

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday April 1	PALM SUNDAY
Tuesday, April 3	MORNING PRAYER, 7:30 AM
Wednesday, April 4	LENTEN PROGRAM, 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 5	MAUNDY THURSDAY Morning Prayer, 7:30 AM Welcome Church on Logan Square, 12:00 PM Agape Supper, 6:00 PM Eucharist with Foot-washing and Stripping of Altar, 7:00 PM
Friday, April 6	GOOD FRIDAY Community Service, Temple Lutheran, Havertown, 2:00 PM (Fr. Lloyd preaching) Good Friday Liturgy, 7:00 PM
Saturday, April 7	HOLY SATURDAY Easter Vigil, 10:00 PM
Sunday, April 8	EASTER DAY



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FROM THE RECTOR

“What kind of peace do I mean and what kind of a peace do we seek? Not a *Pax Americana* enforced on the world by American weapons of war. Not the peace of the grave or the security of the slave. I am talking about genuine peace, the kind of peace that makes life on earth worth living, and the kind that enables men and nations to grow, and to hope, and build a better life for their children -- not merely peace for Americans but peace for all men and women, not merely peace in our time but peace in all time.”

Those words were spoken by President Kennedy in June of 1963. We had somehow survived the Cuban missile crisis the previous October, a tiny country called Vietnam had yet to arise in the national consciousness, and the desire for peace was very much on everyone’s mind. Yet the peace which Kennedy so eloquently evoked eluded us then and continues to do so. Instead, what we do have is that which Kennedy explicitly disowned – a relative peace based on military and economic superiority.

The term *Pax Americana* was used then as it is now as a direct reference to the *Pax Romana*, the peace imposed by the Roman Empire. At this point in the Church year, at the very brink of Holy Week, we are forced to consider well and closely just what that peace means, for it was in the name of maintaining the peace of Rome that Jesus was crucified.

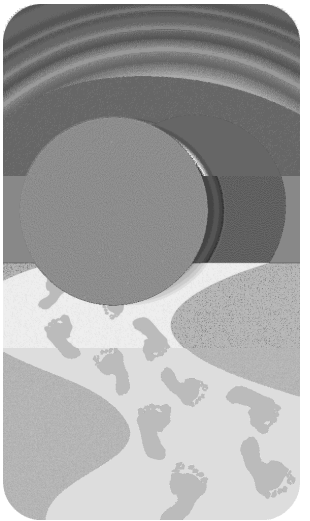
I find that we often take too limited a view of the events of Holy Week so that

we risk over-spiritualizing them. The story as presented in the gospels is decidedly political, that is, it deals directly with the way we order our lives. For the four evangelists, the story of the Cross is the direct and decisive confrontation between the *pax mundi* and the *pax Dei* – the order of this world, and the order of God. It is a clash in which the forces of empire seem to be victorious, but which the eyes of faith perceive to be the defeat of those forces.

The Cross is the sign of the judgment which the world of humanity - the economy of power through which our world is kept in order – bring upon itself. When Jesus declares from the Cross, “Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do,” he is saying that this act of judicial terrorism is the only choice humanity knows how to make.

I know that Holy Week can feel exceedingly long and unpleasant. It has some hard things to say about us, about the way we live our lives, and about the world we live in. Yet we must listen carefully and weigh the truth of those charges if we are to hear and appreciate the promise that is also offered – the promise that there is another path through life, one that does not end at the Cross, but continues through the Cross to resurrection. It is nothing less than the promise of that peace that “enables men and nations to grow, and to hope....”

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Parish News

EASTER ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS



Envelopes are enclosed with this Newsletter for Easter Altar Flower Memorials.

Please return these **no later than Wednesday, April 4th**. If that is not possible, please at least provide to the office the names of the loved ones you wish to remember by that date.

WELCOME CHURCH...

takes place on the last Sunday every month at 3PM in **Logan Square**, across from Family Court. If you would like to journey down together, we meet at CHA at 2:00 p.m.

Please join us!



Genuardi's Club Card

Make sure you are signed up for a Genuardi's Club Card. Every time you use the card, Genuardi's will give Holy Apostles 1%. You must first register with Genuardi's at their service desk or at www.escrip.com. And, you must re-register with them every fall.

CHA'S PIZZA CHURCH

takes place on the **second Sunday** each month at **5:00 p.m.**

Join us!



Super Fresh Gift Certificates

Super Fresh will give Holy Apostles 5% of each gift certificate sold. Please see J. T. Wertz to purchase gift certificates in \$50 or \$100 denominations. There are three families who currently participate on a regular basis netting CHA approx. \$1,000 per year. If we had greater participation, think of the possibilities!

Publishing Deadline: Articles for the parish newsletter are **due on the third Friday of each month** (unless otherwise noted) in order to allow enough time to compile, print, and collate. Please provide any items you would like published to the office by that day. Every effort will be made to include all appropriate articles, however, editing may be necessary due to space restrictions. Thank you.

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Parish Family:

This is the first of what hopefully will be monthly letters about the activities of the Vestry. Since our annual parish meeting the Vestry has met twice. In February, we elected officers and outlined the various roles we needed to fill. I was elected Senior Warden, Judi Kraft Accounting Warden, and Lyn DeSilets Vestry Clerk. On Saturday March 10 we met to organize ourselves, discuss opportunities and challenges, and to personally commit to one or more activities, committees, and/or liaison activities. Here are the results:

Property: Tom Forker
Technology: Rex Saffer
Education: Susanne Wherry
Good News: Hugh Peck
Fellowship: Patty Wertz
Outreach: Matt Hillis
Finance/Audit: Judi Kraft
Pastoral Care: Rex Saffer
Stewardship/Capital Campaign: Kevin Cavanaugh
Worship: Dennis Lloyd

Some highlights of our discussions include:

We want all parishioners to actively participate in our worship services, and in the coming months we will be inviting everyone to join the ranks of our readers, intercessors, chalice bearers, Sunday School teachers, etc.

We agreed that we will approach all we do with a sense of urgency – we won't kick the can down the road, so to speak.

We discussed at length numerous issues and ideas around how to engage our young adults (14+) in the worship and life of the congregation.

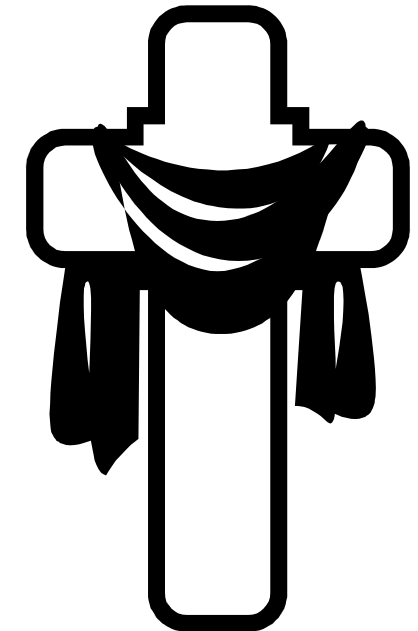
We are going to reorganize and restart some committees that have fallen by the wayside.

We set specific goals and objectives for each of the activities/committees noted above.

We agreed to be more open and transparent (sorry for the buzzword) and we will share our meeting minutes and the church's financial results each month.

Beginning in April, the Vestry will meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm (except in July). Everyone is invited to attend our meetings. We set ambitious goals for 2012. With your help, support, and prayers we will meet them. Stay tuned...

Sincerely,
Kevin Cavanaugh
Senior Warden



GOOD FRIDAY

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Once again, the Haverford Township Clergy Association is sponsoring a Good Friday service for the entire community. This ecumenical service consists of Bible readings and traditional Good Friday prayers shared by all our various church traditions. This year, the guest preacher is the Rev. Dennis Lloyd, rector of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church.

The service will be held at Temple Lutheran Church, at the corner of Brookline and Elmlington in Havertown. Doors open at 12 noon, and the service begins at 2 PM.