

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

April 3, 2025



Looking Ahead to Holy Week

Palm Sunday April 13: 9 a.m. at St. John, 11 a.m. at Redeemer

Maundy Thursday April 17: 7 p.m. at Redeemer

Good Friday April 18: Noon Stations of the Cross, Epiphany School; 7 p.m. at St. John

Easter Vigil with Baptisms April 19: 7 p.m. at Redeemer

Easter Sunday April 20: 9 a.m. at St. John, 11 a.m. at Redeemer

Youth Group

Youth Group with Baptism and Confirmation instructions meets this Sunday at **12 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Thanks to Linda Murrelle we'll be enjoying macaroni and cheese. We'll also have hot dogs. Youth Group will meet again Palm Sunday and then take a break until after Easter..

You are invited to Crafting/Fellowship Day

The next crafting/fellowship day will take place **THIS** Saturday April 5th from 10-3 p.m. at St. John in the South Wing. Please bring a dish to pass for lunch. We look forward to seeing you then. For more information and to let us know if you will be joining please contact Irene Nazak at 607-331-4008.



Happy Birthday to:

Zachary Murrelle 4/3
Verlyn Warrington 4/5
Janice Watson 4/9



Walt & Marcella Chaykosky 4/10

Palm Cross Work bee

On Wednesday, April 9, Phoebe Marshall will be hosting a Palm Cross Work-Bee in the atrium at 10 a.m. If you would like to learn how to make a cross out of palms, and enjoy fellowship, please plan on attending. The only thing you will need to bring is a pair of scissors.



Readings for April 5&6

Lessons: Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

Corrections

The quarterly brochure had a couple of mistakes in it. The second day of the rummage sale is 9-noon **not 9-2** and the annual Parish Park Fair is June 7th, **not June 3rd**. Sorry for the confusion.

Reflection for April 5&6



Our Gospel passage draws our attention to three people: Mary, Judas, and Jesus. It is easy enough to identify Mary as "the good disciple" and Judas as "the bad disciple" not only in this story but also in the larger story of Jesus' life and death. We can (and do) make this judgment: Mary is accepted and affirmed, while Judas is rejected. But is this the judgment that the other person in the story would make? As theologian George Stroup puts it "if Jesus

came to save the lost, surely there is no one in the gospel story who is more lost than the one who betrays Jesus... If the Good Shepherd can and does go to any length to save a lost sheep, is Judas beyond the saving grasp of the Good Shepherd?" This is not a question with an easy answer. As this story ushers you into Holy Week, consider how the cross, the grace of Christ speaks to this story and to your own life story, which like most life stories may not be simple "either/or" example of faithfulness, but a "both/and" mix of faithfulness and unfaithfulness.

Serving in Worship

April 6th

Reader: Margaret Cole

Usher: Walter Chaykosky

Greeter: Sherry Gabauer

April 13

Glenda Hinsman

Rick Rhodes

Mary Rhodes

Food Pantry Item for April

For the month of April we will be collecting spaghetti sauce for our local food pantries. For the Month of April we will be collecting spaghetti sauce.



Weekly Video Spotlight

As a part of our Year of Transition to become the Diocese of the Susquehanna, we are sharing weekly videos from Bishop Nichols, Bishop Scanlan, and ministry leaders from the Dioceses of Bethlehem and Central Pennsylvania. In this week's video, we hear from Comunidades Latinas, two Spanish language congregations in the Diocese of Bethlehem. Members of Catedral de la Natividad, Bethlehem, and La Iglesia de Cristo el Mediador, Allentown, share about their congregations and their hopes for the future. To watch this video please use the following link:

[Weekly Video Spotlight: Comunidades Latinas](#)

[Visit the DioBeth website](#)

[Visit the Reunification website](#)

St. Mary's Rummage Sale

On Friday, April 11th from 3p.m. and Saturday April 12th from 9 - 12 p.m. St. Mary's will be holding their Spring rummage Sale.

BIG SALE



The Sunday school project is once again the Heifer International. In the church is a Heifer table with information about the program and a container to put donations or please take a Heifer mite box home and bring it in at Easter. To help with the donations the 5 cent recyclables bottles and cans will be done throughout the year. Bring in your 5 cent recyclables or take them to redeem the money. All donation are collected at the church's Heifer container, mite boxes or office. Thank you, Betsy



St. Mary's

St. Mary's Guild will not meet in April, rather they will be setting up for the rummage sale and are in much need of volunteers to help setup for the sale. **There is a signup sheet in the church for those wishing to help setup, work the sale and cleanup after. Men are especially needed on Saturday after the sale for cleanup.**

If you are able to help please contact Rose Carpenter at (607) 221-6797, or Glenda Hinsman at (607) 738-2669.

Volunteers needed

We are always looking for volunteers to help out at worship on Sunday. If you are interested in reading the lessons or being and usher or greeter, please contact the church office Monday & Wednesday from 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. by calling (570) 888-2270 or email parishadmin@redeemersayre.org. **THANK YOU!**

Dear Bridge Friends,

We need your immediate help in finding a volunteer to assist with our Helping Hands furniture ministry (at least on a temporary basis)!

Our president, Kim Paul, has been serving as the Helping Hands acting coordinator for several months as we search for a new coordinator. She is in the middle of a family emergency at the moment and is not able to handle the Helping Hands phone calls. We have an immediate need for someone who can **answer the cell phone calls** and then **schedule times for clients** with furniture vouchers to pick out furniture at Christian Life Church or **schedule times for our Helping Hands volunteers to either pick up donations or deliver the furniture to clients**. It is not necessary for this volunteer to be present at Christian Life Church during the Wednesday and Saturday mornings when these pickups and client interactions take place, although that might be helpful.

Kim is planning to be back in town this Friday for a short time and would be able to hand over the phone and provide instructions to the potential volunteer.

We ask for your prayers for Kim and her family. Her father had emergency surgery this past Monday and will require some serious recovery time. He is the primary caregiver for Kim's mother who has serious health issues herself, so Kim and her sisters are in the midst of determining how best to care for both parents. They live several hours away from the valley. Kim is estimating that she will not be able to handle the Helping Hands phone for at least four weeks.

Thank you for your prayers that we find someone so that we can continue our Helping Hands ministry without interruption.

God Bless,

Joan Schoonover, Secretary

If you or someone you know are willing to help, please reach out to Jerry in the office at Redeemer at 570-888-2270 Monday & Wednesday 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. and Tuesday 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Easter Flowers

To place an order either fill out this order blank or call the church office (570) 888-2270
Deadline to order is *April 8, 2025*

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Church of the Redeemer Mother's Day Plant Sale

The 2025 Mother's Day Plant Sale will run through Sunday, April 27th. Orders and payments are due by Sunday, April 27th to guarantee delivery of the hanging baskets by Sunday, May 4th. All other plants will be delivered by Friday, May 30th, the Friday *after* Memorial weekend! Order forms are on the table in the church and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: Rose Carpenter and include a phone number on the order form.

Rose can be reached at (607) 221-6797 or (570) 888-1648.

Thank You for your Support!!



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GRACE CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY
PRESENTS:



EAGLE RUN

5K, 10K

Optional
*Color
Run!*

and Spirit Walk!

Saturday April 12th 2025

RACE TIME
9:00 AM
CHECK-IN &
DAY-OF-RACE
REGISTRATION
OPENS AT
7:30 AM

Register now at: RunSignUp.com

Find a Race



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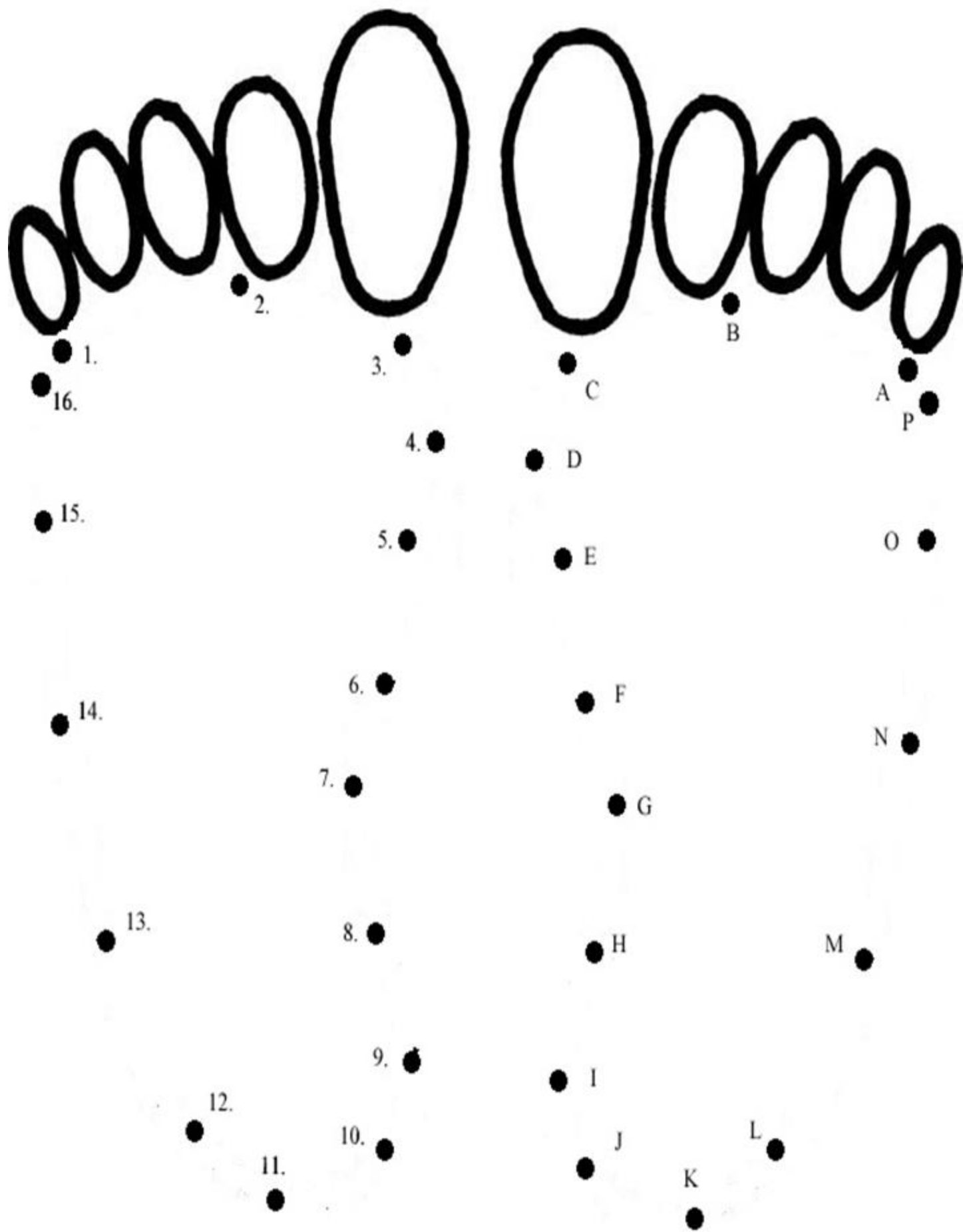
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Mary took a very expensive bottle of perfume and poured it on Jesus' feet. She wiped them with her hair, and the sweet smell of the perfume filled the house.

John 12:3 (CEV)



A Most Precious Gift

Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. John 12:3a (NIV)
Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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FEET	FRAGRANCE	FILLED	HOUSE
HAIR	PERFUME	POURED	WIPED