



THE

MAY 2023

TRUMPETER

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service (In-Person)
10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service
(In-Person & Livestreamed via Facebook Live)

THURSDAYS

5:30 pm - Evening Prayer on Facebook Live
6 pm - Bible Study on Facebook Live & Zoom

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Even though the temperatures aren't cooperating, Spring has definitely sprung around St. Christopher's! Spring bulbs, planted from Easter's past have bloomed and we will soon add many of the bulbs from this year's crop. There is A LOT of spring cleaning that needs to be done in and around our building and has started in the classroom/storage area. The median in our parking lot needs a dose of Preen to try to reduce the weeds that grow in spite of all those rocks... The bucket has been in the back of my car for the past week waiting for a day warm and dry enough to spread it. There are lots of dead shrubs and plants that need to be trimmed or pulled. Your Junior Warden and Fr. Jerry have spent many hours meeting and requesting estimates from lighting, sound and paving companies. Once received, your Vestry will review and begin prioritizing our needs. Bill Hartley and I loaded 500# of blacktop patch into his pickup truck last Friday. Again, when temperatures permit, we will do some temporary repairs to the potholes in the parking lot. There are also additional lighting repairs to do on the outside of the building that will be tackled over the summer.

The announcement of the Principal Pledge Challenge is very exciting to me! The thought of completing our payments to Oxford Bank and freeing up some of our budget for Outreach, Education and Service projects expresses our hopes for the future. The PPC, the upcoming "Garage Sale," Ally Challenge and Concert can all help us meet our goal.

Is there a lot of work to do? Absolutely, but look how far we have come and what we have survived. And our wardens cannot accomplish everything alone. Please, talk to Bill or me about the work we are doing and how you can help. Any and everything-from sorting through boxes long stored, gardening, washing some windows, helping clean the kitchen- help us to care for God's house and make it a welcoming place for all of His children. Let's keep working-With God as our guide, there are no limits!

~Ellen Safley

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UPCOMING LESSONS

May 7

Acts 7:55-60
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

May 14

Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21
Psalm 66:7-18

May 21

Acts 1:6-14
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11
Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

May 28

Acts 2:1-21
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23
Psalm 104:25-35, 37

June 4

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20
Psalm 8

**Find the readings every week at
lectionarypage.net**



THE PRIEST'S DESK

Peace be with you all. I'm hoping you are having a wonderful Easter Season. The Lord is Risen, the Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia!

The season of Easter lasts until Pentecost Sunday. It is a time to continue to reflect on the goodness and mercy of God. God is always so good to us. We have so much to be thankful for. I'm happy to say that we have kicked off our Principal Payoff Challenge (PPC). Your Vestry is very hopeful that we can pay off our bank mortgage so that we don't have to worry about what will happen come time to refinance. We can do this! Faith!

As things continue to warm up, St. Christopher's will begin a study program on "The Chosen" movie series. This will be led by Fr. Michael Carr, and is the brainchild of our very own Jackie Beal. See what happens when parishioners dream?

From the ideas of parishioners, we are providing learning experiences for our community. This is awesome! We all make up the Body of Christ and it is exciting to see new things coming to life during the Easter season.

I will be conducting a training for ALL Lectors and LEM's in June. Then sometime in the fall, Fr. Mike and I are going to create a learning opportunity centered around the Eucharist. It will be part discussion and part learning.

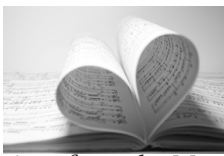
I'm so excited about such amazingly good news, right here, right now and continuing into the future!

As always, please keep me posted about health issues and any other spiritual issues you might be facing. You are never alone and I am here to help in any way I can.

You are always in my prayers.

In God's Love,

Jerry+



Greetings from the Music Room! Spring is here! I know we live in Michigan, but I have been seeing those bright red-winged blackbirds on the tall grasses, and that is a sure sign in my book!

Happily, in May, we celebrate that most important person in all of our lives, our mothers. The second Sunday in May, the 14th, our choir will be honoring our mothers by singing a beautiful arrangement by attributed to Jaques Arcadelt; however, we have bit of a mystery on our hands! This piece, the “Ave Maria” is also credited to the French composer, Pierre-Louis-Philippe Dietsch! Dietsch (who was born in Dijon, by the way) actually presented this “Ave Maria” in 1842 and attributed it to the Franco-Flemish composer Jacques Arcadelt! Dietsch presented the work as a discovery of a four-voice Ave Maria by Arcadelt, when in fact it was Dietsch’s own arrangement of Arcadelt’s three-voice chanson *Nous voyons que les hommes*.

The work was popular (which you will acknowledge once you hear it yourselves), which led to an arrangement for solo piano entitled *Chanson d’Arcadelt “Ave Maria”* by Franz Liszt published in 1865, and serving as a direct source for the initial section of the principal theme of the *Maestoso* in the *Organ Symphony* of Saint-Saens.

Mr. Walker will be playing a lovely prelude by Franz Liszt which does incorporate this musical theme. For those of you who were wondering who Arcadelt was, well, was a Franco/Flemish composer of the Renaissance, active in both Italy and France, and was principally known as a composer of secular vocal music. Arcadelt was one of the most famous of the early composers of madrigals; his first book of madrigals, when published was the most widely printed collection of madrigals of the entire era. Interestingly, Arcadelt remained in Rome as a singer and composer at the Sistine Chapel until 1551. Isn’t it interesting that we, today, in 2023 get to in a musical way, ‘touch’ the genius of this composer by singing one of his works this month?

Rather amazing when you sit down and think about it!

Ave Maria Latin Text:

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Ave Maria English Translation

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and in the hour of our death. Amen

Just as a reminder, we should note that celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother’s Day is the early Christian festival known as “Mothering Sunday.”

Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their “mother church”—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service. Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother’s Day in the 1930s and 1940s.

The origins of Mother’s Day as celebrated in the United States date back to the 19th century. In the years before the Civil War, Ann Reeves Jarvis, of West VA helped start “Mothers’ Day Work Clubs” to teach local women how to properly care for their children. These clubs later became a unifying force in a region of the country still divided over the Civil War. In 1868 Jarvis organized “Mothers’ Friendship Day,” at which mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation.

In Christ, I am yours,

Nada Radakovich



June 3, 2023
9 AM-1:30 PM

Yard Sale

- *Bring donations already priced to the church.
- *On the day of the sale you will work your own table.
- *You will receive an envelope with your name on it to collect proceeds from the sale. At the end of the sale, you can donate your proceeds to the PPC. This donation will go toward your yearly giving statement.
- *At the end of the sale, you will clean up your items. Volunteers of America will take any items that you don't wish to take home.

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Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in April: Ellen Safley, Bobbie Goergen, Jane Yorks, Jan Taylor and Renee Carpenter.

There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please consider signing up to host! You only have to make coffee/tea and perhaps provide a small snack or treat item if desired.



The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 10th at 1:45 a.m. Location TBD. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334 no later than March 4, 2023 as we need to give a head count to the restaurant. Please note that going forward the Ladies' Luncheons will be held the second Wednesday of the month so mark your calendars!

MEN'S GROUP

Please note that there will be no Men's Breakfast in May.





WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MAY 2023						
	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
<u>May 7</u>						
8 am	Debbie Moses	Dave & Melissa Butler	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Linda Rathburn	Flo Gjerstad & Jane Yorks		Louise McAra	Cindy Donner & Rod Bytwerk	Available
<u>May 14</u>						
8 am	Jane Brewer	Neuman & Jan Convis		-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Ellen Safley	Paul & Jerri Bassett		Mary Van Duyne	Nada Radakovich	Available
<u>May 21</u>						
8 am	Dave & Melissa Butler	Dale & Sharon Rice	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Bob Luckey	Becky Stermer & Flo Gjerstad		Sharon Rice	Available	Dave & Karen Miller
<u>May 28</u>						
8 am	Kay VanNatta	Jane Brewer	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Ken Duck Steve Huber (L)	Jan Taylor & Flo Gjerstad		Shirley Showler	Available	Available
<u>June 4</u>						
8 am	Jane Brewer	Dave & Melissa Butler	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Frank Burger	Paul & Jerri Bassett		Anne Naber	Ken & Myrtle Duck	Available



The 18th St. Christopher's outing to the Lugnuts game will be Thursday, July 6, 2023. The Lugnuts are a minor league baseball team whose home field is a modern stadium in Lansing, Michigan. The Lugnuts are holding a block of tickets for us. The Lugnuts deadline for our group reservation is June 9, 2023. The ticket price remains at \$11.00 (cheap). To reserve tickets, you need to sign up using the sheet on the table in the narthex OR contact Bill Thewalt at 810.938.7098 or by email at fwithe@gmail.com Please don't try to give him the money now as he prefers to collect when the tickets are delivered. No group transportation is being arranged, so make your own car pools.

It is our custom to meet at a restaurant across from the stadium --The Nut House --for dinner at 5:00 p.m. in order to arrive in the stadium by game time at 7 pm. GO NUTS!

Have you heard the news about the PPC?

PPC stands for Principal Payoff Challenge. Learn more about the PPC by visiting St. Christopher's website at www.stchrisgrandblanc.org

