

Pip's Squeak

March 29, 2015

This Week: Mar 29 — Apr 4

Wed., 10:30, **Theology Book Group**, Sanctuary

Thu., 5 pm, **Food Pantry**, Foyer

Fri., 10:30, **Meditation**, Sanctuary

Sat., 5 pm, **Overnight Guests**, Parish Hall

A Gift to You & to Those You Love: Advance Healthcare Directive

Sunday, April 12, 2015

After the 8 & 10 AM services

Visit the information table for the documents and advice you need to cross this important item off your to-do list! Table hosted by Hospice of Santa Cruz County. All are welcome. Bring questions!

Episcopal Marriage Encounter

Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples focus only on each other. Please contact: Curt & Arlene McClelland, 408-371-5581, curt@sbcglobal.net

Next weekend: April 17-19, 20

Retrouvaille Weekends

Learn how to survive times of distance in your marriage. For confidential information about the program contact us at Monte-rey@RetroCA.com or 831-479-1260. **Next weekend: May 1-3**

St. Philip's Annual Garden Tour & English Tea

Save the Date: Saturday, May 9th

The time is now to start planning our much anticipated Garden Tour on Saturday May 9th, 2015. We have many people in our community that look forward to this event. It is a beautiful day filled with flowers and good food. It also takes a lot of preparation to pull it off. If we all chip in a little we can make it work. Please sign up for any of the volunteer jobs that peak your interest. If you have not received the e-mail to sign up for a volunteer spot please contact Victoria Dobson at vsdobson@gmail.com, to see how you can help!

Rector's Remarks:

Holy Week, Triduum and Easter: what the Christian story is all about! Did you know that "The Three Days", or in Latin, Triduum, was the most important sacramental time of the Christian church from the beginning of Christianity? It was not Jesus' birth, but his death, which was remembered and incorporated as the high feast and festival of the new "Way" which became Christianity.

Jesus' final week, what we call "Holy Week", begins with the Palm Sunday triumphant Jesus entering Jerusalem at the beginning of Passover, and ends in the Triduum, climaxing with our Easter celebration—the day of Resurrection. Triduum, The Three Days, actually begins at night, on the evening of Maundy Thursday, with a remembrance meal recalling Jesus' Last Supper, including the washing of the Apostles' feet. Some churches hold an all-night vigil following the meal, recalling Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and his 3 best friends, Peter, James and John, trying but failing to stay awake to pray with him. The second day is the vigil of Good Friday, which we commemorate at both noon and 6pm, offering the Biblical Stations of the Cross, remembering the agony Jesus and his loved ones suffered as he marched to his horrific death. Saturday is a somber day, as Christians remember Jesus' body entombed in a shroud of darkness. Here at St. Philip's the priest offers a time of personal reflection with an invitation to penitential observation and absolution. Many Episcopal Churches celebrate the Easter Vigil Saturday night at sundown; St. Philip's is invited to attend Calvary Episcopal's Saturday evening vigil and Dinner Church with our rotating shelter guests, or St. Andrew's Ben Lomond's traditional Easter Vigil. Finally, "Triduum" ends with our glorious Sunday morning celebrations, which this year will include an adult baptism!

There are many spiritually rich ways you and your family may participate in this glorious celebration and remembrance of Jesus' final week. And if you are away on holiday during this time, won't you consider checking for a local Episcopal Church and its special offerings of remembering Jesus' sacrifice and God's glory through these rituals? For over 2000 years these sacramental moments have continued to serve in uniting us to God and each other in Christ!

Paster Mary Blessing

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A thank you from us:

Many, many thanks to Jim Dobson, Dave Munro, Jim Blessing, Walter Nielsen and all who helped upgrade our building to meet the fire codes! We're ready for the inspection at last.

Elizabeth and the Vestry

Thank you, to us and to our guests

God has been blessing St. Philip's over and over again with the inclusion of our Saturday Shelter guests in all aspects of our community life. For two Saturdays in March our guests came and joined forces with St. Philip's to do some major cleaning, weeding, hauling and general spruce up of the property. For this we give tremendous thanks!

One of the guests wrote a lovely note of gratitude for this last week: "...thank you and the congregation for providing us a safe haven to rest and the opportunity to work in your beautiful landscape. Saturday clean-up was fun and up-building—it reaffirmed my love of community."

Special thanks to Jane Ellis and Roy Spadaccini for their extra efforts to bring a truck and extra bins to haul away much of our accumulated junk and weeds!

Pick up empty Easter eggs NOW! Fill with candy, stickers, other treats, and return them by 10 am Easter Sunday.

Sign-ups to bring soup, salad, or bread to our Maundy Thursday (April 2) evening of remembrance of Jesus' final meal, can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer.



Got calla lilies blooming? If you do, bring them to the church on Good Friday or Holy Saturday, please.

2015 Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 29

8:00 & 10:00am: Palm Sunday, Liturgy of the Palms, Passion Reading and Reflection. Each service begins in the Church Parking Lot.

Maundy Thursday, April 2

6pm: Sacred Simple Supper in Sanctuary, followed by foot washing or hand washing ritual & Holy Communion.

Good Friday, April 3

12 noon: Combined service with Community Covenant Church at St. Philip's Sanctuary.

6pm: Stations of the Cross & meditations at St. Philip's.

Holy Saturday, April 4

1-3pm: Private Confession in Sanctuary.

Easter Eve, April 4th

7 pm, at Calvary Episcopal, 532 Center St., Santa Cruz. Feast of the Resurrection, Lighting the Paschal Fire, baptisms, and Dinner Church shared with Faith Communities Shelter members. This is an opportunity to get to know our weekly overnight guests. You won't want to miss it! Call Calvary, 423-8787 for details.

7 pm, at St. Andrew's, Ben Lomond

It begins outside with the Kindling of New Fire. The church is darkened and we process in with candles lit with the Light of Christ. There will be several readings and psalms in the darkened church and then the church will be lit for the first service of Easter!

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5

8:00 & 10:00am, **Holy Eucharist** with Festive Music

Easter Sunday, April 5th

Pot Luck &

All Ages Easter Egg Hunt!

Bring your favorite savory or sweet dish to share with the congregation.