

March 13, 2023

From Fr. John

I saw a meme the other day that caught my attention. It was a photo of a pizza in a delivery box. The text read something like, “Pizza confuses me. It comes in a square box. But when you open it, the pizza is round. But when you eat it, it’s a triangle. People are like pizza. They look one way at first. But if you look deeper, they appear differently. And if you dig deep enough, you see who they really are.”

All of us should try to look through the outer facades of our sisters and brothers. We should look for the people within, never judging “the book by its cover.” Because, if nothing else, we all share one quality, no matter how hard some of us try to hide it. The thing that we all share is that we are worthy of being loved.

As we read in the 1st Letter of John, chapter 4: “⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.”

The author of the letter gives us words to ponder as we continue on our Lenten journeys, headed toward Golgotha and ultimate expression of God’s love for us.

God’s blessings,
Fr. John+



Faith & Fellowship Tonight

5:15 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing Service - Chapel
6:00 p.m. - Dinner - Spinach gnocchi, side and dessert
6:45 p.m. - Class - Last episode of Season 3 of *The Chosen*

Every Friday at 12:15 p.m. in the Church

Join us as we actively walk the path Jesus took on the way to the cross, stopping at each station to say prayer and reflect on that station.



Adult Sunday Class

Come and join us in the parlor at 9:15 this Sunday as **Dee Drell leads a class on exploring Aspects of Prayer: An Inward Look.** Bring a cup of coffee, or your favorite beverage, and sit in. There is no preparation needed to join in the discussion.

MAUNDY THURSDAY VIGIL

Jesus said, “*could you not stay awake with me one hour?*” Matthew 26:40 (NRSV)

The Maundy Thursday (Thursday in Holy Week) liturgy is a very powerful one. But perhaps the most moving part of the service comes at the end, when the altar area of the church is stripped of everything that makes it look grand, and perhaps all that makes it look “occupied.” The end of the Maundy Thursday service reminds us of that place and time in which Jesus was arrested and taken away, leaving the Disciples alone. The period of time between The Last Supper and sunrise on Good Friday is commemorated by a Gethsemane Watch, or Maundy Thursday Vigil.

There is a signup sheet in the Narthex, Chapel, and Parish Hall for those who would like to stay in the Chapel for one overnight hour on March 28/29. There will be a Sheriff's deputy on premises all night for security. There will be reading and prayer resources available for those who participate.

Watch
and
Pray



Knowing-Jesus.com

Easter Flowers



It is the custom of St. James at Easter to invite our parish family to make a contribution to the glory of God and in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a loved one. This is not only an appropriate way to honor those we love, but these gifts allow for the festive decoration of the church. If this is your wish, please send your donation along with the names of those you wish to remember to the church office no later than Tuesday, March 26. Offering envelopes are also in the church pew racks. (You may email the names to the office for clarity in spelling, as well: rita@stjamesla.org.)

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY

Blessing of the Palms followed by the Holy Eucharist
8:00 a.m. - Front of Chapel

10:30 a.m. Patio off Parish Hall - Procession into Church
The Right Reverend Jacob Owensby, Presiding

TUESDAY in HOLY WEEK

10:30 a.m. Diocesan Chrism Mass with Renewal of Ordination Vows – Church

WEDNESDAY in HOLY WEEK

5:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing Service – Chapel

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Washing of the Feet - Church
7:30 p.m. - 7:30 a.m. Vigil - Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY:

12:15 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday - Church
1:15 p.m. Meditation on Last Seven Words of Christ - Church
2:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church

HOLY SATURDAY

THE GREAT VIGIL of EASTER

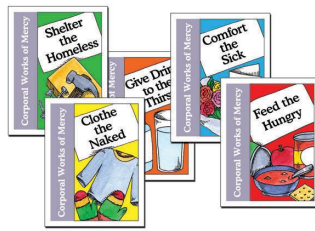
10:00 a.m. Proper Liturgy for Holy Saturday - Chancel
7:00 p.m. Kindling of the new fire, lighting of the Paschal Candle, followed by the first Festival Eucharist of Easter - Convocational Event

EASTER DAY

THE GREAT FESTIVAL of the RESURRECTION

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Chapel
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Flowering of the Cross - Church

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in.”
Matthew 25:35



What a powerful statement about what the body of Christ, the church, should be doing. As a Deacon, I am called to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely. Every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. As a giving church, I am always humbled by your contributions to those who find themselves unable to provide for themselves.

~ Deacon Brian

H2O continues every 4th Thursday of the month. There is not as much need for outer clothing items since warmer weather is anticipated.

Clothing for Men:

Underwear (boxers)
T-Shirts - L or XL (short sleeves with logo for day wear)
Socks - white
Belts

Clothing for Women:

Underwear - all sizes
Old T-shirts - (with logo for day wear)
White socks

Hygiene:

Toothpaste
Small Soap/Body Wash
Deodorant - roll on
Shampoo/Conditioner
Wash cloths
Hand Towels
Handi-wipes
Band-aids

Snacks:

Gatorade (small bottles)
Drinks (small bottles)
Peanut butter crackers
Chips (small bags)
Granola bars
Water

Special Request:

Dry or canned dog and/or cat food



Introduction to Judaism



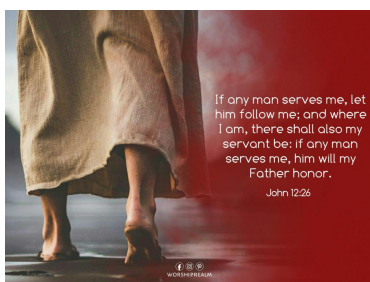
**Saturday, April 6
1-4 pm
Jewish Temple
2021 Turner St.**

Rabbi Judy Ginsburgh will offer a brief overview of Jewish customs, history, holidays, beliefs, life cycle events and more. The class will include a tour of the Temple sanctuary and museum and a sampling of Jewish foods. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end.

The class is free and open to the public, but reservations are required by emailing: secretary@jewishtemple.org
Please enter the gate on the Turner St. side

Supported by a grant from the National Center to Encourage Judaism

WORSHIP



**March 17th
The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

In-person Worship at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Childcare is available for the 10:30 AM service.

[Click on this link to join the 10:30 AM service.](#)

[Click here for the service bulletin.](#)

**March 17, 2023
Evening Prayer
Online@ 5:00 PM**

[Click here for](#)

**Order of Service AND
to join Evening Prayer via Zoom.**

Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077
Passcode: 1620



Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

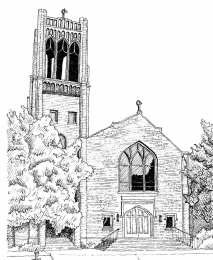
The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Ben Nugent-Peterson, Phillip Craig, John & Judy McLure, Adair Faust, Tommy Watts, Tim Strohschein, Nona Yeager, Michael S., Rebbie Jones, Fr. John, Sara Marshall, Charles Robinson, Jr., Lynne Distefano, Ogden Middleton, John Upton, Rita Clancey, Linda Ittner, Sophia Frey Bradford, Debbie Barnes, Becky Maxwell, Brady Brown, Dr. Wesley Davis, Steve Caballero, Anna Stapleton, Ann Vanderslice, Eleanor, Sam Bejach, Beth Courtney, Holly Craig, Jim Bristol, Ellen Moore, Mother Meredith Ward, Beth Hebert, Jimmy Hurt, Barbara Baldwin, Louise Carter, John Brewer, Fred Alexius, Paula Lieberman, Massi Jordan, Pepe Rizzo, Michael Sterne, Cackie, Kristie Fresh, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Wilma Filipi, Fran Barbato, Gail, Murel Trimble, Charlotte Sterling, Andrew, Susan Webster, Chase Barnfield, Jane Y. Harris, Kyle, Beth Virden, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Mark Goldich, Kevin Hooter, Donna House, Dayna Hill, Jane Tyson, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

Kyle Jordan, Samuel Hayes, Franklin Watson, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.

For those celebrating birthdays in March (day):

Melinda Mikell (1), Janet Ahrens (5), Elizabeth Drell (6), Alexander Adams (7), Donnie Hayes (7), Randall Despino (8), Edmond O'Quin (8), Shepard Searcy (9), Randy Welch (13), Julie Despino (14), Bobby Levy (15), Barbara Moorehead (16), Lottie Milliner (20), Alex Norton (22), Tom McBride (25), Don Kramer (27), Bryce Dixon (28).



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