April 22 – Evangelism and Growth Initiative Summit at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 1:00-5:00p.m. This gathering is open to all clergy and lay leaders.

April 24 – Fourth Tuesday Dinner Service at Grace Mission from 5-7:15 p.m. Please be there no later than 5: p m. Please call Dawn Freeman at 850-509-2656 to sign up.

April 28 – Daughters of the King Spring Assembly at St. John's Cathedral, Jacksonville from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm. Speaker will be Dean Kate Moorehead. New officers will be installed. To register send \$15 to Sara Pines; PO Box 2165, Palatka, FL 32178-2165

April 29 – Installation of members of the Men of St. Michael.

Suggested daily Readings for the Third Week of Easter: April 16 – April 20

Mon.	Exod. 18:13-27	Psalm 9, 15	Matt.(1:1-17);3:1-6
Tue.	Exod. 19:1-16	Psalm 36, 39	Matt. 3:7-12
Wed.	Exod. 19:16-25	Psalm 119:25-48	Matt 3:13-17
Thurs.	Exod. 20:1-21	Psalm 37:192:7	Matt 4:1-11
Fri.	Exod. 24:1-18	Psalm 105:23-45	Matt 4:12-17
Sat.	Exod. 25:1-22	Psalm 42, 43	Matt.4:18-25

Please note that every third Sunday the open collection will go towards the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Episcopal Church Women Annual Graduation Recognition will take place on May 6. Please submit the names of the candidates and their accomplishments/pictorials — all who are graduating from K-5, Middle School, High School, and College White Coat ceremony. Information should be submitted to ECW Board Members Dawn Freeman and Cassandra Grayson.

FIGHTING GUN VIOLENCE

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense is a group of women and men who believe that sensible regulations on guns – such as requiring background checks on every gun sale – can save lives. The group will hold its monthly meeting at 6 pm on **TUESDAY**, **APRIL 24**TH **IN OUR ST. MICHAELS' PARISH HALL.** Everyone interested in curtailing gun violence is encouraged to come discuss what more we can do to fight this scourge on our community. Questions? Contact Anne Powell, (850) 556-1531 or apowell@mindspring.com.

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While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

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From the Rector's Desk

These days, I sometimes find myself reminiscing an awful lot on the way ministry was done in the eighties. After completing my curacy at the Cathedral Church in Guyana, the Bishop in his wisdom, sent us as a family to serve in a parish that was truly diverse, offering a plethora of opportunities for ecumenical activity. So we served alongside Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Pentecostals, the Salvation Army and the Church of God in Christ. As clergy persons we tried to meet as often as we could for refreshment, recreation and reflection. I still do recall quite vividly a conversation shared with a Church of God in Christ pastor (Rev. Gray) who tried to convince me that sleep was more powerful than love – and he was dead serious about that. He argued that as much as we try to deprive ourselves of sleep, we inevitably we fall victim to its power. Babies he claimed after resisting, often crying and going through their own ritual, eventually succumb too. As compelling as he made his argument, I quietly reminded him that there is nothing in this world that could surpass the power of love, that natural human reaction; that unexplained sentiment that often results in the giving of our hearts at times to total strangers. Gray countered with a very persuasive argument, telling me of the many persons who avoided the snare of love and go through life without having to deal with the emotional scars most of us have been left with. I had to resort to the teachings of sacred scripture to help make my case, invoking words from the New Testament, that God is love and also of what Paul the Apostle wrote in his dissertation to the Corinthian Church (1 Cor 13) positing that every Christian experiences faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these three is love. Our very salvation history is grounded in the love God showed for us his creation, by sending his Son Jesus to die for our sins and yes the Christ used the concept of love as the cornerstone of Christian living – "by this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another." He remained unconvinced saying that we see such little evidence of true Christian love around us and this is why nonbelievers remain cynical of all we preach. Everything is transactional he said and those of us who profess love often use it as a tool to exploit the vulnerabilities of others. Mind you this was a man who had spent the better part of his life preaching on the centrality, significance and importance of love for the believer. I was stunned. I promised myself that I would try to avoid such negativity and not lose faith in the genuineness of this natural human emotion we call love.

I encountered it all over again when Dorothy Williams and Ella Woodbury came into my life. The opportunities I had to be in their presence assured me that true Christian love still exited, despite what Pastor Gray said, for you felt the love these two sisters held for each other. A love that death has finally brought to an end. They were sisters, but Ella said it was more like a mother and daughter relationship. They were able to experience by the grace of God the true measure of love.

On Tuesday of next week, do come and support Ella as she mourns the passing of her sister, the one who truly gave her the opportunity in this life to love and care right up to the end. May Dorothy rest in peace and rise in glory.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Father, you have made all people with eyes to see you at work in the world, ears to hear you cry out when right suffers wrong, when justice is brought low. Give to the people of our nation courage to stand up for goodness and right-doing in the face of an oppressive spirit, and courage to believe we may restore, in accordance with your gracious will, a light to enlighten the nations and the people with your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

THANK YOU – Fellowship today is sponsored by Neil James in memory of his parents.

We would like to thank Fr. Hugh for taking the time to visit with us. *Dourest and JoAnn Robinson.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECW Tea Committee Members will meet after service today.

African-American Genealogy Meeting today from 2:30-4:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

There will be no Confirmation Class on Saturday, April 21. Classes resume on Saturday, April 28 in the Brooks Room.

April 17 – Funeral service for Dorothy Williams.

April 19 – Said Mass at 12:15 p.m.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT – Bible Study Group will meet Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Brooks Room. The readings for this Wednesday will be Acts 4:5-12, 1 John 3:16-24 and John 10:11-18.

GOOD NEWS OUTREACH MINISTRY – Please remember to bring a food item from the following list: boxed pasta, grits, oatmeal, snacks, broths, soups, spices, baking mixes, flour, sugar, canned fruits & fruits cups. Place food in food gift box in Parish hall. We will bring forward the parish's gifts of food at the offertory the first Sunday each month giving thanks and asking God's blessing upon those who will receive them.

CHOIR NEWS – There will be rehearsal every Sunday morning before Service at 9:15 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 20-22 — Annual Episcopal Church Women Spring Retreat at Camp Weed. **Theme: Restoring Our Souls at God's Kitchen Table**. Guest Speaker is Joy Carol, author, speaker, spiritual director, workshop and retreat leader. Check-in-beings at 4:00 pm April 20, 2018.

Serving today Sunday, April 15

Acolytes:

Pro Hruda, Crucifer Charles Hruda. Torch Bearer **Quinton Laurie Torch Bearer** Collin Laurie, Gospel Book Bearer

Serving next Sunday, April 22

Acolytes:

Daniel Erefah, Crucifer Abigail Erefah, Torch Bearer TJ Frazier, **Torch Bearer** Colton Wasson, Gospel Book Bearer

Chalice Bearers: Pro Hruda, Tangy Williams **Lectors:** Winston Bogan, Hollis Sams, Tyler Sams

Charles Hruda

Greeters: Tashi Williams, Cassandra Gravson

Ushers: Dawn Freeman, Sharal Jugger

Vestry: Linda Dilworth

Chalice Bearers: James Fort, John Gravson Lectors: Cassandra Grayson, Monique Alleyne

Alexis McMillan

Greeters: Lenin Mongerie, Tresia Mongerie

Ushers: Joseph Sams, Nadira Sams

Vestry: Pro Hruda

April Altar Guild:

Delois Brown Shonna Laurie **Delores Grayson** Lauren Sapp Anna White Cassandra Grayson Karen Goodlett **Dorothy Wesley**

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PEACE AND HEALING



Jean Hyche-Jackson, Dourest and JoAnn Robinson, Ophelia and Robert Scarbouah. Dorothy and Eugene Wesley. Rosalyn Greene, Rose Douglas, Jewel Robinson, Williemae Jackson, Joseph Wiley, Carl Murray, Rudolph Hinds,

Cynthia Hinds, Alexes Parker, Robert Roulac, Karen Hardy Clark, Ella Woodbury, Charles Daniels, Randolph Laurel, Joseph Gentle, Glendon Niewenkirk, Kenrick Baynes, Jessie Laurel, Hattie Olivia Scott, Rev. Canon Dr. David J. Weidner, Ella Brown Albright, Catherine Rand, Richard Corpening, Tyrone Gayle, Clifford Willabus, Al Wehner, David Johnson, Mecie White, Barbara Lee, Sharon Car, Sam Oliver Sr., Linzie Bogan II, Clark Bogan, Dr. Derek Spencer and Nia Phelps.

A special a petition

For the repose of the soul of Dorothy Williams who passed on April 10. She was the mother of Kevin Williams and sister of Ella Woodbury. Homegoing on Tuesday, April 17 at 11:00 am. Public viewing from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Repass immediately after service in Parish Hall and Grave Side Ceremony at 1:30 pm at Abbey Memorial Gardens, off North Monroe.

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE TWO

Instrumental Prelude Monique Alleyne, organist

Opening Prayer

For the Human family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

H493, O for A Thousand Tongues To Sing Processional Hymn Azmon

THE WORD OF GOD

355 **Opening Acclamation**

The Collect of the Purity

Kyries

The Peace

Collect for the Day

The Lessons Acts 3:12-19

> Psalm 4 1 John 2:1-7

H193 v 1-2, That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright **Peur Nobis** Gradual Hymn The Holy Gospel Luke 24:36b-48 The Reverend Cal Goodlett

H193 v 3-5 Sequence Hymn

The Sermon The Reverend Cal Goodlett

The Nicene Creed 358 The Prayers of the People Form III 387

Nolan

Confession of Sin and Absolution 360 May The Peace Of The Lord

> May the peace of the Lord bring Joy, Comfort, Hope, Rest, Life May the peace of the Lord surround you

May the peace of the Lord go with you

Joint Address by Kate Wasson and Kathleen Rodgers

Samuel Wesley Offertory Lead Me Lord

Doxology & Procession L56, Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow Hatton

Presentation of the Offering – prayer to be said

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit, a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presentation Hymn L65, Bless the Lord Crouch The Great Thanksgiving 361 Sanctus The Lord's Prayer 364 The Breaking of the Bread 364 Fraction Anthem Prayer of Humble Access

HOLY COMMUNION

Glory To His Name Communion Hymn 1 A248, Down At The Cross Communion Hymn 2 A249, He Looked Beyond My Fault Londonerry Aire

Meditation Hymn

365 Post Communion Prayer

Birthday, Anniversary, Travel Prayers

Announcements

Benediction

Recessional Hymn **A303**, In the Name of Jesus Congregational Praise Song

Instrumental Postlude

Dismissal

H=1982 Hymnal (blue) A=African American Hymnal (ivory)

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL

We extend a warm welcome to our quests. Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are without a church home, we invite you to join our church family. Please sign the quest register, include your home address, phone number and, if you would like to receive the monthly newsletter, news of special events and other happenings, please also add your e-mail address.

OUR VISION is to be a cornerstone for serving the spiritual needs of the greater Tallahassee community, extending an eternal invitation to join our caring parish and to enrich the spiritual life of all people as we journey with Christ.

OUR MISSION is to experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ by feeding the mind, body and spirit of our community in fellowship and service.

HOLY COMMUNION: All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive the real and living presence of Christ in Holy Communion. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered. If you prefer, you may leave the Bread on your palm for the person administering the chalice to dip into the Wine and place on your tongue. All persons are welcome to give thanks for God's blessings at the altar rail, simply crossing your arms at the wrist with fingertips extending upward towards your shoulders.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!



Isodora Henry (4/17), Ama Erefah (4/18), E. Newton Jackson (4/20).

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace, which passeth understanding, abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A prayer for Daniel and Cassandra

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church; Send therefore your blessing upon Daniel and Cassandra, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their dwelling may be a haven of blessing and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.