

St Stephen's News

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The Holy Week Schedule

MONDAY BEFORE EASTER

April 6th
6 PM, Holy Communion.

TUESDAY BEFORE EASTER

April 7th
6 PM, Holy Communion.

WEDNESDAY BEFORE EASTER

April 8th
6 PM, Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 9th
7 PM, Choral Eucharist & Stripping the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY

April 10th
NOON: Seven Last Words From The Cross
3.30 PM, Children's Way of the Cross
6 PM, Communion of the Presanctified

HOLY SATURDAY

April 11th
9 PM, The Great Vigil
& First Eucharist of Easter

EASTER DAY

Sunday, April 21st
8 AM: Said Holy Eucharist.
9.15 AM: Choral Eucharist,
(followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for
children aged 7 and under).
11.00 AM: Choral Eucharist

FROM THE RECTOR

The parish's plans for Corvid-19 emergency

Familiarity, according to the proverb, breeds contempt. It is a saying which helps explain why many who have lived through the major epidemics of the past century – whooping cough, scarlet fever, Asian flu and polio – appear to be taking a somewhat phlegmatic approach to the neo-coronavirus, Covid-19.

Scorn is probably not an unreasonable reaction to the hoarders who – heedless of their neighbors' needs – have stripped supermarket shelves bare of toilet paper, hand sanitizers and all manner of canned goods. The panic that greeted the advent of the epidemic in so many quarters is an absolute disgrace.

Disdain for the panic-stricken, however, is no reason to treat Covid-19 lightly. While 80 percent of those who contract the virus are expected to suffer relatively minor symptoms or, possibly, no symptoms at all, it presents a serious threat to the remaining 20 percent of those

infected, notably the elderly, diabetics and others with compromised immune systems.

Measures prescribed by the authorities to counteract the spread of the virus seem almost draconian. Governor Lawrence Hogan's order forbidding gatherings of more than 50 people makes it difficult for churches to remain open. Should further limits be imposed, it will be impossible.

On Sunday, March 15th, some 20 people attended the 9.15 AM Eucharist. Congregations at 8.00 AM and 11.00 AM were in the single figures. This encourages us to try to maintain – for as long as the law permits – the Sunday morning worship schedule for those who wish to attend.

However, people in high the risk categories – the over 60s and those suffering from chronic illnesses – would be wise to take careful note of the health care warnings. It is far better to be safe than sorry, especially as we are dealing with a disease about which so much is unknown. .

The parochial clergy will do their best to take care of

Parish Prayer List

Our Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List and guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice. To add a name to the prayer list, or visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the parish office (410) 560 6776.

FOR RECOVERY: Eileen, Rebecca, Catherine, Richard✘, Janis, Parisa, Daniel, Leona, Rachel, Elizabeth, Kim, Dorothy, Donna, Skip, Dan, Sarah, Betsy, Edie, Heidi, Alan, Terry, Helen, Linda, John, Neal, Stephen, Nathan, Hobie, Betty, Helen, Jan, Bobby, Lee, Cary, Marie, Jim, Joanna, Kendall, Ian, Gloria, June, John Tom, Michell, Jack, Lewey, Stephen, Pamela, David, Wade, Sifa, Eileen, Ravi, Theresa, Lisa, Larry Ricard, Judy & Scott

FOR LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Cameron, Caroline, Karen, Ardis, Mavis, Michael, Melba, Sam, Vinnie, Doug, Chip, Elizabeth, Ian, Lisa, Carey, Jacob, Casey, Beth, Kath, Rebecca, Colin & Christian.

IN MEMORIAM: Col. Herbert Grymes

THOSE WHO MOURN: Nancy Fields & Sallie Kelly

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: Lt. Col. Charles Bursi, Lt Col. Nicholas Clouse, USN; Lt Col. Harry Hughes; USAF; Cpt Fiodor Strikovski, US Army.

the spiritual needs of those unable to attend church.

We will continue to post the weekly sermons on the Church website (www.ststeve.com), where the daily offices are also available for reading. In addition, Father John Novicki and Mr Peter Threadgill are exploring the possibility of streaming on the internet Sunday's 9.15 Eucharist and 11. 0 AM Mattins.

The parish office, moreover, will be open from Monday to Friday, from at least 10.00 AM to 3.00 PM. People who are concerned about attending Sunday services are welcome to come by individually to receive the sacraments or simply to chat.

But as we also hope to continue to make sick visits, etc., we would be obliged if you would ahead to let us know you are coming.

Last, and regrettably far from least, the treasurer tells us that despite the governor's actions. cost of running the church will not be measurably reduced. We would, therefore, be most grateful if you would continue your generous support of the parish during the emergency.

God bless you all,

The clergy and staff of St Stephen's.

Easter Flowers For St Stephen's Altar

Here is a selection of beautiful spring flowers to decorate the church for Easter Please make your choice and return this form to the church office with your check by Holy Wednesday, April 8th. Flowers may be taken home after the 11.0 am Service

Your Name: _____

Lilies Small elite 6" 4-6 blooms @ \$10 (# of plants.....)

Field Azalea @ \$15 (# of plants.....)

Hydrangeas Four plus blooms @ \$20 (# of plants.....)

Hiacynths @ \$10 (6" pot) (# of plants.....)

Tulips @ \$10 (6" pot) (# of plants.....)

Total # of plants _____ Total amount enclosed _____

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The Rev. Dr. Norman Flowers,
The Rev. M. Wiley Hawks & The Rev. Mark Newsome,
Mrs Happy Riley, Director of Pastoral Care
& Wedding Coordinator

SUNDAY SERVICES
8am: Said Eucharist
9.15am: Sung Eucharist (with Nursery & Church School)
11 am: Sung Mattins (1st Sunday: Sung Eucharist)
Choral Services (as announced) – evensong.ststeve.com

WEEKDAY SERVICES
Wednesday, 6pm: Evening Prayer
Friday, 12 noon: Healing Eucharist
Saturday, 5pm: Family Eucharist

Calendar of Events

WEEKLY
Monday, 6.30pm: Bridge Club
Thursday, 10am: Knitting Circle
Noon: Bible Study
Friday, 10.30am: Bible Study

MONTHLY & SPECIAL

The Lenten Study continues
Wednesday, March 25th, 1.00 PM the Parish Hall

The Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, 7.00 PM, April 15th

Ladies Who Lunch
Noon, Wednesday, April 15th
Venue: To Be Announced
Information: Call Sara Douglas at 410-560-9026

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