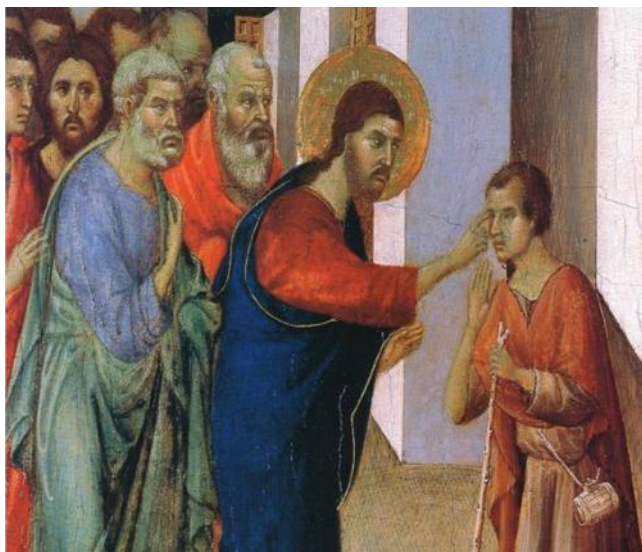


THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
LAETARE
MARCH 15, 2026



Christ Church
Woodbury, New Jersey
A Parish in the Diocese of New Jersey
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM



Welcome to Visitors and Guests

We are delighted to have you with us today. The ushers will be glad to assist in any way they can to make your visit more comfortable. Please do take a moment to introduce yourself to the clergy at the door following the service and sign the guest book in the church porch / vestibule.

Child care is available during the 10am service. An usher will be happy to escort you there. **The Child Care Room is open.**

Sunday School (from age 3 through grade 12) begins after children and young people receive Holy Communion or a Blessing at the Altar Rail during the 10am service, then proceed to their classrooms.

Adult Forum is usually held during Coffee Hour in the Upper Parish Hall following the 10am service when Sunday School is in session, and ends at 12 noon when the children are dismissed from their classes. All are welcome to attend!

Adult Bible Study Adult Bible Study continues on Mondays at 8:00 pm via Zoom. We have a lot of great discussions and would love to have everyone who is able to join!

A Lift is available for those who require assistance in reaching the Upper and Lower Parish Halls . The ushers will be glad to help with its operation.

Safety Precaution: Because there is no adult supervision in the parish house, children under the age of 13 leaving the service for any reason need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Exiting and Entering—To avoid unnecessary distractions during the service, please try to exit and enter during a hymn if possible. (But we do understand that when urgent needs arise it may not be possible!)

Let Reverence and Quietness

The Fourth Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist: Rite I - 8:00 am

The congregation stands when the bell is rung.

Opening Acclamation	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323
The Collect for Purity	BCP 323
Summary of the Law	BCP 324
Kyrie eleison	BCP 324
The Collect of the Day (The Fourth Sunday in Lent):	Bulletin p. 6

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

the people are seated

The First Lesson: Samuel 16:1-13	Bulletin p. 7
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the people remain seated

Gradual Psalm 23 <i>Dominus regit me</i>	Bulletin p. 8
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Read responsively by verse

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14	Bulletin p. 8
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the people standing

The Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41	Bulletin p. 9
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the people are seated

The Sermon	Fr. Civale
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the people standing

The Nicene Creed	BCP 327
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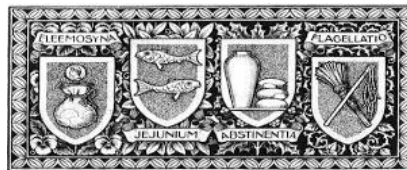
The Prayers of the People	BCP 328
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the people kneeling

Confession of Sin	BCP 330
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the people standing

The Peace	BCP 332
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

the people are seated until the Offering is brought forward the people standing

At the Presentation:

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I BCP 333

Sursum corda BCP 333

Sanctus et Benedictus qui venit BCP 334

said by all

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

the congregation kneels for the canon of the Mass

The Great Amen BCP 336

The Lord's Prayer BCP 336

Fraction BCP 337

Agnus Dei BCP 337

Prayer of Humble Access BCP 337

Invitation to Communion BCP 338

Behold the Lamb of God; Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Celebrant and People

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

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Post Communion Prayer BCP 339

The Blessing BCP 339

the people standing

Dismissal BCP 340



The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist: Rite I, 10:00 am

Prelude: "Vexilla Regis"Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)
 Processional Hymn 429 "I'll praise my Maker while I've breath".. *Old 113th*
 Introit: *Mode VII*

Rejoice ye with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing sadness mourn for her: that ye may suck and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations.

(Ps) I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord. Glory be..., As it was..., Rejoice ye with..,

Opening AcclamationBook of Common Prayer (BCP) 323

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People

His mercy endureth for ever.

The Collect for PurityBCP 323
 Summary of the Law BCP 324
 Kyrie *Mode XI (see music supplement)*

The Collect of the Day (The Fourth Sunday in Lent)

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

the people are seated

The First LessonSamuel 16: 1-13

Lector A reading from Samuel

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me him whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eli'ab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abin'adab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down till he comes here." And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people remain seated

Gradual Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*. John Goss (1800-80)

Said responsively by verse during 8 am Mass only.

THE Lord is my shepherd; * therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, * and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul, * and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; * for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; * thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;* as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

The Second Lesson Ephesians 5: 8-14

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The people standing

Tract: *Qui habitat*..... *Mode IV*

They that put their trust in the Lord, shall be even as the mount Syon: which may not be removed, but standeth fast forever. The hills stand about Jerusalem: even so standeth the Lord round about his people, from this time forth forever more.

Sequence Hymn 371 “Thou, whose almighty word”.....*Moscow*

The Holy Gospel John 9:1-41

Lector The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man’s eyes with the clay, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Silo’am” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, “Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he”; others said, “No, but he is like him.” He said, “I am the man.” They said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Silo’am and wash’; so I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the

Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this, and they said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

the people are seated

The Sermon Fr. Civalé

the people standing

The Nicene Creed BCP 327

The Prayers of the People: Form III BCP 383

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;

That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

the people kneeling

Confession of Sin BCP 330

the people standing

The Peace BCP 332

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be al-ways with you.

People

And with thy spi - rit.

All are invited briefly to greet one another with a sign of peace

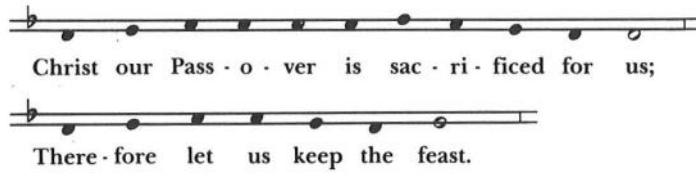
THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence *Mode II*

O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious; O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely: whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth.

The Lord's Prayer S119 Hymnal

Fraction BCP 337



Agnus Dei J. Merbecke (*see music supplement*)

Prayer of Humble Access BCP 337

Invitation to Communion BCP 338

Behold the Lamb of God; Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Celebrant and People

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

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Communion Sentence *Mode I*

Jerusalem is built as a city tht is at unity in itself: for thi-ther the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lords

Communion Motet: "Laetatus sum".....Allesandro Scarlatti (1660-1725)

Laetatus sum in his, quae dicta sunt mihi:
In domum Domini íbimus.

*I was glad in this, when it was said
to me:
Let us go into the house of the Lord.*

Psalm 122:1

Communion Hymn 339 "Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness" *Schmuke dich*

The people kneeling
 Post Communion Prayer.....BCP 339
 The Blessing.....BCP 339

Deacon
People

Let us bless the Lord, Thanks be to God.

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Dismissal..... .BCP 340
 Processional Hymn 541 “Come, labor on”.....*Ora Labora*
 Postlude: “Chorale Prelude on "Schmucke Dich".....Johannes Brahms (1833-97)



The Season of Lent

During Lent, the Church gives us the time to refocus on our relationship with Christ and to do what we need to do to prioritize and get closer to Him. It is about conversion, a continuous turning away from sin and a reorientation, through grace, toward God. This includes penance, fasting and self-denial. It also includes taking something on which draws us closer to God and the Church. It might include weekday Mass and Stations of the Cross. It might include extra reading of Scripture and the spiritual classics. It might include volunteering at a local food bank. These upcoming weeks we walk with Jesus into the wilderness and continue to the Cross on Good Friday with our eye always on His glorious Resurrection.



The Sacrament of Penance



The Sacrament of Reconciliation of a Penitent can be found on page 447 of the BCP. It is a very beneficial way to help us have a fresh start in life. It helps us to have a more intimate appreciation of God's tenderness and compassion towards us. It helps us let go of the burden of sin as we remember that we are forgiven. This helps us bring our shame and regret to God and place those nagging feelings at the foot of the cross. It can bring into focus how we need to change and develop healthier kinds of behavior. We change our behavior by first changing why we think and feel the way we do. God supports us in that change by grace. The confidential spiritual counsel that a priest can give us, helps us put our life in perspective, which helps us change to the person we are called to be.

The Sacrament of Penance (Confession) and spiritual counsel are always available by appointment. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Fr. Civale (856) 845-0190.

Those Who Serve Today

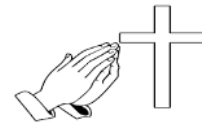
8:00 am

Celebrant: The Rev. Lawrence Civale
Server & Chalice: Doreen Mills
Lector: Bernie Lasoski
Ushers: Mark Hendricks & Steve Shomo

10:00 am

Celebrant: The Rev. Lawrence Civale
Organist: Luke Staisiunas
Master of Ceremonies: Steve Lewis
Thurifer & Boat: Scott Cranston
Crucifer: CeCe Lyden
1st Server: Joey Lyden
2nd Server: Daphne Rhodes
Torches: Evan Shomo & Reily Shomo
Acolyte Master: Robertta Shomo
Chalice Bearers: Steve Lewis & Jim Bathurst
Lector I & Intercessor: Darcie Sanchez
Lector II: Jean Lewis
Ushers: Mark Novalsky & Nathan Wishnick
Child Care : Jennifer Allbright
Vestry Lock up: Jim Bathurst
Notewriter: Gwen Simpson
Food Bank: Mike & Darcie Sanchez
Vestry Counters: Team 1: Jim Bathurst & Mark Novalsky

Prayer List



Pray for those who are sick or in any other adversity.

Pray for those who are in immediate need, especially: Francine, Mary C., Sherwood, Luke, Averil, Phil, Jack, Terry, Alexandra, J.J., Maureen, Louise, Joy, Janet, Krista, Rich, Dottie, Hughie, Easton, Mike, Warren, David, Rosie, Steve, Mike, Gloria.

Pray for those with enduring needs: Becca, Barbara T, Joshua, Anne, Doreen, Barbara, Mary Sue, Joseph, Sammy Jo, Jillian, Amanda, Tara, Jackson, Jack, Ed, Jason, Samuel, Michael, Alex, Paul, Baby Rick, Tom, Mary, Bruce, Ivan, Andy, Kathi, Sean, Maya, Miguel, Carl, Linda, Douglas, Alfred, Sally, Ariella, David, Téó and Peter, Pat, Anne, Josephine, Ronald, Tony, Jordan, Mason, David, Sue, Barbara, Michael, Tyler and Laura, Marjorie, Jacob, Michele, Stephanie, Riley, Julia, Susan, June, Amy, Kathleen, Cora, Debbie, Norman, Tracey, Ginger, Candi, Becky, Carter, Rose, Adam, Dick, Daniel, Michael, Brad and Susan, Kathi, Lynn, Ralph, Peggy, Audrey, Sissy, Averil.

Pray for those that are serving in our armed forces: CJ, Jacob

Please advise the Parish Office of any names that no longer need to be on this list. Thank you.

2026 Lent at Christ Church

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 8:00 AM MASS
SUNDAY 10:00 AM CHORAL MASS
WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM MASS WITH HEALING
THURSDAY 6:30 PM MASS



MONDAY

8:00 PM BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

WEDNESDAY

6 PM - 6:45 PM ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES SUPPER
6:45 PM - 7:30 PM LENTEN SERIES DISCUSSION
MARCH 4, 11 & 18
PEOPLE OF THE PASSION BY CATHY RANDALL

FRIDAY

5:30 PM EVENING PRAYER
WITH STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FEB. 20, 27 MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27

HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION
MARCH 13 & 27 6:30 - 7:30 PM

ACOLYTE RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 9:30 - 11:30 AM

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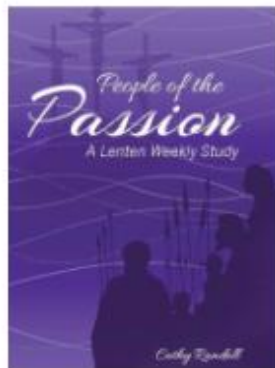
2026 Lenten Supper and Book Discussion at Christ Church

March 4, 11 & 18, 2026

Supper & Fellowship 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Presentation & Discussion 6:45 pm - 7:30 pm

Discussion will be led by
Woodbury Clergy members



People of the Passion by Cathy Randall

Spring Cleanup and Mulch Spreading

Saturday, March 21st, 2026

8:00 AM

Please arrive with any and all tools that you may have, especially rakes, shovels, gloves and wheel barrows.

Last time we did Mulch Spreading we had approximately 35 people show up to help and we'd LOVE to duplicate that!

With enough help we can be done somewhere between 10:00 - 11:00 AM. All are welcome & strongly encouraged to help!

Bring a friend! Bring the family! Bring yourself! This is an all hands on deck event!"



Paint Night Fundraiser at Christ Church

Follow our instructor as you create a fun painting you'll be sure to remember! We will provide everything you need- including snacks! No art skills required, all are welcome! Bring your neighbor or a friend!

\$25 per person. This fundraiser will go towards supporting the Christ Episcopal Church Youth Group. To register and pay, talk with either Sarah Cranston, Scott Carr, Anna Carr, or Brandon Gorman. Or scan the QR code below:



When: March 21st at 6:30-8:30pm

Where: 62 Delaware St, Woodbury, NJ 08096, In the Parish Hall

Questions? Contact Anna at (609) 709-9659 or agkozlows@gmail.com



2026 Holy Week & Easter Services at Christ Church

The Triduum Sacrum

Palm Sunday, March 29

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Procession & Choral Mass

Monday in Holy Week, March 30

10:00 am Mass

Tuesday in Holy Week, March 31

6:30 pm Mass

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 1

10:00 am Mass



Maundy Thursday, April 2

10:00 am Morning Prayer
6:30 pm Mass of The Lord's Supper
8:00 pm - 12 am The Watch

Good Friday, April 3

10:00 am Morning Prayer
12:15 pm Noonday Service and Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

Holy Saturday, April 4

10:00 am Morning prayer
6:30 pm The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Day, April 5

8:00 am Mass of the Resurrection
10:00 am Festal Mass of the Resurrection

All are welcome.

To learn more visit christchurchwoodbury.org



Weekday Services this Week



Wednesday, March 18

Lenten Feria, Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, 386

10:00 AM Mass with Prayers for Healing

Thursday, March 19

Saint Joseph

6:30 PM Mass

Friday, March 20

Lenten Feria, Cuthbert, Bishop of Landifarne, 687

5:30 PM Evening Prayer with Stations of the Cross

Readings for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-14

New Testament: Romans 8:6-11


Gospel: John 11:1-45

Psalm 130

*Please note Christ Church uses the RSV Bible Translation



		Upcoming Events			
Monday	March 16	6:00 PM	AA Meeting		
<i>Lenten Feria</i>		8:00 PM	Adult Bible Study (Zoom)		
Tuesday	March 17	NOON	AA Meeting		
<i>Lenten Feria, Patrick, Bishop & Missionary of Ireland, 461</i>		8:00 PM	AA Meeting		
Wednesday	March 18	10:00 AM	Mass with Prayers for Healing		
<i>Lenten Feria, Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, 386</i>		6:00 PM	Lenten Supper & Book Discussion		
Thursday	March 19	6:30 PM	Mass		
<i>Saint Joseph</i>		8:00 PM	AA		
Friday	March 20	5:30 PM	Evening Prayer with Stations of the Cross		
<i>Lenten Feria, Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 687</i>		6:30 PM			
Sunday	March 22	8:00 AM	Mass		
<i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>		8:30 AM	Choral Scholar Rehearsal		
		9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal		
		10:00 AM	Mass		
			Sunday School, Adult Forum		
		12:00 PM	Choristers Rehearsal		



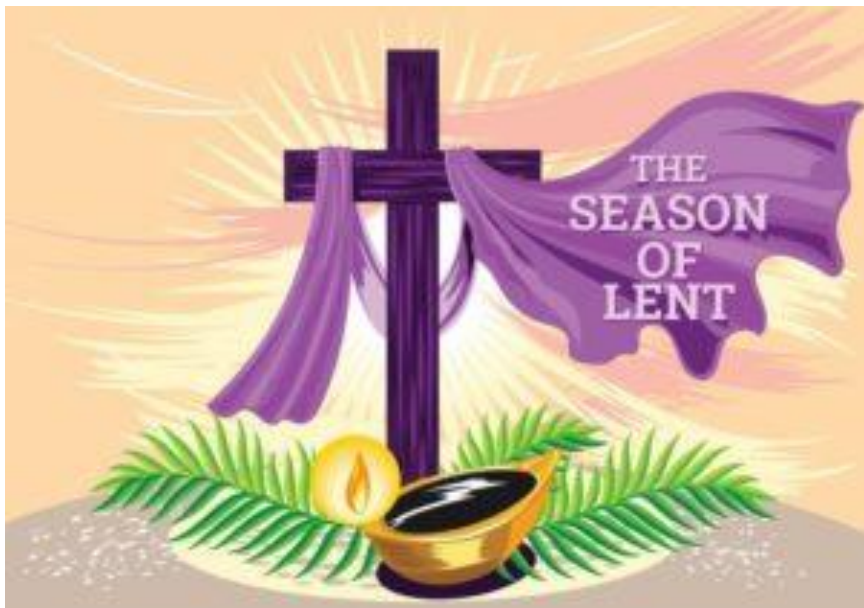
Stations of the Cross and Evening Prayer

Fridays 5:30 pm

March 13, 20 , 27, 2026.

Additional Notes

There is Sunday School, Adult Forum & Coffee Hour this week.
Father Civale will be presenting on the Holy Eucharist throughout Lent and Easter.
The Coffee Hour host this week will be The Rodano family.



Bible Study Now in Session

Our Adult Bible Study meets on Zoom every Monday at 8 PM. We have excellent discussions reflecting on the meaning of Scripture and hope you will join us! Beginning January 12, we will be spending the Winter and Spring of 2026 discussing the Gospel of Matthew, our Gospel for this liturgical year. We will be using the *N. T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guide*. We would love to have you be a part of our discussions! The Zoom meeting can be accessed at this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86427635457>



Pastoral Care Team **Our Vision Statement**

The vision of the Pastoral Care Team is to engage the parish in a ministry to serve God by following the commandment of Jesus to ‘to love thy neighbor as ourselves’ and caring for those in need or transition by establishing a personal relationship with them in the name of the Lord.

Listed below are the ways in which we care for the people of Christ Church.

Parish Pathfinders

This is a group of people who have volunteered to provide transportation to parishioners who need and request a ride to church services and activities.

Martha’s Meals

This is a group of parishioners, some who prepare and others who deliver meals to families who are in immediate need due to illness, birth of a child, or death in the family.

Visitation and Caregiving

This ministry does not require nursing skills. It is a way that we connect with our hospitalized and homebound parishioners and also their families to check on their needs and offer support.

Pastoral Care Team: Deb Allbright, Jean Lucas, Doreen Mills, Barbara O’Mealia

If you or someone you know in the parish is in need, please contact the church at
(856) 845-0190.

Forty Days of Gratitude

Gratitude. That one word embodies the spirit of the United Thank Offering, a vessel for sharing our blessings with others in need. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering. These offerings distribute 100% of what is collected to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and Provinces in the Anglican Communion.

The Vestry of Christ Church has approved a parish commitment to support UTO by inviting our parishioners to participate during the weeks and days of the Lenten season. The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and the United Thank Offering (UTO) are closely related. The ECW acts as the parent group by serving as a foundational support, partner, and administrative arm for the UTO ministry. UTO is a ministry of the Episcopal Church that encourages people to notice daily blessings, give thanks to God, and make an offering for each blessing using a “Blue Box”.

Blue Boxes will be available at the back of the church and upstairs in the parish hall during coffee hour and the Lenten dinner program. The Box is designed as a bank to receive coins, cash, or checks. No amount is too small. Your offering is combined with others to provide a blessing where every coin counts. After Easter the donated boxes will be collected on ECW Sunday in mid-May.

Thank you for turning your heart towards gratitude and passing the blessings God has given you onto others.



Calling all Coffee Hour Hosts...

We are in need of some volunteers to serve as Coffee Hour Hosts on many dates from now until the end of the year. The ministry is truly a labor of love. Thank you to all who have signed up to provide some snacks to those who choose to attend our Adult Forum which is held right after 10 AM Mass. Our turnout has been averaging 25-30 persons. It does not have to be elaborate - donut holes and cheese/crackers would suffice. Just a snack to carry us over to when Sunday School ends (noon) and we can all go home for lunch.

Please see Mary Beth or Jim Bathurst if you have any questions. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.



Brotherhood of St. Andrew



The Brotherhood at Christ Church meets the third (3rd) Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be February 19th . Join The Brotherhood of St. Andrew for prayer, study, and service. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an international ministry of men within the Anglican Communion with the commission of spreading Christ's kingdom among men and youth.

ECW, Episcopal Church Women



The ECW at Christ Church meets the third (3rd) Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. During Lent, there is no March meeting. The next regular meeting is April 15th. All women who attend Christ Church are considered members of the ECW. Since 1871, the National Episcopal Church Women, ECW, have championed women's rights and the Christian foundation of God and family. They are a ministry of the Episcopal Church and celebrate that Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Stay Connected – Update Your Email!



Christ Church sends out a weekly e-newsletter every Friday, filled with helpful updates including *Those Who Serve*, the Sunday bulletin, weekly readings, and upcoming events.

If you're not receiving it, be sure to check your spam or junk folder. To update your email address or be added to the mailing list, please contact Jackie at office@christchurch.woodburynj.org.

Rector

Fr. Lawrence Civale

Email: frcivale@christchurch.woodburynj.org

Cell Phone: (617) 947-3261, in case of a pastoral emergency.

Fr. Civale tries to keep Monday as his Sabbath day.



The Sacrament of Penance

The Sacrament of Penance (Confession) and spiritual counsel are always available by appointment.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to Father Civale (856) 845-0190.



Parish Office Business Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Phone: (856)845-0190

Honor Special Moments & Loved Ones

Would you like to remember a departed loved one, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or express your gratitude? You can do so by requesting Altar Flowers. Simply use the envelopes found in the pews - there's space on the back for you to share your information. Your offering will help beautify our worship and make your occasion even more meaningful.



Spring Newsletter

Work will be beginning on the Spring Newsletter, please begin submitting your articles for Easter (March, April & May) to office@christchurch,woodburynj.org.

We also would like to share any photos that you have taken at our events. The deadline for articles will be March 13.



Share your pictures!



If you attend a Christ Church event, please take some pictures and email them to the office:
office@christchurch.woodburynj.org.

We will try to include them in our Quarterly Newsletter, website, social media and Annual Report. Thank you!

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Service Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM Healing Mass
Thursday: 6:30 PM Mass
Friday: 5:30 PM Evening Prayer
Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
by appointment

Rector

The Rev. Lawrence Civale

Our Vestry

Wardens: Tori Wishnick & Steve Lewis

Treasurer: Mark Novalsky

Clerk: Nathan Wishnick

Class of 2027

Jim Bathurst
Charles Lewis

Class of 2028

Brandon Gorman
Robertta Shomo
Nathan Wishnick

Class of 2029

Maureen Carrigan
Doreen Mills

