

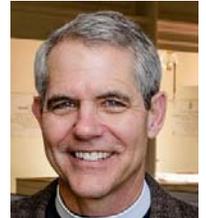
## Keynotes

April, 2019



### *Grace upon Grace: The Great Fifty Days*

The Great Fifty Days of Easter will soon be here. In the Church's calendar it starts with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. The Easter Vigil celebrates Jesus passing from death to life (the paschal mystery) and our participation in it. Traditionally, converts to the Christian faith were baptized on that night after having spent the 40 days of Lent being instructed in the faith. The Easter Vigil starts on the evening of Holy Saturday (the last day of Lent) and concludes just after midnight, Easter morning. The sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion held at this service are signs that we share in Christ's death and resurrection. Since we do not keep the Easter Vigil we can still participate in the paschal mystery of Christ by attending Palm/Passion Sunday and Holy Week services.



Palm/Passion Sunday sets the stage for all of Holy Week. At this service we gather outside the church remembering Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem prior to the Passover. After prayer and the blessing of palms we process into the church. Once assembled, the service takes on a more somber atmosphere as we participate in Jesus' passion by dramatically reading the Gospel. The Eucharist is then celebrated and the service concludes in the usual way with the exception that after the dismissal we leave in silence. This reminds us, that as we leave the church and go back into the world, Holy Week has begun.

Evening prayer is offered Monday-Wednesday so that we can prayerfully read the scripture lessons assigned for each day of Holy Week. This helps us to be mindful of what Jesus did and taught on those days leading up to his death. Maundy Thursday allows us to enter into the upper room where Jesus instituted Holy Communion, gave the Great Commandment (to love one another), and then demonstrated this love by washing the disciples' feet. As the service concludes the altar is stripped and the all night Watch in the Garden begins. All are welcome to spend an hour in prayer during the vigil as we prepare for Good Friday.

At the Good Friday service, the passion narrative is read again but from the Gospel of John. At this service, there is no Eucharist. Our focus is the crucifixion of Christ. We spend time meditating on and venerating Jesus on the cross. The Stations of the Cross is also provided and takes place in the church. It is self-guided so that participants may accord their own schedule. A Stations of the Cross is also held for our youth later that afternoon at 5:30pm in the churchyard.

The liturgy for Holy Saturday will be held at noon. This is primarily a service based on the word. There is no Eucharist. It is quite brief giving participants space to contemplate Jesus in the tomb. My prayer for this Holy Week is that each of us find time to finish the season of Lent having experienced God in some fresh and renewing way.

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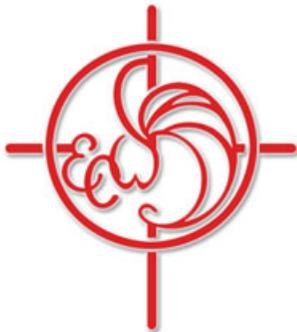
During the Lenten supper programs we reflected on and explored desert life. As we studied and discussed the Gospel lessons from Sunday, we talked about the metaphor of desert life; courage, vulnerability, worthiness; sin, justice, mercy, repentance; and God's extravagant love.

As for me, I've been reminded again that I cannot possibly "pick up my cross and follow" Jesus without God's forgiveness and grace. Life with Jesus is one of continual repentance. However, this turning back to God and others is possible because each time I return home the One who always welcomes me, also claims me with open arms as his son.

Knowing this is reason for me to celebrate when Lent concludes. On Easter Sunday we will sing the sacred songs of freedom and joy. We will gather around the table to feast on the finest of wine and food, a foretaste of things to come. The words that bring life to all who listen will be proclaimed. The lost will be found, and those who are dead will be raised! This celebration isn't over on Easter day however. In the Church it goes on for fifty days. It ends, after Pentecost. But that is another story.

Faithfully, *Fr. Jim*

### **ECW Meeting on May 8th at 12pm-Carol Tayloe's Home**



Wednesday, May 8th will be our last meeting until September, and we are fortunate that Carol Tayloe has invited us to her beautiful home for our annual Spring Covered Dish meeting. Carol and Josh have a fabulous porch overlooking the Pamlico River which makes this a truly perfect place for us to get together for this special year-end gathering. We look forward to seeing you at 525 Isabella Avenue in Washington Park.

**The Cursillo reunion group will meet  
Sunday May 19th at 11:30am for lunch at  
Ribeye's Restaurant on the waterfront.**



Help us keep in touch with you!

Please make sure and contact the church office if you have moved, changed your phone number or have a new email address.

Send updated information to [jennifer@saintpetersnc.org](mailto:jennifer@saintpetersnc.org) or call 946-8151.



## Giving to Saint Peter's has never been easier!

\*Automatic Bank Drafts

\*Automatic Credit/Debit Card Payments

\*Gifts of Securities

\*If you are over 70 1/2, consider directing all or a portion of your RMD from your IRA to the church.

Please check with your tax advisor to see if you would benefit from using any of these options.

If interested in any of these options, email or call Jennifer Spivey at the church office. (946-8151, [jennifer@saintpetersnc.org](mailto:jennifer@saintpetersnc.org))

Also, anytime you feel called to give for any reason you can do so from our website via the online giving link. Visit [www.saintpetersnc.org](http://www.saintpetersnc.org).

Our Financial Assistance Committee accepts requests from those in need of assistance with utilities and rent each Monday. Donations to the Rector's Discretionary Fund support these needs and are always welcome. Checks can be made payable to St. Peter's with "Discretionary Fund" in the memo line. You can also donate online via the website at [www.saintpetersnc.org](http://www.saintpetersnc.org).



## Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 8am-12:30pm & 1pm-3pm, Fri 8am-12pm

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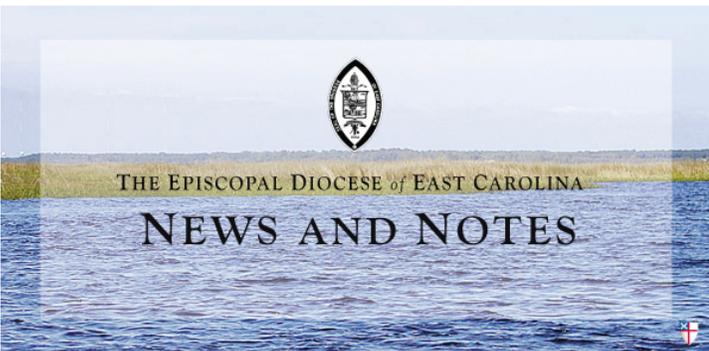
# Please Pray For:



*Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* The Book of Common Prayer.

**Please Pray for:** Billy Anderson-son-in-law of Barbara & Dewey Walker, David Barillaro-friend of Kathie Kriss, Sugie Battin-friend of Patrick & Carol Nash, Sue Beck-friend of Jay & Bernice Marle, Marie Benitez-friend of St. Peter's, Shannon Bowen-friend of the Harringtons, Kada Bush-friend of Ray & Suzanne Heath, Betty Cochran-member, John Conway-friend of Ed & Pam Hodges, Riffe Culpepper-friend of Roy & Cathy Whichard, Tasha Daniels-our Nursery Attendant, Pat DeVivo-friend of Kathie Kriss, Peter Dimsey-relative of Sandy Mitchell, Stuart Dudley-member, Pappy Fowle-cousin of Dr. Josh Tayloe & Athy Cooper, Camden Green-friend of Janet Bradbury, Billy Hill-friend of Ed & Pam Hodges, John Keais Hoyt-friend of Saint Peter's, Dawn Johnston-daughter-in-law of Sharon Johnston, Davis Jones-member, Coly McCauley-son of Nancy Hamblin, Bill McFeely-friend of the Mitchells, Denise McKenzie-friend of Patrick & Carol Nash, Craig McPherson-son-in-law of Seb & Nadine Barrett, Jimi Paderick-Executive Assistant to Bishop Skirving, Verna Perry-friend of Saint Peter's, Ann Peters-member, Sarah Purvis-friend of Peggy Hudson, David Roy-brother of Julie Howdy, Acra Samuels-daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, Carol Sime-cousin of Sandy Mitchell, Jennifer Spruill-friend of Cindy & William Cochran, Alice Stallings-member, Paul Stevenson-grandson of Dill Lynch, John Stowell -brother of Aynn Hadley, Linda Strader-mother of Stacey Lynch, Lisa Strang-member, Frances Tankard-friend of Kay Sharpe, Don Vosburgh-friend of Taylor Whichard, Sara Waidi, Sue Walker-friend of the Marles, Martha Wall-member.

The Lay Eucharistic Ministers remind the parish that if a member is unable to attend services, the gift of communion can be brought to them. To request this ministry, please call the church office. A reminder, also, that if you or a loved one is entering the hospital or nursing home, please let the church office know. Too often it is assumed someone else has called, and the clergy are late to learn of the situation. Too many calls are better than none at all!



Stay “in the know” about the events and news in our diocese by going to [www.diocese-eastcarolina.org](http://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org), clicking on “News & Events” and then “News & Notes Archive” and following the instructions for signing up for the e-newsletter. You can also follow on Facebook @ The Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina.



## ALTAR FLOWERS FOR APRIL



**Sunday, April 14, 2019 (Palm Sunday):** Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robin Potts and Anna Kriel by Michelle and Kylee Clancy.

**Sunday, April 21, 2019 (Easter Sunday):** Today's altar flowers are given by the Churchwomen to the Glory of God and in loving memory of all Saint Peter's rectors.

**Sunday, April 28, 2019:** Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of James S. & Tillie Nunnelee, Jimbo & Jane Nunnelee, Ellen Nunnelee Buckman and all other Nunnelees who have gone before us by the family.

Cursillo EC #98 is April 25th thru 28th at the Trinity Center. Cursillistas, people who have attended Cursillo, can drop off Palanca (small gifts) at the church office until Tuesday afternoon, April 24th. Also, Clausura, the closing service, will be held on April 28th at 3PM, not 4PM as it was in the past. Contact Aynn or Ken Hadley with questions (252) 946-7282. Please pray for Whit Stroud as he makes his Cursillo and Aynn and Ken Hadley who are participating on Team.



### Prayer Team



Contact Person: Julie Howdy---Please call (252)944-6321, 24/7 Day or Night for emergency and crisis situations or any serious or pressing problems. We are here for you when you need support and the power of prayer immediately. New members are always welcome.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH



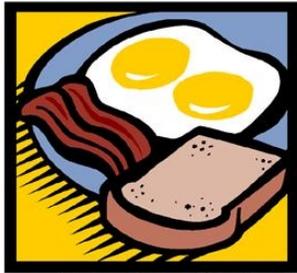
# Announcements

- ♦ Teachers are needed for Children's Chapel! This is a great opportunity to make a lasting impact on the faith life of the youth of St. Peter's. There is a signup sheet outside of my office with dates until the summer break. Please contact me if you have any questions!
- ♦ EYC is going strong with an overnight trip in the making's for the month of May and a trip to a working ranch soon!

Sincerely,

Whit Stroud (252-717-0428)

## BREAKFAST



## FELLOWSHIP

Join us Every Sunday  
for Breakfast!

Yes, EVERY Sunday at 9a.m. we will serve breakfast in All Saints' Hall. We hope that this will serve as a time of fellowship between our two services. This is a great opportunity to visit with friends, meet parishioners you may not already know, invite a friend to come to church or ask a stranger on the street to come and join us. See you Sunday morning!

Just a brief reminder if you should arrive at the church during regular weekly office hours and find the doors locked, do not be discouraged. Please use the intercom beside the red doors under the covered walkway to let staff inside know you are here and would like to come in. It is quite simple to use, just press and release the button and someone will answer your call as quickly as possible.

In this day and time, we cannot be too careful. We are simply practicing good safety measures. Many thanks for your patience and understanding.

*Your Staff*

**(Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8am-12:30pm  
& 1pm-3pm, Fri 8am-12pm)**



**SAVE YOUR BLOOD DONATION!!**

Blood Drive



American Red Cross

Saint Peter's American Red Cross annual blood drive will be held on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> in All Saints' Hall. This is the day after Memorial Day so mark your calendars now. If you donate between now and then, you will not be eligible to give on May 28<sup>th</sup>. We need you. Following a long holiday weekend, makes it a tough but important time to have a successful blood drive. More information on how to be a donor or worker, to come.

BACKPACK BUDDIES



Back Pack Buddy friends, We have successfully fed 15 wonderful children at Eastern Elementary School each week this school year. We have one last "push" to go before school is out. We could use a little help to get us through - and hopefully have some funds available for the beginning of NEXT year. Please consider making a donation to Saint Peter's (memo line: BPB) to help us comfortably finish out the school year. If you would rather give food, there are little grocery lists available beside the BPB bin in Gardner Hall. Thank for ALL that you do in this church and for the community!!

Great news! Saint Peter's Church members donated a total of 106 books to support the recently completed Beaufort-Hyde Co. Partnership for Children's Book Drive.

These children's books will be delivered to local summer feeding program sites and to area children's clinics to fight illiteracy.

Thanks to all for your support!

Henry Capogna, Coordinator for Saint Peter's



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**APRIL 13th, 9am-11am**

**All Saints' Hall**

# Holy Week at Saint Peter's Episcopal Church



The Sunday of the Passion:

**Palm Sunday, April 14, 8 & 10 AM**

The Liturgy of the Palms, the Reading of the Passion Gospel, Holy Eucharist

**Evening Prayer, April 15, 16 & 17 at 7 PM in the Chapel (Bilingual)**

**Morning Prayer, April 17 at 7 AM and 11 AM in the Chapel**

**Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7 PM**

**Service in the Church (English)**

**Service in the Chapel (Spanish)**

Holy Eucharist, Washing of Feet, Stripping the Altar



**Good Friday, April 19, 12 Noon**

Solemn Reading of John's Gospel, Veneration of the Cross

**Stations of the Cross, Friday, April 19**

Self-Guided for Adults 1 PM-5 PM in the Church

Children's Stations at 5 PM in the Churchyard

**Holy Saturday, April 20, 12 Noon in the Chapel (Bilingual)**

**The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day**

**April 21, 8 AM & 10 AM**

8 AM – The Holy Eucharist in the Church

10 AM The Holy Eucharist and the Flowering of the Cross in the Church

(Remember to bring fresh cut flowers!)

10 AM Spanish Language Service in the Chapel



Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard following the 10 AM Services