

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, March 13

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (no music)	Church	8:00 a.m.
Blood Drive	Bloodmobile	9:00 a.m.
Adult Education	Parish Hall	9:15 a.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	9:50 a.m.
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (with music)	Church	10:30 a.m.
Baptism Class	Conf. Room	12:00 noon

### Monday, March 14

KidsPACK Packing	Parish Hall	9:00 a.m.
Cub Scouts	Conf. Room	6:30 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
Boy Scouts	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.
Men's Bible Study	Youth Room	7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 15 *Parish Hall closed due to elections*

Stitch Group	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.
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### Wednesday, March 16

Bread Ministry Pickup	Parish Hall	7:00 a.m.
Meals on Wheels	Parish Hall	10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	Chapel	12:00 noon
The Gathering	Parish Hall	6:00 p.m.
Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	7:00 p.m.
Youth Group	Youth Room	7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, March 17

Palm Cross Assembly	Breezeway	10:00 a.m.
Bible Study	Conf. Room	2:00 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	7:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Church	7:00 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Youth Room	7:00 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Parish Hall	8:00 p.m.

### Friday, March 18

Rachel's Guild	Parish Hall	9:30 a.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.

### Saturday, March 19

Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.
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Submissions for the "News for the Pews" or "The Shield" must be emailed to [communications@hiepiscopal.org](mailto:communications@hiepiscopal.org) by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.



HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
VALRICO, FLORIDA

TRANSFORMING LIVES, TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

## News for the Pews ✝ Sunday, March 13, 2016

### Bloodmobile Here Today

The bus will be parked outside the church, and your blood donations will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be a free gift for all donors!

### Lenten Outreach Project Concludes Today

Please take all donations to the altar area during the Offertory. Thanks to all who contributed to make an impact on the lives of children in Haiti! For more information about Portomento of Hope, the local charity that we partnered with in this project, please contact Mary Jo Gallamore at 813-689-6432.

### Christian Education Reminder

Christian education for children and youth does not meet during the month of March. Classes will resume again on Sunday, April 3. Adult education will meet this morning to conclude their series on "The Book of Revelation", and then they will also break until Sunday, April 3.

### Candy Collection for Easter Eggs

The youth are collecting donations of small-sized candy or toys to fill Easter Eggs for our hunt on Easter Sunday. Please no chocolate, and remember to keep in mind the size of a small plastic egg when you're buying the candy. *Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex and are due by this Wednesday.*

### Last "Gathering" This Week Before Holy Week

Come for the conclusion of the series on prayer this Wednesday. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. and worship begins at 6:45. Youth group and children's choir will start at 7:00 p.m. Both groups will be putting the final touches on preparations for their parts in Holy Week.

### Palm Cross Assembly on Thursday

Volunteers are needed to help assemble palm crosses that will be distributed next Sunday. If you can give an hour or so of your time, please come to the breezeway on Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. Bring your own scissors and we'll teach you how to do it!

## REGISTER NOW

### Holy Innocents' Goes to the Rays' Home Opener on April 3!

Join us for the Rays-Blue Jays game! Tickets are \$25 each, with all proceeds going to KidsPACK. For an additional \$20, you can take a bus from the church parking lot to the stadium and back. *Only two seats remain on the bus so you must sign up soon!* The game begins at 4:05, but the bus will leave the parking lot at 1:30 to allow everyone to see the opening ceremonies. Sign-up sheets for both the game and the bus are in the narthex. **Sign up or contact Bill Cox at bcox1953@gmail.com by this Wednesday, March 16, to reserve your tickets! Make checks payable to Holy Innocents' and note "Baseball" in the memo.**

### Whistle Stop Spring Craft Show - April 9

Vendor spots are filling up fast! Spaces are \$35 for an inside space and \$30 for an outside space. Go to our website at [www.hiepiscopeal.org](http://www.hiepiscopeal.org) and register online. Contact Pat Magnant (727-365-2300) for more information.

### Women of Grace Retreat - April 15-17

Registration is limited for this powerful retreat at the Bethany Center. Cost is \$250 for lodging, meals, and retreat. Contact Deborah Brown at 813-728-6643 for more information or a form to register for the retreat.

### Holy Innocents' Golf Tournament - April 23

This is always an exciting event for our church, and raises a lot of money for mission trips. The tournament will start at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, at RiverHills Golf Club. You can register using a paper form on the narthex table or online at [www.hiepiscopeal.org](http://www.hiepiscopeal.org).

## COMING UP

### New Class for Parents on Sunday Mornings!

Beginning on Sunday, April 3, there will be a new class for parents with kids of all ages. Details coming soon but you don't want to miss a chance to gather together with other parents and talk about raising kids in a crazy world!

### Feed the Bay is April 17

This annual event brings local churches together to fill food pantries throughout the Brandon area. Sign-ups to volunteer to help load trucks at grocery stores and stock pantries begin March 27.

### SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School is June 20-24

Registrations will begin soon on our website. As always, it will be FREE and is open to children four years old through 5th grade. If you are an adult and are interested in helping, please contact Shannon Scharf at 813-757-3111.

## NEXT SUNDAY



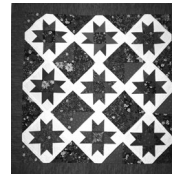
### Holy Week Begins

There are services that week beginning with Palm Sunday morning services on March 20. Please see the insert in this morning's bulletin for details on these services, or go to our website at [www.hiepiscopeal.org](http://www.hiepiscopeal.org). *The church-wide Easter morning breakfast will be catered by Latin Grill, and we are asking for people to sign up to bring pastries or juice. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex and Parish Hall this morning.*



### Easter Flowers and Decorations

If you would like to make a donation to our Easter flowers and decorations in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out a form on the table in the narthex and place it in the basket. The deadline is next Sunday, March 20.



### Loose Plate Offering for Next Sunday

This month's third Sunday loose plate offering will go to Rachel's Guild, a quilting group that makes beautiful homemade quilts for each child that is a part of Family Promise or who stays at A Kid's Place of Joshua's House.

## THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

#### March 14

Nancy Richmond  
Pat Staley

#### March 15

Roger More

Tina Pergola

#### March 16

Bunty White

#### March 17

Pat Bresett

Paige Toth

#### March 18

Diana Johnston

### Anniversaries

#### March 19

Paulette & Roger  
Ramsay

*We apologize if your birthday or anniversary is this week and it is not listed. Please call the office at 813.689.3130 to update your information in our system.*

## FINANCIALS

**How are we doing financially?** Prior Week Actual Revenue: **\$8,459**. Prior Week Budgeted Expenses: **\$9,560**. YTD Actual Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$80,854**. YTD Budgeted Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$86,520**. Thank you for keeping your financial commitments up to date.