

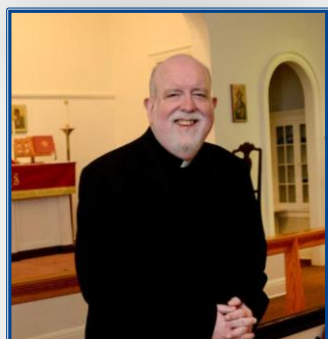
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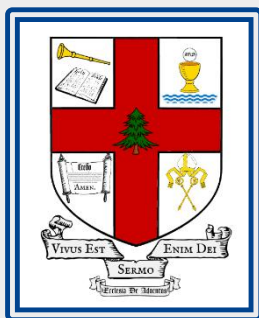
# The Church of the Advent

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An Anglican Church  
in the heart of the  
Sandhills!



Fr. Michael J. McKinnon, Rector



The Anglican Church in  
North America (ACNA)

The Anglican Diocese of  
the Living Word (ADLW)

## ADVENTures

Your upcoming events at TCOTA

*Holy Week & Easter info is on page 3!*



***There's still time! The Way (Stations) of the Cross*** will be offered every Friday evening at **6:00 p.m. now through April 11<sup>th</sup>**. This ancient and moving Service takes us from Jesus' condemnation to his placement in the tomb, stopping at each station to read and ponder verses of scripture.  
(Note: incense will not be used)

### Church of the Advent Women's Ministry

*"Growing Biblically-rooted Anglican women, equipped to love and serve."*



**Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am (Location TBD)**

### Prayer practices and the Book of Common Prayer

*JOIN US for a time of fellowship followed by an opportunity to learn about the Book of Common Prayer! This will be especially helpful for those of us who are newer to Anglicanism! We will look particularly at Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Compline.*

Questions? please contact Belinda Furby at 910.995.2798 or [bfurby@nc.rr.com](mailto:bfurby@nc.rr.com).



Would you like to remember, celebrate or honor a loved one with an Easter Lily for our Sanctuary this Easter?

This beautiful tradition is a key element of our Easter celebration, as the Lily, which is mentioned many times in the Bible, represents purity, hope, rebirth and new beginnings! Easter Lilies are more than just flowers; **they are symbolic of the resurrection of Jesus Christ!** See the sign-up page in the Narthex! A suggested donation of \$25-\$50 will be most graciously appreciated!

## Sunday Mornings:



**8:30am Morning Prayer**  
(abbreviated)

**9:00am Solemn High  
Mass** (with Traditional  
Language & incense)

**11:00am Holy Eucharist**

**Children's Chapel** is  
offered at both services for  
ages 4-10 (following the  
Gospel Proclamation and  
returning during the Offertory)

*Nursery care is available  
during both services for  
children ages 0-3*



## Wednesday Evenings:

**6:00 p.m.** The Celebration  
of the Holy Eucharist

**6:30 p.m.** Bible Study

*All are welcome!*



## Spring Community Outreach Project

**Did you know...** there are youth in our community that don't have a toothbrush? Or deodorant?

Throughout the month of **April**, TCOTA is teaming up with



**C.A.R.E. Group, Inc.**

Connecting Available Resources for Education



to provide **essentials** such as feminine products, soap, oral hygiene products, perhaps even a clean towel and washcloth- to youth being served in their programs.



### **How can your family help?**

"Pluck" an egg (or flower or chick!) off the "Easter Tree" in the Narthex and purchase the suggested items (*Think Costco, BJ's, Ollie's Outlet, etc.*)

We will then stuff Care Bags for each youth at the end of the month! You are welcome to help with that, too!



**Please bring your items to TCOTA by Sun, April 27<sup>th</sup>!**

## *Saturdays with the Saints' Scrolls Society*

Curious about what the earliest Christian Church was like? As in the Church born out of the New Testament Era, and the Apostolic Age? Join us on **Saturdays @ 6:00pm** at TCOTA for lessons, readings and discussions! For more info contact Robert Morabito at 845.541.5745

**FREE BEER!** *Just kidding, but it got your attention, didn't it?!*

**FRIAR TUCK'S THEOLOGY ON TAP~**

Join Fr. Michael once a month for a beverage and enjoy Christian fellowship while discussing matters of faith. Email Fr. Michael to have your name added to the "when & where" email! **Next**

**Meeting: Thursday, April 10** (Location TBD)



Can you find the 5 bunnies hidden in this newsletter?

## Palm Sunday, April 13



Procession of Palms at both services



## Maundy Thursday (Sacred Triduum Part I), April 17



**6:00 p.m.** Holy Eucharist (*with the Washing of Feet (if desired) and the Stripping of the Sanctuary*).

## Good Friday (Sacred Triduum Part II), April 18



**12 Noon – 3:00 p.m.** (Keeping Watch with our Lord for one hour; please see Matthew 26:40-45)

**6:00 p.m.** Service (*Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified*)

## Holy Saturday/The Great Vigil of Resurrection (Sacred Triduum Part III), April 19



**7:00 p.m.** The Great Vigil of the Resurrection (*with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism*)



## Easter Sunday, April 20:

**9:30am: Breakfast! Bring a finger food breakfast item to share!**  
*Then help us hide the eggs!!*



**9:55am: Blessing of the Easter Baskets ~ Fr. Michael will kick-off our annual egg hunt with a blessing-of-the-Easter-baskets from the "front porch"**



**10:00am: Easter Egg Hunt for ages 0-10 yrs.!**  
*BYOB (Bring your own basket!)*

## 11:00 am: Easter Sunday Service

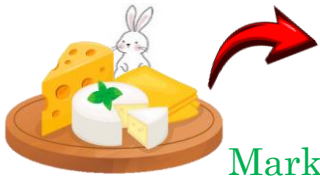
*(Note: there will be no 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning Solemn High Mass)*



## Flowering of the Cross



**Please bring flowers and greenery** from your home on Easter morning to decorate our Easter Cross! *This was a GREAT photo spot last year!*



## Wine & Cheese Social for Newcomers

New to TCOTA?

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:30!**

We're so glad you've joined our church family and we want to help you with any questions, a tour, or just get to know you better!

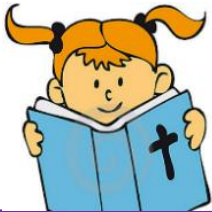
## Attention all Parents: **Youth Sunday is May 4<sup>th</sup>!**

*And we need your kids! (We'll give them back!)*

This special worship service will be at **11:00AM** to celebrate **\*ALL\*** of TCOTA's amazing children and youth!

They will "take the lead" on this special day by...

- ✓ Ushering, Being an acolyte, Reading our Scripture verses, Passing the offering plate, Bringing up the elements **AND** Performing in the children's choir!



See the sign-up page in the Narthex and sign up today!

*Don't forget to invite the Grandparents!*



**Are you Baptized? Are your children Baptized?** Please contact Father Michael at 910-585-4305, asap! As Ananias said to St. Paul when he came to faith in Jesus Christ, "Why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name" (Acts. 22:16). If you believe in the Holy Trinity, and trust in Jesus Christ for your life and salvation (i.e., in His death and Resurrection), you should be reaching for the phone ☎️! It's time!

*And coming in May...*

- A visit from the Bishop on May 4 @ 9am with Baptisms and Confirmations
- Youth Sunday on May 4 @ 11am
- Mother's Day on May 11
- And much more!

**Ministry leaders: Got something for the newsletter?** All submissions must be received by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month! Contact Susan Lamm at 910.274.8238.

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