

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 23, 2025

The parishioners listed in the items below have contact information available in our parish directory. You may also reach them via a message through our church office (office@chisorleans.org)

Lenten Calendar...

- **JUSTICE, JOY & DAILY BREAD:** a soup supper and bible study series Wednesdays at 5:30 pm, exploring eating and table fellowship across the gospels with an emphasis on Luke. Come to any or all **but please do sign up via email to office@chisorleans.org.**
March 26: “Guest, host and teacher”
April 2: Food in Luke’s parables and across the gospels
April 9: Eucharist & Anglican Identity: Serious, Dangerous & Joyful
- **PICTURING THE LENTEN GOSPEL:** Create or find and then share an image that captures the message of Sunday’s gospel for you! During Lent we’ll project these for all to contemplate in the Parish Hall every Sunday morning after church. Email your submission to Patrick (pward@chisorleans.org) by Thursday noon for the coming Sunday:
March 30: Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32
April 6: John 12:1-8
- **LENTEN QUIET DAY:** Saturday April 5, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. “Christ’s Body and Your Body in Holy Week” with the Rev. Dr. William W. Rich. What can we learn about Christ and ourselves in Holy Week as he rides a humble donkey; as he feeds friends and traitors food and drink; as he agonizes alone through a long night; as he dies cruelly alienated politically and religiously; as he waits in a tomb for a hope to be fulfilled?
Required: sign up via email to office@chisorleans.org.
- **IN MY TIME OF DYING: *How I Came Face to Face with the Idea of an Afterlife*** a visit with writer Sebastian Junger on Palm Sunday, April 13, 3:00 pm, Parish Hall. All welcome. Copies of the book will be available for sale.

THURSDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with prayers for healing – **Thursdays at 11 am in the church (East Transept).**

TUESDAY MORNING LECTIO DIVINA AND PRAYERS: 10:00 am via Zoom.

Lectio Divina is a monastic mode of prayer, contemplation, and Bible study and all are welcome to experience this with us. A Zoom Meeting invitation email is sent on Mondays.

SUNDAY’S GLIMPSE OF THE GOSPEL:

Join us **Sundays at 8:45 am** to delve into the Gospel and pray for each other. Fireplace Room and via Zoom. **contact Tom Dewing.**

GOOD FRIDAY WALK: Friday, April 18, Bible Alliance Church (Brewster) at 8:30 am for registration. We have helped over 300 families with children with profound and lifelong illnesses or injuries. Rich Weeks will be at the coffee hours on the two Sundays before Good Friday to answer questions and gladly accept donations. If you wish, your donation can **be mailed to Up for Kids, PO Box 297, Yarmouth Port, MA 02675.**

CHS 2025 RUMMAGE SALE: Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3. For more info, please see the Together newsletter and stay tuned! Questions? Contact Brian Schnetzer.

GARDEN PARTY: Our first **Garden Party Saturday, April 5, 2025 9 am to 12 noon.** As the gardens and open areas begin to emerge from winter, we’ll begin some clean-up and we’ll be having a surprise tutorial from our own Peter Jensen! **NO prior experience needed!** Ann Pike-Paris, Chair.

LADIES LUNCH: The next Ladies Luncheon will meet Thursday April 3 (noon, Parish Hall). Andi Stubbendick volunteered for paper goods and Gale Binney Stern will do table decorations. Bring your own sandwich or salad and the rest will be provided. Come join us! Fay Cole

ARTIST OF THE MONTH - The Kimball Guild Florence Kimball and Vernon Smith, founding members of The Church of the Holy Spirit, taught the art of hammered aluminum to parish members. This craft continues today through guild members who use the same process

and tools as Florence and Vernon did. Enjoy and purchase the talented work of Ellen Adamson, Jane Affleck, Carol Fitzgerald, Roger Lovejoy, Georgia Schneider, and Donna Tavano. Proceeds are donated to the Rector's Discretionary Fund--continuing the tradition of the Guild!

CHS WEB SITE: To live stream or watch recorded services later, please go to our website holyspiritonline.org and click on **"VIEW ONLINE"**. To download the Sunday Service Bulletin, click on the bulletin link.

March 23 ~ March 30

Sunday: March 23

- 8:45 Glimpse of the Gospel – Fireplace Room and Zoom
- 9:30 Church School/Child Care
- 10:00 Holy Eucharist – Church/You Tube, followed by Coffee Hour
- 11:15 Book Discussion Group – Fireplace Room/Zoom

Monday: March 24

- 10:00 Free Shop – Gathering Room
- 10:00 Kimball House Hammerer
- 1:00 Sacred Ground – Fireplace Room
- 1:00 Planning Study – Reception Room

Tuesday: March 25

- 10:00 Lectio Divina Service – Zoom

Wednesday: March 26

- 10:00 Free Shop – Gathering Room
- 5:30 Justice Joy & Daily Bread – Parish Hall
- 7:30 Choir Rehearsal – Church

Thursday: March 27

- 11:00 Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing – Church
- 4:30 Centering Prayer – Reception Room/Memorial Garden

Friday: March 28

- 9:30 Belladonnas Rehearsal – Church
- 2:00 Planning Study – Reception Room

Saturday: March 29

- 11:00 Scott Johnson Funeral - Church

Sunday: March 30

- 8:45 Glimpse of the Gospel – Fireplace Room and Zoom
- 9:30 Church School/Child Care
- 10:00 Holy Eucharist – Church/You Tube, followed by Coffee Hour
- 11:15 Book Discussion Group – Fireplace Room/Zoom

CHS Planning Study Focus Groups

As mentioned at our Annual Meeting and at church, our Vestry is committed to expanding our mission and ministry. One key step in achieving this goal is the addition of another priest to our parish. This expansion will allow us to enhance pastoral care, broaden our welcome to newcomers, and strengthen parish programming—benefiting both our congregation and the wider community in Orleans and surrounding towns.

To support this initiative, we are focusing on:

- Increasing our endowment to ensure our operating budget can sustain the addition of a new clergy member.
- Enhancing our campus facilities to better accommodate church activities and community events.

Careful planning and thoughtful consideration are essential before moving forward, which is why your input is invaluable. Your feedback will help shape a final plan that aligns with both our parish's vision and financial capacity.

To guide this process, we have engaged Cornerstone Fundraising, a professional religious fundraising firm, to conduct a Planning Study for our parish. The Cornerstone staff will be conducting a series of Focus Groups over the next few weeks. **You are invited to participate in one of these Focus Groups** so this study can include your valued input. These hour-long meetings will take place at church as follows:

Focus Groups (Walk-ins welcome!)

- Monday, March 31, at 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
- Thursday, April 3, at 4 p.m.
- Thursday April 3, at 7 p.m. via ZOOM

Your advice, counsel, and willingness to participate in this process are essential so that we may perform this study with your open and honest input. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Thank you!