



The Signpost Weekly

April 7, 2019
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Calendar

Saturday, April 6

- **VENDOR BINGO**

Sunday, April 7

- 8 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 Adult Formation –
- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, April 8

- 9 a.m. Yoga
- 6:30 p.m. **Bishop's**

Committee

Tuesday, April 9

- 9 a.m., Morning Prayer
- 9:30 a.m., Exodus Bible Study

Wednesday, April 10

- 6p.m. Crop Walk Rally

Thursday, April 11

- **5:30 Lenten Dinner**
- **7 p.m. Eucharist and Bible Study**

Friday, April 12

- 5:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross, Sanctuary

Sunday, April 7

Sunday, April 14

➤ PALM SUNDAY

Monday, April 15

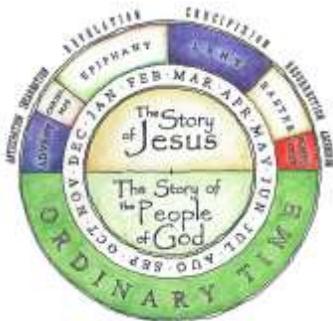
- *8 p.m. Opioid Family Support Group
- (*1 hour later than usual)

The End of Lent is nearly here

This Sunday we observe the last Sunday of Lent before Holy Week begins on April 14th with Palm Sunday. How has your Lent been so far? Has it been difficult? Restorative? Is it something where you have honestly felt too busy to notice it? For my own Lenten journey, I have been trying to conserve energy usage (the resources of God's Creation) and

be more conscious of how much energy I am using as a kind of fast for Lent.. While I haven't always been as mindful as I should have been and made mistakes (leaving lights on, driving more than needed, not considering more carefully what I buy), this

practice has caused me to be more mindful and aware to make change overall. Some good news here is that whether we've had focus to engage the season of Lent or not, there is still time to enter into Lent even in these next two weeks. The even better news is that God has grace and love for us no matter how we engage Lent as well. Our faith and 'belovedness' by



God are not dependent on getting everything right. That said, Lent can still be a rich time to deepen our spiritual life. Have you been wanting to pray more? Attend a Bible study? Make a change in your life? Serve or give in a way that makes a difference in someone's life? There is still time in Lent to do so and thus enter more fully into the joy of Easter (in two weeks) after spending some time wandering in the Wilderness of Lent. While we might falter or not complete our goals for Lent entirely, a small start can make a huge change in our life. Blessings on these last weeks of Lent, Fr. Zac

On **Maundy Thursday** during Holy Week, April 18, as we celebrate the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, we **gather in the sanctuary at 6:30 for a "pot-luck" shared community supper of soup and bread,**



followed by the Eucharistic liturgy at 7:30 pm. As usual, members of the parish prepare a contribution to the supper, such as a crock of Soup (traditionally vegetarian or fish-based), a loaf of bread, or a beverage (i.e. non-alcoholic sparkling wine). If you can participate, please let us know by signing up on the signup sheet in the foyer, or going online and signup there using this link: [Maundy Thursday 04/18/2019](#)

Hampstead Area Ecumenical Crop Hunger Walk May 19, supporting the



global work of Church World Service [Church World Service](#) (CWS) is a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. This is the 50th anniversary CWS has sponsored national Crop Hunger Walks. Last year alone, there were over 800 walks nationwide, with 87,000



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walkers, resulting in \$8.3 million raised for CWS. Locally, this is our 26th Greater Hampstead Ecumenical Crop Hunger Walk. We can be proud of our contributions to the national program, which when added up for 26 years comes to over \$500,000. Not bad! You can do your part. First, come to the...

Crop Walk Rally, Wednesday, April 10, 6 p.m. Find out how you can participate, by donating, by walking, or by assisting the walk in other ways. At the rally we'll have a guest from Church World Service, also a great time to meet people from the other churches which participate like Atkinson Congregational Church and Plaistow First Baptist. All are welcome to come and learn more about this exciting Outreach opportunity.

Last Lenten Dinner Thursday Night, April 11 ... good fellowship, good food, and good fun! Bob Leonard and Joyce Ryan, and the Parish Life Committee really outdo themselves with great menus. **Dinner is at 5:30 PM.** If you wish to, plan to stay afterwards for the regular Thursday night Eucharist and bible study, beginning at 7 p.m. If you plan to attend, click on the Signup Genius logo and sign up so we'll know how much food to prepare:



Revival Team from St. C's - Revival: Reimagined Ginette Duchaine, Jane Roth and Ken Swenson have been hard at work in preparing for the Revival on May 4th. They've been meeting faithfully, exploring the Windham Middle School as a site, reaching out to musicians and guest speakers, brainstorming ideas and shaping the revival with their outstanding and thoughtful insights. They're part of an amazing team which includes parishioners from St. Peter's, Londonderry as well. If you're excited about the revival or have questions about it, you can take with these three amazing team planners for more information. We also have 50 people signed up already and we're still a month out. You can also register for the revival at nhepiscopal.org/events/revival

Listen to a Podcast about the Revival

This week, the Rev. Colin Chapman at St. Peter's Londonderry also put together a podcast talking



Palm Sunday April 14
8 a.m. & 10:15 Services
Palm Procession both Services
Holy Monday, April 15,
7 p.m. service
Holy Tuesday, April 16,
7 p.m. Service
Tenebrae, Weds., April 17,
7 p.m. Service
Maundy Thursday, April 18,
6:30 p.m., Supper
7:30 p.m., Service
Good Friday, April 19
12 noon, Stations of the Cross;
7:30 p.m. Service
Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20,
9 p.m. Service
Easter Sunday
8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Services
Easter Egg Hunt follows
10:15 Service)

about the Revival featuring Fr. Zac and Rev. Jerusalem Greer (who is the evangelism staff officer for the Episcopal Church and who works with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry). A link for the show is [HERE](#) if you would like to listen. This is going to be an incredible event you don't want to miss. It will be held at **Windham Middle School**. We received confirmation from **Bishop Rob** that he is excited to be part of the Revival and will give one of the key talks in the afternoon session along with **Rev. Dr. Tricia Lyons**.

The Rockingham Choral Society will be holding their Spring Concert here on April 30, 7:30 p.m. For tickets and information, visit them online at rockinghamcoralsociety.org.

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: Erik, Karen, Ava, and Natalie Young; Scott Webster; Jeff and Katie Waymouth; Mary Vincent

Attendance Tuesday, 3/26, 8;
Sunday, March 31, 8 a.m., 13; 10:15, 38.

2019 Pledge Donations, Status Report YTD

Pledge Donations Received w/e 03/31/2019	\$ 2,723
Weekly Pledge donation budgeted (\$117,000/yr	\$ 2,250
Yr. to Date donations received to 03/31/2019	\$33,116
Budgeted to be received by 03/03/2019	\$29,250

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