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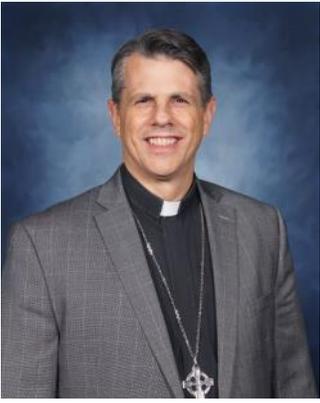
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# RECTOR'S PAGE

From Maundy Thursday to Easter Day:  
What Christ Did and What This Means for Us

Benjamin Franklin once famously said, “In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.” We as Christians may want to tweak this slightly, leaving the subject of taxes out of it, and say: In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except that mankind’s three greatest problems are sin, the devil, and death. That is, while Franklin’s quote is essentially true, our challenges in this life are a bit broader. But this is precisely where the Christian faith can say, Yes, that is true; but we have the answer to these three greatest problems for mankind: Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Savior of the world.

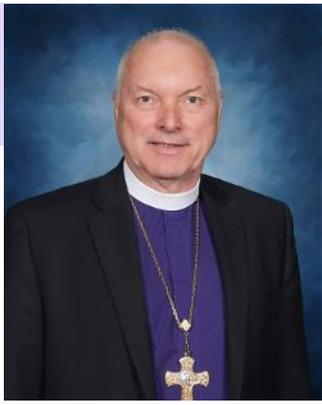
This is exactly what our most holy time of the year is all about. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. But as next week draws to a close, the days become even more significant. That is, from Maundy Thursday to Easter Day, our Lord Jesus faced mankind’s three greatest problems, and offered a decisive solution that should have a tremendous effect on the way that we think and live.

First, let us consider the problem of sin—which our Lord dealt with on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. On the night before He went to the cross, He celebrated the Passover meal with His disciples in the Upper Room. And in the midst of that meal, He spoke of His impending death the next day. But He did so in the context of instituting a new meal, which we call the Lord’s Supper or Holy Communion or the Eucharist. He took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” Then He took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and then gave it to them saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins...”. Clearly, He is setting forth in this meal a memorial of the sacrifice which He would offer the following day on the cross. On Good Friday, Christ Himself was our Passover Lamb (1 Cor 5:7); He fulfilled what St. John the Baptist had said of Him, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” (St. John 1:29). It was on the cross that Christ took away the problem of sin.

Second, we have the problem of the devil, the ancient enemy of mankind. He was the serpent in the Garden who enticed our first parents into rebelling against God. During this Season of Lent, we have talked about how our great adversary came to Jesus after His Baptism, and sought to entice Him into rebelling against God, as he had succeeded in getting Adam to do. However, our Lord Jesus resisted his temptations, and this was the first installment of His victory over the devil. Throughout the course of His ministry, He released those who were oppressed and possessed by demons (the devil’s underlings). But it was after Christ breathed His last breath on the cross that He really overthrew the devil. In seeking to explain what happened after Christ’s death, the church fathers hearkened back to a parable that He told to describe what He was doing in releasing those who were oppressed by demons. Some accused Jesus of acting by the power of the devil. But Jesus said: “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.” (St. Mark 3:23-27). The church fathers taught that this little parable not only explained what Christ was doing during His earthly ministry, they also believed that it was prophetic of what He intended to do after His death. They taught that when Christ died, that He was the “stronger man” who literally entered into the “strong man’s house” (the devil’s house) and plundered his goods. That is, following His death on the cross, Jesus entered into the realm of the dead (sometimes called Sheol, Hades, or Hell), and released those who had died prior to His ministry. Ultimately, He delivered them to heaven with Him and shut the gates of hell permanently for His people. St. John sums up our Lord’s victory succinctly when he writes, “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” (1 John 3:8). Christ has defeated our ancient foe, and one day, He will cast him and his minions into the lake of fire. (Rev 20:10). Holy Saturday has historically been the time when the Church has professed and celebrated our Lord’s triumphant victory over the devil.

Third, we have the problem of death. This was the sanction placed upon mankind all the way back in the Garden (Gen 3), being the punishment for death. “For the wages of sin is death...”—is what St. Paul teaches us (Rom 6:23). But Christ came to unravel death, and in its place, to grant eternal life. This is what Easter Day is all about. It is the day on which Christ arose from the grave, and by doing so, defeated death on our behalf. In his great meditation on the resurrection, St. Paul writes: “But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man [Adam] *came* death, by Man [Jesus Christ] also *came* the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.” (1 Cor 15:20-22). By saying that Christ was the “firstfruits” of the resurrection of the dead, the Apostle is pointing ahead to a full harvest—which will take place on the Last Great Day, when Christ returns in glory—and will raise us up to share eternal life with Him in the New Heavens and Earth.

So, as we draw close to Holy Week, and more importantly, to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Day, these are the mysteries which we should be thinking upon. Our Lord Jesus Christ came to save us—He came to defeat our every foe. He died on the cross, to take away our sins; He descended into hell, to defeat the devil once and for all, and to rescue our forefathers in the faith who had longed for His appearing; and He rose from the grave on the third day in conquest of our final enemy—death. Because of this, death has lost its sting. I pray that as we read the Scriptures and enter into these mysteries in our worship next week, that the good news of Christ will be deeply rooted in our hearts and minds.



# BISHOP'S PAGE

## Moving into Our Growth

Growth often requires moving. The Sutton family knows this very well. I remember how God continued to bless us with more, and more, and yes, more, with new precious little ones, gifts from His hand. That three bedroom house eventually became six! We had to move into and make way for our growth.

We're faced with another growth type of blessing on our campus, particularly in the Edman Building. We are out of space at a time when the school needs to have more room to accommodate its important growth that generates so much additional financial resource for the entire parish! The only way to move into and make way for this growth is to relocate some of our offices. That's what this article is about.

For starters though, we've had to move into and make way for growth before. The Edman Building began as an effort of moving into growth. The wonderful leaders of the parish back in the mid 1990s, led by the excellent Rector at the time, the Rev. David Edman, had the foresight to create a school. But to have a school, there needed to be a facility. Hence, the Edman Building, named after the Rector at the time, was built in 1997.

The school, originally opened under the name Bent Tree Episcopal School, grew rapidly in the late 1990s and early 2000s. In spite of the tragedy of 9-11, BTES continued to grow. At one point, there were approximately ninety children attending our pre-school! The school virtually took up the entire facility. All the parish needed in the Edman Building at that time was an office for the rector, and the secretary, dear Penny Williams.

Then, as the parish started to grow, additional church staff members were added, beginning with an assistant to Penny. Her name is Cathy Heissenhuber. We built a new church. When Penny retired, Cathy became the Church Coordinator and after a while, Amy Brady was hired as her assistant. We also added a curate or two to the clergy staff. A Business Administrator was needed and Bud Longueville was hired. As a result, the Edman Building swelled with office and educational demands.

Then the horrible financial crisis of 2008-10 hit. The situation reversed. Although the parish grew dramatically in those same years, the school, now called Holy Communion Christian Academy, took a huge hit in terms of enrollment. Our school enrollment dropped to the twenties and thirties. The parish carried the school through some challenging years.

As the school had less and less need for space, the parish staff grew. Cranmer Theological House came to campus. We became a cathedral, as well as the diocesan headquarters. To accommodate the additional staff office needs, we remodeled two of the large school rooms into offices for Frs. Charlie, Kasey, Sam, Deacon Marcus, Amy, Jean Baker, and a conference area with a large copier. We continued to move into our growth.

The challenge to grow the school on top of the financial crisis was impacted also when the public schools, and eventually other private Christian schools, added pre-schools to their programs. But the Lord did not forsake us. We added infant care to our program. Once again, the school started to grow under Monica Dalton's excellent leadership. This has brought a significant surplus financially to the parish. This year, prior to the coronavirus crisis, we reached an enrollment of sixty plus students with a waiting list for next year. The potential to reach upwards of ninety children has returned.

The difference today is that families with two-parent wage earners and single parents will always need infant and young childcare. The coronavirus will pass. Even now, many of our parents have jobs that do not allow them to work from home. We will reach those higher enrollment numbers. And if we can expand the school enrollment, it will provide more income so that the parish can add some much-needed additional facilities on campus!

Here's the challenge: we need once again to move into our growth! For the school to grow, we need to remodel the office space back into classrooms. To do this, a number of us have to move our offices. To make the room, I have made the decision to move the denominational and some cathedral office space temporarily off campus.

The Lord has provided an excellent facility just around the corner up Spyglass Drive toward Frankford Road, to allow a temporary re-arrangement of office space. You may have noticed some lovely free-standing, one-story brick office buildings behind the Whataburger and the old Picassos (recently closed) on the Dallas North Tollway service road. The address is: 18170 Dallas Pkwy #103.

The new arrangements will be the following: Cathy, Fr. Kasey, Fr. Sam, Dcn. Marcus and I will move our offices into the new office building around the corner. Fr. Charlie will move into my present office. Gennie will take Cathy's office. I say temporarily because if the school grows, we will have the resources to tackle another building on campus to handle the office, educational, and other (i.e. choir rehearsal area, etc.) needs. Our lease on the new offices is for four years. Good Lord willing, we will be past the current challenges and our school will be approaching those greater numbers once again.

Pray for our upcoming move, which will be starting very soon. I will be moving my office the week after Easter. Cathy and the others will begin to move out soon after that. This will allow Fr. Charlie and others who are staying on campus to move into the other offices. We hope to be fully established with the new office arrangement by May 1. Then in early summer after the school year ends, the school rooms that were converted into offices will once again be remodeled to become classrooms for the school. Here we go again: we're moving into and making way for our growth! With God's help, we'll get there!

# AROUND OUR PARISH



SJB Annual Meeting

Stations of the Cross during the Lenten Series



Lenten Series Soup Supper



The Baptism of Dylan & Lindsay Hollmuller

# OUR CHC COMMUNITY

*pictures from our quarantine*



St. James Brotherhood together virtually for a cigar smoke out



Nelly Naff at her art lesson



The Drakeford's...enough said.

Peg Stiles together with family



Snuggle Time for Annah & Finn Verbeck

# OUR CHC COMMUNITY

*pictures from parishioners*

Patricia Phillpott's granddaughter practicing social distancing with a neighbor!

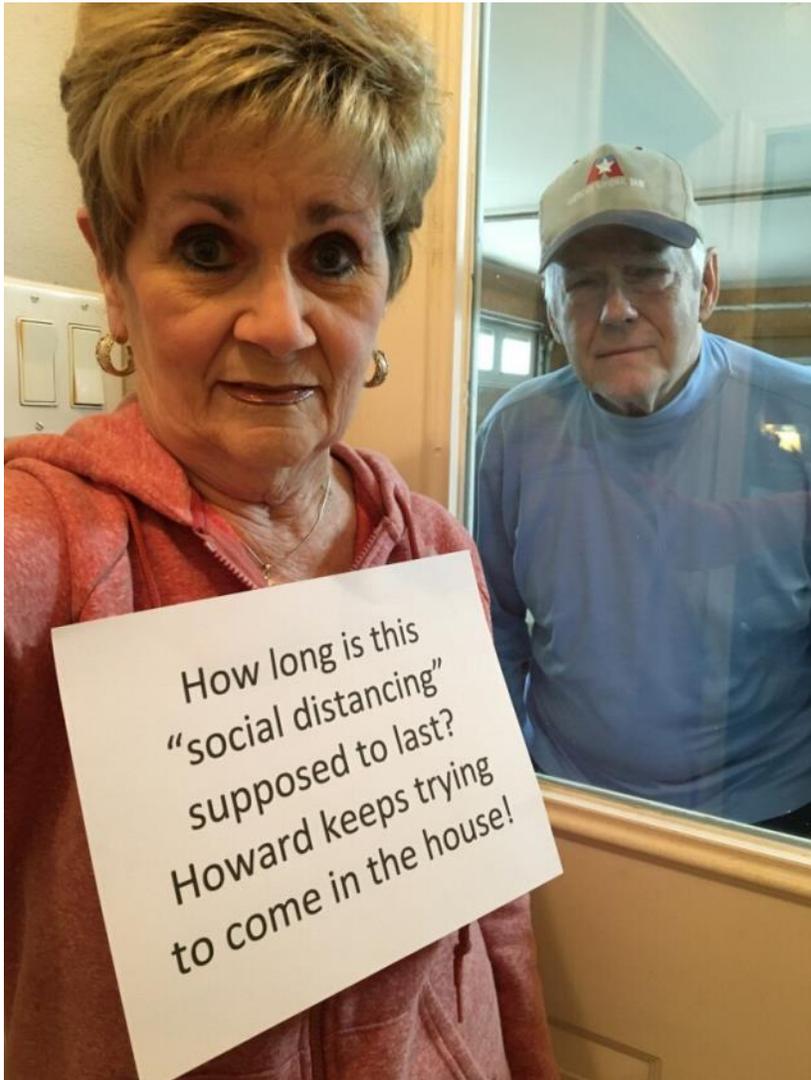


Jess & Chase Bell's Doggie, Calvin

Fr. Sam Steere and Daisy!



Kim Winan's parents provide humor!



Martha & Rudy Schenken's Baby girl, Zoe



Dolly Nowell



Lou, Minny, & Dizzie Nowell

Aaron Nowell Homeschooling and the Nowell Pets.



Doug Nowell

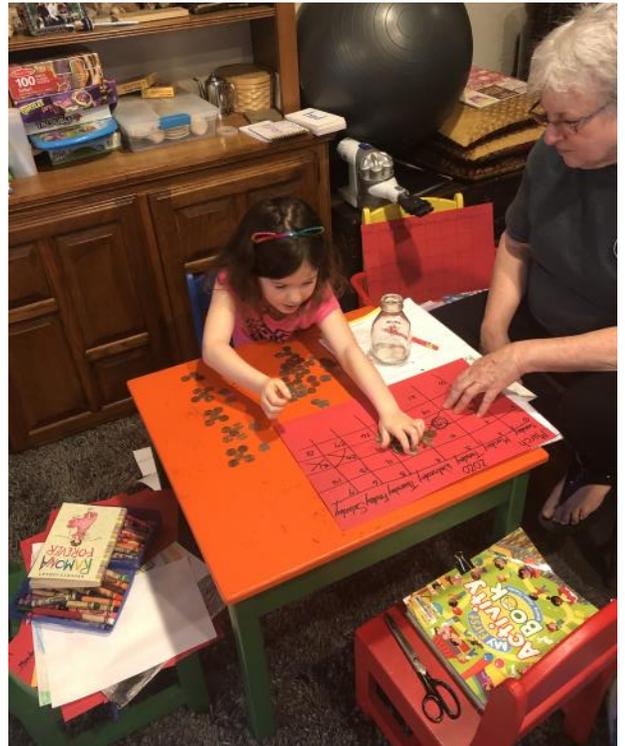


Aaron Nowell



Asher Funk  
Homeschooling  
at St. Timothy.

Oliver Funk



Michelle  
Abney's  
pet  
Sassy



David Shattuck got engaged!



Humor provided by Wynell Esson!



The granddaughters of Jean & Bill Davis have mommy school

Zoe Olson made granola!



Lucy and Gideon Rigall take on quarantine in style





Mr. Boo



Nellie



Trooper



J.P.



Dizzy



The Boettigheimer Kitties

Cheryl Ivers girl, Korkie



Isabella Verbeck has piano by face time



Claire Hardin talks to her mom, Jane Lunt, from her Balcony!



Barbara Mathews is so thankful for the bulb Laurie Aten gave her, It is blooming!.....>>>>



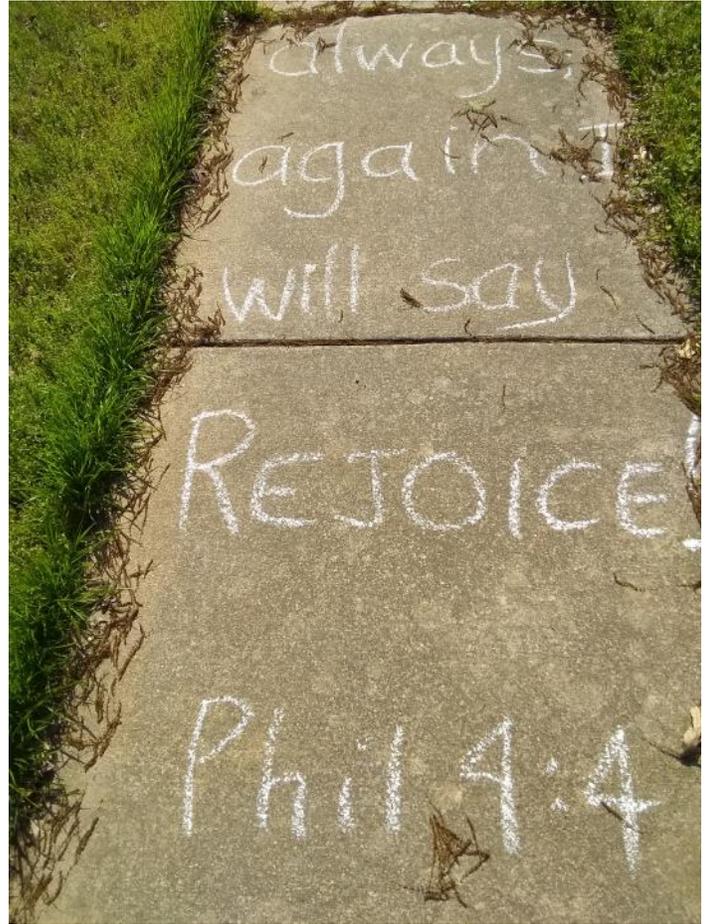
Hans Schnitzler's Altar at home for worship



CHC at Night, Taken by Lauren Furniss



An uplifting message on Kay Denis's Walk



Amelia set up for online classes, Michael doing household projects, & Melinda having hot tea



Abby, Annah, Sophia, Isabella, Nelly, and Victoria go Zoom with their Bible Study



Amelia Brown playing clue & listening to music

# HCCA Enjoying the Outdoors



## **The CHC Prayer Team**

Dedicated people led by the Holy Spirit who raise intercessory prayers for the well being of the Church and parishioners. Each team prays for general requests, CHC parishioners and their specific requests, the REC, and our country. If you are interested in joining the prayer team, please contact Cynthia Longueville.



Connie & Matt O'Hara

Apr 03

Jess & Chase Bell

Apr 14

Penny & John Krueger

Apr 20

Adrienne & Jason Charles

Apr 29

Stephanie & Larry Boettigheimer

Apr 30

Kay & Michael Denis

Apr 30

## ***Happy Birthday to You!***

Mar. 23 Jonas Villard  
 Mar. 25 Frank Chavez, Trace Furniss  
 Mar. 26 Kaitlyn Olson, Keira McRae,  
 Ron Stauss  
 Mar. 27 Susan Boone, Sophia Olson,  
 Sandy Steere,  
 Lindsay Hollmuller  
 Mar. 29 Dick Dabold, Bill Donwen,  
 Jeff Hurt  
 Mar. 31 Zoe Olson  
 Apr. 01 Carson Brock  
 Apr. 03 Madeleine Smith  
 Apr. 04 Stephen Rigall  
 Apr. 05 Ruth Carter  
 Apr. 08 Kaleigh Boyd, Alfia Naff  
 Apr. 09 Tad Deupree  
 Apr. 10 Dylan Hollmuller  
 Apr. 11 Malachi Olson, John Rigall  
 Asher Rigall, Bobby Strother  
 Apr. 12 Brett Camlin, Lauriston  
 Crockett III

Apr. 13 Sue Smith, Gracie Tsai  
 Estelle Wilkerson  
 Apr. 14 Lauriston Crockett IV,  
 Mary Kimbrell  
 Apr. 15 Leigh Krog, John Tipton  
 Apr. 16 Alaina Boyd, Victoria Gage,  
 Evan Sheehan, Kerrie Smith  
 Apr. 18 Bud Longueville  
 Apr. 19 Bill Williams  
 Apr. 21 Wayne Gregory  
 Apr. 22 Anthony Pegues  
 Apr. 23 Mel Torres  
 Apr. 24 Naya Nwabunwanne,  
 Diane Sutton  
 Apr. 25 Jay Wolthausen, Judye Murray  
 Apr. 27 Mike Nowell, Peggy Krug  
 Apr. 28 Nathan Krog, Dillon Brunton  
 Apr. 29 Tony Carpenter, Gail Rupley  
 Apr. 30 Emma Lee