



# News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

APRIL 30, 2023

## Upcoming Adult Forums

**Sundays at 10:45am in Burns Hall**  
**April 30 - Breakfast!** There will not be a formal adult forum this Sunday, but please come and enjoy a time of fellowship and good food in Burns Hall. We will have hot quiches, fruit, and pastries. Come hungry!

## Newcomer Coffee

**TODAY 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).

# SPECIAL Vespers

4:00pm Sunday, April 30

featuring **Gloria dePasquale & Alexander Leonardi**



Performing the music of:

- Fauré
- Mendelssohn
- Elgar
- Rachmaninoff



## Final Evensong of the Season

**May 7 4:00pm**  
The service will be sung by Chancel Choir and the canticles will be the *Evening Canticles* of Horatio Parker and the anthem *Blest Pair of Sirens* by C. H.H. Parry.

Sunday April 30		The Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	Church
9:15am	Nursery.....	Rm 208
9:30am	Choral Matins.....	Church + Livestream
10:30am	RYG @ St. Francis Inn.....	Youth Cottage
10:30am	Upper School (Grades 4-7).....	Rm 217
10:30am	Preschool.....	Rm 221
10:30am	Lower Elementary.....	Rm 215
10:40am	Coffee Hour.....	Gathering Space & Burns Hall
10:45am	Breakfast.....	Burns Hall + Livestream
10:45am	Newcomer Coffee.....	Rectory
10:45am	Confirmation Class.....	Hospitality Suite
4:00pm	RYG.....	Youth Cottage
5:00pm	Artcinia Donors Concert.....	Burns Hall

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Livestream Upgrade

The main operating board to our livestream production equipment needs to be upgraded. We do not yet have a time frame for its replacement. We will keep you informed on the progress. We apologize for this inconvenience which is beyond our control.

### Seeing All Things Through the Generosity of Faith

**Wednesdays: 7:00 - 8pm**

**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.

### 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)

### Blood Drive

**Friday, May 5**

**10am to 3pm**

Burns Hall

Call 800-RED CROSS or visit [RedCross-Blood.org](http://RedCross-Blood.org) and enter TheRedeemer to schedule an appointment.

### The Benches Have Arrived

Lovely teak benches are now around the Parish House making it an even more welcoming place. Our sincere thanks to those parishioners who contributed to make this possible. Each bench has an identification plaque.

## OUTREACH MATTERS

### Winter-Spring-Summer Clothing Needed

**for Ukrainian Refugees - Sunday, April 23 thru 30**

Now that temperatures dictate closet reorganization, the Outreach Community Services Committee has made contact with the **Ukrainian Cathedral** in Philadelphia, which collects donations for refugees, people like us, who had to flee their native land with literally the clothes on their backs. A gray hamper in the Parish House hallway is marked for **clean, gently used** contributions (no holes or tears) to this cause. Drop off clothing between **Sundays, April 23 and 30**. Volunteers will drive the items over to the Cathedral in the Northeast, where they will be gratefully received & distributed. We know Redeemer parishioners will help...**PLEASE** don't put that unworn, out-of-style, item back in the “out-of-season” closet again as a very needy person would be most grateful for it! Thank you!

## DID YOU KNOW

Did you know 25% of all Stewardship gifts are made by online giving? These online gifts are an easy way for parishioners to fulfill their pledges. They are also a predictable way for Redeemer to budget for cash flow, and save on the staff time to process checks, cash and stocks. Credit card companies charge Redeemer about 3% of each transaction and banks charge a little over 1% for the automated deductions (ACH). Although these fees are not significant, they do add up. So, taking into consideration all factors of cost and time, the most efficient, and helpful way of online giving, is to set up automatic deductions from a bank account.

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

## OPPORTUNITIES

# Garden Party **PARISH PICNIC**

**We're puttin' the two together**

**Sunday, May 21 at 4:00pm**

**Parish House Courtyard**

*tents and music along with  
hot dogs, hoagies and drinks provided*

**Bring food to share. If your name begins with**

**A - I Salads**

**J - R Desserts**

**S - Z Entrées**

## 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),  
Twitter feed (@TheRedeemerPA) and  
Instagram (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 May 1***The Apostles St. Philip & St. James*


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7:30pm	Cantores .....	Choir Rm
8:00pm	NA.....	Masterman Hall

**Tuesday May 2***Sthanasius at Alexandria, Bishop & Theologian, 373*


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9:00am	Painting Circle.....	Hospitality Suite
9:00pm	Compline .....	via Zoom

**Wednesday May 3***Elizabeth Cruciger, Poet & Hymnographer, 1535*


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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
7:00pm	Seeing All Things Through the Generosity of Faith.....	Masterman Hall

**Thursday May 4***Monnica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387*


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7:30am	Men's Bible Study.....	Rm125
2:00pm	Women Exploring Scripture .....	Raymond Library + Zoom
1:00pm	Formation Meeting .....	Staff Conf Rm 204
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous .....	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline .....	via Zoom

**Friday May 5***Martyrs of the Reformation Era*


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9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....	Church
10:00am	Red Cross Blood Drive .....	Burns Hall
5:30pm	Prysm YA.....	Masterman Hall
5:30pm	Prysm Rehearsal.....	Burns Hall
5:30pm	Prysm Prep.....	Rm 221

**Saturday May 6**


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9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....	Church
10:30am	Organ practice.....	Church

**Sunday May 7***The Fifth Sunday of Easter*


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

*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: Parable of the Sower

Upper School: Parable of the Prodigal Son

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

Today we will hear the Parable of the Sower. We will wonder about what it takes for a seed to grow and thrive: sun, water and the right soil! We will then talk about what this parable might have to tell us about the Kingdom of God.

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

Jesus told the crowds many parables, sometimes using the image of a sower. He began one parable by saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow." Then he described how some seeds fell on the path and were quickly eaten by birds, other seeds fell on rocky ground and withered, other seeds fell among thorns and were choked, and other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain. We'll talk about this parable and what it might tell us about the Kingdom of God.

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

Today we will explore another lost and found parable, the Parable of the Loving Father (Luke 15:11-32). Also known as the Parable of the Prodigal Son, we'll hear about the brother who left home, squandered his inheritance, realized his huge mistake and returned to the loving, celebratory arms of his father. We'll talk about how God accepts us as we are; we need only to come to him and ask.

#### 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 going to St. Francis inn today from 10:30 am till 2 pm. RYG will not be meeting this afternoon, but will reconvene next Sunday from 4-6 pm at the cottage.

## 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.



Via Text



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