



Christ Church Chronicles

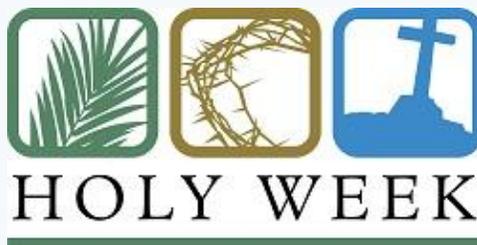
Holy Week at Christ Church

In the Prayer Book tradition, Holy Week – the week immediately preceding Easter Sunday – is a season distinct from Lent. Our Lenten observance builds towards this week, in which the Church dramatically and liturgically shares in the last week of Jesus’ life in real time before his triumph over sin and death on the Sunday of the Resurrection. Holy Week begins on [Palm Sunday](#) (this year April 5), in which we enact Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem with songs of praise, shouts of “Hosanna”, and the festal bearing of palm fronds....



[CLICK HERE](#) to read the entire article from Fr. Joshua concerning Holy Week.

I encourage each family at Christ Church to plan ahead for Holy Week. Make preparations with work, school, friends, and family so that you can participate as fully as possible in the mystery and wonder of this short, intense season! *I encourage each family at Christ Church to consider making the Easter Vigil their family’s primary Easter observance.* Of course, we will have Easter Sunday services also; but the Easter Vigil is no less than the liturgical enactment of the inflection point of the history of the world: the night on which Our Lord Jesus triumphed over sin and death as he was raised from the dead. *The Easter Vigil, therefore, is the principal celebration of the resurrection in The Episcopal Church, the primary observance of Easter Day.*



Sunday, April 5, 2020: The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

8:00 AM Palm Liturgy and Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Church)
10:30 AM Procession of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Outdoors and Church)

Monday, April 6, 2020: Monday in Holy Week

7:30 AM Reconciliation of a Penitent (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*Chapel*)

Tuesday, April 7, 2020: Tuesday in Holy Week

7:30 AM Reconciliation of a Penitent (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*Chapel*)

Wednesday, April 8, 2020: Wednesday in Holy Week

7:30 AM Reconciliation of a Penitent (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*Chapel*)

Thursday, April 9, 2020: Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Washing of Feet (*Church*)
8:30 PM All-night Vigil (*Chapel*)

Friday, April 10, 2020: Good Friday

12:00 PM Liturgy of the Day with Holy Communion (*Church*)

Saturday, April 11, 2020: Holy Saturday

8:30 AM Liturgy of the Day (*Church*)

Saturday, April 11, 2020: Easter Eve

7:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter (*Outdoors and Church*)

Sunday, April 12, 2020: Easter Day

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I (*Church*)
10:30 AM Solemn Mass of the Resurrection (*Church*)

LGBT Equality Workshop

Common Ground Volunteers is hosting a LGBT Equality Workshop: Being an Ally, at Christ Church on Saturday, March 21 from 12:00-3:00 PM.

Understanding sexual diversity can be daunting. When it comes to language and terminology, many people are at a loss, as terms can be complex and confusing. However, today, it has become increasingly important to understand and know how to use accurate language in order to best communicate and advocate.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about this event.



Period Product Drive

Did you know that 1 in 5 women report missing work, school, or a similar event due

to a lack of feminine hygiene products? 1 in 4 women have struggled to afford period products in the past year, yet state and federal safety-net programs cannot be used to purchase period products. Help us help women maintain their health and dignity by donating to our period product drive.



To date, through generous donations, we were able to put together 70+ period packs for distribution to Pottstown School District students as well as members of the local community in need. We would like to continue this effort, but supplies are running low. Please consider donating pads, tampons, and hygiene wipes (single-packaged feminine hygiene wipes, NOT alcohol wipes). Donations can be placed in the marked box outside the church office.

Free the Girls Bra Drive

Christ Church is collecting gently used bras for Free the Girls, a non-profit organization that provides job opportunities for survivors of sex trafficking in developing countries.



Why bras? Bras are a unique item that actually have the power to bring freedom and hope to survivors. In many parts of the world, bras tend to be an item that many women have sitting in drawers for a long time untouched. By inviting “everyday abolitionists” to donate their gently used bras (or collect them from family and friends), we are able to provide a woman with starting inventory for her business. By selling bras, a survivor is able to become an entrepreneur in her own community; offering a sense of safety and economic freedom. Please consider donating; a collection box can be found outside the church office.

Easter Candy

Christ Church is once again selling Gertrude Hawk candy for Easter! Brochures are available outside the church office. Orders are due Sunday, March 8. Orders can be placed online or via paper order form; checks must accompany a paper order form. Orders will be delivered the last week of March. Please contact Jeannette Mittan at jmittan55@gmail.com with any questions.



Scrip Gift Cards

Spring is coming and that means it will be time for yardwork and house projects. Don't forget to utilize Scrip gift cards for all of your spring cleanup needs. Amazon, Home Depot, and Lowe's all participate with the Scrip Program, including the Scrip Now feature where you can download gift cards to your smart phone for immediate use through the MyScripWallet app. You can order your gift cards ahead of time or order them right from the checkout line! For more details, please contact Lisa Baro at dlbaro@aol.com.

Easter Flowers

Easter flower order forms are available outside the church office. Each order benefits the Girls' Friendly Society, a Christian-based support system that focuses on the emotional, physical, and spiritual growth of its members; allowing for better understanding of themselves and their relationship with God, their family, each other, the community, and the world.



The deadline for orders is April 5. Payment must accompany the order. Orders can be placed in the collection plate on Sunday or given to Megan Riefer in the church office.

Church Events Calendar

Stay up-to-date with all the events occurring at Christ Church with our new calendar booklet. From our weekly schedule to special events, this resource serves as a reminder of all the wonderful programming offered at Christ Church. Print copies of the calendar are located on the table outside the church office.



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