

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes  
March 22, 2026

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**IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST we welcome you  
to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!**

Immanuel is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, and is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Immanuel was founded by the Virginia Theological Seminary. We are one parish that worships in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

**Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card — located in the pews or display stands at the entrances of the chapels.** Please give your card to an usher or place in the collection plate. Thank you.

For the latest information on our online worship service and to view a video of our most recent service, please visit our website ([www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net)).

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Ann MacNamara, Carolyn Ferguson, Catherine Sinclair, Charlene Murphy, Chris von Schoening, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Debbie Hewson, Dick and Norma Taliaferro, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Hugh Campbell, Jane, Jim Hobson, Jim and Nancy Wise, Joseph, Kenny, Marcus, Marda Robillard, Mary Ann Rehnke, Mary Jane Ruhl, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Rollin Huntington, Thom Hussey, and Wendy Hoge.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Andrew Davis, Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Father Antranig Baljian, Barbara Kellner, Barbara Sagan, Becky Smith, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian and Joyce, Brian Van Buskirk, Bridget Rice Rose, Caleb Lusk, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Cy Murphy, Donna Becker, Frances, George Rustigian, Gerry, Gerry and Nan Hardison, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jean Couban, Jill Perkins, Jodi Wilson, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Karen Landry, Leea Gorman, Leslie Perez, Lilly Pinner, Linda Taucher, Louise Jackson, Lysbeth, Madeline, Marcia Richardson, Margie Lidoff, Mary Horner, Mary Muniz, Matt, McQuade Milligan, Melvyn and Stacy, Michael, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Sofia, Soundary Dilan, Stacey, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Thomas Henry, Wesley Johnson, Will Boggs, and Winnie Kidd.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Jahi Stockton, Debbie Peetz, Loriann Rustigian, Nicky Vassev, Isabella Vasseva, Janice Corbett, Wend Hoge, Mary Jane Ruhl, Ints Silins, Terri LaGoe, Zachary Thompson, Sue Gildersleeve, and Kristin Whitman.

**Those who have died:** US troops who died in action serving in Operation Epic Fury: Air National Guard: Captain Curtis J. Angst, Captain Seth R. Koval, and Tech Sergeant Tyler H. Simmons; Air Force: Major John A. Klinner, Tech Sergeant Ashley B. Pruitt, and Captain Ariana G. Savino (all in Western Iraq). *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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## **FINAL Forum Hour in Our Lenten Series TODAY:**

*Commending the Faith that is in Us: What might you say when someone asks what you believe?*

In a world where Christian believers are surrounded by non-believers, skeptics, and truth seekers, believers will increasingly be asked what they believe, and why. Those inquiring will expect credible answers, yet many Christians fear they wouldn't know what to say, or even how to begin to engage these honest questions.

Join us at **11:15a.m. in the Welcome Center today** for a reception, and then to hear the Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley discuss *The Resurrection and Atonement*. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.



# Announcements

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

*All are welcome to participate*

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**Morning Prayer, Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel**

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**Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II, March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel**

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***Quiet Prayer*, Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5:15 p.m., Oratory Chapel at Immanuel Chapel**

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**Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Genesis*” Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**@10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.**

***Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.***

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**Compline this Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>@ 8:30 p.m., online via Zoom**

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## Holy Week and Easter Schedule

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| March 29 | Sunday of the Passion:<br><b>PALM SUNDAY</b>    | 8:00 a.m.  | Holy Eucharist Rite I   | Zabriskie Chapel |
|          |   | 10:00 a.m. | Bagpiper-led Procession with Palms to chapel ( <i>gather at VTS white post office</i> )                   | Immanuel Chapel  |
| March 31 | Tuesday   | 10:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer during Holy Week   | Zabriskie Chapel |
| April 1  | Wednesday                                       | 12 Noon    | Holy Eucharist Rite II  | Zabriskie Chapel |
|          |   | 5:15 p.m.  | <b><i>Quiet Prayer</i></b> in The Oratory ( <i>side</i> ) Chapel  | Immanuel Chapel  |
| April 2  | <b>Maundy Thursday</b>                          | 10:30 a.m. | Bible Study “ <i>The Book of Genesis</i> ” (All are welcome)  | Online via Zoom  |
|          |   | 6:30 p.m.  | Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir; offering foot washing, and followed by overnight watch | Immanuel Chapel  |
| April 3  | <b>Good Friday</b>                              | 12 Noon    | Good Friday Stations of the Cross   | Immanuel Chapel  |
|          |   | 6:30 p.m.  | The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday with choir  |                  |
| April 5  | <b>EASTER SUNDAY:</b> Feast of the Resurrection | 7:30 a.m.  | Feast of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist Rite I   | Zabriskie Chapel |
|          |   | 9:00 a.m.  | Feast of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist Rite II with full choir, brass, and timpani                      | Immanuel Chapel  |
|          |   | 10:30 a.m. | Children’s Easter Egg Hunt  | VTS Grounds      |
|          |   | 11:00 a.m. | Feast of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist Rite II with full choir, brass, and timpani                      | Immanuel Chapel  |
| April 12 | The Second Sunday of Easter                     | 8:00 a.m.  | Holy Eucharist Rite I   | Zabriskie Chapel |
|          |   | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir   | Immanuel Chapel  |



This Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, let’s wish longtime parishioner Wendy Hoge, resident at Goodwin House Alexandria:

# Happy 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday!

## WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs: March 25<sup>th</sup>*

Join Mother Sarah *this* Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. for coffee and fellowship at the Alexandria Pastry Shop. All are invited to attend.



**Special Guest at Quiet Prayer March 25<sup>th</sup>**: Father Martin Smith, well known to us as an experienced spiritual director and former religious superior, will be coming to the weekly *Quiet Prayer* session (in the Oratory Chapel, VTS) on **Wednesday March 25, 5.15-6pm**, to lead a 'group spiritual direction' for our parish and for VTS seminarians. He will take questions from the floor on the practice of prayer (and especially the prayer of silence), and help us to deepen our understanding of the importance of personal and group prayer as a parish. All are welcome (whether or not you are a regular attender of the Wednesday Quiet Prayer group).



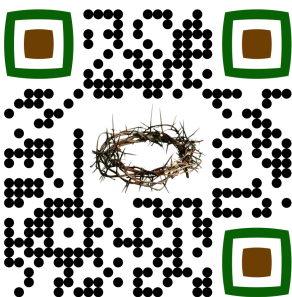
## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP APRIL ACTIVITIES:

**TRIP to VISIT ST. ROSE OF LIMA:** Join us for a trip to Gaithersburg, MD on **Wednesday, April 22** to visit St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Christine Jeffery, Director of Adult Education and Adult Faith Formation, will provide thoughts on the varied life of the parish and their sanctuary, designed by Immanuel parishioner **Tom Kerns** in 2006. Tom says, "The geometry of the sanctuary creates 'open palms' to hold 800 congregants in a light filled space infused in the artful use of many materials, including the reuse of a giant tree that was removed to allow for construction." He looks forward to sharing the intimacy of this sacred space, which is about twice the size of Immanuel Chapel.

We will leave the Zabriskie parish hall at 9:30am for our 10:30am tour. Afterwards, we will have lunch at Copper Canyon. We plan to return to the Parish Hall around 2:00pm. Co-pay to ride in the van is \$25. These trips with Tom are extremely popular, so please RSVP early for this event at [karen.besser@gmail.com](mailto:karen.besser@gmail.com). Additional vans can be rented if the demand exists.

**FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH:** We will meet in the Parish Hall at 12:15pm on **Tuesday, April 28**, for our *rescheduled* program featuring a video of **The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of the Diocese of Washington, DC's Mollegen Lecture "The Politics of Mercy"**, delivered on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Virginia Theological Seminary. This film was originally scheduled for our February brown bag, but was cancelled due to weather concerns. Bring your own sandwich or salad, as drinks and dessert will be provided. No RSVP is necessary.

AS ALWAYS, friends and family are welcome to join all Senior Ministry and Fellowship activities.



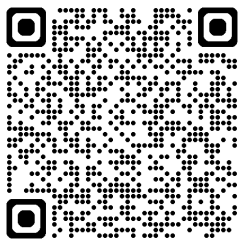
## **ALTAR OF REPOSE: JUST NINE MORE NEEDED**

If you can help us keep watch by staying in the Oratory Chapel in Immanuel for one hour during the Overnight Prayer Vigil, **Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**, please scan the code at left.

Simply stop, pray and keep watch during the night until 12 noon Good Friday.

Thank you.

**IMMANUEL SPRING 2026 RETREAT:** We welcome everyone to join us for Immanuel's first local contemplative retreat. Retreating is a restorative practice of Sabbath keeping. Join us as we explore a practice of holy rest and renewal, and ways to intentionally open ourselves to God's ever-presence in day-to-day life.



This retreat is for everyone! If you...

- have an interest in retreats, but are unable to take a weekend away;
- are not sure about retreats, and would like to try it out;
- are looking to learn about different contemplative practices; or
- love retreats and would like to take any and every opportunity to be on one ...this retreat is for you.

The retreat will be **next Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 9am to 2pm**, at Bicentennial Hall, on the campus of Virginia Theological Seminary. A light lunch will be served.

If you are interested, please scan the QR code at left to register for the retreat. The **registration deadline is next Monday, March 23**. Please reach out to Katherine Maas at [katherinemaas@gmail.com](mailto:katherinemaas@gmail.com) with any questions.



## **NEW STORAGE FOR CHRISTMAS FAMILIES MINISTRY NEEDED**

For the last 20 years since the fire at the Soergels' house, Christmas Families has been housed at 118 N Washington Street hosted by Christ Church. After many years of looking, Christ Church found a new tenant who will lease the entire building. We have been told that we can no longer use the space we've used over 30 years for rent-free.

We need to move next January and need 400-500 sq. ft. of minimally conditioned space, offering access on nights and weekends. Ideally, a location on the first floor that's easily accessible for loading and unloading. We do not have the budget to find a space that requires us to pay rent.

**We ask everyone to let us know if they have any suggestions.** Please contact Rich Hobson, [richh777@gmail.com](mailto:richh777@gmail.com), or Linda Serabian, [Serabian@somaarchitects.com](mailto:Serabian@somaarchitects.com). Thank you.



**IN NEED OF CANDY OFFERINGS TO FILL EASTER EGGS:** Please consider dropping off a bag or two of candy for the parish to use to fill empty plastic Easter Eggs for our annual Easter morning egg hunt. Each item should be individually wrapped (i.e. no loose jelly beans or gummy rabbits!). We are well-stocked on non-food items for the eggs, thanks to the generosity of Candy Levin!

Drop off your candy in the bin on the table outside of Rev. Sarah's office, starting today, Sunday.



## **SIGN-UP TO SERVE: IT'S EASY AND ONLINE:**

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through May 2026* ONLINE — including [the Altar of Repose](#) for Maundy Thursday and *Foreign Language Readers* for the Feast of Pentecost — by visiting the landing page of our website at [ICOH.net](http://ICOH.net) and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at right.

If you're a student planning to spend occasional weekends home, feel free to **sign-up for a Sunday or two during the Lenten season, Easter, and the Feast of Pentecost only.** Training for all lay ministries available upon request. THANK YOU for your participation!



**CLERGY AND STAFF**

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 Tamana Karima ..... Nursery Assistant  
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**THE VESTRY**

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 Doug Onley ..... Junior Warden: Administration  
 Brian Ply ..... Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds  
 Jennifer W. Greiner ..... Adult Formation and Discipleship  
 Rich Hobson ..... Outreach  
 Martin Horne ..... Communications  
 Taylor Houck ..... Stewardship and Planned Giving, Registrar  
 Dave John ..... Fellowship  
 Jim Kurz ..... Senior Ministry  
 Mary Ann Ring ..... Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, Newcomers, and Evangelism  
 Brian Rush ..... Social Justice  
 Diana Walker ..... Worship, Pastoral Care  
 Sydney Onley ..... Youth Representative

**SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, *First Sunday of every month*  
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel  
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

**Online**

[www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org](http://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org)  
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

**PRIESTS ASSOCIATE**

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley  
 The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke  
 The Rev. Jan A. Maas  
 The Rev. John R. Smucker  
 The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

**RECTOR EMERITA**

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition, striving to be in relationship with God and each other as Christ has taught us, actively attempting to sense and to serve God’s plan with great love. We are guided by Mark 16:15: “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,” to learn, discern, and proclaim the Good News by being active ministers in the various communities where we live and serve.



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**Ways to GIVE**