

THE MESSENGER
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Wednesday before Easter Mass at Noon, Maundy Thursday Mass 6:00 p.m.
Good Friday Watch from 10 am to Noon, Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts at Noon.
Easter Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m., Wednesday after Easter Mass 10:30 a.m.

A few weeks ago...I was talking with a man about our parish. His church background was in The Episcopal Church (though he had left it several years ago) so he knew the landscape. As I was explaining some of our basic practices, he interrupted and said "Oh, you're high church." I responded, "No, we're deep church."

What is Deep Church? It is receiving and utilizing all that Jesus by the Holy Spirit has provided to the Church He founded (St. Matthew 16:18) which has continued for over 2,000 years now. Deep Churchmanship has six basic principles: 1. The primacy of Sacred Scripture for dogma, doctrine and practice. 2. The Sacred Tradition consisting of the Seven Ecumenical Councils of the Undivided Church and the consensus of the Church Fathers of the first 11 centuries when the Church was structurally one. 3. The Seven Sacraments instituted by Jesus as objective means of grace, not merely as ordinances or symbols. 4. The Apostolic Succession of bishops and its supporting ministries of priests and deacons (including the understanding that the Sacrament of Holy Orders is one Sacrament in three parts, given to males only as Jesus initiated and the Apostles continued). 5. The historic Eucharistic liturgy as it's embodied in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. 6. A commitment to a rule of life that includes praying the Daily Offices of the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

Being high church can mean that one has a high view of the Church with her doctrines and practices (which deep churchmanship agrees with) but it can also mean merely high ritual. It's too ambiguous. There are any number of TEC and ACNA parishes that use a lot of ritual in their services but accept the purported ordination of women (and worse). In comparison, a parish can be deep church and not use a lot of ritual in their liturgies, but be committed to the six principles listed above.

Being deep church is so much better than being merely high church! Why? Deep churchmanship is rich and inexhaustible. It's fertile soil by which we can grow strong roots into the life of Christ and produce edible fruit for the Kingdom of God.

I'm uncertain if the man I spoke with accepted my correction and introduction to deep churchmanship? I could see the principles were foreign to his understanding of Anglicanism and so it might take some time for him to grasp. Hopefully he will take the time to. -Fr. Beutell

A very special thank you to Kaye Cain...for serving as the clerk of the Vestry for nearly 40 years! Kaye retired from serving as clerk after the 2026 Annual Meeting. Over that time she has attended almost every vestry meeting, taking accurate minutes and keeping excellent records. We are so very grateful for her service to the parish over these years!

Pre-Easter yard clean up, Wednesday, April 1 at 1:00 p.m....The last rainstorm we had caused a number of small limbs and a lot of pinecones and other tree debris to fall onto the lawn in front of and around the sides of the church and parish house. If you are available, please stay after Mass that day (or come at 1:00 p.m.) to help with the cleanup. If you have a wheelbarrow and / or a rake, please bring them with you. If someone has a pickup truck that we can use to put the limbs in the bed that would be very helpful. We will be disposing of the debris in the woods at the back of the church property. Many hands make light the work! If you are able to assist, please let Fr. Beutell know. Thank you!

Easter lilies...If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of this year's Easter lilies, please send a text or email to Fr. Beutell before Saturday evening, April 4 with the name or names and whether it is in memory of or in thanksgiving for. The suggested donation is \$12.00 per lily, which can be placed in the collection on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Please designate *Easter Lilies* on your check or the envelope.

The Vestry did not meet in March... Treasurer Todd Allerton sent the Vestry the updated income and expenses for the month and the year to date (January and February) via email. To this point of the fiscal year, income is exceeding the budget which is typical for the beginning of the year because several parishioners give their annual tithe in a lump sum. Expenses are within the budgeted range. The Vestry will meet on April 19 after Mass.

Choir Members Wanted...Anyone who may be interested in joining the parish choir is asked to speak with Laurie McDonagh. Prior choir experience or a music / singing background is preferred. Choir practices are held prior to Sunday and holy day Masses.

Synod Delegates...The Synod for the Diocese of the South is being held April 29, 30 and May 1 in Aiken, South Carolina. We are allowed three delegates and three alternates. If you are interested in attending please speak with Fr. Beutell for a Synod packet. Registrations are due April 9.

Additional Parking Spaces...are available on the lawn in front of the church (to the right of the driveway). Please be cautious using that area on rainy days as the ground is softer than along the left side of the driveway.

Our Society of Mary ward...will meet on Saturday, April 11 at 10:30 a.m. Meetings consist of Mass, the praying of the Rosary and bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea are provided. All are welcome to attend. On May 9, we are planning a pilgrimage to the St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery in Bunnell, FL to pray the rosary at their outdoor rosary garden. Afterwards we will go for lunch at a local restaurant. If you would like more information on the Society and our ward, please see Sue Krall or Fr. Beutell.

The Spring 2026 Catechesis session...has begun. In this session we are reading about and discussing the Seven Ecumenical Councils of the Undivided Church, using the book Yesterday, Today and Forever by The Rev. Dr. Peter Toon. We are meeting in the living room of the Lagdon White House at from 12:15 to 1:00 pm on the **second and fourth Sundays** in April and May.

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!