



Sixth and Main Streets
Clarksburg

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Holy Week is the most important week of the entire year for Christians around the world. It begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, in which we see a peculiar power manifested in humility. It continues with Jesus' loving provision for his closest friends, as he gathers them on Maundy Thursday for a sacred meal that would sustain and give life to them in his absence, and he shows them the way of true greatness in service.

Then, darkness descends. While one of his friends is actively betraying him, Jesus prays in agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. And when he gets up from his prayer, seeking the comfort of his companions, he is distressed to find that his closest friends could not stay awake with him even for one hour. Still, Jesus is compassionate, saying that he knew his friends wanted to be faithful to him; the problem is that, "the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." **Who does not recognize himself or herself in those words?**

Things then go from bad to worse, as officials mock him, soldiers beat him, a friend denies him, and the crowd that welcomed him on Palm Sunday clamors for his crucifixion. Yet, even as he is dying on Good Friday, Jesus prays the prayer that has both haunted and inspired the world ever since, "Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing." **How often Jesus could be saying the same about us today. And how often we perhaps need to pray the same for one another.**

The Rev. Gary Jones, Rector St. Stephen's Church, Richmond, VA

You are invited to walk with us at Christ Church and St. Barnabas Chapel through Holy Week and to seek the forgiveness, and resurrection of Christ.

Holy Week Schedule

Monday: 7:00 p.m. Compline with meditation at St. Barnabas

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Thankful Tuesday dinner at Christ Church
7:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross at Christ Church

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae at St. Barnabas

Maundy Thursday: 6:00 p.m. Seder Meal at Christ Church
7:30 p.m. Stripping of the Altar at Christ Church

Good Friday 12:00 noon Ecumenical Service at Christ Church
7:00 p.m. Proper Liturgy at Christ Church



Saturday The Great Vigil of Easter 7:00 p.m. the Fire
7:30 p.m. the Vigil

Easter Sunday

Festival Eucharist, 8:00 a.m. at St. Barnabas

Festival Eucharist, 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church

Serving Ministries

For April 20, Easter

8:00 am at St. Barnabas

Chalicer/Lector, Doyle Sickles

Usher/Greeter, Tom & Becky Durrett

Altar Guild, Beth Sickles

10:30 am at Christ Church

Chalicer/Lector, Chuck Critchfield

Ushers/Greeters, John & Jeannie Smith

Crucifer, Josh Limbers

Altar Guild, Kitty Clovis, Jan Summers,
and Brenda Barnes

knowing, living, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

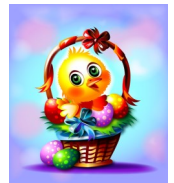
Things to Remember . . .

- Order daffodils for Easter Sunday—do it today.
- Make a reservation for the Maundy Thursday Seder Meal at Christ Church.
- Fill your gratitude bag with change as you take time each day to be grateful. The youth have designated this offering to the local Humane Society. Bring your offering Easter Sunday.



The Gratitude Corner

- Thanks for all who contributed to the Easter baskets.
- Thanks to the Thankful Tuesday attendees who filled the Easter baskets.
- Thanks to Misty Richardson and the Outreach Committee who organized the Easter basket project.
- Thanks to Bill Csutoros and Misty Richardson for delivering them.
- Thank you to Jody Morse for planting all the beautiful pots around the courtyard and garden for the spring season.



Make May Musical

Sunday May 4

Our Christ Church Choir will present a concert at 1:00 p.m.

A Parish Brunch will be held this day before the concert to honor our Choir Scholars.

Sunday May 18

We will host the Madrigals for their Spring Concert at 2:30 in the afternoon.



Saturday May 31

Yard sale for Outreach

In the gym at Christ Church

Collect and donate items for this sale

Volunteers will be needed to set up and sell

Saturday August 2

Parking lot sale

In the St. Barnabas parking lot

Rent a table and sell your items

Proceeds from the table rentals will go to the new window project at St. Barnabas.

An opportunity to serve...

Jane Wade will be preparing food the day before each of the May concerts. She could use your help in the kitchen at Christ Church on those Saturdays. You will have an enjoyable time helping create some yummy food.