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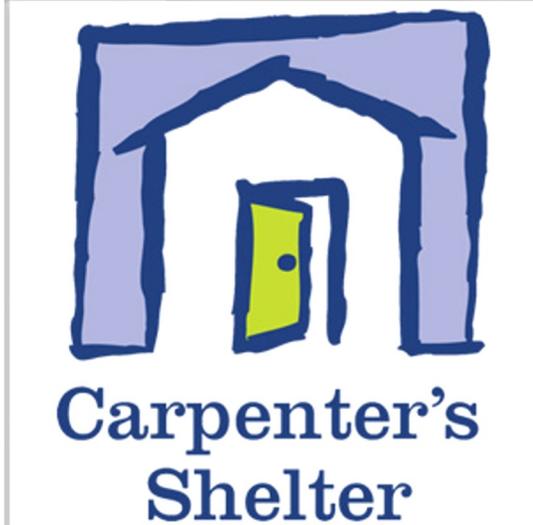
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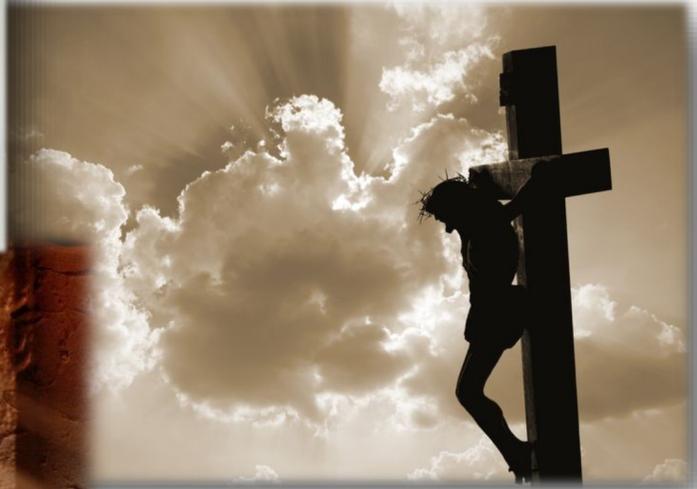
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## THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM...WHAT'S THAT?

We are fast approaching the center of our year as Christians, the Three Days that anchor everything we do, everything we think and feel, everything we say about ourselves, everything that makes us *Church*, everything we believe about God's good world, and about what God wants for this good world.

And so, naturally, we have a couple of fancy words for this mountaintop moment. We call it "The Paschal Triduum." First, the word *Triduum*. It's just an ancient word for "Three Days," and it's pronounced TRIH-doo-um. You don't need to remember it, or use it, if you think it's a little fussy. Just know that the use of a special word helps us view these three days as special... unique, even! This is our holiest time; this is God's time; *this is it*.

But that other fancy word—*Paschal*—is well worth remembering and using, because it refers not only to these Three Days, but also to us. *Paschal* has its most ancient root in the Hebrew word *Pesach*, which in English we translate as *Passover*. It recalls the passing of the Angel of Death over the houses of the Israelite slaves on the night that Angel destroyed the firstborn sons of the Egyptians. It also recalls the passing of those same slaves over the sea from bondage into freedom. *And*, for us, Passover—*Pesach*, *Paschal*—celebrates the passing-over of Jesus from death to life, *and* our participation in that paschal mystery. ("Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us," we say most Sundays; "therefore let us keep the feast.") In our baptism, *we also* pass over from death into life. We are the Body of Christ, so this is not just a commemoration of his passion, death, and resurrection. It's not a re-enactment of something that happened thousands of years ago. It is the celebration of our own participation in Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. So... yes, we pack a lot into this word! (Oh, and it's pronounced PASS-kle.)

The Three Days also pass us over from Lent into Easter. Easter spans fifty days, which is about one-seventh of the year. This makes Eastertide, in a way, the Sunday—or Lord's Day—of our whole year, the Lord's Season that is set apart for special celebration—and rest!—just as Sunday is set apart in any typical week. Easter is also seven weeks (plus one day) long, so it is sometimes called the Week of Weeks, a

kind of über-Week that contains not just seven days but seven *weeks*.

There's more. These Three Days resemble the Holy Trinity in this way: they are three days, but also one big Day, or at the very least one big liturgy. On Thursday evening, we do not end our worship the typical way, with a blessing and dismissal. Our worship continues into Friday, complete with an (optional!) all-night vigil. Then, on Friday, we once again conclude our worship without concluding it, departing in silence and prayer. Only at the end of the Great Vigil do we receive the first Easter blessing and dismissal.

The Three Days begin at sundown on Holy (or Maundy) Thursday and end at sundown on Easter Sunday. In this we are following the ancient Jewish reckoning of a day beginning at sundown the evening before. ("And it was evening and it was morning, the first day..." we hear in Genesis 1.) To experience Easter at its fullest, and participate most powerfully in the death and resurrection of Christ in our baptismal life together, consider attending the whole three-day liturgy, here at church and also at home. Let sundown on Thursday (April 18<sup>th</sup>) begin for you a time set apart, a time on God's mountain, or if you prefer, a time in God's garden, where you can learn more about yourself, this community, the world, and God.

Jesus in John's Gospel frames this all up for us. In the garden of Gethsemane, he asks the posse coming to arrest him, "Whom are you looking for?" They reply, "Jesus of Nazareth." Then, much later, at dawn on Easter Day, in yet another garden, he asks Mary Magdalene the same question. We are invited to hear this question asked of us, too. "Whom are you looking for?" Jesus asks. He asks this of everyone, including you and me. His question faintly (or not so faintly!) echoes God's question in the garden of Eden, when God walked through the garden in the cool of the evening, calling out to the human ones, "Where are you?" In these Three Days, we are also in a garden. We are here looking for Jesus. And we find him ... *at our feet*.

"We strain to glimpse your mercy seat," writes Brian Wren in a hymn for Maundy Thursday, "and find you kneeling at our feet." Maundy Thursday is our doorway into this whole celebration, and it's worth pausing for a moment to grasp how odd and surprising this doorway really is. "Maundy" is *yet another* fancy church word, related to the English word *mandate*, which comes from the Latin *mandatum*. It refers to Jesus' New Commandment, given that terrible night to his friends, that we love one another. He then showed them—and us—what this love looks like. He took off his outer clothing, all the clothing that marked his status and dignity as their teacher and lord, got down on the floor with a washbasin, and washed their filthy feet. This is what "love one another" means, Jesus teaches us.

Here's some context to help us understand what he was doing a bit better. In the ancient Near East, a desert land at the eastern edge of the Mediterranean, footwashing was a routine task of necessity, but it was also an artifact of culture. First, the necessity: there of course was no asphalt then, or cement, so guests would arrive at your home with sandals and feet covered with dust, dirt, and dung. One important task of hospitality you offered was to have one of your slaves wash their feet. It would be quite rude of you to fail to do this. But it's your slave—not you!—who would do the dirty work. It would be scandalous to the point of absurdity for the disciples to expect Jesus to do this unpleasant menial task, particularly at this *Ultima Cena*, this Last Supper they were celebrating together. No, they didn't know what was coming. They didn't know





that this would be their last time with Jesus before his death, let alone that he would be resurrected and eat with them again. But they were well aware that he was in trouble; they were feeling the deepening anxiety of this night; they were anticipating conflict with the authorities and were looking to Jesus for guidance. It would never have occurred to them that their teacher and lord would disrobe, get down on the floor, and wash their feet, of all things. But this is what he does.

When we begin the Three Days down here on the floor with Jesus, we are saying that our community here and now is also a community of loving service. We are saying that to die and rise with Jesus means that we, too, turn to one another, and to the stranger, with profound—even absurd—humility and love. We, too, begin to keep the New Commandment by washing feet. If you come to church on Thursday night, you will have a chance to take part in this ritual of footwashing. Know that if you are better able to say your prayers without joining in the actual, literal washing of feet, that is not only okay, *it is warmly welcome*. Some of us are just as deeply formed as Christians when we simply remain in our seats on Maundy Thursday and contemplate this mystery of loving service. Either way, please be welcome here! Please join your friends for the whole three-day liturgy, if you can. (If you can't, that's fine too. Whenever you walk through the door, God in Christ, and Christ in us, will welcome you with gladness.)

One more word about church attendance. I sometimes like to say that if your church is worried about average Sunday attendance, you should remember that at one point in church history, there were only three congregants. And then Jesus died, leaving only two. Peter and Andrew, James and John, and many, many other disciples had run away and gone into hiding by the time Jesus was crucified. He still went searching for them after his resurrection, found them, and breathed his peace upon them. We, too, are met with God's grace no matter what we do, or do not do. But for the little clutch of women (and, in the Gospel of John, the beloved disciple, whoever he or she might have been), the whole experience was deeply transformative. They followed Jesus from start to finish. We too are invited to stand with them at the foot of the cross. We too are invited to receive this great gift in all its fullness. Whether we choose to do this or not, Jesus will come to us on Easter Sunday morning not to ask us if we came to church or did everything right. He will only ask his great, searching question: "Whom are you looking for?"

I wonder: what will be our answer?

Stephen

The Rev. Deacon Stephen Crippen  
Seminarian



# Palm Sunday and Holy Week

## Services at Immanuel



**Next Sunday's PALM SUNDAY BAGPIPER-LED PROCESSIONAL**  
**10:15a.m., Old White Post Office (pictured left)**

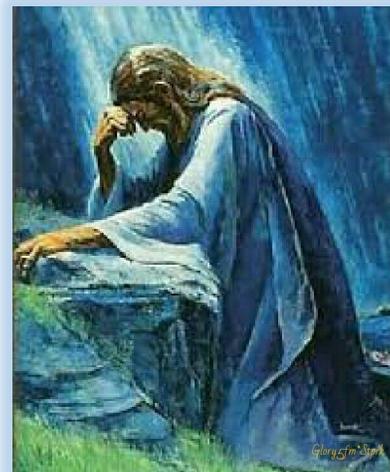
Want to walk in the Palm Sunday processional this year? Simply meet us at the Old White Post office, located approximately one half-block northwest of main entrance to Immanuel Chapel — look for the bagpiper and the clergy. This off-street walk is very short, but memorable. We hope you'll choose to walk with us.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER VIGIL

Jesus said, "...*Could you not stay awake with me one hour?*" -Matthew 26:40

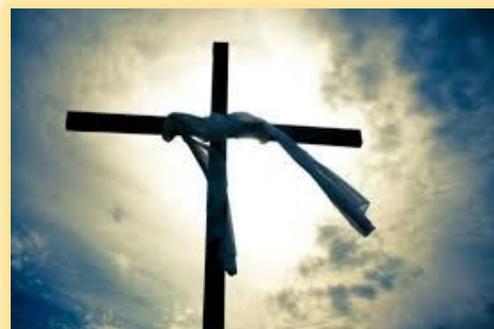
Please join those from Immanuel and the community by giving one hour to create an unbroken vigil before the **Altar of Repose**. This is a time where we reflect upon and remember our Lord's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane through the time of his arrest and trial before his crucifixion. This time could be used for prayer, reading Scripture, or quiet reflection. A few people may sign up on the same hour shift.

The Vigil begins Maundy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 9pm, in The Oratory Chapel (small side chapel in Immanuel Chapel), and continues until Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at noon, prior to the Good Friday service with Stations of the Cross.



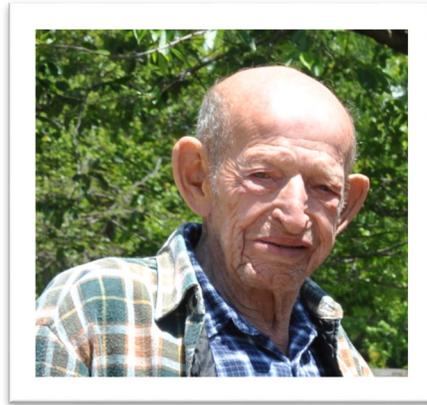
<b>GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19</b> Stations of the Cross Children's Liturgy Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday	Noon	Immanuel Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Immanuel Chapel
	7:30p.m.	Immanuel Chapel

<b>HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20</b> Liturgy of the Day The Great Vigil of Easter	8:30 a.m.	The Oratory Chapel of Immanuel Chapel
	7:30p.m.	Immanuel Chapel
<b>EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21</b>	7:30a.m	Zabriskie Chapel
	9:15a.m.	Immanuel Chapel with Children's Homily
	11:15am.	Immanuel Chapel





# Funeral for Arlo Lloyd

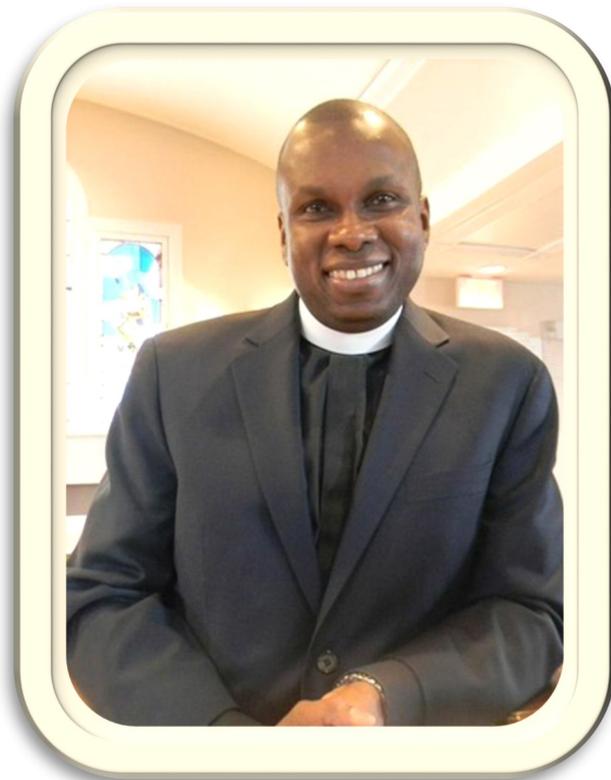


**Saturday, April 27th, 11:00 a.m. Zabriskie Chapel**

**11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass in Zabriskie Chapel**

*Immediately followed by*

Committal Service, Zabriskie Memorial Garden  
Luncheon Reception, Parish Hall



**The Rev. Joseph Constant  
Thanks Immanuel!**

**Read Father Joseph Constant's heart-felt  
thank you letter to *you* on the next page.**



April 1, 2019

To Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the Haiti Micah Project, I want to thank you for your steadfast support for our work in Haiti. As you know, we serve the poorest of the poor in Mirebalais by providing food, housing and educational stipends.

I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the over thirty parishioners who have recently donated to our Sponsor-a-Child program. I also understand that your Outreach Committee has approved a \$5000 grant for our work. These gifts are life affirming and a blessing!

Immanuel is at the forefront of our ministry. Your church is our official address and provides us a spiritual and administrative home. For that assistance, we are grateful to Father Randy and your Vestry.

I have written to many of you recently, and I've noted that while Haiti's problems sometimes seem intractable, our work through the years has resulted in hundreds of children living healthier and happier lives. We must always have hope in their future. With the help of our supporters, we know we can overcome obstacles and make a real difference in children's lives.

Please know that new and renewed sponsors are always needed so I ask that you continue to remember us in your charitable giving. Jim Snow is a member of our Board of Directors and is our point-of-contact with your parish. He is always available to you for this ministry.

Rejoice in our work together, and keep the children of Haiti in your prayers. May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Joseph M. Constant'.

The Rev. Joseph M. Constant  
President

# Faith in Action

We're bringing back this feature column of **The Almond Tree** by request; allowing our Outreach Committee to shine a spotlight periodically on a specific ministry (sponsored in part by Immanuel's Outreach Ministry). Get a closer look at the initiatives that *you* support financially.



**Carpenter's Shelter**

*Carpenter's Shelter supports the homeless in achieving sustainable independence through shelter, guidance, education and advocacy.*

Immanuel provides financial support to the Carpenter's Shelter through our Pumpkin Patch and Outreach Committee — and is proud to count numerous hands-on volunteer Carpenter's Shelter cooks among our parish family.

What started in 1982 as an evening refuge for a few homeless men to sleep in the basement of Blessed Sacrament Church, quickly grew into Alexandria's award-winning comprehensive homeless program. The Carpenter's Shelter helps over 700 homeless women, men, and children each year transition from living inside of a homeless shelter to independent living. When looking at the impact of the Carpenter's Shelter's work, in seven key program areas, it's important to keep in mind that over 50% of their residents are employed — but can't meet basic housing and healthcare needs on their salaries.

## SEED VALUES PRODUCE STELLAR RESULTS

*95% of clients who continue on with our community case management program remain in permanent housing during their first year out of the shelter, which is a very vulnerable time.*

Its guiding principal is to essentially end homelessness by providing an actual infrastructure to enable clients to become self-sufficient -- what the Carpenter's Shelter calls its "**SEED Values**": Solutions through collaboration, Empowerment, Education, and Dedicated to serving with respect. [*For a breakdown of Carpenter Shelter initiatives, please see the next page.*]

Anything and everything you want to know about this vital organization -- and its ongoing, life-saving initiatives -- can be found on its website, with one single exception: the story behind its name.

Shannon Steene, Executive Director, acknowledges that the name "carpenter's shelter" -- now a 501(c)3 nonprofit -- was most likely given by clergy, who derived it from Scripture. Although the Bible has many examples, given the depth and breadth of the Carpenter's Shelter's initiatives, I'd like to think that the name was inspired by 1 Chronicles 22:15 "You have many workers: stonecutters, masons and carpenters, as well as those *skilled in every kind of work.*"

# www.CarpentersShelter.org

## RESIDENTIAL SHELTER

Carpenter's Shelter is one of the largest homeless shelters in Northern Virginia, serving approximately 280 homeless men, women and children each year in the residential shelter program. Our 60-bed facility is located just north of Old Town Alexandria. Carpenter's Shelter staff continually work with clients to address and overcome the causes which led them to homelessness. In addition to providing comprehensive, goal-oriented case management, we teach our residents the life skills necessary for successful community living.

Individuals and families staying in Carpenter's Residential Shelter work with their Case Manager to ensure that they are participating in a productive day activity including employment, day programs for individuals with mental illness, classes and volunteering. The average stay at Carpenter's Shelter is 2.2 months for individuals and 3 months for families. Individuals and families seeking shelter must complete an intake assessment and receive a referral from Homeless Services Assessment Center.

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## DAVID'S PLACE

David's Place, a clean, safe facility connected to Carpenter's Shelter, is the only day shelter in the City of Alexandria, and focuses specifically on meeting the basic needs of chronically homeless individuals. In fiscal year 2018, 104 unsheltered homeless individuals were served at David's Place. David's Place offers the following services to its members: showers, laundry, locker facilities, phone and voice mail services, mailing address, housing referrals, food and snacks

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## WINTER SHELTER

The Winter Shelter Collaborative is a partnership funded by the City of Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services' Office of Community Services with services carried out by Carpenter's Shelter with support from Alfred Street Baptist Church and the Church of St. Clement's. Winter Shelter provides a safe refuge from illness, injury and death during inclement weather. The shelter doors are open to anyone in need of shelter during the winter months. Winter Shelter is weather dependent for the months of November and April and open every day December to March from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. In fiscal year 2018, Winter Shelter housed 318 adults and children.

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## CASE MANAGEMENT

Carpenter's Continuum of Care is designed to meet the challenges our clients' experiences through a continuum of emergency and long-term case management and support services. Our structured case management program is goal-oriented and encourages individuals to address the root causes of their homelessness. Carpenter's begins to stabilize individuals and families in crisis on the first day they arrive at the shelter. When an individual or family enters the shelter, they are immediately paired with a case manager to develop an Individual Housing Plan that acts as a blueprint for success. Case Managers then work with each resident on a regular basis to help guide them through their time at the shelter.

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## EDUCATION and EMPLOYMENT

Carpenter's Shelter believes that education is the key to an independent life. An integral part of the Education Program is the Carpenter's Education Fund. Since 2005, Carpenter's Education Fund\* has awarded over \$130,000 to pay for school tuition, living stipends, books and computers. Carpenter's Shelter also offers GED and other standardized test tutoring to all clients. In addition, Carpenter's offers Life Skills classes like financial literacy, parenting classes, health education and nutrition classes.

For residents who are not employed or are seeking better employment, Carpenter's offers a variety of employment workshops designed to teach clients the skills necessary to find and maintain full-time employment. Workshops focus on the following skill sets: Resume building, job searching, interviewing skills, on the job skills, communicating with co-workers, and problem solving. Individual job mentors are available for clients who require special attention.

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## CHILDREN and FAMILY SERVICES

No child deserves to be homeless. Every action we take at Carpenter's Shelter is aimed at strengthening homeless families to live successfully in the community, out of poverty, and as productive community members. While living in the shelter, we encourage our youngest residents to continue being a kid! From 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. all children attend school or daycare, and many of our children attend after-school care. Each night, volunteers facilitate children's activities while their parents attend various programs like parenting and financial literacy classes. Statistically, homeless children are more likely to be affected by obesity and learning disabilities than those living in a stable household. Upon entering the shelter, each child is assessed by Case Managers for their individual needs. Carpenter's Shelter works diligently to ensure every child is given the opportunity to succeed regardless of their housing situation.

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## CARPENTER'S CLINIC

Many of Carpenter's Shelter's residents and David's Place members do not have or receive health care benefits. Under the volunteer leadership of Dr. Laurence Clark, Carpenter's Clinic is able to provide quality medical care to uninsured clients and homeless community members. Weekly, a team of doctors and nurses provide free medical exams and prescriptions to our clients.

# HILL HAPPENINGS

The Special Event Calendar of Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill



**DONATIONS REQUESTED BY APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>: Cyclone Emergency in Malawi:** As you have certainly heard, southeastern Africa has been devastated by a cyclone that has killed numerous people, destroyed crops and spawned deadly diseases. One of the countries affected is Malawi, the homeland of the Rev. Martin Kalimbe, a VTS graduate and friend to several Immanuel parishioners who knew him when he lived in Alexandria. Immanuel provided assistance to Father Martin several years ago when local floods destroyed his church and devastated local food crops. This year's disaster is on an even larger scale and, in response, our Outreach Committee has decided to send \$2,000 from its emergency reserve to Fr. Martin for immediate relief assistance.

Because the needs that Fr. Martin describes are so great, the Outreach Committee hopes that parishioners will also respond with their own donations. If you wish to donate, please address your check to "Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill" with the notation "Malawi". Checks can be placed in the Sunday Eucharist's alms basin or mailed to the church (3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304), hopefully by April 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Pierre Shostal (703-901-0993 or [pshks@aol.com](mailto:pshks@aol.com))

## SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP FORUM, **PALM SUNDAY**, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. Zabriskie Parish Hall

Church of the Resurrection invites Immanuel's parishioners to join them in the Parish Hall the second Sunday of each month for an engaging potluck fellowship forum.

*Gratitude: How is beauty a gateway to thankfulness?* That will be the topic of our evening Forum on Palm Sunday, using clips from the 1999 movie **American Beauty**. Potluck meal at 6:30 pm (set up between 6 and 6:30 pm) followed by the program and discussion. Cleanup will begin by 8:30p.m.



<https://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org/easter-flower-and-music-dedications.html>



## CLICK HERE!

## EASTER FLOWER AND MUSIC DEDICATIONS 2019



# EASTER DEDICATIONS 2019

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 **Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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Phone Number: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Saint Benedict of Nursia (c. 480–543). Detail from a fresco by Fra Angelico (c. 1400–1455) in the Friary of San Marco Florence.



## Join Immanuel's Benedictine Study Group!

***YOU'RE INVITED: Tuesday, April 16, 2019***  
***at 7p.m., The Fairchild Room***

Are you looking for a life in balance? Are you seeking to study with other Christians who are striving to study and share in a small group setting? Immanuel's Benedictine Community is a small study group that began to study the scripture based Rule of St Benedict in 2010. Benedictine roots are in the Anglican tradition and in the liturgy in the Book of Common Prayer.

We meet to study the Rule of St Benedict, an ancient rule that still guides communities all over the world. While the Rule was written for monastic communities, it is applicable and guides us in how to live a life in balance, with a focus on five main areas: prayer, work, study, renewal and hospitality. **The Study of the Rule of Saint Benedict** helps people who live in all kinds of settings and all forms of Christian faith.

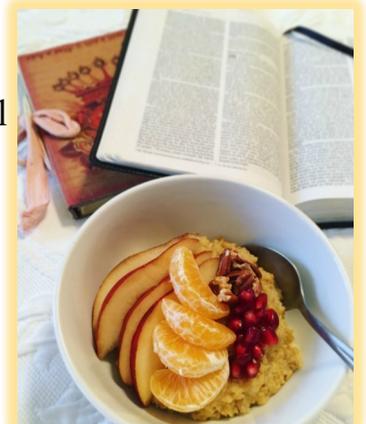
This group is an open group made up of members from Immanuel as well as members of other faith traditions, and we welcome all who come. We meet the **first and third Tuesdays, from 7-8 p.m. in the Fairchild Room** at the Zabriskie Chapel. We study a portion of the rule and offer reflections around the room. We close our group with Compline/Evening prayer.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.; we're studying the book "***Radical Spirit: Twelve Ways to Live a Free and Authentic Life***" by Sister Joan Chittester, O.S.B (Order of Saint Benedict). A member of the group shares a reflection on the selected reading, then other members share their reflections on the reading as well. We close with Compline. If interested, simply arrive or contact Barbara Fornoff at [cr8vweaver@gmail.com](mailto:cr8vweaver@gmail.com).

## **BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning **Breakfast Bible Study** will be on April 20th, the third Saturday. We gather in the Fairchild Room at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast, with Bible study beginning at 8 a.m. Our theme this year is ***Discernment of Spirits***; we will read Hosea 14:4-9, using the African Model of Reflection.

For more information, please contact Chrissie Crosby at [cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com](mailto:cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com)





## Great Food. Great Music. *You're Invited!*

Support Carpenter's Shelter by joining us at our annual **Carpenter's Cook-Off 2019**, held at The Birchmere on April 28th from noon to 3:00p.m., for an afternoon celebrating great food and music. Twenty local restaurants compete and serve their most delicious dishes,

and you get to judge the winning dish. Come vote for the People's Choice and Kid's Choice awards while enjoying live music by the Alpha Dog Blues Band. This is a family friendly affair with a Children's Corner as well as live and silent auctions, and raffles, which fund Carpenter's Shelter's annual budget. Ticket prices are \$100 for VIP, \$50 for adults and \$20 for children. Buy your tickets today at <https://bit.ly/2MAdqAC> **Enter Code: COOKOFF2019 FOR \$5 OFF**



### Enter "Jerusalem" with Jesus via the Outdoor Chapel

The Church of the Resurrection invites Immanuelites to enjoy a unique Lenten and Easter observation. For the whole month of April, Resurrection will sponsor an art installation, ***Journey to the Cross through the Eyes of Children***, at the Old Seminary Chapel and Seminary Memorial Garden, on the grounds of the Virginia Theological Seminary, located between Immanuel Chapel and Meade Hall.

***Journey to the Cross through the Eyes of Children*** was created by children inspired by the work of French painter Georges Rouault and depicts scenes from Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem through the Resurrection. These simple, colorful works of art invite us to look at the events of Holy Week with fresh eyes and are especially useful in providing entry points for reflection with children about these events.

The works can be viewed anytime during the month of April.

**MEALS ON WHEELS** : One of Immanuel's oldest ministries is Meals on Wheels (MOW). Immanuel volunteers and others provide meals to Alexandria's homebound seniors, who otherwise are unable to provide adequately for themselves. Under the auspices of the city's Senior Services Center and in partnership with Jeffrey's Catering, Immanuel volunteers deliver two meals (one hot and one cold) prepared by the catering company to 45 or more senior citizens once a month. The yoke of this ministry is light; two hours per month on the first Thursday of every month. Over the past 6 months or so, we've lost a few of our stalwart volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me at [ddhenry1@gmail.com](mailto:ddhenry1@gmail.com) or Ollie Patton at [OBPatton@comcast.net](mailto:OBPatton@comcast.net).



- Doug Henry



# ALIVE!

## Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically!

## StepALIVE! Walkathon, May 5

**38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL** *ALIVE!'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR*  
**StepALIVE!  
Walkathon**  
TO BENEFIT THE ALIVE! CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

**5K or 5-Mile Walk  
through Old Town**

Registration, Start & Celebration  
**First Christian Church**  
2723 King Street  
Alexandria, VA

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**2:00pm: Opening Ceremony  
and Walkathon Start**  
**3:15pm: Live Music, Catered Picnic  
and Raffle**

**Join us on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, for the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual StepALIVE! Walkathon to benefit the ALIVE! Child Development Center!**

**Help celebrate ALIVE!'s 50<sup>th</sup> by Walking for Alexandria's Children at the 38th annual StepALIVE! Walkathon!** ALIVE! believes that all children deserve high-quality early learning and care, regardless of family income. Since 1972, the ALIVE! Child Development Center has provided full-day, year-round early education and care to children from low-income working families across the City of Alexandria. *StepALIVE!* has been our signature fundraising event, providing the funding that puts top-notch, accredited early education within reach for those who couldn't otherwise afford it. Last year, 100% of our families received tuition assistance.

**How can you celebrate ALIVE!'s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and help create brighter futures for Alexandria's children?** Register as a walker, form or join a team or make a tax-deductible donation! Now more than ever, Alexandria's children and families need our help. Together, we can make a difference!

**WHEN: Sunday, May 5, 2-5pm** (The Immanuel Sunday School will do a smaller version of the walk on Sunday, April 28th during Sunday School)

**WHERE:** First Christian Church, 2723 King Street, Alexandria 22302

**WHAT:** 5K or 5 mile stroll-through Old Town followed by a catered picnic, live music and raffle

**WHY:** 100% of the current families at ALIVE! Child Development Center receive tuition assistance

**HOW:** Register as a walker, form a team, make a donation: [www.alive-inc.org](http://www.alive-inc.org) and/or support our **mini-walk at Immanuel on April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**CALLING ALL GRILL MASTERS!**

Do you like hanging around large grills with friends, cooking BBQ and pretending to call it work? Then we need you! The EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) is hosting its annual Parish BBQ on **May 4<sup>th</sup>** and we invite anyone who wants to help cook and prepare **authentic, homemade, Southern BBQ** to join us on Friday **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We will gather several hours before sunrise — allowing early-risers who wish to cook *before* starting their workday to participate — and cook all day and night. We welcome helping hands and all skill-levels that want to help us. For more information, and to express your interest, please contact The Rev. John Hogg ([jhogg@icoh.net](mailto:jhogg@icoh.net)).



**June 1, 2019**

**Save the Date**

**DR. JANE TAVERNIER AND FRIENDS IN CONCERT  
JUNE 1ST, ZABRISKIE CHAPEL AND PARISH HALL**

Want a new and perfect start to your summer entertainment? Save the date for an all-classical chamber music concert to benefit the Assisi Music Festival — Dr. Tavernier visits Assisi, Italy each year — and the Immanuel Choir. All involved welcome your generous support. Look for more details soon.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2019**

Everyone is invited to join Christ Church, Grace Episcopal Church, and Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill for **ReNew: The Green VBS!** VBS campers are pre-K3 and up; VBS volunteers are 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 99+.

**From June 24<sup>th</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,** we will learn about God's beautiful creation through the Parable of the Sower. There will be lots of opportunity for children to explore nature, have fun, make friends, and make lots of crafts.

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!** From now through April 13<sup>th</sup>, registration fees will be reduced to \$55 for the first child and \$50 for a second child, with a family cap of just \$105!

**On April 14<sup>th</sup>, fees will increase to \$70 for the first child and \$65 for the second child, with a family cap of \$135. (Volunteers do not pay a fee; if you would like to register as a volunteer, please contact the Rev. John Hogg ([jhogg@icoh.net](mailto:jhogg@icoh.net)))**

Register at this link: <https://calex.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/5e317d97-4037-4fe7-b9f6-cad40dfda1f4>



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We hope to see you all there at what is guaranteed to be an exciting time and a perfect way to begin the summer! For questions, please contact the Rev. John Hogg at [jhogg@icoh.net](mailto:jhogg@icoh.net).



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# Holy Week and Easter Worship



<b>PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14</b>	8:00a.m.	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:15a.m.	Gather at the Old White Post Office, VTS Campus, for Bagpiper-led Palm Sunday Procession
	10:30a.m.	Immanuel Chapel
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18</b>	7:30 p.m.	Immanuel Chapel
<b>GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19</b> Stations of the Cross Children's Liturgy Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday	Noon	Immanuel Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Immanuel Chapel
	7:30p.m.	Immanuel Chapel
<b>HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20</b> Liturgy of the Day The Great Vigil of Easter	8:30 a.m.	The Oratory Chapel of Immanuel Chapel
	7:30p.m.	Immanuel Chapel
<b>EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21</b>	7:30a.m	Zabriskie Chapel
	9:15a.m.	Immanuel Chapel, with Children's Homily
	11:15am.	Immanuel Chapel