

April
2019



TOGETHER

Dear Friends,

As we pass the midpoint of Lent and look forward to the joy of Easter, I would like to highlight the three major services of Holy Week, called the “**Triduum**”—from the Latin for the “Three Days”: **Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil**. These are the very heart of our whole worship year, and this year, we are undertaking special efforts to increase participation. With all my heart, I’m encouraging every member, every household, to attend as much of the whole Triduum as possible. Please build it into your schedules.

On April 18, the Maundy Thursday Liturgy, with the Foot-washing, Agape Supper, and Eucharist will be held **in the Parish Hall, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** This year, we are especially stressing that young people participate in this service with their families. The Agape Supper is a real, full meal. Because of this, it will be very helpful that you sign up. You may do so by e-mailing office@chsorleans.org or by signing up on the bulletin board in the Reception Room. ***Signing up soon would be much appreciated.*** While this Eucharist will be held in the Parish Hall, after we conclude there, we will then process to the church for the *Stripping of the Altar*.

On April 19, the Liturgy of Good Friday will be held **in the church, beginning at 5:00 p.m.** Please note that we are purposefully changing the start-time of this service. In the past, all three Triduum services began at 7:00 p.m. which is late enough to make attendance difficult for a good number of our seniors. Perhaps this is part of why, in spite of much good effort for this service, Good Friday attendance at The Church of the Holy Spirit historically has been rather low for a congregation of our size. But of all days, I believe it is truly important that we gather as a whole Parish on Good Friday. I’d also stress that we have significantly “re-imagined” this service. It’s now simpler, starker, more meditative, and—as many have remarked—very powerful. (And I’d also mention that while we’re careful with the length of all the Triduum services, Good Friday is the shortest of the three.) Also to be highlighted, prior to the 5:00 p.m. service in church, we will gather in the Parish Hall to offer a Good Friday Labyrinth Walk.

And at last, on **Saturday, April 20, the Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter** will be held **in Church, at 7:00 p.m.** As I’ve said before, if I had to pick one of all our worship services which comes closest to “saying it all,” this would be it! The service begins in the dark, with the kindling of the New Fire and the lighting of our historic coronas. We hear Scriptures which tell us, again, the great story of our salvation. We renew our Baptismal Vows. And then: The Easter Proclamation, full lighting, and the most joyous First Eucharist of Easter. (There will also be 8:00 and 10:00 services on Easter Sunday morning, along with an Easter Egg Hunt and Youth Easter Brunch following the 10:00 service.)

For all of the Triduum services, our Music Minister and Choir will have worked very hard to prepare music of great beauty and power. Many others, as well, put in faithful effort that our Triduum be an offering of excellence and a deeply nourishing witness for all who participate.

So, in the Name of our great God and Savior, and in the name of our congregation, please make this year’s “Triduum” a special part of your Lent and Easter celebrations... Come! I trust that you will be richly blessed. And by coming, you also will ***be*** a blessing — for the fellow members our congregation and also for all whom the Spirit may lead to share these most holy days with us in this special place we call The Church of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ Jesus: our Crucified and Risen Lord,
Adam+

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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SPECIAL LENTEN, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER EVENTS at The Church of the Holy Spirit

- ◆ Our Lenten Study Group led by Adam Linton+ will continue on Wednesday April 3rd and April 10th in the Parish Hall. Our final gathering will be on Wednesday April 24th including a pot-luck supper.
- ◆ Labyrinth Walks will be set up in the Parish Hall Friday April 5th and April 12th from 10:00-12:00 for people to drop in and walk. The Stations of the Cross banners will be there for people to use as well while walking the labyrinth. All welcome to use this as a special time during Lent for prayer.
- ◆ Holy Week - Parish Sabbath Time
 - ◆ April 14th—Palm Sunday— Liturgy of the Palms and Eucharist
 - ◆ Saturday, April 13th, Rite II at 5:00
 - ◆ Sunday, April 14th, Rite I at 8:00
 - ◆ Sunday, April 14th, Rite II at 10:00
 - ◆ April 18th— Maundy Thursday
 - ◆ 6:00 p.m. Foot Washing, Agape Supper, and Eucharist in the Parish Hall
 - ◆ April 19th—Good Friday
 - ◆ Labyrinth Walk— 3:00 in the Parish Hall
 - ◆ Good Friday Liturgy— 5:00 in the Church
- ◆ Easter Vigil
 - ◆ Saturday, April 20th— The Easter Vigil— 7:00 p.m. in the Church
- ◆ Easter Sunday
 - ◆ Sunday, April 21st 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 - ◆ Sunday, April 21st 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Brunch



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Gail Smith+'s quilted Stations of the Cross will be in the church throughout Lent. While we won't be holding formal scheduled Stations services, booklets with devotions for each Station will be available in church for anyone to use at any time



LABYRINTH LENTEN WALKS AND EVENTS — Gail Smith+

The labyrinth will be set up in the Parish Hall Friday April 5th and April 12th from 10:00-12:00 for people to drop in and walk. The Stations of the Cross banners will be there for people to use as well while walking the labyrinth. All are welcome to use this as a special time during Lent for prayer.



Good Friday Walk—April 19th Our labyrinth will be up for people to walk 12:00 – 2:00 on a “drop in” basis. There will also be a guided walk with Gail Smith+ at 3:00 using the Stations of the Cross Banners. All are welcome.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! #156

Go to dark Gethsemane; #171

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? #172

Jesus Christ is risen today, ALLELUIA! #207



LADIES' LUNCHEON - SEE YOU 12:00 Noon — Thursday April 4th Fay Cole

Twelve brave ladies came in from the cold for our March 7th Ladies Luncheon. We talked and laughed, exchanged news and plans and had a thoroughly good time.



We practically filled A Baby Center's bassinet with diapers and other baby gifts as our special outreach.

The committee for our April 4th meeting is: Ginny Lucil, chips; Betsy Mason, 1/2 & 1/2 and lemon; Georgia Schneider, juice; Susan Owens, paper goods; Joan Proctor, Table Decoration. We thank Diana Crighton for her March dessert and in April, we will enjoy again our gift of Klondike Bars.

YOUTH SUNDAY

April 7th

The children will present the Iona Community's
"He was Going on a Journey" .

Directed by Ruth Campbell. Don't miss it!



BRUNCH—After the 10:00 Service on **April 7th**, please join us in the Parish Hall for another wonderful brunch prepared and served by our youth group.

EASTER BRUNCH April 21st Back by popular demand!
Join us in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 service for a Special Easter Brunch prepared by our youth group.



SPRING HAS SPRUNG... AND SO HAVE OUR CHURCH GARDENS!

APRIL GARDEN PARTY

All you winter weary gardeners, we have something to look forward to.

Our April Garden Party will be held on Friday April 12th with a weather date of Friday April 26.

Meet in the rear parking lot around 8:30. Water, Coffee and Donut Holes provided.

Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to join us. I'll send a reminder closer to the time.



Gilbert Merritt



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

- ◆ The Church School and Youth Group hosted a St. Patrick's Day coffee hour on March 17th. Thank you to Lizzie Thompson and Meredith Perkins for organizing the event and to all the Church School and Youth Group families who contributed food for the feast.
- ◆ Last year's brunch on Easter Sunday was so well received that the Youth Group will be providing two brunches in April. Please plan on attending both on April 7th and Easter Sunday, April 21st.
- ◆ On Palm Sunday, April 14th, the Church School will join the congregation for the procession into church. We will then go to class and dye Easter eggs.
- ◆ Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will take place after the 10:00 a.m. Easter Service on April 21st. Thank you to the parish for filling the **plastic eggs available in the reception room** with candy and trinkets.



RUMMAGE SALE— Friday, May 3rd 3:30* pm - 7:00 pm and Saturday, May 4th 9:00 am - Noon



MANY HANDS MAKE WORK LIGHT AND FUN!

THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP! You don't need to sign up; just stop by and help out during any of the scheduled times, there is plenty to do! Sort and price donations on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; work at the actual sale on Friday evening & Saturday morning; and clean up on Saturday at noon. Questions? Call Melissa Keeffe (607) 426-0916 or email mkeeffe267@gmail.com

DROP OFF DONATIONS and WORK (sort & price) SCHEDULE at PARISH HALL

Wednesday, May 1st

Set-up ONLY 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Drop off donations & Volunteer to Work 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 2nd

Drop off donations & Volunteer to Work 9:00 am – 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm -7:00 pm

Friday, May 3rd

Drop off donations & Volunteer to Work 9:00 am – Noon (firm deadline)

SALE 3:30* pm - 7:00 pm

***3:30 – 4:00 early admission** for price of \$20. All other times are FREE admission.

Saturday, May 4th

Organize 8:30 am – 9:00 am

SALE 9:00 am – Noon

Clean up Noon – 2:00 pm

Please only bring donations during the specified times and DO NOT leave donations outside !!

We need **CLEAN** adult & children's clothing, shoes and boots in wearable condition. White Elephant items such as small appliances in **WORKING** order, small furniture, books (**no mold**), DVDs, CDs, children's toys, art, frames, linens, tools.

We **CANNOT** accept TVs, computer equipment, luggage, LP records, food, golf or ski equipment.

New this year – since our sale is in May, we will be able to accept donations of live outdoor plants in containers. Please, no live indoor plants.

THE FREE SHOP— Sharyn Laughton and Suzy Gray

We are looking forward to Spring and all your Spring clothing donations! **No more heavy winter clothes -** Sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets gladly accepted for Spring. We have plenty of paper bags. Will announce when we need more. The Free Shop is open every MONDAY - Noon to 3 and every WEDNESDAY - 10 to 1. If the shop is closed, there is a container outside the Free Shop door for your donations.



WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF VOLUNTEERS - a few of our volunteers are no longer able to work. **PLEASE consider working in the Free Shop ONE DAY each month.** Talk to Sharyn or Suzy. It's easy, fun and you meet great people!

CHS ARTIST OF THE MONTH— Pia Cristina Mackenzie

Once again, I am sharing my latest batch of collage images. These are pieces that I have been working on since last September. The central theme is the psalms, hymns of praise, a sense of wonder at God's love and his creation. As in the work I have shown earlier, the images are not necessarily symbolic, but traditional Christian iconography does slip in. A few relate to Adam's+ favorite icon (like Gail's+ new quilt!) of Abraham's Hospitality or the Old Testament Trinity. Some are more literal, showing all the beasts of the deep and the air "praising the Lord and magnifying him forever". I think this work is an artistic response to the phrase 'Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!'

I am hoping to finish a couple of new oil paintings as well...my first in several years. Two are based on collages in the show but, one may be my attempt at fulfilling a request from Adam+: "Have you ever thought of making a piece about the Transfiguration?"

I will have cards for sale but they may be older ones if I don't manage to get some made from the new work while pushing to finish creating!

CHS HEALTH MINISTRIES— Ann Pike-Paris and Meg Nemitz, co-chairs

This month's topic: **What is Occupational Therapy?**

According to The American Occupational Therapy Association, Occupational Therapy is an evidence-based practice deeply rooted in science.

Occupational therapists enable people of all ages to live life to its fullest by helping them promote health, and prevent injury, illness, or disability.

Occupational therapy includes purposeful and meaningful interventions, helping people recovering from injury to regain skills, providing support for older adults experiencing physical and cognitive changes, helping individuals with mental health issues and helping children with disabilities to participate fully in school and social situations. The goal is to achieve the highest level of independence possible

For more information, go to The American Occupational Therapy Association.org

Contact information for more local help and support:

Barnstable County Human Services

www.bchumanservices.net A comprehensive web site with access to multiple resources on the Cape.

Councils on Aging

Orleans: 508-255-6333 Brewster: 508-896-2737 Chatham: 508-945-5190 Eastham: 508-255-6164
Harwich: 508-430-7530 Wellfleet: 508-349-0319 Yarmouth: 508-398-9866 Truro: 508-487-2462

VNAs of Cape Cod

Hyannis: 508-957-7400 Falmouth: 508-495-5716 So. Dennis: 508-957-7400

Cape Cod Hospital Social Services Department 508-862-5501

Cape Cod Healthcare Newsletter: go to this link: <https://www.capecodhealth.org/>

READING FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH ON TUESDAY MORNINGS Sandy Marshall

Our group is currently reading *The Delight of Being Ordinary* by Roland Murillo, an entertaining and spiritually uplifting novel. We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Parish Library from 10 a.m. to noon to discuss books related to our spiritual journeys. Our time together includes worship and “checking in” on what’s going on in our lives while nurturing our spiritual gardens, weeds included! **Come join us .**

A mere “thank you” can never be enough for the love I’ve received from the parish during the weeks since my knee replacement surgery in February. Shared dinners, errands, cards and visits are almost too numerous to mention, but most of all I am deeply thankful for the warmth of prayers which carried me through the difficult days and long nights.

In return - heartfelt thanks and blessings. - Dilys Smith



ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS— Marty Williams

As we enter the Easter Season, our Altar Flower Guild will resume creating wonderful altar flower arrangements for our weekend services. **Have you picked up an Altar Flowers Request Card** at one of the church entrances?. For a donation of \$50, flowers will be purchased and arranged for your chosen weekend by the Flower Guild. You may choose to do this to remember someone or perhaps to celebrate a special occasion such as an anniversary/ birthday.

The name of the loved one(s) being honored will be noted in the service bulletins of the weekend services of the chosen date.

Questions or want to join our Altar Flower Guild? Contact Marty Williams at 508-255-8730.



ENTERED INTO ETERNAL REST

Richard Miller



ABOUT US

In the April 2017 edition of *Together*, one of the "About Us" members featured was Rich Weeks. He and wife Tracy have been long time members of a Good Friday Walk fund raising organization, United People for Kids. So during this Lent and Easter month, his story is worth repeating.

Rich started worshipping at Holy Spirit in 1984. His spiritual journey includes the positive impact attending a Cursillo Weekend had on his life and future. It was a spiritually and emotionally renewing experience. He also met Mike Luegers and Fran McEndree, then active members of CHS, and Father G. David White was the overall spiritual leader of the weekend.

It was through the post weekend encouragement of these people that Rich decided to "give CHS a try." He had not found a Cape Cod parish in the Roman Catholic tradition that nurtured him and his growing family (wife plus three children). The people of CHS were warm, friendly and welcoming. Parishioners "lived their faith," not just went to church on Sundays. The vibrant youth group and music program were all part of the inclusiveness that Holy Spirit provided and kept them coming.

One morning in 1985, a CHS member and neighbor of theirs, Debbie Bombanti, was collecting petition signatures from members of Lower Cape churches to request the Nauset School System be closed on Good Friday. Her daughter was given a zero on a quiz because she missed school to attend Good Friday services. It must have worked. Currently, while the Nauset School District calendar does not specifically list being closed on "Good Friday," the district's spring vacation week occurs during what we know as "Holy Week," ergo closed on Good Friday!

In 1986, a group of Cape Cod Christians gathered to honor Jesus outside the traditional church services. Their first gathering at the Eastham Methodist Church was a mime play called "The Toymaker's Son," a melding of the Pinocchio story and Jesus' sacrifice. As a result of this effort and working with other local churches, the next year (1987) the Good Friday Walk fund raiser began as a reminder of Christ's walk to Calvary. It was decided that this coalition of people should have its own identity and adopted the name "United People for Kids" ... aka UP for Kids and is now a recognized non-profit organization.

Since its inception, the Good Friday Walk with UP for Kids has raised roughly \$250,000. The first beneficiary of the funds was a young child in Provincetown dying of cancer. Some of the funds raised was given to the family to defray his medication costs and was able to keep him alive for another 6 months. Since then, over 100 families with special needs children on Cape Cod have benefited as well as all the workers and walkers who make this special journey every Good Friday.

Details of the 2019 Walk and how you can help are below.

In closing, we end with Rich's 2017 witness of his faith... God Bless you, Rich.

I can't speak for how God works in the lives of others... each person has their own story of their faith journey. Some may use the words kismet or serendipity, but this I know. When I take a halting step towards HIM, HE takes my hand and guides me along. When I take a little peak, HE opens my eyes to behold his beauty. When I open my mind to God, there is a clarity and calmness. When I pray, I do find answers. And when I open my heart, it is flooded with an overwhelming love that is hard not to share with others, and a gratitude that can never measure up to all that God has given me. Amen.

**34th GOOD FRIDAY WALK
UNITED PEOPLE FOR KIDS
FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH**

**8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION AT BIBLE ALLIANCE CHURCH
ROUTE 6A, BREWSTER**

Please join or support the 34th Annual Good Friday Walk with the United People for Kids.

Pledges and free will donations will be collected at registration at 8:30 a.m. at Bible Alliance Church. The Walk will start at 9:30 from the church into Nickerson State Park. If you can't join the Walk on April 14th but would like to make a pledge or free will offering, please contact Rich Weeks – 508-685-8746 or mail your donations (Checks payable to United People for Kids) to:

United People for Kids, PO Box 297, Yarmouth Port, MA 02675.

Christmas without Easter would mean December 25th is just a little Jewish baby's birthdate over 2000 years ago.....

Think about it!

NAUSET INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION (NIA)

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The annual Good Friday Ecumenical Service will take place at 12:00 NOON on Good Friday, April 19th at the Brewster Baptist Church on route 6A. The service will be about one hour long and will include seven brief 3 to 5 minute reflections by clergy or lay leaders from some of our 20 member congregations. There will be an ecumenical choir anthem. This is an opportunity to worship with friends from other traditions expressing our common identity in the loving passion and death of our Messiah Jesus.

STONE SOUP SUPPER

What does it mean to be part of an interfaith community? Will 'breaking bread' together help us to better understand our common bonds of love and justice? We sure need that in our country today! Elizabeth Alexander (who gave the inaugural poem for President Obama) says, "*Critical thinking develops when you go outside of your comfort zone and eat a different bread from the one you grew up with.*"

The Supper will be at Church of the Holy Spirit on Tuesday, April 30th from 5 to 8 pm. There will be groups of 6-8 people from several different congregations, each group will bring a salad, entrée, and dessert. If you are interested in being one of the folks from Holy Spirit please contact Ken Campbell+ at ksbcampbell5050@gmail.com or 413-478-5719.

For more information contact Dr. Sharon Leder at Sharon.teichmangallery@gmail.com or 914-204-4487.

WHAT WE DO MATTERS

Three events to learn, remember, take action. Sponsored by Nauset Interfaith and the Interfaith Group on the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights.

The State of Hate, 29 April, 7 PM at Nauset Regional Middle School A presentation by Robert Trestan of the Anti-Defamation League "Moving Toward An Inclusive Cape Cod"

Sharing Stories from Rwanda, 1 May 7 PM at Saint Joan of Arc Church, Carl Wilkins, the author of "I'm Not Leaving" will speak of his experience in Rwanda during the 1994 genocide.

Holocaust Memorial Service, 2 May 7 PM, Nauset Regional Middle School, Film, "One Survivor Remembers," candle lighting with students from our regional schools.

Education for Ministry (EfM)

We are a group of people questing for knowledge and traveling a journey of faith exploration together. We follow the EfM curriculum from the Episcopal School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN that was developed to provide participants with knowledge and confidence as we live into our call to follow Christ. We meet for a seminar for just over three hours each week, for 36 weeks, September through May. We have wonderful discussions on the information we have read concerning the Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament, Church History and Theology and the new insights we have gained. The goal of all the studying, reflecting and discussing is to grow in our awareness of God's movement and purpose in our lives. We laugh and occasionally cry together and grow in a community of love, faith and understanding.

EfM has a long history at the Church of the Holy Spirit and is hoping to expand its membership for next year. If you have ever thought about joining or would like more information, we'd love to talk to you. Feel free to contact any present or past member (there are a lot of them) or the Mentors listed below.

Mentors: Wilma Morris – (508) 432-6733 or wilmajmorris@yahoo.com

Nancy Barrington – (650) 714-1862 or nancy@thenewhouse.net

BETTER STEWARDSHIP: Rethinking how much material we send by USPS mail

Beginning with the April issue, we will be using your email address on file and our website as the primary way to deliver *Together* to you. Periodic Giving Statements will also be emailed to you. **Remember to send us changes in your email address.**

If we do not have an email address on file for you, you will continue to receive *Together* editions and your Giving Statements by regular mail.

If you start to receive *Together* and/or your Giving Statement by email and would prefer to receive them by regular mail, simply contact the Database Team at database@chsorleans.org or (508) 255-0433 and let us know. Thank you!

PARISH OFFICE CORNER All emails to the CHS office should be sent to office@chsorleans.org.

-SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE—All Sunday Blue Bulletin items must be sent to Debby by **Tuesday 11:00 a.m. FIRM!**

-PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday -Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The office is closed Fridays.

-PARISH USAGE REQUESTS: Arline Consiglio manages Parish space requests and is in the Parish Office on Monday and Wednesday mornings. If you plan to use any part of the Parish for any event or meeting, please complete a Parish Usage Form available in the Parish Office. New Forms for 2019 need to be submitted to Arline.

-MAY TOGETHER DEADLINE: MONDAY April 22nd FIRM Send your material to Sue Sasso at susansasso@hotmail.com.

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Our mission as The Church of the Holy Spirit is to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, welcome all people, and serve one another with love.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Full details of these events are included inside the edition.

April 3rd—Lenten Study Group
April 4th— Ladies' Lunch
April 5th—Labyrinth Walk
April 7th—Youth Sunday & Brunch
April 10th—Lenten Study Group
April 12th— Garden Party (Rain Date April 26th)
April 12th—Labyrinth Walk
April 14th—Palm Sunday—Beginning of Parish Sabbath Time
April 18th—Maundy Thursday—see details of events inside
April 19th—Good Friday Labyrinth Walk
Good Friday Liturgy
April 20th—The Great Easter Vigil
April 21st—EASTER SUNDAY, Egg Hunt & Brunch
April 24th—Final Lenten Study Group & Pot Luck

To stay current,

Visit our parish website <https://holyspiritforleans.org>
And click on “calendar” for the full parish calendar



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Did you know that CHS has a Facebook page with lots of good information and posts about our parish life? Search for “The Church of the Holy Spirit” and add CHS to your Facebook friends. You will get notifications whenever something is posted on our page.