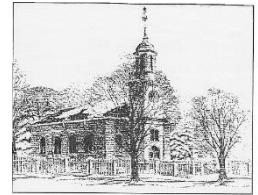


THE CROWN

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Palm Sunday	8:00 am	Liturgy for Palm Sunday with Holy Eucharist
	10:15 am	Liturgy for Palm Sunday with Holy Eucharist and Choir
Holy Tuesday	6:00 pm	Soup and Stations of the Cross
Holy Wednesday	7:00 pm	Tenebrae: Meditation on the Ancient Scriptural Story of the Christ
Maundy Thursday	5:00 pm	Agape Meal and Fellowship followed by Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar, and the Watch; Youth Group Event to follow
Good Friday	12:00 noon	Seven Last Words in Music and Poetry with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament & Veneration of the Cross
Holy Saturday	10:00 am	Liturgy for Holy Saturday
Easter Sunday	10:15 am	Festive Eucharist followed by an Egg Hunt in the graveyard and Reception in the Parish Hall

*Jesus said, “If anyone would wish to come after me,
let them deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow me.” Luke 9.23*

Dear Friends,

Easter is very late this year. In fact, I don't remember Easter being any later than in this year, 2025. But I am ready for it. But it is not here yet. We are only midway through this Season of Lent, the Season of meditating on the suffering of our Lord. A Season that must come to truly understand what Resurrection is all about.

It has always been so. Since the earliest days of Christianity, pilgrims visited Jerusalem to retrace the last days and last steps of Jesus, often known as the *Via Dolorosa* (Way of Sorrows). But not everyone could afford such a luxury. By the fourteenth or fifteenth century churches and monasteries began setting up shrines to mimic the various stops in Jerusalem, finally developing into the fourteen stations that we know today.

Every Tuesday, we have been participating in The Way of the Cross, or as it is often known, as the Stations. Each week we have had a different perspective: first came an Ecological Way, when we considered the suffering of our planet and her resources. The second week we lifted up any who are involved in any way in Human Trafficking – victims, their families, as well as traffickers and the systems that allow for it to continue. Last week, which happened to be the Feast of the Annunciation, we experienced the Stations through the eyes of Mary, his mother. We have three more weeks to go and I am looking forward to three more angles from which to understand what our Lord suffered for our sakes: April 1 is Stations of the Cross in a Post-Covid World, April 8 is Stations for those in Recovery and Their Families, and April 15 is Stations for Those Living in Poverty.

These different “takes” on the Passion of our Lord is important. Important, because it is far too easy for us to dismiss something that happened two thousand years ago. *What does the Cross have to do with me?* many might ask. The answer is that it has everything to do with us. For Jesus came into this world precisely for us, and in his suffering, he identified with our suffering. All of our suffering. Whether we are on the giving or receiving end of violence, whether we have inflicted pain or had pain inflicted upon us, what Jesus endured – and how he endured it – speaks to our own humiliation, our own afflictions, and our own pains.

It is all well and good to share the good news of the resurrection with others (it really is *Gospel: good news*). But equally good and necessary is for people to know that Christ is right there with them in the trenches, understanding what they are going through, going through it with them. Whether the challenges of poverty and food & water insecurity, whether physical ailments and disease, whether emotional damage and pain: it is good and welcome news to know that One greater than ourselves has also been there, understands us perfectly, and has our backs.

Don't let these final weeks of Lent slip away without contemplating this part of the Jesus Story. Perhaps you did not get off to a great start this Lent. Perhaps you didn't plan any special devotions at all! There is still time to enter the Season more fully. Perhaps you have lost your resolve or given into temptations along the way. Then you may have some insight into why the Stations have Jesus falling three times. Get back up and keep going.

We still have three more weeks of The Way of the Cross. Come see what they are about. You might just find yourself in the story. You may gain a new empathy for the suffering of others. You may come to better understand what it is our Lord did for you. Only then can you fully appreciate and celebrate the Great Feast of Easter.

Peace,

Mother Lisa+

PARISH NEWS & NOTES

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish office hours are Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 am to 2 pm.

ANY CHANGES?

Please inform us of any changes in address, e-mail, or telephone number so we can keep our records up to date. Please send us an email or call the Church Office at 732-741-2220.

IN REQUIEM

Lenna Veil, mother of Jeff Veil, passed away on March 4, 2025

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon them. Amen

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED



For the sick and suffering, and those in any need or trouble: *Anderson Pedalino, *Bill Balmer, *Carolyn, *Cassie Reagan, *Dianne Regiec, *Jim Miller, *Joan, *John Smalls, *Judi Buncher, *Julia Walsh, *Larry Nibbling, *Mimi Brown, *Pam Diamond, *Brother Richard Biernacki, *Richard Brugger, *Rod Webster, *Sarah Schmid, Victoria Cuff, Diane Smith, Doris, Greg Shaljian, Jack Sauber, Jocelyn, John Veil, Linda Forrest, Lynn McKittrick, Meriwether Schmid, Mignon Williams, Pam, Pat & Bob Rivenes, Peddy, Todd Diamond
May they be relieved of their distress

**Denotes members of Christ Church*

PARISH LIFE

INQUIRERS' CLASS FOR ADULTS

From time-to-time Christ Church offers instruction for adults who have come to the Episcopal Church from another faith tradition. Sometime those who were confirmed as children come back to these classes to learn more about the history of our

denomination, to deepen their faith, or to express a more mature commitment to Christ than the one they made in their younger years. We often call this class 'Adult Inquirers' Class' and it is open to people seeking confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church from another denomination, or simply to those who would like to know more about church, faith, and the world.

We are considering starting such a class in the near future. Please contact Mother Lisa or Deacon Bill if you have an interest in such a course of instruction.

ECW: EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN



ECW held a meeting at the Rectory on March 24th, hosted by Mother Lisa and Susan Sellars, ECW Liaison to the Vestry. A devotion for families from the New Zealand BCP started the evening, followed by a presentation of the upcoming Bingo Night at Christ Church (mark your calendar for May 22nd) by Lisa Marino. Lisa, along with Kristen Downs and Jonelle Joline are coordinating the event, and the ECW is throwing its full support behind it. Refreshments were shared and a discussion ensued about a possible project for the parish. The evening ended with a closing prayer.

The ECW will meet again on **Sunday, April 27th during the Coffee Hour**. We will be making ribboned book markers for the Prayer Books and Hymnals in our pews. The project was suggested by Tia LaPiana; it was well received as we all know how useful it will be during worship.

GIRL'S FRIENDLY SOCIETY (GFS)



In March, not only did the girls meet on their regular First Monday Zoom, but they also met in

person. On March 23rd, we designed beautiful GFS blue tiles to take to Nationals this summer. Some gathered in the Parish Hall, others at home, but wherever they gathered, they created lovely gifts for their fellow GFS members from all over the United States.

Our next Zoom is on **Monday, April 7th at 7:00 pm**; a link will be sent out before the meeting.

Our next in-person session will be on **Saturday, April 12th at 10:00 am** in the Parish Hall. We will make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday for the Parish and make delicious Easter Bread for our families. The dough recipe will be sent out the week before; this makes a BEAUTIFUL loaf that you are sure to love. As always, your friends are welcome to join us!



EYC: EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY



A Special Event!!

All kids from sixth to twelfth grade are invited to come to a special event following the Maundy Thursday Agape Dinner and service. We will retire to the Parish Hall where we will make and decorate cupcakes for Easter morning, burn palms for Ash Wednesday 2026, keep watch in the church, and much more. We promise to have everything finished by midnight. Please let us know if your child will be coming so we can better plan our activities. Friends are also welcome, but we will need a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian if we do not already have one on file.

MUSIC AT CHRIST CHURCH

As we head towards the end of Lent and Holy Week, along with Easter, we examine what the music brings to these services. Some of the Lenten and Holy Week hymns are both the most poignant and the most ancient in our brilliant Hymnal 1982. The anthems that the choir will sing are varied, but all bring appropriate themes and add to the lessons and sermons heard each week. Holy Week itself will feature special music on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and on Good Friday with the The Seven Last Words in Prose, Poetry, and Music. We absolutely hope that you'll be able to join us for this genuinely unique service, to hear solos from brilliant guest artists by Charles Ives and Samuel Barber, a professional quartet singing Tallis and Anerio, the amazing and hardworking choir, and a guest violinist. We have repertoire ranging from the 1500s to chant to the present, including the haunting theme from the film Schindler's List with violin. We are hoping to have an exciting musical surprise for all of you featuring the children of Christ Church right after the opening hymn and opening sentences on Easter Sunday, as well! The St. Gregory Choir has been working already for weeks on an exciting anthem for Easter Sunday, which we are excited to present. It features

fabulous guest trumpeter Andrew Garcia from the West Point Bank (google him!) and brings the text "He is risen" over and over, culminating in exciting "Alleluias!" We are so blessed to be able to walk through this season with our music and with all of you.

Choir is open to all - please consider if you can fit this into your schedule! We are a bunch of people who love the Lord and love to sing. For more information, please reach out to our choirmaster Fiona Sutherland (sutherlandfi815@gmail.com)

Submitted by Fiona Smith Sutherland

CALLING ALL CHOIR MEMBERS ACROSS THE AGES!

The St. Gregory's Choir has a long history of fantastic choir dinners and get togethers but is has been since before the pandemic that we have gathered. We are doing so now! If you have EVER sung in the St. Gregory's Choir, we invite you to a special dinner on Friday, April 25th at the home of Peggy James and John Callaghan. Arrive at 6:30 for appetizers, drinks with dinner to follow. The main course will be provided, and we ask you to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share. And warm up that voice of yours! This event may just border on the operatic! Hope to see you then.

PEAK IN THE WEEK APRIL 2025



A recent TR (theological reflector in my current EfM (Education for Ministry) group focused on scents and how powerful a memory stimulus they are. This TR generated so many recollections and stories for me that I decided to share that experience with Peakers. SO----for April, the Peak in the Week book will be *The Scent Keeper* by Erica Bauermeister. This is a story of a wondrous but stolen childhood, a struggle to find the reality of

that time and the powerful place that scent plays in all of our memories and lives.

Come join us - 9:30 Wednesdays in the parish house for eucharist and then book talk at 10:15. Try us - you'll like us!

Submitted by Donna Devlin

CHURCH SCHOOL



The kids at Christ Church kicked off Lent with a fantastic pancake breakfast, bringing everyone together for good food and fellowship. In Sunday School, they've been learning stories from Jesus' ministry, starting with the Transfiguration—when his disciples suddenly saw him for who he truly is. They also learned about Jesus feeding thousands with just a little food, a powerful reminder of God's endless care. As we move closer to Easter, they will learn about Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, where crowds welcomed him with palm branches and shouts of praise. Through these stories, the kids are seeing more of Jesus' love, power, and sacrifice, preparing their hearts for the season ahead.

Submitted by Katie Wachter

A NEW LOOK TO MAUNDY THURSDAY

This year, Maundy Thursday is going to look a little different. We are beginning the service at **5:00 pm** in the nave of the church, with a light "Agape Meal" together. Just as Jesus and his disciples shared a supper, so shall we. We ask you to bring light fare with a Mediterranean flair to share with others and kick off the night. At about 5:15, we will begin the more traditional part of the service, including a Homily, Holy Eucharist, the Stripping of the Altar, and the Watch. The Youth will continue the night within the Parish Hall, with a variety of activities. If you would like to assist with

the set-up and clean-up of the Agape meal, please contact one of the wardens or the church office.

MAUNDY THURSDAY VIGIL SIGN UP

From the close of the Maundy Thursday service (5:00 pm on Thursday April 17th) we follow the ancient tradition of keeping watch until the beginning of the Good Friday Service at noon the next day. This is in remembrance of our Lord's night in the Garden of Gethsemane, when he asked his disciples to stay and "watch and pray".

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, beginning with a 7:00 pm slot. You can also call or email the office, and we would be glad to add your name to the list. Help us to keep a holy vigil.

MARKETPLACE EGGSTRAVAGANZA



Easter is on its way, and you know what that means- chocolate easter eggs are on their way from Fishing Creek Salem United Methodist Church in PA.

This year's Eggstravaganza will look a little different than previous years. We've ordered a selection of milk and dark chocolate eggs of all different flavors. No effort on your part except to select your favorite flavor from the marketplace booth in the Parish Hall and tender your payment. No order taking!

The standards are back in both milk and dark chocolate: Double Coconut; Coconut Cream, Vanilla Cream and Peanut Butter. This year we also have a very limited supply of Cookies & Cream flavor in both chocolates (9 each).

Eggs are \$4.00 each. Sales will commence on Sunday, April 6 at the Parish Hall Marketplace during coffee hour and continue until they are all sold out. If you are an 8 o'clocker and want to purchase eggs, contact me so you don't miss out.

Sales are on a first come, first serve basis. Don't miss out! Plan ahead as to what kind and how many of each you will want to fill your Easter baskets. They make great hostess gifts too!

If you would like to volunteer at the Marketplace, please let me know before Sunday, April 6 so I can staff the booth and cashier positions. Payment can be made in cash or by check payable to Christ Church with "eggstravaganza" in the memo line. No venmo or paypal.

Astounding fun fact: As of last Thursday, this church made 30,100 eggs and they were still in production. Yikes! By supporting our Eggstravaganza you are supporting them and all their hard work too – double blessings!!!

Feeling eggs-cited to see you at the Marketplace.

Faithfully, Mrs. Nap

EGG HUNT, ALLELUIA EGGS & LAMB CAKES, OH MY!



Easter Sunday will be here before we know it and with it our traditional Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard. The Hunt will be held after the Easter Sunday church Service. Joshua and Matthew Dunford will be organizing the event. To get this event underway, please start bringing in filled plastic eggs or empty eggs with candy or treats to fill them. You can drop them off at the Parish House. Marie Maber has graciously agreed to create the Alleluia Eggs. Tara Dunford has cheerfully agreed to bake a lamb cake. As we need two cakes, we're searching for another volunteer. Are you that person???? Lamb cake pans can be found in the Parish House cabinet if you're itching to get your baker's apron on. So we can plan, please let Joshua, Matthew or me know if you're interested.

Eggs-citedly, Sue Nap

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

We will once again be flowering the cross on Easter Day. This year Easter is so late that I know you will have some beautiful blooms to share with us all! Let's all bring in some fresh flowers and make this an especially lovely Easter celebration.

UPDATE ON KING CAKE PENNY

I recently offered a "deal" to Christ Church parishioners—to help me fulfil my Epiphany King Cake token find of a penny I offered to make prayer shawls for parishioners and give 25% of the price to Christ Church. (Finding a penny means that the finder is supposed to increase that penny to a dollar (or more) by next year.) It has been done!

BUT the offer still stands—prayer shawls make thoughtful gifts for new parents and grandparents, recently bereaved friends, a neighbor who is alone or any anyone for whom you have a deep caring. Contact me at sarahannb@aol.com, choose a color(s) and delivery to you will be in approximately three weeks.

I also found a bean in my King Cake slice which means I need to write a poem. I'm still working on that.

Update soon, Donna Devlin

PANERA BREAD DAY: RAISE THE DOUGH!



Save the Date for Saturday, May 17th! If you dine at the Panera in Shrewsbury from 4 pm to 8 pm, our parish will receive a portion of the proceeds. More information (and the flyer you need to take with you to the restaurant) will be available in early May. Do watch for the notices in the Crown and Weekly Email. And let your family and friends know.

INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW

What did you find in YOUR king cake slice? It might have been a bean or a penny or a baby—tell us, please.

Mother Lisa got:

- a baby (she'll make a king cake next year)
- a bean (she'll write a poem)

Donna Devlin got:

- a penny (she has increased that to a dollar +)
- a bean (she's working on that poem even now)

How about you? What did you get? Do let us know, please.

FLEA MARKET JUNE 28TH!



The annual Christ Church Flea Market has been scheduled! Start collecting your items for the flea market - perhaps your basement or attic or closets are hiding goodies that could be sold at the flea market. Please follow these guidelines:

- a. No clothing
- b. Items should be clean, free of attic dust and dirt
- c. No large furniture - one person should be able to lift it
- d. Limit the Christmas items
- e. No electronics such as TVs; especially outdated items
- f. CDs and albums sell well
- g. Puzzles, toys and games sell well

Keep your items at your home until after June 16th! Please don't store the items at the parish house until after the 16th since we use the parish house for other events.

Plan to come to the flea market - we will also need assistance pricing the items and setting up during the week of June 23rd.

Further details coming!

Submitted by Elaine and Robin

EASTER FLOWERS

The Christ Church Altar Guild would like to remind you to make your Easter Memorial donations soon. You can use the flower envelopes, email the office, or drop your list at the office. We are recommending a donation of \$5.00 per name. Please call 732-996-3825 if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support which helps to make our lovely Christ Church even more beautiful!

Blessings - the Altar Guild

PROPERTY MATTERS

If you have a good eye, you may have noticed the rail that was installed on the back porch leading out from the kitchen. If you have an even better eye, you may have spotted railings going up the stairs that lead to the choir loft. And if you can see things that no one else sees, you may have even seen a small, white altar sitting along the south wall of the nave behind the piano and waiting for Holy Week services. All the work of our Property Man, Walter Dein. Thank you, Walter.

After several years of increasing problems, we have also had the handicap door on the south side of the church repaired. This will make for much easier access and will keep the winter cold (and summer heat) out of the building.

RECTORY WINDOWS AND DOORS

The next step in the refurbishment of the Rectory has begun! In the past two months we have had the electrical outlets and system reviewed and repaired to ensure the safety of the electrical system. Concurrently we had the plumbing and piping systems reviewed for safety and upkeeping needs. Those two safety items were started first on the house to prevent any surprises as we work to improve the house.

The next step was to look at the replacement of the windows and doors. We received three estimates and found that there are 26 windows, all of which are in poor condition. It was determined that the air leaking around and through the windows was certainly costing more in terms of heating and cooling the house. Also, many of the windows could not be raised. There are 3 doors – front, side and rear, and all three are in extremely poor

condition and upon review it was determined that they would need to be replaced. The Vestry reviewed the estimates from each of the 3 companies and determined that Prowns Windows and Doors would be the most efficient and provide the most for our money. The Rectory Fund can cover the cost, and these are the types of things for which this account was created.

The new windows and doors will be followed by complete professional painting. The 2 Sisters Painting was contacted, and we have a quote from them to repair cracks throughout the walls, paint both upstairs and downstairs and generally give a facelift to the walls and ceilings.

The expectation of all these improvements is very exciting. We hope to invite parishioners into the house for various events and have you view the refurbished Rectory as we move along.

Submitted by Elaine Feyereisen

PARISH HOUSE CHAIRS

In 2024, The Brotherhood of St. Gregory, Brother Richards order, honored us with a grant to purchase grey square tables to match our 6' & 8' tables, and more folding chairs for the parish house. We purchased the tables, but at the time, we could not find matching chairs. The grant money we didn't use was put aside, and we kept our eyes open in search of the matching chairs. Just recently, the chairs were located! We purchased 24 chairs that were delivered last week. We now own 100 cushioned chairs. This makes us very happy and more appealing to prospective renters of the parish house. Don't forget, if you or anyone you know needs a location for a party, committee meeting, family reunion, recommend Christ Church. Our rates are reasonable! Refer all inquiries to the Wardens.

Elaine Feyereisen & Peggy James, The Wardens

SHREWSBURY BORO SCHOOL GALA

Most every year the Shrewsbury Boro School holds a Gala Fundraising Event. For the past few years, we have been asked to donate a basket to assist with the effort. What do we offer? Judi Buncher puts together a lovely assortment of Christ Church items, but the big

draw is a tour of the church and a trip up the clock tower to a stunning view of the town. The lucky winners this year was the Sean and Maureen Murphy family of Shrewsbury, who hope to tour our church this month. We are pleased to be a part of this wonderful community and look forward to hosting the Murphys.

CALLING ALL COFFEE HOUR HOSTS



We are so thankful to those of you that have signed up to host Coffee Hour. Everyone really enjoys the fellowship with fellow parishioners. We are now looking for hosts for April 13th (Palm Sunday) and April 19th (Easter Sunday). On Easter Sunday the Youth Group will be making cupcakes, so there is no need for the host to bring anything unless they'd like to of course. Please be sure to sign up on the bulletin outside of the Kitchen or feel free to call / email the office and we can add your name for you. As always, thank you for your generosity!

COVENANT HOUSE SLEEPOUT



It was a cold, windy and damp night but we survived. I can't imagine having no home and having to sleep outside every night. We met two wonderful Covenant House Alumni. One young lady found Covenant House at the age of 18 after

living on the streets. Covenant House helped her get her GED, a job, save money, attend college, and get her first apartment which she has lived in for 12 years! She is currently working on her Masters' Degree. The young man we met was a new alumnus. Covenant House helped him get his GED and his first job. He is now saving money so he can attend college. While at Covenant House, he taught himself to play piano and serenaded us with impressive style. These life-changing opportunities could not happen without the support of people like you and me.

The goal for my Team of 3 (Casey Surgent, Mother Lisa and Peggy James) raised \$4,960, \$460 over our goal. My personal goal was \$1,500 and because of your support I raised \$1,675. I understand more donations are pending. Together, our Sleep Out Event raised over \$116,000. Without Covenant House, who knows what would happen to these young folks. Thank you soooo much for your support.

Submitted by Peggy James

CHRIST CHURCH GOES TO THE THEATER!



On Sunday March 9th, 25 Christ Church members and friends made their way over to the New Jersey Repertory Theater in Long Branch to see the play, **Make Believe**. Set in 1930's Hollywood, the play brought up issues surrounding the secrets that we all keep, the idea that we show a different face to the world than who we truly are, and the need for friendship and intimacy. After the play, we retired to the Mix restaurant in Long Branch and some very provocative discussions ensued. We hope to offer another theatrical opportunity in the future, perhaps buying out an entire performance for Christ Church. We will keep you posted!

“IT TAKES A VILLAGE”

**Phoenix and Julien Canoy are Philippine students Christ Church supplies a scholarship for college.*

**“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed”
- Proverbs 11:25**

Hello everyone,

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich.”
2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

I wanted to share this beautiful verse I have today which means that our God sacrificed or gave up everything so that we could gain everything in Him, so that we could receive the riches of God’s grace, salvation and eternal life. In many ways, I see this same spirit of sacrifice and generosity in all of you. You have given so much - your encouragement, support and prayers - to help me pursue my dreams of attending college and I am forever thankful for that.

As I near the end of my first year in college this journey has been filled with challenges, growth, and new experiences, and I could not have made it this far without God and everyone. Our prefinals were March 13 - 14 and we celebrated our Education Day. We had a lot of games, song and yells, diorama making, and more, which I really enjoyed. Soon we will have a demo teaching for the younger students in Saint Mary’s College in Tagum. It will be 3 subjects of demo teaching (Mathematics, Information and Communication Technology, and About Good Moral and Right Conduct). I was a bit busy making a lesson plan, Table of Specification (TOS) and also instructional materials. Every opportunity I have had to learn, and grow has been made possible by your sacrifices and encouragement. Your belief in me has given me the confidence to keep pushing forward, even in difficult moments.

This is just the beginning, and I know there are more challenges and victories ahead. But no matter what comes, I carry with me the lessons, values, and love that I’ve learned throughout this journey. I will continue to work hard, knowing that I am not alone.

Thank you for everything. May God bless you as richly as you have blessed me.

Submitted by Phoenix

"You were not just blessed for yourself, you were blessed to be a blessing to others."
-Ifeanyi Enoch Onuoha

Good day to all the members and families of Christ Church Shrewsbury especially to Mother Lisa and Ms Peggy James, who’ve been patiently processing our scholarship transfer. Thank you very much.

The quote stated above plays a significant role to my everyday living. In my own instinct, I cannot feel the happiness on my own. To fulfill the true happiness is to see the people around you happy. And this is why I’m doing all my best to make my parents proud of me. Not only in my studies but also being good to others. To be a blessing to others. Not all blessing comes from money. But also in just a simple help you can do to others considered as a blessing too. Doing group projects with your classmates, helping each other to get a good grade, encouraging one another to inspire and having guts to fulfill their goals. And I am happy that I have very good friends and sisters who are always there for me no matter what. So I hope that God will always be there to guide me. And protect my family.

Submitted by Julien





The Men's Breakfast Group will meet in the Parish House for its April gathering on Saturday, April 19th, 2025, from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Our Seminarian Denzel Donaldson will make a short presentation on the 5 Major Health Risks for men:

Cardio Disease, Cancer, Diabetes, Mental Health, and Unintended Injuries.

Denzel will provide some statistics and discuss how men can monitor and screen for these risks. Time will also be allotted for a question & answer period. All men in the Parish are invited to join us for good food, meaningful conversations, and the kind of fellowship that can truly make a difference at home, at work, at Christ Church, and in the community. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with others.

Please call the Parish Office at (732) 741-2220 to register today!



Thursday, May 22

Time: First Numbers Called at 6:00pm

Location: Christ Church Parish House

Cost:

\$25 Donation

*One card for each BINGO round

*One Grand Door Prize Ticket

Additional Tickets:

BINGO cards: \$10

Grand Door Prize: \$3

SIGN UP HERE: <https://forms.gle/XGiMFPMZhR34enso7>

BYOB Beer and Wine!

Snacks and Non-alcoholic Beverages for Purchase

Coming with a group? Reserve a table for 10 people for \$250 and receive an **Extra Grand Door Prize Ticket for each person!**

Payment Options:

- **Preferred:** Venmo to Kristen Downs (@KDowns110) and mention Bingo Night in the memo
- Mail a check to Christ Church - 380 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702
- Pay cash on May 22 at the door

Questions?

Lisa Marino	(732) 533-8588	Email: lisamarino216@gmail.com
Kristen Downs	(732) 890-2888	Email: kristendowns110@gmail.com

THOSE WHO SERVE- APRIL

April 6

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell
Deacon: Reverend William Balmer (10:15 am only)
Acolytes: 8 am Judi Buncher, Denzel Donaldson
10:15 am Josie Borden, Edgar John, Tia LaPiana (CB), Denzel Donaldson
Lectors: 8 am Peggy James
10:15 am Robert Maber, Bob Van Valkenburgh
Ushers: 8 am John Callaghan
10:15 am Bramley Maber, Christine Maber
Organist/Choirmaster: Fiona Smith Sutherland
Altar Guild: Halina Nibbling
Coffee Hour: Cassandra & Abigail Murphy

April 13 – Palm Sunday

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell
Acolytes: 8 am Edgar John, Denzel Donaldson
10:15 am Josie Borden, Joshua & Matthew Dunford, Kodi & Abe Craven,
Denzel Donaldson
Lectors: 8 am Walter Dein
10:15 am Connie Goddard, Tara Dunford
Ushers: 8 am Judi Buncher
10:15 am Elaine Feyereisen, George Edwards
Organist/Choirmaster: Fiona Smith Sutherland
St. Mary's Choir Director: Brother Richard Biernacki
Altar Guild: Colleen & Mark Roth
Coffee Hour: **Host Needed

April 16 – Tenebrae 7 pm

Officiant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell
Acolytes: Edgar John
Lectors: Deacon Bill Balmer, Connie Goddard, Denzel Donaldson, Elaine Feyereisen, Robert Maber,
Tia LaPiana, Bob Honecker, Josie Borden
Ushers: Bramley Maber, Christine Maber
Altar Guild:

April 17 – Maundy Thursday 5 pm

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell
Deacon: Reverend William Balmer
Acolytes: Dexter, Kodi & Abe Craven, Joshua & Matthew Dunford, Denzel Donaldson
Lectors: Josie Borden
Ushers: Walter Dein, George Edwards
Organist/Choirmaster: Fiona Smith Sutherland
Altar Guild:

April 18 – Good Friday 12 pm

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell
Deacon: Reverend William Balmer
Acolytes: Judi Buncher, Edgar John
Lectors: Mark Roth, Connie Goddard, Tia LaPiana, Walter Dein, Peggy James, Josie Borden, Denzel Donaldson
Ushers: George Edwards, Elaine Feyereisen
Organist/Choirmaster: Fiona Smith Sutherland
Altar Guild:

April 20 – Easter Sunday 10:15 am

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell
Deacon: Reverend William Balmer
Acolytes: Dexter, Kodi & Abe Craven, Matthew & Joshua Dunford, Denzel Donaldson
Lectors: Dash Cassidy, Laura Stroebel
Ushers: Larry Nibbling, Connie Goddard
Organist/Choirmaster: Fiona Smith Sutherland
St. Mary's Choir Director: Brother Richard Biernacki
Altar Guild: Cindy Webster
Coffee Hour: **Host Needed

April 27

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell
Deacon: Reverend William Balmer (10:15 am only)
Acolytes: 8 am Edgar John, Denzel Donaldson
10:15 am Josie Borden, Tia LaPiana (CB), Denzel Donaldson
Lectors: 8 am Peggy James
10:15 am Elaine Feyereisen, Bob Honecker
Ushers: 8 am John Callaghan
10:15 am Walter Dein, George Edwards
Organist/Choirmaster: Fiona Smith Sutherland
Altar Guild: Judi Buncher, Tia LaPiana, Madna Aubry
Coffee Hour: Cassandra & Abigail Murphy

APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Office Hours:</i> <i>Tue. – Fri.</i> <i>10 am – 2 pm</i></p>		1 <u>6 pm</u> Soup & Stations	2 <u>9:30 - 11:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist Peak in the Week	3 <u>10 am</u> Choir Practice	4	5
6 <u>8 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist	7 <u>7 pm</u> GFS Zoom Office Closed	8 <u>6 pm</u> Soup & Stations	9 <u>9:30 - 11:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist Peak in the Week	10 <u>10 am</u> Choir Practice	11	12 <u>10 am – 12 pm</u> Second Saturday Workday <u>10 am</u> GFS Meeting
13 PALM SUNDAY <u>8 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist	14	15 HOLY TUESDAY <u>6 pm</u> Soup & Stations	16 HOLY WEDNESDAY <u>7 pm</u> Tenebrae	17 MAUNDY THURSDAY <u>5:00 pm</u> Agape Meal & H.E., Vigil	18 GOOD FRIDAY <u>12:00 noon</u> Good Friday Service Office Closed	19 HOLY SATURDAY <u>8:30 am - 10 am</u> Men's Breakfast <u>10 am</u> Liturgy for Holy Saturday
20 EASTER SUNDAY <u>10:15 am</u> H.E., Easter Egg Hunt & Reception	21 <u>7 pm</u> Vestry Meeting Office Closed	22	23 <u>9:30 - 11:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist Peak in the Week	24	25 <u>6:30 pm</u> Choir Dinner @ home of Peggy James	26
27 <u>8 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist	28 Office Closed	29	30 <u>9:30 - 11:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist Peak in the Week			

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Fiona Smith Sutherland, Organist/Choirmaster
Brother Richard Biernacki, St. Mary's Choir Director
Francesca Parker, Office Administrator
Halina Nibbling, Sexton

VESTRY 2025

Elaine Feyereisen - Senior Warden
Peggy James - Junior Warden, Stewardship
Stephen Craven - Treasurer
Lynn Marengo - Asst. Treasurer
Madna Aubry - Stewardship, GFS Representative
Julie Sinn Cassidy - Youth Ministries
Walter Dein - Property
Sue Napoletano - Church School
Bob Stewart - Graveyard
Susan Sellers – ECW Liaison
Dianne Regiec - Food Insecurity
Nancy Stewart - Vestry Clerk

