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APRIL PARISH MEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

April is Usher Team : Pete J., Ron H., Joanne M., Valerie M., John M., Jim Saunders, Lloyd S., Peter W., Leslie W., George W.

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
<u>Acolytes</u>				
8:00	Graham B.	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Neil G.
9:00	Corey K. Tommy M. Megan Z.	Elsie G. Graham B. Maria B.	Claire C. Roberta F. Sarah C.	Kristen K. Harrison F. Michael F.
11:00	Claire C. Roberta F. Sarah C.	John Pierce D. Emily L. Sarah L.	Elsie G. Neil G. Alexa L.	Meredith R. Will L. Ward L.
<u>Chalicians</u>				
8:00	Mike L.	Bill M.	Jayne S.	Jayne S.
9:00	Jan G.	Georgeanne J.	Thad K.	Bob W.
11:00	Bob W.	Keith A.	Alan B.	Keith A.
<u>Lay Readers</u>				
8:00	Lee M. Tom G.	Bill M. Chris A.	Sharon S. Erika S.	Suzy W. Rob W.
9:00	Megan Z. Jonathan S.	Justine B. Maureen H.	Need Volunteer Walt T.	Audrey V. Harrison F.
11:00	Bettie J. Jim L. Ralph H.	Don W. Rich D. Allen B.	Don C. Rob G. Bob M.	Gail H. Larry S. Bob S.

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE KEY



APRIL 2011

"Called together in Christ, Transformed by God's grace, Sent out to serve."

FROM THE RECTOR

TULIPS

For a few short weeks in the spring, my favorite flower, the tulip, emerges from the earth. I have no idea why or how the tulip became my favorite flower.

To be honest, I am not a person who regularly stops to admire the flowers or even to "smell the roses." I also am not a gardener, although I have made sporadic attempts over the years to plant and maintain a vegetable patch in my backyard. There is, however, something about tulips that makes me sit up and take notice. Perhaps it is the sheer variety of tulips with their wide array of splendidly bright colors that makes them so appealing to me, or perhaps it is the shape and composition of the petals. Maybe it is the fact that their shiny petals, at once so sturdy and so frail, are on splendid display for only a few weeks a year and this makes their annual appearance so noteworthy.

Although tulip bulbs appear outwardly to be hardy, they do not always bloom as expected. When we lived in North Carolina, we often had to plant new bulbs each fall to be sure that we would have tulip flowers in the spring. This probably was due to the fact that the ground had not been sufficiently frozen during the winter months. When they don't bloom, they send up a disappointing single leaf, a telltale sign that nothing more is to be expected. We will have tulips blooming in our backyard this spring. I made sure of it

by planting over one hundred bulbs over the last few years. Now I am waiting impatiently to see the results.

Tulips seem to have originated in central Asia and the Caucasus. They began to be exported to Europe in the mid-16th century. They soon became spectacularly popular there. In Amsterdam between 1634 and 1637 there was massive speculation on the price of tulip bulbs. During the time of "Tulipomania" some tulip bulbs sold for more than the price of a handsome townhouse, making them even more expensive than some rare orchids today. Fortunes were made and ruined by speculation on tulips.

In northern climates, Easter coincides with the arrival of spring, the time when the newly blooming flowers and budding trees emerge from an earth that for so many months had seemed lifeless. Because of the juxtaposition of Easter and the arrival of spring, it is easy for us to see how Easter can function as a symbol of the hope of new life emerging from death.

Easter, however, is more than the seasonal renewal of nature. On Easter Day we celebrate a supernatural event, that God raised Jesus who had been crucified from the dead, giving the promise of new life to us and to all we love. When Jesus spoke of his death and resurrection in the gospel of John, he employed the metaphor of plant life. "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of

DATES TO NOTE:

- 1,8,15 - Women's Lenten Bible Study
- 2,9,16,30 - Icon Writing
- 5,12 - Regional Lenten Program
- 5 - First Tuesday Meetings
- 6,13,20,27 - Adult Choir Practice
- 6,20 - Godzilla
- 7 - SOME
- 7,14,21,28 - Thursday Ears
- 7,13,20,28 - Handbell Choir Practice
- 8,29 - Meals on Wheels
- 11,25 - Prayer Group
- 11 - Finance Committee Meeting
- 12 - Second Tuesday Meetings
- 15 - Key Articles Due
- 17 - Senior High Group
- 19 - Lunch Bunch
- 19 - Vestry Meeting
- 21 - Seder
- 22 - Good Friday Liturgy & Mass of the Pre-sanctified (Noon & 7:30 p.m.)
- 22 - Children's Stations of the Cross (6 p.m.)
- 23 - Easter Vigil (7:45 p.m.)
- 24 - Easter Sunday
- 29,30 - Shrine Mont

wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24). While this biological metaphor may be helpful to our understanding of the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection, it can easily lead us to a poorly developed theology concerning our Easter faith.

The resurrection of the crucified Jesus from the dead is more than a metaphor for new life born out of death or loss. It is the story of a mighty act of God both in and outside our human history. In his sermon on the day of Pentecost, Peter proclaimed that "God raised this Jesus whom you crucified...from death, having freed him from death because it was impossible for him to be held in its power" (Acts 2:24, 36).

When the tulips reappear in the spring, I give thanks to God for the beauty of the created order. When I think

about the resurrection of Jesus, however, I know that biological metaphors cannot capture the meaning of the Easter event or its magnitude. Jesus' resurrection is nothing like a bulb that sends forth a flowering shoot each year, but rather an act of God in the past that continues to give us hope in the present and in our future.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. Dr. Craig A. Phillips

PARISH NEWS —

SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN PROGRAM EVENT APRIL 10, 5:00 TO 7:00 P.M.

The Sunday School is partnering with Doorways, an Arlington organization that provides safe homes for abused women and transitional housing for homeless families. The children will be collecting items throughout Lent for a family their class has been assigned. The event will culminate on Sunday night, April 10, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We will sort and box things for delivery to Doorways and have some fun activities for all. Please plan on attending.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN

Parents, we will have a Stations of the Cross for children on Good Friday, April 22, at 6:00 p.m. The children will walk through the last day of Jesus' life. The story is told in an age-appropriate manner using things to see and touch. Please try to juggle your schedules to have your children here at 6:00 for this important and meaningful event. Weather permitting, we will begin our journey in the outdoor chapel.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, April 21

6:00 p.m. - Seder (Please sign up ahead of time. Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex.)

Good Friday, April 22

12:00 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy and Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

6:00 p.m. - Children's Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy and Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

Holy Saturday, April 23

7:45 p.m. - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 24

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:00 a.m. - Children's Easter Egg Hunt (Fourth Grade and under)

11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PARISH NEWS (CONT.) —

CELL PHONE COLLECTION

Please bring your old cell phone to church on Sundays during Lent. NO chargers please; JUST the phone. It does not have to work. The Sunday School is collecting them and giving them to Doorways, an Arlington non-profit that provides safe houses for abused women and transitional housing for homeless families. Doorways receives money for each phone collected. There will be a drop-off box in the narthex. Remember, JUST the phone—NO chargers!

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL/REBUILDING TOGETHER 2011: SATURDAY, MAY 7

For the last 22 years, St. Peter's parishioners have gathered, rain or shine, at the home of an Arlingtonian to paint, clear, clean and repair that home so that the owner can remain there in comfort and safety. With a late Easter this year, and Shrine Mont at the end of April, Rebuilding Together (Christmas in April) has said St. Peter's may do the work on May 7. This allows as many families as want to participate in Christmas in April 2011 to also go to Shrine Mont. However, Rebuilding Together has not yet assigned us a house so we can't provide details on either the scope of the work or the homeowner at this time. We ask that you set aside time and reserve the date.

WHEN: Saturday, May 7, 2011; 8 a.m. until we're done (usually about 3:30 p.m.). Come as early as you can, stay as long as you can.

WHERE: We'll have signs in the Narthex, e-mails, and notes in the weekly Goldenrod insert after the first of April.

WHAT: You can count on painting, light carpentry, fixing windows, general cleaning, landscaping, and at least one major project like floor repair, deck installation, or construction of a ramp.

CAN YOU HELP? As our veterans know, no skills are required. We encourage our youth to participate but ask that those under the age of 16 be accompanied by an adult.

MORE INFORMATION: There will be a sign-up list in the Narthex after the first of April. If you have a question, call or e-mail your House Captains, Tony P., Allen S., or Bruce J.

FINAL ST. PETER'S MUSIC CONCERT

Concerts at St. Peter's will close its 2010-2011 season on June 12, 2011, with a 4:00 p.m. keyboard concert featuring our own Emily Koons. Musical selections were still being finalized as this went to press, but the program is expected to feature organ and piano works by J. S. Bach, Franz Liszt (it is the 200th anniversary of Liszt's birth this year), Franz Schubert, Henri Mulet, Louis Vierne, and Jehan Alain. We are pleased to be able to highlight Emily as well as our fabulous organ and our new Steinway piano, and we hope you will plan to attend!

LAY VISITOR TRAINING, MAY 24, 7-9 P.M.

Would you like to occasionally go visit a fellow parishioner who may be sick, lonely, having a rough time or just had a new baby? The Pastoral Care Commission would like to train some folks to be able to do this. It would greatly augment the way we care for one another at St. Peter's. We'll talk about the purpose of the visit and how to get in and out the door as well as some listening skills. You do not have to make a specific time commitment or agree to make a certain number of visits. This is a ministry that can easily fit the most challenging schedule. Please note: this is not for lay Eucharist ministers or Stephen Ministers. These are just casual, friendly visits. The training will be May 24, 7-9 p.m. There is a very easy to read text at a cost of \$15. Please sign up with the Rev. Ann Martens if you are interested.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, MAY 15, 7:00 P.M.

The Pastoral Care Commission will offer a Service of Remembrance on Sunday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m. This service is for folks who have lost a loved one at any time, or would simply like to remember those who have died. It is a beautiful service, filled with prayer and candlelight, along with a reading of names of the deceased. Jim S. will be providing the music. A reception will follow in the chapel.

PARISH NEWS (CONT.)—

NEW LEGACY CAMPAIGN: KICKING INTO HIGH GEAR


Since February 17, the campaign steering committee has been meeting each Thursday evening to prepare materials, recruit visitors, and plan for the kickoff on March 26. After the kickoff, the committee will be in the full-scale process of making campaign visits.

“Visitors” will be fellow members who will call to set appointments with each member household. Campaign visitors will have to make their own pledges and receive training in “the right way to visit” before going forth. They will provide an attractive and educational booklet to each household. Thus far, those conducting visits have been almost uniformly welcomed. Those who accept this calling will extend the invitation to their fellow members to meet at their homes or at church or anywhere else where a half hour of quiet time can be used for a presentation. This demonstrates more commitment to the church than merely sending out letters or making phone calls. Through this method, we hope to provide every member household with the personal opportunity to learn about the planned renovations and enhancements and prayerfully consider making a pledge of support. If you have not yet received a visitor’s call by the time you receive this newsletter, you will in the very near future. When your visitor calls, please receive him or her with St. Peter’s hospitality. You’ll be glad you did.

New Legacy
Campaign Steering Committee:
Campaign Co-Chairs

Tootie K.
Peter M.

Advance Gifts

Bob M.
Bob W.

Leadership Gifts

Kathi A.
Glenna W.

Pace Setters

Bruce J.
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Michael L.

Publicity

Catharine G.

Building Liaison

Bill S.

Campaign Treasurer

Doug B.

Memorials

Blair F.

The Rev. Dr. Craig A. Phillips

VESTRY NEWS —

March 15 Vestry Meeting Highlights

At its March meeting, St. Peter's vestry:

- Approved changes to our insurance coverage recommended by the Finance Committee that reflect increases in the following:
 - Value of the property
 - Value of the silver
 - Fiduciary risk associated with the Capital Campaign
- Accepted the following documents related to the audit of St. Peter's finances for 2007 and 2008:
 - Independent Auditor's Report from Clifton Gunderson LLP
 - Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control from Clifton Gunderson LLP
 - Treasurer's Comments on Internal Control Report
- Accepted an offer of engagement with Clifton Gunderson LLP to perform a combined audit of St. Peter's finances for 2009 and 2010. Clifton Gunderson LLP performs our audits pro bono, saving a substantial amount of money per audit.
- Received a briefing on the work of two outstanding Mission Commission activities: Rebuilding Together Arlington/Fairfax/Falls Church (RTAFF) and the South Africa Mission Team.
- Received from the Treasurer the final Profit & Loss Budget Performance Report for January-December 2010 showing that the church ended 2010 with Net Ordinary Income of \$25,157.98.
- Received from the Treasurer the Profit & Loss Budget Performance Report for February 2011.
- Received an update from Peter M., New Legacy Campaign Committee Co-Chair, on the membership of the Committee and their activities at their February 17, February 24 and March 10, 2011, meetings.
- Approved Allen B., Jack S., Katherine G. and Larry S. as our Lay Delegates to Annual Diocesan Council.
- Approved the 2010 Parochial Report to the Diocese outlining our Membership, Attendance, Services, Stewardship and Financial Information.
- Received a letter from the Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D., Dean and President of the Virginia Theological Seminary, thanking St. Peter's for its gift of \$1,466.68 to the Seminary's Annual Fund.

The next meeting of the Vestry will be on Tuesday April 19, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

COMMISSION NEWS —

MORE THAN MONEY: STEWARDSHIP OF ALL OUR RESOURCES

Recycling, finance, sustainable development, energy efficiency, planned giving—if you harbor an interest in any of these topics but have never thought of yourself as interested in stewardship, you might want to reconsider. Stewardship is about how we use and care for all the resources God puts at our disposal. It's about more than money, hence the timeworn stewardship slogan, "give of your time, talent, and treasure."

Even the "treasure" in "time, talent, and treasure" is about more than money, though. It includes natural resources like water and the environment, and tangible items like our building, grounds, and furnishings. Whenever we make decisions about the upkeep of our building, about the use of our beautiful grounds, about what we dispose of and what we reuse, or about how we care for any of our resources, we are making those decisions as stewards.

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COMMISSION NEWS —

Stewardship at St. Peter's is concerned with how the people of St. Peter's use and care for a variety of resources. An annual pledge to the church is a key component in how the people of St. Peter's address the stewardship of the resources God has provided to them, so one of the main tasks of the Stewardship Committee is to oversee the yearly pledge drive that generates the church's annual operating funds. But establishing a recycling program for the church's office paper and kitchen trash is a Stewardship issue, too—it really is about more than money.

If you could use an opportunity to get more involved at St. Peter's and find yourself drawn to any of these "use and care" issues, you could consider St. Peter's Stewardship Commission. At St. Peter's the Stewardship Commission is the umbrella under which the Building and Grounds, Finance, and Stewardship Committees operate. The Building and Grounds and Finance Committees are well established (although more help is almost always welcome), but it's been a few years since St. Peter's has had an active Stewardship Committee. We're trying to reinvigorate that committee this year. If you'd like to know more, ask any Vestry member, one of the clergy, or Catharine G., this year's pledge drive chair.

MISSION COMMISSION NEWS

Our annual involvement in Christmas in April/Rebuilding Together will occur on May 7, 2011. We decided to change the day of St Peter's participation from the regular Rebuilding Together day for 2011 (April 30) since the parish retreat to Shrine Mont would conflict.

This year Rebuilding Together in Arlington, Falls Church and Fairfax will rehabilitate 40 homes with assistance from 49 different organizations, including St Peter's. St Peter's has participated for 23 consecutive years. We haven't been assigned a home yet, having deferred until May, but will get one soon. All skill levels are welcome! Please sign up in the Narthex.

The local Rebuilding Together organization is also looking for an Iraq or Afghanistan war veteran living in the Arlington, Fairfax or Falls Church area with a home in need of remodeling or rehabilitation. The project to rehabilitate such a home is planned for October.

The South Africa mission committee sent (via a friend traveling to Cape Town) a bundle of new and used children's books for the orphan home. In addition, Gretchen G. and about 12 St. Peter's parishioners are actively working with the Sunday School to draw and color fabric squares and assemble them into quilts. We are making seven of these "love quilts" for the mission group to take to South Africa as gifts for each of the children as well as the house mother, so they know they are loved far and wide. This project is involving the whole church, not just those going on the mission. All the children in the church helped decorate squares and many adults are helping to wash and cut fabric, sew together squares, and then sew the quilt itself.

The committee is working on a special end-of-school-year celebration for the Sunday School that will teach lessons about our mission to help the children in South Africa. The committee is also developing a special training session just for mission participants to help them appreciate the challenges of working in communities living with the legacy of apartheid.

ADULT FORUM —

Adult Forum

Adult Forum sessions on Sundays at 10 a.m. are designed to serve our community by stimulating our thinking and actions in the Christian faith, exploring timely issues in our church and the world, and as an occasion for discussion about the ongoing activities in missions, worship, education and stewardship at St. Peter's. Topics range from aspects of our faith and worship, to books of the Bible, figures in Christian history, ethical dilemmas, and contemporary issues of interest to our community. Discussion leaders come from within our parish community or sometimes are specially invited outside guest speakers, and we try to have two complementary forums to choose from each Sunday.

How You Can Participate

If you have an idea for a topic, feedback on a past topic or would like to volunteer to lead a discussion, please contact Jonathan Sullivan.

Schedule for April

April 3—Fourth Sunday in Lent

Option I: Spiritual Practices, Part 2: A Lenten Prayer Practice—Led by the Rev. Ann Martens

Option II: God and Time, Part 2—Led by Doug Marshall, Jeff Cooper and Jonathan Sullivan

Man was designed by God to live within limits, and chief among those limits is time. From the day we are born we move ever forward with the arrow of time until we die. What is the nature of time and how does it shape our relationship with God? In this multi-part series, we will examine the latest scientific theories to explain how we experience time and what Scripture tells us about time in the context of our relationship to God.

April 10—Fifth Sunday in Lent

Option I: Spiritual Practices, Part 3: Lectio Divina—Led by the Rev. Dr. Craig A. Phillips

Option II: Pacifism and Just War, Part 2—Led by Elyse Gustafson, M.Div.

April 17—Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Plenary Session: Introduction to Holy Week—Led by the Rev. Dr. Craig A. Phillips

April 24—Easter Sunday

No Forums

Arlington Episcopal Lenten Study Series 2011
“In the Beginning Was the Word”

April 5 **“Justice in the New Testament” with the Rev. Katherine Grieb, PhD**

Location: St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 1132 N. Ivanhoe Street

April 12 **“The Living Word in Our Lives As Seen through Art and Poetry”
with Mrs. Peggy Parker**

Location: St. George’s Episcopal Church, 915 N. Oakland Street

Each Tuesday evening session begins with a simple supper at the host church at 6:30 p.m., program for adults at 7:30 p.m., and ends with a short Compline service at 8:30 p.m. Nursery care will be provided. We invite absolutely everyone to attend as many sessions as able!

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Katie E. (2012)
Gary G. (2011)
Barret H. (2011)
Nancy M. (2013)
Peter M. (2012)
Gwyneth R. (2012)
Jonathan S. (2013)

Volunteers:

Treasurer: Don C.
Key Editor: Rob G.

APRIL 2011

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