The Chapel Chimes



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From the Rector's Desk...

A Good Egg-scuse

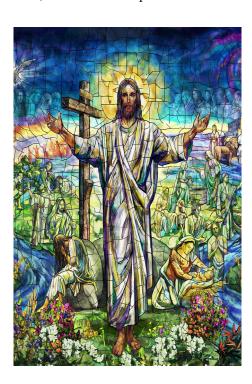
Christians are one of those groups of people which, no matter what they do, seem to be unable to be justified in the eyes of those who are non-Christian. Not that we have to justify ourselves to anyone other than God and then only on Judgement Day.

Let me give you an example: When I was just out of seminary, I wanted to spend some time with my family doing things which would give Andrew, (then only four years old) good memories and a sense of family tradition. About a week before Easter, Priscilla and I boiled eggs and got out the egg decorating kit (I think it was a Paas Kit) and we let Andrew mark some of the eggs with the wax crayon that came with the kit. We helped him dip his eggs in the colors he chose and then went on to do some more elaborate eggs for ourselves. Priscilla and I are pretty creative when it comes to arts and crafts, so we really put our all into the project.

The week after Easter we invited family and friends to visit. Of course we showed off our pieces of art to all who would look at them.

One of our friends, who we had just gotten close to, admire

our work and added, "But I'm surprised that you do this Easter bunny stuff, being you're a Christian and all that!" Now you can imagine if we had not done all that "Easter bunny stuff," we would have been chided for not allowing our kids to enjoy the same fun other kids have! But we did, so she was surprised at that.



We all are aware (I hope) that Easter is the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus.

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(first Monday of the month)

Please submit signed and dated items in writing to Articles are welcomed from all parish members.

MUSIC NOTES



Choir

As you know, articles for the Chapel Chimes must be submitted early in the previous month to ensure that the newsletter will be ready for mailing before the first of the following month. As I write this article I am preparing for my foot surgery in a week. The supply organist who will be taking my place throughout my recovery period, Debbie Hadley, has come highly recommended. She is familiar the Episcopal Church liturgy (although there are many music options offered for various portions of the Mass – take a look at the front half of the blue 1982 Hymnal!). The Choir will continue to sing anthems during the offertory (as long as we have a sufficient number of singers on any Sunday). Anthems have been selected for the remainder of the Choir's season -- April, May, and June.

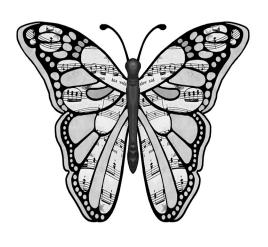
The period from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday is a challenging time for the church organist as there are changes in the liturgy to coincide with the various "special" services, especially Passion (Palm) Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the celebration of Easter Sunday.

I expect that Debbie will be up to handling the challenges the various services present.

I wish all of you a Lent of serious contemplation and a joyous Easter celebration. I look forward to returning as soon as my condition allows.

Pam Unger Organist/Choir Director





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As many of us face challenges with today's unstable economy, here are some helpful telephone numbers for assistance. Pass them along if you know someone who needs a little extra help getting through these tough times.

Heating & Weatherization

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Social Security 800-772-1213

www.socialsecurity.gov

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www.state.nj.us

But our Lord would be the first to say that a celebration demands us to engage ourselves in meaningful activities with family and friends. Remember what he did at the wedding in Cana to ensure that the festivities would be able to continue?

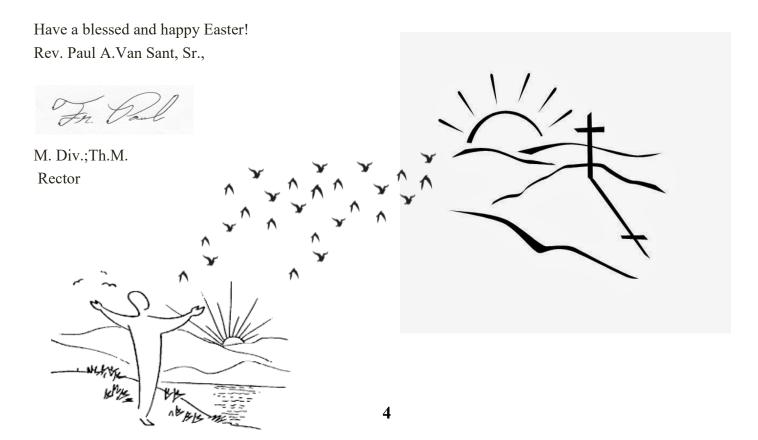
What is interesting is that Easter Eggs are not distractions form the meaning of Easter. They are symbols of the very essence of it; that is, they are symbols of new life! The symbol of the Easter Egg goes back to the Pagans of Eastern Europe.

When Christianity came to them, the missionaries adapted the prevailing cultural symbols to make the transition to Christianity easier. In fact, even the name "Easter" is an adaptation of the name of their spring festival to the goddess Eostre, since the celebration of the resurrection always falls in the Spring.

Historically, the egg was a symbol of new life to the Christians of Eastern Europe. It was also an opportunity for Christian folk art. Various styles of egg decorating developed in each of the areas of Europe as Christianity grew. The most famous of all these styles was the Russian style of Karl Gustavoich Fabergé. Fabergé created eggs that were not only decorated in gold, silver, pearls, and gems, but he would hinge the egg to form a diorama and build a scene in the egg. His work was at its height from 1884 until the Russian Revolution of 1917. It was cherished by Emperors, Kings, and Royalty throughout Europe and eventually the world. Today, a Fabergé Imperial Egg commands a million dollars or more at an art auction fortunate enough to have one!

As a Christian community, we should be looking forward to the upcoming activities of Holy Week, thanking God that we have the opportunity to accompany His Son as he proceeds from his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, to his last meal with his disciples on Maundy Thursday, to his trial, sentencing, humiliation, and execution on Good Friday and finally, to his glorious resurrection on Easter morning.

We have inherited many wonderful traditions of liturgy, prayer, and celebration from our fathers and mothers before us. Let us make sure to practice them during this most holy time in the Christian year. And remember, you need no excuse to celebrate the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. You need only a thankful and humble heart and whatever *egg-septionally* meaningful tradition you have come to employ!



News from the Treasurer's



Desk

Hi from the Treasurer's Desk!

I would like to say "Thank you" to all of those who have been so welcoming and supportive of me in my new role as Treasurer.



The changes have begun!

In the past, we have asked that you give us multiple checks to match your multiple envelopes on Sunday. That was because we sometimes had difficulty splitting bundled checks among the appropriate funds. On many occasions, we were unable to include some donations in the current days deposit because we could not facilitate the splitting of the funds.

Well, the good news is that there is no longer any need for you to write multiple checks! We have changed the process for counting on Sunday which not only speeds up the process, but it eliminates the need for multiple checks. Now, you only need to be sure to let us know how to split your check between the various church accounts (Maintenance, Capital, Pledge). You can do that by just writing the appropriate amount on each envelope.

Gerianne Murphy

Treasurer







By Stefanie Rotsaert



The first ECW fundraiser of the year was the *Bake-less Bake Sale*. Thank—you all for your generous consideration. You efforts raised \$357.00 which will provide funds for various church projects throughout the year.

The Annual English Tea events held each spring return once again and both are sold out! The first Tea is on Thursday, April 25th; the second Tea is on Thursday, May 16th. We look forward to the volunteers who donate their time and energy to these events. Let Stefanie know if you would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen, make desserts, act as a 'runner' or help clean up. All of us working together has made these events a joy and success each year!

We held World day of Prayer on Friday, March 1st. The motto: "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action" Representatives from Christ Lutheran Church and Community Reformed Church joined us as readers. The country this year was Slovenia, located in Central Europe. It is the smallest and newest country in that area. Our thanks to Pam Unger for playing the music for us. Thank-you to the Ushers: Laura Gural, Dottie Kaster, Barbara Lavinio, and Sandy Gaskill. Thank-you to the bakers: Laura Gural, Dottie Kaster, Gerianne Murphy, Stefanie Rostaert, Pat Russo, and Marge Pomykala. Thank-you to the readers: Kay Karlick, Mary Storey, and Stefanie Rotsaert, with the assistance of Pam Unger. The theme this year, "Come, everything is ready" is based on Luke 14. We shared our thoughts on, as a host, how we would feel if others felt they had more important business than answering our invitation to dinner; we decided we would be hurt and feel awful that people did not accept our invitation, and how we could invite people on the street knowing that all are beloved by God. We might have a round table and prepare food for everyone. Many of us belong to churches where we reach out to others, not just at Thanksgiving, but always, and to include everyone.

A retreat will beheld on Saturday, April 6th at 10:00 am until 3:00 pm at Saint Mary's-by-the-Sea in Point Pleasant. Suggested donation is \$10.00 paid at the door, which will include lunch. Registration deadline is April 3rd. Please call or see Stefanie if you would like to join her as she will be driving.

Stefanie Rotsaert

ECW President

732-350-2904

LENTEN SCHEDULE—2019

THURSDAYS

10:00 a.m. Healing and Communion in the Church

FRIDAYS

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross followed occasionally by Benediction in the Church

MONDAYS

1:00p.m.—Study on "Discipleship"

5:00 p.m.—Soup Supper served until Compline is over

5:30 p.m.—Study on "Discipleship"

6:30 p.m.—Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAYS

5:00 p.m.—Praying the Rosary (both Traditional and Anglican) in the Church

6:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE—2019

MONDAY April 15th—1:00p.m. Study on "Discipleship"

5:00 p.m. Soup Supper served until Compline is over

5:30 p.m. Study on "Discipleship"

6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

TUESDAY April 16th—10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

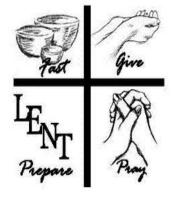
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> April 17th—5:30 p.m. Rosary and Evening prayer

THURSDAY April 18th—10:00 a.m. Healing Service (without Holy Eucharist) 6:00 p.m. Maundy Liturgy and foot washing

FRIDAY April 19th—10:00 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy

1:00 p.m. Community Good Friday Service @ Christ Evangelical Church

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross





The Way of Saint Paul

Submitted by Dottie Kaster and Lillian Fink

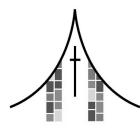
Stepping out in faith always results in further clarification of God's plan.

The first step always presents the greatest challenge, but once we take that step in faith, God will reveal what our next step should be, and the next, and the next after that. He gives us the information and guidance we need so that we can move forward in faith, pursuing Him and His will with all our hearts. Obedience always stimulates growth.

Listen when He calls YOU! Obedience encourages us to go deeper with God.







Save The Date!

We will be going to the Easter Vigil at the Trinity Cathedral in Trenton on Saturday, April 20th.

This year we will carpool. Anyone who wishes to go, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we know everyone who plans to go will have a seat in the carpool caravan.

Some participants plan to have dinner at Mastori's, while others prefer to go strait home; please mark your preference when you sign up. We will leave at 4:45 p.m. —once we arrive, Father Paul will give a tour of the Cathedral. The service begins at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone going to Mastori's will be responsible for their own participation.



Whiting Garden Club

The Whiting Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 @ 10 a.m. Our speaker is Kaitlyn Gannon from the Jacques Cousteau Coastal Education Center.





APRIL 2019



S u n	M o n	Tues	W e d	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 Boy scouts 6:30- 8:30 pm	2 Closed AA meeting @ 2PM Cub scouts 7pm	3 Registration is due for the Retreat at St. Mary's by-the-ea Whiting Garden Club 1:00	4 Healing Service 10 AM AA Meeting 3 PM	5 P i n e l a n d Symphonic Band Practice 9 AM	o Retreat at St. Mary's by-the-sea 10an-3pm AA Meetings 3 PM & 8PM
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21 HOLYEUCHARIST 8 AM & 10 AM Easter Sunday Dinner AA Meeting@8pm	22 Boy scouts 6:30- 8:30 pm	2 3 Closed AA meeting @ 2PM Cub scouts 7pm 8:30pm	24 AA Meeting 3PM	25 Healing Service 10 AM AA Meeting 3 PM ENGLISH TEA	2 6 P i n e l a n d Symphonic Band Practice 9 AM Stations of the Cross	2 7 AA Meetings 3 PM& 8PM Flea Market 9am Ipm
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Order of St. Luke

Do you need Prayers for Healing?

The Order of Saint Luke is a Healing Ministry. On the last Sunday of each month, prayers of healing are provided following Holy Eucharist at the 8 AM and 10 AM services at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church. Members are also available after Sunday Services near the Baptismal Font. In addition, prayers are offered at our 10 AM Healing Service on Thursdays.



PRAYER OF THE ORDER OF ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN

Almighty God, who inspired Your servant Luke the Physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in Your Church the love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of Your Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.





Our OSL Healing Mission will be held on Saturday, May 4th at Christ Church of Toms River from 8 am-3 pm. The main speaker is The Rev. Jo EllenWerthman. Her message will be "The Power of Resurrection". There will be praise music performed by Celebrate. Registration fee is \$10.00 per person which includes breakfast AND lunch. Flyers will be in the Narthex, or you can register the day of. If you have any questions, please contact Stefanie Rotsaert @ (732) 350-2904

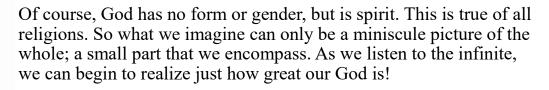


MEDITATION

Submitted by Bernice Neuman

Beginning meditation is easy; we all meditate every day. The problem is WHAT we meditate or concentrate on. The television is great for staring at while thinking of nothing else; that is a kind of meditation. But what we want to get used to doing is concentrating on the highest we can reach: God.







A reminder: The deadline for Easter flower offerings is Sunday April 7th

Altar Guild Flowers

In keeping with the solemnity of the Lenten season, flowers are not displayed on the Altar. Instead, greenery is used to beautify the Sanctuary. During this season of contemplation and prayer in preparations for the Resurrection f our Lord, it is a special time to remember our loved ones. With this in mind, please don't forget to sign up for the weekly greens on the flower chart in the Narthex

Please follow the same procedure for the greens as you do for the flowers. Greens will be in the Sanctuary for *Ash Wednesday*, from March 6th through the next three weeks. On March 31st, we will have pink flowers for *Rose Sunday* (fourth Sunday in Lent) then back to greens for April 7th.

Easter Flower Offerings

A reminder: the deadline for Easter Flower offerings is Sunday, April 7

Easter Sunday is April 21st. This is the time when we especially want to remember our loved ones and friends who have died or to express thanksgiving for someone's kindness and love.

Easter Flower envelopes are enclosed in this April edition of your Chapel Chimes. These envelopes can, with the appropriate information, be put in the Sunday Offering, mailed, or brought to the Church office.

Envelopes are in the pews and the Narthex for everyone's convenience.

If you have any questions, please call our Altar Guild Chair, Valerie Thompson @ 732-657-4510

Wednesday, May 22nd



April Bowling Events:

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Sports Shot Singles Spectacular@ 10 a.m.

Saturday, April 27, 2019

Parish Open Bowl 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 28, 2019

King of the Hill Tournament 6:30 p.m.

Come Join us on at Trip!

Chanticleer

Sunday, June 16th

Woodmere Art MuseumPhiladelphia Museum of Art

Wednesday, June 26th

Mt. Cuba Gardens
Brandywine River Museum

Thursday, August 15th

Delaware Museum of Art

Thursday, September 10th

Museum of The American
Revolution

Thursday, September 24th

"Jesus" Sight and Sound

Thursday, November 12th

"Miracle of Christmas" at Sight and Sound

Four more trips are planned for October/November/December

See the flyers in the Narthex and sign up soon.

For Questions-contact Stefanie Rotsaert @ 732-350-2904



Laughing is Good for the Soul





If you like the picture of Jesus laughing on the top right of this page, you can obtain a color print in a variety of standard sizes from any of your local Christian book stores.



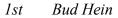
"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."



LOOKS LIKE SOME SORT OF PARADE

<u> April</u>

Happy Birthday



4th Margaret Mason

5th Mary Storey

9th Sherri Bray

12th Jennifer Farrar

16th Priscilla Van Sant

18th Judy Bellmore

19th Geraldine Cook

23rd Lorraine Smith
Robert Rutkowski

24th Andrew Tominovich

25th Sami Albrink

27th Jeffrey Brown

28th Rowan Farrar

29th Elizabeth Kuhner

Fred Spieth

30th Laura Gural





Have you been busy with Spring cleaning? We know just what to do with those items you no longer want. There will be an Indoor Flea Market here at Saint Stephen's on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 9 AM—1 PM. This is a perfect opportunity to sell some of those odds and ends and "white elephants" we all have cluttering our homes. Tables are \$10.00

We will also have a 50/50 drawing, a Basket Auction, and the Kitchen Café will be open with lunch and snack items available.

For any questions, please call Jo Ann Smithson @ (732) 408-5351 or (609) 575-1879

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Upcoming Calendar Events

Sunday, May 5th—24th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
Thursday, May 16th—English Tea #2
Sunday, May 19th—Juniors Jamboree Bowling Tournament
Saturday, May 25th—Dollar Auction

