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INTERCESSIONS

AT EVERY CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST prayer is offered with intercession for the Universal Church, the nation, the welfare of the world, the concerns of this community, those who suffer and those in any trouble, and the departed. Please feel free to add your own petitions during the prayers, either silently or aloud. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, you may also fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

We remember in today's prayers:

The Sick and Others in Need— *Carlitos, Emily, Jeannine, Lizette, Michael, Milton, Pat, Patricia, Sarah, Suzanne, Timothy, Vincent*

Anglican Cycle *– we pray for The Diocese of Southern Virginia– The Episcopal Church*

Diocesan Cycle *– Board of Consultation*

Christ Church Ministry *– Finance Committee*

Birthdays this week *– Lawerence Abbott, Eleanor Bartmeser, Isabella Beckley, David Briggs, Chioma Egekeze, Jordan Kilkenny, Anne Norris, Daniel Yarus, Peter Yarus*

Memorial Flowers—*are given by the Children of Barbara Livezey Clarke in memory of Barbara Livezey Clarke, the Pullaro Family in memory of Mary Sullivan*

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in crisis, having surgery, are in the hospital and are in need of pastoral counseling from a clergy person, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Scott Russell– 732.545.6262 ext. 1 or Rev. Daphne P. Roberts—732.545.6262 ext. 3

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Roberts and she will arrange for either herself, or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring communion to you. Please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Russell or Rev. Roberts if you know of someone who is in need of care or counseling.

PARISH NOTES



EASTER 2026

PARISH SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 5– APRIL 11, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY: THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

9:30 a.m. FESTAL HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I, SANCTUARY*

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held following the 9:30am service!

**Hypoallergenic incense will be used at this service.*

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Tuesdayers Book Group, Zoom

Wednesday 12:00p.m. Noonday Prayer, Zoom

7:30 p.m. WomenSpirit, Zoom

Thursday, April 9

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

12-STEP PROGRAM SCHEDULE

MEETING WEEKDAYS IN THE NICHOLAS ROOM:

7:30 AM—AA First Light



All Children are Invited to Join the Easter Egg Hunt Directly After the 9:30AM Service.



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, April 6 – Thursday, April 9.

We will re-open on Friday, April 10.

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Paul Ambos will be placing a new card order on the morning of Monday, **April 6**. Please place your orders accordingly.



Join members of Christ Church Sunday, April 19 after the 9:30am service for a "Packing Party"!



Dear Friends at Christ Church,

Though I am away recovering from a wrist injury, my heart is very much with you — especially during this most sacred season of Holy Week.

I am healing well and counting the days until I can return to making music with you again. Until then, please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Warmly,
Suzanne

BOOK SALE

Do you have books gathering dust on your shelf? Ready to make room for new books?

Christ Church is holding a Book Sale on **April 25 (Rutgers Day) from 9:00 am -3:00 pm.**

To help us, please bring books in **GOOD** condition (no mold, no water damage, no missing pages or broken bindings), to Christ Church starting this Sunday, March 15. We will be collecting books through April 18.
We are also collecting bags for the shoppers to use.

We would greatly appreciate volunteers to help with the book sale on April 25. The sale will take place in the garden. If you have a large tent that we could use, please let us know.
Proceed go to Rector's Discretionary fund.

Refreshments may be for sale in the Nicholas Room.
If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Cooper or Mark McMahon.



MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED TO MAKE HOLY WEEK AND EASTER HAPPEN THIS YEAR:

Our Clergy and Parish Staff, our Parish Choir and their Director, the Marion B. DeVoe Altar Guild, the Church Decorators, and the Church School staff who helped organize the Maundy Thursday soup supper, and the Easter Egg Hunt.

Easter Flower Memorials

Given by	*in memory of*
Yvette Bailey	Marie Thompson
	Veronica Tony
Bob Chant & Nany Walworth	Dick & Bettye Chant
Harriet & Frank DeMatteis	Mary & Harry Deangelis
	Catherine & Agostine DeMatteis
	Ann E. DeMatteis Caruso
Louis Van Deursen	Mr. & Mrs. Clarence S. Van Duerson
Edith DeVoe	George W. DeVoe
Mrs. George DeVoe	Edith & Shephard Hughes
Miss Marion DeVoe	Betty DeVoe Rapacki
Miss Elizabeth Durham	Ruth & John Durham
Eleanor Forbes	William & Eleanor Weston
Estate of Ruth Harris	Ruth & Joseph Harris
	J. Michael Harris
David H. Hobson	Hand & Sally Hobson
The Johnson & Morgan Families	Laura & William Morgan
	William Morgan, III
Debra Lowe	Julius N. Lowe
Marjory Phillips	Leighton R. Phillips
Sharron Pullaro	Mary Sullivan
Barry Qualls	Jamima D. Qualls
The Rydel Family	Ruth & Rudy Gerks
Elaine Sullivan & Edith DeVoe	Barbara Tatarsky

Easter Flower Memorials (continued)

Given by	*in memory of*
The Sullivan Family	Francis Remsen
	John Dennis Sullivan
	Eleanor M. Schaefer
	George W. Hedden
Mary K. Szeles & Harriet DeMatteis	Frank P. DeMatteis
The Wisheart Family	Catherine V Wisheart
	William J. Wisheart, Sr.

Easter Flower Thanksgivings

Given by	*In Thanksgiving for*
B. Pat Lowe & Family	Easter Flowers

Easter Music Memorials

Given by	*in memory of*
Barry Qualls	Jamima D. Qualls

Easter Music Thanksgivings

Given by	*In thanksgiving for*
Bob Chant & Nancy Walworth	*Emma & Becca*
Eleanor Forbes	*Eleanor and William Weston*

APRIL 5, 2026
EASTER SUNDAY

taking faith home

Christ is risen!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	**Matthew 28:1-10**	**Christ's resurrection**
Monday	**Acts 10:34-43**	**Peter speaks of faith in Jesus**
Tuesday	**John 20:1-18**	**The resurrection of Jesus**
Wednesday	**Jeremiah 31:1-6**	**Israel will return to God**
Thursday	**Colossians 3:1-4**	**New life in Christ**
Friday	**Isaiah 25:6-9**	**The Lord has saved us**
Saturday	**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**	**The Lord is always merciful**
Sunday	**John 20:19-31**	**Thomas sees and believes**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"So they [Mary Magdalene and the other Mary] left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him." **Matthew 28:8-9 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Almighty God, help us to live each day knowing and trusting that Jesus' resurrection changes everything we experience around us. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, just as our Lord Jesus Christ ate with Peter and the other disciples after he rose from the dead, be with us now in this meal. Amen. (Acts 10:41)

A Blessing to Give:
May you rejoice in the risen Lord.

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APRIL 5, 2026

taking faith home

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When was a time you experienced something that changed your life?
- Imagine that you were one of the women who went to the tomb the first Easter morning. How do you think you would have felt? How do you think it changed them?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 28:1-10.

Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" go to the empty tomb. The second Mary is likely Jesus' mother (Matthew 13:55 and 27:56 describe Jesus' mother as the mother of James and Joseph). It is surprising that this second Mary is not named as the mother of Jesus. It appears that the emphasis is not on her biological relationship to Jesus but her role as a follower of Jesus. Mary is now a disciple. Jesus' resurrection changes and shakes up everything, including our relationships with others. This is something suggested by the earthquake and the angel of the Lord that descends and whose appearance is like lightning. The resurrection of Jesus connects heaven and earth in a way that shakes up everything for the followers of Jesus.

Discuss: How does Jesus' resurrection shake up the way you understand God's care for you and others?

Pray: **Risen Lord Jesus, come into my life this day that I may be changed to live for you. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you encourage someone to have hope?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Plan an Easter egg hunt. Fill eggs with treats and before the hunt begins, say these words with responses:

Say: **This is the day the Lord has made.** *Response:* **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
Say: **Christ is risen!** *Response:* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Say: **Lord, you give us new life.** *Response:* **Alleluia!**
Say: **Christ is risen!** *Response:* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Enjoy the egg hunt and after all the eggs are found, gather and pray: **Dear God, we thank you for this day and for these Easter eggs, a sign of new life and a symbol of the resurrection. May our joy and laughter reflect the power of new life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

MILESTONES MINISTRY

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: **www.milestonesministry.org**



He is not here,

FOR HE IS

RISEN

	Easter Sunday **April 5** Rite I	**April 12** **9:30 A.M.** Lessons and Carols
Presider	Rev. Daniel Scott Russell	
Preacher	Rev. Daniel Scott Russell	Rev. Daphne P. Roberts
Deacon	Rev. Daphne P. Roberts	Rev. Daphne P. Roberts
Lector & Intercessor	Paul Ambos	Doreen Sirjue
LEM	Kevin Stansbury	Debra Lowe
Thurifer	Artie Phills	N/A
The Boat Carrier	Justin Buster	N/A
Acolyte / Server	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Vestry Announcements	Meegan Adames	
Usher	Peggy Smith	Peggy Smith
Production Minister	Kabir Golfphin	Jonathan Gloster
Altar Guild	Shannon Pullaro, Margaret Brown-Stansbury, Nancy Walworth	Shannon Pullaro, Margaret Brown Stansbury
Coffee Hour	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed

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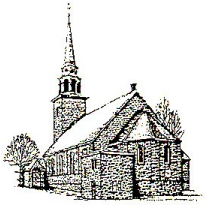
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EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE.

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