



SAINT ANNE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Weekly Messenger
*news and announcements for
the week of March 19, 2023*

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Jesus gives sight to a man who had
been blind from birth.
(John 9:1-41)

*One thing I do know, that though
I was blind, now I see.*



In the much loved hymn – *Amazing Grace* – a line is taken from this Sunday's Gospel: *I once was blind, but now I see*. The hymn was written by John Newton in the 18th century. His lyrics recall a wondrous moment of grace experienced in the midst of a storm at sea. This moment inspired Newton to leave his longtime involvement in slave-trading, to become an Anglican minister and hymn writer, and advocate for the abolition of slavery. He died 9 months after the British Parliament abolished the slave trade in 1807.

Amazing Grace will be sung at the 9:30 service this Sunday, March 19.



Saint Anne's Bell Choir will play the prelude and offertory this Sunday at the 9:30 AM worship service. Come early to enjoy the music!



Down the Rabbit Hole – March 16, 23 & 30

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

The Great Hall

If you have participated in a study group with me, you know that I love to go "down the rabbit hole," to entertain questions that take the group off-topic.

For this discussion series, there will be no pre-selected topics, no questions submitted in advance. Instead, I will address participants' questions at each session. No topic is off-limits as long as it pertains to our Christian faith and life. I don't promise to "answer" every question, but we will explore whatever questions and topics participants raise.

So bring your questions and come to the Great Hall on the next two Thursdays as we go "down the rabbit hole."

Russ+

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

April 2 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I with palms and the passion Gospel—*in person*

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II with palms, and the passion Gospel
—*in person & broadcast live*

April 6 Maundy Thursday: The Last Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ

7:00 PM Holy Eucharist with foot washing—*in person & broadcast live*

April 7 Good Friday: The Crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ

12:00 PM Good Friday Office—*In person*

4:00 PM Children's Good Friday Office—*in person*

7:00 PM Good Friday Office with music—*in person & broadcast live*

April 9 Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

6:00 AM Sunrise Service at Old St. Anne's Church with the lighting of the new fire—*in person*

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I—*in person*

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II—*in person & broadcast live*

Save the Date – Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9 following 9:30 AM Worship Service

Children of all ages are invited to hunt for Easter eggs in the Town Church side lawn. BYOB – bring your own basket. Everyone is welcome!



Congratulations to Pam and Tony LeFante who

welcomed a new grandson, Sami, born to their daughter Gwendolyn, and Isaac Cohen. May God bless them.

Easter Plant Donations

If you would like to make a Memorial or a Thank offering toward Easter plants, please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate on Sunday or bring/mail it to the Church Office by Thursday, March 30.

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Donor's Name:

Phone:

Please make a \$25 check payable to Saint Anne's Church and note "Easter Plants" on the memo line.

Journey of the Heart Centering Prayer

*Yet even now, says the LORD,
return to me with all your heart. - Joel 2:12*

Lenten Centering Prayer and Shared Reflection via Zoom

Facilitated by The Rev. Celeste O. Cox
Tuesdays - 6:00 PM



In Lent we are called to deepen in prayer. Each session includes evening devotions; twenty minutes of silent centering prayer; shared discussion on brief reflections or verse sent in advance by email invitation. To receive the weekly invitation with Zoom link, or if you have questions, send an email to Celeste Cox at Clergy@SaintAnnesChurchDE.org.

No experience necessary.

Lenten Saturday Offerings

On Saturday, March 25, join Fr. Russ in a *Quiet Morning* from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Join Pastor Celeste for *Yoga Prayer* on April 1 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Please bring a yoga mat. Everyone is welcome to participate in one or all of these events



Rector's Office Hours – schedule time to meet with Russ

Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM. To schedule time to talk with Russ, please click on this link and follow the easy instructions; https://calendly.com/rev-russ/office_hours. If you want to talk with Russ but are not available during these office hours, please email or call him to find a mutually convenient time to meet.

Women's Book Club - Tuesdays, 7:15 PM on Zoom

The Saint Anne's Women's Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, March 21, at 7:15 pm on Zoom. This week will be a "chat" week. Next week we will be discussing the second half of *Marmee: A Novel* written by Sarah Miller, the story of the mother of the March sisters in *Little Women*. As always, we would love to welcome any of the Parish women who love to read and would like to get to know some of the other women a little better. If you would like to hear more about the book club, please contact Barbara Masterson at 302-378-4449 or bjmasterson1@verizon.net.



Food Bag Ministry – *Food Needed*

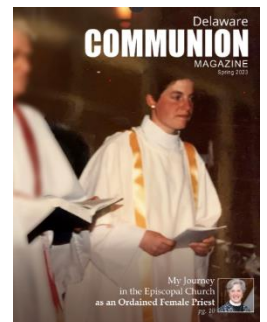


Saint Anne's collaborates with Our Daily Bread (ODB) to support their weekly food distribution ministry. ODB now accepts perishable foods: ½ gal milk, 1 lb. packages of ground beef, chicken (whole or parts), white bread, fresh fruits, and vegetables. Canned meats, fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, and jelly are always needed. Please drop off foods on Sunday mornings, or to the Church Office, during office hours. ODB serves lunch weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 to 1:00 PM and dinner on Mondays through Fridays from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Thank you for your continued support.

[Click Here to view the latest Delaware Communion Magazine](#)

The Delaware Communion Magazine, a periodical magazine is an official publication of the Episcopal Church in Delaware. The digital magazine can be viewed online or downloaded for printing.

This issue features a very familiar face to many at Saint Anne's Church and School. **The Rev. Louise Howlett's** article *My Journey in the Episcopal Church as an ordained female priest* highlights some of her time when she was the Chaplain of Saint Anne's School and shared her ministry at Saint Anne's Church.





Volunteer Opportunities at Saint Anne's

To support the worship and fellowship on Sunday mornings, volunteers are invited to serve in various ministries: [Readers](#), [Chalice Bearers](#), [Crucifers](#), [Ushers](#), [Altar Guild Members](#), and [Hospitality Helpers](#). Please contact the Church Office to volunteer.

Parish Prayers

We pray for Meta Barrow, Monte Bennett, Jim Bernieri, Anne Blackmore, Gwendolyn and Sami Cohen, Ronnie Cox, Mary Crandall, Maria Cruz, Andy Dill, Josh Dove, Doug Francisco, Thomas Grogan, Barbara Hickey, Ray and Linda Hickey, Marty Hipp, Velma Johnson, Katherine Lind, Ott Menzen, Steve Mezier, Harold Myers, Sue Osborn, Don Parsley, Teresa Rogan, Kerri Lynn Rooney, Ben Shackelford, Shanna Shuler, Lincoln Stahl, Paula Szczuka, Ron Truitt, Janet Vines, Sylvia Williamson, Phylcia Wittcock, Leslie Woods, Alex, Andrea, Donna, Phyllis, and Sarah.

[In the Episcopal Church in Delaware](#), we pray for Saint Anne's School and Saint Andrew's School, and St. Peter's Church, Lewes.

[In the Anglican Communion](#), we pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa..

Parish Staff and Leadership

Rector: The Rev. Russell Bohner, TSSF

Minister of Music: Damien Jones

Minister for Children & Youth: Mandy Catalfamo

Senior Warden: Gary Stover

Treasurer: Lisa Elder

Priest-in-Residence: The Rev. Celeste Cox

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Church Calendar for the week of March 19, 2023

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Sunday, Mar 19 – The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist: Rite I—8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist: Rite II—9:30 AM

This service is in-person and Broadcast Live through the Church Website & Facebook Page

Fellowship—*immediately following the 9:30 service*

Choir Practice—10:45 AM

Children's Sunday School—10:45 AM to 11:15 AM

Holy Eucharist—5:00 PM

Youth Group—6:00 PM

Tuesday, Mar 21

Deliver food to Our Daily Bread—9:30 AM

Journey of the Heart Lenten Centering Prayer by Zoom—6:00 PM

Saint Anne's Women's Book Club by Zoom—7:15 PM

Wednesday, Mar 22

Bell Choir Rehearsal—6:00 PM

Thursday, Mar 23

Bible Study by Zoom—8:00 AM

Evening Prayer—6:00 PM

Down the Rabbit Hole Study Group—6:30 PM

Saturday, Mar 25

Quiet Morning with Fr. Russ—9:00 AM

Sunday, Mar 26 – The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist: Rite I—8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist: Rite II—9:30 AM

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