



Upcoming
Services:

Palm Sunday
9:30 AM
Holy Eucharist
Rite II
Fr. Peter Mackey,
officiating
Begin in the Parish
Hall with the palms

Maundy Thursday
7:00 PM
Todd Johnson,
Officiating

Good Friday
12:00 Noon
Joyce Holden,
Officiating

Easter Sunday
9:30 AM
Holy Eucharist
Rite II & Baptism
The Very Rev.
Reid Hamilton,
officiating



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The Lenten Season: A Time of Reflection

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, we entered the season of Lent.

The word Lent stems from the Latin “quadragesima,” or fortieth day. This refers to the forty days of fasting prior to Easter.

During the Middle Ages, as sermons were presented in common language rather than

Latin, the English word Lent was adopted. It is derivative of the Germanic word for “long,” when the days grew longer as Spring approached.

What does that mean for us? We sing about these 40 days. Let us prepare our hearts and our minds. That may mean doing so in the traditional manner—by fasting, prayer, and

penance. It may mean giving up a vice, or making a contribution to local charity, or volunteering there.

However you prepare, we hope you spend time this year reflecting on your relationship to God, your neighbor, and your community.

Dona Nobis Pacem!

We celebrate so many things!

As we head down the road to Jerusalem, preparing to wave our palms and welcome Jesus to the city and Passover celebration, hopefully we are mindful of where we’ve been.

On Palm Sunday, we gather in the Parish Hall to collect our palms, waving them as we process to the Sanctuary. This is the precursor to Holy Week.

Holy Week Services—Maundy Thursday and Good Friday—will be led by our two Worship Leaders. We hope you will stay after the Maundy Thursday service to help strip the altars.

Our growing church community prepares to celebrate baptism, welcoming Richard Coumoundouros into the community of faith.

It has been years since we

had a baptism; this is such an exciting time for Christ Church Adrian! The Coumoundouros family will be hosting a brunch to follow the Easter Egg hunt after services.

There are more exciting things to come, including a new campaign: “You CAN do that here!”

We welcome Spring, Easter, rebirth, regrowth, and celebrations!



Courtyard news.....

With the advent of spring, we will finally be able to get outdoors once again! There are plans to improve the welcome factor of our courtyard and surrounding features.

A committee will be formed to work toward design plans for both the memorial gardens and other landscaping areas.

Much of this is the result

of conversations regarding the “welcome factor” of our church property. If you have ideas or wish to serve on the memorial garden committee, please see Todd Johnson.

The Vestry has really been hard at work to formulate plans to regrow, renew, and invigorate the parish of Christ Church, Adrian. Give thanks to

them, support them in all their endeavors, and plan to show up and participate in planting! It’s all part of our “You CAN do that here!” campaign.

Vestry will be announcing next month the date for a Spring Work Bee, when some of this activity will take place. Those who participate will be fed in many ways by this service to the church.

“Those have a short Lent, who owe money to be paid at Easter.”
- Benjamin Franklin



Easter lilies and other symbols of the season

Easter lilies:

The traditional and beautiful flower is considered the symbol of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Its large, pure-white blooms are symbolic of the pure new life after the Resurrection.

Easter eggs:

They have been acknowledged as a

symbol of continuing life and fertility. Decorating eggs dates back to at least the 13th century. The first U.S. White House Easter Egg roll took place in 1878.

Jelly beans:

This egg-shaped candy became associated with Easter in the 1930s. Over 16 billion of these

treats are made each year.

Hot Cross Buns:

In ancient times, the two equinoxes were known as cross-quarter days. Loaves were marked by cross sign. Today, the cross sign is a reminder of the Cross of Christ and His Resurrection.

Thoughts on Easter

“Easter says you can put truth in the grave, but it won’t stay there.” – Clarence W. Hall

“The tomb of Christ is famous because of

what it doesn’t contain.” – Sam Morris

“We live and die; Christ died and lived!”
– John Stott

“No pain, no palms; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown.” – William Penn

What are your thoughts?

Children's Worship Center!

Stacie Dubin, a teacher with the Sand Creek School district, is our new Children's Worship Center Director. She, her husband Doug, and children Daniel, Devin, and Delayna, come to us from Trinity Episcopal in Belleville.

Having been raised in the Episcopal Church, Stacie is excited about passing this interest and excitement to her children. We now have a total of 6 children in Worship Center.

Here is what Stacie has to say about what she's

been doing:

"... biblical stories in the form of children's play using props. It is hoped with this kind of worship, children can handle and hopefully learn the stories in the way that children learn, by manipulating and re-creating.

So, we do the story and then the kids can do a craft or have time to absorb what they learned through play.

We have also been listening to different hymns and children's

worship music.

We are walking with Jesus to Jerusalem, and what it means to be in Lent. The kids are learning about why there were so many crowds when he went into villages, and why he was going to Jerusalem. (I told them that God gave him the instructions, to keep it simple.)

We also discussed the difficulty in walking in the desert (dirty feet in sandals!), how we were able to get our food, and all the people there to

talk to Jesus and get his healing and message from God."

Plans are also in the works for a program on loan from the Diocese. Eric Travis, Missioner for Youth and Young Adults, has been working with Stacie to procure materials.

Keep checking future newsletters for more about this exciting program!

See Stacie Dubin for more information.

Ministry Fair, Cathedral of St Paul, 05/04/13

The Diocesan Annual Ministry Fair will be held this coming May at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Detroit.

This is a day filled with informational workshops that appeal to everyone in the Diocesan household. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather new ideas, skills, and knowledge in a variety of ministry

areas that affect our common life. Canonically required budget conversations will also be a part of the Ministry Fair schedule.

Workshops are one hour and 15 minutes in length, and booklets for registration will be published and distributed to the parish soon.

Registration is \$15, and box lunches are \$8. You may also bring your own.

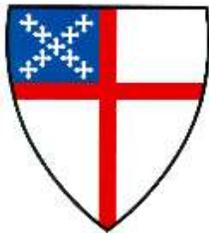
Diocesan Altar Guild will be holding their annual Spring meeting during the lunch period, so please plan to attend!

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Who are we?

Following the American Revolution, [Church of England](#) congregations in the former colonies reorganized themselves as an independent church—independent from the King of England as the head of its church. The new church took the name Episcopal to emphasize the historic ministry of bishops, priests, and deacons. Being a product of its time in history, many of the creators of the new church were also the founders of America's new government. Two-thirds of the men who

signed the Declaration of Independence were Episcopalians, and the services for the Inauguration of George Washington were performed by the first Bishop of New York and rector of Trinity Church, Samuel Provoost. Today, members of our church are known both as "Episcopalians" and "Anglicans." [The Episcopal Church](#) (TEC) is one of 38 autonomous national churches that are part of the Anglican Communion. With 70 million members in 64,000 congregations in 164 countries, the [Anglican Communion](#) is the third-largest body of

Christians in the world, after the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox communions. Episcopalians are the people who are members of the Episcopal Church. "Episcopalian" is the noun; "Episcopal" is the adjective. The word "Episcopal" comes from the Greek word "Episcopos," which means an "overseer" in the New Testament and which refers to "that which pertains to a bishop." Bishops are key leaders in the Episcopal Church, but God did not call them to do his mission work alone.

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