



Christ Church

Weekly Update

March 28, 2018

Our Vision

We are a growing, welcoming and diverse community of believers striving to walk with Christ as we serve God by serving others.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This past weekend we celebrated Palm Sunday. A cold, brisk day but the sun was bright. What a joy to be with you all again as we marched up South Street waving our palms and singing our Hosannas behind the colt Whimsy (thank you Wileys!). All this to, in some small way, reenact the Triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem during his final Passover.

Now we turn the page and move through the other events of Holy Week, each with their own important significance. First we will gather for our symbolic meal Thursday night. We will discuss the significance of each food item and what they represent for the Jews celebrating Passover followed by our Maundy Thursday service which ends with the dramatic stripping of the altar area and shutting of the church which represents the shutting of the tomb after Christ is laid to rest.

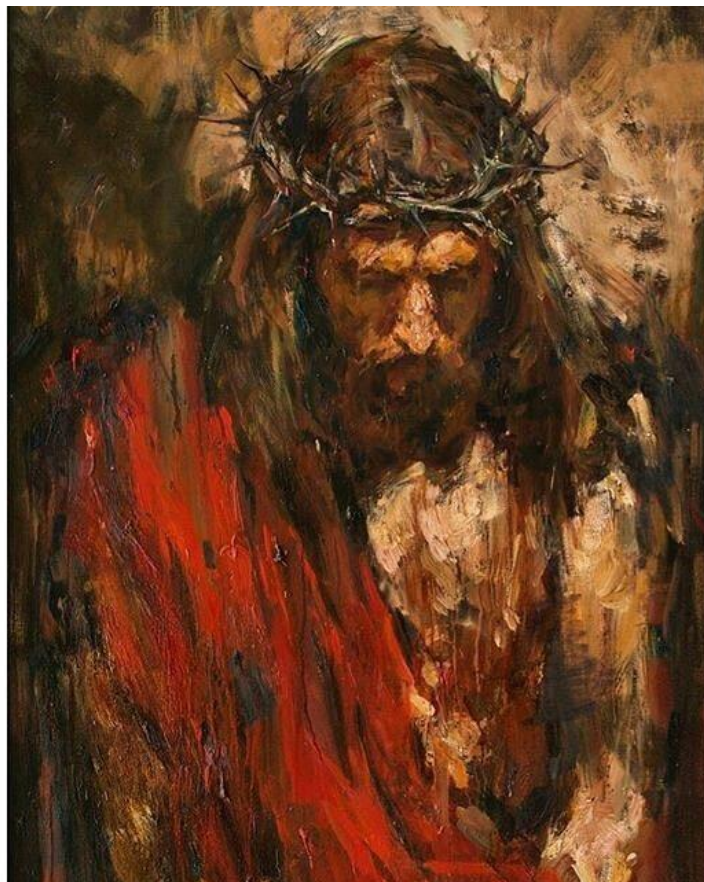
Good Friday will have 3 opportunities for worship here. Stations of the Cross in the church at noon. At 2:00 a special Stations of the Cross especially designed to share the story with our children. And at 7:00 PM will be our Good Friday service complete with the Passion Play read by members of our church... **we are still in need of readers, if you can volunteer that evening please contact George in the office.**

Saturday we will gather in front of the church at 6:50 pm for the lighting of the Paschal Candle and the return of the light of Christ to our church.

Sunday we will celebrate Easter at both our 9:00 and 11:00 AM services. Coffee hour and our annual Easter Egg hunt will begin at 10:00 AM.

As you can see, there are many opportunities to worship and gather as a community this week. God is with us at all times but God has provided these opportunities for you to worship Him and gather with your fellow Christians. I pray that you will take advantage of as many of these services as possible.

Blessings during this holiest of weeks, Fr. Jim





Palm Sunday
Procession from Railroad Green to Christ Church

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday - 6:30 PM
Good Friday - 12:00 Noon - Stations of the Cross,
2:00 PM - Children's Stations of the Cross and
7:00 PM - The Great Passion Play
Easter Saturday Vigil - 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday - 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
10:00 AM - Easter Egg Hunt and Coffee Hour



The Easter Bunny Comes to Christ Church Easter Egg Hunt - Easter Sunday 10:00 AM

We have an **Easter Egg Hunt** in lieu of Sunday School on **Easter morning at 10:00 AM**. All children and adults are welcome!

The Great Passion Play

Good Friday 7:00 PM Service

Volunteers are needed to read *The Great Passion Play* at the 7:00 PM Service on Good Friday. Please contact the office if you are available.



QUOTE

"The great gift of Easter is hope - Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake."

– Basil Hume

Children's



Christ Church Thrift Store

The Christ Church Thrift Store is open to accept drop off donations on **Wednesday from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**Stations of the Cross
Service
Good Friday
March 30 at 2:00 PM**

We meet at the Parish Hall main doors and move to different interactive "Stations." We walk around the block as we learn about Jesus's last hours... This is a "must see" incredible, meaningful service. The service concludes with each child taking turns ringing the Church bells at 3:00 PM - the approximate time of Jesus's death.



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accepts donations on
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**Saturday Morning Breakfast
10:00 AM through 11:00 AM**

**Parish Hall Chair
Inscriptions**

**In Thanksgiving
for
Isla Pool**

If you have requested an inscription for the back of your chair please confirm the wording of your inscription by putting your initials next to your name found on the list at the back of the church.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ at Christ Church:

For the last few years we have exhibited our love of those in our community through our weekly donations to the Community Food Pantry at the Methodist Church in Warwick. They have frequently stated their sincere appreciation for our expressions of love through our donations.

It has come to mind recently that when we say Grace to our Lord as we partake of our family meals, we often state that we "give thanks for our countless blessings and that we remain mind-full of the NEEDS OF OTHERS".

We are reminded that Jesus told us that part of the First and Greatest Commandment that we are to "Love our Neighbors as Ourselves". Through our selfless acts of giving to the food pantry, we show our desire to reflect this commandment through our actions.

We are thus encouraged to continue this expression of love by remembering as we shop for our family to pick up one or more non-perishable items that we can give to the food pantry for others in our community.

As we have done in the past, please place these items in the "Little Red Wagon" located in the rear of the church each Sunday. They will then be brought to the Methodist Church Food Pantry.

Thank you for your continued generosity and expression of love through your donations.

In Christ,
Fred Widman



Prayer Requests

Parishioners:

Ann, Dorothy, Bruce, Brendan,
Carol and Brian, Ken Jr., Kim,
Ashlee, Connor, Pat, David,
Heather, Blanche, Gail, Joseph,
Carol and Amanda.

Friends and Family:

Julia, Scott, David, Sarah,
Deirdre, Kevin, AJ, Tom, Mary
Fran, Jerry, Jeff, Alan, Antonio,
Deborah, Annette, Janell,
Michael, Ike, James, Holmes
Family, Ramona, Joe, Anna,
Chris, Penny, Veronica, Juan,
Alex, Michelle, Jeannie, Ginger,
Joanne, Lindsay, Diane, Billy,
Sydney, Mel, Anthony, Michael,
Thomas Greulich, Virginia,

Read Easter Sunday April 1st's Lessons

Easter Sunday April 1, 2018

9:00 AM - Preacher and Celebrant:
Father Jim Erwin
11:00 AM - Father Jim Erwin and
Mother Deborah Lee

Ministers

Lector:

9:00 - Kathy Garvey

11:00 - Linda Garcia

Chalicer:

9:00 - Carol Espel/Fred Widman

11:00 - Colleen Biavati

Acolytes:

9:00 - Sarah, Aiden, Jamie and

Cricket

11:00 - Alek

Ushers:

9:00 - Vanessa Mann and

Read Sunday April 8th's Lessons

Sunday April 8, 2018

9:00 AM - Preacher and Celebrant:
Father Jim Erwin
11:00 AM - Father Jim Erwin and
Mother Deborah Lee

Ministers

Lector:

9:00 - David Sadler

11:00 - Lily McLean

Chalicer:

9:00 - Phil McCutcheon

11:00 - Paul Graf

Acolytes:

9:00 - TBD

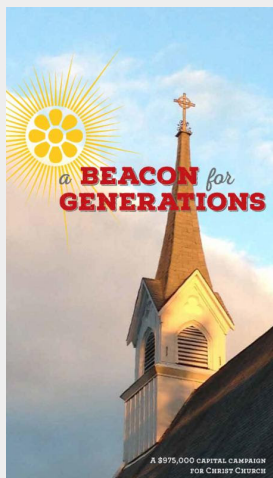
11:00 - TBD

Ushers:

9:00 - Vanessa Mann and

George Opper

Toscano Family, Dennis, Beth,
Mikaella, Austin, Marion, Karson
Whitesell and the Whitesell/
Ransom families, Heidi Healy
family, Ketty, Margo, Walt, Scott.
Lyle and Michelle.



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George Opper
11:00 - Ashley Chambers and
Susan Watson
Healing Hands Ministers:
9:00 - Ivy Tulin
11:00 - Diane Nicholson
Altar Guild:
All Teams
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Parish Office

[Christ Church Directory 2017](#)

Parish Directory

The Parish Directory is now
available for you to view, save
and/or print. Please click [HERE](#) to
view the Directory.

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If you see any errors in your
family's listing or you wish to be
removed from the directory, please
contact the

[Church Office.](#)

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paper copies are available in the
office.

***This directory is to be strictly
used for church purposes only!***

11:00 - Ashley Chambers and
Susan Watson
Healing Hands Ministers:
9:00 - Laura Kling
11:00 - Colleen Biavati
Altar Guild:
Barbara Santoru's Team:
Lisa Laico, Diane Nicholson and
Michele Hattrich
Coffee Hour Hosts:
TBD



Stay Tuned for an
announcement of a
new service being
offered at
Christ Church

The Reverend James W. Erwin, Jr., Rector
The Reverend Deborah A. Lee, Assisting Priest

VESTRY: Danielle Post - Senior Warden, William O'Keefe - Junior Warden
George Billeci (Recording Secretary), Lucia Crone, Brian Gens, Elizabeth Houlton, John Metzger (Treasurer),
Brien Milbauer, George Mindos, Matthew Mumford, Kristen Neavin, Polly Vander Kruijck and Cheryl Walters.

[Worship Schedule](#)

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SUNDAYS: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM