

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 16 2017, 10 a.m.

Readings: *Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; and Matthew 28:1-10.*

Presiding Minister: Rev. Barbara Wilson;
Assisting Minister: Bruce Banghart
Assisting Chalice: John Owen
Acolytes: Stephen Leonard & Jack Sladen-York
Eucharistic Visitor: Stephen Leonard

Organist: Elaine Shoemaker
Readers: John Owen & Sue Russell
Greeters: Emil Gallay & Debi Taylor
Counters: John Forbes & Jean Owen
Coffee Hour Hosts: Easter Brunch

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ONGOING

1st Sunday— Kids' Mass
Last Sunday — Anointing & Prayers of Healing
Every Tuesday & Friday — A.A. meets 8 p.m.
Wednesdays — "Mass Underground" at 6:15 p.m.

2nd & 4th Monday — Food Pantry, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
5th Saturday — Soup Kitchen open 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
3rd Wednesday — Prayer Shawls at Caffé Tosi 10 a.m.
Vestry — Meets third Monday, 6:30 p.m.

WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE

April 9 (49) April 2 (37) March 26 (51) March 19 (40) March (40)

FOOD PANTRY PATRONS

April 10 (56) March 27 (45) March 13 (45) Feb. 27 (48) Feb. 13 (70)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Book Study — Folks interested in a book study, meet in the Rector's Office at 9 a.m. **Sunday, April 16**, with discussion led by Susan Russell. The book is "The Sin of Certainty: Why God Desires our Trust More than Our 'Correct' Beliefs," by Peter Enns.

Concert Celebration — St. Paul's Episcopal Church, St. Joseph, will hold an organ/piano memorial concert at 3 p.m. **Sunday, April 23.** Jim Lauk will perform on the organ and Antoniel Roca will perform on the piano.

Food Pantry — Takes place on **Monday, April 24.** Volunteers needed for delivery about 10 a.m., and distribution from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please help if you can, especially for the evening shift. **Egg cartons needed!** Please bring your empty egg cartons for those times that we have eggs to distribute, especially if you have the half-dozen size containers. Larger plastic grocery bags always needed too.

Soup Kitchen Needs Volunteers — St. A's is committed to host and to serve at the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen on **Saturday, April 29.** Please plan to be at the Soup Kitchen by 9:30 a.m. to assist in preparing the meal. If you can help, there is a sign-up sheet downstairs at the church.

Play Ball! — Baseball season is here and the South Bend Cubs will play the Lansing Lugnuts on **Saturday, May 20.** Game starts at 7:05 p.m. and gates open at 5 p.m. The tickets are \$14 for admission and hat combo. The seats are in sections 112 or 113. Sign-up sheets are downstairs on the bulletin board. Deadline for sign up and payment is **Sunday, April 30.**

Barrier-Free Project — Construction will begin this spring. However, It is important to **keep up-to-date on pledges** specific to the project as we are short in our budget and will soon be paying bills. For details about the project, see Bruce Banghart.

Weekly at The Whitcomb — All are invited to join the Episcopal community for a weekly informal celebration of the Eucharist at 11 a.m. every Thursday at the Whitcomb Hotel in downtown St Joseph.

Member Outreach — Reach out to church members unable to attend services on a regularly. Let them know we care and they are missed.

WANTED: Coffee Hour Hosts — Please sign-up to host this special time following Sunday service. For details see Natalee Rogers.

Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF) — Has initiated a membership drive to increase its limited number of EPF members and chapters in the Diocese of West Michigan. EPF began as The Episcopal Pacifist Fellowship on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1939. According to its website: "*The Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF) is a national organization connecting all who seek a deliberate response to injustice and violence and want to pray, study and take action for justice and peace in our communities, our church, and the world. We are called to do justice, dismantle violence, and strive to be peacemakers.*" EPF currently supports the following Action Groups: Gun Violence Prevention; Death Penalty Abolition; Palestine Israel Network; and Young Adult Network and Urban Pilgrims. Annual membership in the EPF starts at \$50 but those of limited means may join for a lesser amount. The EPF National Executive Council is meeting later this month in Chicago in conjunction with the **Bishops Against Gun Violence: Unholy Trinity** meeting. For more information on EPF, ask Rob Burgess or visit the EPF website at: <http://epfnational.org/>

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PRAYER LIST

The Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan — For Bishop Whyne Hougland Jr.; St. Mark's Church, Coldwater, Frederick Scharck, Rector; Bishop Whittemore Foundation, Robert Stanton, President; EfM Service at St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, April 22.

Community, Nation, World — For the residents, students and educators in Berrien County; our president, governor, congress, legislature, councils and courts; people affected by poverty, political strife and natural disasters.

In the Armed Forces — For Geoffrey, Jason, Nathan, Paige, Patrick, Susan, Tom and Zack.

For Those Who Died — Due to armed conflict, religious persecution, senseless violence, and those within our community. Comfort those who mourn their loss, who so deeply miss their friendship and their love.

Good Health — Extend prayers for Sarah Woolcock; Dan Wilson; Colleen Wilson; Latania and Timmy; and William Schmalfeldt.

Birthdays — Cheryl Hayward (4/20); Roger Wilschke (4/20); Bob VanDeWarker (4/23); Andrea Anderson (4/25); Jean Domer (4/29); Jean Owen (4/29); Terrencia Rogers (5/5); Collin Burgess (5/5); Ann Wilschke (5/7); Marc Rowland (5/11); Priscilla Banghart (5/13); Joel Arbanas (5/13); John Forbes (5/16); Nathan Moore (5/17); Debb Bush (5/18); Rod Nitz (5/20); Sharon Ward (5/22).

Anniversaries — Leslie & Joel Arbanas (5/8); Sarah Woolcock & Marc Rowland (5/31).

Parish Cycle of Prayer — Cheryl Hayward; William Helton; Janan, Bill, Logan & Jacob Hollerbach; Linda Kirby; Jane & Les Knickerbocker; Hazel Lacy; Pat, Stephen, Alexandra & Siobhan Leonard.

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IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE

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Office hours at St. A's (unless otherwise announced) are Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-7:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Vestry: Senior Warden Emil Gallay, Junior Warden Jean Domer; Reid Benson, John Forbes, **Food Pantry:** Gail Wells
Stephen Leonard, Nathan Moore, Judy Moran, Natalee Rogers, Jenny VanDeWarker. **Choir Director/Organist:** Esther Elaine Shoemaker

Altar Guild: Stephen Leonard **Maintenance:** Bruce Banghart **Worship Service:** John Owen

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