



The Mission Bell



March 2015

Season of Lent

Lent officially began with Ash Wednesday on February 18th with the First Sunday of Lent being on February 22nd. This also brought about quite a few changes not only in our liturgy but also in the physical appearance of our worship space. Stations of the Cross adorn our walls and our Altar space underwent a transformation.

You will notice no brass candle holders but instead, wooden candle holders. There is no metal chalice or paten during Communion but rather a ceramic chalice and paten are used. No brass Altar Book Stand, but one made of woods. The color for Lent is Purple. There are also no Altar Flowers during Lent.



Our Altar during Lent

This is all done intentionally to reflect a more solemn, prayerful and reflective mood as we wait in anticipation of the glory of Easter.

The same is true with our Liturgy which undergoes a dramatic shift in tone during Lent. At the 7:30 a.m. worship service not to much changes during the service. At 9:30 a.m. we notice more changes. No music for the Gospel Acclamation, no Offertory Anthem and no singing or saying the word "Alleluia".



Ceramic Chalice and Paten used during Communion

Toiletries Drive



Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens are always in need of food items. But there are some items that are in high demand at the food bank and you may not realize it. Because they aren't essentials, the staff doesn't publicly ask for them.

Many clients have a need for basic toiletry items. Non-food items cannot be purchased with food stamps, so toiletries and household cleaning supplies are items they often cannot afford to buy.

During **Lent**, we will be collecting **toiletry supplies** to donate to Project P.I.N. and other local food pantries and shelters. Items in demand include toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, wipes, chapstick, skin lotion, nail clippers, brushes, combs, nail file, bandaids, Q tips, sewing kits, Kleenex, toilet paper, feminine products, disposable razors, shaving cream. Travel sizes and small packages are preferred however all donations are welcome. Our collection will end on **Palm Sunday, March 29th**.

Prayer List For March

Danny & Flo Gagnon
Ed & Elaine Godaire
Merrill Gonzalez

Janice Grillo
Diane & John Hall
John, Lynn, John Jr. & Luke Hardell

Velda Hayton
Deb Hegre
David & Robin Hoffman

Nina & Marty Jackson
Betty Jenkins-Donahue
Glenn & Miranda Johnson & Family

Cieci Kennawi
Viola Kwiatowski
Wayne & Debbi Langlois

**O GOD, WHOSE GLORY IT IS ALWAYS TO HAVE MERCY:
BE GRACIOUS TO ALL WHO HAVE GONE ASTRAY FROM
YOUR WAYS, AND BRING THEM AGAIN WITH PENITENT
HEARTS AND STEADFAST FAITH TO EMBRACE AND
HOLD FAST THE UNCHANGEABLE TRUTH OF YOUR
WORD, JESUS CHRIST YOUR SON; WHO WITH YOU AND
THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES AND REIGNS, ONE GOD, FOR
EVER AND EVER. AMEN+**

Bad Weather Cancellations



Even though March has finally arrived and Spring is around the corner there is still a possibility that we may experience a snow storm or other form of inclement weather before we finally begin to warm up!

If events are cancelled because of weather, the information will be posted on our website, on the church's answering machine and broadcast on WFSB (Channel 3). Every effort to decide by the previous evening but at the latest 7:30 services will be cancelled by 6:00 a.m. and 9:30 services by 8:00 a.m. When in doubt, check!

Reminder: Set Your Clocks Ahead



Reminder: Set Your Clocks Ahead. Yes, that's right. It's time to "Spring Ahead" and set your clocks ahead with Daylight Savings Time going into effect. So on Saturday night, **March 7th**, when you go to bed make sure you have set your clocks ahead 1 hour so you are not late for church on **Sunday, March 8th!**

"Faith In Action Team"

The next meeting of the "Faith In Action Team" will be on **Sunday, March 22nd** following the 9:30 worship service. For more information, please speak to Deacon Scott.

Easter Lilies



Donations for Easter Lilies will be \$15.00 this year. You can use the Flower Envelope that is included within your pledge envelope box, just write Easter Lilies on the front. Please include your names for our Memorial List with your envelope. Envelopes may also be picked up from the Narthex table at church. All donations for Easter Lilies are due by **Palm Sunday, March 29th.**

Transition News

Members of the Vestry and Recruitment Team will be meeting with Canon Tim Hodapp in early March for the next step in our process. They are currently working on crafting effective and engaging interview questions for prospective candidates.

For a list of the members of our Transition Teams, check out our website, <http://stpaulplainfield.org>.

Holy Week & Easter Service Schedule

PALM SUNDAY – March 29th

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II



At the 9:30 service, we will all process in to the church for the reading of the Passion Narrative and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

EASTER SUNDAY – April 5th



7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

Join us for a Continental Breakfast sponsored by COG after the 7:30 service.

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 2nd



6:00 p.m. The Last Supper remembered. Our Agape Meal in commemoration of the Last Supper will be a light supper in the Parish Hall.

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated after this meal. Stripping of the Altar will follow.

GOOD FRIDAY – April 3rd

12:00 noon Noonday Prayers.

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross.

7:00 p.m. Proper Liturgy for Good Friday.



HOLY SATURDAY – April 4th



9:00 a.m. Rite for Holy Saturday. A quiet, solemn and prayerful service.

Stations of the Cross



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, this year on February 18th. You will notice the Stations of the Cross posted on the walls of the nave of the church in preparation for our Lenten observance, and they will remain there until Easter Sunday. Take a few

moments before our worship service begins on Sunday morning and walk around and reflect on the scenes that are depicted.

From the initial days of the fledgling Christian Church, Jesus' followers told the story of his passion, crucifixion at Calvary, and His Resurrection. When followers came to Jerusalem, they were anxious to see the sites where the important events had occurred. Over time, following in Jesus' footsteps during His last day, following the Way of the Cross, became a regular part of the visit of most pilgrims. As the Church spread, it became more difficult for members to make their way to these holy sites. As a result, in the 1500's, villages all over Europe started creating shrines or plaques of these sites to commemorate the events. Initially the number varied widely but was eventually set at the current fourteen that we now use. The liturgy of the Stations of the Cross is a contemplative reflection upon the agony experienced by Our Lord as He made His way from the trial

through His crucifixion and ends with His body being laid in the tomb. We, too, move from event to event during these last hours of Jesus' life.

We will observe the Stations of the Cross as a community on Good Friday, April 3rd at 3:00 p.m.

If you have questions about the service, please speak to Mother Vicki or Deacon Scott.

Wednesday Evening Eucharists

Our Wednesday Evening Eucharists with Bible Study have resumed at 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday. Beginning in February and continuing through the season of Lent, we will be studying the Passion Narratives in all four gospels. All are welcome. For more information, please speak to Mother Vicki

Guitar Choir News

The 86th Annual Palm Sunday Service of Sacred Music will be held at the Congregational Church in Putnam on Palm Sunday, March 29th at 3:00 p.m. The service is open to the public and is free.

The program consists of 5-6 local choirs each singing one or two of their own songs, then the combined choirs will sing two songs together. The Guitar Choir of St. Paul's, combined with members of the Praise Choir from St Philip's Church in Putnam, will be participating.

If you would like to be part of this service or for more information, please see Larry Ouillette. Directions to the Congregational Church can be found on the web at www.putnamcong.com.

Sermons on the Web

Starting the first Sunday in Advent, Sunday November 30th, we have added audio versions of recent sermons to our website. Our webmaster Deacon Scott and Mother Vicki

have worked hard to get all the "bugs" worked out but it appears it is now working fine.

Go to our website, <http://stpaulplainfield.org>, click on "Worship & Prayer" tab on the left side menu then the "Recent Sermons" tab. The recent sermons will be listed.

Thank You, Thank You

Have you noticed our cross that hangs behind the Altar? Does it look different? Yes it does!

Several months ago, Ernie Provencher approached Mother Vicki with the idea of making a 3D/shadow effect for the cross and, if approved by the Vestry, while the cross was down he would re-finish it. The idea seemed simple; a slightly larger wooden cross stained lighter would mount to the wall with our current re-finished slightly darker cross mounted with spacer blocks to it.

Well, the effect really makes the cross "pop" off the wall. Great job Ernie and thanks for sharing your vision.

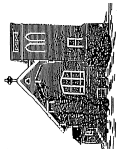


Our refinished cross



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St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2 Lent 7:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM H.E. Rite I	2	3	4 6:00 PM Wednesday Holy Eucharist & Bible Study	5	6	7 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
8 3 Lent 7:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM H.E. Rite I P.I.N. Sunday	9	10	11 6:00 PM Wednesday Holy Eucharist & Bible Study	12	13	14 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
15 4 Lent 7:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM H.E. Rite I 11:00 AM Vestry Meeting	16	17	18 6:00 PM Wednesday Holy Eucharist & Bible Study	19 St. Joseph	20	21 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
22 5 Lent 7:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM H.E. Rite I 11:00 AM Faith In Action Team Meeting	23	24	25 The Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary 6:00 PM Wednesday Holy Eucharist & Bible Study	26	27	28 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
29 Palm Sunday Sunday of the Passion 7:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM H.E. Rite II	30 Monday in Holy Week	31 Tuesday in Holy Week				

February

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MARCH 2015 SCHEDULES

SUBDEACON:

3/01 DAVID HOFFMAN
3/08 WAYNE LANGLOIS
3/15 GREG BERNDT
3/22 KATHY DUBOIS
3/29 DAVID HOFFMAN

ACOLYTES:

ROXANNE TURENNE & LEILANI BENOIT
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MARCH LECTOR AT 9:30 A.M. SERVICE: JUANITA BENOIT

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