

"Faith...."

Is the art of holding on to things your reason once accepted, despite your changing moods."

C.S. Lewis



Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 17, 10 a.m.

We begin in the parish hall with announcements, a brief homily, and the liturgy of the palms. Led by the Episcobells, we process into the church to sing "All glory, laud, and honor." We continue with the lessons, including the Passion Narrative, which will again be enacted with a narrator and specific people assuming particular roles. Linda has chosen excellent hymns, including "O sacred head, sore wounded."

Easter Day, April 24, 10 a.m.

This service has the character of an ordinary Sunday, except that it will be more festive and celebratory. Children's activities as normal: a children's message, followed by a Sunday school lesson downstairs. (I hope there will be an Easter Egg Hunt, as well!) Perhaps everyone could bring something for the coffee hour? Maybe some of Grace's wonderful deviled eggs, some crudités, or savory items in addition to sweets? Let's all chip in to make the celebration of the Lord's resurrection an especially Joyful one! ✕

April Dates to Note on Your Calendar:

April 9: Fellowship and Faith @ 5:00 pm

April 17: Palm Sunday

April 24: Easter Day

April 25: ECW monthly meeting 1:00 pm

Parish Communications

Did you know there is a Google Group for Annunciation parishioners?

If you are not a member and would like to join please send me an email at lynnademay@gmail.com

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From the Rector:

Eastertide

Although the Easter season comes about as late as it can this year, we still have a full fifty days to celebrate. Eastertide begins April 24, and continues until the Day of Pentecost, which is June 12 this year. On May 22, our 10 a.m. service will be Morning Prayer, and at 3 p.m. that day, a number of our congregation will be confirm their baptismal vows before the bishop at the Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral in Newark. It is my hope that many in our congregation will attend.

Confirmation was once seen as a "rite of passage" for teenagers, akin in a way to the Jewish *bar mitzvah*. In days of yore, those who were not confirmed were excluded from Communion. Since the adoption of our current prayer book in 1976, however, we have formally affirmed Baptism to be full initiation into the household of God.

Today, Confirmation serves as a vehicle for those who were baptized as infants to make a mature public commitment of faith. It also provides a ritual means for people from other Christian denominations to declare that the Anglican Communion is now their home, and for those who wish to make a reaffirmation of their faith. Confirmation provides an opportunity not simply for the Bishop to touch your head, but for each of you to meet him, ask questions, and engage in conversation about matters of faith.

If you were never confirmed in the Episcopal Church, I encourage you to participate. If you were confirmed elsewhere, I encourage you to participate. If you feel you are ready to recommit yourself to Christ and your ministry in the world, I encourage you to participate. The only thing I ask is that those who wish to take part in Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation of baptismal vows let me know in advance—so I can organize the paperwork and make sure you know about the opportunity to meet the bishop.

Even if this is not the time for you to take part in this ritual reaffirmation of your faith, I hope you will attend to help support your fellow parishioners and offer a tangible sign of your love for your neighbor.

May 22, 3 p.m. in Newark: I hope many of you will be there.

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—The Rev. Dr. J. Barrington Bates

Special Thanks to...

Everyone that contributed to and participated in the Pancake Supper.

Note Worthy:

The family of Brian McCarthy would like to thank the congregation of the Church of the Annunciation for their caring thoughts and prayers during Brian's deployment in Afghanistan. Thankfully, he is now safe & back in the USA here in Oradell. A Huge Thank You!

Parishioners' Milestones

Birthdays: Robin Tumalty 4/1, Jose Lozano 4/10, Virginia Baird 4/14, Howard Brady 4/15, Jyoti Dass 4/19, Laura Munson 4/26

Baptisms: Christine Dziemian 4/17, Peregrine Lane-Thurlow 4/20, Diane May 4/20, Robin Seitz 4/29

Confirmations: David Dziemian 4/24, Susan Dziemian 4/24, Sarah Corrado 4/27, Disha Dass 4/27, Kayla Garcia 4/27, Lynn Gehringer 4/27, David Palladino 4/27, Robin Seitz 4/29

Anniversaries: Brian & Lynna Demay 4/17

Music Corner:

Come and help welcome the Risen Christ with the music of the bells and of the choir. On Palm/Passion Sunday, the bells will lead the processional into the church, and the men of our choir will be singing an anthem of joy. This will be a first time for the men to sing alone. Our hymns will be the traditional ones we all love.

On Easter, the bells will play once again and the choir will be singing some beautiful music, as will the congregation. The hymns will include the Easter favorites that will uplift everyone's spirit.

Come and join us!

Linda Lanier-Keosaian
Director of Music Ministries
Church of the Annunciation

ECW News:

Thank you to all who contributed so generously to the ECW bakeless cake sale and thanks, also, to Barbara Maggio for chairing that event.

A reminder that ECW meetings are held the last Monday in the month except for June - July. The next meeting will be Monday, April 25 in the Parish Hall at 1 pm.

All women in the parish are welcome.

Episcopalians and their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese

We make fun of Episcopalians for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese.

But nobody sings like them. If you were to ask an audience in Des Moines, a relatively Episcopalianless place, to sing along on the chorus of "Michael Row the Boat Ashore," they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Episcopalians, they'd smile and row that boat ashore



and up on the beach!And down the road!
Many Episcopalians are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage. It's natural for Episcopalians to sing in harmony. We are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other.

I do believe this, people: Episcopalians, who love to sing in four-part harmony, are the sort of people you could call up when you're in deep distress. If you are dying, they will comfort you. If you are lonely, they'll

talk to you. And if you are hungry, they'll give you tuna salad!

Episcopalians believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud. Episcopalians like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.

Episcopalians believe their rectors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.

Episcopalians usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.

Episcopalians believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.

Episcopalians feel that applauding for their children's choirs will not make the kids too proud and conceited.

Episcopalians think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.

Episcopalians drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.

Episcopalians feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Episcopalians are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at church.

Episcopalians still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and Episcopalians believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

And finally, you know you are a Episcopalian when: its 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.

You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.

Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.

When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," and you respond, "and also with you."

And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good-bye.

By Garrison Keillor

Finance Report

Thanks to the hard work of our Treasurer in improving our bookkeeping and accounting, this feature appears regularly in e-News.

As of February 28:

| | Since Jan. | Annual Budget |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Offerings Received | \$5,839 | — |
| Offerings Promised | \$7,899 | \$89,500 |
| Difference | \$-2,060 | |
| Total Income | \$12,012 | \$139,251 |
| Total Expense | \$17,670 | \$178,963 |
| Difference | \$-5,658 | \$-39,711 |
| Unrestricted cash on hand: | \$7,687 | |
| Total pledges for 2011: | \$82,400 | |

Office

The parish office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 25. The Rector will technically be on leave all week, in accordance with the standard clergy agreement. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please send e-mail (rector@annunciationoradell.org) or call his cell phone (201-390-8270).

The parish office is ordinarily open from 11:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. We are closed on all federal holidays, and a few others (such as Easter Monday). You may leave a message at any time (201-262-7222, or send e-mail to administrator@annunciationoradell.org).

The monthly newsletter is a joint effort by all members of the congregation. It's a place to get updates and share things that are happening that are important to us.

If you have something you would like shared in a future edition please email me at:

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Thank you

Lynna Demay.

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Prayer Request

Please add this name to the Prayers of the People:

Name _____

Relationship to You _____

Concern or Illness _____

Your Name _____

Date to Remove _____

Please leave this form in the Administrator's mail box. Instead of using this form, you may send a request containing this information via electronic mail to administrator@annunciationoradell.org.

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