

## April:

### Dates to Note on Your Calendar

- 4/1** Palm Sunday and Youth Sunday  
**4/2** Vestry Meeting at 7:30 PM  
**4/5** Maundy Thursday Seder @ 7PM  
**4/6** Good Friday Noon -3 PM and 7PM service  
**4/8** Easter Sunday  
**4/14 to 4/21** Rev. Shane Phelan of St Luke's Haworth will be available for pastoral emergencies.  
**4/15** Elizabeth Craig will deliver the sermon.  
**4/15** Confirmation for Sam Wekselblatt and Ben Corrado. 3PM at St. Philip and Trinity Church in Newark NJ. Bishop Beckwith will be presiding.

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## Sunday Scripture in April

- 3/4** Lent 2 Genesis 17:1-7 & 15-16, Psalm 22:22-30, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38
- 3/11** Lent 3 Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22
- 3/18** Lent 4 Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3 & 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21
- 3/25** Lent 5 Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-13, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33 31

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## HOLY WEEK and EASTER

### The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms, in the Parish Hall; Procession into Church; Choral Reading of the Passion according to Mark, with Youth of the Parish taking the major roles.

Earlier you received a small cross made of olive wood from the Holy Land. Today you receive a palm branch, reminiscent of what people did on the first "Palm Sunday," as Jesus appeared to enter Jerusalem in triumph. Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll find directions for folding your palm branch into a cross.

In the biblical account, King David rode into his capital city in triumph on a donkey is the reason for Jesus doing the same. The irony is that, then as now, people don't "get it." We invariably misunderstand how he would accomplish his great triumph = God's saving us from the consequences of our willful disobedience and disrespectful response to promise of what we could be.

### Palm Sunday Readers:

Evangelist - Disha Dass  
Chief Priests & Scribes - all of the kids  
Murmurers - Everyone  
Jesus - Nick Wekselblatt  
Disciples - Everyone  
Peter - Ben Corrado  
Judas - Zachary Olsen  
False Witnesses - Everyone  
High Priest - Sam Wekselblatt  
Mob - Everyone  
Servant Girl - Teagan Bellitto  
Bystanders - Everyone  
Pilate - Jason Demay  
Crowd - Everyone  
Soldiers - Everyone  
Inscription - Brianna Cattone  
Passersby - Brianna Cattone  
Caregiver - Brianna Cattone  
Centurion - Skylar Olsen

### Maundy Thursday at 7:00 pm

The Seder in the Parish Hall - with David Oliff as Master of Ceremonies - is the dramatic annual Jewish retelling of some of the major themes of deliverance. This service introduces us to the escape of the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt under the Pharaohs, their momentous crossing the Red Sea with God's miraculous protection, and re-entrance into the land promised to them from the time of Abraham. Christianity has incorporated many of them into our own spirituality and practices during this part of the Church Year. Children feature prominently in this annual event, asking questions, savoring the tenderly told story, and dancing with delighted abandon.

## Good Friday

Why do we call this day “good”? Because Jesus died for us, demonstrating the wonderful news that – no matter what we do – God loves us. Yes, it took the worst that humans could do to God. But God is not like us. God created us out of love. God redeems us from our most awe-full behavior because God loves us. And God invites us to live in a new way, walking in love with both God and our neighbors = our fellow human beings.

**The Great Three Hours – 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm** – a time for us to experience in detail the “Seven Last Words of Jesus,” spoken from the Cross. This service is divided into nine segments of roughly 20 minutes each. Eight meditations, prayer, silence, and hymns offer us an opportunity to ponder together in depth the great mystery of God’s redeeming love and what it means to be “a sinner, redeemed by Jesus.”

**The Good Friday Liturgy – 7:00 pm** – involves a choral reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus according to John, a meditation, and praying the Solemn Collects of the day. There is no music, although J. S. Bach wrote a powerful sung St. John Passion for this occasion, somewhat different from his St. Matthew Passion, written for Palm Sunday. It’s a quiet, reflective time to experience the wonder of why and how God used the death of his beloved Son for our salvation.

## The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day – 10:00 am

This Festival Eucharist features the joyful “return of Alleluia!” which by custom is not said or sung during Lent. Like plants bursting into bloom after a dreary time of preparation, Easter is an explosion of rejoicing. We benefit most from this uplifting expression of delight if we have spent some time “underground” during Lent and Holy Week. Those are serious times of preparation for our “coming-out” party. The aroma of live Easter lilies can heighten our appreciation of our salvation, through a sense we rarely utilize in worship. Most of the time we see and hear; today we also smell the Good News.

An Easter egg hunt offers children an opportunity to seek and savor – both of which are what Christians do in our otherwise more ordinary walk with our Lord.

## Parishioners’ Milestones

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**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:** Sara Sarnicki 4/8, Jane Sarnicki 4/8, Chris Dziemian 4/17, Peregrine Lane-Thurlow 4/20, Diane May 4/20, Robin Seitz 4/21

**Confirmations:** Emily Oliff 4/24, David Dziemian 4/24, Susan Dziemian 4/24, Sarah Corrado 4/27, Disha Dass 4/27, Kayla Garcia 4/27, Lynn Gehinger 4/27, Nicholas Gray 4/27, David Palladino 4/27, Emily Sobeck 4/27, Ava Bramson 4/29

**Anniversaries:** Brian and Lynna Demay 4/17

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## Wednesdays at 11:00 AM – Holy Communion with Healing and Spiritual Focus

**4/4** – F. D. Maurice

**4/11** – William Augustus Muhlenberg

**4/18** – No Service

**4/25** Martyrs of America

## Scripture Readings: Sundays

**4/1** Mark 11:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2 and 19-29, Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philipians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-15:47

**4/8** Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118: 1-2 and 14-24, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8

**4/15** Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31

## Lenten Program @ 7:00 PM

**4/4** Final Session: “The Feast of the Father” with light supper at 6:30 PM

**4/11** Bible Study: The Resurrection Appearances of Jesus

**4/18** No Session

**4/25** Ongoing topics to be determined by the participants

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## ECW News

### STARFISH

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT STARFISH? You know that it shows up in the Absent Guest Rotation. Do you know what it is or what it does?

STARFISH is a volunteer organization made up of people from River Edge and Oradell. It was started in February, 1975 by clergy and lay people from the houses of worship in the two towns. Its purpose is to provide transportation to and from doctors for those in River Edge and Oradell who have no other means of help. The service is free. Everyone connected with STARFISH volunteers their time.

HOW CAN I HELP? You can help by being a volunteer driver.

You can help by setting aside one day a month and receiving incoming calls from the answering service and pairing up the caller with a driver from the driver list.

You can help by telling people in Oradell and River Edge about the STARFISH service.

HOW DO I GET HELP? By calling the STARFISH number 201-265-7777 a day or two before your appointment. This will connect you with our answering service. Give your information to the answering service. You will be called back by a STARFISH person who will try to find a driver for you.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

**Speak to Ginny Baird**

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## Diocese of New Jersey

**God is Calling - How will YOU Answer?**

**Day of Discernment**

Sponsored by the Commission on Ministry, this day-long event on **Saturday, April 14** is for anyone who feels a call to service -- lay or ordained -- to better understand that call, to consider different models of lay ministry, or to explain the mechanics of the discernment process and to prepare them to work more effectively with a discernment committee if they choose to follow that path. [Find out more.](#)

*Save the Date*

**First Annual Diocesan Multi-County Habitat Build Day on June 16**

Wouldn't it be cool to spend the day before Father's Day working in honor of your father by making the world a better place for another family?



**Saturday, June 16** will be the first annual diocesan multi-county build day of outreach, providing helping hands to Habitat projects in several of the counties in our diocese.

[Find out more](#) or [register online](#).

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### Spring 2012 Youth Events

When: May 11-13 2012

Where: Camp Lebanon, Lebanon NJ

Begin: 7:00 PM

End 12:00 Noon (5/13)

Who: 6-12 graders and adult sponsor

Lodging: Beds-heated cabins

Cost: \$ 75

To Register: [dclarke@newjerseyyouth.org](mailto:dclarke@newjerseyyouth.org)

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## Your favorite hymns!

If you have a favorite hymn that we haven't sung in a while, tell me what it is. During Communion, we are singing those hymns. We have sung three of them so far and we will use one or two each week. The only stipulation is that it must be appropriate for that period during which we serve Communion. Some of the "favorite hymns," like "Onward Christian Soldiers," and "A Mighty Fortress" you will have to petition Archie to sing in the service. They won't quite work for Communion. It helps if they are in our Hymnal 1982. So get busy! Tell me your favorites! I have had several requests for the same hymns, so those are the ones we will do first.

**Linda Lanier-Keosaian**

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## Sunday school Schedule

The balance of the schedule looks like this:

April 15, 22 and 29 KathiAnn Krott

May 6, 20 and June 3 Nancy Olsen

Anyone that would like to volunteer as an assistant for any of these days please let Nancy Olsen know.

## Youth Sunday

The Sunday school teachers have designated Youth Sundays for the remainder of the academic year.

These are times that younger members of the congregation will worship with their families in church for the entire service rather than attend classes before joining the "folks upstairs." Archie plans to have two Readers each for the two Lessons. That means four children will be needed for reading the Scripture, plus five or six others to lead the Prayers of the People, act as Ushers, and serve as Acolytes and even as Crucifers. The more who volunteer, the more will experience the joy of being leaders. In addition, they will also gain poise and confidence in public speaking. He intends to help all of them prepare well in advance, so they will feel confident and make a real contribution to our services. He's prepared a new Acolyte Manual and wants to guide each Acolyte and Reader in their roles. He knows how valuable and enjoyable his experience was as a child and young adult, acolyting and reading in public worship. And he hopes that his excitement will rub off on the children of Annunciation.

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## New Prayer List Procedure

Please help make our Sunday Prayer List - In Our Prayers – as printed in the bulletin and read aloud during the Prayers of the People both manageable and focused. You're always welcome to include in your personal devotions any or all the people you want held in public prayer at Annunciation. But the increasingly lengthy reading of names on Sundays who are known only to a few parishioners – sometimes only one - will be deferred until the midweek service on Wednesday. Starting Advent Sunday = November 27th – the beginning of the next Church Year - names for In Our Prayers on Sundays will remain on that list for only three Sundays. After that, you will need to contact Gayle to have any name continue in our Sunday parish prayer life for another three weeks. Of course, you can voice aloud any concern or person's name when invited to do so during the Prayers of the People. At our Wednesday Healing Services, we will pray for everyone on the entire Prayer List. The complete list will appear in The Annunciator each month. The full list will be reviewed and 'culled' by the Worship Committee on a quarterly basis. Out of respect for privacy, we will not print or voice aloud anyone's last name unless you have that person's permission and submit it to Gayle via email = administrator@annunciationoradell.org or a note in the confidential box outside the parish office door. Please call or email the Church Office to remove or

add names and help us by indicating "Wednesday-only list" or "Sunday and Wednesday."

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## 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 an email to administrator@annunciation.org

The monthly newsletter is available via the Google group. It is also available on the Annunciation website. There are hard copies available on the table in the hall.

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## Recipe for Basic Prayer

If you're not in the habit of praying for more than a few minutes a day, I suggest trying the following thirty minute recipe for basic prayer.

1. Clearing
2. Focusing
3. Listening
4. Asking
5. Thanking

Like the "Basic Bread" recipe in "The Joy of Cooking", you can use this template to create seemingly infinite variations to suit your particular taste and style. Just try this approach until you get the hang of it, and gradually branch out if you feel the need. If it is helpful, play some soothing instrumental music during this time

By Eric Elnes, Adapted from his book "Asphalt Jesus".

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## God Bless

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:

[lynnademay@gmail.com](mailto:lynnademay@gmail.com)

Thank you

Lynna Demay.

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## The Church of the Annunciation

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# Palm Leaf Cross

Drawings by Sarah A. Keith of [www.Christiancrafters.com](http://www.Christiancrafters.com)

If you can't find palm leaves, try calling a florist shop and see if you can purchase some. Or, cut strips of green poster board, 24-26" in length and a half inch at the widest part, tapering to a point at the end. For personal or classroom use only. Not for resale or distribution without consent of Sarah Keith

Supplies: One palm leaf strip about 24-26" in length, 1/2" in width, tapering to the end.

