

# **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**March 17, 2019**

## **Birthdays and Anniversary**

*The Rev. John Satula, Lori Coppen, Pat McBride, Carmella Mastrangelo*

## **First Communion Classes**

First Communion will be celebrated on Easter Sunday, April 21.

During Lent, Fr. John will lead First Communion Classes. These classes are intended both to converse with our children about what Communion is as well as to introduce our children to the different aspects and components of Communion. Children who have already begun to receive Communion are more than welcome to attend these classes. There will be 3 to 4 half-hour classes. Class dates and times TBD. Let us know if you are interested.

## **Lenten Lunch Series**

**Sunday, March 24, March 31 and April 7**

Our Sunday Lenten Soup Luncheons and Forums this year will have two focuses. The first forums will focus on Outreach opportunities and initiatives that St. James' is hoping to participate in in the coming weeks and months. The final forum will focus on Holy Week and the different commemorations and traditions we observe during the services throughout the week. This year, Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, April 14. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall to bring soup, bread or rolls if you are able.

## **The Presiding Bishop is Coming!**

Mark your calendars. On Friday April 26-Sunday April 28th our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael Curry will make his first visitation to our Diocese. More information can be found on the flyer on the next page. We are hoping a contingent of the parish will make a trip into Boston for the "Way of Love Rally" beginning at 5pm at Boston Common on Saturday April 27th. If you are interested in going please use the sign up sheet in the parish hall.

Also an event not on the flyer: On Friday April 26 the Episcopal Diocese of MA faith and grassroots leaders from Lawrence, MA and Episcopal City Mission will host a conversation in the afternoon about immigration justice with the Presiding Bishop. Please contact [Carly@episcopalcitymission.org](mailto:Carly@episcopalcitymission.org) if you would like to attend. Site and time TBD.

**Cherub Church:** Join the fun! *Cherub Church* will be held on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:30pm in the Parish Hall, weather permitting. This is a playful worship time for infants-preschoolers and their caregivers; simple and fun prayers, games and togetherness! Come join anytime your schedule allows. Led by Linda Davis Siess, Christian Education Coordinator.

**Our Neighbors' Table:** During the winter months, if able, please bring in a can or two of soup to be donated to Our Neighbors' Table. Personal items are always welcome.

## **Easter Flowers**

If you would like to donate towards Easter Flowers "in Memory of or Thanksgiving for", the Easter Flower Donation form is in the back of the church. Submit completed form with your donation by Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) to the office or place in the Offertory in an envelope.

# Holy Week and Easter

## **The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday – April 14**

9:00am: Procession of the Palms from the Millyard  
An Amesbury Council of Churches Event

10:00am: Blessing of the Palms, reading of the Passion Narrative and  
Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. James

## **Monday in Holy Week – April 15**

7:00pm: Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist Rite II

## **Tuesday in Holy Week – April 16**

7:00pm: Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist Rite II

## **Wednesday in Holy Week – April 17**

7:00pm: Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist Rite II

## **Maundy Thursday – April 18**

5:00 pm Egg Dyeing, dinner and fellowship

7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Foot Washing Ceremony  
Stripping of the Altar and Procession to the Altar of Repose

9:00pm - 9:00am: Night Watch Vigil in the Chapel

*If you would like to partake in Night Watch, please sign up on the list in the  
Parish Hall or contact the office and let us know the time you would like.*

*You may contact us at [stjames.office@verizon.net](mailto:stjames.office@verizon.net) or 978-388-0030.*

## **Good Friday – April 19**

12:00pm to 3:00pm: The Sanctuary will be open for silent prayer.

12:05pm: Stations of the Cross

7:00pm: Good Friday Liturgy and Communion of the Pre-Sanctified

**Easter Eve and Easter Day Services →**

# Easter

*Easter Eve – April 20<sup>th</sup>, at All Saints, West Newbury*

7:00pm – The Great Vigil of Easter  
Lighting of the New Fire, Blessing of the Paschal Candle,  
Recalling Salvation History, Holy Baptism and  
The First Eucharist of Easter

*The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day – April 21<sup>st</sup>*

6:00am Sunrise Service at Alliance Park, Amesbury.  
This is an Amesbury Council of Churches Event.  
Light Breakfast following service at the Union Congregational Church

10:00am: Festal Procession and Holy Eucharist Rite II  
as we celebrate the Sunday of the Resurrection  
at St. James Episcopal Church Amesbury

