

April 15, 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 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding.*

# This Sunday at Bangor Church

April 15, 2018

## The Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM **HOLY EUCHARIST**

11:10 AM Fellowship (Church House)

11:15 AM Vestry meeting (Common Room)



On this Third Sunday of Easter the lectionary shifts to the Gospel according to St. Luke. The risen Lord appears to the disciples, late on the evening of the Day of Resurrection, comforting them and teaching them that it was God's plan "for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead." Luke concludes

the passage with a theme that will now be repeated again and again, "You are witnesses to these things."

In his sermon, Fr. Mark will reflect on the call to be witnesses of the Resurrection.

Join us after church in the Church House for refreshments and fellowship. The Vestry will meet for its April meeting in the Common Room.



### From Fr. Mark: The Master and the Masters

I rarely watch televised golf. I haven't played golf for years, although I have played enough to appreciate how difficult the game is. And I don't much follow the professional golf circuit of either men or

women. But I must confess, that once a year, in early April, I watch the final round of the Master's Golf Tournament, which was played Sunday.

Watching the Masters is sort of a rite of passage into spring. The celebrated golf tournament is played at Augusta, Georgia. I am sure that even our high definition, color televisions didn't do justice to the beauty of the course- with dogwoods and azaleas in full bloom. Georgia spring must be a month ahead of us, and if for no other reason, I enjoy watching the golfers move from fairway to fairway, with the absolutely stunning background of spring in full bloom. They even have a portion of the course they call the "Amen Corner!"



Almost makes me want to take up golf again....

As a pastor and theologian, I am struck by both the game of golf and by the name of this spring tournament.

Golf is an incredibly unforgiving pastime. Even those who devote hours and hours of time to play regularly struggle with making shots. Some in frustration have been known to break their golf clubs in two. Or utter some choice words. And as I watched the final round of the Masters, I saw how the game can even confound the greatest golf pros. Even the leaders can suddenly have a terrible tee shot and find themselves in a bad place to make the next shot. Or they can line up their put perfectly, only to have it rim the cup and not drop in the hole.

Sort of like life? We all experience the capriciousness of life.

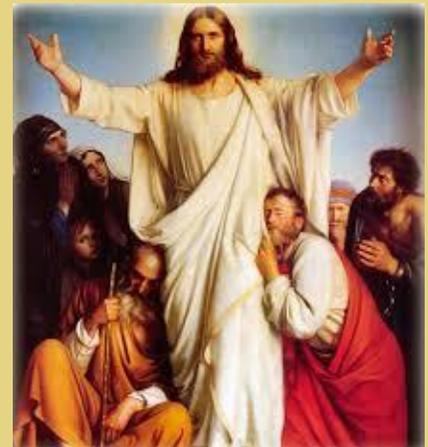
Occasionally, we somehow score a "hole in one," (with just one shot get the ball in the hole), but other times we struggle. And sometimes we really struggle. And sometimes we line everything up perfectly, but somehow, it doesn't end up how we anticipated or hoped.



Is life (and golf) a matter of dumb luck? Or is God somehow guiding the ball and 'calling the shots?' Surely, we can do better at golf or as Christians if we work at it. How do we deal with disappointment? How do we negotiate "water hazards" and sand bunkers? How do we celebrate success?

Beyond these musings, isn't it interesting that the major spring golf tournament, played in the season of the Resurrection, is called "The Masters?" Just as we are worshipping the "Master." Makes me want to quote lots of old golf jokes about not being in church but on the golf course.

I have no doubt you can both enjoy golf (or most hobbies and pastimes) and still be a devout person of faith. But I have known some folks whose religion is golf. Lots of things compete for our loyalty, our time, and our resources. But there can be only one Master. He is our Risen Lord. And who knows, a prayer when swinging a golf club might just be occasionally answered.....maybe. For sure, we will play a better game of faith if we devote some time to it, if we get into good habits. In the process, you will come to know the real Master.



Mark+

### **Coming Events**

Women's Luncheon

April 10

Vestry

April 15

Morning Prayer

April 29

Rogation Sunday  
Museum of the Bible trip

May 6  
June 13

### **Chartered Bus Trip to the Museum of the Bible- June 13**



We have rescheduled our excursion to the Museum of the Bible in Washington DC. The new date will be WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13. This gives us a couple of months to clear calendars and hopefully fill our chartered bus.

We are using the Elite Coach Company of Ephrata and will have a **26 passenger bus**.

We will leave from our parking lot at 8:00 AM. At the museum we have scheduled 4 ½ hours for touring, watching a show, or sampling some Middle Eastern food in their restaurant. On the way back home, we have now scheduled a one hour stop where you can get a meal on your own. Our bus should return to Churchtown by 7:30 PM.

The cost of this will be \$52 per person not including admission to the museum, but does include a tip for the driver. The museum does not have a required admission cost, but all will be invited to make a donation. (The suggested donation is \$15.) And the cost of any extra film presentations in their theatre or meal/snack costs are up to each individual. For more information please visit their [website](#).

The **deadline for registering will be Sunday, May 27**. If you are interested in going, please put your name on the list in the Church House. **Make checks for \$52 out to Bangor Church**, noting that this is for the Museum of the Bible trip and drop them off in the church office. Reservations will be “first come, first served” and you may invite friends who are not members of our church.

## **Announcements**

+The next **Women's luncheon** will be **this Tuesday, April 10** at noon. All the women are invited to gather at Garden Spot Village in the Harvest Table .

+ The Prayer Shawl Ministry will gather at the home of Marge Dailey this Friday at 9:30. All are welcome to attend, even non-knitters! For more information, please contact Marge.

+Our **annual Rogation Sunday service** will take place on May 6 at 4:00 in the Church Yard. This is a wonderful occasion to invite friends (including furry friends!) Following the 35 minute service, the women of Bangor Church serve a lit meal for those who would like to stay.

+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, Claire Fleming, Alissa Groff.