

# Crossways

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Holy Tuesday

Dear Friends in Christ,

Oscar Romero and the martyrs of El Salvador, the Annunciation of Our Lord, Richard Allen, Charles Henry Brent, John Keble, Innocent of Alaska, and John Donne: these are the saints' days which have been either dropped or transferred to make way for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. The ultimate feast of Our Lord, Easter and the week preceding trumps everything else—even the Annunciation of Our Lord! Since in a “normal” week in Lent, the Annunciation of Our Lord is considered a “major” feast, its celebration is transferred to beyond the octave of Easter, to April 8<sup>th</sup>. The others are usually dropped for the year.



What a shame! Richard Allen (1760-1831), born a slave, was the first Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Charles Henry Brent (1862-1929) ordained in Canada was elected by the Episcopal Church House of Bishops as the Missionary Bishop of the Philippines, crusaded against the opium trade, in later life became Bishop of Western New York and a leader in the cause of Christian Unity. John Keble (1792-1866) preached a sermon in 1833 which began the Oxford Movement. Innocent of Alaska, John Venianov, of the Church in Russia, (1797-1879) volunteered to be a missionary to the Aleutian Islands and beyond to the main land. John Donne (1573-1631) in his time was the best preacher in the Church of England, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral and the poet who wrote, “Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls: It tolls for thee.”

But because El Salvador is the companion diocese of our Diocese of Central New York Oscar Romero's (1917-1980) remembrance was included in the Prayers of the People on Palm Sunday, March 24th, his feast day. After attending seminary in Rome, Romero worked among the poor in El Salvador. When he was appointed bishop, radicals distrusted his conservative and traditional sympathies. After he was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador, a progressive friend of his, Fr. Rutilio Grande, SJ was assassinated by the government. From that time on, Romero began protesting the government's injustice to the poor and its policies of torture. His sermons were broadcast in El Salvador and he became the voice of the oppressed. He met with Pope John Paul II in 1980 telling him that the leaders of El Salvador were engaged in terror and assassinations. He also pleaded with the US government to stop military aid to El Salvador to no avail. On March 23, 1980 he preached a sermon in the cathedral calling on soldiers to disobey orders that violated human rights. He had said, “A bishop will die, but the Church of God which is the people will never perish.” The next day Romero was shot to death while celebrating mass at a small chapel at the hospice where he lived near the cathedral. Blessed Oscar Romero is a most fitting saint for Holy Week and for the celebration of Our Lord's resurrection, Easter.

Blessed Easter,

The Rev. Christine J. Day  
Rector



## No Confession During Easter?

O the joy of being Anglican! There's a rubric and reason for every liturgical season. It has become a custom of the Church to omit the confession during the season of Easter (Easter-Easter7). Dr. Marion J. Hatchette explains, "Confession is the obverse of thanksgiving; to give thanks for redemption is to acknowledge one's sinfulness." On the great festival days of the Church year, when it may be more appropriate not to make explicit acts of confession, this is allowed by the rubric, "On occasion, the Confession may be omitted." "(pg. 342, *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*, referring to pg. 359, *Book of Common Prayer, 1979*) The Sundays of the Easter Season are the "great festival days of the Church year. In some ways, this is a return to the practices of the early church where there was no confession in the liturgy and one acknowledged one's sinfulness by giving thanks to God, in the Eucharistic prayer, for redemption. Confession was added to celebrations of the Eucharist during the late Middle Ages. This is a long way of saying, IT'S OKAY TO TAKE COMMUNION WITHOUT CONFESSION DURING THE EASTER SEASON!

## Easter 2 Brunch at the Rectory on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>

In a blatant attempt to have higher attendance numbers the weekend of Easter 2 on April 7<sup>th</sup>, all are invited to an Easter Brunch at the rectory following the 10 AM service.—approximately 11:30 PM. (This means that you can attend the Saturday Vigil for Easter 2 at 5 PM and still come for the Brunch on Sunday at 11:30 AM!) A spring feast of "mock soufflé," asparagus, salad, fruit, breads and dessert will be offered. Come for food, fellowship and fun! Come play with puppy bishop Alphege, on her best behavior. Come! All are welcome! Sign-up in the narthex to assist with food planning.



## April Life Goes On Meeting

The March meeting will take place at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at The Plaza Diner on the Vestal Parkway, Vestal. If you are planning to attend, please phone Arlene Foley at 797-2111 to aid in planning the group's reservation

## District Confirmation

District Confirmation takes place on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 3 PM at St. Mark's, Chenango Bridge. Mother Chris will be presenting John Weaver for Confirmation at that service. Your prayers and presence are requested!

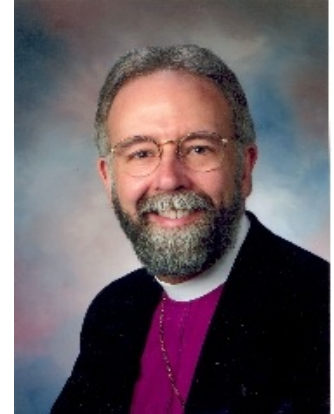


## April is our College Love Box Collection time!

Lonna Pierce, our chair for this program, asks that you bring your donations by April 28<sup>th</sup> for our students away at university facing finals. Please bring in highlighters, snacks, candy, microwave popcorn, cocoa packets, small toys and stationery items. The final collection of baked goods [the students favorite surprise] will be Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. You will find a basket to collect your gifts on the bench in the front coat room. Donations of money to help with postage is also greatly appreciated.



## Easter Day 2013: A Reflection on John 20:1-18 from Bishop Skip



### Dear People of Central New York

This morning I held in my prayer several people of our Diocese known to me who have recently died. One is the deceased father of one of our clergy spouses. Another is the spouse of a dedicated layperson in one of our parishes. I also held in my prayer today a new mother whose baby girl was born just this morning, Monday in Holy Week. I came to realize that as I sought to lean gently into a prayer-awareness of each person intimately affected by these times of holy transition, I was overcome by nearly overwhelming love for all who appeared in my mind's eye.

Death and life. Absence and presence. Emptiness and fullness. I also learned all over again that what we often experience at first glance as polar opposites are not so at all. Death and life as well as absence and presence are not opposites, but twins. They are a part of one story, not different stories. We find this is so in the Gospel of John's account of Jesus' resurrection. In fact, in this Gospel, absence precedes presence (or is that presence precedes absence?).

Mary Magdalene comes upon the tomb and the stone is already removed. A kind of absence. The Lord has been taken from the tomb Mary says. Again, absence. Even when she reports that "we do not know where they have laid him," her unknowing is another kind of absence. Then Peter and the other disciple arrive at the absence, but Peter, as the account goes, hesitates before the absence as he gazes in from the outside upon the remnants of the neatly arranged linen burial clothes. They would only hint at presence in the midst of absence.

But look at Mary Magdalene – thanks be to God for her! She dares to return to the absence and through the splendid lens of her tears, a prism of her soul, recognizes two angels occupying the absence. The only conclusion to which I can come is that her heart had been nurtured by absence, which became a longing that enabled her to recognize Jesus in the beckoning gardener when he spoke. Love drew her there.

What we discover here is that absence is just as full of love as presence, or at least it can be. The presence of the fullness of God can be recognized in all things, all the gardeners of the world as well as all the gardens, in all of the pain of the world as well as its beauty. And what we discover, perhaps most of all, is that death can never again be the end of the story.

Bishop Skip



The Diocese of Central New York now sends its newsletter, *The Messenger*, electronically. You can use the link below to sign-up to have it sent to your email account!

The Episcopal Diocese of Central New York: [messenger@cnyepiscopal.org](mailto:messenger@cnyepiscopal.org)



## Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop's Easter Message 2013



**“Easter celebrates the victory of light and life over darkness and death”**

Rejoice, rejoice and sing, rejoice and be glad... for earth and heaven are joined and humanity is reconciled to God![1]

As the Lenten season ends in Easter rejoicing, note what has been wrought in you this year. A remarkable cross-section of America has been practicing Lenten disciplines, even some who are not active Christians. There is a deep hunger in our collective psyche to re-orient our lives toward life and light, healing and peace. We share a holy hunger for clarity about what is good and life-giving, and we yearn to re-focus on what is most central and important in life.

Easter celebrates the victory of light and life over darkness and death. God re-creates and redeems all life from dead, dry, and destroyed bones. We are released from the bonds of self-obsession, addiction, and whatever would steal away the radical freedom of God-with-us. Our lives re-center in what is most holy and creative, the new thing God is continually doing in our midst. Practicing vulnerability toward the need and hunger of others around us, we have cultivated compassionate hearts. We join in baptismal rebirth in the midst of Jesus' own passing-over.

The wonder of the resurrection is upon us once more. May we embrace God's ever-new life with every cell of our being, every yearning of our soul, and every muscle of our will. Christ is risen, death is vanquished, humanity is restored to holy and creative relationship with God's ongoing and eternal liveliness. Praise God who brings light out of darkness, life out of death, and newness out of the stale and moribund. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori

Presiding Bishop and Primate  
The Episcopal Church

[1] From the Exsultet, Book of Common Prayer pp 286-7



### **Closing Service for Grace, Whitney Point**

**April 6th at 1:30 PM**

Grace Church, Whitney Point, has decided to close after nearly a century and a half of ministry. Grace Church was founded December 19, 1870. Former vicars include the Rev. Liz Groskopf, the late Rev. Steward Purdy and the late Rev. William Greer. The liturgy for closing and deconsecrating Grace Church will be Saturday, April 6, 2013 at 1:30 PM. The Rt. Rev. Gladstone ("Skip") B. Adams, III, Bishop of Central New York will be the celebrant and he'll be assisted by Binghamton District Dean, the Very Rev. Dcn. Dorothy Pierce. All Are invited to come and support the people of Grace Church and the community.



# DOLLAR\$&CENTS February 28, 2013

All Saints' 2013 budget is a balanced budget! Thanks to our parish making generous pledges! In 2013 a monthly income of \$ 14,372 will be needed to balance the expenses. Please try to keep up your pledges. It really helps All Saints' cash flow. Truly, with "God all things are possible" (Mt. 19:26)

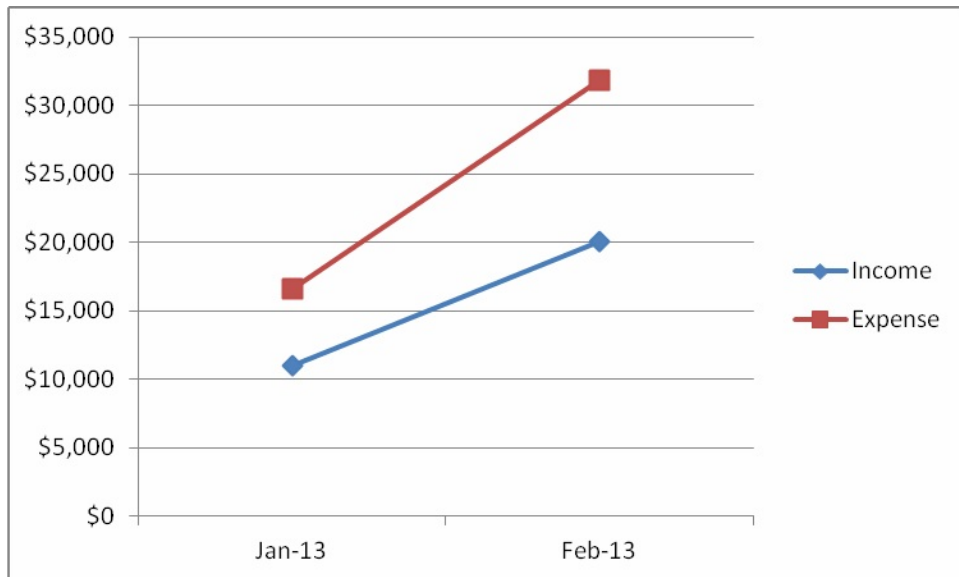
As *Crossways* goes to press before the end of the month, the financial information below is for the most recent completed month. In this case, it's the month of February or 16.66% through the year.

Income	Actual February 2013	Annual Budget 2013
Offering & Pledges	\$ 20,023+	\$ 155,818
Fundraising	\$ 468*	\$ 9,000
Other Income	\$ 1,106	\$ 7,650
Faith Income	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Income	\$ 21,597	\$ 172,468
Total Expenses	\$ 31,809**	\$ 172,468
Profit (Loss)	(\$ 10,212)	\$ 0

+Pledges are down 3% from budget. Please try to keep your pledge up-to-date!

\*Most of All Saints' major fundraisers are held during May, June, September and November. Thus this line will remain low until then.

\*\*There are many expenses such as health insurance, pension and insurance which are pre-paid at the beginning of the year or each quarter



***Dollars & Cents continued***

**CASH SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT FUNDS AS OF 2/28/2013**

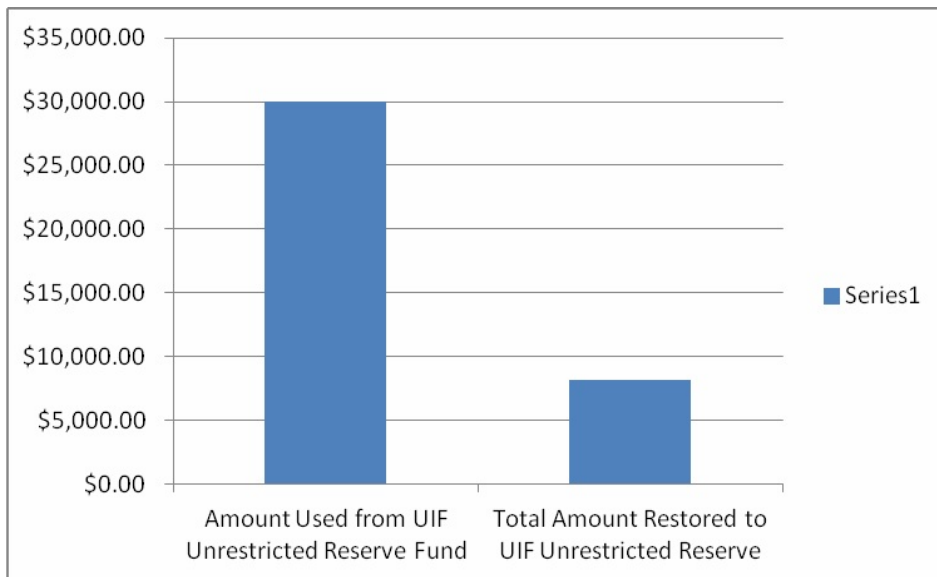
Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Petty Cash	\$150
All Saints' Checking	\$4,481
<u>Soup &amp; Sandwiches Checking</u>	<u>\$6,362</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$10,993
Savings Accounts	
Designated Funds	\$12,911
Undesignated	\$ 2,627
<u>Rebuilding All Saints'(RAS)*</u>	<u>\$ 2,500</u>
Total Savings	\$18,039
<u>Total Cash &amp; Savings</u>	<u>\$29,032</u>
UIF Investment Funds*	\$20,415

<b>Total Cash, Savings, Investments</b>	<b>\$49,447</b>
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\*Note: \$1,650 was transferred from RAS Savings to UIF Unrestricted Reserve Fund on March 2013

**REPAYMENT OF THE UNIFIED INVESTMENT FUND (UIF) UNRESTRICTED RESERVE FUND**

In 2012 All Saints' used \$30,000 from its Unrestricted Reserve Fund held as part of the Diocesan Unified Investment Fund (UIF). The Vestry is committed to restoring the \$30,000 as quickly as possible. As a result, funds received towards this purpose and towards Rebuilding All Saints' (RAS), will be transferred to the Unrestricted Reserve Fund monthly. In February 2013, \$6,530.97 was transferred to the Unrestricted Reserve Fund. In March 2013, \$1,650 was transferred into the UIF Unrestricted Reserve Fund. This brings the total amount restored to the Unrestricted Reserve Fund up to \$ 8,180.97





## Knit Three, Purl Three, Knit Three: Repeat Seven Times

Sound Greek to you? It probably does unless you are a knitter. For the above title is the pattern for a basic “Prayer Shawl.” The making of a “Prayer Shawl” is a spiritual practice which embodies thoughts and prayers for the receiver. It is a gift freely given with no strings attached. Made in prayer, as prayer, for prayer, the shawls are passed on hand-to-hand and heart-to-heart.

All Saints’ gives out “Prayer Shawls” to shut-ins and others who may be undergoing difficult times. Putting a price on a “Prayer Shawl” defeats the purpose of this ministry. Although the shawls aren't sold, a donation is gratefully accepted for those displayed on the case by the Library, if you wish one. Of course, one can always simply ask for one and it will be freely given.

Who makes the “Prayer Shawls?” The Rector and a few friends of All Saints’ are the current knitters and/or crocheters of the “Prayer Shawls.” Want to help with this ministry? Here you go—several patterns: here are two different patterns:

From *Knitting Into The Mystery: A Guide to the Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry* (Jorgensen & Izard)

- Use size 11 or 13 needles, circular ones are less bulky, #11’s give a tighter stitch, #13 gives a lacier stitch
  - 3 skeins of “Homespun Yard” by Lion Brand: ball weight 6 oz or 185 yards
1. Cast on 63 stitches
  2. Knit 3, Purl 3, Knit 3 (each row begins and ends with Knit 3) This is the “Trinity” stitch—3k-3p-3k!
  3. Continue on as above through 2 skeins. Before beginning third skein, wind enough yard around 3X5 or 4X6 card to make 126 pieces of fringe and reserve.
  4. Join third skein and finish knitting and purling the shawl and cast off.
  5. Finish off by attaching 63 pieces of 2 ½ inch or 3 inch fringe to each end by pulling doubled fringe thread through cast-off or cast-on stitched into a slip knot.

From the late Caroline Labosky, from Elizabeth Rybicki Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, A Prayer Shrug (Shawl with Cuffs!)

- Use size 11 or 13 needles.
  - 2 skeins of worsted weight yard (6 oz 4 ply) or less if using “Homespun Yarn”
1. Cast 28 (30, 32) stitches
  2. Knit 2, Purl 2 for as many rows as is comfortable for a cuff
  3. Change to garter stitch (straight knit) and increase 1 stitch at the beginning of each row until one has a total of 44 (46, 48) total stitches.
  4. Knit to desired length (try on to measure)
  5. Decrease 1 stitch at the beginning of each row until there are 28 (30, 32) stitches remaining.
  6. Knit 2, purl 2 for as many rows as the first cuff (2. Above)
  7. Bind off and stitch up cuffs

Good Shepherd Crochet Pattern Prayer Shawl from Elizabeth Rybicki

- For worsted yarn use size K hook; For tight Homespun use size N; for looser Homespun use size P
  - 3 skeins of “Homespun Yard” by Lion Brand: ball weight 6 oz or 185 yards or worsted yard to equal 360+ yards
1. Chain 63 stitches
  2. Chain 1, turn, crochet half-double crochet in the back of each loop across the row
  3. Chain 2, turn, repeat half double into each stitch row until desired length is obtained, approximately 5 feet long.
  4. Finish with fringe or crochet edging as desired



## All Saints' Publicity Committee

At the March meeting we welcomed Erik Heden as a new member of our committee. Among other things, Erik is particularly experienced in, and enthusiastic about, working on developing an effective Facebook page for All Saints'. He joins other committee members: Kathy Cramer, Johanna Hickey, Colleen Labosky, Andy Pierce, Bob Steber, Gary Zurn, and Bobbi Zurn, chair.



Projects that the committee is already pursuing include the following:

- expanding password protected WiFi capability throughout the church building so that computers, tablets and smart phones may access the Internet during meetings and presentations; approved by vestry
  - constantly updating All Saints' Website;
  - completed newly designed "Request for Publicity" form\* available on the church Website; \*Please submit Requests for Publicity at least four weeks prior to the event.
  - PC is studying recently purchased Master Class Videos on the topics of marketing the church, attracting younger people to older churches, why our church may need social media, and how to chair a church committee;
  - Holy Week, Palm Sunday publicity submitted and will submit a plan for publicity on Soup/Sandwich ministry in April;
  - processing publicity request for advertising May Chicken BBQ with help from Joy Kasmarcik;
  - subcommittee of E. Heden, A. Pierce, G. Zurn established to work on All Saints' Facebook page transfer from Mother Day to Web sexton G. Zurn; presentation made by E. Heden to vestry and congregation on this topic; vestry agreed to proceed with further exploration of Facebook; no final decision on Facebook has been made.
- Bobbi Zurn

## Prayer List beginning April

Policy reminder: Submitted names are placed on the short term list for four weeks and then moved to long term by request of the person submitting the name, or by need known by the Rector.

*Short Term:* Joy Kasmarcik; Bill Kimble; Sarah Harrison-Pautard; Debbie; Marcia Tinder; Tom Johnson; Monica Alger; and Tom Tinder;

*Long Term:* Nan Grabowski; Sue Mahon; Carl & Mary Green; Mary-Hunter Kennedy Daily; Kathleen McDaniel; Brad Simmons; Ed Segal; Scott Cramer; Kristen Cusic & her infant daughter, Sadie; Dick Kimble; Nanette McIntosh; Pam Steber; Larry Taft; Paula Giroux; Brittany Polhamus and her daughters Megan & Lilian; Kirk Shelly; William Schall; Jim Pursell; Terry Danek; Ardis Rogers; Shaun & Ryan Small.



### Upcoming Events

- Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> Our first Chicken Barbeque! 11 AM to sold out  
Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> Our second Chicken Barbeque! 11 AM to sold out  
Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> Binghamton District Churches at the Binghamton Mets!

**Please remember to check the parish bulletin boards for these and other Community Events.**





# Celebrations in April

## *Birthdays*

- 1 Joyanne Kasmarcik  
Martin Kasmarcik
- 3 Linda Barkman  
Don Brewster
- 7 Arlene Huyck
- 11 Megan Labosky
- 12 Chieyann Grabowski
- 19 Lilian May Jarrett  
Andrew Hickey
- 22 Sarah Harrison Pautard
- 25 Addisyn Macarak  
Annabella Macarak
- 27 Vincent Finta



## *Anniversaries*

- 19 Matt & Colleen Labosky
- 21 David & Eileen Patch
- 23 Herbert & Deborah Lake

## **Sanctuary Candle**

**April 7** – is given by the Cole Family in memory of Kristin Greco; and is given by Ralph & Pat Holloway in thanksgiving for the birthday of their grandson, Brian Holloway.

**April 14**– is given by Tom & Sandy Johnson in memory of Tom's brother, William Johnson.

**April 21**– is given by Colleen, Matt & Megan Labosky in memory of Colleen's father, Garold Lee Anderson.

**April 28** - is given by Lonna & David Pierce in memory of Lonna's mother, Mary Suchoweicki

## **Altar Flowers**

**April 7** – are given by the Cole Family in memory of Kristin Greco; are given in thanksgiving for the birthday of their daughter Megan Labosky by Colleen and Matt Labosky; and are given by Ardis Rogers in memory of her husband, Ray Rogers.

**April 14** – are given by Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for the birthday of her great-granddaughter, Madison Wolfinger; are given by Ralph & Pat Holloway in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of their children, Scott and Karen Holloway; and are given by Judy & David Horton in thanksgiving for the birthday of great-granddaughter, Lilian May Jarrett.

**April 21** – are given by Marilyn Doersam in memory of her parents, Amelia & John Bennett

**April 28** — are given by Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of her children, Lynda and David Doersam

**The Deadline for the May issue of Crossways is April 15th.**

**The May issue will contain new Flower and Sanctuary Candle Forms for the months of July 2013 through June 2014**





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**Service and Education Schedule for April 2013**

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sundays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Nursery Program for infants and toddlers/pre-schoolers: every Sunday

9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class for ages 5 and above: April 14<sup>th</sup>

Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

