

GRAPEVINE



April 2011

The Preacher's Corner:

All the promises of God are YES in Christ

As we move through the Season of Lent towards Easter Sunday and the Season of Easter the Church encourages us to self-examination and repentance. The church encourages us to use prayer, fasting and self-denial and to read and meditate on God's holy Word to prepare ourselves to celebrate the Season of Easter.

Easter Sunday is the day we celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ over sin and death. The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! These are the acclamations of the day. The Lord is risen, the Lord is risen indeed is what Mary Magdalene and the two disciples who talked to the risen Lord told those mourning and quivering in the upper room. The Lord is risen, the Lord is risen indeed is what the disciples told Thomas after the Lord had met with them in the upper room.

Easter day is the day we acknowledge and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the grab of death. Easter Day is the day when we begin to understand that "All the promises of God are Yes in Christ".

Jesus, through His life with us demonstrated His authority over sickness and diseases by the multiple healings recorded in the Gospels. Jesus demonstrated His authority over death by the resuscitation of Lazarus and of the only son of a widow. Jesus demonstrated His authority over the normal acts of nature when He calmed the storm, multiplied the fish and the bread, walked over waters and transformed water into a very good wine. His final act of authority was performed in His death and resurrection, and His ascension to heaven.

Throughout the Bible we read the promises of forgiveness, provision, salvation and life given to us by God. Each promise has been fulfilled in Christ for us. That is why Paul reminds us that "All the promises of God are YES in Christ"

This Easter Season let us celebrate the truth of the Gospel, "The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness."

The Lord is Risen Indeed!

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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The Vestry:

Senior Warden: Pam Hysong

Junior Warden: Todd Wagner

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Amy Whitlow

Larry Shaffer

Dolly Lopresti

Kitty Batrus

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Greg Lilly

Todd Wagner

Lucie Whittle

Lorraine Zitnay

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Richard Burkert

Cynthia Greig

Jack Herbein

Pam Hysong

Please remember

St. Mark's Church in your will.

FUEL & SNOW REMOVAL

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation over the past few months to help defray Heating Costs and Snow Removal.

The harsh winter along with increased fuel costs has placed a severe toll on our 2011 Budget.

We have received over \$500.00 through your generosity. Many thanks!

Rwandan Orphan

All families of the church are encouraged to donate \$1.00 on the third Sunday of each month (April 17th) for our Rwandan orphan, Chantal. Please be sure to mark your donation separately for Chantal.

Pastoral Care

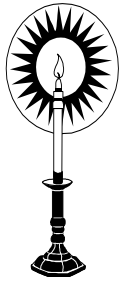
All families of the church are encouraged to donate one dollar on the fourth Sunday of each month (April 24th) for our Pastoral Care. Please be sure to mark your donation separately for Pastoral Care.

FINANCE MEETING

Tuesday April 12th
5:00 pm

VESTRY MEETING

Sunday April 17th
After the 10:00 am Service



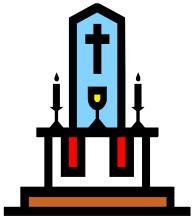
2011 Weekly Altar Flowers & Monthly Altar Candles



Donation price is \$30 a Sunday for flowers and \$8 a month for candles.
Please contact Joanne in the Parish Office or Doris Horner with your requests.

We have openings for the following:

4/10(1), 4/17 (1), 5/15(1), 5/29(2), 6/5 (1), 6/12(1), 6/19(2), 7/3(1), 7/24(1), 7/31(2), 8/7(1), 8/21(1),
8/28 (1), 9/11 (1), 9/18(1), 9/25(2), 10/9(1), 10/16(2), 10/23(2), 10/30(2), 11/13(1), 12/4(1), 12/11(1),
12/18(2), 12/25 (1) .



ALTAR GUILD NEWS

We will need all available Altar Guild Ladies to help during Holy Week.

Bill and I will be back in time for Holy Week.

I can count on all of you to help Amy in my absence.

As always, thank you for all you do!
Doris Horner

St. Mark's Breakfast Club



Don't forget, join us at our Breakfast Club on April 6th at 8:30 am.

So what is breakfast club? A small breakfast with a speaker, usually someone involved in Christian Ministry in one way or another.

What does it cost? Nothing, It is free, but donations are always accepted to cover the food.

Why 8:30? So those from early service can join us as well as those involved in Choir.

The Diocesan Nominating Committee will be present at the breakfast club to update us on the search for a new Bishop.

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Frankie Weaver, Courtney Smith, Dominic Chiodo, John Fry, Jolene Watt, and the victims of Japan's Earthquake.

Family and Friends Serving Our Country:

Jason Medsger, Clint Cable, Bill Pulliam, Justin Erdley, Chad McLaren, Michael Custer, Jeff Bright, Dan Kell, Valerie Hantke, Ryan Bracken, and Gary Hogman.

Please Continue To Remember In Your Personal Prayers: Richard Burkert, Dorthy Veale, Marvin Ripple, Eugene Davis, Lois Bender, Liz & Don Hysong, Joy Brehm, Cindy Leap, Jack & Carroll Green, Angie & Jack Herbein, Ed & Marjorie Ajay, Gloria Coulson, Betty McGrath, Jack Lorence, Louis Hoffer, Eugene Davis, Jim Hargreaves, Sue Kelly, Ethel Arthur, Hassell & Polly Sledd, Maggie Lesosky, Kevin Boyden, Deneen Brant, Stanley Gimza, Vivian Marple, Bernice Ketterer, Joan & Bill Berresford, Phyllis Miller, Ethel Thomas, Gordon Gladden, Catherine Woods, Joy Howard, Dave Maxwell, Linda Russell, Msgr. Orbanek, Jeff Gates, Chris Marlowe, Ted Thiele, Barbara Mileto, Hal Trevenen, Connie Derzack, Carole Caroff, Tim Whitford, Bob Armstrong, Natalie Neff, Keith Barkley, Kelly Plowchin, Bridget Shero, Florence Gunlaugson, and Peter Keitsock, Carol Vindish, Jeff Nelson, and Bill Eidenire.



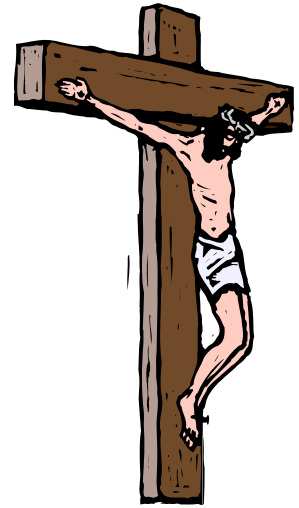
HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

- 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist with distribution of Palms
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with distribution of palms and procession
The Young Adults of St. Marks will read the Passion

Holy Wednesday

- 12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist



Maundy Thursday

- 6:00 PM Seder
Foot Washing and Celebration of the
Last Supper of our Lord
Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

- 12:00 Noon The Seven Last Words
Of Christ
7:00 pm Tenebrae

Easter Sunday

- 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Celebration
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Choral Celebration (begins at 9:30 AM)

Happy April Anniversary



Greg & Cathy Lilly
April 26, 1975

Dan & Connie Thompson
April 26, 1986
25th

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY!



NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE
<i>Barb Pulliam</i>	2	<i>Kevin Boyden</i>	18
<i>Cindy Leap</i>	4	<i>Ashley Rudnik</i>	18
<i>John Rogers</i>	6	<i>Gloria Coulson</i>	22
<i>Susan Campbell</i>	7	<i>Angela Herbein</i>	22
<i>Camryn Jayne Lorence</i>	9	<i>Lisa Rager</i>	22
<i>Lauren & Laney Kelly</i>	10	<i>Nikki Forsythe</i>	25
<i>Jack Herbein</i>	13	<i>Laurie Davis Janisko</i>	27
<i>Larry Shaffer</i>	14	<i>Luci Wagner</i>	28



CALLING ALL TEENAGERS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011
AT THE
10:00 AM SERVICE**

FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK LUNCHEON

St. Mark's would like to honor all of the teenagers who have been involved in the Church over the years, whether as a Lay Reader or an Acolyte. We would like to say "Thank You."

Now, we need a little information from you. Please send us a brief bio about yourself including all of the clubs or activities you have been involved in at school or in the community. We also need your latest photograph.

Please mail them in or drop them off within the next few weeks, when you come to Sunday's service and drop them off at the office. If you have any questions, please contact Alice Bragdon.





PASTORAL CARE

A sincere thank you to all who donated to this year's Souper Bowl of Caring in February. We raised \$212 for a donation to St. Vincent DePaul's Food for Families ministry. 36 items were donated to the St. Mark's food pantry which helps meet the needs of many families each month. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry of feeding the hungry in Johnstown.

Please be watching for a couple of things in the works at St. Mark's in the coming months which will need your support. We would like to offer a spaghetti supper to the community with the help of Scout Troop 183. Is there interest in offering a Soup and Fellowship to our downtown residents? Or Soup and Game Night? How about a gathering for open mic night or jam session for young people? Share your thoughts and ideas with Amy Whitlow @ adw1925@atlanticbb.net 255-4425.

Below is a reminder of an event happening in the Diocese this weekend:

Second Episcopal Diocese Workday at Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

Come join volunteers from churches throughout the Diocese for our second workday at the [Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank](#). Once again we will be working in the Repack Center at GPCFB's main Duquesne warehouse facility (1 North Linden St, Duquesne, PA 15110) from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, March 26. Last December we had a most rewarding and enjoyable time repacking about a ton of cereal. The exact project will depend on their inventory at the time.

GPCFB serves as a central repository for over 350 local food pantries and distribution centers across 11 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania. Because it works with such large volumes in its certified green facility, GPCFB's operations are efficient, economical and impressive.

If you would like to volunteer for this rewarding Lenten activity sponsored by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee, contact Jerry Stephenson (jjmestephenon@verizon.net or 412 367-1032) by March 23. We'll need your name, address, phone and church for the roster sheet. Volunteers must be 12 years of age or older and be able to stand for two consecutive hours.

And another event that might appeal to the youth at St. Mark's:

No Foolin': Spring PYI Lock-In at Calvary on April 1

The Spring 2011 Pittsburgh Youth Initiative Lock-In for Sr. High youth is scheduled for Friday, April 1, to Saturday, April 2 at [Calvary Episcopal Church](#) in Shadyside.

Kids should come between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. The event ends Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Breakfast will be provided. We are asking everyone to bring a non-perishable to donate and a snack to share.

PJ and Neil from [Calvary Camp](#) will be there playing games to get everything started. The evening will have a group program, free time and an evening Eucharist will be celebrated. The rest of the evening is for the kids to play and hang out. We will have board games, video games, movies, and a place to sleep. Don't forget: attendees will need to bring their own sleeping bags and toiletries.

Contact the Rev. Kris Opat at 412-531-7153 x35 or kris@stpaulspgh.org with questions.



**St. Mark's Episcopal Church
335 Locust Street**

Lenten Lunch Menu

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Price \$7.00

April 6, 2011

Ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, beverage, salad, and dessert

April 13, 2011

Chicken and biscuits, mashed potatoes, beverage, salad, and dessert

Soup & Study

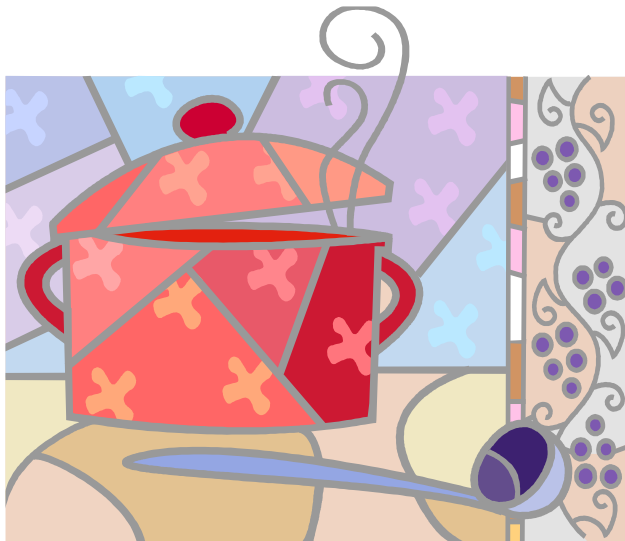
Most Wednesdays at the home of John & Annis Rogers

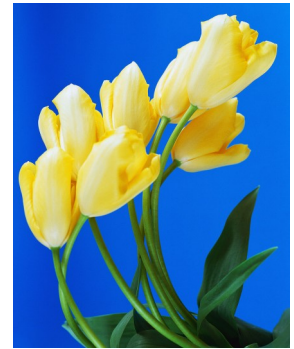
6 – 8 pm

Join us for an evening of delicious homemade soup or other light fare and lively discussion in our home. We usually read one chapter each week and meet to talk about what we've read. We take turns providing a simple meal.

Contact Annis Rogers 539 – 2295

shaman@atlanticbb.net





**2011
EASTER FLOWERS
Listing Request Form**

Honor your Loved one this Easter, April 24th, by remembering them in our Easter Booklet. The Cost is \$10.00 for every two names or \$25.00 for unlimited names.

Please mail your listing request to the Church Office or
Place it in the Sunday Collection Plate for the ushers to forward to the office.

Deadline is April 20th.

Please carefully print the following information:

Donor: _____

Please specify "In honor of" or "In memory of"

In Honor _____ In Memory of _____ In Thanksgiving for _____

Payment Enclosed _____ Yes _____ No _____ Amount _____

A Christian Seder
Maundy Thursday, April 21, 2011

6:00 pm

covered dish

followed by foot washing service and stripping of the altar

We gather in the parish hall to participate in a Christian version of a Passover Seder on Maundy Thursday. We begin with an abbreviated version of a Seder meal, which includes remembrances of God's liberation of his people from slavery under Pharaoh. Just as Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper at the conclusion of the Passover meal, we continue with the Eucharist, which we share with each other around the table. Our Seder is followed by a "pot-luck covered dish". At the conclusion of our meal, we enter the sanctuary where we participate in a foot-washing service and the somber stripping of the altar.

Sign-up sheets will be in the parish hall. As we shall be sitting around a common table, it is helpful to know how many places to set. So please sign up. Any items for the service such as matzah, parsley, etc. should be available early for set up. If you have any questions please contact Annis Rogers, 539 – 2295 or shaman@atlanticbb.net .