

April 1, 2018



The Episcopal Church of Bangor in Caernarvon



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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.

Holy Week at Bangor Church

Thursday, March 29, 2018 Maundy Thursday

6:00 PM Lamb Dinner (Church House)

7:00 PM Maundy Eucharist (Church)

We observe the Last Supper of Jesus with our traditional Lamb Dinner in the Church House. The lamb will be provided, once again courtesy of Bill and Susie Matangos. Everyone is invited to bring something to complement the dinner- a vegetable, salad, or bread.



The liturgy of Maundy Thursday with music begins in the Church at 7:00. It will include the Maundy (Foot washing) and at the conclusion of the service, the Stripping and Washing of the Altar. The title “Maundy” refers to the Latin, “mandatum” or commandment. Jesus declares

that his disciples are to love one another, and remember him the washing of feet and the Sacrament of Bread and Wine.

Friday, March 30, 2018 Good Friday

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

Our Bangor Church Stations of the Cross service remembers the traditional fourteen stations, with readings and prayers following the Passion story, the Crucifixion, and the Burial. It is a 30-minute service, without music or preaching.



The Offerings received during our Holy Week services is designated for the support of the work of the Church in the Holy Land and the Diocese of Jerusalem.

This Sunday at Bangor Church

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The Sunday of the Resurrection - Easter Day

10:00 AM **SOLEMN FESTIVAL EUCHARIST**

11:15 AM Fellowship (Church House)

We greet with joy the day of the Lord's Resurrection. On our most important Sunday of the year, we celebrate Easter Day with traditional hymns and flowers, in the context of a Solemn Festival Eucharist. Deacon Mary Lou Broucht will join Fr. Mark in leading the service, and we will be using modest incense and singing the psalm. The musical setting for the Eucharist will be the William Mathias settings we learned in January.

For those whose Easter schedules permit, join us after church in the Church House for refreshments and fellowship.



From Fr. Mark: "Once in a Blue Moon"

I understand that this Saturday will be a rare "Blue Moon." The term doesn't refer to the color of the full moon. Rather, it is an old term for a second full moon in a given calendar month. Since this is a fairly infrequent occurrence, it has given rise to the expression, "once in a blue moon" to suggest that something doesn't happen very often.



But, we did actually have a "blue moon" in January (two full moons in the first month of this year) and then we didn't have an official full moon in the short month of February. To complicate this, we won't experience another full moon month until 2020.

All this reference to the lunar phases only provides an

interesting back story to the really important significance of this full moon. This one is the first following the vernal equinox on March 20 - the beginning of spring.

Easter, as observed by Western Christians, is always celebrated on the first Sunday after the vernal equinox, so this year, the very next day (April 1) after the full moon. Orthodox Christians of the East go by a slightly different calendar and usually observe Easter a bit later in spring- this year the next Sunday, April 8.



Unlike Christmas, which is a fixed observance on December 25, Easter moves around. It can at the earliest be on March 22; the latest is April 25.

Easter seems to feel a bit early to me this year? I am sure that has to do with our cultural expectation that Easter will be heralded by a fine spring day. Indeed, the symbolism of nature bursting out in bloom, with warm sun and gentle breeze is a welcomed metaphor of the Resurrection. But this year, we have already observed Palm Sunday with a steady snow squall and had to cancel several of our Lenten gatherings, as well as a Sunday service, because of Old Man Winter. It would be nice if he could make his exit in time for Easter Day.

Easter is not dependent on the weather forecast. I suppose that those who live north of us rarely experience an Easter when snow isn't still covering the ground. While those south of us are already enjoying the full bloom of spring. No matter where we live- it is now Easter, a day for rejoicing and a day for holy hope.

Easter comes each spring, regardless of the fluctuations of the moon and the calendar. More than even "once in a blue moon." In fact, for us Christians, every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection. Every Sunday is the new first day of the week. For on this day of days, we remember the central tenet of our Christian faith: Christ is risen!

When we repeat this ancient acclamation and greeting, we affirm that Christ is risen now, and not just two thousand years ago. Jesus Christ is risen today. We see everything through a new spiritual lens. Even death itself is not to be feared. In Christ, all is made new. We are transformed, raised in the words of St. Paul, from sin and death, to new life and peace.



May you find this new life and peace on this Sunday after the blue moon, this Sunday after the first full moon of spring. And may the peace of Christ abide with us in the 50 day season of Easter and in all the days to come. “Pasca beese” (Welsh - Happy Easter)

Mark+

Coming Events

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
Women’s Luncheon	April 10
Rogation Sunday	May 6

Announcements

+THANKS TO EVERYONE who so generously contributed to our Lenten Food Drive. We collected over 300 items for **Crossnet Ministries, sponsors of the Food Pantry** serving eastern Lancaster County in New Holland. This represents an amazing response from a congregation our size!

+The next **Women’s luncheon will be on Tuesday, April 10** at noon. All women are invited to gather at the Harvest Table at Garden Spot Village. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Church House.

+There will be a gathering of the Prayer Shawl Ministry Friday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m. at Marge Dailey's place. All are welcome to attend - non-knitters too! For more information, please contact Marge.

+Our prayers have been asked for Kathy Weaver, Dyls 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 Fleming, Alissa Groff.