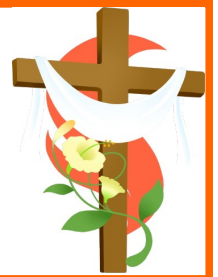




The Franciscans



April 2023

A newsletter for friends and members of St. Francis Episcopal Church
Goldsboro, NC 27534

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the first week of April rapidly approaching, we will be entering into Holy Week. We will, as a parish, have plenty of opportunities to come together to learn, worship, and pray together beginning with Eucharist on Palm Sunday.

While all the days of Holy Week are filled with significance and time for reflection and prayer focusing on the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, the primary communal aspect of Holy Week is the **Paschal Triduum**: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. To those outside of a liturgical tradition, these days and services can have little or no meaning. However, within our tradition, the liturgies are filled with meaning and tradition. These three services, I believe, are just as essential to a Christian's spiritual life as Easter is.

At one of the Lenten suppers, Fr. David Wyly of St. Stephens shared a story from an article that he had read. The article associated participation in the Triduum with that of attending a symphony. You can go to any one of the parts, and it is a wonderful and beautiful experience. Yet, if you leave after just one act, you will miss the rest of the story and the intended result of the symphony.

The Triduum is like this in that you can attend any of the services on their own, and if you allow it, it will be a powerful moment. However, to fully understand the Triduum and to allow it to prepare you for the full glory of Easter, it must be done with intentional attendance to the whole Triduum. I invite and pray that you will attend all three services within the Triduum. I also pray that whatever you do, it will be to understand better the gravity of Christ's passion and the glory that occurs on Easter day.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Whit Stroud

***Maundy Thursday, April 6, 5:30pm**

Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

(St. Francis)

***The Proper Liturgy for Good Friday with**

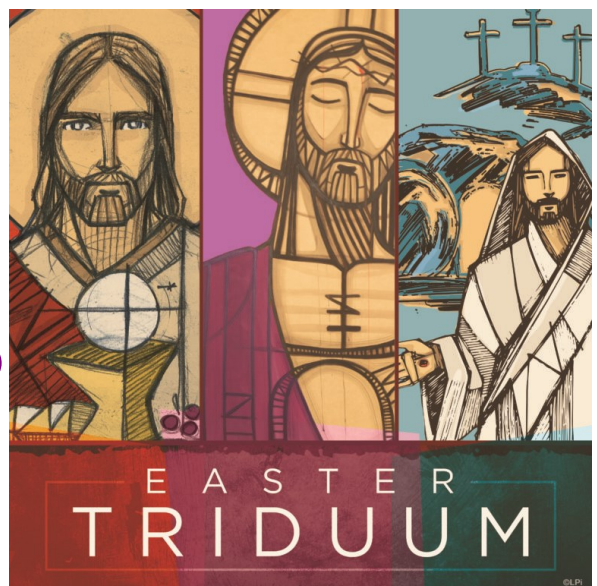
Adoration of the Cross, April 7, 7pm,

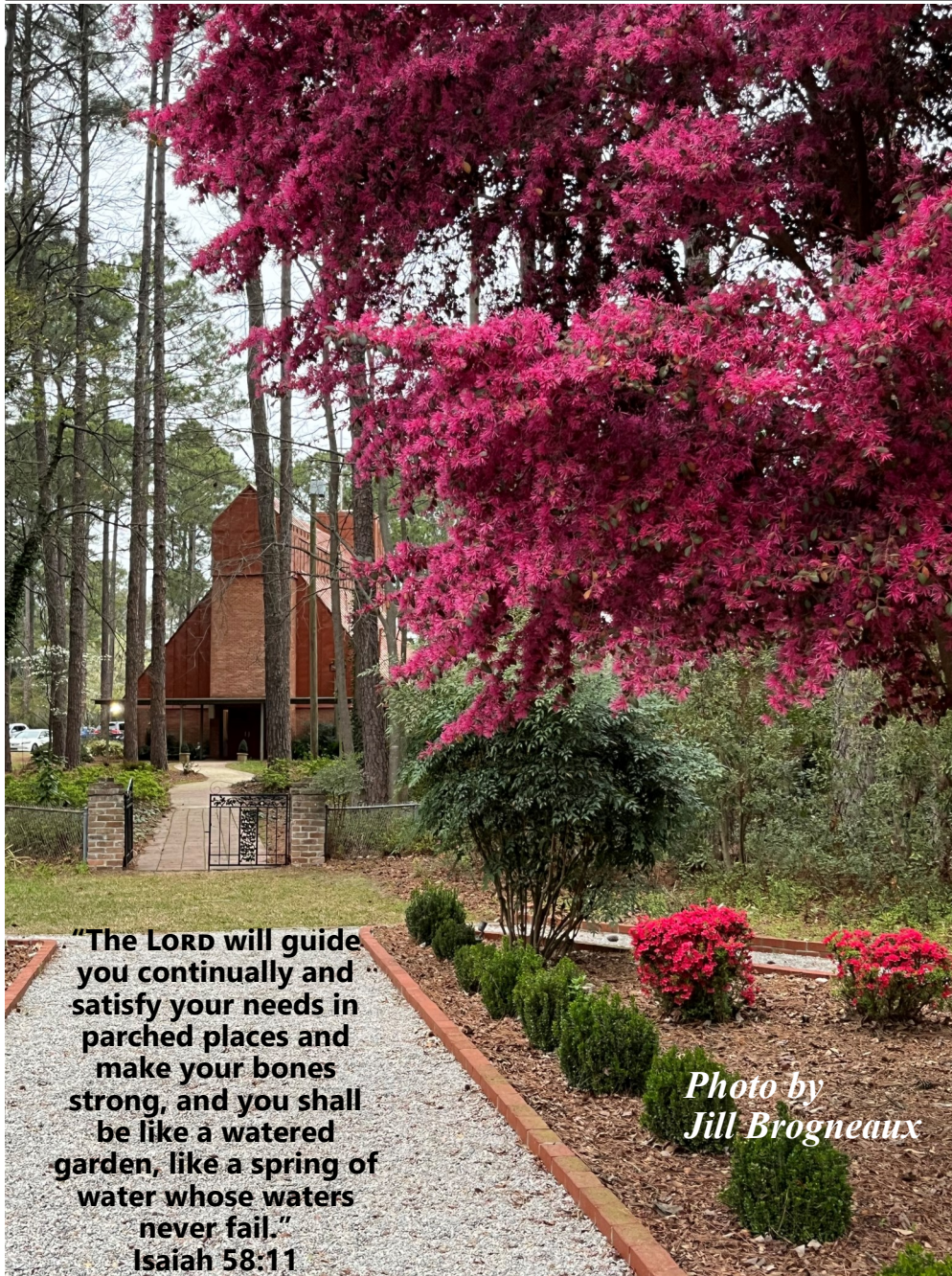
(Holy Innocents -6861 NC-55, Seven Springs)

***The Great Vigil of Easter,**

Saturday, April 8, 8pm

(St. Stephen's, 200 N. James Street)

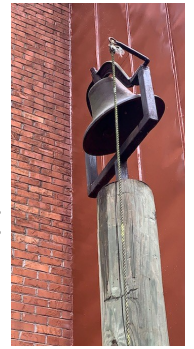




**“The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.”
Isaiah 58:11**

Photo by Jill Brogneaux

Thanks to those who came out for the work day: George’s ladder did the trick in repairing the bell.



The battle is on! Join us Sunday, April 30, 5pm at Holy Innocents in Seven Springs as we battle a game of Trivia. This is the 1st of our 5th Sunday Trivia nights with Holy Innocents. We will host the one in July.



80th Birthday Celebration!

Dave and Liz invite the entire church community to attend on May 7 here at St. Francis. The event celebrates the several who turn 80 this year. Anyone turning 80 in 2023 is

asked to contact Liz at 919-223-4014 for details about guests who can be invited.





April 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Hosanna to the King</p>				 <p>Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>Garden Clean Up—9am</p> 	
<p>2 Palm Sunday 9am Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour</p>	<p>3 Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>4 Whit in office, Beverly out of office. 6pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>5 10-11am</p> 	<p>6 4 pm Choir 5:30pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar</p> 	<p>7</p>  <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p>	<p>8 9am-3pm Parish Hall, Kitchen and grounds reserved for private family gathering. (Beverly)</p>
<p>9 Easter Day Flowering of the Cross 9am Holy Eucharist Easter Breads/Egg Hunt</p> 	<p>10 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>11 Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>12 10-11am</p> 	<p>13 4 pm Choir 6-7pm</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> 
<p>16 Second Sunday of Easter 9am Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour ECW</p> 	<p>17 Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>18 Office Open 9am-3pm 6pm Christian Formation 7pm</p> 	<p>19 10-11am</p> 	<p>20 4 pm Choir 6-7pm</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 Third Sunday of Easter 9am Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour</p>	<p>24 Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>25 Office Open 9am-3pm 6pm Monthly Potluck</p> 	<p>26 10-11am</p> 	<p>27 4 pm Choir 6-7pm</p> 	<p>28</p>	<p>29 St. Francis @</p> 
<p>30 Fourth Sunday of Easter 9am Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour 5pm Trivia @ Holy Innocents</p> 						

Lay Server Schedule April 2023	April 2 PALM SUNDAY Holy Eucharist Father Whit Stroud	April 9 EASTER DAY Holy Eucharist Father Whit Stroud	April 16 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER Holy Eucharist Father Whit Stroud	April 23 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER Holy Eucharist Father Whit Stroud	April 30 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Holy Eucharist Father Whit Stroud
	9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am
CRUCIFER	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond Jodi Baker/Jimmy Valenzona	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond Jodi Baker/Jimmy Valenzona	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond Jodi Baker/Jimmy Valenzona	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond Jodi Baker/Jimmy Valenzona	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond Jodi Baker/Jimmy Valenzona
LECTORS	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
USHERS	Eldica Cyrus Lamar Aycock Scott Summers	Eldica Cyrus Lamar Aycock Scott Summers	Eldica Cyrus Lamar Aycock Scott Summers	Eldica Cyrus Lamar Aycock Scott Summers	Eldica Cyrus Lamar Aycock Scott Summers
ALTAR GUILD	Jodi Baker Paula Wills	Jodi Baker Paula Wills	Jodi Baker Paula Wills	Jodi Baker Paula Wills	Jodi Baker Paula Wills
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR	Jill Brogneaux	Eldica Cyrus	Liz Meador	Jane Anthony	Fr. Whit Stroud
TELLERS	Patti Donnelly Lamar Aycock	Patti Donnelly Lamar Aycock	Patti Donnelly Lamar Aycock	Patti Donnelly Lamar Aycock	Patti Donnelly Lamar Aycock
SOCIAL HOUR	Jill and Roger Brogneaux	Jill and Roger Brogneaux	Jill and Roger Brogneaux	Jill and Roger Brogneaux	Jill and Roger Brogneaux

APRIL

7...Ian Ladd
11...Dave Meador
21...Ron Rae



If your birthday has been omitted, please notify the church office so that the birthday lists are up-to-date.

**Hosts are needed for Social/Coffee Hour!
Please sign up on the tower . Thank YOU!**

Vestry

2023
Debbie Stedner
Dave Meador
(Jr. Warden)
Brandon Robbins
2024
Jill Brogneaux
(Sr. Warden)
Patti Donnelly
2025
Barbara Pederson
Lamar Aycock


Al Elmore, Treasurer
Paula Wills, Clerk

Priest-in-Charge
The Rev. Whit Stroud



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Thank you to everyone who submitted photos of our Lenten Series! If you have others, please email them to the office for our next newsletter.







It was Christmas in March! The St. Francis Altar Guild was excited to unpack our new altar candles and processional candles. These gifts were funded 100% by the generous donations of many!

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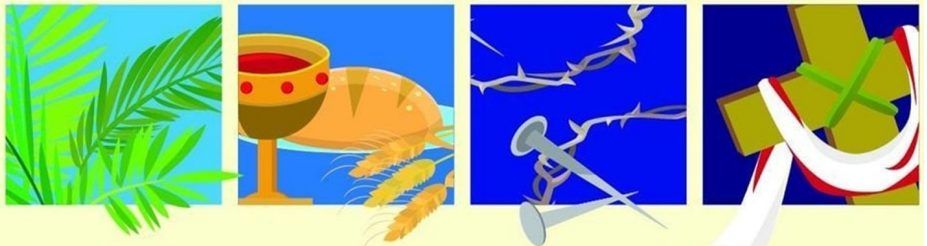
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April 6, Maundy Thursday, 5:30pm, Holy Eucharist &
Stripping of the Altar

April 9, Easter Sunday, 9am, Flowering of the Cross,
Holy Eucharist, Easter Breads & Egg Hunt

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