



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY

The Newsletter

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From the Rector

Holy Week and Easter

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” — *Philippians 1:2*

HOLY WEEK IS UPON US. For many of us, Lent has been a time of looking back, taking stock, making confession, and pondering what might have been. In Lent we must often walk alone.

Holy Week changes that perspective. We lift our eyes and become transfixed upon a towel and basin, a borrowed cross, and an empty tomb—life-giving pictures of our redemption and our future in God. Walking alone is dangerous just now.

Holy Week begins Sunday morning, March 24. There are two services as usual 8 am and 10:15 am. We will gather for the Liturgy of the Palms in the Parish Hall, then move in procession as a community of faith to the front of the church and ultimately into the church itself, to hear the Passion of Our Lord and celebrate the Eucharist.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week at 7 pm there will be a Eucharist in the Church. We will listen to God’s Word, a homily, and then celebrate the Holy Eucharist together.

On Maundy Thursday there will be a 10 am Liturgy and homily. This is the usual time when the Mary & Martha Guild meet on Thursday mornings. There will be a very simple mid-day meal shared among those who desire in the Parish Hall.

From 5:30 pm to 7 pm there will be an agape supper in the Parish Hall. See sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board. The main meal will be catered. People are encouraged to bring side dishes to share with others. At 7 pm there will be a Maundy Thursday Liturgy in the Church, with the washing of feet (for those who desire), Holy Eucharist, procession of the Blessed Sacrament to St Mary’s Chapel in the back of the church (the old carriage entrance), and the stripping of the altar. The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in St Mary’s Chapel until the noonday Good Friday Liturgy of the Day in the Church. ***Note:*** Our vigil will conclude at 12 midnight. All are invited to “keep watch” for a period of quiet devotion.

On Good Friday, the Liturgy of the Day is at 7 am in the Church. All are invited to experience together the Solemn Passion according to St John, a Homily, the Solemn Collects, Veneration of the Cross, and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.



At 7 pm, we will offer choral and spoken meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross.

The Great Vigil of Easter—The Lighting of the Paschal Candle, the Liturgy of the Word, the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and the First Eucharist of Easter, including sermon—will begin at 7 pm. This is the major liturgy of our life together at St John's and signals the return of the great "A-----" to our liturgy and our lives.

Holy Week and Easter shapes our lives. Holy Week and Easter shapes our identity. Without a shadow of doubt, I am a more faithful Christian today as a result of being formed in Holy Week and Easter. *We will have a Lamb Dinner following the Great Vigil as we did last year—check your weekly Good News for more information.*

I invite you this year and every year, to make every effort to join our St. John's community as we walk with our siblings in the way of the Cross, that we may find it none other than the way of life and peace.

Come to St. John's Church. Invite a family member, neighbor or friend.

See you in Church!

Father Ron

Episcopal Church 101: Saturday, March 2, 9:30-10:30 am

Come and learn more:

- Worship (why we do what we do)
- History of The Episcopal Church
- Sacraments of the Church
- A tour of the Book of Common Prayer
- A tour of our Church
- And so much more (resources provided)

This class may be for you, if:

- You are just curious
- You are new to St. John's or the Episcopal Church
- You are a long-time member but would like a refresher

Questions? Contact Fr. Ron at frronpollock1@verizon.net.

First Holy Communion Class: Saturday, March 2, 11-Noon

Children will have an opportunity to make their First Holy Communion at the 7 pm Great Vigil of Easter (April 8) or on Easter morning (April 9) or on another Sunday in the Easter season. Remember that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion—this is not an Episcopal Table, it is the Lord's Table.

Class will be held in the Guild Room and in the Church for children preparing for their First Holy Communion. They must be accompanied by at least one of their parents or an adult sponsor. If your child has recently begun to receive Holy Communion, but has not had instruction, it would be appropriate for them to attend this class too.

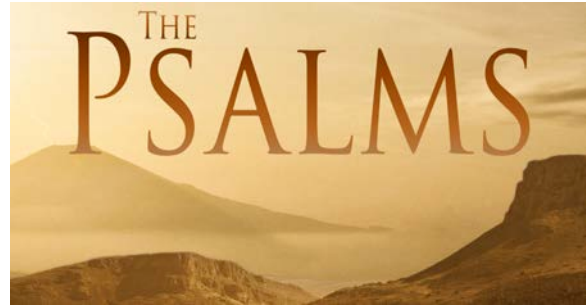
Materials will be provided. Certificates will be presented to the children during the Easter Liturgy your child attends. Please email the following information to Fr. Ron at frronpollock1@verizon.net: *Child's Name; Age; Date/Place of Baptism; Adult who will attend class with the child.*

Bible Study Every Sunday

I have been leading a Bible study here at St John's for a few years now. I wanted to remind everyone that we offer a Bible Study on Sunday morning starting at 9:15 am and ending at 10 am. All are cordially invited and welcome to attend!



We are planning to meet each Sunday with some exceptions. There is light reading before our meeting each week but it is not mandatory to do so. The goal of these meetings is to gather for spirit led conversation around the readings each week. We are currently studying the Book of Psalms. So far we have read and discussed Psalms 1-3.



This week we will meet and discuss Psalm 4 and, if time permits, Psalm 5. If you would like to join us feel free to meet us in the Guild Room when available or somewhere else in the church. We also offer a zoom meeting for anyone that prefers this option or perhaps a friend or family member that does not live in the area. In the past we have even had someone from Bulgaria join us! Praise God for technology! Please feel free to email me (episcopalmark@gmail.com) for more information. —Mark Hernandez

The Sacramental Rite of Confession

The Episcopal Church offers a rite (form) for private confession to a priest. The two forms for Reconciliation of a penitent begin on page 447 in the Prayer Book. The late Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey, once said the church needs to remember that its members are not primarily patients to be healed, but sinners to be forgiven. In the First Letter of John we read, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8-9). Eastern Orthodox Christians sometimes refer to the Sacrament of Confession as “The Kiss of Christ.”

Confession is a place to be open and honest, an opportunity to drop some of the leaden weight of sin from around our necks. The invitation is made to everyone. Our Anglican tradition sums it up in this way: “All may, none must, some should.” Contact Fr. Ron at frronpollock1@verizon.net.

Easter Baptism

The Great Vigil of Easter is one of four Baptismal days in the Church Year. If you or someone you know desires to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Contact Fr. Ron at frronpollock1@verizon.net.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Communion Bread—Sunday, March 17

In John 3:33-35, Jesus says: “The bread of God is the One who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” The disciples said, “Sir, give us this bread all the time!” Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” On Sunday, March 17, the Church School children will gather to bake bread for Holy Communion. *For more information contact Father Ron or the Parish Office.*

Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Day, March 31

Donations of candy and pre-stuffed Easter eggs are being accepted after services on March 17 and 24 in the Parish Hall for our annual Easter Egg Hunt held after the 10:15 Easter service. A few volunteers could also be used to assist hiding the eggs Easter morning. In the event of rain, the hunt will be held in the Parish Hall. If you would like to contribute to this fun event, contact Jennifer Kosensky (jrkosensky@gmail.com).



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2024

MARCH 24: THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION, PALM SUNDAY

8:00 am and 10:15 am:

Blessing of the Palms, the Reading of the St. Mark Passion, and Holy Eucharist

MARCH 25, 26, 27: MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7 pm: Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

THE TRIDUUM

MARCH 28: MAUNDY THURSDAY

10 am: Holy Eucharist in the Church

7 pm: Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar, and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Chapel of Repose

8:30 pm: Vigil for all parishioners in St. Mary's Chapel (until midnight)
Remember the words of our Lord, "Could ye not watch with me one brief hour?"

MARCH 29 GOOD FRIDAY

7 am: *Liturgy of the Day and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament*

7 pm: Seven Last Words

MARCH 30: HOLY SATURDAY

7 pm: The Great Vigil of Easter: Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Holy Communion

MARCH 31: EASTER DAY

8 am: Holy Eucharist with music

10:15: Festal Choral Eucharist followed by an Easter Egg Hunt

ABOUT THE TRIDUUM

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Holy Week

On **Maundy Thursday** evening we begin the Triduum, the three-days' space that continues through the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday evening. In these three days we recall Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. Through Christ we are saved and made free. These are "paschal" services—we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus, who is always risen, always present and always loves us through each of these three days' celebration.

The traditional English name for this day is Maundy Thursday. "Maundy" comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means "commandment." There are two traditional associations on this day: the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the command of our Lord to wash each other's feet (John 13:4-5). The foot-washing ceremony is an ancient practice of the church meant to remind us of our duty to love and serve one another and the world. Jesus taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God comes not by power, authority, or even miracles, but by such lowly service.

After the communion, the altar is stripped of all cloths and ornaments, and the clergy of stoles just as Christ was stripped of his garments. The remaining sacrament is removed from the church and kept in reserve for Good Friday. The Eucharist will not be celebrated again until the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday night. The service has no dismissal; rather, the church continues to watch and pray throughout the Triduum.

Good Friday is the middle of the Triduum. The name "Good" refers to the old understanding of the word as "pious" or "holy." Today is also known as "Holy Friday" or "Great Friday." The Eucharist is not celebrated on this day.

The Passion Narrative from the Gospel of John has been read at Good Friday services for centuries. It is customary for the congregation to take part in reading the Passion narrative, so that all may enter into the solemnity of the account of our Lord's suffering and death. The Solemn Collects are based on an ancient form of intercession used since the third century. The initial invitation begins with a paraphrase of John 3:16-18. It is said that this series of collects forms a comprehensive summary of the whole prayer of the Church for the fulfillment of Christ's redemptive work.

The Great Vigil of Easter is observed on Holy Saturday evening. The service culminates in the first Eucharist of Easter when we proclaim and celebrate Christ's victory over death.

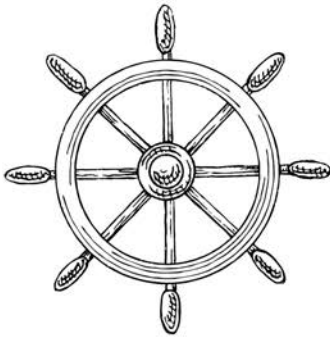
The Vigil begins with the lighting of the New Fire. In the Old Testament, God chose fire as a sign of his presence, including the burning bush at Mount Sinai and the pillar of fire in the desert. The kindling of the new fire is, therefore, a vivid image of Christ among us. The paschal candle is lit, and then each person's candle is lit from this same flame.

The great song *Exsultet* is then proclaimed. We listen to readings reminding us of God's work of redemption. Baptism and renewal of baptismal vows lead to the threefold proclamation: "Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia." The church is filled with light as the *Gloria* is sung and the resurrection story from the Gospel of Matthew is read.

The Vigil comes to its climax with the Holy Eucharist. Through baptism we are made sharers in the saving death and resurrection of Christ. As baptized members of Christ, we celebrate the Eucharist, the holy meal to which Christ invites his people.

—Mark Trautman

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S



Think of our church as a ship.

We need the leadership and guidance of our "captain" and officers, but the ship does not function unless the crew are doing their part. We need your help.

How can I help?

Volunteer for one of our ministries. Attend or volunteer for one of our various events or clean-up dates. Join one of our groups such as the choir, the Episcopal Church Women, the Altar Guild. Volunteer to take on a role with the vestry or one of the church committees. Details are shared in the church newsletter and website, but please call the church office if you'd like to learn more.

In addition to your time, your financial contribution also helps with the operation and maintenance of the church, as well as providing funding to the ministries that are vital to our church and the community. Please consider making a pledge to help us serve.

Why Pledge?

By letting us know your expected contribution, we are better able to set budgets and plan for the following year.

How Do I Pledge?

Please use the method that works best for you.

Fill out a pledge card and either mail to the church or drop it in the collection plate. Or set up an automatic pledge by using this QR code.



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2024

'Come and See'

We have 83 pledges, \$ 176,190 of our \$235,000 goal. It is never too late to pledge and *every* pledge regardless of the amount makes an impact on the future of St. John's. So also does each volunteers' work and prayers.

We invite everyone to spend time praying with God about your response. You can return your pledge card in the Alms Basin or to the Parish Office. In addition, you can complete an online pledge form on our website

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S ***Third Annual Lenten Vespers***



The Parish Choir and the Bound Brook Presbyterian Choir joined on February 25 for the third annual Lenten Vespers service at Bound Brook Presbyterian Church. Benjamin Berman of BBPC and Mark Trautman led the combined choirs in works by Bob Chilcott, Carlos Colón, Philip Stopford, John Goss and more. Fr. Ron officiated and Pastor Linda Owens gave a short homily.

Diocesan Choir Camp This Summer

The Annual Choir Camp of the Diocese of New Jersey will take place this July 14-18 at Church of the Advent and Holiday House of the Girl's Friendly Society in Cape May. St. John's Choristers have been well represented at the camp in the past—this is a great opportunity for youth ages 10-18, and a great way to give choir a try. Choir Camp promotes community building and Christian fellowship for children, as well as having fun making music and getting to know other young singers from around the state. Mark Trautman will serve as music director; faculty also includes Giulia Utz (St. Paul's, Englewood), and Cat Sabine (St. Mary's Burlington). Tuition is \$475 per camper, and scholarships are available. For more information, speak to Mark Trautman or go to the camp website:



<https://njchoircamp.weebly.com>.

Easter Flowers and Music

Flowers and music regularly adorn our worship, especially at Easter, the holiest day of the Christian Year. They remind us visually and aurally that we are here for a celebration of the wonder and glory of God—we're here for a feast!

If you wish to write a check, please mark "Flowers" or "Music" in the memo line. Please let the Parish Office know if you are giving your gift in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones, and clearly print or type each name or intention. The names may be sent to the Parish Office at 158 West High Street,



Somerville, 08876 or emailed to mtrautman@stjohnsomerville.org. Please make sure to deliver your gift and names no later than Monday, March 25.

Easter lilies, the flowering of the cross, and other beautiful plants are cherished traditions at St. John's and remind us of the new life and promise of the resurrection.

Gifts to the *Brent F. Miller Memorial Music Fund* will fund a brass quartet and timpani for Easter Morning.

The flowers and music help the entire community celebrate the joy of the Great Fifty Days of Easter which begins on Easter morning. The feast is foretaste of the Easter promise, where the song of "Alleluia" never ceases. —Mark Trautman

THE WORK OF MINISTRY

Clothes Closet—March 3 and 17

St. John's Clothes Closet is open every first and third Saturday of the month: *Check out our latest offerings!*

- The Clothes Closet offers reasonably priced seasonal men's, women's, and children's clothes, shoes, and accessories (jewelry, ties, scarves, belts, handbags, gloves, and hats).
- Shoppers should bring their own bags.
- Masks are suggested and social distancing is required.
- Cash only.
- The Clothes Closet is located in the lower level of the Parish Hall.
- Enter the Clothes Closet by way of the parking lot. Kindly follow the directions of the Clothes Closet crew upon arrival.



We are always in need of shoes, handbags, and jewelry. For more information, email clothescloset@stjohnsomerville.org, and find us on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StJohnsSomerville.

Laundry Love News

Second and Fourth Thursdays of the month—Somerset Laundry, Division Street in Somerville. We can always use more quarter rolls and/or monetary support for the quarter rolls. Quarter rolls can be left in the alms basin on weekends, along with any cash/check donations—please just indicate Laundry Love donation in the memo line. If you have any questions about the ministry, would like to donate or to get involved in some way, just ask Ed Edwards or Paul Grzella in church, call 908-507-8020, or pgrzella@verizon.net.

Meals to Go

Meals to Go is offered the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, 9-10 am. If you know someone (including yourself) who would enjoy a meal, stop by the St. John's Parish Hall, use the ramp entrance and bring a bag. *Our days this month are March 3 and 17.*

Thank you to Janet Hahn and Linda Willard for shopping and packaging meals. For more information or to be added to the volunteer list, please contact Christine Bean, cbean727@gmail.com. We are grateful for your financial donations to support the ministry during this interim period. Any amount is very much appreciated—a few dollars, combined with that of others, will go a long way to serving our customers. If you wish to donate online, go to Meals-to-Go on the dropdown menu on our website, www.stjohnsomerville.org.

Episcopal Church Women News

Next ECW meeting

The next ECW meeting is Monday, March 4, beginning at 7 pm with a Lenten Eucharist. This will be followed by a business meeting and discussion. For info contact ECW officers (below).

Easter

Chocolates

Pay when you pick up during coffee hours on March 17, 24, or 31. For more information, contact Paula Windus.



Sock Drive

From Ash Wednesday, February 14, to Maundy Thursday, March 28, the ECW will be collecting new socks for all age—men, women, children, toddlers, newborns. The socks will be presented during the offertory of the Holy Thursday Liturgy. Working with Fr. Ron and local/regional social service agencies, the socks will be distributed directly to those in need. Socks can be dropped off in the basket on the stage in the Parish Hall.

Tea Time in April

Tickets are now available at coffee hours for an afternoon tea featuring a Titanic tale on April 20. Well-known regional historical storyteller Alisa Dupuy will relay the tale of a fictional Titanic survivor concerning the events of that fateful night—April 15, 1912—and dispel common misconceptions.

Tea, lemonade, and sweet and savory finger foods will be served. Add to the enjoyment by donning period dresses and hats; prizes will be awarded for the preeminent hats. Also there will be door prizes for lucky patrons.

April 20 in the Parish Hall from 2 pm to 4 pm.

Tickets are \$35 per person. Advance ticket sales only; seats are limited.

Questions? Contact an ECW officer:

Vice-President Jenn Kosensky (908-386-6152, jrkosensky@gmail.com)

Corresponding Secretary Linda Willard (347-276-6491, nolaandboogie@aol.com)

Treasurer Paula Windus (908-526-7150, paulawindus@verizon.net).



Loose Change Sunday: First Sunday of every month

Our next scheduled date is Sunday, March 3. If you would like to participate in this important ministry, please feel free to bring a jar (or a Ziplock sandwich baggie) filled with loose change to church and put it in the designated baskets in the Narthex (front door area of church) or on the little table by the side door that leads to the Parish Hall. Or, simply put whatever loose change you may have into the alms basin. This money will be placed into the Discretionary Fund and used to answer the needs of the many who reach out to St. John's for assistance.

Altar Guild Invitations for you to consider

Sunday Flowers

Do you wish to honor or recognize a loved one? A lovely way is to sponsor the Sunday Altar Flowers. Prominently placed next to the altar for both Sunday services, names are listed in the weekly worship bulletin and Good News, and included in the Prayers of the People. Many Sundays are available—contact Dana Keefer (dzkeefe@yahoo.com) to reserve a Sunday or for more information. Weekly flowers are only \$75. Checks need to have flowers indicated on the memo line.

Altar Guild and the New Year

Looking for a New Year's Resolution that is do-able and rewarding and doesn't take a lot of time? How about considering Altar Guild? Altar Guild is a quiet ministry of the church, but this quiet ministry offers a big contribution.

Consider this:

- Membership in Altar Guild offers flexibility in the time
- Membership in Altar Guild can be done as a couple
- Membership in Altar Guild is an avenue to introduce young people to stewardship at St. John's
- Membership in Altar Guild can be your introduction to church ministry.
- Everyone is welcome to join Altar Guild.

If you are interested, please contact Diane Sireci, *Directress*, (908-256-5467 or dianesireci61@icloud.com) or the Parish Office.



Guest Preachers in Lent

On Sunday, February 25, we welcomed Deacon Trisha Thorne, Director of Episcopal Community Services, Diocese of New Jersey as our guest preacher. She spoke about the work of Episcopal Community Services. St. John's own Neva Rae Fox has been a member of the Advisory Council since the start of ECS.



On Sunday, March 3, Deacon Dot Hospador will be our guest preacher and will address Recovery Ministries. Deacon Hospador, from the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in Lebanon, will preach at both the 8 am and 10:15 am services. At an adult forum following both services, Deacon Hospador will be joined by Mike Forbes from the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to speak about drug abuse and awareness. She was ordained a deacon by Bishop Chip Stokes in 2015. On July 11, 1987, Deacon Hospador entered the Alcoholics Anonymous program. Now with more than 30 years of sobriety, she attends AA meetings and has had the same sponsor for all her time in the program. She also works with victims of domestic violence and as a hospice volunteer. *Find out more about Episcopal Recovery Services at <https://www.episcopalrecovery.org>.*



St. Paul's Baptist Celebrates 97 Years!

Father Ron attended and shared words of congratulations to Bishop Reggie Hall and our brothers and sisters at St. Paul Baptist Church at 85 Hamilton Street in Somerville on Sunday, February 25 during their 97th anniversary celebration. To God be the glory!



Recent Baptisms—

Congratulations Metrokotskas and Golder Families



WE CELEBRATE, WE REMEMBER: MARCH 2024

BIRTHDAYS

1. James Edwards, Jay Billy
3. Madeleine Brodsky
4. James Polito
5. Anthony Mandraccia
6. Maitland Halsted
8. Kevin McNamara
9. Susan LaMastro, Matthew Mullen, Sean Spolarich, Reed Bekir
11. George Mullen, Karen Wickham, Alexander Nawrath, Kevin Kelly
12. Ann Spolarich
13. Toni Marchick, Tim Walsh
14. Nicholas Loften, Christine Lo Mauro, Daniel Conceicao
15. Caroline Marie Halsted
16. Katherine Silkin, John Kean IV
19. Kenneth Bowden, Alexander Brock, Porfirio Gaitan, Brandon Tardiff, Aaron Szumigala, Jessica Matyas, Madison Chudy, Chris Wawrzyniak, Randy Rokisky
20. Mori Marshall
21. Michael Polito, Matt Fleming
22. Mia Conners, Katelynn Neff
23. Gary Boyer, Courtney Stone
24. Alicia Gilmartin, Mark Trautman

27. Gregory Sorace
28. Stephanie Daugherty, Vivian Ellis, William Hoffman, Marc Brodsky, Ethan Gilroy, Kelly Hamer
29. Matthew Spolarich, Ava Maria Tiano-Hernandez, Luke Robinson
30. Noah Harris
31. Paul Foreman, Peggy Scott

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1. Michael & Joanne Polito
6. Ken & Tracey Miller
21. Bryan & Jennifer Paladini

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

3. J. Clyde Conger, Jane Flinn
4. The Rev. Hollis S. Smith
5. Dominick A. Perrone
6. Jane Flinn, Deborah Kurzawa
7. Jennie B. Masker
13. Clara Follo
16. Nellie Peters
18. Jarvis H. Histed, Jr.
20. Ethel Snyder,
21. Dr. Ronald J. Pollock
22. Jean Ostrowski
25. Elizabeth Redwood, Marianne Jalali
26. Gloria Scheffler, Charles Reynolds
27. Nickolas Sammartano

March 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <i>Fr. Ron's Day off</i>	2 9 am, Meals to Go 9 am, Clothes Closet 9:30, EC 101 class 11 am, First Holy Communion class
3 <i>LENT 3</i> 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist <i>Loose Change Sunday</i>	4 12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 7 pm, ECW 8 pm, AA Meeting	5 7 pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	6	7 10 am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 7:15 pm, Parish Choir Rehearsal	8 <i>Fr. Ron's Day off</i>	9 Diocesan Convention in Trenton
10 <i>LENT 4 Refreshment Sunday</i> 8 am, Eucharist 10 am, Church School 10:15, Eucharist	11 12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 8 pm, AA Meeting	12 7 pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	13 7 pm, Vestry	14 10 am Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 5 pm, Laundry Love 7:15 pm, Parish Choir Rehearsal	15 <i>Fr. Ron's Day off</i>	16 9 am, Meals to Go 9 am Clothes Closet
17 <i>LENT 5</i> 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist	18 12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 8 pm, AA Meeting	19 7 pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	20	21 10 am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 7:15 pm, Parish Choir Rehearsal	23 <i>Fr. Ron's Day off</i>	23
24 <i>PALM SUNDAY</i> 8 & 10:15, Palms, Eucharist 31 <i>EASTER DAY</i>	25 <i>Monday in Holy Week</i> 12:30-1:30 All Recovery Mtg 7 pm, Eucharist 8 pm, AA Meeting	26 <i>Tuesday in Holy Week</i> 7 pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	27 <i>Wednesday in Holy Week</i> 7 pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	28 <i>MAUNDY THURSDAY</i> 10 am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 7 pm, Eucharist	29 <i>GOOD FRIDAY</i> 7 am, Liturgy 7 pm, Seven Last Words	30 <i>EASTER VIGIL</i> 7 pm, Great Vigil of Easter

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Fr. Ron

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Meals to Go

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Red Door Ministries

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Loose-Change for Discretionary Fund: position open

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