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## Announcements for the Month of March

### Holy Week and Easter Schedule



#### **Palm Sunday, March 24**

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| 8:00 AM  | Holy Eucharist, Rite I                         |
| 10:30 AM | Holy Eucharist, Rite II, procession with palms |

#### **Wednesday in Holy Week, March 27**

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| 11:00 AM | Rite of Reconciliation |
| 11:30 AM | Stations of the Cross  |
| 12:00 PM | Celtic Eucharist       |

#### **Maundy Thursday, March 28**

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| 7:00 PM | Holy Eucharist w/foot washing and stripping of the altar |
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#### **Vigil**

#### **Good Friday, March 29**

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| 12 Noon | Stations of the Cross |
| 7:00 PM | Good Friday Liturgy   |

#### **Easter Eve, March 30**

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| 9:00 AM  | Holy Saturday Liturgy                    |
| 10:00 AM | Flower Workshop (ASH)                    |
| 7:00 PM  | The Great Vigil of Easter: Bring a bell! |

#### **Easter Sunday, March 31**

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| 8:00 AM  | Holy Eucharist, Rite I               |
| 9:30 AM  | Easter Craft Party & Easter Egg Hunt |
| 10:30 AM | Holy Eucharist, Rite II              |

**Those celebrating birthdays this month:** Bob Massey 3/9, Missy Pixton 3/10, Betsy Warne 3/11, Melissa Jackson 3/16, Debbie Garland 3/17, Mary Ann Svare 3/19, Janet Jennings 3/20, Roy Smith 3/22, Paul Christensen 3/30.

Is your birthday or anniversary missing from this list? Please email Denise at [secretary@christchurchspotsy.com](mailto:secretary@christchurchspotsy.com).

**Bible Study** meets on Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom and continues to meet weekly. You do not need to have joined us for our previous studies to join us this year. All are welcome regardless of familiarity with scripture. We laugh a lot and learn a lot.

<https://zoom.us/j/96814967129?pwd=T3o5aEZGSgZlOVd5UkFYTVBoMWpjZzo9>

Meeting ID: 968 1496 7129

Passcode: 027752

**Sunday Spirituality Discussions.** We are reading and discussing the work, [The Hiding Place](#). If you would like to join us, we will meet in the Great Hall Sundays at 9:15 a.m.. If you can't make it, you can join us online at the link below.

[ZOOM meeting](#)

<https://zoom.us/j/95690154404?pwd=QUxnUDlHYoJXTzBzMmhkVnZQaUNKZzo9>

Meeting ID: 956 9015 4404

**Confession** will be offered at 11am on Wednesdays during Lent, followed by the **Stations of the Cross** at 11:30 am, and the **Celtic Eucharist** at 12 Noon.

**“Souper Bowl Fridays”** continue to be held each Friday in Lent until Friday, March 22nd, at 6 pm in All Saints Hall. Come fill your mind, body and spirit this Lent with delicious, warm, homemade soup and bread, and then conclude the evening with a sung Compline to follow in the church. Please sign-up in the Communications Center if you are coming, AND if you are able and/or willing to make homemade soup or provide some rolls or bread.

**St. Patrick’s Day dinner.** You don't have to be Irish! Sunday, March 17th is St. Patrick's Day and the ECM will be hosting corned beef and all the fixins. Come join us in ASH from 5:30 til 7:00. The meal is free....donations warmly accepted.

**Spring Cleaning Day.** We will have a Spring Cleaning Day on Saturday, March 23rd, 9AM - Noon(ish). Come and help us make Christ Church shine for Easter!

**Easter lilies.** We will adorn our church this season with lovely Easter lilies. If you are interested in having one or more lilies placed in the church in memory/honor/thanksgiving of someone, please print your name and message on the form found in your March 10/17 bulletin, or in the Communications Center. Donations are optional (write Altar Guild on the memo line.) You may either drop the form in the collection plate on Sunday, mail your form to Denise Symonds, Christ Church, 8951 Courthouse Rd, Spotsylvania, VA 22553, or send your

information in an email to [secretary@christchurchspotsy.com](mailto:secretary@christchurchspotsy.com). Deadline is Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024.

**Do you have items to sell (that you don't want to donate to the Thrift Shop)?** If so, consider renting a space on the front lawn during the Christ Church Plant and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 27th. There are 25 spaces available with each space measuring approximately 15 x 15. The rental fee for parishioners is \$15 per space (\$25 for 2 spaces). For non-parishioners, the rental fee is \$20 per space (\$35 for 2 spaces). If you would like to rent a space(s), please stop by the Thrift Shop on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday between 10:00am and 4:00pm. Please know that all monies received for lawn rentals goes back to Christ Church to support our Outreach ministries. We plan to reach out to our past vendors within the next few weeks and will be advertising the Spring Fling on Facebook so please stop by the Thrift Shop soonest to reserve your spot.

**Online Giving** - Our new church software offers three ways of giving to Christ Church. There is a new QR code in the bulletin, a new donation page (give page) linked to our Friday eblast and on our [website](#). We also offer a new Text-to-Give option (Text CCSPOTSY to 73256). These ways of giving are great for one-time donations such as Easter lilies, or for reoccurring donations such as a pledge or the discretionary fund. You may always donate by way of check and cash. Contact the office if you have any questions about online giving.

**ECM.** The ECM monthly meeting will be on Saturday, March 16, from 8:00a.m. until 9:00 a.m. We will begin with Mass, have a light breakfast, a short meeting, and conclude with Bible study on John 12:20-33. We look forward to growing our membership in support of each other and the parish.

**The ECW Meeting and Birthday Lunch** will be Tuesday, March 19, 12:30pm, at Four Seasons Restaurant, 10660 Patriot HWY, Fredericksburg. We will be celebrating birthdays for Debbie Garland and Betsy Warne. Don't forget the time change of our meeting and your birthday cards.

**ECW Thank Offering.** The ECW will be taking up a collection in September for their Thank Offering which will benefit the Central Virginia Justice Initiative. Operating since 2014, this Fredericksburg area non-profit has expanded its services from education, prevention, training and advocacy to include crisis support, referrals and case management for survivors of human trafficking, especially commercial sex trafficking. We provide emergency backpacks and transportation within Virginia to a safe shelter. CVJI is a founding member along with Rappahannock Area Council Against Sexual Assault of the Planning District 16 Human Trafficking Task Force which is working to provide better access to services (e.g. housing) for survivors. CVJI is also an advisor for Virginia Coalition Against Human Trafficking which advocates for survivor-centered human trafficking legislation. CVJI relies on trained and screened volunteers. We welcome people who are interested in volunteering with us. Contact us by phone or at [JusticeCVA@gmail.com](mailto:JusticeCVA@gmail.com) for more information.

**Vestry Minutes can be found in the Friday newsblast.** Vestry meetings are held every fourth Sunday of the month at 12:30pm.

**Forward Day by Day** (February/March/April) is available in the Communications Center. If you would like to a copy, either small or large print, grab one after service; or, if you need one brought to you let Fr. Daniel know at [rector@christchurchspotsy.com](mailto:rector@christchurchspotsy.com).

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**Signup for Diocesan E-news.** The Diocese of Virginia invites our parishioners to [signup for diocesan e-news](https://www.thediocese.net/news-and-events/), <https://www.thediocese.net/news-and-events/>. The diocesan e-news has taken on even greater importance since the diocese discontinued the printing of the Virginia Episcopalian. For many parishioners, the quarterly magazine was their primary way to hear news of the larger church and to experience their connection to other churches in the diocese.