



“Church” during COVID-19

LENT 2021

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, TOMS RIVER, NEW JERSEY

LENT OPPORTUNITIES

• ASH WEDNESDAY TELE-SERVICES, 10AM & 7PM

Mother Petrina Pyatt will officiate two Christ Church tele-services on Feb 17. This is the first day of Lent and is marked with a special liturgy. The theme for the day, though not for all of Lent, is that we stand as sinners condemned to die, but for God’s grace. As in years past, the 10am will be in lieu of the weekly Healing Prayer Service. A recording of the 7pm will be posted on the Website and Facebook. Dial: 712-770-5505 and Enter Access Code: 189853#

• LENT MADNESS

If you’re looking for a Lenten discipline that is fun, educational, occasionally goofy, and always joyful, join the Lent Madness journey. Lent needn’t be all doom and gloom. After all, what could be more joyful than a season specifically set aside to get closer to Jesus Christ! For the eleventh year running, Lent Madness is gearing up for the competition in which thirty-two saints do battle to win the coveted “Golden Halo”. And here’s how to participate: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at www.lentmadness.org (or you can sign up to receive daily emails) about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of saintly 16; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. A large bracket will keep track of the winners for each weekday during Lent.

• STATIONS OF THE CROSS, TUESDAYS AT 7PM

These are depictions for the 14 incidents in the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ death from Pilates’ house to being placed in the tomb and rising from the dead.

Each “station” will have a brief reading, response and collect.

This is offered by Christ Church every Tuesday in Lent, Feb. 23 – March 30.

Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86268913186?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86268913186?pwd=YmZXQXFDU3g3aVhMWGxJWkVoZDdOdz09)

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Or Dial: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 862 6891 3186

Passcode: 186184

• CHRIST CHURCH LENT PROGRAM, WEDNESDAYS AT 6:15PM

As has been our tradition, we will again be offering a Lent Program this year. However, this year’s program will be different since it was conceived, designed, and will be led by very familiar voices at our church. The program is called “Pathways to the Divine”. Each week, an individual from the parish will be leading a session exploring a practice that you can use to help develop your relationship with God.

The program will be held on five consecutive Wednesday evenings starting at 6:15PM on February 24th. Each session will be held on Zoom.

Please join your parish family as we come together as a community for this Lenten journey. Deacon Ted will lead the first session titled, “Pathways to the Divine: Guided Meditation”.

Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83466643255?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83466643255?pwd=MmxGQ2dlWkNIRy9EcTc3dTJoWnNzZz09)

[pwd=MmxGQ2dlWkNIRy9EcTc3dTJoWnNzZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83466643255?pwd=MmxGQ2dlWkNIRy9EcTc3dTJoWnNzZz09)

Or Dial: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 834 6664 3255

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More Lent Opportunities on other side...

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- POLLY MOORE, MUSIC DIRECTOR
- ANDREW VAN BUSKIRK, ORGANIST
- SHANON BERRY, CHURCH SCHOOL COORDINATOR

How Can We Pray For You?

- DURING THIS TIME AND ALWAYS, THE CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER GROUPS AND CLERGY ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOUR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS
- PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUEST VIA PHONE, EMAIL, OR MAIL

... Lent Opportunities continued from other side.

• **“COME & PRAY” ON SATURDAYS, 7PM**

The Discipleship Team of Christ Church invites you to participate in the Lenten program “Come, Pray.” led by the brothers of Society of St John the Evangelist community in Cambridge, MA. The series invites you to explore and experience diverse prayer practices. The dates are Saturdays, Feb 20 — March 27.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87001507163>

Or Dial: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 87001507163

Passcode: 123963

• **DIOCESAN LENTEN WOMEN’S RETREAT**

Rolling Back the Stone: Living into the Paschal Mystery
Saturday March 13th, 9am-12:30pm on Zoom.

Register at <http://bit.ly/ECWLent2021>

Join us for a time of spiritual refreshment and insight as we expand our understanding of Christ and use that expanded understanding to plumb the depths of the Paschal Mystery. The Paschal Mystery ... the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ ... is one of the central mysteries of Christianity AND God’s Sacred Pattern for all creation. We will use a format of spiritual teaching and individual and shared reflection. Guided by The Reverend Victoria Pretti

• **2021 LENTEN MEDITATIONS** (provided by Episcopal Relief & Development)

“You are invited to meditate on these reflections daily and to engage the “[Four Steps of Lament](#),” by resting, reflecting, repenting and ultimately being restored to God and to one another. Many of the authors share deeply personal and painful experiences related to a variety of issues including disease, violence, racial injustice and poverty.” The booklet is completely virtual this year. You can view the English and Spanish version of the booklet here www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/ as well as subscribe to receive the meditations daily in your email inbox.

CONFESION

“All may. Some should. None must.”

Please request to speak with a Clergy Member

Voicemail: 732-349-5506

Email: ChristChurch@ChristChurchTomsRiver.org

SCHEDULE of WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAYS, 9:45 AM — LIVE WORSHIP TELE-SERVICE *

Recordings of this Service are posted on the Church Website and Facebook page for listening at your convenience.

The bulletin for this service is emailed weekly.

WEDNESDAYS, 10 AM — LIVE HEALING PRAYER TELE-SERVICE *

The bulletin for this service is emailed weekly.

FRIDAYS, 7:00 AM – LIVE MORNING PRAYER TELE-SERVICE *

This service can be followed on page 80 of your Book of Common Prayer or at <https://www.bcponline.org/>

FOR THOSE WHO PREFER LISTENING IN SPANISH, The Sunday Gospel Reading, a Reflection and Prayers are available weekly on our Facebook page or WhatsApp. To join the WhatsApp group of Christ Church contact Deacon Jose: jmcantos5@hotmail.com

* **TO LISTEN TO A LIVE TELE-SERVICE:** (It is suggested that you call-in a few minutes prior to the service start time)

Dial: 712-770-5505 and Enter Access Code: 189853#

If you have any difficulty, please email or call the church office (leave a voicemail).

PALM SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT!

Save the Date!

More Details will be coming soon!

The Christ Church FOOD PANTRY is OPEN every TUESDAY . . .

... to anyone in need from 9:30am to 12noon.

The pantry is well stocked. If you have any questions at all, or would like to donate or volunteer, please free feel to contact Claire Koerner at 732-600-5709 or Clairekoerner1503@gmail.com.

Thank you, for your support of the CHRIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY.

Virtual “COFFEE HOUR” on Mondays!

Join this Zoom Meeting Here! <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94333201452> and then ENTER PASSCODE: **169772** OR Dial by Phone (audio participation only): **646-558-8656** And then enter the Meeting ID: **943 3320 1452** and then ENTER PASSCODE: **169772**

For those not familiar with ZOOM, it is a video chat room/meeting space. If you have a phone or computer with video/camera functions, you will be able to join in and SEE the faces of your Church Family as well as show us your face. If you are not interested in being visible, having your video off is an option.

If you do not have or are not comfortable using a computer or internet, you can still participate by calling in on your phone. You will still be able to listen and speak to everyone else participating (but you will not have a visual). If you need any help, please let us know!

EASTER “GIVING” TREE

As many of you know, during the month leading up to Easter, Christ Church hopes to collect local store (Shop Rite, Stop n Shop, Walmart, Target, Wawa, Quick Chek) gift cards so we may help families in need of food and gas during the season that approach the church.

If you are able to provide any dollar amount gift card, please mail or drop off to Christ Church. If you are currently not shopping at stores for health safety and still would like to contribute, checks payable to Christ Church with "Giving Tree" in the Memo are gladly appreciated.

We "thank you" for your generosity.
Blessings.