

**March 30, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**8:00AM and 10:30 AM, The Holy Eucharist, Rite II**



## **Epiphany Episcopal Church**

*Founded 1918*

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**We are a diverse community seeking to embody and share  
the teachings and love of Jesus Christ for all people.**

The Rev. Joshua Rodriguez-Hobbs, Rector  
Dr. Mark Hardy, Music Director  
Debbie Leonard, Director of Christian Education  
Maryellen Polvino-Bodnar, Assistant for Pastoral Care

# Welcome to Epiphany Episcopal Church

*If you are a guest today, please sign the register and make yourself known to the people around you.* The Episcopal Church welcomes everyone to the world-wide Anglican Communion, and to this historic WW I Chapel in the Diocese of Maryland. *We are glad you are here* and hope you will return! Please make yourself at home and if you need anything, just ask and someone will be glad to assist you. *The restrooms* are located through either door on the side of the fireplace at the back of the Church. There is a *ramp* for easy access on the side of the Church opposite the road.

Sign up for our weekly “E-News” delivered to your email by Constant Contact:  
<https://epiphany-md.org/events/>.

*Children and Youth, Toddlers-Teens, are invited to “Godly Play” on Sundays in the Conboy Center during the 10:30 AM service.* The Mission of Godly Play is: To make meaning through story, wonder, and play and nurture spiritual lives by honoring the centrality, competency, and capacity of children. Children come into Church for Communion.

*All baptized persons of any age are welcome to receive communion at our services.* If you or a family member are not baptized and would like to know more about becoming a Christian, speak to Rev. Josh. Holy Baptism is the initiation by which we become members of Christ’s body, the Church, and are invited to grow in love for God and service to others, supported by a spiritual family.

**At the time of Communion**, you may intinct (“dip”) the consecrated bread in the small intinction bowl of wine offered by the Celebrant, or drink from the chalice of wine. **Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are offered by the Priest when you come forward to receive Holy Communion.**

**For Pastoral Care, please Contact Rev. Joshua Rodríguez-Hobbs**  
*rector@epiphany-md.org - 443-931-9989 by call or text.*

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## WORSHIP NOTES

*The Liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).  
Hymns are found according to the following: H=Blue Hymnal,  
S=front portion of the Blue Hymnal,  
LEVAS = Black cover, Lift every voice and sing.  
The Hymns are omitted at the 8 AM service.*

# The Word of God

## THE PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN H 488 - Be Thou My Vision

PENITENTIAL ORDER BCP p. 351

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*All* God's mercy endures forever.

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP p. 352

TRISAGION S 102 Holy God (*Sung three times*)

The musical score is written for a choir or organ. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The treble clef part has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,". The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef. The treble clef part has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.".

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12**

*Lector* A reading from the book of Joshua.

<sup>9</sup>The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. <sup>10</sup>While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup>On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup>The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God!**

## **THE PSALM: Psalm 32**

*The Psalm is said responsively by whole verse at 8:00 AM and sung at 10:30 AM.*

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- <sup>2</sup> Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- <sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- <sup>4</sup> For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- <sup>6</sup> I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- <sup>7</sup> Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- <sup>8</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- <sup>9</sup> “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.
- <sup>10</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

<sup>11</sup> Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

**THE SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

*Lector* A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God!**

**SEQUENCE HYMN H 686 - Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (vs. 1-2)**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ!**

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable:

<sup>11</sup>"There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of

the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup>“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN**    **H 686 - Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (vs. 3)**

**THE SERMON**    *The Rev. Joshua Rodriguez-Hobbs*

**THE NICENE CREED**    **BCP p. 358**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III**    **BCP p. 387**

## THE PRAYER FOR PEACE *(Written by the Rev. Dr. Phebe McPherson)*

Oh God, the Father and Mother of all, guide us into the ways of peace. Lead us from prejudice to truth; deliver us from hatred, cruelty, violence and mean spiritedness; fill us with generosity, hospitality, and love; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**

*You are invited to offer each other a sign of peace as each is comfortable.*

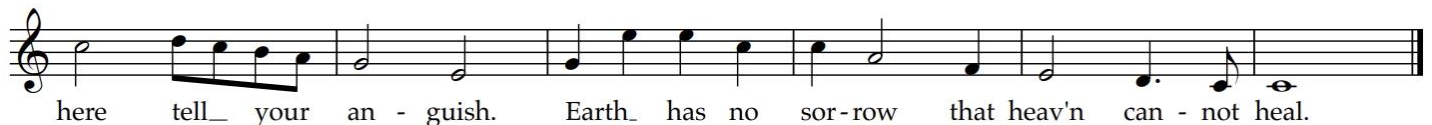
## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM **The Epiphany Choir**

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN **L 147 - Come, Ye Disconsolate (vs.1)**



## The Holy Communion

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A **BCP p. 361**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**

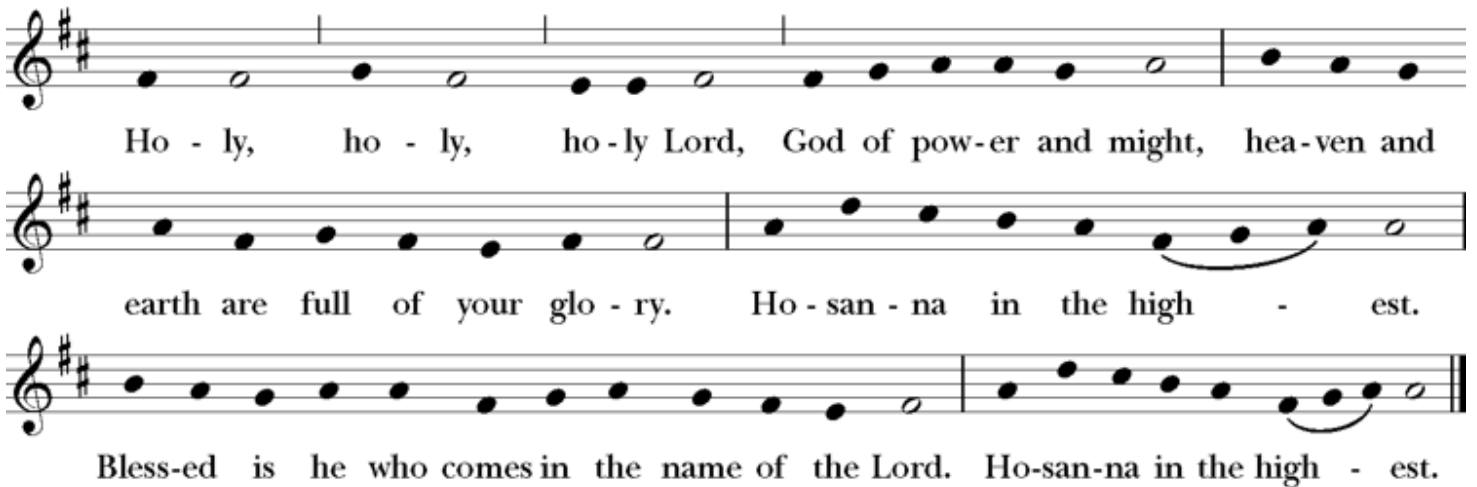
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **THE SANCTUS S 124 - Holy, Holy, Holy**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: in your infinite love you made us for yourself... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

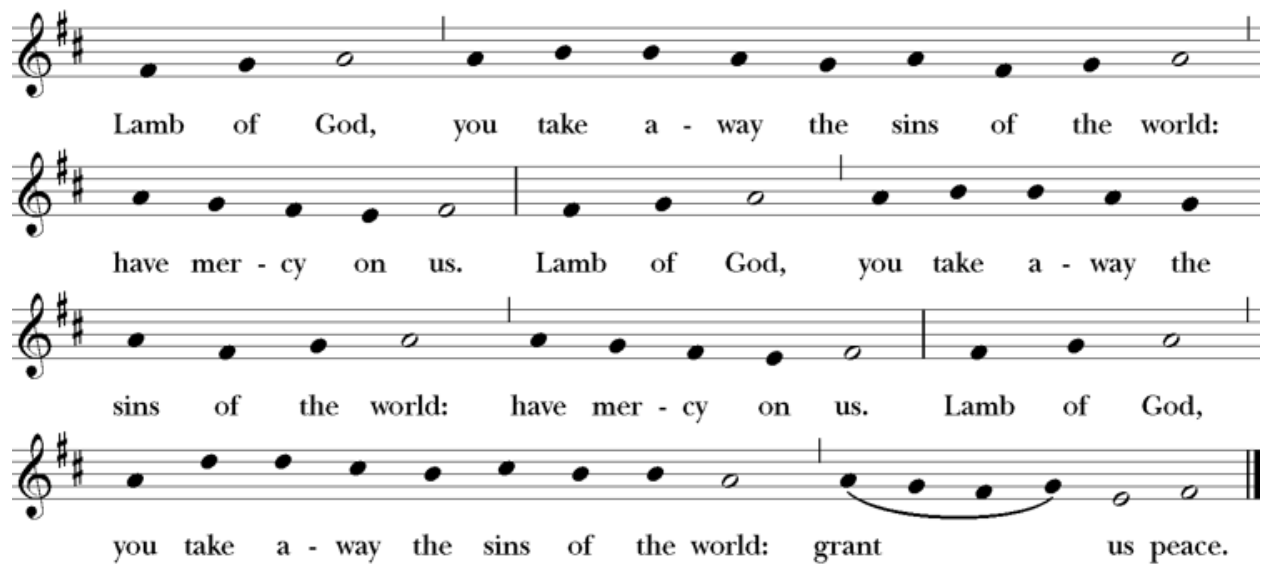
### **THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP p. 364**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us!

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**



## THE FRACTION ANTHEM      S 161 – Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS *(From The Church of England's Common Worship)*

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Said at 10:30 on behalf of those viewing this service online.  
From the Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces.*

**In Union, O Lord with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come. Amen.**

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. Gluten free wafers and alcohol-free wine are available. You may receive the consecrated wine by drinking from the common cup or dipping your host into the cup held by the priest. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, cross your arms across your chest. Prayers for healing are offered at the rear of the chapel.*

## **THE COMMUNION HYMNS**

**LEVAS 137 - Just as I am**

**LEVAS 101 - Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling Home**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER      BCP p. 366**

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

*If you have a birthday or anniversary during this past or coming week, you are invited to come forward as the community offers a prayer.*

## **BIRTHDAY PRAYER      BCP p. 830**

## **ANNIVERSARY BLESSING      *Book of Occasional Services p. 214***

**Grant, O God, in your compassion, that N. and N., having taken each other in marriage, and affirming again the covenant which they have made, may grow in forgiveness, loyalty, and love; and come at last to the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **SOLEMN PRAYER**

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN      H 620 - Jerusalem My Happy**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant*      Go forth in the name of Christ, to live as a diverse community – seeking to embody and share the teachings and love of Jesus Christ for all people.

*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

## Offering Our Gifts



Use the QR Code to link to the “giving” page on the Church website: <https://epiphany-md.org/giving/>. **Text** Epiphany1918 to 73256 to link to the online giving form. If you include a dollar amount after the word “Epiphany1918” the form will be filled in with that dollar amount for you. See your YTD giving, as well as update or add your Church information by joining REALM, our Church database. Send an email request to [realm.admin@epiphany-md.org](mailto:realm.admin@epiphany-md.org) or [treasurer@epiphany-md.org](mailto:treasurer@epiphany-md.org).

- Pick up a brochure about REALM on the literature table to find out how to join the Church REALM community.
- Use a credit card for online giving and check to make sure the name & address you enter in REALM matches those on your credit card account billing profile.

**Gifts of time and talent are welcome!** Please speak to a Vestry member for areas of need where you can offer your interests and abilities.

## The Shared Life of the Community of Faith

### **Adult Bible Study**

Adult Bible Study meets at 9:00 AM in the Conboy Center.

**3/30:** 1 Kings 3:1-28; 4:29-30, 32-34; 7:51; 11:1-13; 2 Chronicles 3:1-14; 4:19-22; 5:2, 6-8, 10-14; 7:1-5, 12-22

**4/6:** 1 Kings 17:8-24; 18:1-2, 17-40; 19:9-18; Isaiah 6:1-8; 5:8-9, 11-12, 20-25; Jeremiah 1:4-10; 5:19-31; 7:1-15, 30; Psalm 137:1-6

### **Lenten Book Group**

Joe Gill is leading a Lenten Book Group. It will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Conboy Center on **Wednesdays, April 2, and April 9**. A light supper will be provided. On April 2 and April 9, we will discuss the book Following Jesus: Finding Our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety by Henri Nouwen. The Nouwen book, 125 pages, is available on Amazon for \$12.99. All are welcome. **Please let Joe know if you will be attending any of the sessions -- it is not necessary to come to them all – so that we can plan the evenings.** You can reach Joe via email at [jgill84@comcast.net](mailto:jgill84@comcast.net) or via text or phone at 410 299-2965.

## **The Christian Assistance Program (CAP)**

CAP has ongoing needs from our member churches and friends to keep up with the increasing food pantry usage. During Lent, many Christians make a change as a spiritual practice, like giving up something they enjoy or making more time for something faithful. This Lent, with pennies unpopular in the marketplace and possibly out of production, CAP would appreciate change in the form of pennies. Please have your church members consider donating their “stash” of pennies to the Food Pantry. (Other coins and bills also accepted!)

## **New Beginnings Retreat, April 25-27, 2025**

6th - 12th grade, Camp Wright, Stevensville. Cost: \$55

The annual retreat for middle school youth is a fantastic weekend at Camp Wright in Stevensville, MD. Previous New Beginners that have reached high school serve as the design team and staff for the weekend. These peer ministers know what it is like to be a first time camper or an eighth grader about to enter high school. This is a whole weekend dedicated to youth working through the transitions of middle school with their peers, testimonies given by their high school staff, skits and small groups. We even have a talent show on Saturday night! New Beginnings is a place where they can find community in Christ and mentors in high school students and adult leaders. Register at the following link:

[https://episcopaldioceseofmaryland.formstack.com/forms/new\\_beginnings\\_consent](https://episcopaldioceseofmaryland.formstack.com/forms/new_beginnings_consent)

## **Miss Debbie**

Follow the link for further information concerning Debbie, or check out the Epiphany newsletter. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084EAAAD2CA75-55742545-meals>

## **Easter Egg Hunt Donations Needed**

We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:30 AM service on Easter. If you would like to donate candy for the egg hunt, you may bring it to the Godly Play room **no later than Sunday, April 13.**

## **Spring Clean-Up Day**

We will hold a spring clean-up day for our buildings and groups on Saturday, **April 12** beginning at 9:00 AM. Please join us as we clean our grounds, the chapel, and the Conboy Center as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.