

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

March 17, 2024

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST we welcome you to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!

Immanuel is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, and is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Immanuel was founded by the Virginia Theological Seminary. We are one parish that worships in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Both chapels offer a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card — located in the pews or display stands at the entrances of the chapels. Give your card to an usher or place in the collection plate. Thank you.

For the latest information on our online worship service and to view a video of our most recent service, please visit our website (www.icoh.net).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Natalie Doyle Hennin, Rollin Huntington, Marianne Ingold, Johnson/Gildersleeve Family, Joseph, Kenny, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Tony and Patsy Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Zuzanna and Spencer Wise.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, Peter Blackledge, Jean Couban, Steve Davis, Dana DeCecco, Joseph Fabian, Gerald, Linda Gill, Betty Harris, Betty Hicks, MaryAnn Hollis, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, Tom Kellner, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Lillian Kozuma, Ann Langdon-Days, Lysbeth, Marge McGoff, Joe Miceli, Michael, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Carol Ording, Shelby Ochs Owen, Pamela, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Sue Rehnke, Roger, Bridget Rice Rose, Shawn Rush, George Rustigian, Brother Efrain Sosu, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Sarah Whitley, Jean Williams, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Piper Horne, Cynthia Morton, Richard Hobson Jr., Melinda Snow Teske, Al Waite Jr., Albert Burgess, Jenifer Larson, Jake Cohn, Jeremy Enright, Jackie Phillips, Constance Casey, Harry Diffendal, Hillary Clausen Parker, Peter Albritton, Jack Hambrick, Cassidy McCaslin, Marcus Rarick, Patrick Tribe, Ruthie Christino, Lizzie Peabody, Marianne Ingold, Michael Pawlukiewicz, Jahi Stockton, Lelani Allwine, Sarah Friday, Debbie Peetz, Peter Phillips, Loriann Rustigian, Nicky Vassev, and Isabella Vasseva.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson, and Scott.

Interested in becoming an acolyte? If so, join Rev. Sarah for **ACOLYTE TRAINING** immediately following today's 10:30 a.m. Eucharist in Immanuel Chapel.
Children aged 8 and up, tweens, teens, adults, and seniors are welcome to serve!

Parish Potluck and Candy Drive TODAY
5:30-7:00 p.m., Zabriskie Parish Hall

Bring individually-wrapped candy to stuff eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and your favorite family dish to share! *An egg stuffing happy hour for adults will follow — do plan to stay!

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer, Tuesday March 18th, Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, March 19th, Zabriskie Chapel

Bible Study “*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*”, Thursday, March 20th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, March 21st, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Immanuel's Children's Chapel meets each Sunday, 10:00 --10:25a.m, in the Oratory at Immanuel Chapel! (The Oratory is a small chapel on the other end of the hallway—opposite the parlor/coffee hour). Our Children's Chapel is a 25-minute service rich with prayer, Bible stories, music, and reflections to teach our children about God's love. All are welcome!

Our EYC (Episcopal Youth Community-Grades 7-12) meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Zabriskie Parish Hall.

Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah directly at sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net.

***IF YOU ARE SEEKING TO DEEPEN YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE IN COMMUNITY WITH OTHERS,
COME TO OUR BIWEEKLY Benedictine Community Meetings via Zoom***

MARCH 19TH, 7-8:00 P.M.

In recent Lenten reflections, the Rev. Dr. Frank Wade has reminded us how important it is for Christians to be in community with others; and the Rev. Dr. Kate Sonderegger has told us about the depth and power of spiritual practices and hospitality developed by St. Benedict and available to lay persons, not just monks and nuns, today. The Benedictine Community at Immanuel invites you to join us, or just visit us, to learn more. **We gather for reflection via Zoom first and third Tuesdays, from September through June, from 7 pm-8 pm.** We gather as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from the traditions of Benedictine practice, such as humility, silence, and prayer, for our spiritual lives and our day to day endeavors. Individual reflection is guided by short readings from a Benedictine-inspired book. This is a great time to join or visit us, as we begin a new book this month: Kathleen Norris's *Cloister Walk*. If you are interested, please contact Dana Hengst (dana.hengst@gmail.com), Barbara Fornoff (cr8vweaver@gmail.com) or David Atwood (atwooddavid@gmail.com).

An Invitation to Silent Prayer: On March 20th, the Parish and the Seminary will jointly offer a final opportunity to discover the practice of silent prayer, on Wednesday evenings from 5:15- 6:00p.m. in the Oratory, Immanuel Chapel. All are welcome to participate.

Bearing Witness Series: Parish wide Poll for Best Day and Time

Come Join Father Randy for learning and dialogue regarding our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in this time of challenge, heartbreak, and hope. Father Randy will lead a five week series of structured learning and dialogue sessions during Eastertide organized by the American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem. **These sessions will take place in person in April and early May on either Saturday mornings or Wednesday evenings**

They are scripturally based, focusing on themes of belonging, healing, teaching, breaking barriers, and building hope, as illustrated via short videos about the ministry and hope offered by Palestinian Christians to their neighbors, regardless of faith, and structured around a Bible reflection each week by a Palestinian or American priest, followed by our own personal reflections and reactions. While the focus is not the current situation in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank, this will no doubt be part of some of the personal reflection and discussion. More information about this “Bearing Witness” program is available [here](#). Please signal your interest, or ask any questions, to [Father Randy](#) or [David Atwood](#).

You can also leave a voicemail message on Immanuel’s RSVP line by calling (703) 370-6555 — and press “9” to leave a detailed voicemail message

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS

March 20: THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE. Please join us for luncheon and conversation in the Fillmore Room at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We gather at noon on the third Wednesday of the month, which will be MARCH 20. Please RSVP to Rev. Susan (sparsons@icoh.net) if you are not a resident of Goodwin House and to Susan Kernan if you are a resident.

FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH CANCELLED: Given that the fourth Tuesday of this month falls in Holy Week, we have cancelled our brown bag lunch. See you next month, April 23rd at 12:15p.m. in the parish hall!

Join the Procession; Read the Passion March 24th

The Liturgy of the Palms, followed by The Sunday of the Passion with Holy Eucharist

As we look towards Holy Week, we encourage all to participate. Please review our [SignUp Genius button](#) on our website and sign-up — acolytes, crucifers, banner bearers, and readers for the Passion Reading are needed for both the 8 and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharists.

If you plan to attend the later service, join us as we gather beforehand at the VTS post office building — the service starts at 10:30 a.m. — for our annual bagpiper-led procession with palms to the door of Immanuel Chapel (in case of rain, we’ll process around the inside of the chapel).

INQUIRERS’ CLASS FORMING: Have you never been Confirmed? Are you interested in being Received into the Episcopal Church? Might you want to re-affirm your faith in a public way? All of these will be possible as Immanuel has its Bishop’s visitation on Sunday, April 28th. Our youth confirmation class has just begun, and we are now gathering adults who would be interested in learning more about living the Christian faith within the Anglican tradition. Please contact Fr. Randy directly if you are interested: ralexander@icoh.net or 703.370.6555 ext.#201

EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: MARCH-MAY

Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services through Lent, Easter, and Pentecost
ONLINE via Our **Red SignUp Genius Button**

Please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer online via [SignUp Genius](#) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net and [clicking on the red button at left](#). **If you're a student — or planning Summer travel — feel free to sign-up for the Lenten season, Easter, and the Feast of Pentecost *only*.**

Sign-up to Serve on Sundays



**Lay Ministry
SignUp Genius**

If you are a first-timer and need training, please contact Agnes at the office on **Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** (ext. #206), or via email at asoos@icoh.net. Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to Mother Susan at sparsons@icoh.net or indicate so in the comments box under your name on the online form. **THANK YOU — especially to all who have signed-up!**

Immanuel's Garden Club Thanks Volunteers

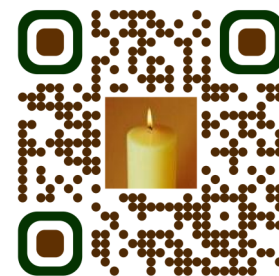


Warm thanks to these stalwart souls who came out on March 9th, a cold, rainy Saturday, for our first Garden Workday of the spring season: Tom Kerns, Kathryn Haskin, Shawn Whitman, Caroline Bergmark, Chris von Schoening, and Amy Thomas. Together we trimmed sedges and liriopse, dug a trench for marking border plantings, repaired the shed door, pruned a tree and cut up firewood, and dug out many invasive vines and weeds. There is more work to be done, so if you would like to help in between work days please contact Sarah, glasscos@gmail.com Thank you.

MAUNDY THURSDAY OVERNIGHT VIGIL SIGNUP *WEE HOURS NEEDED*

Immediately following the end of our Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist with Choir, Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar, we will keep watch during our Overnight Prayer Vigil at the ALTAR OF REPOSE, The Oratory (*Side Chapel*) at Immanuel Chapel.

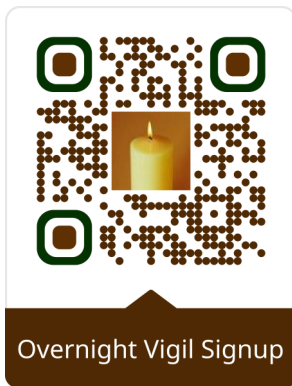
We hope to have every single slot filled this year — and are happy that ten slots are filled. We ask that you please scan the barcode at right to sign up for one or several slots still empty, or [find this bulletin online and click the purple text](#) above. Thank you and God be with you during your watch.



Overnight Vigil Signup

HOLY WEEK and EASTER at IMMANUEL

March 24	PALM SUNDAY	8:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Bagpiper-led Procession with Palms to Immanuel Chapel	VTS Post Office
			Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir	Immanuel Chapel
March 26	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	<i>The Chrism Mass: Clergy Reaffirmation of Vows (All are invited to witness clergy from our diocese make a public reaffirmation in the presence of The Right Rev. David C. Jones)</i>	Zabriskie Chapel
March 27	Wednesday	12 Noon	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Zabriskie Chapel
March 28	MAUNDY THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar	Immanuel Chapel



8:00 p.m.	Overnight Prayer Vigil at the ALTAR OF REPOSE <i>(Please scan the barcode at left to sign up).</i>	The Oratory <i>(Side Chapel)</i> at Immanuel Chapel
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March 29	GOOD FRIDAY	12 Noon	Stations of the Cross	Immanuel Chapel
		7:00 p.m.	The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday	Immanuel Chapel

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	9:15 a.m.	Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass, Choir, and Timpani	Immanuel Chapel
	TBD	<i>Reception and Children's Easter Egg Hunt, the grove at VTS</i>	<i>Chapel grounds</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass, Choir, and Timpani	Immanuel Chapel
	12:30 p.m.	Reception in the Parlor	Immanuel Chapel



EASTER DEDICATIONS 2024



As Easter approaches, you are invited to dedicate Easter flowers or music for the Easter services. If you wish to remember a dearly departed loved one, or make a donation in thanksgiving for God's many blessings, please complete and send this form along with your check to the Parish Office or place it in the alms basin. We will print names in the Easter bulletins for all dedications received no later than noon on **Monday, March 25th**. Please print all names very clearly, or email to DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET.

To make your dedications online, scan the QR code below — and check the “**I Paid Online**” box, or visit our website and click on “[Easter Flower and Music Dedications](#)” selection from the “GIVE” menu at the top right of the page; then click the green button. Any amount is welcome and appreciated.



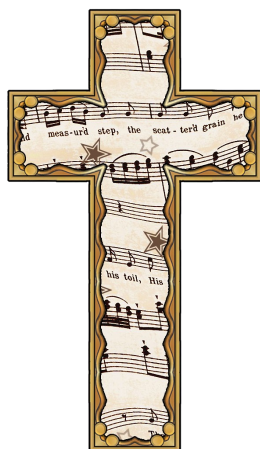
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In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Memory of: _____



EASTER MUSIC: \$ _____

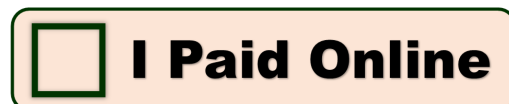
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 Julie Bruns Outreach
 Kathy Lloyd Children Youth and Family Ministries
 Mark Fearer Social Justice and Pastoral Care
 Brian Rush Evangelism and Newcomers
 Matt Haskin Worship
 Caroline Bergmark Fellowship
 Sophie Johnson, Sydney Onley, David Stayanoff, and Isabelle Young-Smith Youth Representatives
 Philip Brown Registrar and Communications

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Zabriskie Chapel
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

Online

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

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 The Rev. Jan A. Maas
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 The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

RECTOR EMERITA

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth

MISSION STATEMENT: Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition, striving to be in relationship with God and each other as Christ has taught us, actively attempting to sense and to serve God’s plan with great love. We are guided by Mark 16:15: “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,” to learn, discern, and proclaim the Good News by being active ministers in the various communities where we live and serve.



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