



The Evangelist

Easter 2023



Holy Week Services/Events

Wednesday - last Lenten Class - 7 pm via Zoom
or at Gloria Wilkin's house

Thursday - Maundy Thursday Service - 7 pm

Friday - Ecumenical Good Friday Service - Noon

Easter Sunday - 9:30 am

Some Easter Pastoral Advice

Are you exhausted from trying to keep a Holy Lent? That's what we were called to do on Ash Wednesday, and I am just a little worn out. All that self-introspection, self-denial, self-doubt, self-examination, and self-assessment often leaves me waiting for the other shoe to drop. Doing all that faithfully and well can be a lot of work, and annually leaves me a bit drained, even though I know it's for a good cause. I must admit, the austere nature of Lent does indeed open new lines of communication with the Divine, or sometimes re-opens ones I had neglected or just forgotten about.

But being so intentional and deliberate for so many weeks in a row can be exhausting. So, as we enter the Easter Season, I have some advice. And I'm going to try to heed it myself. I read it in the book we have been using for our parish Lenten study, and I wonder if you might have paused when you read it, too. Gloria Wilkins, our study leader, chose a book by Jeannie Cunnion titled *Don't Miss Out*, and the author recalls hearing some random pastor say "put down your paddles and raise your sails!" I think the meaning here can be both refreshing and welcome: you don't need to work so hard. The Easter scriptures tell us that Jesus has won the victory already, and he is Captain of our ark. Frantically rowing against the tide is not necessary, if we, but raise the sails to catch the breath of God and let it propel us forward, while Jesus steers the tiller.

Now make room to put a little 'Alleluia' back in your life, and stop thinking about that other shoe. Stop straining so hard at the oars and just let the Captain do the work he loves. Trust him to avoid the doldrums and the dangerous hidden shoals. Put on your best self and enjoy the trip. Rather than grunting and groaning at each other below decks, engage in conversations of discovery and good cheer, reassured and confident that the dawn will bring a glorious sunrise along the horizon. Listen for the ship's bell to announce the hour of victory. Set aside your paddles for now, and raise those sails...that is my Easter advice.



Love, Nick+

Ministry Schedule for April 2 to May 28, 2023

	4/2/23 (Palm)	4/6/23 (Maun)	4/9/23 (Easter)	4/16/23	4/23/23	4/30/23
Celebrant	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+
Preacher	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+
LEM	Leslie	Colette	Peter	Gloria	Kellie H.	Leslie
Organist	Colleen H	Colleen H.	Colleen H.	Colleen H.	Colleen H.	Colleen H.
1st Lesson	Colette/Sandy	Bob	Susan S.	Leslie	Peter	Gale
2nd Lesson	Gale	Val	Kelly B.	Shelly	Ann H.	Colette
Acolyte	Sarah	Stan	Shelly	Val	Sarah	Stan
Ushers	Shelly/Gisela	Ann/Bob W.	Suzanne/Birdie	Shelly/Gisela	Ann/Bob W.	Suzanne/Birdie
Computer	Kelly B.		Marc A.	Leslie	Kelly B.	Leslie
Camera	Gale		Colette	Bob	Gale	Colette
Altar Guild	Colette/Gisela	EVERYONE	Colette/Gisela	Colette/Gisela	Colette/Gisela	Colette/Gisela
Counters	Leslie/Kelly B		Leslie/Kelly B.	Leslie/Kelly B	Leslie/Kelly B.	Leslie/Kelly B
Coffee Hour	NEED	N/A	NEED	NEED	NEED	NEED
St. Pauly Box	NEED	N/A	NEED	NEED	NEED	NEED

	5/7/23	5/14/23	5/21/23	5/28/23
Celebrant	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+
Preacher	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+
LEM	Peter	Leslie	Gloria	Kellie H.
Organist	Colleen H	Colleen H.	Colleen H.	Colleen H.
1st Lesson	Susan	Sandy	Kelly B.	Val
2nd Lesson	Gale	Colette	Shelly	Peter
Acolyte	Sarah	Shelly	Val	Stan
Ushers	Ann/Bob	Shelly/Gisela	Suzanne/Norita	Ann/Need Sub
Computer	Marc A.	Kelly B.	Leslie	Marc A.
Camera	Kellie H.	Bob	Gale	Colette
Altar Guild	Kellie/Ann/Val	Kellie/Ann/Val	Kellie/Ann/Val	Kellie/Ann/Val
Counters	Val/Colette	Val/Colette	Val/Colette	Val/Colette
Coffee Hour	NEED	NEED	NEED	NEED
St. Pauly Box	NEED	NEED	NEED	NEED

Birthday Auction



Thank you for your support - \$230 raised

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

March

14th Brandon Fitch (Belated - sorry missed)

April

4th Marc Aylesworth

6th Jasmine Kahler

11th Raven Brown

12th John Maxey

13th Peg MacMullen

17th Kyle Knight
Christopher Meeker

20th Grace Livingston

21st John Reinhardt

Sean Coppola

29th Mike Chyrywaty

Happy Anniversary!

April

17th Leslie and Mark Zebrowski

28th Beth and Roger Wieland

Our Parish Prayer List

Roger Wieland

Beth Wieland

Joan Livingston

Jane Armstrong

Laura Weismore

Birdy Burdick

Grace Livingston

Brian Hodgins

Bill Sherman

Theressia

Tom Campanie

Jerry Aylesworth

Sandy Aylesworth

Dawn Lanz

Joe Smith

Courtney Daviau

Larry Knipp

Mimi

John

Kathy

Shelia

Butch English

Ron Hirst

Peter Dwyer

Mitch

Rose Rinaldo

Fr. Jim Heidt

Jan Whiting

Meghan Hodgins

Jennifer Wattles

Eden Kulas

Martha Walrath

Zander

Rolf

Dick Williams

Taylor

Robert

Peg MacMullen

Nicole

Pat Beatty

Christine Sears Franklin

Kathi Hirst

Jessica

Megan Roberts

Rani

Dan Stilwell

David Dauchy

John Reinhardt

Betty Kline

Carol Dwyer

Dennis Relyea

Marianna Bruno

Tom Lessard

Jim Dwyer

Blake Fitch

Carl

Kathi Bracy

Matt Buell

Sally Olin

Joe Donlon

Alexa

Maria

Chryssa O'Connor

Food Bank Donations

April 2nd: Peanut Butter
April 9th: Jelly
April 16th: Mac and Cheese

April 23rd: Pudding Cups
April 30th: Soups
May: Will be in bulletin

Signs of Joy!



Branches and Vines -
submitted by Gloria Wilkins

Art Gallery by Birdie Burdick

May 6, 2023 from 1 to 4 pm

*At St. John's Episcopal Church Main St.
Oneida*

Free Admission

*Tickets will be sold for drawing of Angel
Painting - proceeds will go to St. John's
Church*



“The Gift” by Birdie Burdick

New Pastor Warranty

It has come to our attention that the pastor you received was shipped with a slight defect— They are not psychic. Because of this, you must observe certain procedures to ensure optimum performance.

It is necessary to inform them of any members who are hospitalized. If someone you know is in need of prayer, the pastor must be told or they won't know. If you are in need of a pastoral visit, you will get the best results if you ask for one.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

Pancake Dinner a great success



Big thank you to everyone who helped, donated, and attended the dinner.

Clearing out Stuff - Rummage Sale

The annual rummage sale is coming up the weekend after Easter. If you have stuff lying about that you'd like to donate to the sale, we are collecting them now. (Thank you to everyone who has brought in things.

Also - if you are available that week to help set up - the more the merrier.

Closing Sermon Words



A preacher was completing a temperance sermon: with great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

And then finally, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

He sat down. The song leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn # 365: "Shall We Gather at the River."

New Vestry Sworn in During Service



We welcome our new vestry members, vestry clerk and wardens. Thank you for all you do for St. John's.

Quilt Room is moved

Many have been busy the last few weeks going through material and sorting it in the chapin room.

Here is a picture of Mark and Peter building shelves for all the material

Stop by after church and take a peak at all the hard work.



Peter showing off his Mardi Gras Bling during the Pancake Dinner his granddaughter made for him.

Upcoming Issues of Evangelist

May 20th

Deadline for articles will be two days prior to these dates. We appreciate all of the articles that were given to us and look forward to the many more that will be shared in the future. If you see little stories, jokes, etc that you'd like to share. Please send them at any time to Colette in her email. Please write in the subject area that it is for the newsletter.

ENJOY!! Colette Coppola and Colleen Kahler—Co-Editors

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Suzanne Bauer
Stan Janczuk

Kelly Brown
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Garry Hirst
Leanne Youngkrans

Ann Hodgins

Loving God, by your grace you have gathered us from many walks of life to become a loving family at St. John's. Help us to sustain the miraculous love within this parish, and guide us in sharing this love with our neighbors. All this we ask through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.