



Holy Week Eagle 2014

Friends in Christ,

I invite you to observe *The Paschal Triduum*, or Three Sacred Days, from sundown on Maundy Thursday to sunrise on Easter Day. The Triduum is one whole continuous event with three major gatherings for worship. The Church invites all Christians to interrupt “business as usual” to participate in this three-day journey at the heart of our salvation story.

Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM

The Holy Eucharist is our food while meditating on the Passion, Death, and Burial of Jesus. The nature and strictness of our fast is a personal decision based on spiritual needs and physical health. It has long been the custom to observe the rite of foot washing. At the end of this service the gathered solemnly strip and wash the altar and depart in silence.

Good Friday

12 Noon The Passion Gospel according to St. John and the Solemn Collects are among the oldest traditions of the Church’s worship. This quiet service is an opportunity to observe your fast.

7:00 PM 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. We will sing, process, and contemplate the last hours of Jesus’ life.

The Great Vigil of Easter

9:00 PM Saturday at the Episcopal Church at Cornell

The Vigil begins after sundown with the new fire, readings, and prayers in the darkened church. Then the proclamation of Christ’s resurrection begins a festive banquet of God’s victory over death and sin. We have often *translated* this celebration to sunrise services or joyous Easter Sunday services. Unfortunately, this oversight seems to have been born out of expedience which may allow us to miss an opportunity to experience the power of the *Triduum*, as well as stand in solidarity with the ancient tradition.

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+

MARDI GRAS FESTIVAL AT ST. JOHN'S: BEADS, BANGLES, AND PLEDGES

ITHACA, NY - Celebrating not only Mardi Gras but also great news about their capital fund drive, parishioners of St. John's Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Cayuga and Buffalo streets, stepped out to "When the Saints Come Marchin' In" on Tuesday night. Parading around the parish hall in outfits from holiday masks to feather boas, they rejoiced in the fun-filled finale preceding the commencement of Lent's austerities. In his opening prayer the rector, Fr. Richard Towers, included the historic phrase: "Tomorrow we fast, today we feast!"

At the climax of the event, when the lucky token had been found in a cake and the selected king and queen had greeted their court, attention turned to the church's capital campaign. Cheers rocked the hall when campaign leaders announced that more than \$992,000 had been raised in pledges from the parish's members. Clearly, the targeted total of \$1 million could be reached -- and likely exceeded --after completion of the remaining calls to parishioners. Necessary improvements to the church structure and hoped-for extensions to its mission programs could be expected beyond those listed in the campaign's immediate objectives.

For the young and old members of the parish who attended, the feast of jambalaya and rice-with-beans ended with the drum-beating conclusion that St. John's is on the march. The campaign's motto -- Living our Faith, Sharing our Future -- is being realized as a creative force within the Ithaca community. Frigid weather and penitential days can only give counter-point to the push toward Easter and completion of the drive.

St. John's Episcopal Church is one of the oldest churches in Ithaca, having been founded as an Episcopal Society in 1822, one year after the founding of the Town of Ithaca. It is home of Loaves and Fishes ministry that serves thousands of meals each year, and has a history of opposing racial segregation, establishing one of the first Christian education classes for mentally challenged adults, and in providing space for other faiths and congregations when needed including the Greek Orthodox Church and First Baptist Church.

For further information about St. John's and its capital campaign, please call the church office at (607) 273-6532 (stjohns@clarityconnect.com).

***Update: As of April 1, our campaign pledge total is \$ 1,030,005!!!!**



Look who found the baby in the King cake! Mardi Gras King Russell Bourne
announces our Campaign pledge total to date!



Fr. Rich celebrates with joyful parishioners!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



PALM/PASSION SUNDAY- APRIL 13, 2014	8 AND 10:30 AM
HOLY TUESDAY	12:10 PM
HOLY WEDNESDAY - TENEBRAE SERVICE	6:00 P.M.
MAUNDY THURSDAY - SANDWICH SUPPER	6 PM SOUP & 7 PM LITURGY
GOOD FRIDAY -	
NOON: GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY WITH RESERVED SACRAMENT	
7 PM: STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
EASTER VIGIL - HOLY SATURDAY	
JOINT SERVICE WITH THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH AT CORNELL 9 P.M. @ THE EPISCOPAL CHAPEL AT CORNELL CAMPUS, ANABEL TAYLOR HALL	
EASTER SUNDAY	8 AM RITE I 10:30 AM RITE II

YOUTH NEWS: Fr. Towers and Karen Comisi recently attended a Diocesan Youth event, "New Beginnings." Pictured below are Fr. Towers, Karen Comisi, and several of our youth who also participated.



New Bible Study Group Forming

Have you ever wondered about the unique role of the Gospel of Mark in Scripture? How is Jesus portrayed differently in this Gospel than in the others? What did Jesus mean by discipleship and how does it impact our own lives? Please join the Adult Christian Education group to explore the answers to these questions and many more!

Beginning Sunday, April 27, 2014, the group will meet from 9:15 – 10:15 in the Chapman Room for an 8 – 10 week journey through this Gospel attributed to Mark. We will be using the study guide "Mark" from the Knowing the Bible Series by Dane C. Ortlund. Copies are available in the office. We will also be using the NRSV translation of the Bible. Please see Lisa Tatusko or Fr. Rich with any questions. Hope to see you there!

The Taffetas



Dinner Theater

Tap Your Toes and Snap Your Fingers!

Join Kaye, Peggy, Cheryl and Donna, four singing sisters from Muncie, Indiana as they make their national television singing debut.



"Spotlight on Music," a fictitious weekly 1950's television show, sets the stage for an evening of some of the greatest hits of the 1950s, featuring songs such as Mr. Sandman, Johnny Angel, Puppy Love, Where The Boys Are, L-O-V-E, and many others.

Three Performances!



2 Dinner Theater Performances

Friday & Saturday, April 25th & 26th, 2014, 7:00 P.M.

Suggested donations: \$25 per person in advance, \$27 at the door

Matinee Performance (no dinner), recommended: 5 and up

Saturday, April 26th, 2014, 2:00 P.M.

Suggested donations: \$10 adult, \$5 youth (12-18)

Free for children (5 to 11)



Where: LDS Church, 114 Burleigh Drive, Ithaca

The LDS Community (Mormon) subscribes to a general standard of dress for activities in its houses of worship that is easily met by business casual attire.

To Order Tickets

Visit IthacaMobilePack.org/Taffetas

Visit our website for more information about the performances, including the dinner menu, and to order tickets and make your donation.



Ithaca Is GENEROUS!

All proceeds will benefit "Feed My Starving Children."

The 2014 Ithaca MobilePack for Feed My Starving Children will be September 11-13, 2014 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 114 Burleigh Drive, Ithaca.