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the EPISTLE

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Holy Week and Easter

Easter Services

*Easter Vigil
Saturday April 8
7:30 pm*

*Easter Sunday
April 9
Holy Eucharist
9 & 11 am*



Flowering the Cross

Saint Mark's parishioners and visitors can demonstrate their Easter joy in a tangible manner by participating in the flowering of the cross on Easter morning.

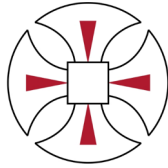
The activity will be held before the 9 and 11 a.m. Easter services, with the cross located in front of the chapel, where the Giving Tree is located during Advent.

You are invited to bring garden or store-bought flowers to affix to the cross. The Flower Guild also will provide flowers to use.

Flowering the cross is said to date to the 6th century. "The flowering of the cross is a visual representation of the victory of Christ over death. We use the cross on Good Friday to remember Jesus's death. Adding flowers to it on Easter brings symbols of life to a symbol of death," Pastor Vicki said.

"We talk about Lent moving from 'in the midst of life we are in death' at Ash Wednesday, when we remind you that you are dust and to dust you shall return to 'in the midst of death we are In life' at Easter, when we celebrate that eternal life is ours through Jesus. The flowering cross is a symbol of that transformation."





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Vestry meetings occur every first Tuesday of the month in the Canterbury Center. Meetings are open to parishioners. Meeting minutes are available online at: www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/vestry-meetings.

The Epistle is the monthly newsletter of Saint Mark's Episcopal Church. The rolling deadline for submissions is the third Monday of the preceding month. Send photos, announcements, or story ideas for inclusion in the Epistle to: Communications@saintmarkscolumbus.org.

Regional Vestry Gathering

On Saturday, April 29 Saint Mark's will host the second annual Regional Vestry Gathering. Members for vestries from most of the Columbus Episcopal Churches will gather for a morning of learning, talking, getting to know each other and praying together.

There will be over 100 people attending and most of the spaces in the church will be used. If you are planning something at church that day, plan on scheduling it after 1 p.m.



Episcopal Night at the Symphony

Episcopal Night at the Columbus Symphony returns on Friday evening May 19, at the Ohio Theatre featuring *The Columbus Symphony Orchestra & Chorus* in its last concert of the season – “Welcome to Spring.” Check Symphony's website for details.

Ticket prices are \$60 per person and include food and beverages at a 5:30 p.m. reception in the Galbreath Pavilion, as well as orchestra seating for the concert which begins at 7:30 p.m.

The price for the reception only is \$35 per person (if you already have your tickets).

Please send a check for the full amount, along with the names of those in your party to the Rev. Bruce Smith, 627 Yaronia Dr. N., Columbus, OH 43214, and include your email address.

Deadline for reservations and payment is May 5th. Your hosts: The Rev. Bruce Smith, Saint Mark's, Columbus and Steve Knorr, St. Andrew's, Pickerington.

MUSIC

Organ Recital

A good church organ should do many things well. First and foremost, it should be able to effectively lead the congregation's song and accompany the choir, providing a broad palette of tonal color so that accompaniment can be sensitively tailored to the text of the hymn or anthem and the vocal forces on hand. A good instrument should support the liturgy, providing power when needed (for the Gloria, for example) as well as reinforce those more reflective moments during the Eucharist. And ideally, a fine church organ should be able to render most of the performance literature written for the instrument in a way that is both exciting and reasonably historically informed.

It is in this last capacity that I am pleased to offer a recital on St. Mark's fine Casavant pipe organ on Sunday, April 30 at 4 p.m. We are indeed blessed with a versatile instrument, capable of doing all the things mentioned above quite well. An organ concert is an opportunity to hear our instrument 'put through its paces' in ways that wouldn't necessarily find their way into every Sunday worship service. The program will feature music of Louis Vierne, J. S. Bach, Leo Sowerby and others.

The concert is free and open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

-Michael

Organ Recital

Michael Schreffler
Sunday, April 30, 4 p.m.
Admission is free

Holy Week is nearly upon us! As I do every year, I invite each of you to participate in the profound journey of this special week. Each service has its own unique character and lens through which to experience the retelling of Christ's Passion and Resurrection. Below you will see some of the choral highlights that are planned for each service.

Palm Sunday

(Saint Mark's Choir and Canterbury Choir)

April 2, 10:30 a.m.

Choral music by John Ireland, Kenneth Leighton, and Tomás Luis de Victoria

Maundy Thursday

(Saint Mark's Choir)

April 6, 7:30 p.m.

Choral music by William Byrd, Zoltán Kodály, and Michael Sitton

Good Friday

(Saint Mark's Choir)

April 7, 7:30 p.m.

Choral music by Heinrich Schütz and Tomás Luis de Victoria

Great Vigil of Easter

(Saint Mark's Choir)

April 8, 7:30 p.m.

Choral music by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Randall Thompson, and Richard Webster

Easter Sunday

(Canterbury Choir and Saint Mark's Brass)

April 9, 9 a.m.

Choral music by Martin How and Robert J. Powell

Easter Sunday

(Saint Mark's Choir and Saint Mark's Brass)

April 9, 11 a.m.

Choral music by Carson Cooman and Richard Webster

*Incense will be used at this service

FORMATION

Stewardship of Creation

In April and May both the children's and adult formation programs will look at the Stewardship of Creation and what it means to be a good steward of God's creation.

A good description of why this is important was written by the pastors at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Houston:

"The concept of steward can be applied in its most original and fundamental meaning to refer to our human responsibility to care for the Earth itself (Gen 1-2). The concept of environmental stewardship originates with the first of the creation stories, in which God gives humans dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the animals of the land (Gen 1:1-2:4).

Traditionally, Christians have distorted the mandate to "exercise dominion" to mean that creation was made for human beings and that we have a right to dominate and exploit creation for our own wants and needs. We now understand that the Hebrew word for dominion does not mean "to dominate" or "to exploit." Rather, it means "to take responsibility for," as a ruler would be responsible to assure the well-being of those in the realm. In this first creation story, human beings were created last, not as the so-called "crown of creation," but in order to exercise responsibility for the well-being of the garden Earth. According to Genesis 1, exercising responsibility as part of God's creation is the main reason humans were created. Therefore, being stewards of creation is foundational to what it means to be human. Caring for creation is not an add-on, not a sideline, not related just to part of our calling. It represents our proper human relationship to Earth. This portrayal puts human beings squarely in a caretaker position in regard to environmental stewardship."

The Episcopal Church talks about Creation Care in three parts:

1. Loving Formation,
2. Liberating Advocacy, and
3. Life-Giving Conservation.

We will look at all three of these aspects as we explore what it means that we are entrusted with the Stewardship of God's creation and how we can make a difference in the climate crisis both through our own actions and our advocacy for how our city, state and nation act.

Youth Group Activities

Youth Group will meet at our regular time on Sunday April 2, following the 10:30 a.m. service.

We will have lunch and continue planning fundraising for our pilgrimage as well as playing some games and, weather permitting, make an excursion to the roof.

On Sunday April 30 we will gather with other Columbus Episcopal youth groups at Saint Mark's at 1 p.m.

We will have lunch and then go to the Chadwick Arboretum to walk their labyrinth.

We will return to Saint Mark's and wrap up by around 2:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for May 7 when we will be taking a trip to Top Golf .



PARISH LIFE

Work Morning April 1

On Saturday April 1, we will have a parish work morning to get our building ready for Easter. There are a lot of little projects that need to be done around the church to spruce it up and get ready for Easter and to welcome visitors to Saint Mark's.

We will gather at 9 a.m. and end at noon or when we finish the list of projects, whichever comes first. There will be indoor work and, if weather permits, outdoor as well.

Pastor Vicki will bring donuts from the Goodie Shop as a reward for the workers.

There is a Sustainability Fair at the Tremont Library that day. Bring your e-waste for recycling and paper for shredding to drop off on your way home (the fair runs from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Saint Mark's Grief Support: Sharing for Healing

Sharing the experience of grief is a powerful tool for coping with and working through the pain of loss. Saint Mark's Grief Support Group members spend time talking together about their unique experiences in a safe and confidential setting. Provided free of charge, support group sessions are open to parishioners and their families and friends. Many participants have found group sessions to be a foundation from which they begin to reconstruct their lives and learn to live with hope. Come and join us on April 15 and 22 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Office. No matter where you are in your grief journey, you'll be in good company. Call Brenda Hammersley at 614-330-1436 for more information.

"I am slowly stitching my life back together. And I only want to sew alongside those I can be sad with. Everyone wants you when you're happy. But those that want you when you're sad...well, they are like blankets keeping you snug and warm on the coldest, emptiest and plainest of days." S. C. Lourie

Supper Group

This is a Potluck Dinner with each household bringing a dish, usually appetizers, salads, soup, casseroles, and desserts (mocktails, wine, or cocktails are optional). All adults, as well as children, are welcome. We meet in the parish hall.

April Supper Group will meet on Saturday, April 1 at 5 p.m. Our theme for April will be Family Heritage, bring a family favorite old or new.

May Supper Group will meet on Saturday, April 29 at 5 p.m. Our theme for May is to be determined.

For additional information contact Gloria Wylie. (gawylie@att.net or 614-738-1716).

Knitting

The Evening Knitting Group will meet Monday April 10 at 6:30 p.m.

The Afternoon Knitting Group will meet Thursday April 6 and Thursday April 20 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Both groups meet in the Canterbury Center. Bring your knitting or any other project that you are working on and join in fellowship, conversation and mutual help.



HOLY WEEK - EASTER

Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, which this year is on April 2.

Palm Sunday – April 2

8 a.m. – Rite I Eucharist with blessing of the palms.

10:30 a.m. – Rite II Eucharist with music and blessing of the palms. The service will begin in the parish hall. We then process with our palms into the sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday – April 6

7:30 p.m. – This day commemorates the Last Supper and the giving of the great commandment mandatum in Latin, where the name of the day comes from. Eucharist ending with the stripping of the altar. The reserve sacrament will be in the chapel for private devotion following the service and on Friday.

Good Friday – April 7

Noon – Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. – Good Friday liturgy with communion from the reserve sacrament.

Great Vigil of Easter – April 8

7:30 p.m. – The Great Vigil of Easter is the first celebration of Easter. We start in darkness and move through the story of the history of God and human beings to the joy of the resurrection. This is a service of candles and water, Scripture and music.

Easter Day - April 9

9 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II. Music by Canterbury Choir. Following the 9 a.m. service there will be the Children's Easter Egg Hunt for ages 2-12.

11 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II. Music by Saint Mark's Choir and Saint Mark's Brass.

* incense will be used at this service

For up to date information visit
www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/holy-week-and-easter.



Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Sunday, April 9, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt after the 9 a.m. service.

Children and their grown-ups should gather in the parish hall after the 9 a.m. service or at 10:00 a.m. if they are attending the 11 a.m. service.

There will be sections for younger and older kids. Bags will be provided or you can bring your own Easter basket.

We are looking for a few teens or adults to help hide eggs before the 9 a.m. service and a few teens and adults to help supervise the hunt.

Contact Pastor Vicki if you are able to help.
rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org



STEWARDSHIP OF THE EARTH

Saint Mark's Flower Guild

In 1983 the flower guild at Saint Marks was founded at the request of Ed Chalfant. With a start up of \$500 to buy containers, supplies and books on designing that first group of arrangers learned together to make altar arrangements and other flower projects that benefited the church. Since that initial start up money the flower guild has been self-sustaining in covering the costs of flowers, supplies, containers and myriad extras. The flower guild relies on donations from the congregation to fund all our work.

Over the years flower guild has broadened our services. Currently the flower guild is responsible for weekly flower arrangements at the altar, flowers for special receptions, the outside pots and flower beds, that are planted twice a year, greens for the family advent wreaths, Easter and Christmas flowers. We continue to rely on the generosity of the congregation for the income to fund all these various projects.

One of the ways we collect funds is through the weekly sponsoring of the arrangement at the altar. Families or individuals can donate money to the flower guild as a remembrance, celebration or recognition of a loved one. Diane Hartney is in charge of the memorial and thanksgiving giving for the flower guild. If you would like to give a monetary donation to help defray the cost of flowers and to honor your loved one please contact her at 614-486-0710 and she will help you with your message and donation. We are now taking donations for Sundays through June.

Another way to assist the flower guild is to join with others in becoming a member to arrange flowers. No experience is necessary except for a love of flowers and a desire to humbly serve God. If you have questions about the flower guild please contact Barb Keyes.

Saint Mark's Gardeners

Beautiful flowers don't just pop up from the dirt; they require the loving care of a good gardener. Saint Mark's has a group of good gardeners tending two plots on our property that are on their way to seasonal beauty. The gardeners tend one plot in front of the wall surrounding the Memorial Garden; they also take care of a plot of Hosta overlooking the Redding Road side of our campus.

Currently the crew consists of Ann and Jim Getz, Jean Gabel and George Hauswirth. "George is the brains behind the operation; Jean and I try to maintain it and take his advice," Ann said. Her husband Jim is "not the outdoor guy but he becomes the outdoor guy when a hand is needed."

This year's edition of the garden will include hydrangeas, daylilies, daisies, phlox, rudbeckia, sedum and chrysanthemums, George said. An avid gardener, he has his plans on how to organize the plot: "Sort of by color; you don't want too much of one color. We put the taller plants in the back. Some plants you really don't want; some are invasive, some bloom for three days and they're gone; you don't want that."

"We try different things. Ann and Jean are the final arbiters; I make suggestions."

Ann explained the approach: "This is mainly a perennial garden. We have some annuals for show out front but overall we want to put something in that will establish itself and thrive. And we make new improvements every year, transplant and research things based on George's research and put in some new things almost every year."

The garden was started, George said, by Priscilla Millen, the wife of John Millen, who was the rector at Saint Mark's during the second half of the 1980s.

Decades later the garden remains a pleasure to those who view it and those who tend it. "I enjoy working in the dirt and growing things," George said. Ann said, "A lot of times when you are there, it's so quiet and peaceful. It's a great time for reflection; it's a very good time to think."

Check out George's gardening tips on page 10.

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

NNEMAP Food Pantry

After record numbers of visits in 2022, NNEMAP has continued to see phenomenal growth in 2023. Family visits are up 80% in February, with a 74% meal equivalency increase. So far in 2023 they have been visited by 1,066 new families.

Knowing NNEMAP is experiencing increased costs, the Outreach Ministry approved sending a \$2,000 check to NNEMAP on behalf of Saint Marks. We will also be increasing the quantity of items sent to NNEMAP the rest of the year.

Individual donations can be made to NNEMAP online at www.nnemappantry.org or by mail to NNEMAP, Inc., PO Box 10614, Columbus, Ohio 43201 or through a designated gift to Outreach. As always, baskets are in the lobby of the church for food or grooming donations.

ERD- Helping the earthquake victims

The Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner was a huge success; and the Marksmen decided to send their freewill offerings to ERD to be used to assist the earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey. Outreach voted to match the Marksmen's gift with an additional \$750. The check was sent on behalf of Saint Marks earlier this month.

Habitat

Habitat for Humanity Northwest Churches Chapter, of which Saint Marks is a member, has started a new house on Genessee Avenue in East Linden. On behalf of Saint Marks, the Outreach Ministry approved sending a check for \$1,000. If anyone would like to volunteer to work on the house, see Bill Karl for information and connections. He can be reached at mrbill.karl@gmail.com. Saint Marks will be taking lunch to the workers on April 15. Anyone who would like to help with the lunch or would like to go along to see the house, should contact Marilyn Karl. She can be reached by email at mjkarl@yahoo.com.

Diapers and Spices

There is exciting news to report. Thanks to Brenda Hammersley's hard work and grant writing skills, Saint Marks was awarded a \$3,500 grant from ECM to expand the Diapers and Spices program. This is accompanied by the Outreach Committee agreeing to increase the budget for the program. As a result of the great volunteers and the increased budget, we will be adding in new items to be packed. Last month, we packed up kits of bandages and

antibiotic cream to be given out at NNEMAP. Some months we will be packing small bags of sugar (an item that is rarely available in the pantry). Starting next month, we will be able to increase the number of diapers and spices we will pack. Thank you, Episcopal Community Ministries, for the grant!

Everyone is welcome to help with this fun project. We meet in the parish hall on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday Projects

Thank you to everyone who attended the presentation by Help Me Grow last month. Those who attended enjoyed the presentation and came away with a new appreciation for the Appalachian Children's Program. Outreach would also like to thank everyone who so generously supported the baby shower for the Program. Our guests from Help Me Grow were thrilled with the donations. They were like kids in a candy shop lotting through the items. They took a carload of grooming supplies and baby items home with them.

There will not be an April First Sunday Project as it will be Palm Sunday. Next month we will be closing out our program year with a speaker from CRIS, Community Refugee and Immigration Services. We all have heard about the overwhelming refugee situation, come, and see how CRIS is helping and learn how we can help CRIS.

Move to Prosper

The Outreach Ministry has made a three year financial commitment to MTP. So what is happening with our investment...

Last month a number of the Move to Prosper participants had the opportunity to meet with Governor and First Lady DeWine to talk about the MTP program. The governor asked how this program has changed their lives. One participant talked about how she was afraid to leave her old job which didn't pay well until her coach helped her build up her confidence. Another mother talked about how every time she wanted to go on a job interview, she had to take time off without pay, negatively impacting her ability to pay rent and buy food. The MTP rent reduction as well as the financial coaching gave her the flexibility to go on six job interviews. Now she has a better salaried job. Since the switch she has had three promotions! The program is really making a difference in families lives.

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

CATCH Court Lunch

Saint Mark's Ministry to CATCH Court, a unique Rehabilitative Court in Franklin County, continues on April 13. We will provide lunch to the 30+ women who were once trafficked, addicted, and forced into prostitution. While lunch may seem superfluous, it provides a social time for women who have rarely had real friends, and provides the knowledge that women outside "the life" support them in their recovery. If you are interested in helping to make lunch or visiting the Court, please contact Pat Iams at 614-582-5738 or pati51@aol.com.

Volunteer Opportunities in April

- April 12 Spices and Diapers, Canterbury Center, 10:30
- April 13 CATCH Court lunch and court, contact Pat Iams at pati51@aol.com Bakers, preppers and servers needed, no experience necessary
- April 15 Habitat lunch, contact Marilyn Karl (Marilyn Karl (mjkarl@yahoo.com)) if you would like to participate or provide something for the lunch
- April 30 Street Church, contact Roberta Morton, notvmorton@gmail.com if you can help.
- May 6 International Artisans Fair at Saint Marks, volunteers of all sorts needed both the day of the event and prior to the event. Talk with Brenda Hammersley, B.hammersley@yahoo.com or Joyce Acton, actongroup@gmail.com

*I was a stranger and you welcomed me . . . Just as you did it to one of
the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.*

Migration Ministries

By Roberta Morton

About those displaced by catastrophic climate events and natural disasters:

On April 22 our calendars will remind us it is 'Earth Day', a reminder to thank God for the gift of this earth and its resources that sustain the abundance of life on our planet. But we also see how global climate events and changes – hurricanes, wild fires, drought, flooding, earthquakes and the like – have not only destroyed homes and communities, but in many cases have also devastated the natural resources the people living there depend on for their everyday existence. As a result, they may have little choice but to relocate – to migrate – in order to survive. Care for our earth and its environment must also extend to those who are harmed and displaced by such catastrophic events.

At St. Mark's we are seeking to learn more about ways we can assist persons seeking refuge in our own community from places that can no longer sustain their daily lives, whether from within our own country or from outside our national borders. One good resource is Episcopal Migration Ministries at www.episcopalmigrationministries.org, a national Episcopal Church agency devoted to welcoming refugees, educating communities and mobilizing congregations to advocate for the protection and rights of migrants. A local agency with which St Mark's is building a relationship is Community Refugee & Immigrations Services (known as "CRIS"), whose website is www.crisohio.org. CRIS works locally in central Ohio to help refugees and immigrants reach safety and stability, sustain self-sufficiency, and achieve successful integration into the central Ohio community.

As Earth Day comes and goes, let's remember in our prayers those suffering from environmental displacement, and continue to learn how we can welcome those relocating to our own community.

For more information about how you can help, contact one of the co-chairs of St Mark's Migration Ministry: Joyce Acton, 614- 560-9219 or actongroup@gmail.com; or Brenda Hammersley, b.hammersley@yahoo.com.

THE PEOPLE OF SAINT MARK'S

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live:
 Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep,
 and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gardening Tips from Saint Mark's Master Gardener

George Hauswirth has been digging in the dirt for decades. "It's something I've always enjoyed. I had gardens when I was growing up as a kid."

His tip for a successful garden: "Compost, compost, compost."

He explained: "If you are really serious about gardening around here, with the clay soils, compost makes all the difference in the world. It makes a difference in the soil texture and the nutritional value of the soil."



If you have a pastoral care concern or would like to add a name to the prayer list, you can do so by contacting Pastor Vicki at rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org, by calling the parish office (614) 486-9452. You may also add a name to our prayer list at www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/prayer-request.



Engage with the Saint Mark's community on Facebook and Instagram for inspiration, information, and weekly e-news parish announcements.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|------|----------------|------|
| Bill Lange | 4/2 | Brad Zubovich | 4/19 |
| Simon Smith | 4/4 | Matthew Bester | 4/20 |
| Fred Drew | 4/5 | Jay Hartranft | 4/22 |
| Elaine Spayde | 4/6 | Joanna Parson | 4/22 |
| Charlie Hauswirth | 4/8 | Anna Markwardt | 4/25 |
| Michele Johnson | 4/14 | Patti Blakey | 4/26 |
| Chris Silliman | 4/14 | Sara Warren | 4/26 |
| Ava Evancho | 4/15 | Juan Benito | 4/28 |
| Julie Moll | 4/16 | | |
| Nick Utgard | 4/17 | | |

Watch over thy children, 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 if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Parish Prayer List

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| Asher | Felicity | Patrick |
| Charles | Gary | Timothy |
| David | Glenn | Tsomo |
| Debbie | Jill | Yangsi |
| Eli | Lisa | |
| Ethel | Michael | |

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Amen.

APRIL

Parish Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| <p>26</p> <p>Sixth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Adult Formation & Children's Gathering 10:30 am Children's Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p> | <p>27</p> <p>8:30 am Floor Cleaning 10 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7:30 pm Monday Night Book Group</p> | <p>28</p> <p>8:30 am Floor Cleaning 9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:15 pm Contemplative Prayer 7 pm Migration Ministries</p> | <p>29</p> <p>8:30 am - 4:30 pm AARP Tax-Aide 4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 5:30 Wednesday Lent Activities</p> | <p>30</p> <p>8:30 am Floor Cleaning 6:15 pm AA 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Pack 180 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA</p> | <p>31</p> <p>Rector's Day Off 8:30 am - 4:30 pm AARP Tax-Aide 8 pm AA</p> | <p>April 1</p> <p>9 am Parish Work Party 5 pm Supper Group</p> |
| <p>2</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir & Canterbury Choir Noon Youth Group 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p> | <p>3</p> <p>10 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group</p> | <p>4</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>5</p> <p>8:30 am - 4:30 pm AARP Tax-Aide 4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Maundy Thursday 10 am - 3 pm COHHIO Mtg 1 pm Knitting & Stitching Group 6:15 pm AA 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Pack 180 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service w/ Choir 8 pm AA</p> | <p>7</p> <p>Good Friday 12 - 1 pm Stations of the Cross 7:30 Good Friday Service w/ Choir 8 pm AA</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Holy Saturday 7:30 pm Great Vigil of Easter w/ Choir</p> |
| Holy Week | | | | | | |
| <p>9</p> <p>Easter Sunday</p> <p>9 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Canterbury Choir 10 am Easter Egg Hunt 11 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p> | <p>10</p> <p>10 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 6:30 pm Evening Knitting Group</p> | <p>11</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:15 pm Contemplative Prayer 7 pm Sacred Conversations 7:30 pm Vestry Mtg</p> | <p>12</p> <p>8:30 am - 4:30 pm AARP Tax-Aide 10:30 am Spices & Diapers 4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>13</p> <p>11 am CATCH Court Lunch 6:15 pm AA 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Pack 180 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA</p> | <p>14</p> <p>Rector's Day Off 7 pm Lancaster Chorale Rehearsal 8 pm AA</p> | <p>15</p> <p>12:30 Lancaster Chorale Rehearsal</p> |
| Easter | | | | | | |
| <p>16</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Adult Formation & Children's Gathering 10:30 am Children's Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir Noon MLK Planning Mtg 3 pm Lancaster Chorale Rehearsal 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Epistle Deadline 10 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7 pm Sisters in Faith</p> | <p>18</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy</p> | <p>19</p> <p>9 pm Four Seasons Garden Club Mtg 4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>20</p> <p>1 pm Knitting & Stitching Group 6:15 pm AA 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Pack 180 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA</p> | <p>21</p> <p>Rector's Day Off 7 pm Lancaster Chorale Rehearsal 8 pm AA</p> | <p>22</p> <p>7:30 pm Lancaster Chorale Performance</p> |
| <p>23</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Adult Formation & Children's Gathering 10:30 am Children's Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p> | <p>24</p> <p>10 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7 pm Endowment Trustees Mtg 7:30 pm Monday Night Book Group</p> | <p>25</p> <p>9:30 am Al Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:15 pm Contemplative Prayer 7 pm Migration Ministry Mtg</p> | <p>26</p> <p>4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 6 pm Marksman Mtg</p> | <p>27</p> <p>6:15 pm AA 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Pack 180 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA</p> | <p>28</p> <p>Rector's Day Off 8 pm AA</p> | <p>29</p> <p>9 am - 3 pm Regional Vestry Day 5 pm Supper Group</p> |
| <p>30</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Adult Formation & Children's Gathering 10:30 am Children's Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir 1 pm Street Church 4 pm Organ Concert - Michael Schreffler 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p> | <p>May 1</p> <p>10 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group</p> | <p>2</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 7:30 pm Vestry Mtg</p> | <p>3</p> <p>4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>4</p> <p>1 pm Knitting & Stitching Group 6:15 pm AA 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Pack 180 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Rector's Day Off 8 pm AA</p> | <p>6</p> <p>10 am - 3 pm Culture & Artisans Fair</p> |




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Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday
April 6
Holy Eucharist 7:30 pm

Good Friday
April 7
Stations of the Cross noon
Evening Service 7:30 pm