



Friends in Christ,

You are invited to observe *The Paschal Triduum*, or Three Sacred Days, from sundown on Maundy Thursday to sunrise on Easter Day. The Triduum can best be understood as one continuous event with three major gatherings for worship. The Church invites all Christians to observe this three-day journey which is at the heart of our salvation story.

May you have a blessed Holy Week as you meditate on the love of God and the events of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection!

Father Rich+

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Tenebrae Service

Holy Wednesday, 6PM

This candlelit service is celebrated JUST before the Triduum begins. As candles are extinguished, the solemnity of the passion and death of Christ is embraced.

Maundy Thursday

6 PM Simple Soup Supper in Parish Hall

7 PM Eucharist with Chancel Choir

The Holy Eucharist is our food while meditating on the passion, death, and burial of

Jesus. At the end of this service the gathered solemnly strip and wash the altar and depart in silence.

Good Friday

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, developed the Stations of the Cross in the late 4th century for the growing number of pilgrims to that city. Join us as we contemplate the last hours of Jesus' life. Music will be provided by The Balcony Bells.

Easter Sunrise Service

5:30 AM Sunday Morning

Our fast will end as we kindle the new fire. This simple and quiet service will be this joyous day's first proclamation of the feast of Christ's resurrection.

Easter Services

8 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite I) with Easter hymnody.

10:30 AM Choral Eucharist This service will include music by Bach and Handel, a published arrangement of a traditional carol by our own Crawford R. Thoburn, a newly composed contemporary carol by Vernon Hoyle, the *Gloria in excelsis* by William Mathias, the *Sanctus* and *Agnus Dei* from Franz Schubert's *Deutsche Messe*, and many favorite congregational hymns.



Retirement Announcement

The Rt. Rev. Gladstone B. Adams III,
10th Bishop of the Diocese of Central New
York,

Announced his intention to retire in 2016.
The full announcement can be found here:
<http://www.cnyepiscopal.org>

Dress A Girl Service Project Report (Photos by Libby Hedrick)

On Valentine's Day the community gathered to sew more than **200** dresses for girls around the world! Nearly 90 volunteers gathered to cut, sew, and press colorful dresses to be given to young women in the developing world!

The outstanding effort was led by the Fellowship Committee under the direction of Mindy Oakes. The enthusiastic response from the community also means that there is a surplus of donated material and accessories. Subsequently, there will be future opportunities to continue to make dresses. More news about sewing opportunities will be shared.

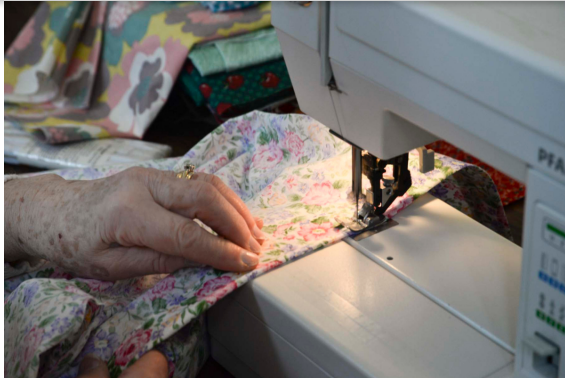
Thank you so much for all who volunteered for this wonderful service project!

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PARISH OUTREACH FAIR *Are you called to serve?*

SUNDAY APRIL 26, following the 10:30 a.m. service Outreach Committee members will be hosting an information forum in the Parish Hall with two objectives:

1. To ensure that parishioners know about the ongoing outreach ministry programs; who is served and what volunteer opportunities exist.
2. To provide the opportunity for parishioners to promote and discuss community needs that may become "new" outreach programs.

Ongoing programs include the Food Pantry, Loaves & Fishes, Special Adult Education. New ideas include, Refugee Support and ESL education, and Health Caregiver Education and Support.

Come and meet the Burmese refugees we currently support. Enjoy "special" refreshments.

MUSIC @ ST. JOHN'S - This spring, we welcome ringers new to our Balcony Bells: Susan Boutros, Charlotte Hoekenga, Pru Moo and Sara VanLooy. And we welcome new singers into our Chancel Choir: Alexander Babiak, John Comisi, Karen Comisi, and Monica Roundy, along with Ithaca College students Michael Galvin, Ann-Marie Iacoviello and Hannah Martin. Special thanks are owed to our guest choral

conductor Crawford R. Thoburn, our volunteer bell conductor Mike Roman, and all of our faithful parish musicians, ringers and singers alike! Your work enriches our worship immeasurably.

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