

St. Clement's Episcopal Church

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Palm Sunday • April 9th • 8:00am & 10:30am **Eucharist & Stations of the Cross** Holy Monday • April 10th Holy Tuesday • April 11th 10:00am & 7:00pm 10:00am & 7:00pm Spy Wednesday • April 12th • 10:00am & 7:00pm Maundy Thursday • April 13th • 7:00pm Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar Good Friday • April 14th • 10:00am **Good Friday Liturgy** Holy Saturday • April 15th • 8:00pm Vigil Mass of Easter & Service of Light Easter Sunday Services • April 16th • 8:00am & 10:30am **Celebration Eucharist** 

Children's Easter Egg Hunt • April 16th • 9:00am

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## ST CLEMENT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

In February I attended a show at the Straz Center in Tampa. Well ... 'show' isn't exactly the word; it was actually a *lecture*.

The lecturer was a world-renowned paleontologist – Nizar Ibrahim – and he was giving a lecture on the dinosaur *Spinosaurus*, the history behind discovering it, and the part he played.

The lecture was absolutely fascinating. Here was a man who was obviously passionate about his work, and when you saw the places he'd visited in search of fossils – places no sane person would visit unless they had *very good* reasons – you knew why he was a leading authority!

In very few places would anyone query why I, a Christian priest, would go to such a lecture, but there are exceptions, one of them being the US – a country in which can be found many Christians who refuse to believe that the fossil evidence, showing the existence of dinosaurs, can date the age of planet Earth as being around 4.5 *billion* years old. They also refuse to believe in evolution – many stating that the 'evidence' that exists for it requires 'faith' from its proponents. Space is too short for me to give a full reason as to why I do actually hold evolution and the age of planet Earth (and of the universe) to be true, suffice to say that the Bible *wasn't* written as a scientific treatise, but *was* written to describe our relationship with our Creator, and how He went about Redeeming us.

The fringes of Christianity and Atheism '*enjoy*' (and I'm sure they do!) pointing fingers at each other, showing supposed errors in '*logic*' and lack of '*evidence*', and end up putting the aforementioned fingers in their ears to block out what the other side is saying. Meanwhile, scientists of *every* discipline – scientists who just so happen to be Christian, Jewish, Muslim – well, *any* religion you can think of, and none – quietly go about their scientific studies, all-the-while continuing to hold faith in their God.

And there is nothing unusual about this. You see, the Bible routinely makes claims about matters of faith—such as the existence and nature of God—on the basis of the *natural* world, for example: "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." (Psalm 19:1) – and this led those who read the Bible to an understanding that to study nature (i.e. indulge in science) is to get nearer to God and His truth.

As one who came to faith through reading Jesus describe Himself as being "*The Way, the TRUTH, and the Life*", I have absolutely no problem with people – even non-Christians – searching for, and bringing before us, the latest unlocking of yet another part of God's creation, and have them proclaiming that we have yielded another *truth* about our universe and of our existence.

Of course, science sometimes changes its mind as to the evidence (the Scientific Method at work), and sometimes the interpretations given about a discovery has more to do with the mindset of the person passing on that information (indi-

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vidual bias that is usually discovered by replication and peer review), but to me, if something *is* 'true' then that, in some small way, will lead us to God in Christ.

Which brings me to the point of this article.

Those of you who know me will have heard me say that I won't mention politics in my sermons or articles unless politics impinges on 'things Christian'. I've pretty much been able to keep that promise for the past twenty years, but I suddenly find myself being confronted by news that reminds me of Psalm 64 – and perhaps the worst part of it is that what is being said is being given a Christian '*spin*'.

Up with this I will not put! (attributed to Sir Winston Churchill).

Actually, I cannot put.

Because I hold in so high an esteem Jesus' words about Himself *being the truth*, any Christian who makes a claim that *goes against* the flow of evidence is, I believe, *going against* God. Our Creator gave us brains to think, to search, to unravel, to reveal, and we should not be scared to use them. There are many things we take for granted today that would seem to be *miraculous* only a few years ago; things that only came about *because* of our curious minds.

Fear and denial do us a disservice in *any* part of our lives, but they become even more damaging when they enter the public arena. Unfortunately, we have a particular political slant in play that *refuses* to use current research and science, and it seems to do so because that science *does not serve* their particular political views. Recent changes in law have been made due to the triumph of a few people's *opinions* (and, recently, just *one man's* opinion) *against* a great expanse of scientific *evidence*.

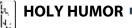
We all lose out when such people create damaging public policies, but it is, perhaps, *Christians* who lose out more if they prefer – and are seen – to support that which is pretty much undeniable, indefensible, and anti-truth.

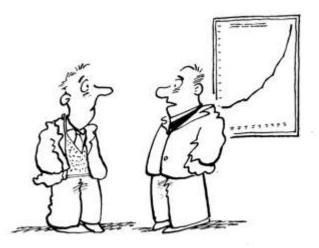
Jesus said: "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

Do we wish to hear Jesus when we seek what is true, or do we prefer to listen to the other voice:

And Pilate replied, "What is truth?"

In Christ, Fr. Andrew.





... I wish that was my Sunday attendance figures - but it's actually the age profile of my congregation!

### Out West

A devout cowboy lost his Bible while he was mending fences out on the range.

Three weeks later a cow walked up carrying the Bible in its mouth. The cowboy couldn't believe his eyes. He took the book out of the cow's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward, and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!"

"Not really," said the cow. "Your name was written inside the cover."

### How to Get Rich Quick

A young man asked a rich old man how he had made his fortune.

The old man replied: "Well, boy, it was 1932, the depth of the Great Depression. I was down to my last dime. I invested that dime in an apple. I spent a few minutes polishing that apple and sold the apple for a quarter. The next morning, I invested that quarter in another apple, and after carefully polishing it, also sold it for a quarter. I continued this system for a few days by the end of which I'd accumulated a fortune of 14 quarters. Then my wife's father died and left us two million dollars."

#### Sermon

A pastor, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message.

The man returned just before the conclusion of the service. Afterwards the pastor asked the man where he had gone. "I went to get a haircut," was the reply.

"But," said the pastor, "why didn't you do that before the service?"

"Because," the gentleman said, "I didn't need one then."



All she had said was it was time for her annual lawnmower service



### WORDS OF WINSTON

### Hey Peeps!

The grumpy guy is gout-ridden as I write, so this gives me carte blanche to write what I please, without any possibility of mosquito-like interference O O

And what is the current '*bee in my bonnet*'? - to keep the '*bug*' references going.

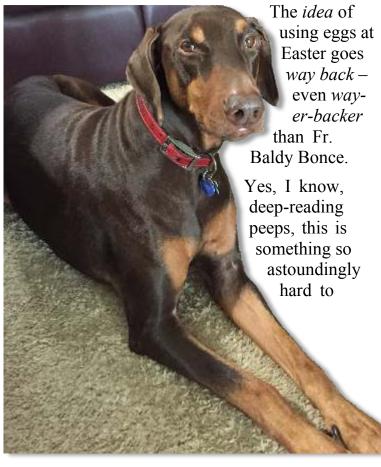
Well ... apart from there never being enough kibble in my dish, I suppose it is the up-coming forbidden-to-canines food-fest that IS: *Easter Egg Mania*.

*Why chocolate* of all things! Why not something savory – something in which we canines can indulge, along with you peeps?! It doesn't seem fair!

Actually, now I've come to focus the full force of my dober-brain on it: it doesn't *make much sense*, *either*!

I mean, an *egg* doesn't *really* 'represent' the resurrection, does it?

Nooooo – it does not, but ...



imagine that it makes Roswell aliens seems, well, *un*alien. But as the Hound of Truth $\mathbb{R}$  who sniffs out all truth – where ever and whatever – I have to tell you, paw on heart, it *is* true!

For example, did you know that the tradition of handing out red eggs at Easter is one that originated among Christians in Apostolic times? And did you know that we can find icons of Mary Magdalene depicted holding a red egg?

Just like many things Christian, this egg-thing was something that Christians took over from other peeps. This is because, for many cultures, the egg was a symbol of creation, spring, and rebirth. This was something that fitted in so well with the Christian message, that the egg took on a new meaning and became a symbol of new life breaking forth, while leaving the empty 'tomb' behind.

And then there is this story about Mary Magdalene.

According to this story: after the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, Mary Magdalene—a wealthy woman of some importance—went to see Emperor Tiberius Caesar in Rome to proclaim to him the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And she went with an egg in hand to illustrate her message!

So the legend goes: holding the egg out to him, she exclaimed for the first time what is now the universal Easter proclamation among Christians, *"Christ is risen!"* 

The emperor was way more non- than plussed, and said to MM that Jesus had no more risen, than the egg in her hand was red. Immediately, *the egg turned red* as a sign from God to illustrate the truth of her message!

Whether this story is true or not is somewhat beside the point, dear peeps. *Stories* are vehicles through which important universal truths are told – in this case, the story featured something *everyone* knew about and understood: it featured *an egg*.

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And it was the egg that helped people to understand a new theological *truth*—the truth of the resurrection of the dead, brought to them by a new religion—Christianity.

In this way the Easter egg, as a symbol of Christ's resurrection, became a symbol of the resurrection for all those who trust in Jesus, and 'Easter eggs' began to be shared with one another as a joyful symbol of the Christian hope.

This symbolism plays a great part, not only in many Christian stories, but also in stories we find in the Bible. Indeed, Jesus – as the great teller of *parables* – used symbols in stories that have now traveled, not only through *millennia*, but also to *vastly different cultures* than the one in which Jesus lived – and these symbols have remained virtually intact.

Now that I have filled you with dober-knowledge $\mathbb{R}$ , you are all the better for it – in my humble opinion. But ... there are STILL *two* more questions that need answering!

"Are there?" say you.

"YES!" say I!

Additional Question 1.: *Why are Easter eggs now mostly made of canine-unfriendly chocolate?* 

Additional Question 2.: *Why do peeps hide Easter eggs?* 

See: I have the answers to questions you didn't even know you wanted to ask!

So ...

AQ1. Answer: We find ourselves in Europe – specifically France and Germany – in the early 1800s, where a new type of chocolate has been developed. We have to wait a few years until the technique is perfected to allow the chocolate to flow, and then we have to wait a few more years for suitable moulds to be invented for this flowing chocolate to flow into. Thus, the first chocolate eggs were *solid chocolate!* So why was chocolate used to imitate an egg? No idea – but, as I watch you peeps, I know you'll try *anything*, so this is my best bet of an answer: *because you could!* 

AQ2. Answer: Proper eggy Easter eggs – all painted in fancy colors and patterns – are *hidden* so that they may be hunted for. This 'Easter Egg Hunt' involves hiding the eggs outside the building for children to run around and find on Easter morning. To my mind, this is a distraction technique employed on your pups, so you adult peeps can do something more interesting ... like EAT!

And so we are back to food, peeps – still hungry, but more wise than when we started, wouldn't you say?

Wishing Y'All a Happy Resurrection Day!

Keepin' Eggs Real –

Except when they're the Forbidden Chocolate, Winston.



All Women are invited to a fun evening of painting and partying! Hosted by the ECW - the Episcopal Church Women - this event takes place on

Saturday April 29 from 6 - 9 p.m.

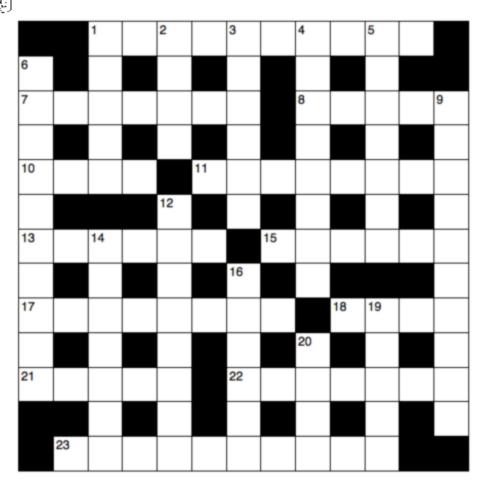
In the Parish Hall.



COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

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Give it a click!





### Across

Down

- 1 'You are a chosen people, a royal ' (1 Peter 2:9) (10)
- 7 Exact copy (Joshua 22:28) (7)
- 8 Jesus' first words to Jairus's daughter, 'My child, —' (Luke 8:54) (3,2)
- 10 Idol made by the Israelites while Moses was on Mount Sinai (Exodus 32:4) (4)
- 11 Role allotted to Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 42:6) (8)
- 13 'Lord, when did we hungry and feed you?' (Matthew 25:37) (3,3)
- 15 'Though seeing, they do —; though hearing, they do not hear or understand' (Matthew 13:13) (3,3)
- 17 Happening (1 Kings 21:1) (8)
- 18 'Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the of Christ' (Philippians 3:7) (4)
- 21 National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (1,1,1,1,1)
- 22 Stamp on (Amos 2:7) (7)
- 23 Liable to rot (1 Corinthians 15:42) (10)

- 1 Of the pope (5)
- 2 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything — ' (Psalm 24:1) (2,2)
- 3 Hebrew word for the kind of peace that Jesus promised (6)
- 4 Member of a 16th-century Protestant reform movement in France (8)
- 5 Sing out (anag.) (7)
- 6 Ceremonial column of people on the move (1 Samuel 10:5) (10)
- 9 One of the things love always does (1 Corinthians 13:7) (10)
- 12 Esther's cousin who foiled a plot to assassinate King Xerxes (Esther 2:7, 22) (8)
- 14 See cape (anag.) (7)
- 16 'No one can them out of my hand' (John 10:28)(6)
- 19 Often mistakenly identified as the fruit that led to the first sin (Joel 1:12) (5)
- 20 'He was led like a to the slaughter' (Isaiah 53:7) (4)







## São Paulo Mercy Ministry

### **All About Letters**

I told Luigi that I had received two letters for him. His face lit up. He wanted to see them immediately. Like most of our children, he has never received or even seen a letter before. The letters were from a young child and a grandmother. He sat down next to me and I translated the letters. We have known Luigi for more than a year. It has always been a quick hello and goodbye with him. This would be the first time that we spent more than fifteen minutes together. I read the child's letter first. It was simple and straightforward. He smiled when I read that the child was praying for him to know Jesus. Next was the grandmother's letter. He was impressed that she has been married for fifty years. She ended her letter saying that she remembers him in her daily prayers. This time there was a tear in his eye. I asked him if he wanted to write a reply. He nodded to say yes but he shyly admitted that he wasn't good at writing. I assured him that I will help him. He smiled. The next day, we sat and wrote the replies together.

Gabriel did not even know how people sent and received letters. It never occurred to me that for our children the postal service was a mystery that they never knew existed.

Many come from backgrounds where letters or any reading materials are not readily accessible to them. After I explained the whole process to Gabriel, he asked me to read one of his letters. He is illiterate and he is going to turn 18 this year. On another occasion, we heard him telling the other children that Stephen and Mary are connecting us with friends that we never knew existed.

We received many letters over the past two months. We haven't had the opportunity to read them all yet. We want the letter reading time to be special. We take the child aside and translate the letter for them. It is their special one on one time with us. They listen intently when we read. Then they wait until we have gone home to talk about it among themselves. They know intuitively that something new is happening in their lives.

Whenever they receive a letter, their faces reveal their joy; the joy of knowing that they have been included into something bigger than they could have ever imagined.

Almost everyone who wrote ended their letters saying; **"I write this letter because I want you to know that I am praying for you."** When they hear these words, we can see an instant reaction in their faces. It seems like that these are just simple words and yet, they are precious jewels for these little ones. For them, they don't hear these words often enough. They cannot believe that someone would take the time to say their names in their daily prayers.

### Where do we go from here

When I translated the letters that Alex received, he immediately asked what was expected of him now. It is interesting that he would be the one to ask this question. Of all our children, he displays the most serious effects of neglect. He has the hardest time relating with people in general. Sometimes he ignores us completely and at times he is so annoying that we are tempted to ignore him. However, it is hard to stay mad with him. It is obvious that he

is working with limited resources. He has no clue how to interact with people. He never had the family that would give any attention or teach him how to have and maintain a relationship. All he has known in his life was neglect.

However, despite all the lack of interpersonal skills, somehow Alex gathered from the letter that something was expected of him.

Most of our children and teens are invisible to society. The average person can walk by them without being conscious of their presence. This invisibility has handicapped our children. They developed their own set of ethics which is basically based on doing everything it takes to get what they want and then staying out of sight. Now, things are changing for them. Our presence (and those of the social workers) is forcing them to change their behavior towards the other. Your letters are revealing to them that they are people who actually want to know them. All these are motivating them to come out of their invisibility and adopt a new set of ethics. However, now they are at a loss. They don't know how to act and respond in this new situation but they want to learn. They are looking to us for help. We are teaching them that when someone reaches out to you, you need to respond by reaching out to grab their hand. The first step in this process is to respond to your letters.

#### **Patience and Perseverance**

One day, as we leaving to go home, Alex started yelling out at us. He called us over and brought us to a store and asked the sales people to come out. Then he said, "These are the people responsible for all the letters I am receiving." The clerks smiled at us. I was a little surprised. Alex was talking to people outside his circle. The letters have opened up new opportunities for him.

Ruan wants to write a reply on his own in English. He wants to achieve this goal by 2020. I was impressed that he was able to think up a realistic time-frame for his goal. He is learning to read and write with Mary. Gabriel is also interested in learning how to write. Felipe wants to draw pictures for the people who wrote to him. He is actually quite good at it. A few months ago, he hardly had the confidence to draw anything. Now, he is drawing anime characters and wants to improve his writing. The letters are awakening dreams about new possibilities. I won't attribute this solely to the letters. They are just a symbol. They reveal that more people are praying for these children and teens. We don't change God's strategies through prayer but we become more aware of what He is doing when we pray.

I want to keep encouraging you to write letters to our children. However, your letters may not be read right away. We have to read them at the appropriate time. The street has its own momentum and we need to work according to its rhythm. Sometimes the person to whom you have written may not be ready to respond right away. It may take a while. Gabriel was uninterested in the letters initially. Then, out of the blue, he asked for them. He replied almost immediately. Some may receive the letters now and not say anything. Maybe they will ask for them again in the future. No letters are written in vain. Everything done in Love will always bear fruits of love.

#### Some Closing Thoughts

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to Overseas Mission with this Ministry in focus. During this time, we ask for your prayers and continued support. This ministry is a missionary endeavor of the church and we could not be working with our hearts full of joy if it wasn't for your prayers and love. We represent you and we will be honored to continue do this in the Name of the Our Lord.

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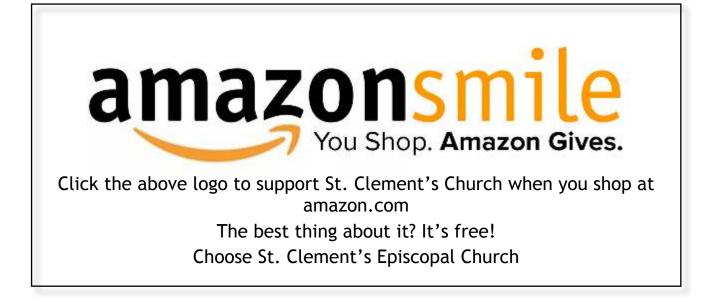
### PARISH LIFE



### **Birthdays**

- 3 Elizabeth Lyon-Hall
- 13 Nancy Thomas
- 14 Carol Shelleman
- 16 Cheryl Vinson
- 20 Hollie Adkins
- 21 David Bond
- 26 Christine O'Donnell
- 28 Vern Hahnke





### Wedding Anniversaries

- 12 Jerry and Jenny Manley
- 20 Michael & Jennifer Hager
- 24 Alan Mirowsky & Elizabeth Lyon-Hall



## TRINITY CAFÉ NEWS

We will be volunteering to serve breakfast to the hungry and homeless at Trinity Café on Saturday April 22nd. The stated mission of Trinity is not only to serve nutritious meals but also to treat all who come through their doors with love, compassion and respect and this they do 365 days a year! Members of St. Clement's who volunteer at Trinity are privileged to be part of this mission, which demonstrates the love of Christ in action.

We will meet at the Church to carpool there together at 8:15 AM and will also take the donated food down at the same time. If you would like to join us or if you have any questions, please contact Jenny Manley at 813-383-8673 or <u>lyonhall@tampabay.rr.com</u>. We would welcome your involvement! Volunteers must be 16 years or older.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY OF TIME, TALENTS AND DONATIONS TO THIS MINISTRY.

Jesus said, "As often as you did it to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." Matt. 25:40





PARISH LIFE ᇓ

Our St. Clement's online presence is growing by leaps and bounds. This is really important because all the people who became part of our church community last year (with two exceptions) found us by visiting our website.

Now that our Digital Strategy has begun, the visitors to our website have increased from 15 per month to more than 20 per day! Half of those are people who never visited our website before. Progress!

You, the congregation, are the key to growing this further.

### Visit. Like. Comment. Share. Review.

Please send your ideas for new posts to social@stclement.net. Send photos, cartoons, cool stuff from the Internet – whatever you think might make a good post. Online

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Keep it going. Keep us growing. ... Thank you.



### Does all the above make you go "HUH?" Then do we have some good news for you!

Join us in the Parish Hall at noon on Sunday, 2nd April to learn about the different social media sites and how they might interest you. Learn how to follow St. Clement's and, even better, how to help St. Clement's. With just a few minutes a day, you can make a big difference. Don't forget to bring your favorite digital device – smart phone, tablet, or laptop.



### PARISH LIFE

**Parish Hall/CE Building Renovation** – Junior Warden **David Robinson** presented a second bid for the planned renovation. He will get a third bid in the next few weeks. In the

meantime, the Vestry approved getting the complete set of required architectural drawings. Next month, the Vestry will review the bids and select the contractor. Demolition is expected to start in May, with construction throughout the summer.

**Good Friday Collection** – Worship Commissioner **Karen Western** announced the Diocese is requesting that Good Friday collections go to Christians in the Middle East. She will discuss with Father Andrew.

**Keeping in Contact with Our Members** – Vestry Liaison & Parish Coordinator **Vicki Jackson** will implement new tools through which we can keep track of our members to ensure that no one "falls through the cracks." She will be sending cards to our shutins for Easter. She is also working to develop transportation for those who need it, especially during Easter. If you can help with transportation, please contact **Vicki**.

Safeguarding God's People – Vern Hahnke will be assisting those who need help -- or access to computers – after services on the last two Sundays in April. A certificate of completion is required to volunteer for any StC events. Please see Vern, Father Andrew, or BJ Harsthorne to get in on this.

**Youth Events** – Youth Commissioner **Natalie Watson** reported on the Cinco de Mayo Youth Dinner, scheduled for Saturday, May 6. Also, Parent's Night Out is scheduled for Saturday, May 13. \*

**Spring Tea** – Hospitality Commissioner **Donna Chandler** announced that the Spring Tea is scheduled for Saturday, May 20.\*

**Woman's Bible Study** – to begin after Easter: Christian Formation Commissioner **BJ Hartshorne** is still looking for topic and date selections.

**Cursillo Weekend** – **BJ Hartshorne** will post information about Cursillo, Thursday, Oct 5 – Sunday Oct 8, on the bulletin board at the back of the Parish Hall.

Scheduling Parish Events – Please remember: those wishing to schedule an event at StC must submit a **Church Events Planning** Form to the Vestry, at least three Vestry meetings prior to the event. After Vestry approval, the Parish Administrator will include the event on posted and online Parish Calendars. [Note: We will be playing "catch-up" this spring, so if the deadline has passed, don't be concerned. Please just get the form in ASAP.] For more information, contact Administration Commissioner Johnette Robinson.

**Pancake Supper** – Fundraising Commissioner **Betty Akoli** reported that the Pancake Supper raised \$520. The Vestry voted to send the money to the first quarter Outreach recipient, **Our Little Roses**, to supplement loose plate contributions.

**Fish Fry** – Fundraising Commissioner **Betty Akoli** reported that the March 24<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry saw the largest turnout to date. Gross receipts from the first three weeks are \$3,112. The net proceeds will be divided between **Episcopal Church Women** (45%), The St.

## **Vestry Snippets**

Clement's Youth Scholarship Fund (45%), and Joshua House (10%). This event receives tremendous support from the congregation. Hospitality Commissioner Donna Chandler ported that volunteer participation for the first Fish Fry, alone, was 158 hours.

**Digital Strategy Initiative** – Editorial Content Commissioner **Kit Ingalls** reported that, after one full month, StC's social media presence has grown astronomically – 2200% on Facebook, 1400% on Twitter. These are helping to drive the 4100% increase in visitors to our website.

**Godspeed, Betty** – The Vestry approved **Betty Akoli's** request for a three-month excused absence. She will be in Uganda from April through June to care for her mother, who is hospitalized. **Kit Ingalls** will fill in as temporary Fundraising Commissioner in her absence.

**Estate Planning for Pets & Pet Memorial** – Communications Commissioner **Kevin Frankenberg** is pulling together information on both estate planning and a pet memorial.

**Estimates of Giving** – Johnette Robinson reported that we received additional Estimates of Giving in this last month. They can be submitted any time during the year. If you have not yet submitted one, please contact Johnette or Parish Administrator Margeaux Royals-Frey.

**Pledge Payments Online** – Go to <u>OnRealm.org</u> to sign up for online pledge, and other giving, to StC. For questions, contact **Johnette** or **David Robinson**.

**Funds for Melody To Go To EYE** – **Natalie Watson** announced that all funds required to send Melody to EYE have already been paid. She will talk with those who contributed to see if they are willing to have extra funds go into the new Youth Scholarship Fund.

**Music Program** – The Vestry approved an expenditure of no more than \$40,000 per year over the next three years to jump-start the music program.

Accounting Changes – The Vestry approved motions by Johnette Robinson to consolidate the accounting changes that she and Treasurer Peter Mack have been working on for the past two years. When completed, St. Clement's will be adhering to "best practices" recommended for accounting methods and handling of funds.

**Work of the Vestry** – Did you know that all Vestry reports and minutes are posted on the Vestry Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall. Stay up to date! Read the postings.

\*Unless Building Works are in Operation.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR ...



**Thanksgiving:** Abby, All God's Blessings, Andi, Barbara, Betty, Bill, BJ, Carine who has been employed, Carol, Corey, Cyn, Dave, David, Donald, Donna, Family and Friends, Fr. Andrew, Fr. Bill, Fr. John, Fr. Lewis, Fr. Rick, Fr. RJ, Gretchen, Holli, Ian, Jan, Janine, Jason, Jay, Jen, Jennifer, Jenny, Jerry, Johnette, Jorge, Joy, Judy, Julie, Karen, Kat, Katie, Kay, Kevin, Kit, Leslie, Linda, Margeaux, Margie, Marianne, Maxine, Melody-selected to serve on Happening Team, Mike, Mur, Nancy, Natalie, Pat, Randi and David, Safe arrival of Jacob, James, and Beth, St. Clement's family, Safe birth of Misty's baby and the health of the mother, Steve, Stew, Teresa, TGH Staff, Tony, Trevor, Vern, Vicki.

**Healing:** Ali, Alicia, Alyssa, Amelita, Ashley, Autumn, Barb, Betty, Bill, Brenda, Bruce, Catherine, Cherel, Curtis, Cyn, Cindy, Damian, Darrel, Dave, Dean, Denis, Don, Dorine, Ed, Elaine, Ella, Eric, Esther, Fr. Andrew, Freda, Fr. Lewis, Fr. Rick, Gar, George, Georgianna, Grace, Greg, Gretchen, Haide, James, Jennifer, Jerry, Jim, John, Joyce, Julie, Karen, Karl, Kat, Katie, Kay, Ken, Leabert, LeAnne, Lela, Louise, Lynn, Marianne, Marilyn, Mary, Maxine, Mike, Mur, Oscar, Pam, Pat, Paul, Peter, Phyllis, Reagan, Regina, Renee, Roger,

Rolf, Rosanna, Sarah, Scott, Sr. Mary, Sue, Susan, Ted, Vern, Veronica, Vicki, Walter, Wanda, Wilma.

**Safety & Protection:** Adeline, Alex, Alexander, Ali, Annaliese, Ava, Brian, Brittney, Bryan, Children in Sao Paulo, Clayton, Corey, Damian, Dustin, Eli, Eva, For all Christians in hostile lands, Frs. Alex, Bill, Ian, Jeffrey, John, Lewis, Rick and Victor, Jenn, Jim, Joeisha, Kamilah, Karen, Kyle, Leslie, Maxine, Marilyn, Mary, Mary Beth, Naphlim, Natalie, Nick, Nicole, Richard, Sarah, Spencer, Stephen, Teddy, The Military, Thomas, Wanda, William, Zahra.

Blessings & Guidance: Ashley, Avery, Barb, Barbara, Bill, Brad, Carol, Chad, Chaz, Cheryl, Chris, Chrissy, Corey, Cindy Claudia, Dana, Dave, Elizabeth, Emily, Eric and Michelle, Frs. Alex, Andrew, Bill, Ian, Jeffrey, John, Lewis, Rick and Victor, Janine, Jennifer, Johnette, Joseph, Karen, Karyn, Katie, Kay, Kit, Kyle, Jenny, John, Lew, Mary Alice, Mary Beth, Mary-Jo, Matt, Melanie, Mike, Nancy, Naphlim, Natalie, Pam, Paul, Pete, Renee, St. Clements, Teresa, Tom, Tommy, Vilma, Wanda.



With Child: Ali, Heather, Kelly, Shay, Tiffany.

**Comfort:** Alan, Carnie, Carol, Cheryl, Deanna, Dua'a, Ellen, Eric, Jake, Janine, Jennifer, Jim, John, Joyce, Karen, Karl, Kyle, Marilyn, Mark, Maxine, Melody, Rev. Martha, Paul, Ronnie, Stew, Susan, Wanda.

**Travel:** Alex, Andrea, Ashley, Betty, Brittney, Carol and Dave, Diane, Don, Eric and Michelle, Emily, Jackie, Jerry, John, Joyce, Justin, Karen and George, Leslie, Liz, Locenzo, Maxine, Michael & Antoinette and children Pam, Pat, Renee, Sarah, Spencer

Financial: Bruce, Bryan, Cheryl, Cindy, Greg, Heather, Karl, Mary Beth, Roger, Scott, Sean, Shirley.

**Employment:** Ali, Avery Karen, Betty, Bryan, Chad, Cindy, Damian, Daniel, Danny, Greg, Jack, John, JT, Karl, Mary Beth, Meg.

Recently Departed: George, Julie, Miriam, Canon Grant Carey.

Year's Mind: 4<sup>th</sup> Robert Looms, Charlotte Looms, Doris Haarr; 5<sup>th</sup> Murray Abell; 8<sup>th</sup> Jessica Plummer, Dorothy Hager, Margaret Bennett; 10<sup>th</sup> David Thomas Jr., Barbara Stevenson; 12<sup>th</sup> David Brewster; 13<sup>th</sup> Billy Hager; 14<sup>th</sup> Marlene Thompson; 15<sup>th</sup> Nadine Webb, Richard Evers; 17<sup>th</sup> Sara Gilbert, Henrietta Thornhill; 18<sup>th</sup> John Holm, Richard Mack; 19<sup>th</sup> Ray Lane, Ardyce Lane, 20<sup>th</sup> Daniel Swindal; 23<sup>rd</sup> Emile Stephan; 25<sup>th</sup> Alice Jardine; 26<sup>th</sup> Richard Dzwonczyk; 30<sup>th</sup> Caroline Presser.

If you would like the names of your loved ones to be added to our Book of Remembrance, please write/email to the Parish Office writing clearly the person's name and the full date of their death, if known. They will then be remembered annually on the month of their death, and during the All Souls Day liturgy.



### DATE

### OCCASION

Sun 2nd April 8.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.

Sun 9th 8.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. **5TH SUNDAY OF LENT** Rite I Eucharist Rite II Eucharist

PASSION SUNDAY Rite I Eucharist Rite II Eucharist

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### Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-14 <u>Psalm 130</u> <u>Romans 8:6-11</u> John 11:1-45

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Passion Narrative

Sun 16th 8.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	<b>THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</b> Rite I Eucharist Rite II Eucharist	<u>Acts 10:34-43</u> <u>Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24</u> <u>Colossians 3:1-4</u> <u>John 20:1-18</u>
Sun 23rd 8.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Rite I Eucharist Rite II Eucharist	Acts 2:14a,22-32 Psalm 16 <u>1 Peter 1:3-9</u> John 20:19-31
Sun 30th 8.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Rite I Eucharist Rite II Eucharist	<u>Acts 2:14a,36-41</u> <u>Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17</u> <u>1 Peter 1:17-23</u> <u>Luke 24:13-35</u>

To see the readings themselves, click on the above links or go to <u>www.lectionarypage.net</u>

