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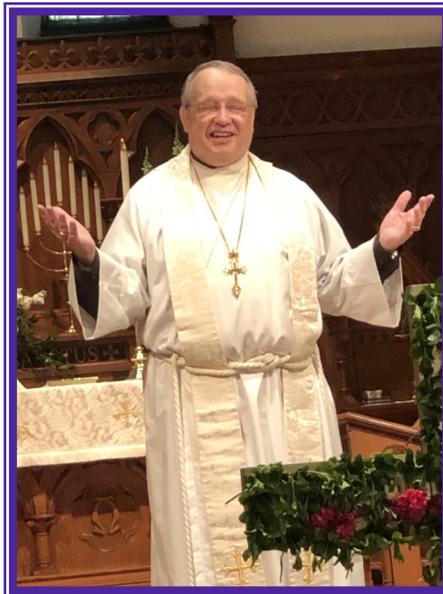
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FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Donald Lowery



Almost Normal

As April comes and Easter with it, things are looking better in our community, the nation and much of the world. As I write COVID-19 infections have begun to drop both in our community and much of the nation. People are getting their vaccinations as well, and as more and more people are vaccinated, the possibility for new infections is reduced. All of these things are indicators that things are beginning to return to normal, though we are far from a full return to life as it was. In fact, I think our world in the era after the pandemic will be different in ways we cannot entirely predict. The one thing I do hope we will consider doing is wearing masks every year hereafter during flu season. If COVID-19 has been a source of great inconvenience in many ways, the dramatic drop in the number of cases of the flu has been an unexpected benefit. Masks might just be the way forward

during flu season.

For the time being, some things are in place by way of caution from Bishop Sam. We will continue to need to wear masks in anything we do around the church. We will still not be able to sing hymns because even with masks there is an increased risk of exhaling particulates that can carry the virus to others. It is important to remember that it is possible to have the COVID-19 virus and not have any symptoms, hence the restrictions on singing. As we reopen, I will try, at least

From the Rector cont. pg.2



HOLY INNOCENTS HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. in the Church

Good Friday

Proper Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Easter Day

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in English

12:30 p.m. in Spanish

NOTE: There will not be a Sunrise Service at Old St. John's this year.

COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES

This year, the community Holy Week Services will be recorded on video and streamed onto Facebook and other live stream venues. They will be recorded at First Baptist Church. I will preach on Good Friday. †

for the immediate Sundays ahead, to keep sermons short – always a struggle for me because I love the Good News of Jesus and telling the story of his incredible love for us. Nonetheless, I don't need to spread my own share of particulates. I will note I have now had both my vaccination shots (Moderna.)



Most of all, I am so glad to be able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. You may recall we were, at the direction of the Bishop, closed during that holiest of seasons last year. For those of us who take our faith seriously, that was a tough decision to live with, though I think the Bishop made the correct one. COVID-19 was running rampant and we had to do everything we could limit the exposure of church people to the threat it posed.

We have been through a lot. Thanks be to God, everyone in the congregation who contracted the virus seems to have made a full and complete recovery without complications after the fact. Yet, all of us know people whose lives have been negatively impacted by the disease and all of us are aware folks who died as a result of complications from the virus.

My hope rests in the Good News of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. We know from his incarnation, his coming into the world, that Jesus is with us. In the good times, the bad times and the dangerous times, Jesus walks with us in the power of his Holy Spirit. We believe that by his death he has destroyed the power of sin and the grave. We believe that by his glorious Resurrection he has opened the gate of Eternal Life to all who place their trust in him.

We can commend these difficult times into his hands for divine help. We can offer all those who died into his unfailing love knowing that Jesus is doing better things for them in Eternal Life than we can ask or imagine.

In some ways, life is returning to normal. In other ways, life will never be the same. Come what may, Jesus is with us and will never forsake us. †



PARISH NEWS...

Wednesday Service

The Rev. Donald Lowery

I will resume Wednesday Services on April 14. They will be at the usual time of 5:30 p.m. For the time being we will not have the Healing Service, as the ritual of anointing requires the priest to touch a person's forehead. I will keep folks posted as to when we can resume this service. †

Altar Guild News

-Shirley Young



Altar Guild is happy to be back at church, having begun with Palm Sunday on March 28. On Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m., we will have Communion followed by stripping of the Altar. Then on Friday, Good Friday will be observed at 7:00 p.m. Our Easter Service on Sunday will include flowering of the Cross. Please bring flowers!



Janet White will be mailing cards to Altar Guild members as to when you are on duty. Welcome back to The Church of the Holy Innocents. †

Altar Flower Chart

Tracy & Frank Madigan

With services resuming, the Altar Flower Chart will be posted in the Bell Tower. Members who signed up to give flowers in 2020, but were unable to do so since services were cancelled, will automatically be given their 2020 chosen date in 2021 (or closest date to it). They will be contacted to confirm they still wish to give the Altar flowers on that date. Others wishing to give Altar flowers may sign up in the Bell Tower or contact Frank Madigan @ :

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VESTRY NEWS ...



A Message from the Senior Warden

Your Holy Innocents Vestry met on March 15th via Zoom.

Bob Nelson, Treasurer, submitted the 2021 church budget for Vestry approval. He and Tom Church, Chairman of the Finance Committee, have worked diligently to develop a working budget for this year. Even throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, so many of you have continued to support Holy Innocents financially with your pledges. We are so grateful for your loyal giving. However, like last year, the 2021 pledged funds will not cover the total church expenses for the year. For that reason, interest on invested funds from bequests to the church will allow us to cover any deficits and balance the budget. We are truly blessed to have such a caring and giving congregation and are thankful for those who remembered Holy Innocents in their wills. Vestry approved a 2021 budget for the church.

During the March meeting, Vestry members volunteered to additionally serve the church by working on one of the Vestry Commissions. Commission members are as follows:

- Stewardship Bo Cheatham, Chairman
- Outreach Caroline Burnette, Chairman
Charlie Vaughan
- Pastoral Care/Parish Life..... Lisa Miravalle, Chairman
Tracy Madigan
- Finance Bill Stark, Chairman
Tracy Madigan
- Worship/Christian Education..... Porter Shaw, Chairman
- Day Care Charlie Vaughan, Chairman
Caroline Burnette
- Building & Grounds Richard Davis, IV, Junior Warden
Craig Clodfelter
Bo Cheatham
Porter Shaw
- ECW Liaison Lisa Miravalle
- Youth Liaison..... Beau Burnette

The Cooper House is almost ready for the Da Courage House Women’s Shelter residents to move in. Vestry approved funds to assist with purchasing beds.

Our Junior Warden is in the process of having a few repairs made to the roof of the church where a few leaks have sprung up. With services beginning to resume, we are most appreciative that he is working hard to keep us dry!

Vestry has asked Tommy and Hunter Roberson for a proposal and plan for video streaming and archiving of church services. There have been requests from the congregation that we provide online access to services for parishioners unable to attend services. We will keep you posted!

Please remember I, and all of your Vestry are here to serve our church and congregation. Please call on us should you have any concerns. We welcome your ideas and input!

Stay safe & healthy,

Tracy
Sr. Warden



Treasurer's Report

Bob Nelson, Treasurer

3/01/2021

Church Of The Holy Innocents Revenue and Expense Summary Year-to-date, Through February 2021

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)
Revenues				
Pledged Income	\$11,381.66	\$22,000.00	\$54,484.42	\$67,000.00
Other Income	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$160.00	\$100.00
Total Revenues	\$11,581.66	\$22,050.00	\$54,644.42	\$67,100.00
Expenses				
Compensation				
Salaries	\$2,828.34	\$2,600.00	\$5,656.68	\$5,200.00
Employee Expenses				
Rector's Expenses	\$1,001.85	\$900.00	\$2,251.88	\$2,000.00
Other Employee Expenses	\$5,935.48	\$3,300.00	\$9,935.91	\$6,600.00
Total Employee Expenses	\$6,937.33	\$4,200.00	\$12,187.79	\$8,600.00
Total Compensation	\$9,765.67	\$6,800.00	\$17,844.47	\$13,800.00
Administrative				
Supplies	\$204.39	\$100.00	\$296.36	\$300.00
Preschool Income/Expense	\$351.20	\$1,250.00	\$2,444.99	\$2,500.00
General Insurance	\$1,672.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,912.50	\$4,100.00
Other Administrative Expenses	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$339.77	\$0.00
Total Administrative	\$2,337.59	\$3,150.00	\$6,993.62	\$6,900.00
Utilities	\$2,257.45	\$1,700.00	\$4,256.29	\$3,200.00
Maintenance	\$1,869.91	\$1,500.00	\$4,442.45	\$3,000.00
Parish Life	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$80.00	\$300.00
Diocesan & Seminary Support	\$2,543.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,086.00	\$5,100.00
Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$18,773.62	\$15,850.00	\$38,702.83	\$32,300.00
Net Total	(\$7,191.96)	\$6,200.00	\$15,941.59	\$34,800.00



Note from the Editor...

Marsha Nelson

May

Newsletter items are due:

April 27th

Please submit any newsletter items either to the church office or e-mail them to MJNELSON@nc.rr.com

Thanks for your support!

Amazon Charitable Donations



Amazon Smile is a branch of the regular Amazon.com site, except all of the purchases that are made through smile.amazon.com will automatically donate 1/2% of the purchase (most everything is eligible) to a charity of your choosing. We are asking parishioners to consider making Holy Innocents that charity. Below is a link that will take you to the Amazon Smile site, and it should ask you to confirm that you wish to support Holy Innocents as your Smile charity. It's an easy way to add to your contribution without additional expense. †

Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021



~ 8:00 a.m. Service ~

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Birthdays

Juanita Brinkley 4/03
 Catherine Watkins.....4/05
 Jean Palamar.....4/06
 Henry Strause4/08
 Meredith Ellis4/08
 Yolanda Yoder4/12
 Mariana Davis 4/14
 John Zollicoffer 4/15
 D. Boyd Kimball.....4/19
 Fagan Goodwin..... 4/20
 Al Catlett4/27
 Thornton Gholson4/27
 Butch Gray.....4/28
 Bob Herford.....4/30

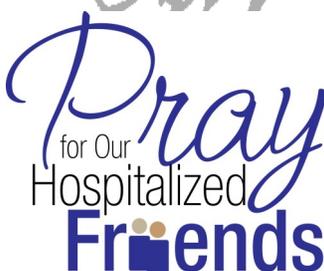
Anniversaries

Fagan and James Goodwin..... 4/19

Remember In Your Prayers

Pray for Healing and Comfort:

Cynthia Shaw
 Melody Shearin
 Mary Shearin
 Veneal Williams
 Bill Mast
 Nancy Rogers
 Rose Flannagan



Special Dates

- Holy Week
March 28-April 4, 2021
- Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021
- Maundy Thursday
April 1, 2021
- Good Friday
April 2, 2021
- Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021
- Administrative Professionals Day
April 21, 2021



APRIL UNIFIED SERVING SCHEDULE INSIDE CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES RESUME

APR	ACOLYTES	USHERS	LAY READER / CHALICE BEARER	ALTAR GUILD	Flowers
4			8:00am -Bob Nelson 10:30am -Linda Shaw	Shirley Young	
11			8:00am-Tracy Madigan 10:30am-Ruth Hartness		
18			8:00am-Greg Taylor 10:30am-Richard Davis		
25			8:00am-Rix Edwards 10:30amCaroline Burnette		

NOTE: IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO SERVE AND HAVE A CONFLICT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT AND NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE.

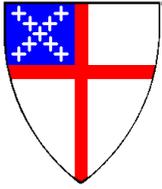
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Easter

~ Pre COVID-19 ~

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**All are welcome to join us as
we joyfully greet each person present at our worship.
May our love and respect for one another be
steady and true as we strive to follow Christ our Lord.**

