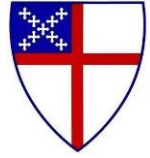


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St. Paul's Episcopal Church



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April Outreach

Our outreach for April is the Good Friday Offering, which celebrates its 100-year anniversary on April 15, 2022. Please see the letter from Bishop Curry and information about how to contribute on the following pages.



Information about the Good Friday Offering

Lent 2022

Dear Sisters, Brothers, and Siblings in the Lord:

I greet you in the name of our loving, liberating, and life-giving Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

*"Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all."*

I am writing to invite you to celebrate and rejoice in the unselfish, sacrificial, and self-offering love of Jesus Christ by looking to the Good Friday cross. It is that "old rugged cross" that "demands my soul, my life, my all" and shows us "cruciform love" - the way to live authentic Christian lives by practicing the selfless, self-giving way of the cross.

On Good Friday 2022 (April 15) we not only venerate the love that was "so amazing, so divine," but also commemorate the 100th anniversary—the centenary—of acts of unselfish generosity and kindness by Episcopalians in our Good Friday Offering.

The Good Friday Offering offers us the opportunity to celebrate and rejoice in the hope and opportunity for the very young and the very old, for needy families, students, and many others in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. For 10 decades we have provided an opportunity for every parish throughout our church to connect with the ministry of love and compassion carried out by our Anglican sisters and brothers throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Your gift has restored sight at the Ras Morbat Eye Clinic in war-torn Yemen, helped children with special needs at The Jerusalem Princess Basma Center, and enabled youth ministry at St. Matthew's Church, Zebabdeh, in the West Bank, to name but a few of the projects.

The self-giving way of love and generosity makes a difference. That is what becoming a church that looks and acts like Jesus does.

Despite the many COVID-19 trials that we have all faced in the past two years, I am encouraging the people of every parish and institution of our Episcopal Church to participate in this centennial offering. Information, including bulletin covers, inserts, and more, is available online at iam.ec/goodfridayoffering. Any questions about this program may be directed to the Venerable Paul Feheley, our Middle East partnership officer. He can be reached at (212) 716-6222 or pfeheley@episcopalchurch.org.

Thank you for being part of our new and re-formed church, centered on Jesus Christ.

May God bless you and keep you always. I remain

Your brother in Christ,



The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

Ways to Contribute

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering/>

Celebrating a century of gifts and rejoicing in 2,000 years of Good News.

In this time of exceptional circumstances, please make a gift to the Good Friday Offering.

Ways to give

Secure web

iam.ec/goodfridayoffering

Call

(800) 334-7626 x6002

Mail a check

DFMS, P.O. Box 958983,
St. Louis, MO 63195-8983

Scan here



God our light,

make your Church like a rainbow
shining and proclaiming to all the world
that the storm is at an end,
there is peace for those who seek it
and love for the forgiving.



– A New Zealand Prayer Book

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 10 – Palm Sunday

- Services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am
- 10:30 am service will meet in the courtyard to process into the church
- Deacon's Mass with Deacon Rhea at 5:30 pm in the chapel

April 13 - Wednesday

- Holy Eucharist at 12:05 pm in the chapel

April 14 – Maundy Thursday

- Service at 6:30 pm in the church

April 15 – Good Friday

- Service 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm in the church. This service is a come and go service.
- Good Friday Liturgy at 5:30 pm in the church

April 16 – Holy Saturday

- The Great Vigil of Easter with Holy Eucharist at 8:00 pm - meet in the Courtyard

April 17 – Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service at 5:30 am in the church
- Easter Services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am in the church





We're Having an Easter Egg Hunt!!

Meet in the Parish Hall on Saturday, April 16, at 2 pm.

The Egg Hunt will take place in the Courtyard. Be sure to bring your Easter basket!

Mrs. Easter Bunny (aka Mother Goose) will make an appearance!

There will be a story and refreshments.

Contact Pam Rhea with any questions at 662.386.2839.

Help is needed with the following:

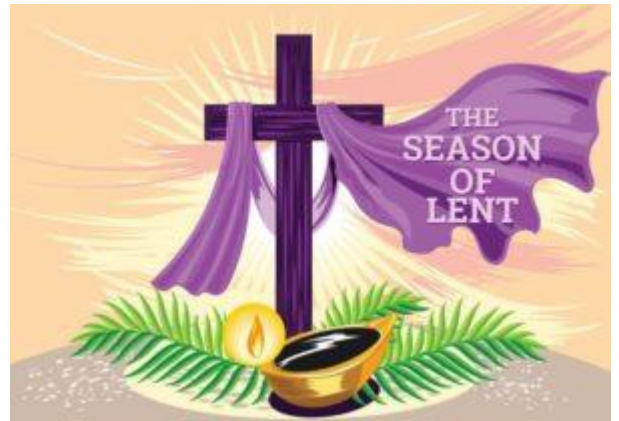
- Plastic Eggs
- Candy to fill the eggs
- Refreshments
- Party favors

Lenten Offerings

- **March 6 - April 10 – Sunday 9:15 - 10:00 am**

Ages 12 and older are invited to study the CS Lewis classic, *The Great Divorce*. The study, taught by Father Jason, will meet in the Earline Robertson Room.

- **Wednesdays in Lent (after Ash Wednesday) – 12:05 pm**
Holy Eucharist in the Chapel



THE HEART OF THE MATTER Lenten Bible Study

Led by The Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea, March 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13 at 5:30 pm in the Earline Robertson Room.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10)

What does a clean heart look like to God? This Lent we will look at The Heart of the Matter by looking at matters of the heart in a six-week teaching series. During our time together we will explore the following through scripture, tradition, and culture:

The physical heart

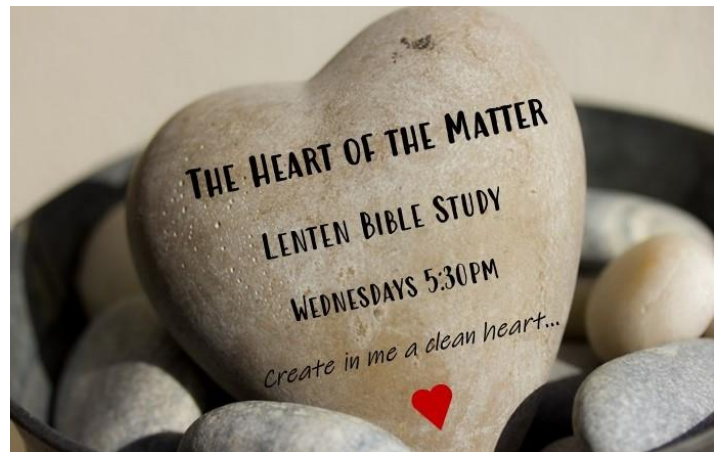
The compassionate heart

The grateful heart

The healing heart

The servant's heart

The faithful heart



Reflection from Father Jason

One of the most meaningful sermons I heard in seminary was preached on Maundy Thursday by Jim Turrell, our Liturgics Professor. Jim was casually fastidious. He kept his hair short, but not shorn; he wore black Dockers every day, and his shoes were polished but not shined. He wore a long sleeve clerical shirt with an Anglican (dog) collar, and carefully rolled up his sleeves before each class. He was exacting and pushed us hard, but he was passionate about what he did; he loved teaching, and he loved the church. But he hated feet.

He opened his sermon by telling everyone in the church that he hated feet. Behind him sat a platoon of acolytes, seminarians and clergy, prepared to wash the feet of everyone in the church. We could see the buckets of water and basins, the stacks of washcloths and towels, and the empty chairs waiting for people to sit in and have their feet washed. There was a lot of laughter after his first line - much of it nervous - where was he going with this?

"I hate feet. They're gross to look at, even when they're clean. But I'm guessing your feet aren't clean. If you're like me, you didn't have time to wash your feet between your last class, dinner, and this service; if you're like me, your feet have been encased in the same socks since early this morning. I didn't do that as some awful joke to the person who gets stuck washing my feet, but it's how it worked out. I hate feet. I hate the way they look and smell - I hate the stuff that I find between my toes. I'll be honest: I don't want to wash your feet. This is probably one of the things I like the least about Holy Week. But as much as I don't want to wash your feet, I absolutely don't want anyone washing mine. I don't want you to see or smell what's going on down there; I've done a lot to control and maintain my outward appearance, but when my shoes and socks come off, that all goes out the window. I'm embarrassed and worried about what you might think, and like it or not, it's a fairly intimate act, washing the feet of another person. It's because I don't want you washing my feet - because of my pride and fragile ego, that I need to participate and have my feet washed. When Jesus prepared to wash the feet of His disciples, Peter exclaimed, 'Not my feet Lord, never shall you touch them.' As bad as our feet may look and smell, Peter's feet, and the feet of most people in the ancient world, would have been much worse. When Jesus replies that unless Peter and the rest get their feet washed they won't share in the kingdom, Peter exclaims, 'Not just my feet, but my head and hands too!' To which Jesus replies, 'No Peter, just your feet.'

The Mandate we are given on Maundy (Mandate) Thursday is to love one another, as Christ loves us. If we are to love as Christ loves, we must make ourselves vulnerable to one another. If our pride, fear, or self consciousness prevents us from experiencing vulnerability through the simple act of foot washing, how can we make ourselves vulnerable enough to one another to truly express how we feel when we're grieving, worried, angry, or hopeful? For us to become the beloved community of faith we are called to be, we must learn to become vulnerable - to allow others to see parts of ourselves that we'd prefer to be hidden away. Most importantly, it's learning to recognize that it's not about us, that we are not the center of the universe. It's learning to trust that regardless of how flawed or broken we are, we are loved, forgiven, and called to live in the Kingdom. Not one of us can say, 'I'm too broken to be saved, too gross for anyone to love.' As if anything we can do can't be overcome by God? Who are we to say that we are too anything for God? When we do that, we put ourselves above God (though in a negative context). There's nothing we can do to make God love us more, and there's nothing we can do to make God love us less. God loves us, stinky feet and all. When we can accept that and live into it, we will allow our feet to be washed, and gladly wash the feet of another. When we realize we are not the center of all things - not just intellectually, but spiritually and in our guts - we can give ourselves over to God and become the servants and citizens of the Kingdom we are called to be."

I've paraphrased all of Jim's sermon, though I think I got the gist of it right. Jim is a servant's servant - and not afraid to make himself vulnerable. He works hard to train seminarians to be good priests, but more so to be good servants. He continually taught that a good servant is unseen by the people, and that the focus of all we do in the service should be on Christ, whether that was through the Word, the presentation of the elements, or giving people communion. He taught us that Christ should always be the center of attention in the service, and as soon as He's not, we've gone off track. He is now the Dean of the School of Theology at Sewanee.

From the Senior Warden

March, as it often does, brought extremes with weather, Spring Break, and Daylight Savings Time. Appreciation goes to Annis Cox for taking action to support the people of the Ukraine. She organized a “Pay to Play” event at St. Paul’s. Guests paid \$25 each to play the game of their choice with their teammates...Bunko, Bridge, Mahjong...Funds raised were matched by Fr. Jason from his Discretionary Fund. The event, with the matching money, raised over \$6,000! Thank you, Annis!

As we turn towards April and the upcoming Easter season, I urge you to check the bulletins, emails and schedules, especially for Easter Week. Pam Rhea and Father Shelby are planning many special services and events for children and adults. Please pay close attention to announcements so you will not miss out. April 3 breakfast will be held between the 8:00 and 10:30 services in the Parish Hall. The Clay family will be treating us to a delightful meal.

Please mark your calendars... our annual May Luncheon and Bake Sale will be held on **Tuesday, May 10**. In advance, I want to thank you for your willingness to make this year a success, as last year was. This year will again be take-out only. As we organize, please expect and accept our calls for help and join us.

Marian Hazard, Sr. Warden

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 am — Eucharist

10:30 am — Eucharist

All services are recorded and may be found online at
<https://stpaulscolumbus.dioms.org/Sermons/sermons.html>

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8:00—4:30 M—F

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Parish News

New Worship Opportunity - Deacon's Mass

The Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea will lead a deacon's mass on the second Sunday of each month at 5:30 pm in the chapel. This is meant to be a "come as you are" service. This doesn't just mean there is no pressure to dress up; our hope is that people will be comfortable enough to be honest about how they feel and how they are doing, and that this will allow people to be themselves.

The next mass is **April 10**.

Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes needs 20 - 25 packages of Bear Creek Soup to serve one meal. Please donate packages of vegetable beef, potato, and tortilla soup along with individual serving sizes of applesauce and fruit cups. Your assistance is needed as we continue our mission to help feed those in need.

St. Paul's serving days are **April 11 and 13**. St. Paul's served **407** lunches during March.



Help for Ukraine

St. Paul's sponsored a "Pay to Play" day, organized by Annis Cox, with the proceeds going to support the people of Ukraine. Over \$6,000 was raised! More information can be found in the Sr. Warden's report.

May Lunch Information

Our annual May Lunch is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 10**. You will be contacted in the coming weeks to help!

Graduation

If you have a graduating senior in your family (high school or college), please contact the church office. Graduates will be honored next month during a special service.

Helping Hands

Thanks to your generosity, over **110 items** were donated in February to Helping Hands.

Sunday School for Adults

Come study the C.S. Lewis classic *The Great Divorce* with Father Jason each Sunday during Lent. The class meets in the Earline Robertson Room at 9:15 am.

St. Paul's Monthly Breakfast

Our next parish breakfast, hosted by the Clay family, will be held **Sunday, April 3, between the two services**.

Men's Club

The second quarter meeting will be held in May and will be hosted by John Brady and James Hazard. More information to come!

Preschool News

Our teacher spotlight this month is Miss Jeannie Paster.

May Newsletter

The deadline for submissions for the April edition of the newsletter is **April 22, 2022**. Please email your information to officeadmin@stpaulscolumbus.com.

April Observances

Birthdays

3	Katherine Kerby B.J. Montgomery
4	Sally McShan
5	Macaulay Whitaker
6	Sunny Whitaker
8	Olivia Cockerham
9	Savannah Kirk
12	Doug Crowe
13	India Yarborough
15	Steve Pieschel
16	Chip Billups Tiffany Killian
17	Breland Starr
18	Bobby Harper Ken Smith
21	Janice Mauck
23	Keith Miles
24	Laura Sundman
30	Heather Hanes

Anniversaries

4	Michael and Tracey Duckworth
6	Chance and Gail Laws
11	Bobby and Jo Harper
12	Kenny and Karen Frye
16	John and Carol Crowell
23	Reynolds and Karoyl McCain
24	Will and Ginny Sanders
25	Robert and Macaulay Whitaker
29	Sid and Brenda Caradine



Intercessions

The Rev. Anne Harris	Linda G.	Cathy Hatch
Harriet Doyel	Julie Ratley	George Richards
Family of Colby Waldon	Tammie Damron Dolan family	Kim Sanders
Mable McClanahan Murphy	Lynn Nelson	Maria Pintado
Lynne Rosamond	Catherine Penick	Nancy Smith
Chip Billups	Faye Tabor	Mallory Caissie
Linda Tucker, Amanda & Bryan	Betty Lou Jones	Allison Whitaker
Lang Family	Mollie Hamblin	Dot Breland
Rose Loftis	Valerie Gonzolaes	Eddie Mauck
Richard Bretz	Dudley and Eddie Davis	Emily Hayden
Katherine Kerby and family	Carole Knie	Eugene Blaine and Family
The Kemp Family	Kevin Hogan	B.J. Montgomery
Quint	Sandra Mims	Charlotte Sanders
Peggy Gentry	Myra Rowzee	Pat Herndon
Richard Thomas	Marcia Summers	Jamie McCollum
Loren Cox	Marquita Kirk and Yvonne Sanders	Martha
John David Hardy	Frances Benton	James and Ann Masinelli
Bob Drake	Vernon Gregory	Jesse Sparkman
Ramona Jones	Steele Family	Sharon Hunt
Eugene Cummings	Jean and Bill Floore	Jeana L. Whitacre
Katherine Horton	Teen Stallworth deRoode	John Barron
Jacob Davis	Harrison	Kathleen Atkins
Gale Holland	John Simpson	Lee Ann Dorn
Jan Ballard	Matt and Alice Parker	The Rev. Don Chancellor
Beth Rice	Rusty Holleman	Tina Louise
Samantha Turner	Patsy McDaniel	Ann Nietzsche
Paulette Frank	Bruce Howell	Mark Lewis
Linda Horn	Juanita Trimuel	Brenda Caradine
Kevin Alexander	Billy Buck Stagers	Nursing Home Residents:
Peter Huggins	Wink Wright	Trey Atkins

St. Paul's Episcopal School Teacher Spotlight

There is nothing that impacts student outcomes more than a loving and effective teacher.

Miss Jeannie Paster

Miss Jeannie wears many hats here at SPES. She is an assistant to Miss Carol in the 3- and 4-year-old classroom in the mornings and runs the Young Toddler room in the afternoons. She helps cover teachers' lunch breaks, and every month she designs and decorates bulletin boards in the school hallway.

Q: How long have you been working at SPES?

A: *5 1/2 years*

Q: What led you to this career?

A: *My love for children.*

Q: What is the best part of your job?

A: *Nurturing children and making them feel secure.*

Q: What do you consider your greatest achievement?

A: *Obtaining a college degree*

Q: What is your idea of perfect happiness?

A: *Having a peaceful mind*

Q: What is your personal motto?

A: *Then you're blessed, be a blessing!*



