

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 3

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (no music)	Church	8:00 a.m.
Children's Christian Education	Kiser Hall	9:15 a.m.
Youth Christian Education	Youth Room	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.
Church of South India	Church	1:00 p.m.
Depart for Rays' Game (if taking bus)	Parking Lot	1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 4

Cub Scouts	Conf. Room	6:30 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
Healing Prayer Ministry	Chapel	7:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 5

St. Lawrence Guild	Kitchen	10:00 a.m.
Stitch Group	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 6

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 Choir	Choir Room	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 7

KidsPACK Delivery	Parish Hall	8:30 a.m.
Bible Study	Conf. Room	2:00 p.m.
Cub Scout Parent Meeting	Conf. Room	6:00 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 8

A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.
Setup for Spring Craft Show	Parish Hall	2:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 9

Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.
Spring Craft Show	Parish Hall & Grounds	9:00 a.m.

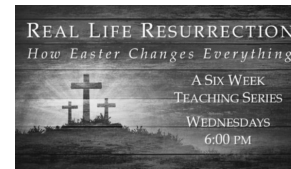
Submissions for the "News for the Pews" or "The Shield" must be emailed to communications@hiepiscope.org by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.



HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VALRICO, FLORIDA

TRANSFORMING LIVES, TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

News for the Pews † Sunday, April 3, 2016



New "Gathering" Series Begins Wednesday

During the season of Easter, Fr. Doug will be leading a six-week teaching series on Wednesday nights that will focus on the "real life" implications of the resurrection of Jesus. The Apostle Paul said, "if Christ has not been raised, our faith is in vain" (First Corinthians 15:14). This teaching series will explore six specific areas of our faith that are rooted in our understanding of the resurrection – hope, healing, holiness, mission, ecology, and new creation. Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM for dinner, worship, and teaching!



Whistle Stop Craft Show is Saturday

It's here! The Whistle Stop Spring Craft Show is this Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall and on the church grounds. Please come to support local crafters and Holy Innocents', as all proceeds go to support the mission and ministries of the church. We still need volunteers to serve as parking lot attendants. If you can help, please contact Pat Magnant at 727-365-2300. As part of the craft show, the Boy Scouts will be selling BBQ and sides from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Items for sale include full slab of ribs (\$25), whole pork butt (\$35), family pack (pulled pork buns, & sides for 4 - \$20), individual meal (pulled pork, bun, two sides - \$7), and sides (cole slaw or baked beans for \$5/each.) All proceeds benefit the Boy Scouts. Limited quantities available so come early!

A Special Thank You



A big THANK YOU to all of the members of the St. Lawrence Guild. As a team, they provided all of the soup meals for each "Gathering" during Lent. They also continue to support Holy Innocents' parishioners with hot meals when they are in need of food, and when they need to know that someone cares. Members of the Guild are: Deborah Brown, Lea Gallagher, Cynthia Horn, Becky

Journey-Smith, Sylvia McIntyre, Matt Woods, and Myrna Younglove. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ!

COMING UP

Feed the Bay is April 17

This annual event brings local churches together to fill food pantries throughout the Brandon area. Sign-ups are going on now to volunteer to help load trucks at grocery stores and stock pantries. You can sing up in the narthex or the Parish Hall.

Women of Grace Retreat - April 15-17

Registration is limited - and closing soon! - 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.

Thank You to All Election Volunteers

More than 50 members of Holy Innocents' volunteered to serve at the voting polls for the Florida primary on March 15. This effort helped to raise \$2950, which will go to help complete the work on Kiser Hall. Thank you to all who gave their time!

Cave Quest Vacation Bible School is June 20-24

Registration for this summer's VBS is now open! As always, it will be FREE and is open to children four years old through 5th grade. You can sign up now using the paper forms in the narthex, or by going to our website at www.hiepiscopeal.org, and signing up online. If you are an adult and are interested in helping, please contact Shannon Scharf at 813-757-3111.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars now for these events coming up soon at Holy Innocents':

- May 15 - Pentecost Sunday (with baptisms)
- May 22 - Scout Sunday
- May 29 - Memorial Day
- June 5 - Education Sunday
- June 5-12 - Family Promise
- June 9-12 - Healing School
- June 20-24 - Vacation Bible School
- July 1 - Daniel Lemley Ordination to Priesthood
(Church of the Ascension in Clearwater)

NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



Children: "Holy Moly" is a unique way for kids to understand the basic tenets of faith through unique videos, teaching, and crafts. *Children meet in Kiser Hall.*



Episcopal Women: Fr. Steve will share stories of courageous Episcopal women who were called to unique ministries that changed many lives. You'll be inspired! *Class meets in Parish Hall.*



Faith Rules: An Introduction to Life in the Church: Fr. Doug will be leading a new class on discipleship and life as an Episcopalian. This class is a great introduction for newcomers or anyone who wants to learn more about the ministry of the Episcopal Church. *Class meets in conference room.*



Parenting Class: The task of parenting can be a challenge in our contemporary society. Our Senior Warden, Dan Snead, will be facilitating a workshop for anyone who wants to talk about the unique challenges facing parents today. *Class meets in Kiser Hall, Classroom 1.*

There will be no Christian Education class specifically for youth this term. Youth are invited to join any of the adult classes, and encouraged to come to youth group on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

April 4
Joe Wendt

April 5
Lila Campanelli-Purifoy
Jan Marriner

April 7

Dawn Farrier
Henry Latson

Anniversaries

April 6
John & Rona Matheny

April 7
Jenny & Michael Cheren

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: **\$10,593**. Prior Week Budgeted Expenses: **\$9,560**. YTD Actual Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$107,572**. YTD Budgeted Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$112,476**. Thank you for keeping your financial commitments up to date.