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Holy Week 2023

From Nan Ottenritter, parishioner & poet:

*This year's Holy Week impacted me in a way
I didn't see coming.*

*I walked the walk, suffered, let the story of
Holy Week sink into my bones, made time
for the holy, and was left with immeasurable
gratitude.*

Check out my journey on page 8.





Keith Everton has died

Excerpt from the official obituary

Keith Everton, a very active and loyal parishioner, died March 29, 2023. He was born September 4, 1949 in Pennsylvania. He was preceded in death by his wife, Susan Jordan Everton.



Keith graduated with a Bachelor's of Science from Randolph Macon



College. He met his wife, at the Shrine Mont retreat center in Orkney Springs, Virginia and they

were married January 27, 1978. He worked in computer programming for thirty years. An active member of the Episcopal Church, he later pursued an interest in becoming a member of the Episcopal clergy. He worked as a hospital chaplain and volunteered at a local hospice. Keith was a lover of music and arranged classical music performances using MIDI equipment. He loved cats and Mel Brooks movies and had a loud infectious laugh. He loved to perform and read poetry and was a gentle, humane person who always tried to look out for other people.

A memorial service was held at the Church of the Holy Comforter on April 15, 2023. The family encourages you to donate to the Trevor Project in Keith's name, see <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>.

The full obituary is at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/timesdispatch/name/keith-everton-obituary?id=51618038>.



Keith Everton from parishioners and friends

Keith was a true liturgist, so involved and supportive of every aspect of our corporate worship. He coached many an acolyte and always offered an encouraging word to them. Keith also loved the music at HoCo. He would often come up to the choir after a service to tell them how exquisite the anthem was. One of his favorite anthems was "The Lamb" by John Tavener, a very difficult piece, but Keith was ecstatic afterwards. Beyond the worship, he was also very supportive of his church family - old, young and in between. He will be greatly missed!
- *Mary Davis.*

The first time that we attended church at HoCo, Keith came over to us after we sat down, introduced himself, and made us feel welcomed. After the service, he again made sure we knew where to go and what to do, invited us to come back, gave us a copy of the Messenger, and told us about coming events. From then on, he always made sure we were greeted. His hospitality and interest in us was one of the reasons we joined HoCo.

Keith should have been an ordained Deacon. He had the drive, the knowledge of the liturgy, the theological training, and the pastoral skills for that. Apparently the church turned him down. No matter, he put himself through the rigorous Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) and became a hospital chaplain. He spoke often of the joy he found being with people at the worst time of their lives. His face would light up as he told of those times. - *Bruce MacAlister*

Keith loved the liturgy and was so proud of his regular participation in most Sunday services. He was so dependable and willing to share his knowledge. Holy Comforter was his church home. He was on the pastoral care committee. I was a regular recipient of his ongoing sensitive pastoral

care. following the death of my husband. Deepest sympathy to his family. . Keith will be greatly missed. - *Joan Prest*

Shrine Mont was a real pleasure for Keith. Besides the parish retreat, I remember him going to family camp, and probably other occasions unknown to me. He would describe with delight his time there.

Keith was one of the first people I came to know at Holy Comforter. Our shared love of cats brought us together and our shared love of the Church and its liturgy helped that friendship grow. It is difficult for me to see the Crucifer bearing the Cross without seeing Keith bearing it so reverently and joyously even in the days when his physical body was aching and frail. He truly was “a good and faithful servant” and will always have a special place in my heart. - *Anne Snyder*

What I remember most about Keith is his love and knowledge of poetry and his joyous recitations from memory. He suggested we create a poetry group which met during the summers when the Bible study took a break.

I believe Keith’s favorite poem, besides God’s Grandeur, was this one by ee cummings: he quoted it frequently. - *Laura Hunt*

*I thank You God for most this amazing
day:for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes
(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun’s birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings:and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)
how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any - lifted from the no
of all nothing - human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?
(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)*



A Letter from Kris Rose, Summer Seminarian

Greetings, my name is Kris Rose. I am a rising Senior at Virginia Theological Seminary and a Postulant in the Diocese of Virginia. My sending parish is St. George's, Fredericksburg. However, Richmond also feels like home as I grew up here. I spent thirty-three years in elementary education as a librarian and teacher before retiring and attending seminary.

As part of the journey to ordained ministry, I served as a chaplain in a hospital last summer. I have served as a seminarian at St. Mary's Arlington this school year. This summer, I am excited to be serving at Holy Comforter. I hope to experience the inner workings of a parish from the eyes of the clergy, developing confidence in teaching, leading worship, and leading formation opportunities.

During my sabbath time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, walking in nature, or being near the water. I also enjoy road trips to the beach. I also like to read, play games (any Wordle fans here?), or do puzzles on a device.

I look forward to my time at Holy Comforter and the opportunity to learn from and serve with you. I hope to see you in church soon.

Peace and the love of Christ,

Kris Rose





A Message from Hilary +

Dear Friends and Companions in Ministry,

By the time you read this, we will have had our Celebration of Ministries on Sunday, April 30. I'm so excited to lift up all that you do for God, HoCo, and our communities. Every baptized person is a minister of the Church; you have been united with Christ and sealed by the Holy Spirit to change the world. When we hold the dream of God in our



minds and hearts and act based on our knowledge of God's will, we are part of God's efforts to transform the world. How do we know the will of God? How do we know the dream of God? How do we discern our call to be co-creators with God?

These are questions that we can spend our lives discerning, with the

knowledge that our call can change many times in our lives. What is the will of God? I've never been comfortable with the idea that God has a plan for everything, down to the smallest detail in your life and mine. We can get into some theological knots when we think that everything that happens is God's plan.

"All things work together for good for those who love God." That text from Romans captures my faith, that no matter what happens, God is always working to bring good from it. That is the energy of Resurrection. We are invited to be part of that work, that Resurrection work. We know the will of God is about healing, justice, love, peace and all that makes our world a better place for all of God's beloved children. The Church is God's gift to the world when we are doing what we are called to do.

On May 28, we will celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. On this day, we remember the power of God to change our lives and our world through the power of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit continues to move among us, bringing us

together to be the Church in our time and place. Holy Comforter, our church, is named for the Holy Spirit, which makes this day our day in a special way. On this Day of Pentecost, God invited people to be co-creators to transform the world; God continues to invite and inspire.

Blessings for the ongoing Easter Season and for Pentecost,

Hilary+



Un mensaje de Hilary +

Queridos amigos y compañeros en el ministerio,

Cuando lean esto, habremos tenido nuestra Celebración de Ministerios el domingo 30 de abril. Estoy muy emocionada de levantar todo lo que haces por Dios, por HoCo y por nuestras comunidades. Toda persona bautizada es un ministro de la Iglesia; han sido unido con Cristo y sellado por el Espíritu Santo para cambiar el mundo. Cuando sostenemos el sueño de Dios en nuestras mentes y corazones y actuamos basados en nuestro conocimiento de la voluntad de Dios, somos parte de los esfuerzos de Dios para transformar el mundo. ¿Cómo conocemos la voluntad de Dios? ¿Cómo conocemos el sueño de Dios? ¿Cómo discernimos nuestro llamado a ser cocreadores con Dios?

Estas son preguntas que podemos pasar nuestras vidas discerniendo, con el conocimiento de que nuestro llamado puede cambiar muchas veces en nuestras vidas. ¿Cuál es la voluntad de Dios? Nunca me he sentido cómoda con la idea de que Dios tiene un plan para todo, hasta el más mínimo detalle en tu vida y la mía. Podemos entrar en algunos nudos teológicos cuando pensamos que todo lo que sucede es el plan de Dios. "Todas las cosas trabajan juntas para el bien de aquellos que aman a Dios". Ese texto de Romanos captura mi fe, que no importa lo que pase, Dios siempre está trabajando para traer el bien de ello. Esa es la energía de la Resurrección. Estamos invitados/as a ser parte de esa obra, esa obra de resurrección. Sabemos que la voluntad de Dios se trata de sanidad, justicia, amor, paz y todo lo que hace de nuestro mundo un lugar mejor para todos los hijos/as amados/as de Dios. La Iglesia

es un don de Dios para el mundo cuando estamos haciendo lo que estamos llamados a hacer.

El 28 de mayo celebraremos Pentecostés, el cumpleaños de la Iglesia. En este día, recordamos el poder de Dios para cambiar nuestras vidas y nuestro mundo a través del poder del Espíritu. El Espíritu Santo continúa moviéndose entre nosotros, uniéndonos para ser la Iglesia en nuestro tiempo y lugar. Holy Comforter, nuestra iglesia, lleva el nombre del Espíritu Santo, que hace de este día nuestro día de una manera especial. En este Día de Pentecostés, Dios invitó a las personas a ser cocreadores para transformar el mundo; Dios continúa invitando e inspirando.

Bendiciones para la temporada de Pascua en curso y para Pentecostés,

Hilary+

((Traducción del reverendo Frank Castéllon, diácono; translation by the Rev Frank Castéllon, Deacon))



Spanish Ministry in Action ***By the Rev Frank Castéllon, Deacon***

A marriage...

On March 26 2023, we held a marriage ceremony in Spanish for Moises Angel Cabedueque Vera and Eugenia Paula Hencke Calderon.

Moises and Eugenia needed to formalize their marriage in the United States as part of the immigration process that they are undergoing.

Eugenia always wanted to get married in a church but they were not able to do so in Peru because of the cost of hiring a sanctuary there for a wedding. Her prayers became a reality at our church.

Moises and Eugenia and their family came to HoCo originally because of the food pantry. They regularly attend our Spanish mass, and sometimes come to our Sunday services.

And a baptism...

On April 8th, at the Easter Vigil Service, we baptized Moises Junior and Leonardo Amós, the

children of Moises and Eugenia.

Their godparents Oscar Andres Huapaya Romero and Christina Maria Hencke Calderon came from their residence in Queens, NY to present the candidates for baptism.

Again, this is an answer to many years of prayers. Moises Junior and Leonardo Ramón had to immigrate to the U.S. where their intended god parents lived so the baptism could occur.



Ministerio Español en Acción

Un matrimonio...

El 26 de marzo de 2023, realizamos una ceremonia de matrimonio en español para Moises Angel Cabedueque Vera y Eugenia Paula Hencke Calderon.

Moises y Eugenia necesitaban formalizar su matrimonio en Estados Unidos como parte del proceso migratorio que están atravesando.

Eugenia siempre quiso casarse en una iglesia, pero no pudieron hacerlo en Perú por el costo de contratar un santuario allí para una boda. Sus oraciones se hicieron realidad en nuestra iglesia.

Moises y Eugenia y su familia llegaron a HoCo originalmente por la despensa de alimentos. Asisten regularmente a nuestra misa en español y, a veces, vienen a nuestros servicios dominicales.

Y un bautizo...

El 8 de abril, en la Vigilia Pascual, bautizamos a Moises Junior y Leonardo Amós, los hijos de Moises y Eugenia.

Sus padrinos Oscar Andres Huapaya Romero y Christina Maria Hencke Calderon vinieron desde su residencia en Queens, NY para presentar a los candidatos al bautismo.

Una vez más, esta es una respuesta a muchos años de oraciones. Moises Junior y Leonardo Ramón tuvieron que emigrar a los EE. UU., donde vivían sus futuros padrinos, para que pudiera realizarse el bautismo.





May Book Club - Small Things Like These

By Stephanie Turner

In May we turn again to Ireland with Claire Keegan's novella *Small Things Like These*. The book was shortlisted for the 2022 Booker Prize, and one of our members who has already read the book told us at our last meeting that it is "exquisite." This selection sounds like one not to miss. We will meet on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 PM. Our Zoom link remains <https://us06web>.



zoom.us/j/99461451877. Here's a synopsis of the book from Kirkus Reviews:

"An Irishman uncovers abuse at a Magdalen laundry in this compact and gripping novel. As Christmas approaches in the winter of 1985, Bill Furlong finds himself increasingly troubled by a sense of dissatisfaction. A coal and timber merchant living in New Ross, Ireland, he should be happy with his life: He is happily married and the father of five bright daughters, and he runs a successful business. But the scars of his childhood linger: His mother gave birth to him while still a teenager, and he never knew his father. Now, as he approaches middle age, Furlong wonders, "What was it all for?... Might things never change or develop into something else, or new?" But a series of troubling encounters at the local convent, which also functions as a "training school for girls" and laundry business, disrupts Furlong's sedate life. Readers familiar with the history of Ireland's Magdalen laundries, institutions in

which women were incarcerated and often died, will immediately recognize the circumstances of the desperate women trapped in New Ross' convent, but Furlong does not immediately understand what he has witnessed. Keegan, a prizewinning Irish short story writer, says a great deal in very few words to extraordinary effect in this short novel. Despite the brevity of the text, Furlong's emotional state is fully rendered and deeply affecting. Keegan also carefully crafts a web of complicity around the convent's activities that is believably mundane and all the more chilling for it. The Magdalen laundries, this novel implicitly argues, survived not only due to the cruelty of the people who ran them, but also because of the fear and selfishness of those who were willing to look aside because complicity was easier than resistance. A stunning feat of storytelling and moral clarity." - Courtesy Kirkus Reviews

"A hypnotic and electrifying Irish tale that transcends country, transcends time." - Lily King, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Writers & Lovers*

"Small Things Like These is award-winning author Claire Keegan's landmark new novel, a tale of one man's courage and a remarkable portrait of love and family." - *Courtesy Barnes & Noble*



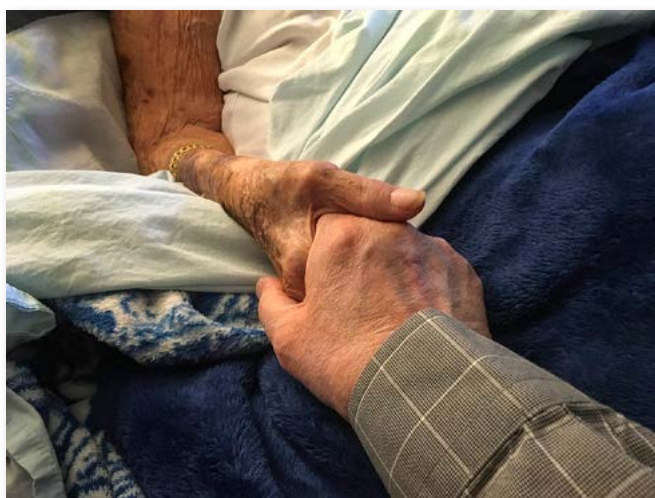
Hospice and Palliative Medicine: What's the Difference?

By Julie Edwards, LCSW, Pastoral Care Committee Chair

Recently a friend asked me the difference between hospice and palliative medicine, as she worked to determine what was best for her mother with dementia. I worked as a social worker with both hospice and palliative medicine in my career, and realized her questions were common and may be ones you also have.

On the subject of hospice and palliative medicine, there are many similarities as well as differences with the most important similarity being one of comfort through serious diagnoses.

The medical teams for both hospice and palliative are knowledgeable of the best ways to help people relieve pain as well as other symptoms. I reflect back on hearing people describe serious pain associated with their diagnosis and listening to the practitioner determine what kind of pain the person was having (stabbing, dull, muscular, nerve, etc) and then prescribing the medicine or therapy best suited to relieve that pain. It's never a "one medicine fits all" approach. And it's not just pain that is addressed. It's any symptom; for instance, I recall discussions on how to resume a sense of taste following chemo treatments.



The main differences in hospice and palliative care have to do with insurance definitions. As most health insurance companies follow Medicare's lead, I will speak of Medicare definitions and coverage here. Medicare defines someone needing Hospice as a person with a terminal diagnosis that will lead to their death in the next 6 months. Medicare requires an MD to sign a statement that says to the best of their knowledge, the prognosis is 6 months or less, based on the particular terminal diagnosis. People outlive 6 months all the time, so every Hospice has to re-certify the same statement, signed by an MD, after the first 90 days, with the prognosis starting from the new date of the MD signature. And after that, the recertification takes place every 60 days, starting over again. There are people who graduate from Hospice! The hospice Medicare benefit covers 100% of the hospice care.

An important thing to know about being in

hospice care is that insurance will not pay for treatment *related to the terminal diagnosis* or complications from *that* diagnosis, but if another diagnosis requires treatment, yes, it will be covered. An example: a person is signed into a hospice with a diagnosis of end stage liver cancer and they also have arrhythmia, then all comfort medicine, equipment, and supplies for the cancer will be paid for 100% under the Hospice Medicare Benefit, however, anything associated with arrhythmia will be covered under *regular Medicare*, as it was before.

To be under the care of palliative medicine, a person has been diagnosed with a serious illness, such as cancer, heart disease, lung disease, dementia, Parkinson's, and many others. The referring MD recognizes this person's symptoms need the expertise of a palliative MD. The palliative MD and team helps the person and family understand the disease and know how to manage the symptoms through prescriptions or other therapies. The team also guides the person towards treatments available for their serious illness. In other words, when a person is engaged with palliative medicine, their insurance will continue paying for treatments for cure.

Please know I would be happy to answer questions or talk with you about your experiences.



Food Pantry Update

By Phoebe Winter

So far in 2023, the HoCo Pantry has served over 400 households consisting of over 830 people. We have recently been getting donations



and visits from people who have seen the banner on the corner of Monument and Staples Mill. The Pantry has a new email address: foodpantry@hoco.org. Emails to that address will go to the three pantry coordinators, Cindi Hanayik, Marie

McGranahan Turner, and me. Please reach out if you have questions or suggestions or you would like to volunteer.

I Really Like Church

By Nan Ottenritter

I woke up late the Monday after Easter with these words in my head:

I really like church.

This year's Holy Week impacted me in a way I didn't see coming.

I confess: it is not been easy for me to be a citizen of the world these days. Our democracy is on the skids. Climate disasters have created millions of climate refugees. Mean people disasters have created many millions more.

The war in Ukraine breaks my heart. And as Trevor Noah says, Covid "took us away from us" and we are not fully back – nor will we ever be.

It is not easy being a citizen of the world these days. Not easy for those who stand up for Christ. Those who stand up for God's love, justice, and compassion inspire me to not only have faith and hope, but to act in faithful and hopeful ways.

I walked the walk this Holy Week. I suffered like a banshee with Christ and his followers. I railed at his culture. "What are you doing? You don't treat people that way." (my typical reaction to today's events).

I wiped many a tear away at the coming of the light on Saturday night.

I let the story of Holy Week sink into my bones, slow me down, and give me time to pull away from my busy-ness and its dysfunctional twin, numbness, and walk into the holy. I made space to learn more about and feel the mystery of Christ's journey. I still cannot fully wrap my head and heart around the enormity of this sacrifice and its blessings.

I am filled with gratitude for God's love, a love for all and free for the taking. I am filled with gratitude for those who act in holy ways in our unholy world.

So, I get out of bed and clack away on my keyboard to share the good news with you.

Easter has come. It is a new day.



2023 Golden Halo winner Jonathan Myrick Daniels

By Supreme Executive, Lent Madness

Congratulations to 2023 Golden Halo winner Jonathan Myrick Daniels! In a final battle of the J's, Jonathan defeated Joanna the Myrrhbearer to take this year's crown. Both of these last

remaining saints, one modern and one ancient, captured the imagination of the Lent Madness voting public, but only one can wear the golden headgear. And that is Jonathan Daniels, Civil Rights era martyr.

2023 GOLDEN HALO WINNER



JONATHAN MYRICK DANIELS

Jonathan Myrick Daniels (March 20, 1939 – August 20, 1965) was an Episcopal seminarian and civil rights activist. In 1965, he was killed by a special county deputy, Tom Coleman, who was a construction worker, in Hayneville, Alabama, while in the act of shielding 17-year-old Ruby Sales. He saved the life of the young Black civil rights activist. They were both working in the nonviolent civil rights movement in Lowndes County to integrate public places and register Black voters after passage of the Voting Rights Act that summer. Daniels' death generated further support for the civil rights movement.

In 1991, Daniels was designated as a martyr in the Episcopal church, and is recognized annually in its calendar.



Summer break for adult classes

By Peggy Hombs, Adult Formation

The last class for the **Sunday Morning Adult Class** is on Sunday, May 21st ; class then goes on summer break.

The last class for the **Monday Evening Adult Class** is on Monday, May 22nd; class then goes on summer break.



Holy Comforter at the 10K race

By Bruce MacAlister, editor

The Ukrops 10K race was its usual success – 20,000 runners and walkers! It goes west then east on Monument. This year is turned from west to east at Chantilly St, a block east of HoCo. The parish put together a (holy?) spirit team to cheer the runners on. With HoCo tees on it showed us off. The photos show it.



The James River Singers Spring Concert at HoCo

By Ron Cox

The James River Singers will present their spring concert, *Breath of Ecstasy*, at Holy Comforter on Friday, May 19th at 7:30pm. Included will be works by Bach, Rachmaninoff, Debussy, Parry, Whitacre and others. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for Seniors and \$5 for Students. For more information, click [this](#).



May men at the movies

- Barbarosa

By Steve Van Voorhees

And Now for Something Completely Different... Men at the Movies on Tuesday, May 9th

Consider this the “short subject” film before the feature. I have been hosting Men at the Movies for several years now. It was originally my effort to

offer something for men. Church statistics, borne out by looking at congregations at worship services and other events, indicate two significant things: first, men are in minority status in most churches, and secondly, in churches where men are around 40% in participation, those churches are doing well enough to thrive even in a declining sector



of society, which describes organized religion in America today. I've loved movies since my days at the Saturday matinees; I love hanging out with guys. I picked the movies because it's a unique American art form. There is easiness about gathering, eating and drinking, and talking about movies and life. Several of my movie-going friends are serious introverts and they are regular attendees. I'm wishing more of you would join us, especially as three of our regular attendees (Andy Kunz, Sam Marques, and Keith Everton) have gone on to greater glory. At my age, there's little of my ego left to hurt! I am always open to your feedback and recommendations! Just speak with me, email me, call me, or come to see this gem of a film on Tuesday, May 9th!

May's movie is *Barbarosa*. It is a “western,” meaning it is set in the desert west, has horses, dust, several men and a few women, family drama, violence, redemption, a lot of action, and lesser amount of talking. Is that a ‘male’ thing? According to reviewers, this movie story is also ‘crafty, rough, harsh, sad, entertaining and beautiful.’ There are two reasons why you may not have seen it or remember it. Western movies were going out of fashion by 1982, when this film was released. The company that made it was ITC; it was going out of business and pulled the film from theaters after two weeks. The film still made money! Then and now, the film



got super reviews. Rotten Tomatoes 100%, IMDb 6.4, Google 79% likes, Metacritic 78%, NY Times 90%, and New Yorker magazine 90%. It is today considered an outstanding classic very few people got to see. It was written by the screen writer for *Lonesome Dove*. It was directed by an Australian in his American directorial debut, Fred Schepisi, who also made another great movie earlier, *Breaker Morant*. This film features Willie Nelson, Gary Busey, and Gilbert Roland in his last film appearance (I remember him as “The Cisco Kid.”).

The film story is not a regular cowboy flick at all. A legendary bad man, Barbarosa, takes on essentially a kid, a young farmer on the run, who doesn't really know how to stay alive in the western desert of Texas and Mexico. The youngin' is on the run from a family, in which he killed his brother-in-law. The family is chasing him, seeking to kill him for his transgression. Barbarosa has essentially been on the run for a long time, and the young man, Karl, attaches himself to the older man. It is a quintessential 'fight or flight' set of choices, and they both chose both. It's up to us, watching these two fugitives, to determine what they are thinking and how they figure things out. There's little of cowboy romance, but there is love--and some beautiful scenes and lines. An old man tries to teach a young one how to be a 'real' one. This movie is a jewel to be discovered.

So join us on Tuesday, May 9th. We gather for fellowship at 6:00pm in the Parlor; the movie and following discussion begin at 6:30pm. Bring something to eat and drink; bring a friend with you. All are welcome!

Contact me, my info is in the HoCo directory.



Pentecost + Memorial day May 28th

By Bruce MacAlister, Editor

On May 28th a Christian religious holy-day, Pentecost, and a US civil religious holy-day, Memorial Day, coincide. Before freedom of religion became a thing, governments had official religions so there was no difference. Civil holidays were religious and religious holidays were civil.



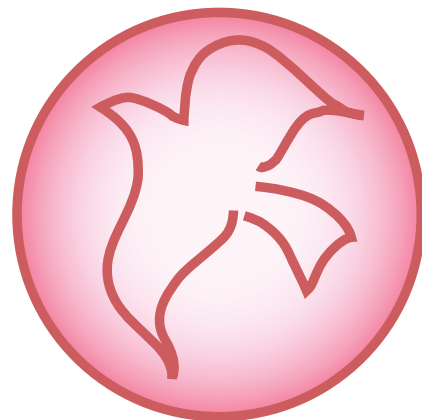
On Pentecost, the Christian religious holy-day, the Spirit of God came upon Jesus' followers 50 days after the resurrection of Easter. The Holy Spirit, called the Holy Comforter in days of old, is the name of our parish, so Pentecost is our "naming" day, kind of like a birthday.

From Wikipedia: "Pentecost (also called Whit Sunday, Whitsunday, or Whitsun) is a Christian holiday which takes place on the 50th day (the seventh Sunday) after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31)."

"Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. Many volunteers place American flags on the graves of military personnel in national cemeteries. Memorial Day is also considered the unofficial beginning of summer in the United States."

"Civil religion, also referred to as a civic religion, is the implicit religious values of a nation, as expressed through public rituals, symbols (such as the national flag), and ceremonies on sacred days and at sacred places (such as monuments, battlefields, or national cemeteries). It is distinct from churches, although church officials and ceremonies are sometimes incorporated into the practice of civil religion."

Don't forget your religious holy-day while celebrating your civic holy-day.



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Schedule of church events following the Covid-19 period (still evolving)

• **Sundays:**

- ◇ 8:45am Sunday Morning Adult Class, in person in the Parlor
- ◇ 9:00am Sunday Morning, Choir practice in the choir room
- ◇ 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II, in person with nursery available; the service is live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube and posted following the service
- ◇ 4:30pm Story Time, in person on the 3rd Sunday of the month, 4:30pm

• **Mondays:**

- ◇ 7:00pm Adult Class via Zoom

• **Wednesdays:**

- ◇ 11:30am Centering Prayer, in person in the in the church
- ◇ Noon Holy Communion, in person in the church

• **Thursdays:**

- ◇ 4:00pm Lectionary Study, Zoom
- ◇ 7:00-8:15pm Weekly choir rehearsal

• **Segundo sábadó de cada mes:**

- ◇ 11:00am Misa en español

Food Pantry Hours:

- ◇ First and third Saturdays, 11:00am to noon
- ◇ First and third Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6:30pm

Veterans Shelter Dinner:

- ◇ Fourth Thursdays, prep in HoCo kitchen, 5:00pm, delivery to the shelter, 5:45pm

Side by Side Dinner:

- ◇ Fourth Thursdays, prep in HoCo kitchen, 4:00pm, deliver to Side by Side, 5:15pm

Editing of the Messenger is done by Bruce MacAlister, the layout by George Collier.

The June Messenger will be available Sunday June 4th. The deadline for articles is Friday May 26th.

We really like to have your articles before the deadline!

If you feel that you have something you'd like to contribute, please contact Bruce MacAlister at

editor@hoco.org

