chorister Snacks & Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

KEY	CEC = Christ Episcopal Church
PH = Parish House	CES = Christ Episcopal School
LR = Living Room	K = Kitchen
DR = Dining Room	N = Nursery
MR = Murdock Room	YR = Youth Room

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- 2 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)
Lenten Evening Prayer **7:30pm** (Church)
- 3 Lenten Dinner & Film: *Arthur* **6:45pm** (MR)
- 4 Preschool One-on-One Fun **9:00am** (Preschool Library)
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- 6 Volunteer Outreach Project at "A Wider Circle" Silver Spring
- 7 Meet the Vestry Candidates at Adult Forum **10:10am** (MR)
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- 9 *The Angelus* Submission Deadline for the May issue
Lenten Evening Prayer **7:30pm** (Church)
- 10 Lenten Dinner & Film: *Evan Almighty* **6:45pm** (MR)
Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
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- 12 CES Admissions Open House **9-11am** (Jefferson Bldng)
Youth Group Games, Movie, and Dinner **6-9pm** (MR, PH DR)
CES Middle School Musical **6:30pm** (Church)
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- 14 Palm Sunday
Special SOS Sunday **10:15am** (MR)
St. Francis Flock Meets **12:30pm** (PH DR)
- 15 **HOLY MONDAY** Holy Eucharist II **7:30pm** (Church)
- 16 **HOLY TUESDAY** Holy Eucharist II **7:30pm** (Church)
- 17 **HOLY WEDNESDAY** Holy Eucharist II **7:30pm** (Church)
- 18 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
Seder Meal: RSVP by 4/14 **6:00pm** (MR)
Holy Eucharist I **7:30pm** (Church)
*The Remembrance of Christ's Last Supper
Ceremony of Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar*
- 19 **GOOD FRIDAY**
Liturgy for Good Friday **12 noon** (Church)
*Veneration of the Cross
Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament
Making Pretzels & Hot Cross Buns 7:00pm* (DR)
Stations of the Cross **7:30pm** (MR)
Liturgy for Good Friday **7:30pm** (Church)
*Veneration of the Cross
Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament*
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- 21 **EASTER**
Holy Eucharist I **7:30am** (Church)
Children's Flowering of the Cross **8:45am** (Children's Library)
Holy Eucharist II, **9:00am** (Church)
Celebration Coffee Hour **10:10am** (MR)
Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)
Bargain Box Outreach Table (DR)
Easter Egg Hunt **10:30am** (Outside Foley Park) *bags provided*
Holy Eucharist II **11:00am** (Church)
- 22 Easter Monday - *Office closed*
- 23 Vestry Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)
- 24 Lay Eucharist Visitation **2:30pm** (Collingswood Nursing Home)
NPS Rehearsal **7:30pm** (Church)
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- 26 NPS Rehearsal **7:30pm** (Church)
- 27 5th & 6th Grade Youth Group Service & Lunch **10-1pm** (DR)
Nat'l Philharmonic Singers Concert **8:00am** (Church)
- 28 **Annual Parish Meeting –**
One combined service at 9:00am
Meeting at **10:00am** (Church)
Chicken & Waffle Brunch **11:00am** (MR, DR)
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