



News from Christ Church April 6, 2022

Dear friends,

This Sunday marks the beginning of the holiest week in our church year. We'll follow Jesus as he enters Jerusalem with an adoring crowd, consider the betrayal by Judas and Jesus' followers, gather at the table where he gives us his final commandment, and witness the horror of crucifixion. On Saturday evening, in the dark night of the death of God, the light will be reborn among us.

These events take us back in time, but also bring the ancient ways to the present. We place ourselves in the story and are asked difficult questions: When do we turn our backs on the way of the Lord? Are we known for how we love one another? From what suffering do we avert our eyes? When resurrection arrives, will we be able to recognize it?

I thereby invite you to the conclusion of this observance of a holy Lent, the season meant to renew our hearts in the devotion and discipline appropriate for a hope such as this: that God is at work to renew all things... Including us.

May none of us leave this week unchanged.

faithfully,
Amber

Holy Week services

April 10: Palm Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.; procession from the parking lot waving palm branches.

April 13: Holy Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Our Healing Eucharist will focus on the moments leading to Judas' betrayal.

April 14: Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m.; includes foot-washing and the stripping of the altar. An agape meal precedes the service at 6:00 p.m.

April 15: Good Friday at noon (spoken) and 7:00 p.m. (with choir). Stations of the Cross will follow the noon service indoors.

April 16: Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m. *This is the night!* We'll light the Paschal fire on the nave steps, hear salvation history, make a great noise (noisemakers provided), and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. A festive reception will

follow the service.

April 17: Easter Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. with choir, an Easter egg hunt will be held between services.

Filling Easter baskets

Monday, April 11 at 3:00 p.m., parish hall

Thanks to your generous donations, we have enough supplies to provide 120 Easter baskets to the Alamo. Now, we are looking for helping hands! If you are available to lend a hand, please contact [Joanne and Bill O'Keefe](#).

Easter flowers

Deadline: Palm Sunday, April 10

Now is the time to make your donations for Easter flowers. The cost is \$50 and gifts will be notated in the bulletin as in honor or memory of someone of your choosing.

Registration open for Incarnation Camp

Summer 2022, Ivoryton, CT

Located in coastal Connecticut on 700 wooded acres surrounding a mile-long private lake, Incarnation Camp is the country's oldest Episcopal summer camp. Since 1886, Incarnation has provided a fun-filled, traditional camp with hands-on learning and group living in the great outdoors.

Incarnation serves campers ages 7-15 in 2, 4, 6 and 8 week sessions. To learn more, attend an open house, or to register campers, [visit their website](#). Scholarship money is available from Christ Church.

Cursillo weekend

April 28 - May 1, Mariandale, Ossining, NY

Adults from parishes throughout the Diocese of New York are invited to a Cursillo weekend -- a weekend of presentations, meditations, skits, prayer time, music, and discussion, along with opportunities for quiet time and exploration of the beautiful grounds along the Hudson River. Cursillo emphasizes bringing your life of faith into your everyday life, learning resources for enriching your spiritual life, and developing skills to enhance your parish life. The weekend is free to candidates. Two of the spiritual advisors will be Mother Deborah Lee and Deacon Joanna Depue. Anyone wishing further information, kindly contact Deacon Joanna in person or at (914) 548-2583.

Sunday School in April

April 10: The whole family is invited to join us for a crafting activity during coffee hour to learn about Holy Week (in lieu of regular Sunday school.)

April 17: Easter Sunday - No Sunday school, but we are bringing back the Christ Church Easter Egg hunt! All children are welcome to join us on the parish lawn immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service. Please bring a basket or bag.

B-Sides Bible study

Sundays, 10:10 a.m., the conference room

During the season of Lent, Amber will lead a Bible study and discussion of one of the Sunday lectionary passages that got by (that is, one of the passages from church that she didn't preach on.)

Book club

Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Next up is Pastor Debbie Blue's *Consider the Women*, a lively and often provocative exploration of Hagar, Esther, and Mary. As always, it's BYOBOSTS (bring your own beverage or snack to share.)

Community Breakfast

Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Christ Church continues to serve breakfast to anyone who wants or needs it. Anyone interested in learning more, or helping to prepare or serve, [email Liz Houlton](#) or call her at 845-325-1276.

Evening prayer on Zoom

Thursdays, 7:00 - 7:30 pm

[Click here for link](#). If you are interested in leading the service or reading the lessons, please [email Charlotte Trott](#).



THRIFT SHOP
open Saturdays
9:30 to noon for
shopping & donations
new season, new outfits

Sunday service guidelines

Communion is served in one kind, bread only. As always, receiving communion is optional to the person. Masks are optional for all. The 9:00 a.m. service is live-streamed to the parish hall for those who would like more room.

Vestry: Chris Loftus, Senior Warden; Bill O'Keefe, Junior Warden

Elena Chavez Carey, Billie Gallo, Linda Garcia, Steven Greh, Sharon Kelly, Gaye Murphy, Erick Storckman,

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Sundays at Christ Church

9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, in-person and
livestreamed to Vimeo and the Parish Hall

10:00 a.m. - Coffee hour

10:10 a.m. - Sunday school for all ages

11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, in-person



Check our weekly
sermons Podcast here!