

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

April 10, 2022



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### 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. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

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](http://www.icoh.net)).

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia and Bruce Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Eloise Payne, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Linda and Cy Murphy, Lucy, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Daphne, Ann Huntington, Wendy John, Leo, Tommy, and Charles Willard.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Arsine Rustigian Oshagan, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Phanuef, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Marjean Smith, Mildred Alexander, Paul, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Tom Dollard, Jim McClane, Edith and Joseph, Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Bird, John, Alexandra, Hans, Jessica, McQuade Milligan, Scott De Vight, Reagan, Waide Egner, Peter and Joanne, Mary Muniz, and Molly Grey.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Dana Compton, Maria Burke, Tyler Gehrs, Conner Parks, Anton Kubista, Montie Martin, Isabelle Young-Smith, Sarah Fite, Sameer Augustine, Christopher Calloway, Sophia McCaslin, Madeleine Compton, and Carla Murray.

**Serving around the world:** Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Philip Smucker, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina, and Nolan Anderson. Pray for healing for US casualties and their caregivers.

**Those who we recently learned have died:** Navy Lieutenant Hyrum Hanlon; Army Captain James Bellew; Police Officers Dominic Francis and Trey Marshall Sutton; Investigator Donald Crooms, Lieutenant William Lebo; Deputy Sheriff Darren Almendarez; and Deputy Constable Jennifer Chavis. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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### PRIVATE CONFESSION: *Receive Counsel, Direction, and Comfort This Week*

Anglicans approach private confession in a classic middle way framed by the old adage, “All may; none must, some should.” Lent is a particularly appropriate time to consider private confession as part of one’s Lenten discipline and examination of life. If you would like to schedule an appointment for Confession during Holy Week, please contact any of the clergy.

You can read over the rite for private confession in [The Book of Common Prayer](#), beginning on page 447. If clicking on the hyperlinked text above, look under “Pastoral Offices”, then select “Reconciliation of a Penitent”.



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*“Behold how good and pleasant it is when God’s people dwell together in unity” (Psalm 133:1)*

## **How is God Calling Us to Care About People in Prison?**

Dear People of God at Immanuel, I invite you to join me for two special events on April 20 and May 1 to signal an expansion of Immanuel’s criminal justice initiative.

Our faith gives us many examples of how God wants us to treat incarcerated people, both the guilty and the innocent. As Jesus himself was being executed, he invited a convicted criminal to be with him in Paradise. Jesus’s first words in the Temple were to proclaim good news and release for captives. Jesus tells us that when we visit those in prison we are visiting Him, regardless of their guilt or innocence.

### **Why Criminal Justice?**

- Major racial disparities in arrest/sentencing
- Harsher outcomes for poor people
- US global leader in numbers of incarcerated
- Prisons training ground for crime
- 1 in 3 adults in the US have a criminal record - excluding them from key aspects of citizenship - voting, jobs, housing, loans

Immanuel’s criminal justice/incarceration initiative is a bridge between issues of racial justice and larger social justice issues, examining where we can be the hands of Jesus for all people caught up in the system, whether police officers, incarcerated people, or those reentering society after prison. We have already done a lot – learning together, starting relationships on these issues with two Black churches, meeting with local representatives during Virginia’s January

legislative session in Richmond, providing Christmas Families support to children of inmates, and starting a chaplaincy with the Alexandria police while reaching out to local jails.

We invite you to pray for us, and also to consider prayerfully different ways to get involved. The first way is to learn more, and I invite you in particular to join us for a group showing of the moving film, Just Mercy, on Wednesday, April 20 and for the Forum Hour on criminal justice Sunday, May 1. Second, consider getting involved by befriending and mentoring someone coming out of jail or prison or advocating for a more just and effective criminal justice system here in Virginia. There are easy ways to get involved and trained, and Immanuel partner organizations to help, on the website.

We are on this journey together. I have no doubt that Jesus is with us as we explore how to support those affected by the criminal justice system. We will no doubt make mistakes. But our baptismal covenant is not a mistake, to “work for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being,” I look forward to seeing you on April 20 and May 1!

Respectfully,

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.  
Rector

David Atwood  
Vestry Steward for Adult Formation  
and Discipleship, Social Justice

Kathryn Jackson Haskin  
Social Justice

# Announcements

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT IMMANUEL 2022

April 11	12 Noon	An Order of Service for Noonday with Homily	online <a href="#">via YouTube</a>
April 12	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Prayer	Zabriskie Chapel
	12 Noon	An Order of Service for Noonday with Homily	online <a href="#">via YouTube</a>
April 13	12 Noon	An Order of Service for Noonday with Homily	online <a href="#">via YouTube</a>
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>			
April 14	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir and Instrumentalists, and Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar	Immanuel Chapel
	8:00 p.m.	<b>Overnight Prayer Vigil at the Altar of Repose</b>	The Oratory at Immanuel Chapel
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>			
April 15	12 Noon	Stations of the Cross	Immanuel Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday	Immanuel Chapel
<b>HOLY SATURDAY, April 16</b>			
	7:30 p.m.	The Great Vigil of Easter, with Choir	Immanuel Chapel
<b>EASTER SUNDAY, April 17</b>			
	7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Joy Mass	Zabriskie Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass, Choir, and Timpani followed by Children's Easter Egg Hunt	Immanuel Chapel
	11:15 a.m.	Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass, Choir, and Timpani followed by Children's Easter Egg Hunt	Immanuel Chapel

## Bishop's Visitation April 24th

Join us for the Bishop's visitation the first Sunday after Easter, April 24th — with baptisms and confirmations at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist in Immanuel Chapel.

Following the service, join our special guests, City of Alexandria Mayor Justin Wilson, and the Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D., Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary, at Zabriskie Chapel as we watch Bishop Susan Goff bless the solar panels covering the chapel's roof.

ALL are welcome to join us in the Parish Hall to celebrate the Bishop's visit, our Confirmands and the Installation of our Solar Panels, and enjoy fellowship. An Alexandria Pastry Shop cake will be served to honor this very special occasion.

## **Social Justice Movie Night: Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., Location TBD**

The Social Justice Bible Study that has been meeting on Wednesday nights has just wrapped up *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stephenson. In a few weeks we're going to have a showing of the movie based on this ground breaking book and everyone is invited whether you've been part of our conversations or not! We'll know as it's closer where exactly we'll be, but it'll either be at Immanuel or on the VTS campus (no field trips this time).

*Just Mercy* explores the work of young defense attorney Bryan Stevenson who represents poor people on death row in the South with his foundation, the Equal Justice Initiative. The movie version most prominently features his work with Walter McMillian, a one-time death row inmate who had been wrongfully convicted of the murder of a young woman.

**BIBLE STUDY Resumes Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.**

**FIRST AND SECOND TIMOTHY and THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TITUS**

**Evening Compline, Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom**

**SACRED GROUND STARTING THE WEEK OF APRIL 24**

***Are You Interested in Joining Others in a Faith-Based Program on Race, Identity, Family, and History?***

Please consider signing up for the next Sacred Ground dialogue circle, which will meet weekly from the week of April 24 through the week of June 27, facilitated by Chrissie Crosby. Sacred Ground is an Episcopal church film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in their own threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity, using a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific Islander American histories as they intersect with European American histories. More details are available [here](#), or from talking to past participants Katherine Smith, Mary Ann Ring, Marilynn Wilson, or Nancy Reuschel. Please contact David Atwood or [Kathryn Haskin](#) to sign up. Thank you.

**Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist Rite II  
returns April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m, Zabriskie Chapel**

**Good News:** We are only \$20,000 away from meeting our 2022 pledge goal of \$705,000. If you have not yet pledged, there are blank pledge cards in both chapels and via our website, [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net) — if viewing this online, [CLICK HERE for Online Pledge Card](#).

# EASTER DEDICATIONS 2022

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. Names will be printed in the Easter bulletins for all dedications received no later than noon this Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please print all names very clearly, or email to [DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET](mailto:DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET).

To make your dedications online, visit our website and click on "[Easter Flower and Music Dedications](#)" selection from the "[GIVE](#)" menu at the top right of the page. Any amount is welcome and appreciated.



EASTER FLOWERS: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_



EASTER MUSIC: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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 David Atwood ..... Adult Formation and Discipleship, Social Justice  
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 Brad Ashton ..... Stewardship and Planned Giving  
 Mollie Lambert ..... Outreach  
 Kathy Lloyd ..... Senior Ministry  
 Brooke Roberts ..... Communications  
 Phyllis Sims ..... Evangelism and New Members  
 Bob Murray ..... Worship  
 Julie Bruns ..... Pastoral Care  
 Rachel Wilson ..... Youth Representative (nonvoting member)  
 The Rev. Sam Sheridan ..... Register (nonvoting member)

### SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel  
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA  
 9:00 a.m. Family Holy Eucharist, Zabriskie Chapel  
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel  
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

#### *Online*

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

### PRIEST ASSOCIATES

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV  
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### 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

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