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THE PILGRIM PRIEST PROCLAIMS: HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

"Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news¹ that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me." [I Corinthians 15 (NRSV)]

The Mystery of Faith (Book of Common Prayer pg. 363)

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Dear Fellow Ambassadors of Christ,

Holy Week and Easter proclaims the foundational beliefs of our faith as Christians:

- God loves us, unconditionally
- We human beings fail God, and our lives fall far short of His desire for us. We call that SIN.
- God loves us so much that He sent his Son to die for our sins.
- God vindicated the sacrifice of His Son by resurrecting Him from the dead. His Resurrection was literal and attested to by many witnesses.
- United with Christ, we will also be resurrected in new bodies to experience life with God and with each other through all eternity.

Often in our culture, this season of bunnies, eggs, hats, and the joy of Springtime can distract us from what Paul proclaimed as **first importance**. So as first importance I urge you to attend the services of Holy Week and Easter whether in person or via the Web. I urge you to read and ponder the Gospels of the Passion and Resurrection (Matthew Chapters 26-28, Mark Chapters 14-16, Luke Chapters 22-24, and John Chapters 18-21).

But above all I urge you, during Holy Week and the whole Season of Eastertide (April 17-May 26) to say out loud these words daily:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Blessings and hope to see you in Church.

Your fellow sinner, redeemed by the Cross,

David+

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Jazzercise 4:45 pm	2 Stations of the Cross 9:30 am
3 Sunday Salon Series 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am	4 Jazzercise 4:45 pm	5 Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	6 Bible Study 10:30 am Jazzercise 4:45 pm	7 Alanon 7:30 pm	8 Jazzercise 4:45 pm	9 Stations of the Cross 9:30 am
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April Birthdays

Patricia Prendergast on April 2

Joshua Hamilton on April 15

Ebelechukwu Oduah on April 25

Mary Harris on April 25

If your name does not appear on our birthday or anniversary list, please contact the church office.



Please come and enjoy our weekly Sunday Salon Series with Fr. David. Make sure to meet at 9:00 am in the Library each Sunday morning.

No preparation is required, although it will be beneficial to bring your Bible to the Salon Series. Hope to see you there!

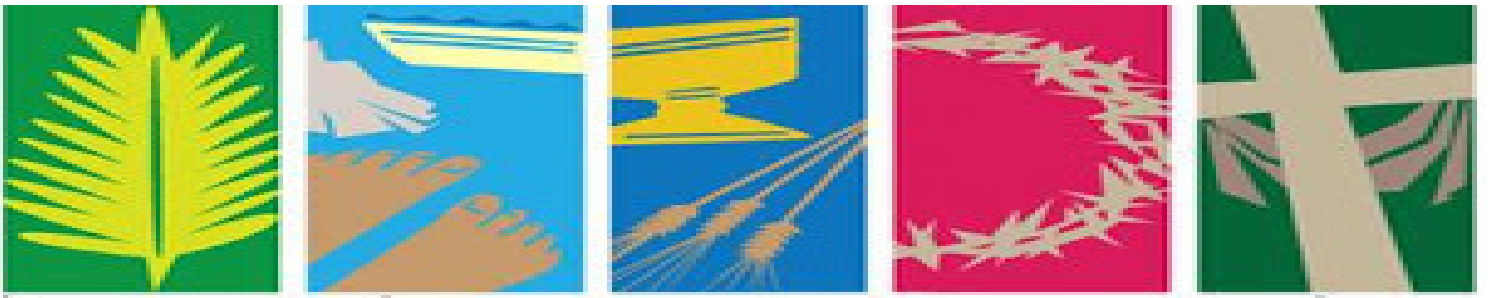


St. Francis will be hosting Stations of the Cross every Saturday for the season of Lent at 9:30 am. The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ and the day of His crucifixion.

Stations of the Cross, also called Way of the Cross, are a series of 14 pictures or carvings portraying events in the Passion of Christ, from his condemnation by Pontius Pilate to his entombment.

The series of stations is as follows:

- (1) Jesus is condemned to death,
- (2) he is made to bear his cross,
- (3) he falls the first time,
- (4) he meets his mother,
- (5) Simon of Cyrene is made to bear the cross,
- (6) Veronica wipes Jesus' face,
- (7) he falls the second time,
- (8) the women of Jerusalem weep over Jesus,
- (9) he falls the third time,
- (10) he is stripped of his garments,
- (11) he is nailed to the cross,
- (12) he dies on the cross,
- (13) he is taken down from the cross, and
- (14) he is placed in the sepulchre. The images are usually mounted on the inside walls of a church or chapel but may also be erected in such places as cemeteries, corridors of hospitals and religious houses, or on mountainsides.



Welcome
Holy Week & Easter
April 10 - April 17, 2022

Palm Sunday
April 10 at 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion

The Liturgy of the Palms will begin outdoors, with procession to the Nave and celebration of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Maundy Thursday
April 14 at 6:30 pm
Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music and the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday
April 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Crosswalk with Springboro Churches at 11:45 a.m.
Good Friday Service with music and Communion from Reserved Sacrament

Easter Sunday
April 17 at 10:30 am
Easter Day Festival, Holy Eucharist Rite, II
with music at the service
Easter Egg Hunt after the service!



The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday is on Sunday, **April 10** and will begin outdoors (weather permitting) with *The Liturgy of the Palms*; after which we will process to the nave to celebrate Holy Eucharist, Rite II. St. Francis is in need of Readers for The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Palm Sunday. If you are

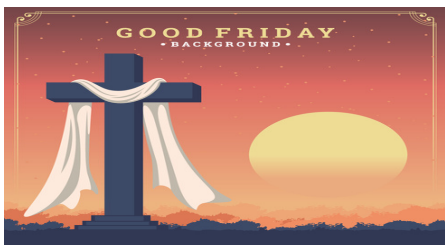
interested, there will be a sign up sheet on the table in the Foyer to choose who you want to be. Or speak to Fr. Dr. David Bailey.

If you would like to memorialize a loved one, or express thanksgiving for God's many blessings through your donation of **Easter Flowers**, please fill out the needed information on the form found on the Foyer table. Mark checks payable to St. Francis and mark the memo "Easter Flowers". Please submit the forms to the office by Wednesday, **April 14**.



Maundy Thursday service will be held on Thursday, **April 14** at **6:30 pm**. The service includes Holy Eucharist, Rite II and the Stripping of the Altar.

St. Francis will be apart of the **Good Friday Crosswalk with Springboro Area Churches** on **Friday, April 15** starting at **11:45 am**. Beginning at Covenant Presbyterian (415 N. Main St.) and ending at United Church of Christ (5 W. Mill St.).



Good Friday service will be Friday, **April 15** at **6:30 pm**, using the traditional *Good Friday Liturgy*. This Holy Week service is an important preparation for the Sunday of Resurrection. Communion will be shared from the reserved sacrament.

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day will occur on Sunday, **April 17** and will be celebrated with a Festival Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music at **10:30 am**. All are invited for this festive day!



The Passion Of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Palm Sunday

St. Francis is in need of Readers for The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Palm Sunday.

If you are interested, please see the sign up sheet on the table in the Foyer to choose who you want to be.

How About Helping with Church Maintenance?

David Culp is inviting people to come and help out around the church building.

Maintenance days will be on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and Fridays from 10:00 am to Noon.

There are several projects that need to be updated around the church, and any help would be very much appreciated.

Please contact David if you are interested.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to memorialize a loved one or friend, or express thanksgiving for God's many blessings through your donation of Easter Flowers, please fill in the needed information and place this form with your check in the offering plate.

Please make your check payable to **Saint Francis** and mark the memo notate "Easter Flowers".

Thank you.



Your name

(as you wish it listed in the bulletin)

Please list name(s) as you wish it (them) printed in the bulletin and circle the appropriate designation.

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St. Francis will be having our Easter egg hunt again this year. We need help filling eggs. If you are able, please pick up some plastic eggs after church on Sunday, fill them with candy or small toys, and bring them back by Palm Sunday.

Thanks in advance for your help! The annual Easter Egg Hunt at St. Francis will take place immediately following the service on Easter Sunday, April 17. All children are invited!

St. Francis Food Donations Drive



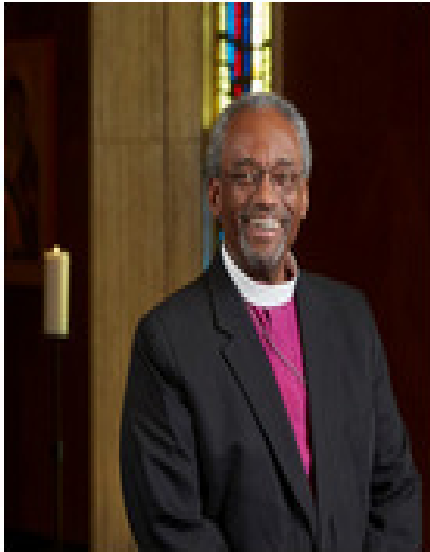
On Saturday, April 16 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm St. Francis will be holding a community food drive for the Springboro Community Assistance Center who is desperately in need of donations.

Volunteers will be needed to hold up signs in front of the building, take food donations from people, etc. for a couple hours. We will also need volunteers to help bring the food to the Springboro Food Pantry on Monday, April 18.

Please contact Mary Harris at 937-672-7993 or the church office at 937-748-2592 or parishsec@saintfran.org if you would like to help out with this wonderful and worthy cause.

St. Francis will also be collecting donations throughout the month of April. Please drop off any items in the baskets in the Narthex or in the container outside the main doors near the Sanctuary.

“It’s our connection to God and each other that gives meaning to our lives.”



Presiding Bishop asks for prayers, donations for Ukraine

In a sermon preached to the House of Bishops meeting, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry asked the church to pray for Ukraine and support Episcopal Relief & Development’s crisis response:

"Pray for Ukraine. Don't give up on them. Do other things, send money to the refugees—Episcopal Relief & Development is working with other Christian groups in Hungary and in Eastern Europe. So get folk to send money. This is a commercial. Am I on TV somewhere here? Get the money to Episcopal Relief & Development. And there may be other things we can do, but do not abandon them without prayer. Pray. Pray for Ukraine. Pray for Russia. Pray for Putin, that unlike Pharaoh his hardened heart may be turned."

You can read his sermon at:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/give-me-jesus/>

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WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM - HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 AM - BIBLE STUDY

PRAYER FOR APRIL

GOD, THANK YOU FOR SPRING AND THE HOPE OF WARMER, LONGER, BRIGHTER DAYS. THANK YOU FOR THE COMING OF GROWTH AND LIFE AND BIRTH. THANK YOU THAT THINGS ARE COMING AWAKE IN THE WORLD. NOW WE ASK THAT YOU BRING INTO REALITY ALL THAT BELONGS IN THIS SEASON. WE HOPE IN YOU AND IN YOUR PROMISES. WE HOPE IN YOUR GIFT OF SPRING. AMEN.

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