

Good News From New Life

April 18, 2024



Easter 4

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

Calendar of Coming Events

April 21 Easter 4,

Bill Kendrick, organ

April 24 Wednesday Group 10:30 am

Worship: Zita

The Women by Kristin Hannah

April 28 Easter 5

May 3-4, Anti-racism training at

St. Paul's Canton.

May 5 Easter 6, Coffee hour

**Team Four: Gladys, Laura,
Judy Rosetti**

May 6 Vestry meeting 6 pm

**May 12 Ascension, Mother's Day,
Taize**

May 18 Parish clean-up day

May 19 Pentecost

Anti-racism Training May 3-4

The diocesan anti-racism training, "Seeing the Face of God in Each Other," will be held at St. Paul's Canton May 3-4. Please see the weekly diocesan news mailing (each Wednesday) which contains a link for registration. No cost for participants.

Taize services 2nd Sundays

The beautiful candle-lit worship services in the manner of Taize are held on second Sundays at 7 pm, led by Bo Iole with musical accompaniment by Adam Keeler, classical guitar. The next service will be May 12, Mother's Day.

The Taize Community is located in southern France and is entirely ecumenical. All the music is in the form of meditative chants, many in Latin as a common language. Brother Roger of the community states, "From the depths of the human condition, a secret aspiration rises up. Caught in the anonymous rhythms of schedules and timetables, men and women of today are implicitly thirsting for an essential reality, for an inner life. Nothing is more conducive to a communion with the living God than a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends and that continues in the silence of one's heart when one is along again."

Bill Kendrick this Sunday

Bill Kendrick, long-time organist at St. Paul's Canton, is retired but likes to keep his hands in the Episcopal liturgy. We are honored to have him as our organist this Sunday. He will also play on July 7 and August 11.

Episcopal Minute: St George

Saint George's feast day is April 23, but you won't find him listed in our book of saints, *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*. Our book changes often (about every three years, when General Convention meets), but I don't think Saint George ever made the cut. Perhaps we found that dragon story a bit off-putting. Maybe the stories about him sound a little too miraculous.

The English, however, are very fond of Saint George, and invoke him now and then (memorably, in Shakespeare's Henry V, when Henry gave an inspiring speech to his troops ending with, "God for Harry, England, and Saint George!" Very stirring. In fact, Saint George is the patron saint of England, and his cross, looking rather like a mighty crusader cross, is red and formed in the traditional Roman cross shape. You may see this cross on the British flag, overlaid (or underlaid) by the diagonal cross of Saint Andrew, patron saint of Scotland.

So what's with the dragon? Surely a story to show braveness and valor. Occasionally one sees artwork of Saint George and the dragon, not to be confused with Saint Michael and Satan, who is often portrayed as a dragon too. How to tell them apart? Michael has wings.



Coffee Hour Teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie 6/2

Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn 7/7

Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie 8/4

Team 4: Gladys, Laura, Judy R 5/5

Wednesday services

Rev Barbara offers brief worship services on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor.

April 24: Zita of Tuscany

May 1: Sts. Philip and James

May 8: Julian of Norwich

**May 15: Frances Perkins and
Thurgood Marshall**

May 22 No service

Vestry Goals

Vestry met April 6 to set goals and consider the College of Congregational Development (CCD).

The CCD is a new emphasis of the diocese, announced at Convocation in February. A concept that New Life is familiar with, it was also the subject of Rev. Barbara's doctorate. She urged vestry to include Congregational Development in its goals for the year, and also to send a representative to the first session, which will take place at Bellwether Farm in August.

Goals for 2024, set by vestry:

1. Consciously enter into congregational development process.
2. Continue to develop relational experiences in the local community.
3. Improve the physical plant of our building.

Next vestry meeting is May 6. If you are interested in participating in any of these areas, please talk to a vestry member, or attend the next meeting.

DONATE BOOKS*

*Also CD's, DVD'S, Games, Puzzles, Audio Books, Vinyl Records

For Friends of the Library Book Sale Donation Drop Off Days at New Life's Parlor on or before May 3, 2024

Items not accepted: cassette tapes, textbooks, dictionaries, research materials or manuals, encyclopedias, VHS tapes, magazines, or damaged items.

FISH Items for 2024

Please bring items to church for the FISH pantry! Any of these items can be donated during any month, but the following schedule is suggested.

April Cleaning products, dish soap

May Cereal

June Canned fruit

July Shampoo

August Fruit juice

September Cleaning products

October Cereal

November Pasta and pasta sauce

December Instant potatoes

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Many families who have loved ones who are patients at Childrens' Hospital have the need for housing. We can help support these families by bringing our recycled tabs from soda cans, fruit and vegetable cans, even pet food cans. In addition, they accept old keys. Please consider saving these items and bring them to church. There is a container in the parlor on the big desk to deposit your metal item listed. This is an ongoing project so keep saving and bringing your items. Thank you.

Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

Please send items by Tuesday evening to Barbara. RevBLBond@msn.com

Picnic scheduled

Save the date! New Life's annual picnic will be Sunday, Sept. 22.

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

4/20 – 26 Rita

4/27 - 5/3 Terri

Readers

April 21 Bo

April 28 Pete

Counters

Week of April 21 - Andrea , Jan

Week of April 28 - Susan, Julie

Week of May 5 - Jan Julie

Week of May 12 - Jan, Andrea

Week of May 19 - Andrea, Julie

Week of May 26 - Susan, Jan

Vestry In Charge

April 21 Julie

April 28 Pete

Healers

April 21 Charlyn

April 28 Amy

Acolyte

April 21 - Kathy

April 28 - Jan

Deacon's Dismissal

Rev Josh Butler

I received a gift, a pocket-sized book, "Prayers, New and Old." I took it along to visit a man in trouble, some contretemps with housemates and a run-in with the law. He vented. I listened until he ran out of steam and looked at the floor. I asked, "Can we pray?" He nodded. I opened my hitherto unused prayer book to a random page. From that page, we shared these words: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

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Sunday Night Prayer Telecon

Join your New Life family in prayer for about 15 minutes each Sunday night at 8 pm and start your week off prayerfully! A few minutes before 8 pm call 720-843-2008. Enter the access code when prompted: 420030#. If you use a smart phone and would like a text reminder and texted prayers, contact MJ at 330-606-9904. Or pick up a flier in the parlor with the prayers. Rotating telecon leaders are Lynn Gorman, Julie Martin, MJ Maling, Bo Iole and Jo Schiffbauer. We pray for our church, our country, our world, and each other's concerns and thanksgivings.