

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

May 3, 2026

**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).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Ann MacNamara, Carolyn Ferguson, Catherine Sinclair, Charlene Murphy, Chris von Schoening, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Debbie Hewson, Dick and Norma Taliaferro, Doug and Janet, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Hugh Campbell, Jim Hobson, Jim and Nancy Wise, Joseph, Kathryn Tatko, Ken McDonald, Kenny, Leif Christoffersen, Margaret Coakley, Mary Ann Rehnke, Mary Jane Ruhl, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Rollin Huntington, Thom Hussey, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice, Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Father Antranig Baljian, Barbara Kellner, Barbara Sagan, Becky Smith, Beth and Jake, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian and Joyce, Brian Van Buskirk, Bridget Rice Rose, Caleb Lusk, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Claire DeMaggio, 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, John Wise, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Karen Landry, Khristie Greiner, Leea Gorman, Lilly Pinner, Linda Taucher, Lizzy, Louise Jackson, Lysbeth, Madeline, Marcia Richardson, Margie Lidoff, Martha Sedgwick, Mary Albach, Mary Horner, Mary Muniz, McQuade Milligan, Melvyn and Stacy, Michael, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Polly Hewson, Russ, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Thomas Henry, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Linda Serabian, Briggs Burkhalter, Mark Fearer, Marjorie Glassco, Chandley McDonald, Benjamin Arp, Andy Biache, Alisa Pereira, Anne Patton, and Aria Enright.

Those who have died: Wanda Jordan Ganger Birch, and victims of the West Maypole Avenue sidewalk shooting, Chicago, IL: Kenneth M. Bell Jr., Lavell Lee, and Rickia Williams. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

PARISHIONERS' ART EXHIBIT TODAY ZABRISKIE PARISH HALL

Join us for a cultural coffee hour showcasing art work — **textiles, print, sculpture, photography, poetry**, just to name a few — created by your fellow Immanuelites. After the 10 a.m. Eucharist, parishioners and guests can participate in a small silent auction for a few items; all proceeds to benefit the local Alexandria charity, ALIVE!

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer, Monday-Friday @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II, May 6th @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

***Quiet Prayer*, Wednesday, May 6th @ 5:15 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel**

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Genesis*” Thursday, May 7th

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

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Compline Friday, May 8st @ 8:30 p.m., online via Zoom

NEW: Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 10am. ALL are invited to attend.



WEEKLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR OUTREACH (submitted by Rick Glassco): Our prayers are requested this week for the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ), the parishes of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, and its many Holy Land social, medical and educational ministries open to all, including Al Ahli hospital in Gaza.



The ***Quiet Prayer*** group will move to Zabriskie Chapel for a few weeks, beginning this **Wednesday, at 5:15 PM**. The group will continue to meet on Wednesdays at Zabriskie until June 24th, take a break for the Summer, and then begin again in September. All are welcomed and invited to join in this valuable time of connecting with God, in the midst of 45 minutes of silence, while surrounded by brothers and sisters in Christ.



FORUM HOUR: *Mother’s Union in Kenya*, May 10th @ 11:15am, The Welcome Center: Please join our seminarian (and mother of two) Beatrice “Betty” Osumba for a special forum on Mother’s Day. She will share her ministry experience with the Mothers’ Union in Kenya, specifically within the Diocese of Maseno West. In this forum, we will gain insight into the life, mission, and impact of the Mothers’ Union in supporting families, strengthening faith, and fostering community within the Anglican Church. We’ll also learn how this ministry has shaped Betty’s own calling and how it will continue to influence her work in the Church.



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs*

RESUMES May 13th : Due to the upcoming VTS Commencement and Diocesan Clergy Retreat, Mother Sarah will resume meeting for coffee and fellowship at the Alexandria Pastry Shop on **Wednesday, May 13th**. All are invited to attend.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP MAY EVENTS

Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship will travel to the **FRANCISCAN MONASTERY OF THE HOLY LAND IN AMERICA, WASHINGTON, DC**, on **May 12th** to enjoy their beautiful, serene gardens in spring bloom. Rather than a guided “tour,” we will be free to wander at our own pace. The paths cover approximately half a mile, and while about half of the garden encompasses a hillside, they are fully accessible and there are lots of seats for rest and relaxation.

We will leave from the Zabriskie Chapel parking lot at 10:00am and plan to return no later than 1:00pm. A free lunch will be provided for us in the Parish Hall upon our return. Co-pay to ride in the van is \$25 and there is no cost for the gardens. Please RSVP to Karen Besser at Karen.Besser@gmail.com.

THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE-ALEXANDRIA on May 20 at noon in the Fillmore room. Please join us for luncheon and conversation. RSVP to Rev. Susan if you are not a resident of Goodwin House and to Susan Kernan if you are a resident.

FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH: SAINTS ALIVE! Do you ever wonder if there are folks among us who will be recognized in future times as saints? When Pauli Murray spent her third year of seminary at VTS in 1975-76 she was 65 years old, and had been a civil rights lawyer, a co-founder of the National Organization for Women, and a published author and poet. Extraordinary certainly, but...a saint? But Murray, who was ordained in January 1977 and died in July 1985, was added to the Calendar of Commemorations of the Episcopal Church, and thus to Holy Women, Holy Men at General Convention 2012.

Come and let’s learn more about Pauli Murray’s life and talk about what role Holy Women and Holy Men have in our lives. (Rescheduled from January.)

We will meet in the Parish Hall at 12:15pm on **Tuesday, May 26**. Bring your own sandwich or salad, and 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.



Help others find Immanuel! Your review on Google can help people searching for a faith community. It only takes a minute.

- ☆ Scan the QR code at right
- ☆ Sign in to your Google account (*it's free to create one if you don't have one*)
- ☆ Click “Write a Review”
- ☆ Share a few sentences about your experience

Your words may be exactly what someone needs!



SIGN-UP TO SERVE: IT'S EASY AND ONLINE: Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through JULY 2026* ONLINE — including **Foreign Language Readers** for the Feast of Pentecost in Zabriskie and Immanuel Chapels, **and at Shrine Mont** — by visiting the landing page of our website at 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 this season, and/or the Feast of Pentecost only**. Training for all lay ministries available upon request. **THANK YOU** for your participation!



Community Volunteers Needed for a Disaster Drill

The Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) is holding a drill and needs "actors" to play roles. This exercise helps VRC staff prepare for disaster response. Saturday, May 16 from 9:45 a.m. to noon. No acting experience necessary. Beverages and snacks are provided. Register using the QR code at right.

More about the VRC:

The Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) is a trained organization of local volunteers responsible for opening and running a center to prepare and assign otherwise unaffiliated volunteers from the community to fill roles and needs to help our community recover after a major disaster. If the Red Cross needs a few more volunteers to open a shelter, or the library needs a few people to help clean out a flooded storage area, they can call on the VRC to get the extra hands they need. In short, the VRC is the HR office for disaster volunteers..



MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY'S NEW THEME FOR 2026: "CONTENTMENT"

(in accepting love and rejecting fear) SATURDAY, MAY 16th @ 8:00 AM, Held Online via Microsoft Teams

Join Immanuel's first monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study for 2026 on Saturday, May 16th online via *Microsoft Teams* (find this bulletin on our website under the "Worship" tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 a.m. Our new theme for 2026 is *Contentment*. This month we will read **Isaiah 30:18-26** "*...blessed are all who long for him*" using the African Model of Reflection.

For more information, please visit [our webpage "Breakfast Bible Study"](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com. [Join MSTeams Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 / Passcode: 027913](#)



SAVE the DATE for a FREE CONCERT: Sunday, May 17th @ 4p.m, Zabriskie Chapel

Dr. Jane Tavernier presents The Lyric Opera of Arlington's
"The Magic and Mystery of Wagner"



RSVP needed: Alexandria Regional Youth Games Night - May 17, 6-8pm



Come together with youth (rising 6th-12th grade) from Episcopal Churches across Alexandria for a night of fellowship and games, hosted at Grace Episcopal Church, Russell Road. Dinner will be provided, but please send your youth with \$5 to help offset the cost of food. We will play games (outside, weather-permitting); both chill games and active games will be offered. RSVP via the QR code at left. Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah at sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net.

Rising 6th graders! You are most welcome to attend!

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net)	Rector
The Rev. Susan D. Parsons (sparsons@icoh.net)	Associate Rector
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Doug Onley	Junior Warden: Administration
Brian Ply	Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds and Creation Care
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
[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