

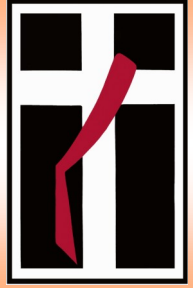
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Easter



Easter Morning Worship

6:30am The Great Easter Vigil

9:00am Holy Eucharist

11:00am Holy Eucharist

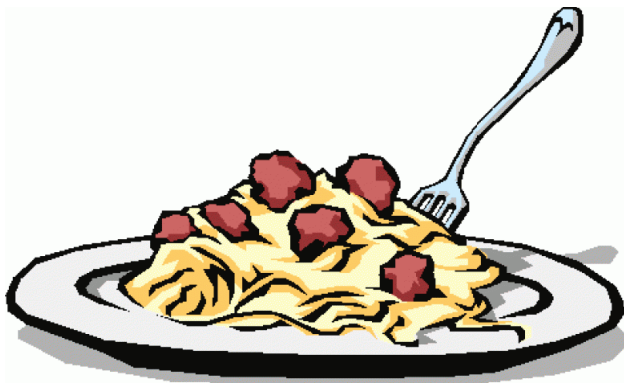


Easter Morning Fun

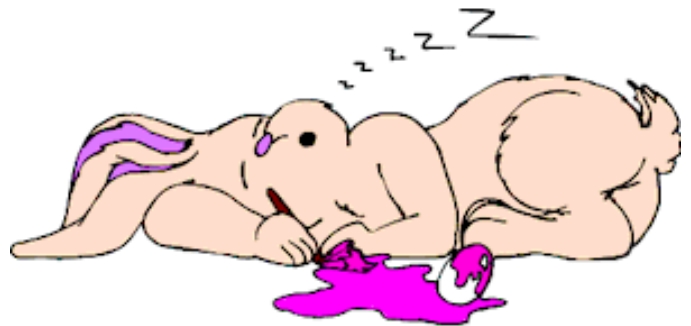
Brunch after the
6:30 and 9:00 services

Egg Hunt at 10:15

Easter Bonnet Contest at 10:30



It is with great sadness that I am reporting that there will be **NO Spaghetti Dinner this month**. The Spaghetti Dinners will resume in May, on the first Tuesday of the month. The cooks and support staff are worn out from all the Easter activities so save your pasta appetite for May.



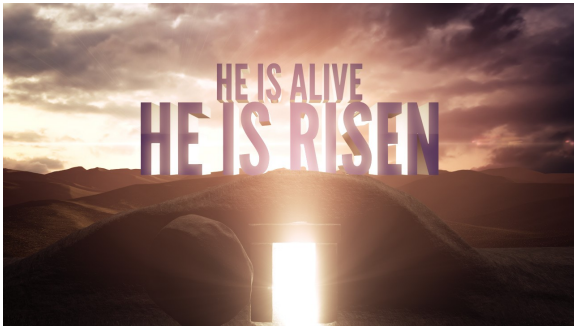
Fr. David and the office staff will be taking our usual "Post Easter" break this week. The office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday. We will be checking our email and messages. If there is an emergency please call Priscilla at 670-9170. If you find you have any leftover Easter candy (I really like orange slices) please feel free to bring it to the office on Wednesday.

*St. Stephen's ...
To Love and Serve
God and Neighbor*



OUR VESTRY

2018- Karen Spiller, Walter Thomas, Buster Brown
2019- Richard Eijo, Karen Beasley, Marcia Heath
2020- Mike Whitt, Bill Baggett, Ben Cochran
Treasurer: Bruce Goers
Book keeper: Cathy Zielinski



Why are there no Old Testament in the Easter Season?

The Old Testament has (almost) never been read at the Eucharist during the Easter season. St. Augustine of Hippo in the fourth century started this based on earlier practices by Cyril of Jerusalem. Instead, the Hebrew Scriptures are replaced by the Acts of the Apostles.

The logic is based on the practice of looking forward from the Resurrection and balances the Easter Vigil's looking back on our salvation history. (At the Easter Vigil, we draw out the history of our salvation in one night from creation, through Abraham, through Moses, etc.)

On weekdays in the Easter season, in fact, the Acts of the Apostles are read in pretty much a continuous way, with the whole book completed by the end of the season. The Second Readings on Sundays come from I Peter, I John, and the unusual Book of Revelation, during Years A, B, and C, respectively. The Gospel readings are almost exclusively from John. All of this is to center us on the celebration of the Resurrection and to keep us looking forward from that event into today's time.

Aren't you glad you asked???

**The Annual Spring Fling
Craft and Vendor Sale is
Next Saturday, April 7th from
9am until 2pm.**

This year's event will be sponsored and hosted by the St. Stephen's Youth Group and Choir.

★ We will have over twenty five different crafts and business represented. Some of the crafters are: Ray Spiller's Intarsic Symbiosa, Carol's Yummy Canned Goods, Honey, Vintage Jewelry, Usborne Books, Wooden Swings, Outdoor Garden decor, Doterra Oils, and many handmade crafts.

★ There will be a 50/50 drawing as well as a raffle of items donated by each vendor.

★ Hot dogs, Hamburgers, hot off the grill Chips and Drinks will offered for sale on the Patio.

Come out on Saturday, enjoy a beautiful day, support our Youth and Choir, meet some interesting people and have a hot dog! (Grilled hamburgers and Hot Dogs are the best!)



*"Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me even so I send you."*



**Save The Date
Saturday,
April 28, 2018**

The 2018 Flip Flop Ball will feature dancing, food, live music and a live auction.

Hosted by -
Wesley & Ashley Barnett
3830 Gaines Court.,
Winter Haven
Tickets are:
\$75/person,
\$125/couple
Please see Richard Eijo for tickets or more information.

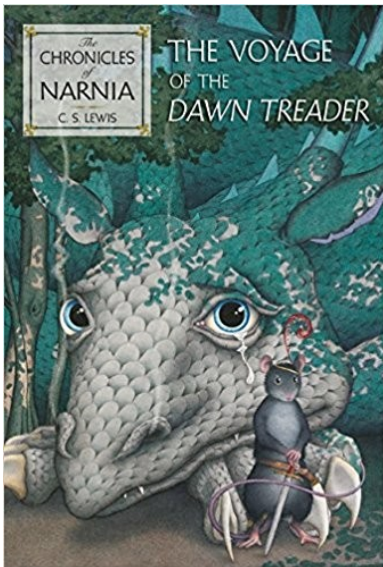


Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

**March 25, 2018
Attendance: 150
Income: \$3022.00
Bucks for our Buildings: \$21.80**

**Quiet Service
Attendance: 14**

Wednesday Noon Book Study



The Wednesday Noon Service and Book study will resume on **April 12th**. Fr. David will be teaching on the third book of the Narnia Series "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader". If you need a Book they will be available in the office for \$8.00. If you have not read the other books it is not too late to join this book study. Many of the earlier classes are available on the church web site.



Beach Weekend??

This year instead of going to Cocoa Beach for the first week end in May we are going to have a Beach Day on the West Coast of Florida. We are still working out the details but please set aside May 5th to spend the day at the beach with your Church family. As we get more information we will get it out to you.

UPCOMING

Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



- April 1st: Easter Day Services @6:30,9:00 and 11:00**
- April 7th: Spring Fling**
- April 10th: Talbot House**
- April 12th Book Studies resume**
- April 17th: Vestry Meeting@6:00**
- April 19th: Lunch Bunch @11:30am**
- April 22nd: Lemonade on the Lawn**



**The Easter Flowers and Plants have been given
In loving Memory, In Thanksgiving and
In Honor of loved ones by the members
of St. Stephen's**

April Birthdays

- 9 Ryker Dillon
- 12 Benny Binnion
- 13 Mavis Walker
- 18 Gail Wortman
- 17 Maria Peoples
- 22 Roger Statzer
- 23 Juliana Walker
- 24 Nathan Irwin
- 25 Jenna Walker
- 28 Barbara Yeaple
Sam Rosenberger
- 29 Bill Thompson



April Anniversaries

- 4 Jim & Karen Beasley
- 6 Ernest & Melissa Palmer
- 22 Marco & Brigitte Garcia

St. Stephen's Prayer List

(Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs: **Pat Martin**, Multiple Health Issues. Scott Johnson, (**Judy Horne's** brother, Myelofibrosis) **Jim Watkins, Sally Templeton**, (heart),**Rick Rahn** (prostate cancer)**Liz Barham**, Major surgery **Janell Repsher**, lung problems, **Scott Barham** Heart Surgery Recovery, Jimmy Turner (**Janet Casini's brother**), Loriane Turner (knee injury) Jaime Morris (**Robi Lebecki's daughter**) **Robi Lebecki**, Lars & Jade Andersson (**Brigitte Garcia's niece and nephew**), **Bill Warneke** vision , **Tony Barfield, Trudi Lithgow** back problem, **Roy Reynolds** heart problems, **Pat Dupont** back problems, **Ken Horne**, A-Fib, **Michele Giberson** Autoimmune disorder, Bethany and Stetson Glass, prayers for successful adoption (**Bob and Marge Stockwell's grand daughter**) Carol Kahlenberg mental illness (**Evie McCormick's friend**), **Susan Cardman** MS, **Sandy Gibson**, Salena and her family (**Janet Casini's family**) Kevin Jackimowicz back and hip (**Kim's husband**). Isabel Clayton RA (**Evie McCormick's friend**), **Gene Dumaresq** bladder cancer, **daughter-in-Yvonne Kimble**, breast cancer (**Betty Pratt's Niece**), Mary K breast cancer, **Lindsay Zielinski** autoimmune disorder, JC and Heather Presley, multiple health issues, 1st Lt Tyler Owens (a Platoon Leader deployed to Syria) and his Platoon, Kelly Burk, recovery from auto accident, **Mavis Walker**, multiple health issues, Dailia Walker, multiple health issues, Humphrey Walker, Stroke, Melissa Conti, Eye, Ron Cain, Sea Scout, cancer

Pregnant: **Savannah and Robert**, Kevin and Matilda, John and Tiffany, Kyle and Rachel Blackwell. Obdulia Wences

Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: **Dawn Flynn , Tom Haney, Nancy Bailey, Jim & Jo Willey, Carmen Kight, Susan Cardman**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER 6:30am Holy Eucharist Brunch 9:00am Holy Eucharist Brunch Easter Egg Hunt Easter Bonnet Contest 11:00am Holy Eucharist	2 No Staff Meeting	3 No Spaghetti Dinner	4 No Noon Service Or Book Study's	5	6	7 Spring Fling Craft Fair 9am-2pm
8 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Sunday School 11:00am Children's Church 11:00am Holy Eucharist 6:30pm Youth Group	9 Staff Meeting	10 Talbot House	11 Noon Service Book Study 7:00pm Book Study	12 7:00pm Choir Practice	13	14 1:00pm Funeral Service for Grace Ledwith