

# *St. James Episcopal Church Easter Newsletter*

## Holy Week Schedule



**Maundy Thursday** – April 2 at 7:00 p.m. with foot washing, Holy Eucharist, and stripping of the Altar

**Watch Night Vigil** – begins at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2 through noon on Good Friday. Sign up in the chapel.

**Good Friday** – April 3 at noon Good Friday Liturgy with **Stations of the Cross**

**Easter Sunday** – April 5 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

### **EASTER FELLOWSHIP SNACKS NEEDED!**

Join us for a time of fellowship following our Easter Sunday Service on April 5th. If you are able, please bring a plate of snacks, pastries, or finger foods to share at Coffee Hour. Coffee and juice will be provided by the church. Thank you for helping make our Easter celebration special!



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During the Maundy Thursday service, the reserve sacrament, the consecrated bread and wine, is taken from the church to the Altar of Repose in the Chapel. From then until the noon time on Good Friday people sit and pray in the Chapel. You are invited to sign up for an hour to watch with Jesus on the chart on the Chapel door. We still have some spots open.

Altar of Repose Sign-up  
Maundy Thursday 9pm to Good Friday at Noon

*"So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?"* Matthew 26: 40

Maundy Thursday, April 2	
9 pm <u>Connie Garrison</u>	11 pm <u>Bonnie Morris</u>
10 pm <u>Nora Gaisi</u>	
Good Friday, April 3	
12 am <u>Susan Funk</u>	6 am <u>Becky Kwaft</u>
1 am <u>Susan Funk</u>	7 am <u>no one</u>
2 am _____	8 am _____
3 am _____	9 am _____
4 am <u>Mac Learned</u>	10 am <u>Laura Learned</u>
5 am <u>Pam H</u>	11 am <u>Lucy Simola</u>

Two lots are provided for each hour to encourage more people to participate. It is only necessary for one person per hour to be present with the sacrament, but it is nice, especially in the middle of the night, to have two people at a time.



The Easter egg hunt after the 10:00 a.m. church service is a wonderfully fun family event! Please invite and bring your grandchildren, friends or relatives to the service and stay for our Easter egg hunt! There will be plenty of eggs for everyone! Bring your own basket or we have a few baskets to loan the little ones to collect eggs!



#### FLOWERING THE CROSS

You are invited to bring flowers on Easter Sunday morning to put in the cross. Any loose flowers will work. The more flowers, the better!



We will have a lovely Easter Coffee Hour after the 10:00 a.m. service. First, we will have an Easter egg hunt and the Easter Bunny will be available for photos! The First Communion students will receive their Sacramental certificates and their Easter baskets!

## Here Comes Peter Cottontail!



### We have a couple of Easter activities coming up.

We will be gifting each of our 5 Confirmation Students and our First Communion Candidate an Easter Basket. We are also providing a basket for acolytes. We will have the baskets in the parish hall to fill – one for each child. You can put anything you'd like in the basket. The basket will be identified by a number only—this is a surprise to the kids, so we don't want to write their names on the basket.

Please note—you do not have to purchase something for each child. You can purchase it for whoever you would like. You can get one child one thing, or you can buy some candy for each child—it is completely up to you. The only thing we ask is that you are careful if you are speaking about this in front of the kids, since it is a surprise for them.

Suggestions for older students: Chips, candy, gift cards, wallet, purse, snacks from Dollar Tree, nail polish, small Lego set, Nerf foam balls, card games, or anything else you'd like.

Suggestions for younger students: Candy, gift cards, hair clips, bracelets, socks, nail polish, lip balm, slimy sand, mini plush or anything else you'd like.

This list of names will be in the drawer under the baskets, in case you need to check something on the list. Thank you!!

#1 is for Ainhoa – Girl 7 years old.

#7 is for Rebecca – Girl 9 years old.

#2 is for Evelyn – Girl 17 years old.

#8 is for Roberto – Boy 14 years old.

#3 is for Breanna – Girl 14 years old.

#9 is for Kenya – Girl 10 years old.

#4 is for Belinda – Girl 17 years old.

#10 is for Alie – Girl 7 years old.

#5 is for Miguel – Boy 14 years old.

#11 is for Karla – Girl 9 years old.

#6 is for Fernando – Boy 14 years old.

#12 is for Kate – Girl 7 years old.

## EASTER FLOWERS DEDICATION



If you would like to dedicate altar flowers for Easter Sunday, please complete the form below. The deadline to get your dedication in is **April 1**.

**I would like to help decorate the Church for Easter.**

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone or Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please dedicate the flowers

In memory of

\_\_\_\_\_

In honor of

\_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving for

\_\_\_\_\_

Please place your flower dedication  
as soon as possible.  
Deadline for dedication is  
Wednesday, April 1, 2026