

The Sentinel



Priest's Ponderings

As we come to this month's **Sentinel** so we find ourselves on Easter Day and commencing the Easter season. "The strife is o'er, the battle done," and we share in the victory of Christ over death and sin.

As Jesus made appearances after his resurrection, he told Mary not to touch him because he had not yet ascended to God. Yet he demanded that Doubting Thomas touch his hands and side to validate that he was the Resurrected Christ.

The Greek in the passages helps clarify this paradox as Mary was actually clinging to Jesus and trying to prevent him from leaving (again). She was reaching out to him in affection. She wanted things to go back to the ways of the past, but Jesus tells her such is not possible any longer. Everything had changed.

For Thomas, Jesus is saying, "If you want proof, come see it just as you requested," since Thomas demanded to see and touch Jesus' wounds in order to believe that he was resurrected. Thomas did not take the challenge, because once in the presence of Christ, he knew the resurrection was true.

Thomas and Mary were both needing faith. Mary needed it to live into the resurrection without Christ's actual presence with her any longer. Thomas needed faith to understand how the resurrection occurred and how he would live into that resurrection, as well.

Like Thomas and Mary, so Easter Day requires us to have faith. We have to believe it occurred, and we have to have faith to live into our own resurrected lives. Just as Christ was raised from the dead, so we are raised into new life in our baptisms. Jesus' resurrection is a new day for all of us. The possibilities of this resurrected life are endless and abounding, as much as our faith will allow.

In faith we proclaim, "He is Risen, Indeed!" (And so are we!) Alleluia!

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Calendar

Saturday, April 18th
Youth Group at 5:30 pm

Tuesday, April 21st
Vestry meeting at 6:30 pm

Friday, April 24th
Sentinel Article Deadline

Happy Birthday

Louise Jones	4/9
Jonathan Dupuy	4/11
Terrie Croxall	4/13
George Brummett	4/15
Natasha Reed	4/25
Megan Lane	4/26
Ron Apple	4/29

Member Spotlight: Membership Quiz

No volunteers stepped forth to reveal aspects of their lives, and the Coalition of the Willing have spoken, it seems, in previous newsletters. Take the quiz below, and see if you can answer questions about other members of our flock. If you can't, then perhaps you need to mingle more often.

- 1) Name three of our parishioners who are retired from the State of Tennessee?
- 2) List the name of attorneys at law who attend our parish.
- 3) Who recently moved here from sunny Florida, and who spends several months there each year

"But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." St. Paul in I Corinthians 15

April Lay Assignments*April 5th:*

Eucharistic:	Jane Emery & David Gaines
Lector:	Harry Spain
Crucifer:	Jonathan Dupuy & Alex Magnis
Ushers:	Pete Mace & Mike Deweese
Altar Guild:	Karen Cate & Joan Wells
Coffee Hour:	Members of the Soup & Salad Class

April 12th:

Eucharistic:	George Mickle & Cindy Reese
Lector:	George Mickle
Crucifer:	Michael Schoenenberger
Ushers:	Rick Webb & George Womack
Altar Guild:	Mary Elizabeth Womack & Betty Odom
Coffee Hour:	Elizabeth to Dupuy

April 19th:

Eucharistic:	Tony McFarland & Sarah Mace
Lector:	Tony McFarland
Crucifer:	Alex Magnis
Ushers:	Larry Emery & Joe Reese
Altar Guild:	Sandra Womack & Janet Deweese
Coffee Hour:	The McFarlands

April 26th:

Eucharistic:	Rick & Cindy Webb
Lector:	David Gaines
Crucifer:	Erick Cate
Ushers:	Pete Mace & Mike Deweese
Altar Guild:	Cindi Spain & Judy Stewart
Coffee Hour:	A Kind Volunteer

Saint of the Month Saint Mark the Evangelist

Feast Day April 25 -The Book of Acts mentions a Mark, or John Mark, a kinsman of Barnabas. His mother's house in Jerusalem was a meeting place for Christians. Paul and Barnabas who had been in Jerusalem brought Mark back with them to Antioch. He went with them on the first missionary journey, left them prematurely and returned to Jerusalem. Paul declined to take him on another journey because he was considered unreliable. Although he does not appear again in Acts, Paul mentions him as a trusted assistant in both Colossians and Timothy.

The apostle Peter had a co-worker whom he referred to as "my son Mark." An early second century writer, Pappias, when describing the origin of the Gospels tells Mark wrote down (but not in order) the stories he had heard Peter tell in his preaching about the life and teachings of Jesus.

After Jesus was arrested, The Gospel of Mark describes a young man who followed the arresting party wearing only linen wrapped around his body. The arresting party tried to capture him, seized the linen, and the young man ran off naked. It is thought that the young man was Mark because why mention this detail; it is so insignificant.

Tradition has it that after the death of Peter, Mark left Rome and went to preach in Alexandria, Egypt, where he was eventually martyred.

From The Loft

April 2015 marks the end of Lent and the beginning of Easter. With the conclusion of Holy Week, the congregation of St. James has grown accustomed to certain traditions and liturgies in the church. This year, specifically Good Friday, there will be no Stations of the Cross. This is due to the change in leadership and to the inclement weather which has interfered with several rehearsals. However, the choir has worked hard and will sing special Lenten music for Good Friday. Also, there will be a few solos as the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ is commemorated.

As everyone is well aware, we are saddened by the death of Mildred Mickle, the mother of George Mickle, one of our faithful choiristers. We ask that George and his family are kept in your thoughts and prayers as he goes through this trying time.

In other news, we are happy to report that Lauren Coppersmith has joined the choir. She goes to the Nashville School of the Arts and is active in many extracurricular activities. We are happy she has decided to sing with us and support the music liturgy at St. James. With this announcement we encourage anyone willing to sing to please come to rehearsal on Wednesdays at 7 PM.

-John Lucciano, Organist and Director of Music

Vestry Notes from February

Things are running so smoothly the Vestry declared a holiday in the month of March and did not meet. Good job, folks!

Board of the Episcopal School

Christy Lyons and Debbie Denning have agreed to be ambassadors to the Board of the Episcopal School of Nashville. They recently attended a board meeting at St. Ann's to hear discussions regarding the ongoing plans to open the school in Fall 2016, and they were very impressed with the Board's efforts and the amount of research being done.

If you would like to stay up to date with these ongoing efforts, please go to their website, www.esnashville.org and sign up for their newsletters and updates. You can click the LATEST NEWS link to learn about the newly appointed Head Master, Harrison Stuart. He is currently Director of Development at a private boys boarding school in Virginia and previously worked at the Episcopal School in Knoxville.

The Board is urging Episcopalians to help spread the word about the school. You can visit and LIKE their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/ESNashville> and follow on Twitter, <https://twitter.com.ESNashville>.

Ministries

Our monthly collection for Room in the Inn is disposable razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and shampoo. Please leave your contributions in the Outreach Box on the piano bench at the front of the nave.

Youth Ministry

We have two programs for the youth of the parish.

Teenagers and Middle Schoolers

Join Father Courtney, Lacey Lyons, and Joel Sinha for dinner and discussion on April 18th at 5:30 pm at the church. In April we will begin review of the Catechism in preparation for the Bishop's visit and Confirmation in August.

Elementary Sunday School

Students will focus on "Easter and Beyond" as we learn that Jesus is with us now and always. -But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name (John 20:31).

Taekwondo

Our students competed on March 21st at Goodpasture School. Our results are as follows:

QueTaira Garrett -3rd Drills
 Erica Encalada -3rd Sparring
 Alexandria Magnis -3rd Forms
 Michael Schoenenberger -3rd Sparring
 Miss Cate -3rd Forms/3rd Sparring
 Congratulations!

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Church Schedule

Saturday

Priest's Office Hours
2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Sunday

Holy Eucharist – 8:00 AM
Adult Education – 9:30 AM
Choral Holy Eucharist – 10:30 AM
Sunday School (ages 5-12) – 10:30 AM

Wednesday

Choir Practice – 7:00 PM

Monday & Thursday

Community Taekwondo – 5:00 PM

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News from the Diocese of Tennessee

The Diocese of Tennessee will host the fifth annual Blessing of Liturgical Ministries on April 11, 2015 at Christ Church Cathedral beginning at 9:00 am. This is an occasion for the Diocese of Tennessee to come together to celebrate the work of all those whose dedicated ministry is reflected in the worship of our congregations. Whether you are an Acolyte, Altar Guild Member, Choir Member, Clergy, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, Lector, or Verger & Thurifer, or you're generally interested in the theology at the heart of our worship, there is something for everyone. This will be the second year in a row that we will have sessions for Choir Members, and on Prayer Book Theology. For more information see Father Courtney.


