

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 10

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (no music)	Church	8:00 a.m.
Children's Christian Education	Kiser Hall	9:15 a.m.
Adult Christian Education	Various Rooms	9:15 a.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	9:50 a.m.
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (with music)	Church	10:30 a.m.

Monday, April 11

Geoffrey Godfrey Memorial Service	Church	11:00 a.m.
Cub Scouts	Conf. Room	6:30 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
Men's Bible Study	Youth Room	7:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12

KidsPACK Packing	Parish Hall	9:00 a.m.
St. Lawrence Guild	Kitchen	10:00 a.m.
Stitch Group	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.
Bible Study	Conf. Room	2:00 p.m.
Vestry Meeting	Conf. Room	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13

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

Thursday, April 14

KidsPACK Delivery	Parish Hall	8:30 a.m.
Centering Prayer	Chapel	2:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir	Church	7:00 p.m.
Parish Choir	Choir Room	7:00 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Parish Hall	8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 15

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

Saturday, April 16

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 by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.



HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH VALRICO, FLORIDA

TRANSFORMING LIVES, TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

News for the Pews ✚ Sunday, April 10, 2016

Memorial Service for Geoffrey Godfrey Tomorrow

A memorial service for Geoffrey Godfrey, son of Tom Godfrey will be held in the church tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. A reception will be held in the Parish Hall following the service.

Men's Bible Study Meets on Monday

All men are welcome to come to the youth room at 7:00 p.m. on Monday for a time of fellowship and study of scriptures from this week.

New "Gathering" Series Continues Wednesday

The current teaching series explores six areas of our faith that are rooted in our understanding of the resurrection, and this week's topic is hope. Join us at 6:00 PM for dinner, worship, and teaching! Youth and children will meet at 7:00.

Centering Prayer Meets on Thursday

Centering Prayer will be offered this Thursday, April 14, at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Take time to reflect and center yourself in the presence of God.

Third Sunday Loose Plate Offering Update

Last month's third Sunday loose plate offering raised **\$435 for Rachel's Guild**. There were also 15 food bags and one gas card collected. Thank you for your generosity! *Next Sunday's* loose plate offering goes to the Dominican Development Group, which supports the Episcopal Church in the Dominican Republic.

Parents' Meeting During Youth Group on April 20

All parents are encouraged to attend a meeting at 6:45 p.m. on April 20 in the youth room. It will follow the "Gathering" dinner, and the topic is the upcoming lock-in and 30-hour famine.

Church-Wide Breakfast on May 6

The Men's Ministry will sponsor this breakfast at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, May 6. The guest speaker will be Deacon Gary Cartwright. More details to follow!

Cave Quest Vacation Bible School is June 20-24

Registration for this summer's VBS is open! It will be FREE and is open to children four years old through 5th grade. Sign up using the form in the narthex or on our website at www.hiepiscopal.org. If you are an adult and are interested in helping, please contact Shannon Scharf at 813-757-3111.

April Stewardship Note
It's More Than Just Your Pledge: God Claims the Earth & Everything In It!
By: Julie Thomas

In April, we continue our celebration of the Risen Christ and the truth of our redemption. The natural world puts on its Resurrection colors as we are renewed and refreshed by all that we see. In April, we renew our commitment to care for the earth, "our island home", and all those that Christ came to redeem.

At Holy Innocents', our Garden Angels care for our grounds each week. The setting is beautiful and ecologically diverse, attracting pollinators like bees and butterflies necessary for food production. We recycle and reuse as much as we can during church operations to conserve our monetary resources and reduce our carbon footprint as faithful stewards of what we have been given. Our renovation of Kiser Hall is almost complete...another sign of our commitment to conservation of resources. God challenges each of us to look for ways to care for his creation!

God has called us to care for the people who share the Earth with us and at Holy Innocents', we are answering the call. This month, the Spring Whistle Stop Craft Show gathers crafters and artisans together in a fundraiser that funds our mission activities. Likewise, Holy Innocents' is hosting its Fourth Annual Golf Tournament at RiverHills Country Club to raise needed funds for operations and outreach. Look for ways to help support these activities!

Our youth group continues to inspire us. They are volunteering at Portamento Café to continue their outreach to the homeless and hungry. Our food ministries (St. Lawrence Guild, Meals on Wheels, KidsPACK, and the Publix Bread Ministries) continue each month as well. When we feed our brothers and sisters, we are blessed to feed Christ!

This month, our "Third Sunday" loose plate offering benefits the Dominican Republic Mission. The money is used to assist our brothers and sisters in the Dominican Republic in purchasing needed supplies for our building projects when our mission teams travel there this summer.

Through His Resurrection, Christ reminds us that every person in every land is beloved. We are all connected by the abundant love He has for us. We are challenged to recognize our interdependence on each other and the natural world we have been given. We are challenged to fully live into our baptismal promise to respect the dignity of every human being. We are challenged to love the earth and everything in it as our Father in heaven does. With God's help, we can show that love in every action we take!



FEED THE BAY

Next Sunday, April 17

We need your help!

"Feed the Bay" is a local effort made up of **more than 30 churches** who all come together with the goal of donating enough food to fill local food pantries for a year. In 2015, **1,182 people** in the Bay area volunteered to help collect the **156,152 pounds** of food donated at local stores and then stock shelves at the **15 pantries** that benefited from the collection.

We need you to help next Sunday! Holy Innocents' has committed to sending a team of 26 people to help out locally with this effort. We still need 20 volunteers! Please consider signing up in the narthex or Parish Hall this morning, and more instructions will be given this coming week.

Shopping lists will be available for everyone next Sunday. Contact Pat Magnant at 727.365.2300 if you have any questions about "Feed the Bay".

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

April 11 Ceci Hardin	April 14 Emma Edwards	April 16 Bo Bray Marie Gioscia
April 12 Greg Tyson	April 15 Dan Snead Bonnie Webster	April 13 Sue Torge
April 13 Allen Zak		

Anniversaries

April 11 Simone & Gary Cartwright
April 14 Melissa & Courtney Bailey

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: **\$9,416**. Prior Week Budgeted Expenses: **\$9,560**. YTD Actual Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$116,715**. YTD Budgeted Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$121,128**. Thank you for keeping your financial commitments up to date.