

The Bell Ringer



**April
2017**

Old Donation Episcopal Church

*Old Donation Episcopal Church is a family: Welcoming All ✚ Growing in God's love ✚
Joyfully worshipping Jesus Christ ✚ Serving in the power of the Spirit*

Holy Week: Services nightly at 7:00pm

April 15

11:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday Liturgy

Easter Vigil, Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Baptisms

April 16

Easter Day

Don't forget flowers for the Cross outside!

8:00 a.m.

Easter Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:15 a.m.

Easter Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Full Choir

(No Christian Formation Hour)

10:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 a.m.

Easter Gathering Holy Eucharist

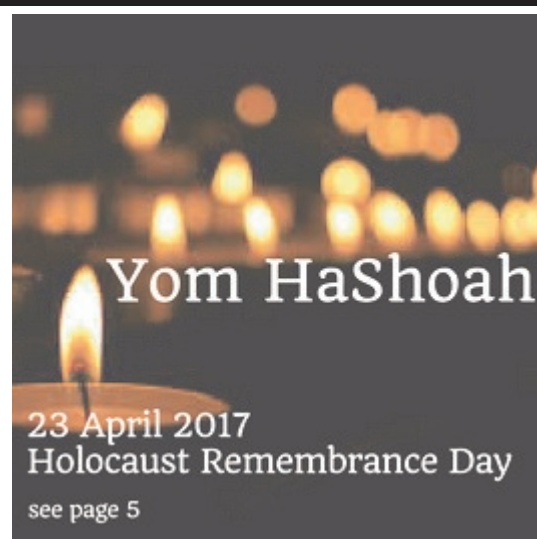
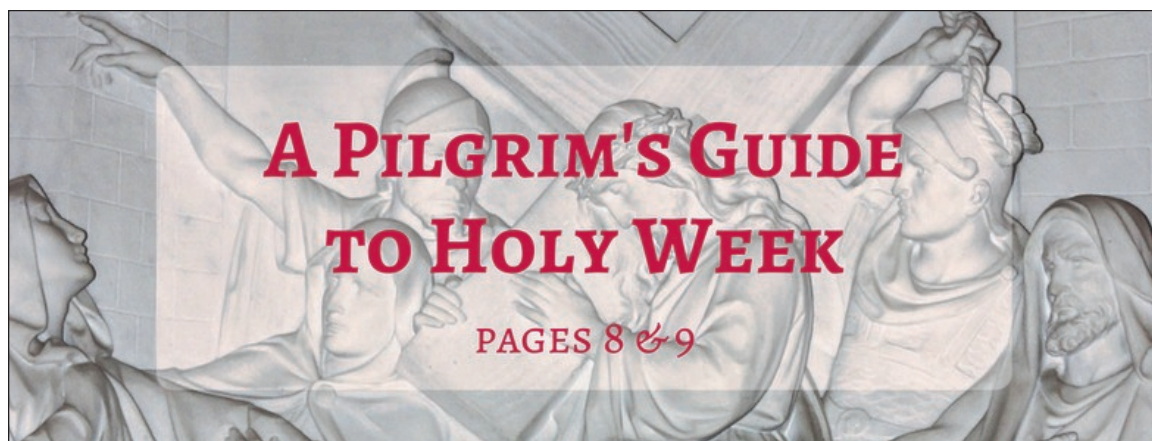
11:00 a.m.

Festival Liturgy of the Resurrection

Full Choir

5:00 p.m.

Easter Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Mission to Ghana 2017



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information, and how you can help!

From our Rector

I want to get to Easter.

Last month, I confessed that I look forward to Lent every year. This season of self-examination, reflection, repentance, and renewing commitments to live the Godly, Christ-centered life is critical to faithfulness. Lent always seems to show up when I need re-centering and re-focus. (Maybe that timing says something about Christmas excess, or maybe more truly, the disruption to my holy life caused by the NFL playoffs?)

While I find Lent necessary for my soul, it is in fact a season of preparation. It is not the end-point. We prepare so we can enter into and live fully as Easter people. We do this work of reorienting life toward Christ, dying to the old life, so that we can be 'reborn' into a new life. I live through Lent for the renewal of Easter. I want to know that freshness and vitality of a brand new start with the slate wiped clean. I am thankful for our God who declares, "I will remember their sin no more." (Heb 8:12) and promises to make me a "new creation." (2 Cor 5:17)

I draw strength from the discipline of Holy Week. That strength carries me into Easter Day where HOPE and JOY take over. Not simply because the music and worship and flowers are so beautiful... (not simply because this year I will baptize my 6 month old grandson, Charlie...) Easter just shouts Alleluia. God has done the impossible. Easter says loud and clear: The One True God who is Lord over every aspect of life loves you and me so much. My life has hope rooted in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. That changes everything. I pray you, too, will find that new life this year as we walk together.

Holy Week and the Easter Vigil

This year Fr. Fred is using some creative new approaches for worship in Holy Week on our way to the Day of Resurrection. This year our worship follows the Early Church practice with catechumens. Reconciliation, Baptism and Eucharist will be featured to open the week. Take a look at the "Pilgrim's Guide" on pages 8-9. We are trying to make this a thoughtful week introducing some new offerings in the midst of our very traditional worship services. Don't worry: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day are precisely according to our tradition! But Monday through Wednesday and Saturday will have some new wrinkles that might bring you some new revelations. The Vigil on Saturday night is the best liturgy

of the year, and we will inject some talents of the congregation and bring even more vitality, while helping it move a little faster. I hope you will 'walk the way to Jerusalem' with us each day. Your Easter will be all the more joy-filled as a result.

Youth Ministry Leadership

Our parish youth have been served well for 2-1/2 years now by AJ and Elizabeth Lambert. But their time is coming to an end this May. Elizabeth has already had to withdraw due to her extremely busy last semester at Regent. And so it is time to assess the strengths of what we've done and discern what we would like to do better or differently in the future. A few of us are facilitating those kind of discussions and will begin the recruiting process in the next month. Our hope is to have our team set for the Fall programs, but also to continue our regular active Summer events for building community among youth. As you see AJ around, please support him and offer your thanks for his faithful service.

Golf Tournament Fundraiser

The J2A group is sponsoring our second Old Donation Open. Please put June 2 on your calendars and sign up your foursomes. As soon as Easter comes, we will be looking for hole sponsors and players. I remember our last tournament as a wonderful, fun day and am looking forward to a day with friends for a good cause.

We need YOU!

You are the Church. ODEC has so much going on and from time to time people need to step down from the ministries they are doing - or find that swapping into a new role is important. When that happens, it is critical that others step UP so we don't falter in supporting important ministries. I hope you will read closely and prayerfully the email we sent with parish needs. There are opportunities for a coordinator for bus scheduling, youth ministry support, office angels, parish life and stewardship commissions, and a part-time parish secretary. We also need more help with outreach efforts like our monthly feedings at the Mission of the Holy Spirit and "Feed my sheep" in Norfolk. In a parish that is as committed to making a difference in the world and ourselves, there is always a place for you to serve.

I look forward to walking with you on this journey.
Pax et bonum, Living in the risen Christ,



Assistant Rector

Did you know? You may attend every single Vestry meeting, if you want to!

That's right! You don't have to be on Vestry to sit in and hear what's going on. You can also come to any Commission meeting, without any obligation to join the Commission. We do our best here at Old Donation to eliminate "gate keepers" (people or practices that keep those on the "outside" from coming "inside") and there's really not much I can think of that you can't do if you want to.

The Vestry meets, with few exceptions, on the third Tuesday of every month from 7-9pm. We open with a meditation led by one of the members, and then move into church business - reports on Commission activity, finances, information from Fr. Bob and myself, and anything else that needs attended to. If you're intrigued, have questions, or just want to see how it works, come join us!

You can also join any Commission meeting you'd like—most Commissions meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month, in place of a Wednesday Night Program. We start at 6:00pm with Holy Eucharist, have dinner together at 6:30, and then each Commission meets starting at 7:00. Commissions include Stewardship (under which falls Caring for Creation), Christian Formation, Worship, Parish Life, Buildings and Grounds, Evangelism, Finance, and Outreach. Congregational Care meets at 10:00am on the first Wednesday of the month, and Historic Traditions commissions meets on the first Saturday of the month at 9:30am.

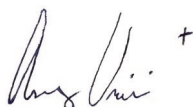
I know, this article is filled with a lot of information that you can probably find elsewhere. But if I've learned anything, I know that it helps to have reminders like these from time to time. We are a growing parish! And that means that we are constantly getting new members, who may not otherwise have a way of finding these things out.

There are no secrets here.

If you have questions about what any of these commissions is about, ask me! Or Fr. Bob, or Fr. Fred. We are always looking for new people and ideas!

Who knows, this may just be where your greatest gift meets our greatest need!

In Christ,



From Our Youth Minister

I am so excited for the month of April, Spring is finally here, and I can wear shorts and sandals everyday (as if I didn't already). Spring is a time for new things, cleaning, gardening, breaking your sandals out of the closet (again with the sandals; can you tell that I love them). As many of you know, Elizabeth and I are coming to the end of our time in Virginia Beach, she will be graduating in May, and we will be moving shortly thereafter. This means a new journey will begin, not only for Elizabeth and me, but for the parish as well. As Elizabeth and I make plans to leave for the next leg of our journey, the parish will continue it's search for a new Youth Minister.

To that end, I would like to remind all of the parents of youth in our parish to come and participate in the parent meeting on Sunday, April 2nd after 10:30am service. The meeting will be a chance to give your input about what you believe the parish needs in it's next Youth Minister. This is also a chance for your youth to express their ideas, feelings, and concerns, as their input will be invaluable to selecting someone who will be able successfully fulfill this role at Old Donation. I believe that just as God lead Elizabeth and me to Old Donation, he will bring the right person for the next leg of the journey. Please mark your calendars and don't forget to bring your questions/thoughts to the meeting.

There are several major events approaching for our Rite 13 and J2A classes. Both the Night Watch and the ODEC Golf Tournament are on the horizon, so mark your calendars, and be in prayer for both. Our Rite 13 class will be making their trip up to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine for a weekend of spiritual reflection. While there the group will have a chance to explore New York City. That same weekend our J2A class will be hosting our second **ODEC Golf Tournament on Friday, 2 June**, so don't forget to sign-up and show your support.

Our EYC calendar is a little lighter this month, as we will have a two week break during Palm Sunday and Easter. We will be taking our annual trip to Motor World this month as well, so don't miss out. We will spend an afternoon speeding around the tracks in an effort to see who EYC's greatest racer will be. Details for the event can be found in the middle page of the Bell Ringer along with the EYC schedule for the month.

God Bless,

AJ Lambert

Legacy Society of 1637

Sharing Love into the Future Planned Giving Opportunity # 5

During an educational forum last April, Parishioner Bill Dullaghan provided nine suggestions on how you can "Share Love into the Future". This was his fifth option.

Retirement Plan – How it works

In this traditional gift of retirement assets, you name **the ODEC Endowment Fund** as the beneficiary of your IRA (S), 401k(S), pension or other qualified plans. After your lifetime, the balance in your plan passes to ODEC's Endowment Fund tax-free.

We desire to honor the 54 parishioners who are members of the Legacy Society of 1637 by including Old Donation Episcopal Church in their will or estate plan. Eight Legacy Society members, K thru L: Clarice and Henry Keeling*, Harold B. Kellam, Sharon and Joseph Kelman, Nancy V. Koch, Judy and Ned Kuhns and John Lamond*

**Gift received by the ODEC Endowment Trust Fund.*

If you would like more information, contact the church office, or Planned Giving leader Earl Morris 757-464-1062 or email at burrova@verizon.net.

Learn about Hospital Visitors

What is this all about? Why do I want the church to know I am in the Hospital?

We are a group of 10 parishioners, all trained to visit the sick in our parish who are in the Hospital. We are part of the Congregational Care Commission and have visited people for the past 9 years. This confidential group is approved by the Clergy, and we report back to the group so we can keep up with you.



We usually come the day after surgery and can come every day during your hospital stay. We will also bring you Communion on Sunday if you wish. We come to pray with you and your families and do not stay long - we don't wish to intrude, but want you to know the Parish is holding you up in prayer.

Even if you don't want a visit, please do let the office or Clergy know you are in the hospital - you will still be in our prayers.

This Ministry is an Honor we take seriously and your privacy is utmost in our minds. So, if you are going in for scheduled surgery or in the ER, please let Father Bob, Mother Ashley or Father Fred know.

~ Your Congregational Care Commission

Mission to the World



Mission to Ghana 2017

Dear friends,

God is once again calling us to serve the children in Ghana. Janet and I will be in Ghana for two weeks this summer teaching the children to read. In much of the developing world, reading is the key to help break a cycle of neglect and poverty.

Reading empowers people to become who God has created them to be. It enables children to continue their education and become providers for their families. We



need your help to touch the lives of the children in the village. There is a team of 4 from Virginia Beach who have been called to go. Each of us must raise \$3500. On Sunday, April 2, we will have a coffee

hour dedicated to the mission to Ghana, of which Old Donation has been a vital part for several years. There will be two raffles- a beautiful carving from Ghana and an in-home wine tasting event for 4 people. All funds will be used to help the team get to Ghana and serve God's children there. See Zach or Janet Neumann for details. To donate online, click [HERE!](#)

Keep you up in prayer.

What's Going On...



JOY

Dinner Group

Friday, 28 April
5:30pm @ Braise

RSVP: [David Eckhardt](#) 757-395-0008

Ladies' Game Night

Friday, 7 April @ 7:00pm
Alfriend House

Questions? Contact
[Laura Horvath](#)



Paws, Prayers & Praise

Holy Eucharist

April 9th at 5:00pm

Bring a guest, a pet, and yourself!

It's Time To Order Your Easter Lilies!



Beautiful lilies adorn our worship spaces on Easter Day. Plants are \$12.00 each and may be ordered in thanksgiving or in memoriam. Sign up sheets are in the foyer of the Parish Hall. OR, sign up online [HERE](#).

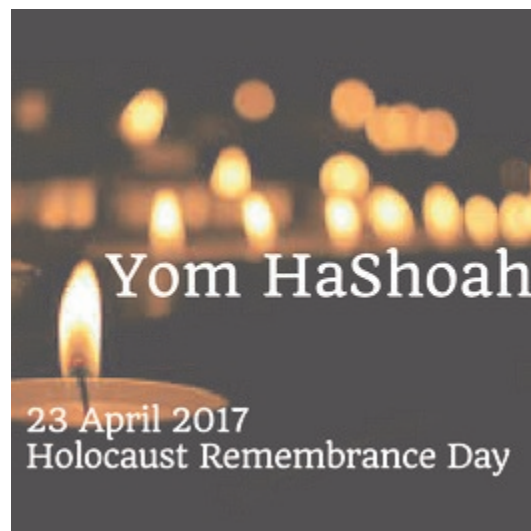
Maundy Thursday Family Service

Maundy Thursday offers a great experiential teaching to children of all ages, with foot washing, Holy Eucharist, and the stripping of the altar. This year, so that they can better understand and be immersed in the meaning of the evening, we will offer a family service at 6:15pm in the Parish Hall that will be geared specifically towards children. The service will last approximately half an hour, and children



are welcome to remain at child-care in the parish hall afterwards so that parents can attend the 7:00 Maundy Thursday service in the church.

Childcare will be available for the 7:00pm service in the Parish Hall.



Second Sunday in Eastertide: an observance of Yom HaShoah

Standing in solidarity with justice, our liturgies on the second Sunday of Easter will incorporate an observance of Yom HaShoah. Known as Holocaust Remembrance Day, Yom HaShoah falls on April 24 this year. Shoah, which means catastrophe or utter destruction in Hebrew, refers to the atrocities that were committed against the Jewish people during World War II. This day of memorial for those who died begins at sundown on Sunday April 23.

Vestry Member	Commission Assignment	Year
Sharon Payne	Senior Warden	2018
Carol Gurioli	Day School	2018
Jeff Hood	Stewardship	2018
Rich Kuhr	Finance	2018
John Brown	Buildings & Grounds	2019
Vicki Dorsett	Christian Formation	2019
Laura Horvath	Parish Life	2019
Chip Saunders	Evangelism	2019
John Sherman	Building & Facilities Planning Process	2020
Michelle Stephenson	Historic Traditions & Communications	2020
Bill Waide	Outreach	2020
Eliza Aydar	Youth	2018

Adult Formation

Adult Forum: Sacraments continued...

April 2 Reconciliation — Sign and Grace: What is 'reconciliation' and how is it different from Roman Catholic "Confession"? Do we HAVE to confess to a priest? How does it work and what do we believe is God's gift (grace) through this sacrament?

New Testament Course

The journey through the New Testament continues on April 2, 23, and 30! Meet in the library for an excellent video with discussion, led by Mary Poteet.

NO FORMATION HOUR ON PALM SUNDAY OR EASTER DAY



Feet to Your Faith Formation for the Easter Season



How does our faith; our walk with the risen Christ, impact our lives? From the beginning, God's people have been called "to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God". (Micah 6:8) Indeed, this expectation is relevant in all faith traditions. For Christians, once we decide to follow Jesus, we are never the same. Our priorities, decisions and the lens through which we view the world lead us to paths we might never have anticipated.

This series runs from April 23-May 14, 9:30-10:15am.

Adult Forum

"Here Am I. Send Me": Faith In Action

This 4 week series will explore how answering God's call has changed, and continues to change, the lives of men and women, both past and present, in the Christian faith and beyond.

April 23 – Faith In Action: The Prophetic Tradition of the Hebrew Scriptures. Led by Kipper DeGavre

April 30 – Faith In Action: Creating Resurrection – Stories from the Early Church. Led by Deborah Quam

May 7 – Faith In Action: A Way of Life

May 14 – Faith In Action: Living the Call in Today's World.

Children's Formation

Spreading God's Love: Faith in Action

For the next four weeks, our children (PreK through 6th grade) will jump into action! Each Sunday they'll work on a different project to spread God's love, with scripture as their guide.

April 23: Spreading God's Love in our Community

April 30: Spreading God's Love in our Country

May 7: Spreading God's Love throughout the World

May 14: Spreading God's Love with our Families

Wednesday Night Program

Growing a Rule of Life: Our Relationship with...

God, Self, Others, and Creation. It is only through understanding the various aspects of our lives and faith that we can truly come to know ourselves and ultimately, know God in His fullness. This Easter Season, we'll seek those connections and walk the path our faith leads us.

April 26: God - led by Sharon Payne

May 10: Self: Finding Wholeness

May 17: Others

May 24: Creation

Before It all Begins...

April 14 - Feet To Faith: Stations of the Cross

Our Easter Season forum series really begins on Good Friday in Town Center, Pembroke. We will walk the way of Jesus by retelling the story of his death and crucifixion. Jesus gave himself for love of us so that we might respond to God's call in our own time and place. We are able to change our lives and put our 'feet to faith'.

Date: Good Friday, April 14

Place: The fountain @ Town Center

Time: Noon

All are welcome!



Family Fun

Are your kids starting to get spring fever and turn into little wild animals? Take them to the ZOO! On April 29 at 11:00am meet at the park right outside the zoo (plenty of parking right there!) for a story together before heading into the zoo to visit the animals at your leisure. Lunch is on your own. Cost for tickets is \$10/person with a \$20 family cap, children 2 and under are free, or you are welcome to use your season pass if you have one. Please **RSVP** by April 25, even if you have a season pass!

Coming up...

Friday, May 5: Art Auction
5:30pm-8pm
(see page 10 for details)

Friday, June 9:
Roller Skating
5:00pm-7:00pm

Saturday, July 22:
Beach Day, 10:30am-2:30pm



Young Adults

Who: Adults in their 20s and 30s
When: Thursday nights, 6:00-7:30pm
Where: Alfriend House
What: Meet for Evening Prayer and scripture reflection, games and fellowship, and food.
Children are welcome!

Vacation Bible School

Be a part of our epic Hero Central VBS Adventure!
When: July 17-21, 9:00-12:15pm; Beach Day July 22 10:30am-2:30pm
What: Hero Central VBS for children ages 3-rising 6th graders
Where: Old Donation Episcopal Church
Who: We need superheroes like you to make this VBS a success!
Please contact Rebecca Barrio at barrioat@yahoo.com or 703-907-9405 or keep an eye out for our planning meeting dates and times to get involved.



Click [HERE](#) for the registration form!

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

April

Sunday, April 2nd - Motor World

Drop-off: 1:00pm

Pick-up: 5:30pm

Sunday, April 9th - No EYC

Sunday, April 16th - No EYC. Happy Easter!

Sunday, April 23rd - EYC

Middle School: 4:30-5:30pm

Dinner: 5:30-6:00pm

High School: 6:00-7:30pm

Sunday, April 30th - EYC

Middle School: 4:30-5:30pm

Dinner: 5:30-6:00pm

High School: 6:00-7:30pm

May

Sunday, May 7th - Knockerball

Middle School: 4:30-6:00pm

High School: 6:00-7:30pm

2nd Annual ODEC Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars! Our J2A pilgrimage class of 2018 will be hosting our second ODEC Golf Tournament. The date is set for **Friday, June 2nd** at Cypress Point Country Club. Sign-up to support our J2A class, and don't forget to come out and play. All proceeds will go to support the 2018 pilgrimage to England.



J2A Youth For Rent

ODEC Journey to Adulthood Sunday School Group is working to raise funds for their pilgrimage to England in 2018. The youth will explore their spirituality with the aim to grow their faith while journeying with God. Our youth can do yard work, babysitting, pet sitting, house/garage cleaning, computer/technical assistance - any job that you need help with. Hire 2 or more youth at a time.

Donations per youth per hour are preferred. Contact Terri Piston: 757 353-1086 or dandtpiston@verizon.net or [Janette Crumley](#) at 757-460-4183 to make arrangements.

A Pilgrim's Guide to Holy Week

Holy Week lies at the heart of the Church year and at the very center of our life in Christ. Who we are - what we are as Christians, is inseparably bound up in the events these special days recount. While all times and seasons are filled with the grace of God, the anniversary of our redemption draws us into singular awareness of that grace. In it we are brought up short by the length and breadth of the Father's love.

From the earliest times, the church has kept a yearly remembrance of the Lord's passion and resurrection. This commemoration was a special occasion of thanksgiving for the blessing received in Christ. The commemoration was more than a nostalgic revisit to a dusty past, however glorious and meaningful that might be. It was, rather, a re-living of salvation-filled occurrences. Moving beyond simply an observance, the celebration involved an inner experience in which what happened to the head happened to the members...the experience of the master became the experience of the disciples.

Christianity is not simply a doctrine or way of life. It is also an event: something that happened and continues to happen. The salvation-bearing events of these blessed days that once happened to Christ now happen to us.

The rites of Holy Week are a liturgical representation of what it means to be 'in Christ.' In this spirit, then, we enter the meaning of these days of 'countdown' to Easter. We make our way not as tourists viewing an attraction, but as pilgrims passing way-markers en route to the 'abiding city' -the Heavenly Jerusalem.

Passion Sunday

This great and holy week opens on a note of rejoicing. A festive mood surrounds the entrance into the city of Jerusalem for Christ our King. Our worship begins with the Liturgy of the Palms: a solemn procession punctuated with acclamations of triumph. However, as the Book of Common Prayer suggests, the forthcoming Passion becomes a dominant theme. The change in atmosphere from the palm procession into the reading of the Passion comes with almost whiplash suddenness. Already the cross casts its somber, serious Shadow; and the jubilant shouts of "Hosanna" give way to the angry demands of "Crucify him!" as the narrative of the Passion Gospel unfolds. The color of the day is red, symbolizing the blood shed by Jesus on the cross.



From our post-Easter vantage point, we recount the events of the day through the lens of the resurrection. What were, for the first celebrants, genuine cheers for a tragically misunderstood messiah, are for us, veiled affirmations of the Easter victory. Yet even within us, there is the poignant reminder that we, too, often fail to recognize the real Christ.



The strange interweaving of joy and sorrow, approval and rejection, loyalty and betrayal...is evident even in the palm branches we wave in procession. We save them with great care, take them home and place them behind an icon or crucifix. They are sacramentals of the costly Kingship of the One who yet reigns in the midst of our daily contradictions and compromises.

Monday - We are One Body:

Reflections on Reconciliation, 7:00 p.m.

Monday of Holy Week our focus is on the sacrament of Reconciliation. Recognizing the body of the faithful is made whole by penitence and forgiveness, we reflect on the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior and the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

Tuesday - We are One Body:

Reflections on Baptism, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday of Holy Week our focus is on the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Recalling the early church tradition of preparing candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil, we reflect on these final days of preparation and examination. As we acclaim "*there is one body and one Spirit*" we pray "*that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ may live in the power of his resurrection.*"

Wednesday - We are One Body:

Reflections on Holy Eucharist, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday of Holy Week our focus is on the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. On the eve of celebrating Christ's initiation of the Eucharist we probe the depths of this holy mystery. With the words "behold what you are, become what you receive," St. Augustine gives expression to what is being conveyed in this sacramental act. "You are the body of Christ," he said. "In you and through you the work of the incarnation must go forward. You are to be taken; you are to be blessed, broken, and given; that you may be the means of grace and the vehicles of the Eternal love.

Maundy Thursday,

10:00 a.m., 6:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

As a hidden pattern of rejection and betrayal begins to emerge, there is a momentary respite. At the close of the day, Christ initiates the Eucharist. For a small gathering of his immediate companions in a rented upper room, he prepares a meal in conjunction with the Passover. In the liturgy, we are gathered in spirit with the disciples to receive from Jesus. At this Last Supper, when Jesus gave us the Sacrament of his love, he stated, "I stand in the midst



of you as one who serves." He enacted his words by washing the feet of his disciples. Giving them and us a graphic picture of servanthood, he issued a mandate for us to follow his

example. "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you." The moving scene is so imprinted on the memory of the Church that we use that gospel account and re-enact the washing of the feet. The day is known as Maundy (Mandatum = Commandment) Thursday.

The concluding acts are the stripping of the altar. The altar (being a symbol of Christ) is stripped of its adornment—recalling to us how he was stripped of his garments during the Passion. A vigil is conducted in the Church all through the night with people taking one hour shifts, recalling Jesus' words from Gethsemane, "Could you not stay awake with me for one hour?"

Good Friday

Morning Prayer, 7:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross, noon (Town Center)

Good Friday Liturgy, 7:00 p.m.

In ancient times, this day was called the "Friday of the Passion and Death of the Lord." It is a day of probing recollection and prayerful contemplation of the cross on which the Redeemer of the world hung. The sorrow of Good Friday is not bereavement for a dead Christ. According to his own words from the cross, we are not to weep for him, but for ourselves. The sorrow of repentance that leads to newness of life is the sorrow of Good Friday.

The fact that this is the only day in the year that the Western Church does not celebrate the Holy Eucharist intensifies the atmosphere of desolation. We depart to ponder anew our Lord's final words from the cross, "It is finished."



Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday Liturgy, 11:00 a.m.

The Holy Saturday liturgy is often neglected during Passion Week. This is a short, solemn, contemplative service reflecting the emptiness and sorrow of the day following the crucifixion and awaiting resurrection. It sets the stage for the Great Vigil. This year we will also incorporate meditation and the labyrinth.

Easter Vigil, 7:00 p.m.

The "most holy night of the year" begins in the darkness that descends from Good Friday's events. From the darkness that covers all, a spark leaps forth. In the graveyard, the newly kindled fire (which symbolizes Christ's resurrection from the tomb) visually announces the rising of Christ from the dead. With the lighting of the Paschal Candle, we begin the Great Vigil of Easter.

Initially this liturgy centers on firelight, the visible token of Christ, who proclaimed himself the "Light of the world." As the darkness of the Church is pierced by the single shaft of light, the Paschal candle is borne forward toward the sanctuary. The deacon's joyous acclamation, "The Light of Christ" and the people's response, "Thanks be to God" follow the light as the new light is shared with each person until the church is bathed in its radiance. The ancient Paschal song, the Exsultet, is chanted, calling heaven, earth, and all people of God to rejoice in the resurrected Lord. Wondrous events of salvation history are recounted in a series of Old Testament readings.

The focus shifts to baptism, as this night was the primary time for baptisms in the early church. What better day for baptisms could there be than this, as we go under the waters of the death of our old life, so to be raised by God into new life! The climax of the service and of all Holy Week is the Holy Eucharist—the sacramental re-enactment of Christ's Pasch (Passage or Passover) from death to life for the salvation of the world. Our response to the tremendous mystery is a resounding "Alleluia"

Easter Day

We bring flowers from our gardens and yards to decorate the wooden cross that stood in front of the church for all of Lent. The Festival Liturgy is characterized by triumph and joy.



Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Building & Facilities

Back to work! Following our successful Capital Campaign, the Vestry is acting to keep the ball rolling. We have formed a new vestry commission to direct and oversee the planning process as we move from concept studies and artistic renditions into design drawings followed by construction drawings for new and updated facilities. These facilities will enable us to more effectively accomplish our mission.

Under the leadership of the Commission Chair, David Burt, the Building & Facilities Planning Commission is being structured around three small, tightly knit teams – the Design Team, the Construction Team, and the Post-Construction Team. These teams will be supported in their work by expansive parishioner planning consultant groups to provide advice and counsel in specific areas. These will include elements such as Worship, Kitchen, Altar & Flower Guild, Music, Office, and meeting/adult Sunday school spaces as well as Landscaping, Historical conformity and Environmental Stewardship considerations, etc.

As we continue to develop our structural framework, the Design Team has been tasked by the Vestry to work with Glavé & Holmes (our current architectural consultants) to prepare a new design concept melding our previous work into a revised concept fitting our current fiscal constraints and priorities. That will allow us to prepare a Request for Quotes (RFQ) to develop design drawings for the next phase of our project.

The commission is searching for a volunteer to be the recording secretary for our meetings. If you are inclined to serve in this capacity, please let us (Fr. Bob, John Sherman, David Burt or our administrative office) know. We would be most grateful.

~John Sherman, Vestry Liaison

Sign-Up For Altar Flowers!!

Would you like to remember someone or an event in a very special way? Think about this:

You can sponsor the flowers on the altar for one Sunday during the year with a donation of \$40.00. An announcement will be in the Sunday bulletin. Flowers are donated for various reasons: in memory of a loved one; to honor someone in their life; to celebrate a the life of someone, a birthday, a graduation or any other life event; or in thanksgiving of something or someone. Having flowers on the altar and sharing the gift with friends is indeed a special way to remember life events!

We have an Altar Flower sign-up sheet on a bulletin board across from the kitchen. Fill in your last name and date on one of the lines - April through December and you can contact [Vicki Dorsett](#) to give the description to be placed in the bulletin. If your special date is taken, maybe you could get a Sunday close to that date or contact me to see if we can do more than one flower donation that week.

Sign-up before all of the Sunday spaces are filled!

TICKETS: \$15 & INCLUDE A
GLASS OF WINE
FRIDAY, 5 MAY 2017
5:30-8:00 IN THE EVENING



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This event is for adults only and **tickets** will be available beginning April 23. Please e-mail us if you have any questions or to make a donation! Many thanks, ~Janet Brown and the DSC
odeds@olddonation.org or 499-2283

April Celebrations

Birthdays

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|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 John Fenter | 12 Laney Winfield | 24 Leslie Brunick |
| 2 Kaiya Kreassig | Connelly Weems | Dona Jones |
| Carol Shrader | Emma Check | Christine Philput |
| Maura Eaton | 13 Dan Bowen | 25 Rita Lustig |
| Molly Sayles | April Rhea | Jenifer Kamperschroer |
| 3 Lily Check | Guy Watkins | 26 Warren Flautt |
| 4 Gayle Howell | Amy Young | Olivia Hanawalt |
| Brian Hunt | 14 David Waltrip | Tracy Trickett |
| 5 Larry Gurioli | 15 JoAnne Rhudy | Mark Hoover |
| Christian Keller | Angela Lindsey | Noah McCarty |
| 6 Diane Miller | Jean Hudson | 27 Robert Williamson |
| McK Ghormley | 16 Paul Castellano | 28 Doris Duvall |
| Melissa Miller | Joe Hughes | Denise Wilkinson |
| Jeniann Leister | 17 Diane Adams | Josh Anderson |
| 7 Jenna Barrio | 19 Gregory Davis | Sophie Parker |
| Bill Dawson | Tim Rodriguez | 29 Isabelle Myers |
| 8 Anyah Chavious | 20 Kathryn Ganey | Amanda Huntley |
| Doris Crouch | 21 Cathy Smith | 30 Carol Anthony |
| 10 Holly Schulz | 23 Matthew Improta | Ben Moormann |
| 11 Kate Weintraub | Jason Haynes | |
| Scott Somers | Ben Urquidi | |

Anniversaries

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| 1 Pam & Joe Tucker |
| 4 Dave & Cathy Smith |
| 11 Sandra & Dick Hanna |
| 14 Jackie & Vernon Murray |
| 20 Angeline & Edward Groce |
| Karen & George Londeree |
| 21 Kristina & Adam Garrett |
| 22 Cathie & Rob Brown |
| 26 Allison & Fred Myers |
| Janet & Zach Neumann |
| 30 Ken & Jane Kiefer |
| Martha & Bruce Woodhouse |

Rest in Peace, Rise in Glory:



*Gean Domenico
Jane Garriott
Dave Rosenfield
Joyce Barry*

An Herb Garden Addition

Sharon & Ed Butts and Ellie & Dick Kreassig have donated an Armillary Sphere to reside in the herb garden. Stop by and check it out! Great thanks to Dick Lee for his expert installation.



College Student Care Packages

Could your college student use a pick-me-up from their community at ODEC? Would you like to bake goodies and make cards for our parish's young adults away at college?

If you'd like your college kid to get a care package around finals time to let them know they're loved and wished luck and motivation on their finals this semester, please send their name and address (and any food allergies) to [Michelle Stephenson Galvez](#).

If you'd like to donate goodies that ship well (homemade or store-bought treats), uplifting messages, cards or anything else you wished someone had sent you while you were laboring away at school, please contact [Michelle Stephenson Galvez](#) or call 757-618-8046.

Valuing our Blessings

Total Pledge and Plate Received (Feb 2017)	\$106,865
Total Pledge and Plate Budget	\$104,000
Budget/Received Difference	\$2,865
Number of Pledging Units To General Fund	214
Building Fund	\$125,781
Mission of the Holy Spirit	2,000
Outreach (all other)	200
Clergy Discretionary Fund	1,002
Worship	500
Julia Tucker Scholarship Fund	0

"Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy." Proverbs 31:8-9

Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30-10:15 a.m. Christian Formation
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 a.m. The Gathering

2nd Sunday of the Month

5:00 p.m. Paws, Prayers & Praise
Eucharist

Thursday

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Bible Study

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Janet Brown & Jody Baker, Day School Directors

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Ages 2, 3, 4 and Kindergarten

Day School Hours: 9:00 am - 12:20 pm

Monday - Friday

Early Drop Off & After School until 2:20 pm

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