

# APRIL 2021

## St. Peter's Episcopal Church

*St. Peter's Church was organized in 1885 and the cornerstone was dedicated September 5th, 1886. This structure still stands on Brown Avenue in Norfolk. The first worship service at our present site was in the parish hall on Christmas Eve, 1959. All existing construction was completed in 1965.*

1st.....Maundy Thursday, Eucharist/Stripping Altar, 7pm

All Night Prayer Vigil

2nd.....Good Friday Liturgy at noon/Stations of the Cross

4th.....**EASTER SUNDAY, Holy Eucharist Rite I/  
Flowering of the Cross** 1

12th.....Ladies Lunch, 12:30PM

**“Celebrating and Proclaiming our Life in Jesus Christ!”**

## “THE CALL”

### St. Peter's Episcopal Church

224 S. Military Highway  
Norfolk, VA 23502  
Phone: 757-466-9392



*He is not here:  
for he is **Risen**,  
as he said.* —MATTHEW 28:6

*Please keep these people in your prayers*

## **PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Men's Bible Study**– Tuesday mornings at 7:30AM when **Covid 19 restrictions are lifted.**

**The Intercessory Prayer Group** Meet Sunday mornings in the Diffenbaugh Library. They will meet again once restrictions are lifted. If you are unable to attend any Sunday, you may request the group pray for you or your loved one by writing on a prayer card and placing it in the Prayer Box on the table in the parish hall or in the Narthex. All prayers are kept confidential within the group.

**Men's & Women's Cursillo Group** will meet again when the **Covid 19 restrictions are lifted.**

**Co-ed Bible Study Group** will resume Wednesdays when the **Covid 19 restrictions are lifted.**

June Faye & Joe

BJ

Lois

Audrey

Patsi

Joyce

Xander & Family

Johnny & Nancy

Debbie & Kenny

The Benn Family

Florence & Howard

Clay & Wanda

Bert & Ann

Katie

Debbie H.

Carol

Carl & Janice

John & Sharon

Joan

Hazel

Sebastian

Wayne

Vickie

Joy

John

Debra

Christine

Cheryl

Kathy

Daniel

Mary

Tark

Bobbi

Rosanna

Chris

Patti

Charlie

Niko

Jessica

Josephine

Steve

Billy

Kathie

Lisa

Karen

Jessica

Bonnie

Ruth

Buddy

Teresa

Vickie

Barbara

Rod



## **EASTER**

# **He is Risen Alleluia!**

### **9AM Holy Eucharist Rite I/Flowering of the Cross**

**Please follow all church guidelines**

### **Acts of Kindness**



*Recently we delivered Easter/Spring 50 gift bags to the residents of Province Place and several from St. Peter's. This ministry started out of a need to give and serve others in love. We welcome anyone who wishes to come together when we plan our next gifting. At present we are considering something for St. Peter's service members around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We plan a "Summer Box" for the Activity Director at Province Place sometime in August. We welcome any other ideas, of course. We generally communicate with each other via email. Please feel free to contact Nancy Comfort or Charlotte Corbett for more information and*

*stay tuned for upcoming events. Nancy Comfort*

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*If you would like to give altar flowers any Sunday through the year, please call the church office 466-9392. The flowers are \$60 each week, or \$30 when two people give on the same Sunday.*



# APRIL 2021

## Birthday & Anniversary Blessings , on the 1st Sunday of the month

### *Happy Birthday*

Roland Midgette	4 <sup>th</sup>
Abigail Sigler	11 <sup>th</sup>
Tony Fry	11 <sup>th</sup>
John Belote	13 <sup>th</sup>
Larry Laine	13 <sup>th</sup>
Allan Monette	19 <sup>th</sup>
Haley Glaeser	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Valerie Sasser	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Ann Ekberg	25 <sup>th</sup>
Stephanie Eidam	25 <sup>th</sup>
Corrin King	28 <sup>th</sup>
Kimberly Truxell	29 <sup>th</sup>
Jonathan Diffenbaugh	30 <sup>th</sup>

### *April Anniversaries*

Laura & Michael Kallestad	4/3/93
Florence & Howard Belote	4/4/59
Leanne & Ricki Wright	4/25/87
June Faye & Joe Sanderlin	4/27/57

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

<b>Bishop</b>	<b>The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes</b>
<b>Rector</b>	<b>The Rev. Jesse R. Lassiter</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Vel Shreve</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Elizabeth Miller</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Charlie Pfeifer</b>
<b>Sexton</b>	<b>Jeff Buckner</b>

### VESTRY MEMBERS

<b>Bruce Comfort, Sr. Warden</b>	<b>(‘22)</b>
<b>Howard Belote, Jr. Warden</b>	<b>(‘21)</b>
<b>Charlie Pfeifer</b>	<b>(‘21) Charlotte Corbett(‘22)</b>
<b>Linsey Shreve</b>	<b>(‘21) Ana Nowland (‘22)</b>
<b>Susan Sigler</b>	<b>(‘21) Jason Nowland (‘22)</b>
<b>James Benn</b>	<b>(‘22) Kimberly Truxell (‘23)</b>
<b>Nancy Comfort</b>	<b>(‘22)</b>

### THE NEXT LADIES LUNCH

Monday, April 12th, 12:30pm.  
They meet at Applebee's at Janaf,  
5750 East Virginia Beach Blvd, in  
Norfolk



For more information  
or to RSVP, call  
Millie Coward at 455-5887

### **MANY THANKS**



To all those who continue to send  
their pledges and tithes to church.  
This helps us keep current with our  
bills and our expenses. Thank you!

The deadline for articles for the  
May issue of The Call is:  
April 15th,

Send articles to :

vel@stpeters-norfolk.org  
or call the church office at 466-9392



Would you like to  
receive Holy Eucharist  
at home?

During this difficult time of  
the pandemic, Father Jesse,  
will bring Eucharist to you  
at home. You need to call  
the church office to  
request a visit  
466-9392

## SUMMER CAMP & SCHOOL REGISTRATION

We are currently accepting registrations for  
the 2021/22 school year and also  
for Summer Camp. We teach  
children ages 2-Kindergarten.  
Summer Camp begins June 21st  
and school begins September 7th.  
Call the office for more  
information or to reserve your  
spot 466-9392.



**SUPPORT OUR VETERANS** The Veteran's Administration in Hampton is  
accepting **toiletries, candy, games, etc.** They **are not** accepting used clothing  
at the moment, due to the pandemic. Please bring the items you are donating to  
church and Bill Weissner will deliver them to the hospital. **Toiletries are needed  
the most.** Thank you for your continued support!

## **GOD BLESS OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you  
can take your stand against the devil's schemes." (Ephesians 6:10-11)

Joey  
David  
Kyle  
Christopher  
Jared  
Chloe

Bucky  
Bob  
Mike  
Jennifer  
Courtney  
Michael

Jarod  
Mario  
Allan  
Frank  
Jonathan  
Aaron



## **THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

There will be no more Prayer Shawl meetings until further notice. Hopefully  
restrictions will be lifted soon. We will keep you informed. Meanwhile keep on  
knitting, crocheting and looming. In March the group made  
61 preemie hats, 5 hats for the homeless and 49 prayer  
squares. If you would like to join this ministry or for more  
information call Millie Coward at 455-5887

They are still collecting yarn. If you have yarn you do not need  
please consider donating it to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Thank  
you!





# HOLY WEEK

March 28 – April 4

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## PALM SUNDAY – March 28

**9AM** Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Passion Narrative



Palm crosses and branches may  
Also be picked up from the church  
during Holy Week, from 7:30am -2pm

## GOOD FRIDAY – April 2

**12 NOON** Good Friday Liturgy  
The Way of the Cross

(also known as the Stations of the Cross)

This beautiful service is an  
observance of the events  
of the Passion Narrative  
With time for prayer,  
meditation and sharing



## WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

(Tenebrae)

**March 31**

**7PM** A Beautiful liturgy accompanied by  
beautiful music and a gradual extinction of  
candles in the church.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 1

**7:30PM** Holy Eucharist Rite II and  
Stripping of the Altar

## ALL NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL

The All Night Prayer Vigil follows the Maundy  
Thursday worship and continues through  
12 noon on Good Friday. There is a sign up list  
in the parish hall if you would like to  
choose a half hour or more block  
of time. Or call the office  
466-9392



*"Could you not keep watch  
with me one hour?"*

(Matthew 26:40)

## EASTER SUNDAY

**April 4**

**9AM** Holy Eucharist Rite I  
Flowering of the Cross

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will not take  
place this year.



## HE IS RISEN ALLELUIA

# St. Peter's Children's Ministry

**April 2021**



Christ the Lord is risen today!  
Angels rolled the stone away  
From the tomb wherein He lay!  
Little children, come and sing,  
"Glory, glory to the King,  
Christ the Lord of everything!"

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## Dates to Remember

- ❖ **Apr 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday/Baptisms**  
Lesson: John 20:1-18 *The Empty Tomb*
- ❖ **Apr 11<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Lesson: John 20:19-31 *Jesus Appears to his Disciples*
- ❖ **Apr 18<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Lesson: Luke 24:36-48 *Jesus Appears to the Disciples*
- ❖ **Apr 25<sup>th</sup> – The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Lesson: John 10:11-18 *The Good Shepherd and His Sheep*

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## Special Message

Easter will look a little different this year. There won't be hunts for eggs on the church lawn or pancake breakfast between services. Is Easter cancelled? Of course not! If anything, this is all the more a time when we should celebrate and rejoice in the risen Lord. Christ is risen.

Regardless of how we celebrate, we can still be glad that Jesus has risen. Because of that, we don't have to fear the future. Our earthly bodies will pass away, but that's not the end for us. We will gain Heaven and Eternal life, because of Jesus. That gives us Easter hope every day. He is our refuge and strength, and He faithfully fulfills His promises.

He is risen! Hallelujah!

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## Happy Birthday!

Magdalena Kress (April 15<sup>th</sup>)  
Zeke Trochanowski (April 17<sup>th</sup>)



# St. Peter's Children's Ministry

April 2021

## Easter Word Search

G S N O I T P M E D E R Y Y M  
J J U Y K I R Y T T F X E O L  
R L K F W E E C I O J E R C K  
X Y N G Q C U W V U P C M C K  
R C R O S S H R E D P H M N E  
I F V A I B Q U I R G P Q R N  
S A Q Z M T M I R A C L E T S  
E I A O I R C H R C O Y I U E  
N T T P R C G E Y O H S S R L  
I H H S O O C A R K I E P V K  
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APOSTLES  
CROWN  
LAMB  
PRAYER  
RESURRECTION  
SON

CHURCH  
FAITH  
MARY  
REDEMPTION  
RISEN  
SUNDAY

CROSS  
JESUS  
MIRACLE  
REJOICE  
SAVIOR  
TOMB



# April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			TENEBRAE 7PM	<sup>1</sup> MAUNDY THURSDAY 7PM Eucharist & Stripping the Altar	<sup>2</sup> GOOD FRIDAY Liturgy & Way of the Cross at Noon	<sup>3</sup>
<sup>4</sup> EASTER SUNDAY  9AM Eucharist Rite I Flowering the Cross Birthday/Anniversary Blessings	<sup>5</sup>	<sup>6</sup>	<sup>7</sup>	<sup>8</sup>	<sup>9</sup>	<sup>10</sup>
<sup>11</sup>  9AM Eucharist Rite II	<sup>12</sup> LADIES LUNCH 12:30 Applebee's at Janaf, 5750 E. Virginia Beach Blvd, Norfolk	<sup>13</sup>  Vestry meeting 7pm on Zoom 	Father Jesse on vacation			<sup>17</sup>
<sup>18</sup>  9AM Eucharist Rite II	<sup>19</sup> Day School Board Meeting 7pm on Zoom  Father Jesse returns	<sup>20</sup>	<sup>21</sup>	<sup>22</sup>	<sup>23</sup>	<sup>24</sup>
<sup>25</sup>  9AM Eucharist Rite II	<sup>26</sup>	<sup>27</sup>	<sup>28</sup>	<sup>29</sup>	<sup>30</sup>	



## **APRIL ASSIGNMENTS**

### **April 2—Good Friday**

Acolytes	None needed
Ushers	None needed
Lector	Larry Shreve
LEM	None needed

### **April 4—Easter Sunday**

Acolytes	Gabi McGinty, Olivia McGinty, Bronwyn Shreve, Nancy Comfort
Ushers	Steve Kakol, Susan Sigler, Jim Jimeno, Larry Shreve
Lector	Kimberly Truxell
LEMS	Bruce Comfort, Charlie Pfeifer
Altar Guild Duty	Dot Pierce, Millie Coward, Nancy Comfort, Vel Shreve

### **April 11—Second Sunday of Easter**

Acolytes	Charlie Pfeifer, Judy Eller
Ushers	Coach Sigler, Vicky Martin
Lector	Debbie Whitehorne
LEMS	Jason Nowland, Charlie Pfeifer
Altar Guild Duty	Charlotte Corbett, Jessica Trochanowski

### **April 18—Third Sunday of Easter**

Acolytes	Bruce Comfort, Nancy Comfort
Ushers	Sean McGinty, Steve Kakol
Lector	Laura Kallestad
LEMS	Bruce Comfort, Nancy Comfort
Altar Guild Duty	Bobbi Bowery, Millie Coward

### **April 25—Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acolytes	Bronwyn Shreve, Kimberly Truxell
Ushers	Larry Shreve, Susan Sigler
Lector	Jeffrey Pfeifer
LEMS	Charlie Pfeifer, James Benn
Altar Guild Duty	Nancy Comfort, Dot Pierce

# A Prayer during the Corona Virus Pandemic:

Heavenly Father, as our nation and our communities, and the whole world live in fear and anxiety as the COVID-19 Virus continues to spread; we pray that you would put your divine touch upon your creation and heal us completely in body, mind and spirit.

Give us the grace to seek your face and to seek your guidance and direction in all we do. Help us to draw strength from the faith you've given each of us, and protect us from all undue fear, anxiety and depression.

We pray for protection for, and give thanks for, all those who daily make themselves vulnerable and put their lives on the line to help us, heal us, and keep us safe: for all doctors, nurses and others who staff our hospitals and nursing homes and health care offices and facilities; for all first responders, for police officers, firefighters, National Guard units, and other military service people. For the employees of all food stores, home improvement centers, pharmacies, and restaurants that remain open to serve us in the midst of this crises.

For those around the world – the scientists and medical staffs who are working endless hours, using the knowledge and wisdom you have given them to find answers on how to stop the spread of this virus and to develop a vaccine to prevent it. Bless their efforts, Lord, and protect them.

For the leaders of the nations of the world, our country, and our communities; that they would look to you for guidance and direction as they make decisions about relaxing restrictions and how best to care for the people you've placed in their care.

Most of all, Lord, we pray that you would help us to remember that you are the Sovereign Lord of the universe and that you rule over heaven and earth and are in charge of all things, and that you have promised to walk with us each minute of each day. Help us to trust you and to find peace in that promise. **Amen.**

# Priest's Letter

## Eastertide

Today is the first day of Holy Week! Which means Spring has sprung, Summer is on its way, and normally things start to quiet down. BUT now that we are open, we will take full advantage of being able to meet in person. This means that starting on Wednesday April 21 at 7:00 PM, we will plan to gather in person to continue our book study of Being Christian by retired Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams. We have one chapter left, discussing prayer. The next Wednesday, April 28, we will discuss the individual parts of the Eucharist. Because Sundays are a bit busy for me (being Priest-in-Charge of two parishes is fun but BUSY) I am unable to do Christian formation on Sundays. So we will continue to do some basic Christian formation on Wednesdays during the summer. Starting in the Fall, we will start Bible Study on Wednesday Evenings.

Of course, all of these plans are subject to change because of the pandemic. Please stay tuned for possible weekly updates.

Today is a special day that marks the beginning of Holy Week. We celebrate Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when the people believed that Jesus was going to overthrow their Roman overlords and give Israel its national independence. They were not expecting their savior to be put to death on the cross. However, we know why Jesus came to Jerusalem, and though we celebrate Jesus's entry into Jerusalem today, we do so with full knowledge that Jesus came to Jerusalem to die for our sins, so that we could be closer to God.

May you have a blessed Holy Week as we go through this week together, remembering how much God loves us through the gift of His son Jesus Christ.

Jesse+