



hungars parish path

CHRIST CHURCH, EASTVILLE - HUNGARS CHURCH, BRIDGETOWN

EASTER

MAY, 2019

Tidings from the Rector

Sisters and Brothers,

I took a late lunch on Monday, and sat down to watch television. And there, mixed in with a television judge, several questionable talk shows, and a whole lot of nothing, was the image of Notre Dame burning in the twilight. How unexpected and sorrowful that Notre Dame Cathedral could be ravaged by fire...and on Monday of Holy Week, no less.

I sat fixed, like a witness to an accident, watching the mass of flame, the huge column of smoke rising into the sky, the spire with its cross totally engulfed in flames...slowly breaking off and falling into the heart of the church. They kept replaying the image; I saw it fall, over and over.

There was no loss of life, thankfully, but the cultural loss of the Notre Dame fire will be substantial: centuries old art, relics of Christianity dating to the early Church, precious stained glass, tapestries, rugs and the furnishings and structures of their worship; the cathedral roof burned and collapsed, destroying everything beneath it, turning priceless, irreplaceable pieces of Christian history into ash.

Sadly, ideologues and pundits didn't resist the urge to make political hay. Even while the cathedral burned, talking heads took time from lamenting the cathedral to criticize the president; it's the times in which we live, I suppose. And Isis, who plotted, and failed, to blow up Notre Dame a few years back, rejoiced, and congratulated God for punishing Christians due to our continuing embrace of "polytheism."

I assumed the cathedral would be a total loss, that there was not enough water in Paris to save anything, but the first pictures of Tuesday showed

that the structure was intact; the cross behind the altar still standing, and the light that filtered through the rose stained glass – miraculously still in place - seemed to make it to glow in the smoldering half-light of early morning. So much is gone, but the church – and the cross – remain.

Cathedrals have burned before, and have been rebuilt, and already Christians throughout the world are rallying to support the Church. Money and support are pouring in from around the world, and undoubtedly Notre Dame Cathedral will stand again, rising out of the ashes that remain, even if it takes decades.

It's hard to believe that such an enduring monument to God's glory, and to the faith of God's people has been so severely damaged. Places like Notre Dame seem to me too holy to fail. And yet, something happened; some small oversight, or mishap or whatever the cause may have been, something happened and one of the grandest structures of Christendom burned.

This is a sobering reminder that no matter how grand or glorifying, everything built by human hands is finite and fragile, as are humans. But thanks be to God, through Christ Jesus, that while structures may tumble and be replaced, the soul is eternal and indelible.

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DID YOU KNOW . . .

. . . that the Coffee Hour lists for May at both churches need some attention. Please check the list and add your name so we can continue this important ministry!

. . . that articles or announcements for the Parish Path should be in the parish office by May 20 for the June newsletter. Information can be delivered in person, by calling the parish office at 678-7837 or by e-mailing the office at hcp parish@gmail.com.



St. Cecelia's Guild is having a Plant Sale in front of Christ Church on Saturday, May 11 from 8 to 12. That same day, the Town of Eastville will have their Annual Spring Yard Sale.



May Meetings

Outreach Committee

**May 1 at 10 am
Hungars Church**

St. Cecelia's Guild

**May 1 at 1 pm
Christ Church**

Hungars Church Vestry

**May 13 at 5 pm
Hungars Church**

Christ Church Vestry

**May 19 at 1:30 pm
Christ Church**

May Concert at Hungars

The Music Ministry Committee will host a concert featuring organist Gustavo Andres and soprano Shannon Jennings Holman on May 12 at 4 pm at Hungars Church. Andres is the organist and choir director at Galilee Episcopal Church. Holman is an award-winning opera singer. The Holy Smokers will provide food for the reception.



Prayers for Members and Friends of Hungars Cure Parish

May Birthdays

- 05 **Laney** Beasley
- 07 **Anne** Mason
- 09 **James** Selph
- 11 **Jim** Arnold
- 13 **Jenna** Raymond
- 15 **Nancy** Gonzalez
Mike Rouke
- 16 **Susan** Enzastiga
- 22 **Joan** Bryan
- 25 **Treavor** Barnes
Zoey Nigh
- 30 **Quincy** Dix

If a person is no longer in need of our ongoing prayers, please let us know or leave a message on the office phone at 757-678-7837. Thank you.



Cure Outreach

At our March Fifth Sunday service we heard from Katie Pittman and Amy Halleck of Kiptopeake Elementary School about the many needs of some of our county's students. Multiple stressors (homelessness, divorce, poverty, violence, hunger) experienced by so many young students can have a significant effect on their ability to learn, and consequently on their ability to succeed throughout their lives. Our two guests remained through coffee hour, where they continued the conversation and picked up more interested volunteers. Hungars Cure has made donations of clothing, high quality pre-packaged snack food, and gift cards to the 2 elementary schools, and through April we are continuing to collect good books in both churches for distribution to children who need them. We're continuing to research needs, ways, and means.

Thanks come to our congregations for the donations of nutritional supplements last month. 152 containers of Glucerna, Ensure, Boost, etc. were delivered on April 3^d to the Eastern Shore Area on Agency. The director of the home services program, which provides "meals on wheels" was extremely appreciative and said every single carton and bottle made a big difference to the recipients.

In May, there'll be collection containers at each church for loose change, to support outreach efforts.

Hungars Cure continues to supply teams of cooks for the Exmore Soup Kitchen each month. March's team served 62 people, and some of those who were served returned not only to say "thanks," but also to ask for the recipe for the excellent main dish! Well done, Mary, Anne, Martha and Nancy.

Please speak to Megan Rose-Jensen if you'd like to participate in a team.

ECW Convocation Meeting

Fifteen Eastern Shore Episcopal Church Women met at St. James, Accomac, on Wednesday, April 17. Some met at 9:30 in the Parish House for greetings and snacks. Rev. Linda Scholer was the Celebrant and Homilist for Holy Eucharist.

The business meeting began with the announcement that our President, Candy Eames, had resigned and that Holy Trinity's ECW had disbanded. With this sad news, Vice President, Nancy Kubar-Page stepped up, became President and conducted the meeting. Minutes from our previous meeting were approved. Treasurer, Lisa Wilkerson, reported a balance of \$588.61. Reports from St. James and Christ Church were read.

Old Business of the ECW Diocesan Bylaw term of office change from 2 to 3 years was once again tabled until the fall meeting. In May at the Diocesan meeting, a vote will be held to accept the revised bylaws.

An offering of \$118 was taken during services and will be given to our speaker. We adjourned to the parish house. Our speaker was Rachel Evans, Executive Director, of No Limits Eastern Shore. This is a private nonprofit brain injury services provider located in Tasley. Their mission is to improve the lives of adult survivors of brain injury on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. They operate No Limits, a day program, and provide information and referral services. The speaker was very informative about services available to adults on the Shore who have experienced a brain injury caused by concussion, stroke, auto accidents, falls, and other ways a healthy brain can be damaged. They help after the patient has been released by their doctors and can continue to help them improve motor skills, speech and socialization.

We enjoyed our lunch furnished by St. James ECW and adjourned.

Hungars Altar Guild Ladies:

We are missing purificators. Please check to see if you have any that need to be returned to the church. Thank you.



SERVANTS SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2019

Please call the Parish Office (678-7837) with changes and substitutions for this roster. Every effort will be made to see that the newsletter and the Sunday bulletins are as accurate as possible. You may leave a message any time of the day or night!

CHRIST CHURCH

Altar Guild

Quincy Dix, Susan Enzastiga
& Bev Leatherbury

Layreaders

May 05	Susan Enzastiga
12	Katty Mears & Bev Leatherbury
19	Pres Trower
26	Charlie Boss

Usher

Ralph Dodd

Coffee Hour

May 05	Sylvia Lurty & Susan Enzastiga
12	Polly Ward & Shirley Jean Lewis
19	Pat & Katharine Holland
26	Open



HUNGARS CHURCH

Altar Guild

Joyce Holland, Randy Childs, Carolyn Sutton &
Elizabeth Long

Layreaders

May 05	Tom Gonzalez
12	Barney Selph
19	Randy Stuart
26	Rick Bingman

Acolytes

May 05	Watson
12	Wehner
19	TBD
26	Watson

Nursery

May 05	Nancy Bisker
12	Sue Thatcher
19	Mary Floyd
26	Randy Stuart

Ushers

May 05	Vivian & Phil Custis
12	Sarah & Rick Bingman
19	Mary & Gee Floyd
26	Jim Townsend & Chris Altieri

Coffee Hour

May 05	Open
12	Open
19	Open
26	Open