

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)



St. Matthias'
Episcopal Church
Fellowship, Community and
Faith

April 2022

What's Happening

Fr. Dexter Lesieur

We have an action-packed April planned.

Holy Week begins with:

Palm Sunday, April 10th, 10:30am, Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and Jesus' Passion on the cross. Palm branches will be distributed and waved during the procession. The liturgy of the palms will start outside the church then we'll process into the church. For the Passion gospel, some folks in the congregation will have specific roles to read with the congregation taking the part of the crowd.

Tenebrae, Wednesday, April 13th, 5:00 pm. The service is centered around psalms, readings from Laminations, and

responsories. There are fifteen lighted candles. One candle is extinguished as each of the fourteen appointed psalms is completed. The fifteenth candle, symbolic of Christ, is left lighted at the end of the final psalm. But it is carried away to be hidden, which signifies the apparent victory of the forces of evil. A sudden loud noise is made at the end of the service, symbolizing the earthquake at Christ's death. The lighted candle is then restored to its place, suggesting Christ's eventual triumph.

Maundy Thursday, Thursday, April 14th, 5:00 pm Friday

It comes from the Latin man datum novum, "new

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commandment," from John 13:34. The ceremony of washing feet was also referred to as "the Maundy." Maundy Thursday celebrations also commemorate the institution of the eucharist by Jesus "on the night he was betrayed. Following this, the altar is stripped and all decorative

furnishings are removed from the church.

Easter Sunday, April 17th, 10:30 am, Holy week culminates with the feast of Christ's resurrection. We will joyfully acclaim throughout the Easter Season, The Lord is risen, the Lord is risen indeed in celebration of the mystery and miracle of Easter. We will have an egg hunt for the children after the service.

Bible Study

We finished studying the book of Isiah and begin our next bible study with the Book of Genesis on Wednesday, April 20th. Everyone enjoyed our study of Isiah and can't wait to see what will be revealed in Genesis. Everyone is invited to join us either in person or online anytime through Zoom.

Meeting ID: 815 4446 4619 Passcode: 088957

If you would prefer a direct link, just email stmattias.devine@gmail.com and we will send you one.



ASHES TO GO

We were excited to have first community Ashes to Go in our church parking lot on Ash Wednesday.



POSM – Godly Play – Sunday School

We are excited when we have children on Sundays! We are doing our best to get back to normal Sunday worship for the children. We continue to send home POSM bags once a month.



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GIVING LINKS

We've added a new online giving link on our St. Matthias Web Site and Facebook pages. Your support is greatly appreciated.

<https://www.fellowshiponegiving.com/App/Form/d9b59938-5252-4e7f-8828-75939fd5be8c>

Amazon Smile update:

Here is a direct link for you: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-2727034>

Use this link and then just shop as you normally would, renew your smile organization every 6 months. What an easy way to support St. Matthias!

AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. All you need to do is start your shopping at smile.amazon.com. The donation will be made at no extra cost to you and you can choose from nearly one million public charitable organizations.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 April Fool's Day	2
3 HE 10:30 am Cassandra Eads (BD)	4	5	6 MP 9:00 am Bible Study 5 pm	7	8 Lance & Jenni Hagdorn (A)	9
10 HE 10:30 am Palm Sunday Nick & April Lesieur (A)	11	12	13 MP 9:00 am Tenebrae 5 pm Sandra Pace (BD)	14 Maundy Thurs. service with foot washing 5 pm	15 Good Friday Service 5 pm Tom & Joyce Gill (A)	16
17 HE 10:30 am Easter Service Noisy Offering Egg hunt	18	19	20 MP 9:00 am Bible Study 5 pm	21	22 Robert Pace (BD)	23 Michael & Kristin Dalton (A)
24 HE 10:30 am	25	26	27 MP 9:00 am Bible Study 5 pm OT & Kenneth Puente (A)	28	29	30

Legend: Legend: HE = Eucharist, MP = Morning Prayer, BD = Birthday, A=Anniversary