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Original Church Built 1926 • Elevated to a Parish 1944
Present Church Built 1954 • Parish Hall Built 1974
Complex Remodeled 1985 • Parish Hall Remodeled 2018
Kitchen Remodeled 2019 • Bathrooms Remodeled 2021*



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My Dear People:

The month opens bathed in the light of Easter, which arrived on March 31st. Easter Monday was April 1st, which in the secular world is April Fools' Day. The glad festival of our redemption is no joke, unless one thinks of the victory snatched from the gaping maw of Satan. He opened his mouth to receive the dead man Jesus Christ and came face to face with God. Those bound in his terrible grip from our first parents, the patriarchs, prophets, and all righteous souls, have been freed through the power of Christ rising to Life! Eastern Orthodoxy names Easter week "Bright Week." What a wonderful description of the Easter Octave! We throw off our Lenten garb and greet one another with the phrase: *Christ is risen!* The recipient of this greeting replies: *He is risen indeed!* Sometimes "Alleluia" is added. There will be plenty of time and opportunity to say Alleluia throughout Eastertide, which is a forty-day season itself, mirroring the forty days of penitence we've just completed.

We are so fortunate to spend the entire month in this joyful Eastertide. In various ways the liturgy recognized it. The return of *Gloria in excelsis* is most welcome after the weeks of Lent and Passiontide. The sprinkling of the congregation at the principal Mass on Sundays in Eastertide changes from *Asperges me* to *Vidi Aquam*. Flowers make their triumphant return, beginning with the beautiful Easter lilies and the delightful Spring flowers that grace the altar and shrines.

The occurrence of Holy Week over the week of March 24–30th necessitated the transfer of the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Monday, April 8th. We plan to celebrate the Annunciation in Eastertide with all due solemnity. The last time the Annunciation was in Eastertide was quite a while ago; I was still a curate in Philadelphia at the time. I remember the oddity of celebrating the Annunciation so late was counteracted by the unrestrained joy of the music and hymns, all adapted for Eastertide. I look forward to Eastertide with you and enjoying the pleasant, although very short, Colorado spring.

Affectionately, your Friend and Pastor,

Father Fraser

Sunday School Lenten Outreach a huge success

By Nancy King

Thanks to the incredible generosity of the entire parish, the Sunday School was able to provide fourteen well-stocked spring break boxes for families in the Mountain Backpacks for Kids program plus a large donation of pantry supplies that can be used for their weekend backpacks and school snack stations. Seven of our boxes will be given to families who are in the program from the Georgetown school, since it is thanks to two of the teachers there that we were introduced to the program. The children were astounded at how many don't have enough to eat, proud they could help, and wowed by all the food we collected. All the students brought a specific food item each week to donate. The youngest students helped by passing out flyers at the start of the outreach and then thank you notes at the end. Three older students, Nova, Ryver, and Phoenix, met one evening with Miss Nancy and James Austin, the youth group leader, and packed eleven boxes from what had already come in. They were amazing whirlwinds and had the donations inventoried and the boxes organized and packed in an hour and a half. Three additional boxes were packed by some of the teachers after the last Sunday's donations came in—it took us that long to do the three boxes.





Each Spring Break box contained: 1 Safeway \$25 gift card, soups and chili, rice or pasta or potato side packets, peanut butter and jelly, tuna, canned chicken, canned meat, Mac and Cheese (and a list of ideas of ways to jazz it up a bit), spaghetti sauce and noodles, a pack of fruit cups or applesauce, assorted snack bars or snack packs, cereal, mayonnaise, two bags of Easter candy, a loaf of bread, and toys/books/decorations that will be added to the boxes by the volunteers so they are age-appropriate for the family receiving the box. In addition, we provided a large supply of individual snacks, crackers, and individual servings of mac and cheese, Ramen soup, tuna snack packs, and fruit cups, plus ten backpacks, a few extra food stuffs that were not enough for an entire box, and a tube of toothpaste to the pantry.

Many people in the parish expressed how much they enjoyed shopping for the project and all who spoke to me have agreed this was a most meaningful opportunity for Lent. Fr. Fraser blessed the boxes of food with prayers for those who would receive them. We are very grateful to Mrs. Janet Anderson, a volunteer for the project, who came to speak to the students and the parish about the Mountain Backpacks for Kids program, provided us with a list of their needs, and then came back to transport the bounty to be distributed to the families by Spring Break. She was most impressed with our parish when she visited and overwhelmed with gratitude when she saw the donations on pick-up day. Fortunately, she has a large Honda Pilot and we were amazingly able to get it all packed in with not one square inch to spare except the driver's seat!

Thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of our Sunday School hearts! How blessed we are to be a part of this incredible parish family!

A Parish Scrapbook

Holy Week and the Triduum at Saint Michael's



This year, Holy Week began with the ancient Palm Sunday liturgy. Beginning on the high note of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, the mood quickly darkened as the Passion according to Saint Mark's Gospel was chanted by Tom Beckwith, Father Fraser, and Matt Norwood.

So began the rehearsal of the "Mighty Acts" whereby we and the entire world were redeemed and were adopted as children of Almighty God.



The Good Friday liturgy was marked by the Veneration of the Holy Cross (pictured above) as well as the Solemn Collects and Holy Communion using the Pre-Sanctified hosts that had been venerated overnight by parishioners at the Altar of Repose in the Lady Chapel .

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The Rites of the Three Days leading to the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ reached their zenith at the Easter Vigil.

New fire was kindled on the church porch; the Paschal Candle was prepared, lit with the new fire, and processed into the church. By the light of the new fire, the Deacon chanted the Exsultet, and we listened to readings and prophecies dealing with the history of God's people.

The Vigil culminated with the First Mass of Easter and the proclamation of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.





St. Clare's Guild Needlepoint Retreat

By Claudia Walker

The dates for this year's retreat will be June 10–12, 2024.

This will be the third year that we have been meeting at Dian Searles wonderful cabin just outside of Empire. The meditations are being planned, and some of Bishop Fulton Sheen's works are being considered at this point. Some people are bringing their knitting if they don't have a current project. We are looking into getting the seats for the acolyte bench reupholstered and they need some repairs also, so we can work on those too. Please let Claudia know if you are interested in joining us. We'll have some get-togethers to plan meals and transportation later.

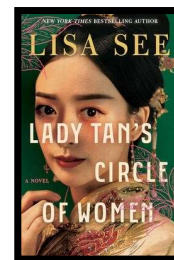
Please join us! We've had a great time the last two years!

Books 'n' Brunch

Books 'n' Brunch will next meet on April 7th after the 10:00am Mass to discuss the most interesting book *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See. It is the true story of a woman physician in 15th century China.

This past month we have updated and revised our list of books for the remainder of 2024. We have an eclectic selection of books ranging from humorous to serious subjects, both fiction and nonfiction. If you are interested in a good discussion early on a Sunday afternoon join us. Call the office for more information.

Our May selection is *Next Year in Havana* by Chanel Cleeton. In June we move on to *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson.



Burial of the Dead

I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord

Martha Lucile Fouse Shank Ohrt, fortified by the Rites of the Church, died on March 18th in her 95th year. A Requiem for the repose of Martha's soul will be celebrated in the Parish Church on Saturday, April 20th at 11:00 a.m.

Flowers and Lamps

Please check the schedule below for flowers and vigil lamps. If you would like to make any changes, please let the office know. Flower memorials are \$60, except for the St. Michael Shrine, which is \$40; all memorial lamps are \$5.

Apr	Flowers	Lamps
7	Warner, Walker, Ruby Available: Sanctuary, Michael, Mary	Davis, Loiseau. Available: Passion, Michael, Annunciation
14	Loiseau, Ruby, Carpenter. Available: Sanctuary, Paschal Ring, Michael,	Walker, Busler, Howe. Available: Passion, Michael,
21	Hochstetter, Hubbard. Available: Michael, Mary, Garden	Cope, Loiseau, Jones. Available: Passion, Michael
28	Briggs, Walker, Warner. Available: Sanctuary, Michael	Cope, Loiseau. Available: Michael

Save the Date

Saint Clare's Needlepoint Guild will meet all Wednesdays in April. It also meets Saturday, April 6 and 27. All meetings are at 9:30 a.m. after Mass

Books 'n' Brunch meets Sunday, April 7, after the late Mass.

Mass and Breakfast Bible Study resumes Wednesday, April 10 for Mass at 7:00 a.m. and Breakfast Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. and all April Wednesdays thereafter.

The Annunciation of Our Lady will be celebrated Monday, April 8, with Mass at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Italian Dinner.

The Society of Mary meets Saturday, April 13 for Rosary at 9:30 a.m. and a meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament meets Thursday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m. following Evening Prayer at 6:00. All are welcome.

Vestry meets on Sunday, April 21, after the late Mass.

Choir The choir rehearses every Thursday from 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m., and you are welcome to join us in supporting the worship in our parish! Contact Matthew Norwood with questions.

The St. Clare retreat will be June 10–12. Contact Claudia Walker.

Announcing
THE PENTECOST GRAND PRIZE GIVEAWAY
Compliments of Wyndham and Nancy Kidd

The Grand Prize
is a two-night stay
at the Kidd's beautiful mountain retreat in Estes Park.

Buy your tickets starting Easter Week:
only \$2.00ea or packs of 50 for \$45.00
discounted through Sunday, May 12.

Plan to attend the Pentecost Champagne Brunch for \$25.00.

This year we will be offering a couple of food trucks
for your enjoyment.

One truck will be offering Crêpes
and one will be offering specialty coffees.

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