



THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

This Week at Redeemer

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

It takes many hands to make Holy Week happen. Thank you to Chris Betts and the choirs, to Helen Zitomer and the Altar Guild, and Judy James and Bob Yates for the office help. Special thanks to Rev. David Schlafer who, three weeks ago, thought he was just covering my vacation. It ended up being much more. No greater gift is there than bailing out an ailing rector during Holy Week! Thank you all for your prayers and presence these last few weeks - and always. -Cricket+



Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Matthew 28:1-10



The Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Serving: April 23, 2017

Sunday, April 23, Easter Day

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Michael Mershon, Rick Tyler

Crucifer: Sam Nickerson

Acolyte: Kukula Glastris

Lectors: Marie France (8:00) Mary Helen Carlson, Juliet Grant-Suttie (10:30)

Intercessor: Tom McNaugher

Chalice: Susan Grigsby (8:00); TBD, TBD, Jenny Nachbar, Bill MacBain (10:30)

Healing Team: Toni Strother, Jane Winer, Justin Hess, TBD

Greeters: Justin Hess, Michael Mershon

Counters: Debbie Babcock-Daley, Mary Helen Carlson

Altar Guild: Susan Fitzgerald, Tami McMinn, Kukula Glastris, Ann Taylor

Coffee Hour: Chrissy deFontenay

Sunday, April 23

- Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.
- Adult Forum, 9:15 a.m. - The History of Redeemer.
- Childcare, 9:15 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.
- PRAY event at the Cathedral, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Book Group Meeting, 3:00 p.m.

Monday, April 24 - Office closed

- AA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25

- Tai Chi Chih class, 10:00 a.m.
- Education for Ministry, 6:30 p.m.
- AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26

- Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.
- Education for Ministry, 9:30 a.m.
- AA Meeting, Noon
- Holy Eucharist, Noon
- Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m.

Looking ahead:

Vestry Retreat, April 22, 9:30 - 3:00 at Susan Fitzgerald's home
Rite 13 Ceremony, April 23 (rehearsal at 9:00 a.m., ceremony at 10:30 service)
PRAY event at the Cathedral, April 23
Confirmation at the Cathedral, May 13
Strawberry Festival, June 10

**More News
from Redeemer**

Adult Forum this Sunday at 9:15 a.m. Join Kim Barrett and Melinda Nelson in an informal discussion on the history of Redeemer. Kim was one of the first parishioners at Redeemer and Melinda grew up in this church. This mother and daughter team have lots of stories and insight into why this congregation is what it is. Join us!

P.R.A.Y. EVENT: Explore Your Cathedral

Sunday, April 23 -

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Did you know that the Washington National Cathedral is the sixth largest cathedral in the world? A number of P.R.A.Y. members will be confirmed in this space in May and on April 23 we will have an opportunity to explore and experience some of the majesty and beauty of this place. From crypts below the ground to towers in to the sky the cathedral is filled with amazing art and architecture. We will begin and end

with prayer including a service of Evensong, but in-between we will have a scavenger hunt and other activities. So bring your curiosity and exploring spirit.

Please RSVP to

rev.suevon@gmail.com

***803-413-3596 no later than
Wednesday, April 19.***

Please plan to arrive at the cathedral by 2 and not leave before 5 if at all possible. We will gather as a community outside if the weather is permitting or in the conference room on the lower level of Church House (Diocesan office).

The May event (reprise of Fun & Sundaes) will be on May 21 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Rector's Discretionary Fund

The first quarter of 2017 saw many requests for assistance. Some folks, unfortunately, had to be turned away. Please consider a donation to the discretionary fund. You can write a check (note "Discretionary Fund" in the memo line) or make a donation online. Thank you for your consideration.

Prayers for our Young People

Rite 13 is a ceremony that marks the recognition of a young person's transition from adolescence to early adulthood. Prayers are given for the young people, their parents, and their peers. This service will be held at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist on **April 23**. Parents and candidates plan to come to a brief rehearsal at 9:00 a.m that morning.

Kairos Closing Opportunity

Please see Lisa MacBain if you would like to attend the closing of the next Kairos Prison Ministry for Women. There is paperwork to complete so that your background check can be done. Also, watch for the sign-up sheet to pray for the women on the weekend.

Redeemer Book Group

Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese. This is an extraordinary novel written by a medical doctor who expertly weaves the threads of numerous story lines into one cohesive opus.

The writing is graceful, the characters compassionate and the story full of nuggets of wisdom — an epic romance, surgery meeting history. We will meet this Sunday, April 23rd at 3:00 pm at the home of Jochen and Huda Kraske, 4550 North Park Avenue, Apt. 410, Chevy Chase, Md. 20815. For further information, contact Huda at hqkraske@aol.com or 301-656-2087.

Confirmation/Newcomer Classes Re-Scheduled

We will meet one more time after the actual confirmation service. The final class is scheduled for **May 20 at 11:30 a.m.**

Strawberry Festival 2017 Saturday, June 10th

There is much to be done in preparation for the festival each year. If you have chaired a department in the past, we would love for you to do so again. If you are new to the parish or the festival, there are many ways you can get involved. One of the best is...

The Silent Auction

Think of new and creative ways you can add to the list of great auction items. Copies of past

years' catalogs are available to give you ideas.

Also, we need organized and efficient volunteers to help manage the lead up to the auction and on festival day. **WE NEED YOU!**

Opportunities to help out:

Friday, June 9th

- Picking - World's Best Strawberries: hand-picked by Episcopalians Butler's Orchard: departing from Redeemer by 8:00 am
- Hulling - Cleaning strawberries with a great group Clara Barton Center: 11:00 am
- Shopping - The great, 6-cart shopping spree at Costco: 1:00 pm
- Silent Auction - Final set up of all the auction tables in the parish hall

Saturday, June 10th

- Set-up - 9:00 am
- Book Sale · Boutique - clothing sales · Bake Sale
- Collectibles · The Grill - burgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks
- Kids' Games: Face Painting & Moonbounce
- The Kitchen - shortcakes and sundaes
- Silent Auction - help to manage and close out the auction
- Bankers - keep track of cash and do the final count
- Clean up - Saturday afternoon: 3:00 pm

Questions: Jefferson Arrington: jefferson7019@aol.com

MEN'S RETREAT 2017: Friday through Sunday, April 28th - 30th

Men in Their Roles as Leaders

Meeting for our sixth annual weekend retreat, men at the Church of the Redeemer will gather in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, on the weekend of April 28-30, with David Schlafer as our convener, to share experiences and reflections on what it has meant for us to be "leaders." We gather as friends and colleagues, and as fellow explorers in the Community of Christian faith, to speak and listen with one another in considering questions related to "Leadership." Sign-up sheet in the parish hall. Questions: Jefferson7019@aol.com

Summer Volunteer Opportunity

Redeemer is partnering with St Columba's and St Dunstan's to staff the Water Ministry Program over the summer months. Water Ministry operates out of St. Columba's in Tenleytown. The program allows homeless men and women to have a shower and do laundry and have lunch four days a week from 10:30 to 1:00. Volunteers are needed to check participants in, do laundry, schedule and monitor showers, set up lunchroom, make and serve a simple sandwich and fruit lunch, and clean up. Four volunteers are needed each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please see Karen Stewart for more information or to sign up.

Some of the April and May slots for coffee hour are empty! Sign up for a Sunday or two. The list is on the "Sign Up" board in the parish hall.

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