



Lent 2023

Beloved in Christ,

"I invite you . . . in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word."

Lent is a time to look hard at ourselves and our lives and do something about those things that are holding us back, blocking our way to God. This short poem is widely attributed to Pope Francis (although I cannot find a primary source). Regardless of who wrote it, it's a good guide to Lent.

Do you want to fast this Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Easter is coming: it's the season to get ready!

Yours in Christ, *Christopher +*

CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following parishioners and items in your prayers:

Joys / Thanksgivings

- Historic witness and mission of the parish in Calvert County, in Maryland and worldwide
- Buildings and 47 acres of grounds entrusted to the parish

Military

- Aaron Boudreau, David Francisco, Thomas Garcia, Michael Harris, Robert Harris, Evan Metz, Elizabeth Neal, Brian Riva, Peeter Pleake-Tamm

Homebound and Long-term Care

- Ruth Green, Jessica Lewis, Elaine Williams, Anne Yoe

Sick / Hospitalized / Recovering

- Aurelio Azpiazu, Johnny Brodigan, Barbara Carey, Kathy Clark, Fred Gott, Vera Lind, Gil Masters, Kirk Taylor, Hank Wegner, Mary Linda Wegner, Franklin Wood, Joan Wood

- Special Needs / Concerns of our Parish

- Discernment and labor for strengthening faithful parish witness & mission
- Ukraine
- Turkey
- Syria

-Friends of Parish

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| - Molly | -Joyce Eiler |
| -Ben Norfolk | -Viola Carroll |
| -Dorothy Franklin | -William Johnson |
| -Ann Garner | -Josh Nudge |
| -Tommy Rosnage | --Daniel Carter |
| -Ronnie Bowen | - Carrie |
| -Bruce Hance | -Bonnie Kelly |
| -Lori McCarty | -Jackie |
| -Beverly | -Antonio |

We will pray for members of the parish who are sick, hospitalized, or recovering for three Sundays in church, and then remove their names from the prayer list, unless specifically renewed. We will list Friends of the Parish for one month and then remove their names from the Bell, unless specifically renewed.

+ + +

Election of a Bishop Coadjutor. On Sat, 25 March, clergy and representatives from throughout our diocese will gather to elect the XV Bishop of Maryland, who will serve as “bishop coadjutor” until Bishop Sutton’s retirement in 2024. Find out more about the four candidates at <https://episcopalmaryland.org/bishop-slate/>. The four candidates will be at a “meet and greet” at St James, Lothian, on Friday, 10 March, 6:30-8:30 p.m. – come out, meet them, ask them your questions.

Daily Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer will be held in the church Monday-Friday at 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. **starting Thurs, 23 Feb**, and continue throughout Lent. This is a way to slow down and listen for God’s voice.

OUTREACH

The Vestry, at their meeting on February 14, 2023, voted to give Claggett, \$2000.00 from Christ Church Outreach funds, to be used for Scholarships for Camp at Claggett.

Last summer, Claggett programs experienced four times the number of requests for financial assistance as in past year.

Jim Yoe will be helping with the Camp and encourages the Youth of Christ Church to attend Camp at Claggett this summer.

If you would personally like to give, donations can easily be made on the support page of the Claggett website at claggettcenter.org/support.



LENTEN FELLOWSHIP EVENINGS

Gather each Friday evening within Lent in February and March to “continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers”

This year we will have the Soup and Bread Supper followed by a program. We will be meeting Friday’s on March 3, Sunday March 12, Friday’s March 17, 24, and 31.

*6:00 pm The Way of the Cross
6:30 – 7:15 pm Soup and Bread
7:15 - 8:00 pm Video – Encountering the Holy Land; An Introduction to the History and Geography of the Bible*

Come out and have an evening of fellowship.

Please sign up at the Parish House to provide soups & bread each week

Christ Church BELL is the parish newsletter published by:

Christ Church
3100 Broomes Island Road
Port Republic, MD 20676
410-586-0565
The Rev. Christopher Garcia, Rector

Production Staff
Dotty Greene
Mary Linda Wegner
Nancy Zinn, Editor
Deadline for next issue: March 21, 2023



PORT REPUBLIC SCHOOL #7

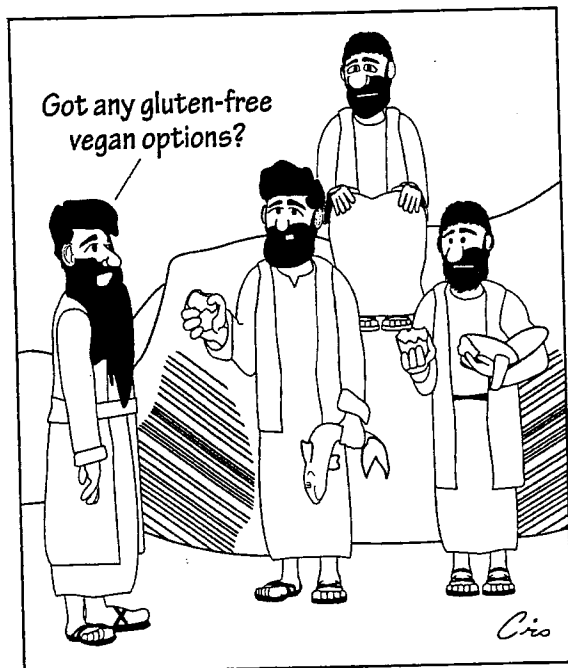
Did you know . . . Christ Church owns the Port Republic Schoolhouse? Friends of the One-Room Schoolhouse maintain the schoolhouse. Each year more than 1200 Calvert County 4th grade students spend a day with us. They bring their enthusiasm and sense of wonder.

Greeters, ushers, and bread & wine presenters. All are invited to share these ministries of welcome. Please speak to Nancy Zinn, Senior Warden, to volunteer or for more information (410) 586-0682.

We need: Guides for students on the trail that follows the boundary of Christ Church property, Speakers to share early Calvert and farm life stories in the schoolhouse.

When: April and May Can you help on one or more of the 13 days of 4th grade field trip visits? Hours: Trail guides 9:45 AM till 12:00 noon, Farm Life 12:15 till 1:15. **PLEASE JOIN US:**

More information Chloe Ewal
410-535-3235. **THANK YOU!**



Puzzle!

Complete the Scripture verses (NIV, unless marked) using letters found in the words



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

See! The winter is _____; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of sowing has come. (Song of Solomon 2:11-12)

"Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it _____, it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you." (Luke 11:36)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the _____, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them ... ? (Psalm 8:3-4)

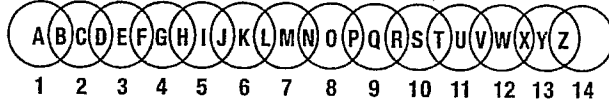
We all, like sheep, have gone _____, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the _____ and members of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19, ESV)

Puzzle!

Use the code to complete the blanks — and find out how God wants us to treat people.

CODE:



1,2 3 6 5 7,8 2,3 1 7,8 2,3

2 8 7 8,9 1 10 10 5 8 7,8 1 10,11 3

10,11 8 8 7,8 3 1 7,8 8 10,11 4,5 3 9,10

3,4 8 9,10 4 5 11,12 5 7,8 4 3 1 2 4,5

8 10,11 4,5 3 9,10 5,6 11 10 10,11 1 10

5 7,8 2 4,5 9,10 5 10 10,11 4 8 2,3

3,4 8 9,10 4 1 11,12 3 13 8 11

EPHESIANS 4:32, NIV

Answer: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NIV
 Answer: past, dark, stars, astray, saints



CHRIST CHURCH

Christ Church Website – christchurchcalvert.org

Fr. Christopher's e-mail

christopher@christchurchcalvert.org

Cell 540-471-7445

MARCI

SUN	MON	TUE	WE
Weekdays – Monday Thru Friday 8:00 am Morning Prayer 4:30 pm Evening Prayer During Lent In the Church			1 7:00 pm –Wedne Bible Study via
5 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 Fellowship 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:15 am Fellowship	6 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	7	8 7:00 pm –Wedne Bible Study via
12 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II By ZOOM @ 10:00 11:30 am (lunch) 12 Noon Video	13 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	14 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	15 7:00 pm –Wedne Bible Study via
19 8:30 & 10 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Fellowship	20 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	21 Bell Deadline	22 7:00 pm –Wedne Bible Study via
26 8:30 & 10 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Fellowship	27 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	28	29 7:00 pm –Wedn Bible Study via

Holidays and Observances: 17: St. Patrick's Day

Deacon Beth Bellner's e-mail -

eabellner@gmail.com Cell 407-256-3298

Deacon Charity Humm's e-mail -

chumm@vts.edu Cell 216-903-0712

ED	THU	FRI	SAT
Monday Evening Zoom	9:15 - 10:30 am Thursday 2 Bible Study via ZOOM 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 10:45 am Thursday Morning Bible Study - In Person 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	3 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Soup and Bread Supper 7:15 pm Video Program	4
Tuesday Evening Zoom	9 9:15 - 10:30 am Thursday Bible Study via ZOOM 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 10:45 am Thursday Morning Bible Study - In Person 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11
Wednesday Evening Zoom	16 9:15 - 10:30 am Thursday Bible Study via ZOOM 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 10:45 am Thursday Morning Bible Study - In Person 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	17 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Soup and Bread Supper 7:15 pm Video Program	18
Thursday Evening Zoom	23 9:15 - 10:30 am Thursday Bible Study via ZOOM 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 10:45 am Thursday Morning Bible Study - In Person 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	24 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Soup and Bread Supper 7:15 pm Video Program	25
Friday Evening Zoom	30 9:15 - 10:30 am Thursday Bible Study via ZOOM 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 10:45 am Thursday Morning Bible Study - In Person 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	31 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Soup and Bread Supper 7:15 pm Video Program	



THANK YOU

Thanks!

A Big thank you to John Yoe and Rich White for Co-Chairing the Pancake Supper held on February 22, 2023 and the 12 volunteers who signed up to help.

It was well organized and the pancakes, waffles, eggs, ham, sausage, applesauce, donuts, and juice were delicious and the company was wonderful.

HEART FILLING EMPTY LITTLE TUMMIES

On February 8, I picked up In February, I picked up 4 cases white milk, 1 case tomato soup, 3 cases beef stew, 2 cases chicken salad with crackers, 3 cases chocolate milk, 3 cases orange juice, 2 cases peas and carrots, 1 case corn, and 1 case of mixed vegetables totaling 342 pounds from End Hunger. We were not charged for these items as they are covered by a grant End Hunger had but that is now expired.

This really does help to fill our 8 backpacks each week for St. Leonard Elementary School. In January we were filling 15 bags, then on February 3rd, the number was reduced to 12, and on February 21, it was reduced to 8. The Counselor said that 5 of those receiving backpacks said they no longer had a need for the food.

Thanks to all the parishioners who have donated food and money. We started filling backpacks in February 2014 so we are now in our 9th year of helping to Fill Empty Little Tummies.

Listed below are foods that we can always use:

- "Easy Mac" – Macaroni & Cheese, single serving
 - *Beefaroni, 15oz/pop-top lid
 - *Cereal, single serving box/any flavor
 - Chicken & Rice Soup, 11 oz./pop top lid
 - Cup O'Noodles, 2.25 oz./any flavor
 - Goldfish Crackers, 1.1 oz./individually wrapped
 - Instant Pancake Mix, 32 oz. box
 - Syrup
 - *Jelly, 18 oz. plastic jar
 - *Peanut Butter, 18 oz. plastic jar
 - *Pop Tarts, individually wrapped/any flavor
 - Pretzels, single serving's pkgs, chips
 - Pudding Cups, 3.5 oz/non-refrigerated
 - Ramen Noodles, 3 oz. single serving/any flavor
 - Ravioli, 15 oz. can/pop-top lid
- Nancy W. Zinn, Coordinator

Bible Quiz

All four Gospels tell of a woman anointing Jesus. Details vary; clearly, she isn't the same person in all accounts. In John, who is she?

- A. Jesus' mother, Mary
- B. Mary Magdalene
- C. Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus)
- D. None of the above



John 12:1-8)

Answer: C (See Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-39;

image above: ANOINT_24131, ANOINT_24131C

quiz above: QUIZ_0322, QUIZ_0322C

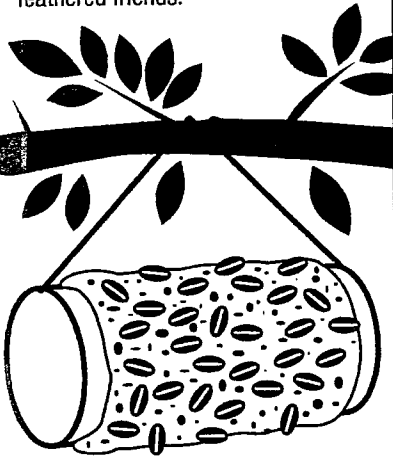
SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Saving Time 2023

- begins Sunday, March 12

FOR THE BIRDS

Display this recycled craft to care for feathered friends.



What you need:

- Peanut butter or vegetable shortening
- Plastic knife
- Empty toilet paper tube
- Bird seed
- A plate
- String

What you do:

1. Spread peanut butter or vegetable shortening on the tube, covering the entire outside surface.
2. Pour bird seed on a plate and roll the tube in the seeds.
3. Thread string through the tube and tie it to make a loop.
4. Hang the bird feeder outside. When seeds are eaten, coat the roll again.

PUZZLE

BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

Directions: Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.



VDEO

_____ (Genesis 8:8)



LWO

_____ (Psalm 102:6)



GEELA

_____ (Isaiah 40:31)



TOKRS

_____ (Jeremiah 8:7)

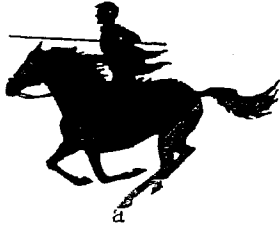


APROSWRS

“Are not five _____ sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ... Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many _____.”

LUKE 12:6-7, NIV

Answer: dove, owl, eagle, stork, sparrow



2023 TOURNAMENT SUPER

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Tournament Supper. We are in need of a **Co-Chair** as Patti Wahl will do the shopping and all she did last year but does not want the title of Co-Chair. We are also in need of a **Potato Salad Chair** as Sharon Walker will not be able to continue as Chair. She has very explicit directions for the new Chair. Please contact Dotty Greene, 410-586-0109 or Nancy Zinn, 410-586-0682 to volunteer. It can be male or female.

Grounds Chair for 2023 Tournament

We are still looking for a **Grounds Chair for the 2023 Tournament**. Listed below are the duties that are required of the Tournament Grounds Chair.

- (1) Coordinate and get volunteers to assist with set up/take down of canopies, tables, chairs, ensigns and fencing around the fields
- (2) Arrange volunteers to assist with parking, directing traffic and collecting donations. These are the main duties for the Ground Chair. Jim Coffren will be happy to answer questions or talk to anyone who wants to take over the Grounds Chair.

Please contact Jim Coffren, Nancy Zinn or Fr. Christopher to volunteer for this position.

CALLING NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Voting Members who are exploring a possible call by the Lord to Vestry service are expected to take full opportunity to prayerfully learn prior to the Parish Annual Meeting on April 30, 2023, as much as possible about the duties, responsibilities, dynamics, challenges, and joys of Vestry service; please speak with any Vestry member or Officer. Election to the Vestry will be held at the Parish Annual Meeting. "Voting Members shall be nominated from the floor by another Voting Member at the annual meeting. No nominations for Vestry member shall be accepted unless the person nominated has agreed to serve if elected."

NOTE: "Voting Members: are persons at least 18 years of age who have been Ordinary Members for at least six months, and who are enrolled in this Parish, for the period aforesaid, as communicants-in-good-standing and as contributors. ("Communicants-in-good-standing" have received Holy Communion at least three times during the preceding year and are faithful in corporate worship unless for good cause prevented, and in working, praying, and giving, for the spread of the Kingdom of God.) Also, the Safe Church Policy of The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland requires Officers and Vestry members to complete a criminal records check, a sexual offender registry check, a reference background check, and to hold training certificates from this Diocese in both "Prevention of Child Sexual Misconduct" and "Prevention of Adult Sexual Misconduct."

MARCH

Birthdays

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Prayer is offered for each person posted on the birthday list by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, The Daughters of the King, and other parish prayer ministries and intercessors.

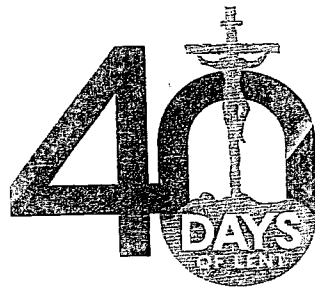
Birthdays are posted from the most current records. Please provide updates.

1	Kyle Gott Jonah Miller	16	Colin Browning
2	Donna Effers Ryan Sickle	17	Jamie Lee Schwallenberg Kelly
4	Anne Brown Thomas Gallagher Joan McCready	18	Jonathan Davis, Jr.
5	Clare Cruppenink	19	John Green
6	Parisa Hassanpour	20	Annie Mae Mason Karen Griggs Nolan Katie Seymour Geoff Wanamaker
8	Bob Graham Rick Hill	21	Audrey Link
9	Kendra Dove	23	James Briscoe Tim Fridman Thomas Gott Vera Lind A. J. Tomlinson
10	Greg Bowen Tricia Gott JoAnn McCready Sean Nolan Kyle Smither	25	Liam Campbell Ricky Weems, II
11	Lisa Capobianco	26	Jacob Gott Catherine Howanstine
13	James Coffren, II Pamela Weems	27	Jamie Gallagher
14	Shannon Campbell Preston Young	28	Cooper Keeley Victoria Wolf
15	Patty Gott Robert Link	29	Donna Drew
		30	Megan Coffren Gunnar Johnson
		31	Paul Fulcher

March Altar Guild

Sandy Hall
Sue Chabot
Teri Beck
Shannon Masters

CHRIST CHURCH
3100 Broomes Island Road
Port Republic, MD 20676



NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. Postage Paid
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Return Service Requested

FR. CHRISTOPHER & CHERYL GARCIA
3090 BROOMES ISLAND ROAD
PORT REPUBLIC, MD 20676

Permit #2

NEWSPAPER
DATED



Spring Clean-Up Day

In keeping with schedule of prior years, the cleanup will be on **Saturday April 1st**. This is the Saturday before Palm Sunday. The cleanup will involve a variety of jobs and include working on the tournament field. We have remaining posts to set and track material to put in place.

If there are tasks that two or three folks can complete in a morning and folks can make me aware of, that would be great. I am updating the fall list, as we have some cleanup to do on the last cleanup!

If a rain date is needed, the cleanup will be on the Saturday after Easter Sunday, April 15th.

We'll probably do some sandwiches/pizza or the like at the victory lunch.

John Yoe, 301-704-8833

EASTER FLORAL DECORATIONS

Contributions, in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving, support the decorating of the Church during festival seasons and regular worship needs. Checks are due by Friday, March 24, 2023.

Mite boxes.

Please pick up a mite box either church or in the parish hall and fill it w. sacrificial giving, as part of your Lenten discipline. We will gather boxes on Easter Sunday. The vestry has decided to give this year's donations to Mite box will go to relief for the Syrian/Turkish earthquake victims. Please give generously.