

# St. Bartholomew's Newsletter

April 2004

## The Rector's Remarks

*The Rev. David Pollock, Rector*

Dear people of St. Bartholomew's:

April 4th, Palm Sunday, begins the most important week of the year for all Christians, Holy Week, That time each year when we remember the last days of Jesus' life. The week culminates on April 11<sup>th</sup> with Easter Sunday when we celebrate the resurrection. We have heard a lot about the last twelve hours of Jesus' life with the hype surrounding the movie, "The Passion of the Christ", whether you have seen it or not, come this year to church on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday and experience yourself, the dramatic story of the death and resurrection of Jesus as we have done it in the church for centuries.

That story is the essence of our faith. That is why we dedicate so much time during Holy Week to focus on the words of the story. This last week of Jesus' life takes up one third of each of the Gospels, so it makes sense for us to spend so much time concentrating on it each year.

I hope you will make every effort to come to the services beginning on Wednesday April 7<sup>th</sup>. I commend many of you for your dedication this Lent, coming to the Wednesday services, the Bible studies and the Sunday evening suppers. You can complete this Lent on an upward note by experiencing the beautiful 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday service and the stripping of the altar. The Good Friday liturgy at noon or 7:30 p.m.. And of course the gloriously decorated church, the wonderful music, and the great celebration of Easter Sunday. Please remember to invite and bring all the children you know to hunt Easter eggs after the 11 a.m. service on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

This whole glorious week starts on Palm Sunday with the procession of Jesus into Jerusalem and the dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel. This is our time as Christians to show the world how much Jesus death and resurrection means in our life by paying homage to our Lord and Savior by making the effort to attend these special services. It is not enough to come only on Palm Sunday and Easter. It is important for us to keep all of Holy Week with our participation in the reenactment of those events so many years ago. If you have never come through all of Holy Week, do it this year. You will never be the same.

*Peace and love in Christ  
David*

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## Holy Week Schedule

April 4 — Palm Sunday  
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Liturgy of the Palms (outdoors)

April 8 — Maundy Thursday  
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

April 9 — Good Friday  
12 noon Good Friday Liturgy  
7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

April 11 — Easter Sunday  
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
Annual Easter Egg Hunt after  
the 11:00 a.m. service



## Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Sunday, April 11 right after the 11:00 a.m. service. As always, don't hesitate to bring friends; be "fishers of men."



## St. Bartholomew's "First Saturday Morning"

Please mark your calendars for our next "First Saturday Morning", April 3, beginning at 9:00 a.m. There was a great turnout last month, and we look forward to continued work and fellowship. Donuts and coffee will be available.

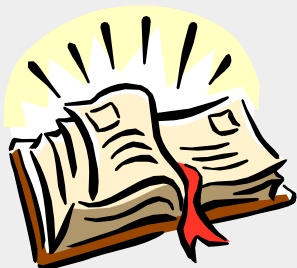


### Bible Study

This years Bible Study has been studying the Pentateuch — the first five books of the Bible.

Monday Evening Bible Study is held at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. Wednesday Morning Bible Study is held at 10:00 a.m. in the Education Building. The Wednesday Bible Study is followed by the 11:00 a.m. Communion service.

Come join one of these dynamic groups.



### Easter Day Memorial Flowers

Easter Day Memorial flower forms were mailed last week. The completed forms are due April 4, Palm Sunday. If you didn't receive one, there are extras on the table at the back of the church.

### Counters Needed

Each Sunday after the late service, two volunteers count and record the day's donations. The Counters Group has recently lost several members and needs to recruit new members. A volunteer serves about one Sunday per month and it only takes about 40 minutes to do the work. Please volunteer and support Saint Bartholomew's! Contact Lois Leigh at 301-774-0599 or [ljleigh@comcast.net](mailto:ljleigh@comcast.net)

### Basket Delivery

In order to make newcomers feel welcome, we deliver a nice welcome basket to them. This basket may contain food, a plant, and a St. Bartholomew's pamphlet. One person has been doing this task and she needs help! It takes very little time, and can be very rewarding – the recipients are very appreciative. If we have six volunteers, each person might be responsible for one month and then have 5 months off. Each Sunday during their month, they would get the list, if any, of new comers, prepare the basket, and deliver the basket. Studies indicate that the delivery is most effective if done the same day, or at least within 24 hours. The basket is dropped off with a smile, you should not stay and talk, or put any pressure on the recipients.

You should look for them the next Sunday at Church and welcome them again and introduce them to a few other church members. Please contact Cynthia Phillips (301-482-0675 or [cynthia.phillips@nasd.com](mailto:cynthia.phillips@nasd.com)), or George Leigh (301-774-0599 or [gleigh@comcast.net](mailto:gleigh@comcast.net)).

### New and Welcoming Committee

As everyone knows, it is important that our congregation grows. We recently formed a new committee, the "Welcoming and Membership Committee" and we need members! The purpose of the committee is to develop a plan for welcoming newcomers and for following-up with newcomers. We hope to recruit both new and older members of St. Bartholomew's for this work. Please let Art Elgin or myself know if you are interested in helping with this important project.

### **The Ladies Guild**

**Think Spring!! Think AZALEAS!!!!**

The guild is preparing for its annual Azalea sale. With the cooperation of the weather, look for the Grand Opening at the corner of Route 108 and Brink Road close to the first of May. We understand the azaleas came through the winter very well and we will have different varieties blooming throughout April, May and into June.

Come early and buy one or two and then come back again for another blooming azalea. That way your yard will stay in bloom for a really long time. Some varieties bloom two times a year. We have all colors and the price is right. This is a major fund raiser for the Guild who uses the proceeds for special projects and for things in and around our Church.

Our next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 19, 2004 at 12:30 in the undercroft. Try to join us. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the afternoon. For further information call our President, Barbara White. (301-963-7688)

### **Public Relations Committee**

The public relations committee is seeking volunteers to help design a program that will inform the community about the opportunities and benefits of membership at St. Bartholomew's. The committee will seek to print articles about events at the church and to develop a marketing plan designed to bring new members into our church.

St. Bartholomew's has many outstanding features including marvelous Sunday school programs for all ages of children, during church Sunday school, a friendly and supportive congregation and ministers, and outreach programs designed to support the local community and unique worldwide issues.

If you have ideas please contact Mike Frazier by e-mail at [mfrazier@bna.com](mailto:mfrazier@bna.com).

### **Pastoral Care**

Dr. Pollock is available for pastoral visits and care. Although the office hours are 12 noon to 3 p.m., Dr. Pollock's practice is to be in the office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, unless he is visiting or has a meeting. Please call (301) 948-8201 to talk to Dr. Pollock during those times, or leave a message and he will return it by the end of the day. In case of emergencies outside of office hours, please call Dr. Pollock at home.

### **Mirembe Child Sponsors**

We now have many parishioners and others outside of the parish who are sponsoring a total of ten girls, of the twelve the home is designed to house. If you are one of these wonderful people, please check to be sure that your contribution is up to date. Every penny is needed.

If you would like to become one of the supporters of our Girls, please contact Margaret or the church office

### **E-mail Addresses**

The Vestry is compiling a list of parishioners email addresses. This list will be very helpful in emergencies such as notifications of a parishioner's death or illness, or change of the time of a service due to weather or power outage, etc. It also has the potential to save money by decreasing mailing costs. To submit your email address simply send an email to "[stbart@comcast.net](mailto:stbart@comcast.net)" with the subject line "Email Address". Also, Sue Lowry will be collecting email addresses after services and at church functions. Thanks.

### **Coffee Hour**

Stop in the undercroft following the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. services for some snacks, coffee and juice. This is a good way to meet members in the church and learn about activities that might be of interest.

## Scheduled Activities

### Upcoming Events

- April 3 St. Bartholomew's "4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Morning" — 9:00 a.m.  
April 3 Christmas Bazaar Committee meets at 9:30 a.m.  
April 4 Palm Sunday Services at 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
April 8 Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 p.m.  
April 9 Good Friday Services at 12 noon & 7:30 p.m.  
April 11 Easter Sunday Services at 8:00 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Annual Easter Egg Hunt following the 11 a.m. service

### Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. The Holy Communion  
9:15 a.m. Adult Inquirers Class  
10:10 a.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. The Holy Communion - first, third and fifth Sundays  
Morning Prayer - second and fourth Sundays

Sunday School Activities are held during the 11:00 service  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays J2A meets in the PLC (during Sunday School)  
Sunday Fellowship Coffee Hour follows both Sunday services

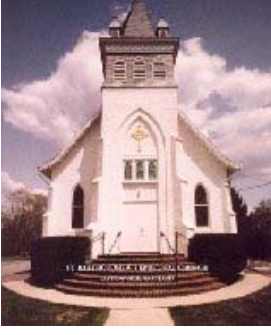
### Regular Weekly Schedule

- Mondays 7:30 p.m. Monday Evening Bible Study in PLC  
Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study .  
Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion (with Healing Service)

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