

# ST. A'S NEWS

## Remember in prayer

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## APRIL HAPPY BIRTHDAY greetings to:

4/12 Matthew Costa  
4/26 Chuck Rupert  
4/29 Brett Kulka

## Prayer for Peace

For those fearful of war and violence: God of steadfast presence, who tells us not to be afraid and who strengthens us for the work of peace, we bring to you all who are fearful of escalation and violence amidst threats of increasing war. We ask that you would send your Holy Spirit to guide the global community in the response. Help those who engage in talks to negotiate with compassion and understanding through constructive diplomacy, so that restraint may prevail over retaliation and dialogue over destruction. Protect all who bear the cost of conflict: families, children, elders, and those already burdened by economic hardship and repression. Through the Prince of Peace, who breaks down dividing walls and calls us blessed when we make peace, we pray. Amen.

## Thank You!

Also a big Thank You to all those who help to bring you information on our Facebook page, New Website, and the Newsletter.

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## -Outreach-

- ❖ A \$300 distribution was given to the Emmaus Ministries Soup Kitchen and \$300 to the Edinboro Food Pantry, which is now located at 201 Meadville St, Whiley Hall, Penn West Campus.
- ❖ The Boro Woman's center is in need of supplies, so we will be doing a collection during April. Please see the list below for items they are requesting: Paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates, tissues( small boxes or pocket size packets), Dawn dish soap, liquid hand soap. Also if you have extra reusable grocery bags or paper grocery bags, they use these to distribute diapers. Thank you for your generosity.
- ❖ Donation baskets for clothing, shoes & small household items can be found in the social area to benefit Safe Journey Woman's Shelter.
- ❖ **University Feed the Off Campus "Lambs"** donations may be left on the Outreach Table. Need ideas? Handout on out reach table.
- ❖ **Social Knitworking** resumes after Easter Sunday. The first Tuesday of April, April 7, from 7-9pm and the third Thursday of the month, April 16, from 10am-12pm. We knit, crochet, weave, twine, stitch, carve, collage, paint, print, assemble, etc. bring your craft and join in.

## -News of Note-

- ❖ **Chair Yoga Classes** Tuesday April 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th 10:00 -11:00 a.m. For more information contact Janet Stachowiak - Certified Yoga Instructor at 814.734.4594
- ❖ **Healing Prayer** will be offered following the second service this month in the sanctuary.
- ❖ **Coffee Hour** follows each service for a time of fellowship and refreshment. Please join us.
- ❖ **Friendship Quilt Group:** Next meeting 1pm Monday, April 20. (third Monday of each month)

## -Views From the Pews-

April is one of those months that keeps you guessing. You might leave the house in a winter coat in the morning and wish for short sleeves by afternoon. The birds seem convinced spring has arrived, even if the weather hasn't quite made up its mind yet.

But little by little, you start to notice the signs. A few brave flowers show up in the yard. Trees that looked completely finished for the season suddenly have tiny buds. Before long, everything begins to turn green again. It reminds me a little of how faith works.

Easter tells the greatest story of new beginnings the world has ever known. What looked like the darkest moment turned out to be the start of something brighter than anyone expected. And every spring, the world seems to give us a little reminder of that truth. Life has a way of coming back. Hope has a way of returning. And God isn't finished with any of us yet.

So if April finds you feeling a little worn from winter, take heart. The flowers are coming back, the days are getting longer, and Easter morning is on the way.

And from where I sit in the pews, that's pretty good news.

*Cyndi Altman*



### The Lectionary

#### Sunday April 4 Easter Sunday

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

or [Jeremiah 31:1-6](#)

[Colossians 3:1-4](#)

or [Acts 10:34-43](#)

[John 20:1-18](#)

or [Matthew 28:1-10](#)

[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#)

#### Sunday April 12

[Acts 2:14a,22-32](#)

[1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

[John 20:19-31](#)

[Psalm 16](#)

#### Sunday April 19

[Acts 2:14a,36-41](#)

[1 Peter 1:17-23](#)

[Luke 24:13-35](#)

[Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17](#)

#### Sunday April 26

[Acts 2:42-47](#)

[1 Peter 2:19-25](#)

[John 10:1-10](#)

[Psalm 23](#)

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### Let Us Pray:

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with *thy* most gracious favor, and further us with *thy* continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in *thee*, we may glorify *thy* holy Name, and finally, by *thy* mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## -The Catechism Corner-

### Sin and Redemption

#### Q. What is sin?

A. Sin is the seeking of our own will instead of the will of God, thus distorting our relationship with God, with other people, and with all creation.

#### Q. How does sin have power over us?

A. Sin has power over us because we lose our liberty when our relationship with God is distorted.

#### Q. What is redemption?

A. Redemption is the act of God which sets us free from the power of evil, sin, and death.

#### Q. How did God prepare us for redemption?

A. God sent the prophets to call us back to himself, to show us our need for redemption, and to announce the coming of the Messiah.

#### Q. What is meant by the Messiah?

A. The Messiah is one sent by God to free us from the power of sin, so that with the help of God we may live in harmony with God, within ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation.

#### Q. Who do we believe is the Messiah?

A. The Messiah, or Christ, is Jesus of Nazareth, the only Son of God.

## -Vicar's Note-

In the modern material world Easter is a time to eat lots of candy, search for Easter Eggs scattered around our homes and gardens and cartoon bunnies with baskets full of goodies. You cannot go to a store this time of year and not be overwhelmed by all of the "Easter stuff". Of course, you need a proper Easter feast featuring roasted lamb or honey glazed ham. For most Easter is a secular holiday not all that unlike Christmas.

While many Christians will celebrate Easter with candy, bunnies and a proper feast, Easter holds a special place in our hearts. Easter is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead marking his victory over death and sin. It offers us a strong reminder of who Jesus is and why he came to earth to be with us, to offer us freedom from our sins and a place in God's Kingdom.

Too often in our modern churches we either spend little or no time talking about sin and our need for redemption or we are obsessed with sin and our unworthiness. Both of these extremes are not particularly helpful in our understanding of who we are and how relate to God and our neighbors.

Sin is very real and we all are guilty of it. We may not have committed any outrageous sins, but the 7 deadly ones are always knocking at our door: pride, envy, anger, sloth, greed, gluttony and lust. If we are honest with ourselves we all have fallen short and given into sinful desires. It is for this reason we need a way to return to a state of sinlessness in order to be in right relationship with God. Jesus is that way. Belief in him and his passage through death releases us from the burden of our sins and opens up for us a way to new life with God not only now but forever.

May this Easter be a time not only for celebration but renewal. May we all accept the gift of God's forgiveness and new life to bring us closer to God and His creation. Have a blessed Easter. HE HAS RISEN!!!

Peace, Fr. Dave +