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From Dry Bones to New Life

HOLY WEEK begins **Palm Sunday, April 9**. The *Liturgy of the Palms* and the reading of the **Passion Story** remind us how hurried events repeating themselves in our daily living will sweep all of us inevitably to the foot of the cross. More often than not, we find our way there absent any real time for reflection or other opportunity to make sense of our experience in light of the Christian narrative. For this reason, the Holy Week schedule at St. Michael and All Angels is bent not so much toward program as it is toward liturgy. The result, we hope, will be encouragement to separate ourselves from the world's relentless onrushing time, perhaps permitting us simply to be still in the awareness all these things are done . . . for us.

"Good things are happening at St. Michael.

Come and see!"



Midday Reflection and Prayer April 10 – 14. The Church will be open for reflection and prayer from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm each day throughout Holy Week.

A **Passover Seder** is scheduled in the parish hall **Wednesday evening, April 12, at 6:15**. Seating is limited. Children are welcome. **Reservations may be made by calling the Church Office at 681-0844 no later than the end of the day today, Monday, April 3.** While there is no cost for admission, contributions will establish a freedom fund with a commitment to use all offerings to set at liberty those who are oppressed.



KEY DATES

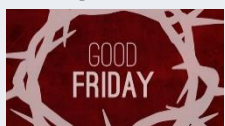
April 9



April 13



April 14



April 16



Good Friday falls **April 14**, a day set apart for solitary prayer and fasting. The Church will be open from **9:00 am to 3:00 pm**, the time of his crucifixion at the third hour to his dying breath at the ninth hour. **We will observe the *Liturgy for Good Friday* at 6:15 in the evening.**

Holy Saturday simply isn't. It is a day without life and without purpose—

EASTER DAY is Resurrection! It is Spirit! It is Life, created new and re-imagined as breath first-drawn once before in a garden. Easter is a furious storm, a mighty rushing Wind, crosscurrents causing very large stones to be toppled away from the face of every tomb! To celebrate Resurrection is to account the world altogether changed, to bid the ordinary and all that is common a glad good-bye. It is to embrace all days as holy and every moment new!



The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist will begin at 10:00 a.m. Easter morning.

Upcoming Events

April 8
 Grace Mission Gala:
 Cheeseburgers in
 Paradise

April 21-23
 Diocesan ECW Spring
 Retreat

April 28-30
 Happening #134



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Around the Parish

LENTE DISCUSSIONS — During Lent, the congregation met on Wednesdays to



Look Again at our Call as God's People and how the words of the post-communion prayer might inform our response. Our Week 2 discussion centered around what it means to be "graciously accepted as living members."

RECTOR SEARCH — On Sunday, March 26, we welcomed Fr. Jabriel Ballentine to



lead us in celebration of the Eucharist. Fr. Ballentine is a theologian with a passion for the social efficacy of the Church. He currently lives in Orlando.

ST. MICHAEL ON THE GO! — March and April marked the start of another trip around the sun for some. Their special days were celebrated in true St. Michael style!



Fr. Carl Murray
 March 3



Mr. Edward Jones
 April 1



Also born in April:
 Mr. Brian Griffith, 4/8
 Mrs. Delois Brown, 4/2
 Mr. Zollie White, II,
 4/6