



The Signpost Weekly

April 21, 2019
Easter Sunday

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Calendar

Sunday, April 21

EASTER SUNDAY

- 8 AND 10:15 Services
- **11 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt**

Monday, April 22

- 9 a.m. Yoga

Tuesday, April 23

No Bible Study

Thursday, April 25

No bible study or worship.

Saturday, April 27

Youth Group Outing

Sunday, April 28

- 8 AND 10:15 Services
- 9:15 Adult Formation
- 10 a.m. Sunday School

Tuesday, April 30

- Rockingham Spring Chorale, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 4

- **Revival Reimagined**

The Impossible is Possible - Happy Easter!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia! In the worship on Easter Sunday, we celebrate God's love for us and the hope we have with new life in Christ. We celebrate real promise. At the brink of the tomb where hope seems impossible- something new happens. The alleluias are uncovered and cried out, flowers burst forth and the powers of evil and death defeated at the empty tomb. Jesus Christ's Resurrection changes the course of the world. No longer do we live by scarcity, no longer does fear and death have power. We live in sure and certain hope that God's love is there for us, for those we have loved and lost and for new life and future generations. Jesus Christ on Easter leads the way towards a world rooted in love, justice and mercy in this world and the next. *Alleluia!*



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Easter Vigil Saturday April 20th at 9PM

If you're new to the Episcopal Church or new to St. Christopher's, you might have wondered, what is this Easter Vigil that people speak of? The Easter Vigil is the first service of Easter and takes place Saturday night. Its origins go back to the Early Church. It takes place in the dark initially with the fire lit for Easter. We hear the hope and saving history of Scripture. We reaffirm our baptism. We ring bells in celebration of Christ's victory over death and resurrection and then we receive the Eucharist of Easter. This makes for a wonderful way to begin Easter.

Easter Sunday Egg Hunt after 10:15 Service

Why Easter eggs at church?

1. They are symbols of new and continued life and thus can be seen as a symbol of Resurrection.
2. Kids have fun searching for them, and fun and joy make for key parts of Easter. Right now the forecast is for cloudy skies on Sunday morning. If the weather is cloudy or light misty rain- we will have the Easter egg hunt outside (boots/galoshes might be a good idea to bring along). If the rain comes and is more severe, we will have the hunt in the parish house. Any which way it will be great fun and a joy to celebrate on Easter.



Revival Reimagined

MAY 4

One Day. Two Events.
with Special Guest: The Rev. Dr. Patricia Lyons
Missioner for Evangelism and Community Engagement
Diocese of Washington DC

1p - Conversations on Faith
6p - Celebration Eucharist

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find meaning, purpose & community

THANK YOU PARISHIONERS!

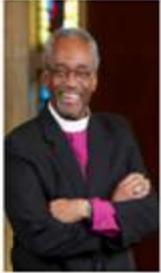
Thank you to everyone who came to Maundy Thursday's supper and brought good conversation with you. A special thanks to those who took the time and energy to bring a soup or bread. It was an especially delicious and homey simple supper with lots of variety. Many thanks to those who helped set up a dining atmosphere and take down to return us all to our church nave. We are so very blessed!. Parish Life Committee

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“Getting to Know You” Home Gatherings

Sign up sheets are in the foyer for an afternoon/early evening get together on Sunday May 5 and an evening meal on Friday May 10th. Please consider signing up and participating in parish life in this fun way.

PB+J*



* Presiding Bishop's
Jamboree
with Youth

**Saturday,
April 27,
1:30-3 p.m.,**
Cathedral Church of St.
Paul, 138 Tremont
Street, Boston

A special
conversation
program with
middle and high
school youth
and their
mentors, with
the PB.

Youth Group Outing Saturday April 27- PB& J -a rare moment not to be missed if you can help it. RSVP Please

On Saturday April 27th our youth group will be heading down for a youth rally in Boston with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, talking about God's love. This is open to Jr. High and High School. We will meet at 10:45 AM at the St. C's parking lot and head down in one vehicle if possible. We'll stop at a Panera or Starbucks on the way before arriving at the rally. This will be an inspiring time of gathering as teens across New England- We should return by 5:30 PM at St. C's for teens to be picked up. Please contact Fr. Zac Harmon, vicarstchristophers@gmail.com or 503-798-001) to reserve a spot.

April 16, 2019 Dear Friends in Christ,

The Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris has been an icon of Christianity for nearly a millennium. The volumes that could be written if only its stones could tell its rich and multi-textured history. Notre-Dame, itself an architectural and engineering wonder, remains even in its now roofless state, container of some of the highest and most divine aspirations of humankind.

The Cathedral was also the scene of horrendous heartbreak, oppression, and even the victim of industrial pollution. One can only imagine the scenes of bloodshed that occurred in its plazas during the French Revolution, the desecration of its altars at the passionate height of the Age of Reason, the hanging of swastikas during the Nazi occupation during World War II. Yet, it has withstood all these things as a sign of God's beauty. Having prayed in its immense nave

below its glorious Rose Window for hours, days even, at a low point in my own life, I join the millions whose sense of the stability of the world is shaken by Monday's conflagration. If those stones could speak, they may offer us counsel of the enduring ways of God.

Though it's hard to imagine Notre Dame will not in time be repaired, our faith is not one of stone and mortar, but is built on the cornerstone of God's love for us, all of us. Though in some way, the burning of Notre Dame seems symbolic of the turning of a page in the history of Christ's Church, we have hope that God is still present with us. When Jesus told Peter that he was going to be the rock in which he would build his Church, he spoke not to a stone, but to a flawed human being. Jesus often reminded his hearers that it was not the temples in which we are to put our trust, but on the Almighty One towards which our temples and cathedrals point. A verse from one of my favorite hymns comes to mind:

*Mortal pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.*

(All my hope on God is founded, Hymn 665, Hymnal 1982) Faithfully Yours in Christ, The Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld

Prayers of the people

Prayers for Ginette's grandson, **Chase**, and his parents in the face of long-term medical disabilities; for **Peggy Baker**. Pray for **Angie McCurdy** and her family; please pray for **Lincoln**, Christine Collins' cousin's young son who is ill; and for **Aaron, Alex & family** in their time of grief. Prayers for **Zach**, a relative of a parishioner; **Ellie McCabe**; prayers for **Bob Gleason, Lucille Gigeure**. for **Deb**; for **Roy Jeffrey; Ann Donovan; Kate; Brayden; Matty; Ian**; prayers for **Howie**; for **Cheryl**; for **Ryan**; for **Jacqueline**; for Natalie's brother **Lorin**; for Mark and Ingrid's son **Eric**, and their daughter, **Lisa**. Pray for the repose of **Anita Pauley**, and prayers for her son **Brian Shankey**. **Serving in the Military**: For Pam Vazquez's son, First Lt. Nicholas J. Vazquez, an Officer in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC; for Del's cousins, Daniel, Matthew and Sandra.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Tom and Peggy Baker; Fred and Mike Black; Ashley, Matt and Draken Buscanera

Attendance Sunday, 4/21, 8 a.m., 24; 10:15, 53

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