

## This Week at Grace

### Sunday, March 25: Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour after both services:

8 a.m. hosts:

10 a.m. hosts:

Nursery for infants & toddlers, 8:45 - 11:30 a.m.

Bishop's Forum at 9 a.m.

Sunday School: The Sounds of Holy Week at 10 a.m.

Gloria Deo Handbell Choir at 11:15 a.m.

### Monday, March 26: Monday of Holy Week

Parish office closed on Mondays

Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

### Tuesday, March 27: Tuesday of Holy Week

Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Women's Book Group at 10 a.m.

### Wednesday, March 28: Wednesday of Holy Week

Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Staff Meeting at 10 a.m.

St. Dunstan Handbell Choir at 4:30 p.m.

All Saints Handbell Choir at 7 p.m.

### Thursday, March 29: Maundy Thursday

Holy Eucharist at 7 p.m.

Overnight Prayer Vigil begins at 8:30 p.m.

### Friday, March 30: Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at 11:30 a.m.

Good Friday Liturgy at Noon

Stations of the Cross for Children at 4:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

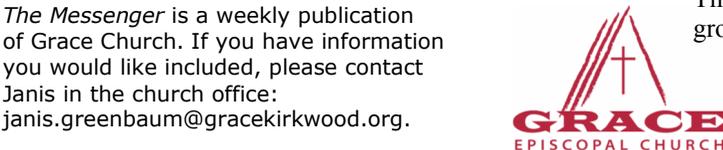
### Saturday, March 31: Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.

Baptism Prep Class at 10 a.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter at 7:30 p.m.

The Messenger is a weekly publication of Grace Church. If you have information you would like included, please contact Janis in the church office:  
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## Next Sunday at Grace

### Sunday, April 1: Easter Sunday

Festival Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour after both services:

8 a.m. hosts:

10 a.m. hosts:

Nursery for infants & toddlers, 7:45 - 11:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt at 11:15 a.m.

Gloria Deo Handbell Choir at 11:15 a.m.

## Parish Family News

### Happy Birthday:

March 25	Will McDowell, Mary Smith	
March 26	Becky Buehl, Dennis Capriglione, Jacob Ludbrook	
March 28	Avery Amen	
March 29	Stan Cookson, Sydney Ludbrook	
March 30	James McKown	
March 31	Kelly Eschenroeder, Bridget Sisul, Diana Streicher	
April 1	Beverly Sparks-Shands	

### New Directories Now Available

Our new parish directories have finally arrived! Pick up a copy in the Narthex today (only one copy per family, please!). If you notice your contact information is missing or out of date, please contact the church office.



### Grace and Gratitude:

Our sincere thanks goes to the following members for their service to our community:



- ◆ **Tom and Susan Lauber, Ken Logue, Richard and Paula Russell, and John Adams** for serving at Trinity Hot Lunch last Sunday. The Usher team joined ministry leader **Chris Kurth** in serving a delicious and nutritious meal 66 grateful people. Thanks also to **Vince & Michele Nicosia** for grocery shopping for the meal.

Visit our website for updated news & events:  
[www.GraceKirkwood.org](http://www.GraceKirkwood.org).

# The Messenger

Sunday, March 25, 2018

News of the people and ministries of . . .



## Holy Week and Easter

### Palm Sunday

TODAY! Sunday, March 25

Worship at 8 & 10 a.m.

We begin in the Narthex at 8 a.m. and outside at 10 a.m. with the Blessing of the Palms to remember Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

Once inside, we tell the story of Jesus' rejection, arrest, trial and crucifixion with the reading of the Passion.

*\*Please note: We invite all children to be a part of our 10 a.m. palm procession. Sunday School begins after the procession (see inside for details).*



### Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week

March 26, 27, 28

Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.

We gather in the Chapel of the Apostles (downstairs) for prayer and reflection.

### Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 29

⇒ Holy Eucharist at 7 p.m.

We commemorate Jesus' Last Supper with the disciples with a foot washing (*optional*) and Holy Eucharist, ending with the Stripping of the Altar.

⇒ Overnight Prayer Vigil at 8:30 p.m.

Stay awake one hour and pray with Jesus. Sign up for a time in Albright Parish Hall. The vigil is held in the Chapel downstairs. Please park and enter through the columbarium doors (back of church).

### Good Friday

Friday, March 30

⇒ Morning Prayer at 6:30 a.m.

Our prayer vigil ends with Morning Prayer in the Chapel.

⇒ Stations of the Cross at 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Make a pilgrimage through our worship space, stopping at 14 stations to reflect on Jesus' journey to his death on the cross.

⇒ Good Friday Liturgy at Noon

Good Friday is the day Jesus willingly suffered and died for us. We read the Passion and pray for all who suffer.

⇒ Stations for Children at 4:30 p.m.

Children and families are invited to walk the stations in the Nave and discuss this important story.

### Holy Saturday

Saturday, March 31 at 9:30 a.m.

Holy Saturday Liturgy

At this prayer service, we wait at the Lord's tomb and meditate on his Passion and death.

### The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m.

We gather in darkness and celebrate the light of Easter! *Please note: incense will be used in this service.*

### Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 1 at 8 and 10 a.m.

Celebrate Christ's resurrection with brass musicians, streamers and Holy Eucharist! A children's Easter Egg hunt begins after the 10 a.m. service.



## Christian Formation

### Lenten Almsgiving Project: Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief

Take home an ERD Hope Chest (available in the Narthex and Sunday school classrooms) and place it in a prominent spot. Every time you turn on a light, enjoy a hot meal or play a video game, drop a coin in the box and think about all those in Puerto Rico who still have no power following last summer's hurricane. Bring your filled boxes back on the first Sunday after Easter and we will send all donations to Episcopal Relief & Development in Puerto Rico.

### Camp Phoenix: Registration Now Open! July 29 - August 4

This Episcopal camp is for students ages 8-15 and has traditional camp activities like horseback riding, swimming, archery and campfires along with creative daily spiritual sessions and cabin prayers every evening. Everyone, regardless of religious background, is welcome to attend. Learn more and register at [camp-phoenix.org](http://camp-phoenix.org).

### Sunday Christian Formation Programs: Break for Easter; Resume April 8

Please note that our children's, youth and adult Sunday programs will take a break next week for Easter. All classes resume Sunday, April 8:

- ⇒ **Sunday Adult Forum: The First Christians**  
Join Mother Ginny in LaVielle Conference Room at 9 a.m.
- ⇒ **Sunday School:** Preschool through high school students grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord at 9:30 a.m.

Invite • Welcome • Connect



Invitation is not only about inviting people into a relationship with you and others in the congregation, but rather it is about inviting them into a relationship with God through Jesus.

## Spirituality and Fellowship

### Grace Church Labyrinth

#### Contact the church office for available times

All are welcome experience our beautiful new labyrinth inside Albright Parish Hall. This walking meditation device has a single winding path from the edge to the center for your contemplative journey. Individuals are welcome any time the parish hall is not in use; groups should contact Shari Bonham in the church office to reserve time.

### Women's Book Group

#### Tuesdays / 10 a.m. / Kean Library

This week's Book Group discussion focuses on pages 109-163 of *The Underground Railroad*, by Colson Whitehead. All are invited to enjoy fellowship in this weekly gathering - even if you don't read the book!

### English Tea at St. Stephen's

#### Saturday, April 14 / 2 - 4 p.m.

#### \$10 Donation

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Ferguson invites all to an English Tea. Please call their church office for reservations: 314-521-0138. A group from Grace is planning to attend — if you would like to carpool with them, please contact Becky Coulter.

### Chef Wars

#### Sunday, April 15 / 5:30-8 pm

#### Kirkwood Community Center

#### 111 S. Geyer, Kirkwood

The Shepherd's Center invites everyone to enjoy some of the finest dishes prepared by executive chefs from our most prestigious senior living communities. See Grace member Dick Entenmann for tickets: \$40/person (food, beer/wine included). For more information, call 314-395-0988 or buy a ticket online at [shepherdscenter-wk.org](http://shepherdscenter-wk.org).

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## Sacraments

The sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ as sure and certain means by which we receive that grace.

Holy Baptism and the Holy Eucharist are the two great sacraments. Other sacramental rites include confirmation, ordination, holy matrimony, reconciliation of a penitent, and unction.

**Holy Baptism** is administered four times each year at Grace Church:

- ◆ The Great Vigil of Easter (March 31, 2018)
- ◆ Pentecost (May 20, 2018)
- ◆ All Saints' Sunday (Nov. 4, 2018)
- ◆ The First Sunday after Epiphany/  
Baptism of our Lord (Jan. 6, 2019)

**Reconciliation of a Penitent** is available to all who desire it. Lent is a particularly appropriate time to privately confess any sins troubling the conscience. Fr. Todd will offer counseling and encouragement before pronouncing absolution. The secrecy of a confession is morally absolute for the confessor.

**Holy Unction** is the rite of anointing the sick with oil, or the laying on of hands for the healing of spirit, mind and body. Unction is offered on the first Tuesday of every month at Grace Church, during our 9:30 a.m. worship service in the Chapel of the Apostles.

*Please contact the church office to arrange for a baptism or marriage, request the reconciliation of a penitent or holy unction.*

## Outreach and Social Justice

### Fill the Hunger Barrel

Please remember our neighbors in need. Drop your non-perishable food items in Grace's red hunger barrel in Albright Parish Hall each Sunday. Your donations will be distributed through food pantries at KirkCare and Trinity Episcopal Church.

## Intercessory Prayer List

### Please remember in your prayers:

Elaine Alexander	Vernon Balster
Dorothy Bardwell	Barry Bell
Lorette Billings	Randy Cook
Phyllis DeCristo	Ron Dickinson
Harriet Foiles	Sonja Freeman
Ellen Friedla	David Fly
Gordon Gurley	Mary Etta Heggie
Martha Johnston	Kelsey Jones
John Mann	Lucille Miller
Marilyn Monson	Bill & Connie Nix
JoAnn Overall	Chloe Poe
Ann Rinehart	Gracie Rodgers
Jeff Sims	Colleen Schmittgens
Chris Sommers	Lucas Woehle

## Pastoral Care

Grace's clergy are available by appointment to discuss personal, pastoral or spiritual matters; please call or email the clergy directly.

In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the parish office at 314-821-1806. For pastoral emergencies after office hours, call the parish office and press "7" to be connected to the priest-on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In case of severe illness, hospitalization, when a person is near death or at the death of a member of the church, please notify the clergy as soon as possible in order to secure the ministrations of the church.

## Easter Offering

Grace Church joins Episcopalians around the world in making a special offering to support the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Our annual Easter offering promotes peace and mutual understanding through pastoral care, health care, and educational programs throughout the region. Thank you for your gifts.

