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Newsletter



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Dear Friends,

There is an old saying: "Today is Friday, but Sunday is coming." This deeply Christian message can be understood in several ways, and each speaks powerfully to our faith.

On Good Friday, we commemorate Jesus' crucifixion and remember that he suffered because of the sins of the world. Even as we read the Gospel accounts of the Passion, we do so knowing the end of the story. On Easter Sunday, we witness the empty tomb and rejoice in Jesus' resurrection from the dead. We are reminded that death is not the end; it is followed by new and eternal life.

As we continue our Lenten journey, we are mindful of the gift of salvation. Lent calls us to examine our lives, repent of our sins, and strive to live more faithfully as disciples of Jesus Christ. When Easter arrives, we celebrate the assurance that our sins are forgiven and that we share in Christ's eternal life.

This message has also echoed throughout the Civil Rights Movement. What may feel like the "Friday" of injustice and discrimination does not have the final word. We look forward to the "Sunday" of true equality, peace, and justice for all God's people.

When we are distressed by events in the world or in our own lives, we hold fast to the promise that a better future is coming. Evil does not endure forever. History teaches us that what stands against God's will ultimately falls. God's purposes prevail.

"Today is Friday, but Sunday is coming" is a statement of faith and hope for all of us. Whatever is broken in the world—or in our lives—will ultimately be redeemed by God. The cross and the resurrection proclaim that evil and death do not have the final word. God does. Love does. The death of Jesus was transformed into the promise of eternal life for him and for us.

So we persevere. We do the best we can where God has placed us. We encourage one another. We act in love and bear witness to the possibility of something better. In faith and hope, we trust that God will continue the work of redeeming the world through Jesus Christ.

Today is Friday, but Sunday is coming.

Faithfully,

Alan+

FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

It seems impossible that Lent has begun. We have moved rapidly through the first part of our year, so many good things have been happening at our Church of the Advent in Cape May! We have so much to be thankful for.

The Confirmation class finished it's time of preparation and were presented to Bishop Sally on February 15th. The service was beautiful! We had a wonderful group of Acolytes who did their ministries so beautifully. Our ushers and greeters welcomed many guests to our parish who were here for the first time. They made those who were here for the first time and those who have been part of our parish family feel welcome and valued! The music ministry was a joy and a blessing to all who were present for this special day. A special thank you to the Altar Guild, the unsung heroes of our Sunday worship. Their careful attention to every detail makes our worship life run smoothly and their careful, quiet, service is the heartbeat of our family gatherings. The ECW organize and prepare our receptions that make a wonderful, joy-filled gathering around our table for fellowship.

Getting to know our Bishop and more about our connection to the Diocese was a bonus for those who attended. We are part of a much larger family and it is wonderful to know that our support of time, talent and treasure are at work in wonderful ministries in our Diocese and beyond.

We have also wintered two record breaking storms, an anomaly for New Jersey, and are now waiting for the spring to break through!

Ash Wednesday began with a wonderful, well attended service, as we begin our journey to Easter! We know that in this journey, as in our own life journey, we will face the darkness before we rejoice in the light. There are many opportunities to discover helpful tools to assist you along the way. We are providing a Lenten retreat on Saturday March 7. A Sunday morning Adult Forum will explore the Creed at 9:00 AM. On Wednesdays at 5:30, join Stations of the Cross followed by a bread and soup supper.

My hope and my prayer for each of you is a Holy, and enriching Lent.

Deacon Charlene

ECW – WHAT WILL WE DO NEXT?

Well, we have two more Classical Cape May concert receptions; one on March 8 and one on April 12. The concerts have been wonderful. Don't miss them. They are also free and one hour long

Our annual Friday the Thirteenth Pot Luck dinner will be March 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There are sign-ups in the vestibule of the church and also on our bulletin board in the Parish Hall. We all know it's good luck to eat together on Friday the Thirteenth! (See a copy of the sign-up sheet in this issue.)

A highlight of March is World Day of Prayer which will be held at Macedonia Church on Friday, March 6 at noon with refreshments afterward. We will learn about the Nigerian people this year. All are invited.

Crafts are ongoing at 4 pm Mondays in the Parish Hall. We make crafts for the Spring Market which will take place this year on May 2 from 10 to 2:30. If you like to do crafts on your own, we'd love to have you donate to our craft table.

Looking ahead to our country's 250th anniversary, we are looking for a cotton candy machine to help us celebrate. If anyone knows where we can get one, please let us know. More on that later.

Our meetings are the third Thursdays in the month at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall (although we are meeting on the fourth Thursday this month). Hope to see you there.
-Carol Obligado

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

With Lent now underway, this is a meaningful time to pause, reflect, and repent for what we have done and what we have left undone. For me, learning from others' faith journeys helps me deepen my own relationship with God.

This Lenten season, I encourage everyone to take part in the educational offerings at Church of the Advent. Deacon Charlene has begun her sessions on the Creeds between services, exploring more deeply the statements of faith we profess as Christians.

For those who prefer individual study, the Education Committee has curated a list of recommended readings that explore the faith and lives of people who have walked paths different from our own.

Following Easter on April 15, we invite anyone who has read one of the selections to join us for a discussion of the books, their authors, and the impact they have had.

Let us make Lent a time of learning as we journey toward the resurrection of Jesus.

-Trisha Andrzejczak

March Birthday Celebrations

March Anniversary Celebrations

3	Ainsley Reed		
7	William DeHart		
10	Arlene Hauptman-Lehman		
14	Joseph O'Brien		
18	Amy Marie Reed		
22	Sharon Werth		
27	Matthew Craig		
27	Patricia Keltie		
29	Lee Snyder		
30	Diane Dilworth		

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday: The Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

The 10:30 service is also livestreamed on YouTube

Wednesday: The Anglican Rosary at 9:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday: The Holy Eucharist at 12:00 Noon

Wednesdays: Stations of the Cross – 5:30 PM

Lenten Soup Supper–6:00 PM-Parish Hall

Pot Luck Supper -- Friday, March 13 at 6 pm

Provided - Main Dish (Boneless Turkey Breast), Beverage, Dessert - **Provided**

Sign up below!

Bread
1.
2.
3.

Cranberry Sauce
1.
2.
3.

Fruit
1.
2.
3.

Gluten Free Dessert
1.
2.
3.

Gravy
1.
2.
3.
4.

Salad
1.
2.
3.
4.
etc...

Starch
1. Carol-Mac + Cheese
2. Anna - Lasagna
3.
4.
etc..

Veggie
1. Joy - Corn pudding
2.
3.
4.
etc..

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lent 2 Holy Eucharist -8:00 & 10:30 AM Youtube.com livestream at 10:30	2 Bible Study-7:30- 8:00 PM Zoom link: https://us04web.zoom m.us/j/5312528003 Mtg ID: 531 252 800	3	4 Office Closed Advent Walkers-8 AM-Promenade Morning Prayer- 9:30 AM	5 Holy Eucharist- Noon	6	7 Lenten Quiet Day-Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center-8:00 to 5:00 (\$55)
8 Lent 3 Holy Eucharist -8:00 & 10:30 AM Youtube.com livestream at 10:30 Classical Cape May Concert-4:00 PM-reception after	9 Bible Study-7:30- 8:00 PM Zoom link: https://us04web.zoom m.us/j/5312528003 Mtg ID: 531 252 800 Outreach Comm.- 3:00 PM-Parish Hall ECW Crafts-4:30PM	10 Men's Breakfast- 8:00 AM-Parish Hall Advent Book Club-7:30 PM	11 Office Closed Advent Walkers-8 AM-Promenade Morning Prayer- 9:30 AM	12 Holy Eucharist- Noon	13 Pot Luck Supper- 6:00 PM-please sign up on sign-up sheet at the back of the church	14
15 Lent 4 Holy Eucharist -8:00 & 10:30 AM- Youtube.com livestream at 10:30 Vestry Mtg.-Noon	16 Bible Study-7:30- 8:00 PM Zoom link: https://us04web.zoom m.us/j/5312528003 Mtg ID: 531 252 800 ECW Crafts-4:30PM	17	18 Office Closed Advent Walkers-8 AM-Promenade Morning Prayer- 9:30 AM	19 Holy Eucharist- Noon ECW Meeting – 10:30 AM-Parish Hall	20	21
22 Lent 5 Holy Eucharist -8:00 & 10:30 AM Youtube.com livestream at 10:30	23 Bible Study-7:30- 8:00 PM Zoom link: https://us04web.zoom m.us/j/5312528003 Mtg ID: 531 252 800 ECW Crafts-4:30PM	24	25 Office Closed Advent Walkers-8 AM-Promenade Morning Prayer- 9:30 AM	26 Holy Eucharist- Noon	27	28
29 Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist -8:00 & 10:30 AM Youtube.com livestream at 10:30	30 Bible Study-7:30- 8:00 PM Zoom link: https://us04web.zoom m.us/j/5312528003 Mtg ID: 531 252 800 ECW Crafts-4:30PM	31				
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