



# News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

APRIL 16, 2023

## Upcoming Adult Forums

**Sundays at 10:45am in Burns Hall**

**April 16** - Now What

Peter Vanderveen will kick off an Eastertide series on friendship in light of the resurrection. One of the most important parts of the Christian story is the very part to which we pay very little attention. For us, the drama of the passion of Jesus reaches its culmination on Easter, with the proclamation of the resurrection. But this, in fact, serves to usher in the true culmination of the drama, which is Jesus' rapprochement with his disciples. In this is the true gladness of Easter, and it deserves our close attention.

**April 23** - We will continue exploring friendship with a presentation from several parishioners who volunteered with Family Promise of Montco (IHN) a few weeks ago. They will speak about the significance of relationships built from that experience.

## Vespers Canceled

The usual 4pm third Sunday Vespers service will not be held this month (today).

## Needlepoint Group

**Thursday, April 20 10-11:30am**  
**Raymond Library**

Bring your current projects and enjoy lively conversation with fellow parishioners.

## Seeing All Things Through the Generosity of Faith

**Wednesdays: 7:00 - 8pm, beginning April 19**

**Masterman Hall: led by Peter Vanderveen**

Ask anyone who is not a Christian for a word that describes the Christian faith; "generosity" would probably not be mentioned. Ask anyone who is a member of a church for a word that describes the church's core message, "generosity" probably wouldn't be included. Faith is often described as the discipline of pinching our lives down to a level of moral thinness that would allow us to squeeze through "the narrow gate." This stinginess does not reflect the Gospels nor the expression of faith set out in our worship. Yet we regularly fail to appreciate that faith is our cultivation of seeing God's generosity in all things. In a series of investigations of what is said and done in our liturgies and what is taught by the church, we will explore how it is that generosity is expressive of the very heart of Christianity.

## Third Morning Musicales

**Thursday, April 20 10am in the Church**

The West Philadelphia Volunteer Committee for the Philadelphia Orchestra continues its longstanding music series, "Morning Musicales," here at The Redeemer. The virtuosic mixed trio Empire Wild (the name is a give-away; this is not your usual trio!) will be the artists. Contact Rebecca Clement for more information: [rebeccajclement@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccajclement@gmail.com)

## Sunday April 16

*The Second Sunday of Easter*

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	Church
9:15am	Nursery.....	Rm 208
9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II with baptism.....	Church + Livestream
10:30am	Upper School (Grades 4-7).....	Rm 217
10:30am	Lower Elementary.....	Rm 215
10:30am	Preschool.....	Rm 221
10:40am	Coffee Hour.....	Burns Hall
10:45am	Confirmation Class.....	Hospitality Suite
10:45am	Adult Forum.....	Burns Hall + Livestream
4:00pm	RYG.....	Youth Cottage

## Parenting in the Wilderness

**Thursday, April 20 6pm in Burns Hall**

Please join us for our second “Parenting in the Wilderness.” We’ve chosen this name as a play off the many times folks found themselves wandering in the wilderness encountering trials, temptations, and suffering throughout the Bible. Our time parenting teenagers, and all children, can often feel like this—especially in the aftermath of a global pandemic! We will be led by a local psychiatrist, Raena Khorram, who works with kids from elementary school through college. She will share her own experience in the trenches, and will open up the forum to a Q and A that we hope will lend itself to some group discussions.

## Slavery and Public Space in Main Line Philadelphia

**Thursday, April 20 7:00-8:15pm via Zoom**

The history of slavery on the Main Line will be explored with particular attention to public space by Colin McCrossan, CommUNITY Breakfast Collaborative Scholar-in-Residence, MA History 2023 Villanova University. McCrossan will detail the history through three case studies of locally enslaved people. Register for this free event at <http://communitybreakfast.weebly.com>

## Party on the Terrace

**Friday, April 28 6-8pm**

RYG will hold a fundraising social for the upcoming work trip to Navajo Land here on the Parish House terrace. Purchase tickets at: [www.TheRedeemer.org/RSVP](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/RSVP)

This June the Redeemer Youth Group will be traveling to Phoenix Arizona, where we will collect our vans and journey up to St. Christophers Mission in the southwest corner of Utah on the border of the Navajo Nation. We will spend our week in Navajo land, living and working within the communities of the Navajo people and the Episcopal parish. There is so much for us to learn about the rich culture, history and traditions of the Navajo people, as well as the developing partnership between these indigenous peoples and the Episcopal Church as it represents itself in the 21st century.



## Leith Departure

Jen Leith, our Parish Administrator, has announced her intention to step down from her position. She has graciously agreed to stay on through April in a part-time and hybrid capacity. Jen has been a wonderful presence in the office and proved to be an efficient and skilled administrator. We wish her well.

## Blood Drive

**Friday, May 5  
10am to 3pm**

Burns Hall  
Call 800-RED CROSS or visit RedCross-Blood.org and enter TheRedeemer to schedule an appointment.

## Newcomer Coffee

**Sunday, April 30 10:45-11:30am at the Rectory**

Newcomers are invited to attend this annual event, hosted by Trish Bennett and Peter Vanderveen in their home next to the church. Members of the newcomer committee, clergy and vestry will be on hand to greet you. If you did not receive an invitation, please contact Sally Moser at [sallymoser@gmail.com](mailto:sallymoser@gmail.com).

## Parish Dinners

Please join us for dinner on Wednesday nights from 6-7pm. What started as a potluck community dinner for choir members and families is now open to the entire Parish. Signups available at: [www.TheRedeemer.org/RSVP](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/RSVP)

## Nursery

We are looking to expand our team of professional Nursery caregivers. While we have put ads out on sites, we also know that sometimes the best candidates come from word of mouth. If you think you know someone who would be a great fit, contact Tory Dunkle at [tdunkle@theredeemer.org](mailto:tdunkle@theredeemer.org) for a copy of the job description.

## Music Program Coverage Update

While the process is put into place to find our new Director of Music we wanted to let you know that we're in good hands. Alexander Leonardi has been named Assistant Organist and will play to the end of the academic year. He will return to us in the fall for his final year at the Curtis Institute of Music. Paul Fleckenstein will return to play throughout the summer. Our hope is to have a new Director of Music in place by September. Hope Knight will lead adult choir rehearsals and Katy Hutchings assisted by Shelby Tipling will lead Cherub and Choristers rehearsals. They are provided backup by Jennifer Patten who distributes the music and our fabulous volunteer music librarians: Connie Stuckert, Joan Warren and Wilson Jeffreys.

## DID YOU KNOW



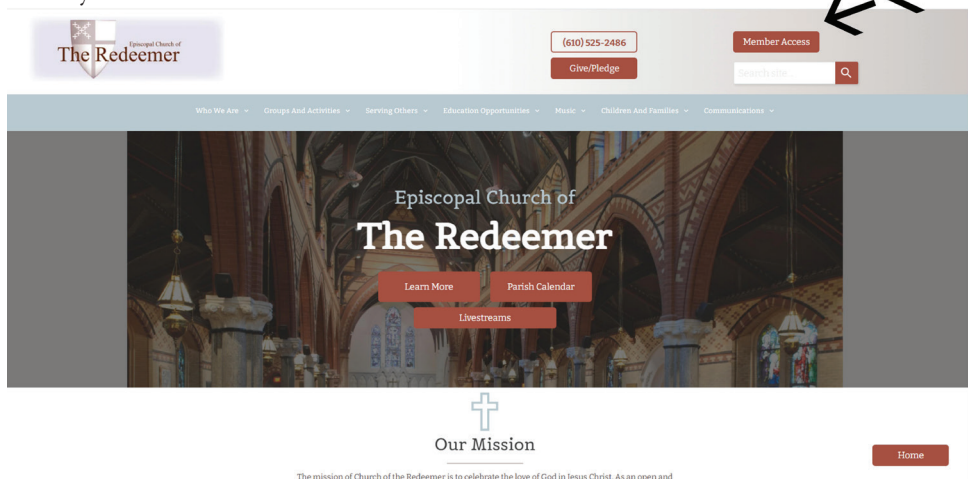
Did you know most baptismal fonts have eight sides? The number eight is very important biblically because it signifies new beginnings. On the eighth day, after creation and after the Sabbath (the day of rest), God returned to work which was the first new beginning. And, by Jesus rising on the eighth day or the day after the Sabbath, Saint Augustine described the eighth day as "everlasting....hallowed by the resurrection in Christ." The octagonal baptismal font represents the importance of a new beginning as we welcome into the life of the Holy Spirit all who are baptized. Interestingly, Redeemer's font does not have eight sides.

*... Now that's Ministry and your Stewardship makes it happen!*

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

To facilitate all of us getting to know one another, we'd love to get your photos into our database. That database is accessible to all members who have given us their email address through our website **Member Access** button.

If you have already established an account in Member Access, just login. If you need a login account, go to the homepage of [www.TheRedeemer.org](http://www.TheRedeemer.org) and click on the Member Access button in the upper right corner and then follow the on-screen directions to create your account.



Once inside Member Access, here are directions for uploading your family and individual photos to Member Access.

- Click on HOME (far left at the top of the page in the MENU options)
- In the dropdown menu, click My Profile
- Click the Edit tab (upper right corner)
  - o **For a family photo click** on Family Info tab (upper right corner)
  - o Click Upload New Photo and find it on your computer
  - o Once it is there and you've previewed it, click SAVE.
  - o **For an individual photo** click on Personal Photo tab (upper right corner)
  - o Click Upload New Photo and find it on your computer
  - o Once it is there and you've previewed it, click SAVE.

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The Mission of the Church of the Redeemer is to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. As an open and welcoming Episcopal community, we worship, learn and grow together, supporting each other and our world through the generous and creative use of God's gifts.

## NEW TO THIS COMMUNITY?

**We're glad you're here!** We'd like to get to know you. Please sign the guest book on the podium in the Church entrance way or fill out one of the cards in the pew. We will be in touch.

### **Worshiping in the time of COVID-19.**

Mask wearing is now optional.

**Many of us here today were not raised in The Episcopal Church**, but have found in this parish a source of spiritual growth. If you might like to join this congregation or come seeking prayer or guidance, please speak to one of the clergy or call the office at 610-525-2486.

**For young children**, we offer a worship tote bag filled with materials meant to enhance their sense of worship and help them process new prayers, scriptures and hymns. Pick one up in the narthex.

**Restrooms** are located through the large wooden door halfway down the left side aisle. Baby changing stations are in the handicap restroom off the left side aisle and in the hallway restroom behind the high altar.

### **Wi-Fi Access**

Choose: **COTR-Congregation**

Password: **Redeemer1881**

**Best sources for information** on all our ministries are on our:

website ([www.TheRedeemer.org](http://www.TheRedeemer.org)),  
Facebook page ([RedeemerBrynMawr](https://www.facebook.com/RedeemerBrynMawr)),  
Twitter feed ([@TheRedeemerPA](https://twitter.com/TheRedeemerPA)) and  
Instagram ([theredeemerpa](https://www.instagram.com/theredeemerpa)).

**Submission guidelines and a submission form** for The News can be found at [www.TheRedeemer.org/the\\_news](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/the_news).

## ASK AN USHER

- For hearing assistance devices
- For a card to drop in the offering plate if you give online

## Monday April 17

*Kateri Tekakawitha, Lay Contemplative, 1680*

1:00pm	IHN Followup meeting.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
2:00pm	Piano tuning.....	Church
7:30pm	Cantores.....	Choir Room
8:00pm	NA.....	Masterman Hall

## Tuesday April 18

*Juan Ines de la Cruz, Monastic & Theologian, 1695*

9:00am	Painting Circle.....	Hospitality Suite
3:00pm	Beaumont Eucharist .....	Beaumont at Bryn Mawr
3:30pm	Grants Committee .....	Rm 125
6:00pm	Task Force on Growth .....	Staff Conf Rm 204
9:00pm	Compline .....	via Zoom

## Wednesday April 19

*Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury & Martyr, 1012*

	Voice Deadline	
1:00pm	Staff Meeting.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
3:30pm	Liturgy Meeting .....	Staff Conf Rm 204
5:00pm	Cherub Choir Rehearsal.....	Church
5:00pm	Chorister Rehearsal.....	Choir Rm
6:00pm	Mid-Week Parish Supper.....	Burns Hall
6:45pm	Schola & Redeemer Choir Rehearsal .....	Church

## Thursday April 20

7:30am	Men's Bible Study.....	Rm125
9:30am	Morning Musicales .....	Church
10:00am	Needlepoint Group .....	Library
12:00pm	Women Exploring Scripture .....	Raymond Library + Zoom
1:00pm	Formation Meeting .....	Staff Conf Rm 204
6:00pm	Parenting in the Wilderness.....	Burns Hall
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous .....	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline .....	via Zoom

## Friday April 21

*Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury & Theologian, 1109*

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....	Church
5:30pm	Prysm YA.....	Masterman Hall
5:30pm	Prysm Rehearsal.....	Burns Hall
5:30pm	Prysm Prep.....	Rm 221
9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....	Church

## Saturday April 22

*Hadewijck of Brabant, Poet & Mystic, 13th Century*

9:00am	St Gabriel's Mission .....	Kitchen
10:30am	Organ practice.....	Church

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Up-to-date calendar always available on [www.TheRedeemer.org/calendar](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/calendar)  
 All Zoom meeting links are there as well.



## IN OUR PRAYERS

- For those who are sick or in need:

Scott Stephan  
Tim & Deb  
Virginia Simpson  
Lou Russo  
Pierce Archer  
Janet Harvey

Meg Curry  
Louise Marx  
Gene  
Chris McCleary  
Fran Northrup  
Joan

Monica Hackett  
Jeffrey  
John  
Rebecca Clothier Case

- For the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.
- For our brothers and sisters in Malawi affected by HIV/AIDS.
- For those fleeing from devastation in their countries of origin.
- For the victims of violence in this country and throughout the world, especially Ukraine.
- For our Montgomery County neighbors who are homeless and have lost their safety nets, especially our Interfaith Hospitality Network Guests.
- For those who have died, especially the victims of gun violence throughout this country.

If you know a parishioner who needs pastoral care or could use a visit, please contact Peter Vanderveen-pvanderveen@theredeemer.org or ext. 17, Jo Ann Jones-jjones@theredeemer.org or ext. 16, or any member of the Pastoral Care Committee.

To add names or thanksgivings to the prayer list, use the online form at: [www.TheRedeemer.org/pastoral\\_care](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/pastoral_care) or contact Jo Ann Jones; [jjones@theredeemer.org](mailto:jjones@theredeemer.org)

## CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Lesson of the Day  
Lower School: Jesus' Resurrection  
Upper School: Parables of Hospitality and Invitation

### **Preschool - Rm 221 (age 3 to Kindergarten)**

The resurrection of Jesus is the bedrock of our faith. Using 3D materials we'll explore the Gospel story of the Empty Tomb, celebrate the Good News of the resurrection and wonder together over this great mystery within its historical context.

### **Lower Elementary - Rm 215 (grades 1 to 3)**

Using a variety of materials, we'll explore what is known as the Mystery of our Faith: "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again." We'll also reflect on the role of the Eucharist in light of Christ's resurrection.

### **Upper School - Rm 217 (grades 4 thru 7)**

Many of the parables Jesus told are better understood in the light of the events of Holy Week and Easter. The parables we hear this morning are a prime example of this. Today the kids will look at three separate parables Jesus told about banquets. We will explore the relationship between the Eucharist and Christ's resurrection.

### **Confirmation - Hospitality Suite**

The class meets weekly after the 9:30 service in the Hospitality Suite and is currently working on a special project.

### **Redeemer Youth Group - Youth Cottage**

RYG will be meeting this Sunday from 4-6 pm and will be considering the resurrection and its impact on their lives in 2023. We will also be preparing for our fundraiser on April 28th. Please come!

## WAYS TO GIVE

If you're giving cash, check, or offering envelopes, please drop them in the offering plates at the back of the church.



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