

March 25, 2018



The Episcopal Church of Bangor in Caernarvon



Founded in 1722
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The Rt. Reverend Audrey Scanlan, Bishop
The Reverend Canon Mark A. Scheneman
Priest in Charge

Historic Bangor Episcopal Church, the mother church of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, seeks to be a community in Christ Jesus celebrating our heritage, vibrant in our worship, and engaged in ministry and mission as we approach the 300th anniversary of our founding.

This Sunday at Bangor Church

March 25, 2018

The Sunday of the Passion-Palm Sunday

10:00 AM **HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite I**

11:15 AM Fellowship Hour (Church House)



Holy Week begins with this Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday. The liturgy begins, after the Lenten silent Procession and opening hymn, with the Liturgy of the Palms and then the traditional Palm Procession around the Church. The Eucharist features the reading of the Passion, this year from the Gospel According to St. Mark. In the reading, some members of the congregation will take various voices.

At the conclusion of the service, palms will be distributed. Please join us for our time of refreshment and fellowship in the Church House following the service.



From Fr. Mark: Holy Week

We now enter into Holy Week, the most important days on the Christian calendar, in which we remember the final days of the life of our Lord and contemplate the mystery of our redemption.

The traditional worship of Holy Week can be traced back many centuries to the rites practiced in Jerusalem. Over the centuries, Christians recounted the story of the Passion of Christ and observed an annual spring Holy Week before Easter. By tradition, Western Christians celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the spring new moon.



No matter how many times I have experienced Holy Week, it still has an amazing power to move my spirit. We know the story. But in listening and retelling, we always are drawn into the mystery of God's saving work in Jesus Christ. As someone once suggested to me

when we were visiting the Holy Land, being there makes the story "go from black and white into color."

That's what we try to do each Holy Week - not just read the story, but in some ways, act it out. We take up palms; have a Passover Lamb dinner; observe the foot washing; share in the Sacrament of the Last Supper; strip the altar as darkness overtakes us; and walk the way of the Cross. It all helps to make the celebration of Easter morning a great festival of joy and faith.

I hope that these days may take on for us all new meaning. This is the central week of our annual spiritual life. May the Lord bless us and Christians throughout the world, as we gather to remember and proclaim the power of the cross.

Mark+

Coming Events

Palm Sunday	March 25
Seniors Serving Seniors - Maurine VanDyke	March 27
Maundy Thursday dinner and liturgy	March 29
Good Friday Stations of the Cross	March 30
Easter Sunday	April 1
Rogation Sunday	May 6

Vestry Highlights

At the monthly vestry meeting on March 18, a contract for mowing the Church Yard was approved for the coming season. The former contractor is no longer doing this work, so the vestry sought two new bids. The DHZ Company's bid of \$6,835.25 was approved. This bid was based on 28 mowings. The company will also provide spring and fall cleanups.

The vestry was also advised of a bid to replace the concrete walkway from the top of the steps off the parking lot. Some separation has occurred between the steams and this might pose a safety hazard for tripping. The cost of a complete replacement would be \$5,816. It was decided to further study the situation and solicit bids on repairs that would not require a full replacement.

Announcements

+**Fr. Mark will be the preacher** at Garden Spot Village for the Chapel Palm Sunday service at 7:00 pm. Residents can also watch the service on the GSV closed circuit channel.

+Our **last Lenten Wednesday** this week will feature a simple soup dinner at 6:00. If you would like, bring a salad or vegetable to share. And if you can, **bring a bible**. For the 6:30 program, we will have an overview of the Apostolic writings of the New Testament. Bible "quizzes" for each week of this Lenten series are available at the Information Table in the Church House. See how many you can answer!

+The deadline for receiving donations for our Lenten Food Drive will be **THIS SUNDAY**. **Crossnet Ministries, sponsors of the Food Pantry** serving eastern Lancaster County in New Holland, **have requested the following items this Lenten season:**

Egg noodles, canned fruit, instant mashed potatoes, instant rice, ketchup, mustard, pancake mix and syrup, salad dressing, canned carrots, cereal, canned chicken, canned corn, juice, boxed pasta, peanut butter, boxed potatoes, boxed rice, boxed snacks, stuffing mix, canned tomatoes, tuna, facial tissues, Band-Aids, body wash, conditioner, deodorant, diapers,

diaper wipes, dish detergent, disposable razors, feminine hygiene items, laundry detergent, paper towels, shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste.

Donated items may be brought to the Common Room of the Church House.

+With Holy Week and Easter now almost here, we **invite donations for our Easter flowers.** We gratefully receive donations in any amount and checks can be made to the church with a designation for “Easter Flowers”. Your gift may be a Memorial for a loved one, or a Thank Offering. Please give us the names of those you wish included in the Easter bulletin by Palm Sunday.

+The next “Seniors Serving Seniors” at Churchtown Methodist Church features a **program by our own Maurine VanDyke.** Her program will feature four American church buildings as illustrations of how design informs worship. All are welcome to attend Tuesday of Holy Week, March 27 from 10:00 to 1:00. Lunch is included.

+Join us for our **Maundy Thursday Lamb Dinner** at 6:00 on March 29. The lamb is provided by Bill Matangos, and everyone is invited to bring something to share - lists of suggested foods are available at the Information Table. The Maundy Eucharist will begin in the Church at 7:00 PM.

+On **Good Friday evening,** Stations of the Cross will be read in the Church at 7:00 PM.

+Our prayers have been asked for Kathy Weaver, Dyllys Glew, Jim Chubb, Eleanor Hertzog, Shirley Smith, Lynn Schneider Schauer, Carol Greenfield, Irene Gundlah, Lois Benedix, Stan Imboden, Fred Stevenson, Bob Dailey, Ann Dailey, Danny Massa, Claire Flemming, Alissa Groff.