

# *The Messenger*

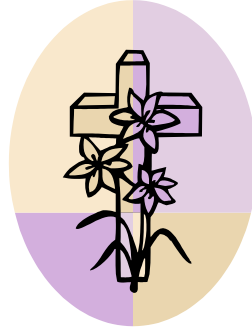
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## **Holy Week and Easter at St. Anne's**



### **Sunday, April 1, Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday)**

8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

9:35 a.m. Story of Jesus (Intergenerational in parish hall)

10:30 a.m.

### **Thursday, April 5, (Maundy Thursday)**

7:00 p.m. Ritual Footwashing, Eucharist, Stripping of Altar  
(See article inside.)

### **Friday, April 6, (Good Friday)**

Noon: Stations of the Cross

(Church open until 3 p.m. for meditation.)

4:00 p.m. Family Experiential "Tenebrae" with Tree of Life Lutheran

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy with Tree of Life Lutheran

### **Saturday, April 7**

4:00 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter with Baptisms at Old Saint Anne's

### **Sunday, April 8, Easter**

8:00 a.m. Choral Festive Eucharist Rite I

8:45-10:15 Breakfast served in Parish Hall

10:30 a.m. Choral Festive Eucharist Rite II

(There is no 9:00 a.m. service, Church School, or Formation time.)

### **Sunday, April 15, I Easter**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II and Youth Sunday

(There is no 9:00 a.m. service. Participants in Youth Sunday gather at 9:45 in parish hall for rehearsal.)

## Rector's Ramblin's

I have been thinking a lot about hands lately. When I was in sixth grade, I had a friend who really thought my hands were cool! She gave me a picture of hands and said "you should be a hand model". Gosh, I was in sixth grade, I didn't even know there was such a thing. I have been thinking about hands, hands really are powerful aren't they? My mother's used to run her fingers through my hair when I was little to calm me down. Her hands on my head running softly is a memory I'll take to the grave! Her hands were soft to me then. Yet now I look at my mothers aged hands. Hands weathered from years of labor around our home, and 35 years in a textile mill. Her hands are arthritic, curled up some! Her hands on the outside show the weather of a sometimes hard life. But still when I reach out to her, and dare to touch the palms of her hands, I feel that same softness that speaks to her care and nurture. Her hands tell a story and so do ours!

I had a friend in high school whose name was Raymond. We called him Raymie. Raymie right hand was crippled from birth. It hooked in a U shape, making it almost impossible for him to have any good use of it. Ironically enough Raymie was an amazing athlete! He starred in basketball and unbelievable was a fantastic pitcher. When he would pitch he would hold his glove tenderly on with the ends of his fingers on his "crippled" hand, deliver the pitch and with one smooth motion transfer his glove onto his pitching hand! Amazing!

Raymie's hands told a story. Not once do I ever remember Raymie saying or thinking anything about his "hands" other than how he used them to excel, both of them! I was in awe of Raymie's use of his hands. Raymie was tragically killed in a car accident some years ago, a shame and a loss for all of us.

I don't think it's a mistake that Thomas wanted to see Jesus' hands after his death and resurrection. Jesus hands had a lot to say about his life and his mission. My guess is that just like the fact that I will never forget my mothers or my friend Raymie's hands, Thomas remembered his masters hands. These hands no doubt comforted him, provoked him, pointed him in directions, beckoned him to follow, fed him literally, and these hands were the hands that touched his feet! I am thinking about hands!

What hands do you remember helping you along in life? What hands have comforted you, earned your amazement, pointed you in some direction, beckoned you to follow, fed you, and washed you? How do you use your hands? How do you use your hands to display your giftedness, so that others may find amazement in you? How do you point others in a direction, beckon others to follow, feed others, comfort others, wash others? It seems that Thomas needed to see Jesus hands. He needed to see beyond the nails. He needed to know that his life would go on, Jesus power would go on! He looked at his hands!

Good Friday Family Service  
April 6, 4:00 p.m.  
Children, sign up now to participate!



Live the story of Jesus's sacrifice—a service of story, song, and experience. Especially for Families. Children, volunteer to participate as readers, candle bearers, and other important helpers.

Sign up below if you can help. We'll practice at 3:15 p.m. on Good Friday afternoon.

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or contact Father Tony at 378-2401 or [Rector@st-annes-church.com](mailto:Rector@st-annes-church.com).



## Maundy Thursday Ritual Footwashing

Thursday April 5th at 7:00 p.m. we will celebrate our Maundy Thursday service. This service is part of our holy week adventure to tell the story of Christ's last days with his disciples. The word "Maundy" translates to commandments and we tell the story of Jesus intimate last night with his disciples where he shared the Passover meal and instructed his disciples to Love on another as he has loved them! On this intimate night, Jesus demonstrated that love by serving his disciples by washing their feet. It is common in the Episcopal liturgy (worship) to have a ritual foot washing. Four representatives of the congregation will come forward during this time to have their feet ceremonially washed just as Jesus disciples did. The congregation would then be invited to have their feet washed insofar as they are comfortable.

This is an intimate experience, rightly so, as Jesus time with his disciples the night before he died was intimate. If you plan to offer your feet to be washed, please be prepared by wearing socks and shoes that can easily be slipped off and on.

### **Membership Committee**

*See our bulletin board in the café area. Check out the new faces that you are seeing in church.*

#### ***A Warm Welcome to***

Mike and Patty Crilley and family  
Brian Lanham and Ellen Whitman  
Debbie and Christopher Potts  
Elizabeth Walker and family  
Ed and Linda Fletcher  
Eric and Corrine Johnson and family  
Dean and Tanya Beitskus  
Mark and Melanie Zurzolo and family  
Anthony and Krista Volpe  
Daniel and Tammy Mitchell and family  
Kevin and Jen Lamb and family.

***If you love meeting and talking with people and have a warm, welcoming heart, we NEED YOU!*** The Membership Committee is looking for new members to help welcome new prospective members of St. Anne's. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Masso at [kcmasso@verizon.net](mailto:kcmasso@verizon.net).

# Are you called to ministry with young people??

**We are inviting persons to discern a call to leadership with our young people through our Youth Ministry.**

**What is the Program:** Journey to Adulthood is a program begun at St. Phillip's Episcopal Church in Durham N.C.; it is a program in three parts, aimed at nurturing the developmental principles of young people on a journey to adulthood. The three components are:

**Rite-13** (a name based on a liturgical celebration integral to the program) celebrates the gift of gender and provides a foundation for the remainder of the program. It is a gathering of 12 and 13 year olds on a weekly basis with special events throughout the year and focuses on the spiritual and human discovery of a growing young person.

**J2A** (Journey to Adulthood) builds on rite-13 by training young people in six necessary skills of adulthood: Listening, Assertion, Negotiation, Research, and Information Management, Partnership and Leadership. It is a group that meets regularly forming a community of learning, understanding and growth. Two significant events within the period of time is the "urban adventure" a weekend discovery of spirit in an urban setting, and the culmination of the program in the Pilgrimage, a significant time to a mutually discerned place for a spiritual discover of the holy. (This years group is journeying to England) Group members are aged 14-16 typically.

**YAC** (Young Adults in Church) builds on the previous four years of the program by enabling the young people to practice their newly-acquired skills in the context of the supportive congregation community. This group will be new to St. Anne's. A leader of this group serves more as a facilitator, enabling the groups members to take on leadership within the congregation.

**What gifts should I discern:** A general mutual respect for young people? The ability to lead by encouragement and empowerment. A mutual desire to discover new things without having all the answers. The desire to want to grow and see others grow. The ability to have fun! Patience and understanding.

**What is the time commitment:** Each of the three programs are on a two year cycle. The time commitment is a 2 year weekly engagement (Summers, a few gatherings throughout) with young people. Some special events are overnight and in J2A a weekend and for pilgrimage an 8-12 day "adventure". Time is shared with co-leaders. Typically there are 2-3 leaders of each group, to share the ministry and commitment.

**What is the benefit?** Read the testimony below from one of our J2A leaders.

**Who do I talk to learn more, discern?**

**Rite 13:** Jen Vail (tjvail@aol.com) Dave Blaasch(dblaasch@state.de.us) Dan Bennett (dan@bennettclan.com) Lea Hutchins (leashutchins@aol.com)

**J2A:** Valerie Biddle (valerie@biddlecapitalmanagement.com) Charlie Wolf (charles.d.wolf@usa.dupont.com) Kate Rokosz (kater@uniglobeonline.com); Tom Vail (Tjvail@aol.com) Laurie Wolinski (laurieg4@verizon.net)

**YAC and All of the Above:** Tony Pompa (Rector@st-annes-church.com)



## Second Annual Gumball Raking!



On Saturday, March 31, join the Rite 13 Youth Group and the Old St. Anne's Committee for a clean-up day at Old St. Anne's Church. Work begins at 9:00 a.m. Bring your work gloves and rakes. Dave

Blaasch will provide nature walks through the beautiful grounds, and a picnic lunch will be served.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Sunday after the 10:30 service

We would greatly appreciate donations of candy or other items appropriate for stuffing the plastic eggs. Please, no chocolate. Unfortunately, if it is warm, the chocolate will melt, creating a mess and making the candy inedible.



You may leave donations at the church office or in the basket provided in the great hall. Thank you!

## Candles

There is a person who lives in a very small domicile without electricity. He uses candles for lighting. There will be a basket in the church vestibule if you would like to donate any old or half-used candles.

Thanks, Grace George, Outreach

## Spring Adult Formation Sundays, 9:35 – 10:25 a.m.

**Please join us!**

**April 1:** Journey with Jesus: an intergenerational activity led by Kathy Hanna and Nancy Bennett

**April 8:** Easter Breakfast (no class or 9 a.m. service)

**April 15:** Youth Sunday (no class or 9 a.m. service)

**April 22:** Earth Day, environmental awareness discussion and video

**April 29:** Introduction to Islam, Class 1, taught by guest Sam Sabrin

**May 6:** Islam, Class 2

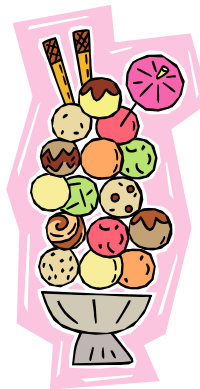
**May 13:** Mother's Day Breakfast (no class)

**May 20:** Islam, Class 3

*Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser*

## Build a Sundae for Habitat

A Friendly Night Out



Bring your friends and family and join us on **Tuesday, May 1, from 5:00-9:00 p.m.** as we Build a Sundae for Habitat!

10% of ALL proceeds from the evening will support St. Anne's pledge to Habitat for Humanity.

What a tasty way to support a great program!



# Share Your Words of Wisdom

Please use this form to share spiritual or practical advice that you have found especially valuable in your life. The Rite 13 members have completed the two-year program and ask for your guidance as they begin their Journey to Adulthood.

We will provide booklets containing your wisdom to our Rite 13 members during the Manhood/Womanhood Ceremony on April 15.

Please return this form in the collection plate or to the office prior to April 9. The Rite 13 members thank you.

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**Optional:**

Name:

Any additional information you'd like to include:

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Happy Birthday



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In our City, and in the Stranger.**

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