

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
March 6, 2022

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST we welcome you to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!

Immanuel is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, and is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Immanuel was founded by the Virginia Theological Seminary. We are one parish that worships in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

For the latest information on our online worship service and to view a video of our most recent service, please visit our website (www.icoh.net).

Learn more about us at www.icoh.net.

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia and Bruce Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Eloise Payne, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Linda and Cy Murphy, Lucy, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Daphne, Lawrence, and Ann Huntington.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Arsine Oshagan, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Phanuef, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Ben Hoge, Louise Jackson, Margaret Chenoweth, Marjean Smith, Mildred Alexander, Paul, Randy MacDonald, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Tom Dollard, Jim McClane, Edith and Joseph, Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Bird, John, Alexandra, Hans, Jessica, McQuade Milligan, J.C., and Scott De Vight.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Sanjiv Augustine, Michelle Cook, Lily Hunt, Matt Haskin, Tony Rogers, Arthur Dawkins, Rob Johnson, Louisa Smucker, Reese Goldsmith, Cynthia Morton, James Hennigan, Richard Hobson, Melinda Snow Teske, and Al Waite.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Philip Smucker, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina, and Nolan Anderson. Pray for healing for US casualties and their caregivers.

Those who have recently died: Deputy Constable Neil Adams, Police Officer Jorge Alvarado, Police Sergeant Joshua Caudell, and Senior Police Officer Robert Duran. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

SOLAR PROJECT UPDATE: Get Ready! After a number of delays on the part of our contractor, Sustainable Energy Solutions (SES), we have been advised that the building permit package for the solar array installation and other elements of the system infrastructure is complete and has been submitted to the City of Alexandria for review. The City has a policy of a 30 day review of such documents, which suggests a mid-February decision on their part assuming no issues arise. The earliest the project would start is late February, and once the installation begins it should be complete in 10-14 days barring any weather delays. If past history is any indication, it will commence more than likely in March. The good news is the solar panels are in storage locally and, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we have more than sufficient funds to cover the next progress payment to SES, which is due 30 days prior to installation. Answers to "Frequently Asked Questions" about the project can be found on Immanuel's website under Creation Care Ministry at <https://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org/creation-care-ministry.html>.

Announcements

9:00 a.m., About the NEW Family Service “Joy Mass”

This brief worship service is a song or two, a reading from scripture, a children's homily, and a short Eucharist. At first we are hoping to offer this service for families:

- who have children too young to mask or vaccinate,
- who want to participate in Godly Play but also want to attend church together, and
- who don't attend in person because they're worried their children might pass germs to our older congregants.

This service will be small, the adults will be asked to be masked and socially distant, and it will be the final event in Zabriskie chapel for the day (to minimize exposure for other people who use the space).

This is all in addition to planned forum hours and the February Godly Play in-person and video offerings. If this family service continues we will make sure it never conflicts with Godly Play because part of the purpose is to serve families who may want to do both! At first we'll try it simply announcing the service, and if we need to add a reservation system to make sure we maintain social distancing, that will be a problem created by an abundant blessing and we'll be happy to adjust.

Join our Lenten Series

Sundays @ 9:15a.m. - Parish Hall

Diving into the Lenten Word

Our Lenten series this year will be exploring, in depth, the Scripture readings of the five Sundays in Lent. The preacher of the day will lead the discussion, allowing lots of time for questions, responses, and musings. Though this may sound a bit like a Bible Study, the difference will be that we'll be exploring the context more fully, musing about the authors of the lessons, while also hearing from the preacher about their process as they wrote the sermon.

We'll gather at 9:15a.m. in Zabriskie Parish Hall each Sunday in Lent, both in person and online. We will miss you if you aren't there.

**Join us for the Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist Rite II
March 9th at 6:30p.m, Zabriskie Chapel**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH @ 6:30 PM: SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK STUDY: *Just Mercy*

We continue our 9-10 week conversation on [*Just Mercy*](#) by Bryan Stephenson as the next book to help tie our Social Justice discussions with Immanuel's Criminal Justice Initiative.

We'd love for you to join us as we explore building a vocabulary and theology around the idea that what happens to incarcerated people, both the innocent and guilty, should matter to us as Christians.

BIBLE STUDY this Thursday, March 10th @ 10:30 a.m., The Epistle of James

All are welcome to share in this exploration of James -- no prior study or participation necessary. We meet Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon online via Zoom -- look for login information in your weekly eBlast email.

Just bring your Bible (or an online version such as [Bible Gateway here](#)) and a heart open to the idea that we are meant learn from one another, that we are a people called to learn about God's love in community. You most certainly can just listen, but your witness, experience, thoughts, and beliefs are just as important and valuable as anyone else's!

Evening Compline, Friday, March 11th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom



Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship

Brown Bag Luncheon

Tuesday, March 22nd @ 12:10 p.m.
Zabriskie Parish Hall

For questions and to RSVP, contact Karen Besser at Karen.Besser@gmail.com.



Welcome to the Benedictine Community: *New Book April 5th*

If you want more contemplation during Lent and beyond, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel.

We currently meet virtually twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 7 pm-8 pm. The Community reflects on the tenets of St. Benedict such as humility, silence, and prayer. Individual reflection is guided by short readings from a Benedictine-inspired book. We are starting a new book on April 5: *Benedictine Promises for Everyday People: Staying Put, Listening Well, Being Changed by God* by Rachel Srubas, but you need not wait for **April 5th** to check us out. Our focus is primarily on reflections sparked by having read a few pages from the book.

We are not a book study group, rather a Benedictine Community, gathering as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from selected reading material. We are using Zoom for our meetings, but if you are not comfortable with the video aspects of Zoom, you can simply call on the telephone and be connected to the Community by voice-only via Zoom.

If this opportunity appeals to you and for more information, please contact Dana Hengst, Barbara Fornoff, or David Atwood.

CLERGY AND STAFF

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David Atwood	Adult Formation and Discipleship, Social Justice
Harrison Clark	Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Brad Ashton	Stewardship and Planned Giving
Mollie Lambert	Outreach
Kathy Lloyd	Senior Ministry
Brooke Roberts	Communications
Phyllis Sims	Evangelism and New Members
Bob Murray	Worship
Julie Bruns	Pastoral Care
Rachel Wilson	Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
The Rev. Sam Sheridan	Register (nonvoting member)

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA
9:00 a.m. Family Holy Eucharist, Zabriskie Chapel
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

Online

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

PRIEST ASSOCIATES

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV
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The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth



MISSION STATEMENT: Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition, striving to be in relationship with God and each other as Christ has taught us, actively attempting to sense and to serve God's plan with great love. We are guided by Mark 16:15: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," to learn, discern, and proclaim the Good News by being active ministers in the various communities where we live and serve.

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