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Greetings from the Rev. Dr. Chip Graves

What happens After Easter?

Mary finds an open tomb and Easter begins. Bells ring. Allelujahs return. Lillies adorn. Faces smile. Priest's rest. And everything enveloped with white, easter is here. Allalujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!

So, where do we go from here?

Easter Day is the Christian version of the Super Bowl. It's our big event. It's the epicenter, apex and the paramount to all things Christian. We journey for weeks in Lent to approach it. We long for it throughout the year. We pray, hope and wish for it as our mecca, our annual touchstone to Jesus almighty and ever confirming our belief and connection to God almighty. Easter is our essential!

But the world goes on.....Similar to having a big weekend, there remains the Monday after.

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Easter Day does not erase our daily challenges. I wish it would. East Day does not give us a \$1million lottery ticket, a compensation hike, a medical cure, or less rain. No, Easter Day does not give us any of these. Our world is still full of heart ache, full of challenges, full of hardships. People are still homeless. People are still hungry. And there are still wars.....

Easter does not erase our challenges. But it gives us hope. It confirms our belief. It supports our love for God and one another. Easter gives us the fuel to regenerate, to rejuvenate, to keep going and to continue amid problems faced - to love like we've been loved. To carry Jesus' torch forward in those thing we do and those things we say.

Christ died. Christ has risen. And Christ will rise again.

And so do we.....So do we.

So, what does Easter look like now that it's over? I think Easter continues and can be witnessed all around our wonderful parish, Holy Spirit. A larger than ever recent Community Dinner (Thank you Angello). A new and exciting Farmer's Market (many signed up and are ready to go). A Blueberry Festival Coming (thank you Grace). Two Bingo Nights planned and so much more. I can't wait!

Holy Spirit is living into this notion of Easter, going well beyond on Sunday, a living, vibrant, loving, welcoming house of worship reaching out beyond it's red doors inviting, supporting, and loving our surrounding community.

Happy Easter, Holy Spirit! Happy Easter!

Amen

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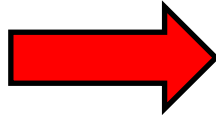
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Events

- Mark your calendars for the official opening of the Tuesday Farmers Market
TUESDAY, MAY 14, at 9am.



- We are happy to have some great chefs helping to make our Community Dinners. Join us on the last Wed. of the month.

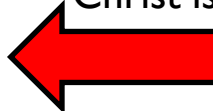


Visiting the Altar of Repose with Jesus. A beautiful and peaceful night while praying in the chapel on Maundy Thursday of Holy Week.



Rev. Lisa on Easter Day, 2024

Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen Indeed!





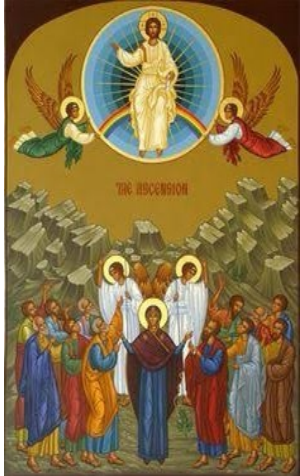
Happenings: Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Last month was busy with Lent, Easter and celebrations that we want to share: The Easter Bunny visited the Pancake Breakfast that was made by the men in the church. Children of all ages attended. See what a fun time this was on March 23rd! Thanks to Rev. Chip and to all who made this possible.!





The Season of Easter: Every Sunday is a “little Easter”.

- ♦ **May 5 is the Sixth Sunday of Easter or Rogation Sunday.** The word “Rogation” comes from the Latin verb rogare, meaning “to ask or pray” as in the gospel reading from John 16:24. “Ask and ye shall receive”. Farmers often had their crops blessed at this time, praying for good harvests. Since medieval times, the three days before Ascension Day is the time of Rogation.
- ♦ **May 12 is the Seventh Sunday of Easter** and the celebration of **Ascension Day.** Traditionally Ascension Day is celebrated on a Thursday, the 40th day after Easter. The Ascension of Jesus is professed in the Nicene Creed and in the Apostles’ Creed. The feast of the Ascension is one of the great feasts in the Christian liturgical calendar, and commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. The Ascension has been a frequent subject in Christian art. Since the 6th century, the iconography of the Ascension shows Christ’s ascension on the upper or heavenly part and His disciples and the Virgin Mary on the earthly part, looking upward.
 
- ♦ **May 19 is the day of Pentecost,** also known as Whitsunday. This takes place 50 days after Easter AND continues until All Saints Day in November. The book of Luke says that when the fiftieth day after Passover had fully come, the disciples were all gathered in one place, waiting as the Lord had instructed. The sound of rushing strong wind came into the room they occupied. They saw “tongues” of fire over each head in the room. They began speaking in other languages as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. The color of Pentecost is red for the tongues of fire. Pentecost is also known as the Birthday of the Church.
- ♦ **May 26 is Trinity Sunday.** Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost. This is the day we celebrate the Christian doctrine of the Three Persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year. This celebration was approved for the western church by Pope John XXI I in 1334. It is associated with Thomas Becket who was consecrated bishop on Trinity Sunday in 1162. The 1982 Hymnal contains 10 hymns for Trinity Sunday including the Trisagion, on pg. 102 : “Holy, Holy, Holy” Lord God Almighty!”



New Happening at Holy Spirit

We look forward to seeing you at our **Tuesday Farmers Market on May 14!** Are you looking for fresh fruits and vegetables? This is the place. And if you are hungry, there will be Food Trucks for your convenience. And listen for the music as you walk around the grounds of the church; And if you are curious about how honey is made, look for the Honey Table; And if you are curious about New Jersey Maple Syrup, there will be a table from Stockton University. Plus many other home made vender tables to buy from. This is happening every Tuesday throughout the summer and into fall.

Aren't you excited to visit our Tuesday Farmer's Market?



MORE EVENTS FOR YOU



BINGO

Church Of The Holy Spirit
220 E. Main Street, Tuckerton

Gift Card Bingo
Friday, May 17, 2024
7pm to 10pm

Donation - \$20.00 (includes one book of 10 games)
Extra books \$5.00
Refreshments and \$0.50
Call for tickets - 609-296-9618
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use wheelchair ramps
on the side to enter





Happy May Birthdays 2024

May 5	Joyce Baret
May 5	Delaney Glock
May 8	Fr. Walter Hartt
May 18	Judy Murphy
May 21	Tori Johnson
May 31	Kathie LaRocca



A Birthday Prayer

May our God bless you today and each day of the year. May you hear His voice, follow His footsteps, and be comforted by His grace.
Happy Birthday!

Outreach from the **ECW** ladies to the residents of the Seacrest Nursing Home reminiscing the 1950's! What were you doing in the 50's? Having fun and today, these ladies are doing that again, putting smiles on the residents faces. What fun and what memories!



IN CHURCH:

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for you are in the house of the Lord.
Before the service, speak to the Lord;
During the service, let the Lord speak to you;
After the service, speak to one another.

**MUSICAL NOTES:****Elaine Paul****This is a tribute to all Mother's.**

Mother's Day is May 12th this year, always the second Sunday in May. This was designated by the U.S. Congress in 1914 to celebrate all Mother's on this day. The origins of Mother's Day in 1870 are attributed Julia Ward Howe who called for a day to celebrate Mothers each year to encourage pacifism for women. This year especially all women should be celebrated. Carnations are the official Mother's Day flower, representing motherhood and the celebration of mothers worldwide! They symbolize love and gratitude. Anna Jarvis, one of the founders of Mother's Day, gave out white carnations to celebrate in 1908.

Also every year on May 31st, the Episcopal Church recognizes the **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, the Mother of Jesus. This is the real Mother's Day! Mary's story begins with the *Magnificat*. It is an overture to the Gospel of Luke. That was the day that Mary visited and announced to her cousin Elizabeth that she was pregnant with the Son of God: "My soul doth magnify the Lord." Her lyrics set the tone for Jesus' ministry. "Sing of Mary, pure and lowly, virgin mother, undefiled; sing of God's own Son most holy, who became her little child." (pg. 277 in hymnal AND Canticle 15 on pg. S243 in the service music of the hymnal) These lyrics have inspired composers like Bach, Vivaldi and John Rutter to name a few, who put music to Mary's words.

Our Episcopal 1984 Hymnal mentions Mary in several hymns as the most Blessed Mother. These are a few:

Hymn 618 "Ye watchers and ye holy ones" tells us that *Mary is higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim.*"

Hymn 60 "Creator of the stars of night" reminds us that Jesus has come among us as "the child of Mary, blameless mother mild."

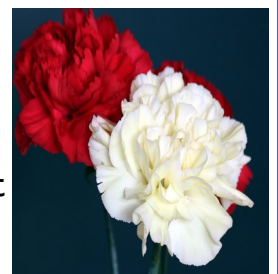
Hymn 110 "The snow lay on the ground" tells us about Mary's parentage: "T'was Mary, daughter pure of holy Anne, that brought into the world God made man."

Hymn 265 "The angel Gabriel from heaven came" tells the story of the annunciation and calls Mary "most highly favored Lady."

Hymn 268 "calls upon us to claim the faith of Jesus, sing the wonders that were done when the love of God the Father over sin the victory won, when he made the Virgin Mary mother of his only Son.

Being a Mother is a gift from God!

Let's thank all the Mothers who love unconditionally, nurture, teach, protect and support our children. **Happy Mother's Day!**





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SUNDAY EUCHARIST: 8:00am, 9:30 am

Wednesday Healing & H.E. 10:30am

May 12 Mother's Day

May 14 Farmers Market Open every Tuesday 9am

May 17 Gift Card Bingo

May 19 Pentecost Sunday

May 26 Trinity Sunday

May 27 Memorial Day, offices closed

May 29 Community Dinner 6pm

Senior Expo TBD



We're on the Web!

www.holyspirituckerton.org

POST SCRIPTS:

