

The Almond Tree: *In Brief*

NEWS CIRCULAR OF IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL



April 1, 2022

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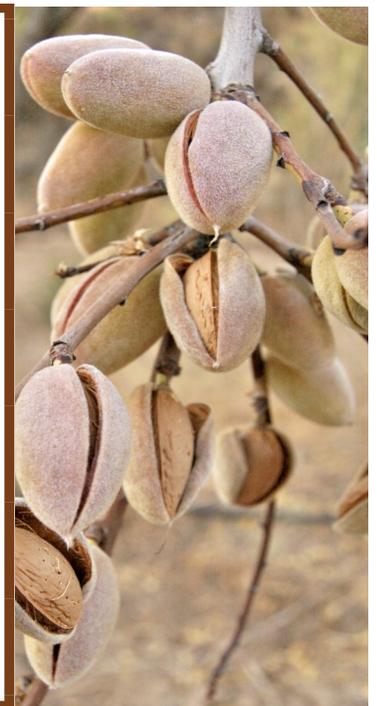
Harrison Clark (seated) chats with Father Sam (standing right) at the CYF Mardi Gras Bonfire and Board Games behind Zabriskie Chapel on March 1st.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, April 24th, the Second Sunday of Easter

Festive blessing of the new solar panels coinciding with the Bishop's Visitation, Confirmations and Baptisms

More details to follow in our weekly parish email "This Week at Immanuel."

If you, your children, and/or a family member are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please contact Father Randy at ralexander@icoh.net by Maundy Thursday, April 14th.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT IMMANUEL 2022

PALM SUNDAY, April 10

April 10	8:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Joy Mass	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:15 a.m.	Bagpiper-led Procession with Palms to Immanuel	VTS Post Office to Immanuel Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir	Immanuel Chapel

April 11	12 Noon	An Order of Service for Noonday with Homily	online via YouTube
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April 12	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Prayer	Zabriskie Chapel
	12 Noon	An Order of Service for Noonday with Homily	online via YouTube

April 13	12 Noon	An Order of Service for Noonday with Homily	online via YouTube
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MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 14

	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir and Instrumentalists, and Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar	Immanuel Chapel
	8:00 p.m.	Overnight Prayer Vigil at the Altar of Repose	The Oratory at Immanuel Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY, April 15

	12 Noon	Stations of the Cross	Immanuel Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday	Immanuel Chapel

HOLY SATURDAY, April 16

	7:30 p.m.	The Great Vigil of Easter, with Choir	Immanuel Chapel
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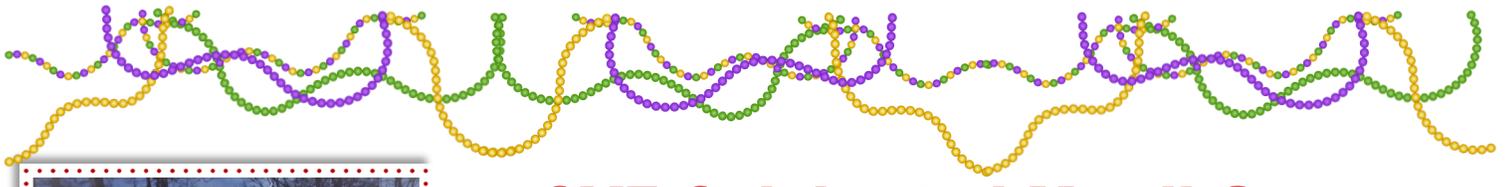
EASTER SUNDAY, April 17

	7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Joy Mass	Zabriskie Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass, Choir and Timpani	Immanuel Chapel
	11:15 a.m.	Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass, Choir and Timpani	Immanuel Chapel

Calling All Immanuelites: [Help Us to KEEP WATCH, AND PRAY](#)

We ask that all of you who can, consider praying in The Oratory Chapel during Maundy Thursday's overnight vigil: multiple time slots are available from 8:00 p.m. on April 14 - 11:45 a.m. on Good Friday, April 15th.

To sign-up for a time slot or two to pray during our [Overnight Vigil for the Altar of Repose](#) in The Oratory in Immanuel Chapel, simply click on the hyperlinked text in blue above or look for the link in this week's eBlast email. Thank you.



CYF Celebrated Mardi Gras with a Bonfire and Board Games at Zabriskie

Children, Youth, and Families — including plenty of canine family members — celebrated Mardi Gras with a family-friendly bonfire in the Zabriskie Memorial Garden, followed by snacks and board games.

Everyone had a great time; ready to enter into the season of Lent.

Hill Happenings

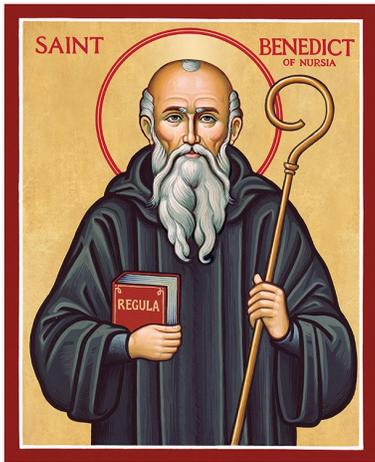
PRIVATE CONFESSION: *Receive Counsel, Direction, and Comfort This Lent*

Anglicans approach private confession in a classic middle way framed by the old adage, “All may; none must, some should.” Lent is a particularly appropriate time to consider private confession as part of one’s Lenten discipline and examination of life. If you would like to schedule an appointment for Confession, please contact any of the clergy.

You can read over the rite for private confession in [The Book of Common Prayer](#), beginning on page 447.

If clicking on the hyperlinked text above, look under “Pastoral Offices”, then select “Reconciliation of a Penitent.”

SOLAR PROJECT INSTALLATION: Immanuel is finally going solar! Sustainable Energy Systems began the installation of solar arrays on the roof of the Zabriskie Campus on Monday, March 28th. The installation will take 2-3 weeks with final inspections completed on/about April 20th — barring any weather related delays. The final project milestone will occur perhaps as early as mid-May when Dominion Power replaces our electrical meter and the system begins generating electricity. Our analysis shows the arrays will generate approximately 60-65% of our electrical needs on an annual basis.



Benedictine Community *NEW BOOK* This Tuesday, April 5th @7:00 p.m. via Zoom

If you want more contemplation during Lent and beyond, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel.

We currently meet virtually twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 7 pm-8 pm. The Community reflects on the tenets of St. Benedict such as humility, silence, and prayer. Individual reflection is guided by short readings from a Benedictine-inspired book. We are starting a new book on April 5: *Benedictine Promises for Everyday People: Staying Put, Listening Well, Being Changed by God* by Rachel Srubas. Our focus is primarily on reflections sparked by having read a few pages from the book.

We are not a book study group, rather a Benedictine Community, gathering as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from selected reading material. We are using Zoom for our meetings, but if you are not comfortable with the video aspects of Zoom, you can simply call on the telephone and be connected to the Community by voice-only via Zoom.

If this opportunity appeals to you and for more information, please contact Dana Hengst, Barbara Fornoff, or David Atwood.

Join us for the Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist Rite II April 6th at 6:30p.m, Zabriskie Chapel

BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY Saturday, April 16th, Online via Zoom

Immanuel holds its monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on the third Saturday of each month. Join us online via Zoom (link and info available [on our webpage](#) and via our weekly eBlast) on Saturday, April 16 beginning at 8 a.m. — we promise to be done by 9!

We continue our theme of *Gratitude*; this month we will read **1 Peter 1:22-2:1**, using the African Model of Reflection.

For more information, please contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

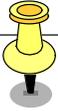


Social Justice Movie Night: **Wednesday April 20th, 7:00 p.m.**, Location TBD

The Social Justice Bible Study that has been meeting on Wednesday nights has just wrapped up *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stephenson. In a few weeks we're going to have a showing of the movie based on this ground breaking book and everyone is invited whether you've been part of our conversations or not! We'll know as it's closer where exactly we'll be, but it'll at Immanuel or on the VTS campus (no field trips this time).



Just Mercy explores the work of young defense attorney Bryan Stevenson who represents poor people on death row in the South with his foundation, the Equal Justice Initiative. The movie version most prominently features his work with Walter McMillian, a one-time death row inmate who had been wrongfully convicted of the murder of a young woman.



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY BULLETIN

LUNCHEONS

Our monthly luncheon at Goodwin House Alexandria is the third Wednesday of each month. The Rev. Canon Rosemari Sullivan, a Priest Associate and member of Immanuel, will join us for lunch on April 20th. Canon Rosemari is chairing the search committee for the next Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia. Please join us to enjoy lunch, socialize with other Immanuel folks, and then hear about the search process. All Immanuel seniors are invited and welcome to attend. For those who do not live at Goodwin House, the luncheon costs \$17. Reservations should be made with the Rev. Susan Parsons at sparsons@icoh.net.

Our monthly luncheon at Zabriskie Parish Hall is the fourth Tuesday of each month. On April 26, we will be having a **tea tasting**. Similar to wine tasting, this involves using the eyes, nose, and palate to savor several varieties and then sharing our individual responses and favorites. Instead of being a brown bag lunch, suitable tea sandwiches and other accompaniments will be provided by Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship. All Immanuel seniors are invited and welcome to attend. There is no cost for this luncheon. Reservations should be made with Karen Besser by calling or emailing karen.besser@gmail.com.

TOUR WOODLAWN MANSION AND POPE-LEIGHEY HOUSE

Senior Ministry and Fellowship will be going to tour Woodlawn Mansion and Pope-Leighey House on Thursday, April 21. Woodlawn, originally part of Mt. Vernon, was the home of George Washington's nephew and his wife. It was operated by the Lewises as a plantation with over 90 enslaved people. It was later sold to Quaker timber merchants who maintained it as an agricultural cooperative of Free Black and Quaker landowners. It has been in the National Trust for Historic Preservation since 1949. Pope-Leighey House was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Commissioned in 1939, it was donated to the National Trust in the mid-1960s when it was moved to make way for expansion of I-66.

There will be a van leaving the Zabriskie parking lot at 12:30pm. Each house takes one hour to tour, with a maximum of 10 people per tour. Our tours start at 1:00pm and after an hour we will switch over to the other house. We will plan to arrive back at Zabriskie no later than 4:00pm.

There are 20 tickets available for this event, so please RSVP as early as possible. Tickets are \$20 each, and there is a \$10 copay to ride in the van. For questions and/or to RSVP, contact Karen Besser at karen.besser@gmail.com.



GOOD FRIDAY/EASTER APPEAL FOR THE DIOCESE OF JERUSALEM

This Lenten season, please consider continuing the now 100-year Lenten tradition of the American Episcopal Church's support to Anglican and Episcopal churches in the Diocese of Jerusalem through contributing to the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ).

AFEDJ contributions support Diocese of Jerusalem outreach and charitable efforts in Gaza, the West Bank, Israel, Lebanon, and Jordan, through a network of schools, hospitals, and rehabilitation centers serving largely poor and needy people regardless of faith, with [this year's appeal](#) particularly supporting St. Luke's hospital in Nablus, the only charitable hospital in that major city.

Immanuel has a longstanding relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, including many Immanuel pilgrims who have worshipped with Palestinian Episcopalians in the Holy Land as well as hosting former Immanuel Seminarian and VTS alum The Rev. Halim Shukair and parishioner Hossam Naoum (ordained last year as Archbishop of the Diocese of Jerusalem). Please make contributions by Good Friday to Immanuel, noting that they are intended for "AFEDJ." Thank you.

SACRED GROUND STARTING THE WEEK OF APRIL 24

Are You Interested in Joining Others in a Faith-Based Program on Race, Identity, Family, and History?

Please consider signing up for the next Sacred Ground dialogue circle, which will meet weekly from the week of April 24 through the week of June 27, facilitated by Chrissie Crosby. Sacred Ground is an Episcopal church film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in their own threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity, using a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific Islander American histories as they intersect with European American histories. More details are available [here](#), or from talking to past participants Katherine Smith, Mary Ann Ring, Marilyn Wilson, or Nancy Reuschel. Please contact David Atwood or [Kathryn Haskin](#) to sign up. Thank you.

EASTER DEDICATIONS 2022

As Easter approaches, you are invited to dedicate Easter flowers or music for the Easter services. If you wish to remember a dearly departed loved one, or make a donation in thanksgiving for God's many blessings, please complete and send this form along with your check to the Parish Office or place it in the alms basin. Names will be printed in the Easter bulletins for all dedications received no later than noon on **Wednesday, April 13th**. Please print all names very clearly, or email to DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET.

To make your dedications online, visit our website and click on "[Easter Flower and Music Dedications](#)" selection from the "GIVE" menu at the top right of the page. Any amount is welcome and appreciated.



EASTER FLOWERS: \$ _____

Given by: _____

Phone Number: () _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Memory of: _____



EASTER MUSIC: \$ _____

Given by: _____

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In Thanksgiving for: _____

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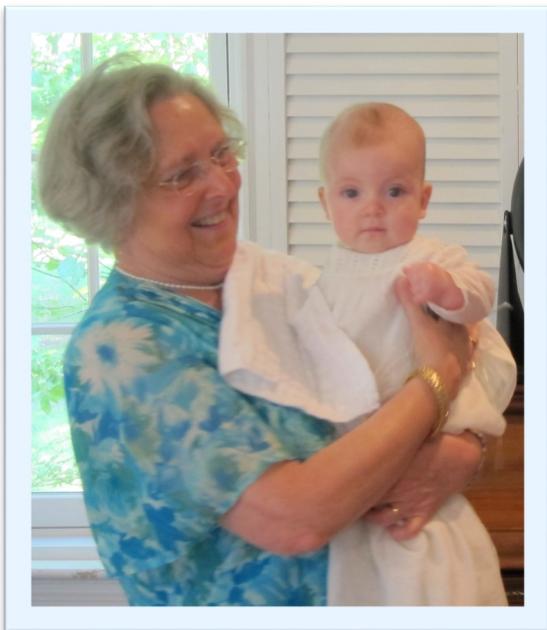
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Send Your Photos by May 15th



Magazine Story Call:

Sentimental Sacraments at Old Seminary

Send in all of your favorite photos of **Baptisms, Weddings, Confirmations** and Homecoming Services taken at Seminary Chapel, Seminary Memorial Garden Chapel, and Zabriskie Chapel.

In the next issue of **The Almond Tree Quarterly**, we'll take a look back at how Seminary Chapel is still with us and how that sacred space is still used today; along with a nostalgic look at special sacraments, and events that took place at Zabriskie.

The late Georgia Maas with her granddaughter Caroline Hicks on the day of her baptism in Zabriskie Chapel on Sunday, July 29, 2012.

Deadline for [entries is May 15, 2022](#).