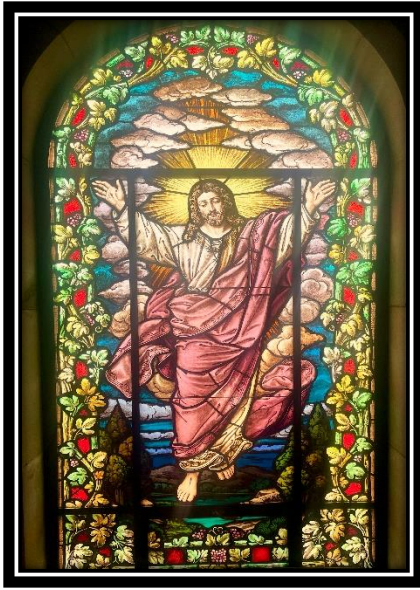


# THE GOOD NEWS

April 2022



*Alleluia, Christ is Risen!  
The Lord is Risen Indeed...Alleluia!*



## St. Peter's Story

I want to tell you about how Jesus changed my life. Long before I was called "saint" anything, I was rash, overly zealous, and enthusiastic (and not always in a good way). I often blurted out the wrong things at the wrong time. My wife was used to it and loved me anyway, my kids tolerated it, but Jesus turned it into something useful.

My brother Andrew was a fellow fisherman, and we had a pretty decent business going in Lake Gennesaret. But when we heard about John the Baptist, we had to go and see him. Much to our surprise, he pointed us in the direction of someone else, someone named Jesus. I will never forget the day my brother introduced me to Jesus because something inside me changed and opened up in his presence. Jesus possessed a kind but gentle authority that was unlike any rabbi I had ever encountered.

I followed Jesus around for a little while at first but then went back to fishing. I couldn't quite figure out

what God wanted me to do, and like so many of us, I was still searching. But then the call came. And when it came to me, I had a moment of clear decision, and I knew my life was never going to be the same. Jesus called out, "Come and follow me and I will make you fish for people." My heart said, "Yes" and I dropped my nets then and there to follow him. I sometimes wonder: If I had known exactly what he meant and if I had known all that was in store for me, would I have accepted his call? It's hard to say. I guess that's why God only lets us see so far down the path of life; it's usually better to just take it one day at a time.

Now, I may not have been the smartest or most eloquent of the disciples, but I beat them all in enthusiasm. When Jesus called out to me one afternoon, beckoning me to walk out on the water to him, I jumped out of the boat immediately. And for a few glorious seconds, I was on top of the water...

walking on water! You should have seen it! All was well, as long as I kept my eyes on Jesus, but as soon as I looked away, I began to sink. Remember not to take your eyes off Jesus, especially when times are tough, because he is the one who will get you through and keep you afloat.

Walking on water aside, like most of us, I had my good days and my bad days. When Jesus asked us, “Who do you say that I am,” I blurted out, “*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!*” And Jesus called me “blessed” and told me that God had revealed this insight to me. That was definitely a good day. Not long after that, however, when Jesus started talking about his death, I revolted and shouted out, “*Never Lord! That will never happen to you!*” Then Jesus looked right at me and said, “*Get behind me Satan... you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.*” That was a less than good day. Back then, I thought I was ready to do battle and to fight to the death for my master. I guess that’s why I was so surprised by what happened that night in the Garden of Gethsemane. I was still confused back then, and Jesus wasn’t the kind of Messiah that I – or any of us – really expected.

In the garden that night, Jesus was praying and was clearly in anguish. It scared me, so I tuned out. I still regret the fact that I slept through Jesus’ ordeal in his hour of need. My spirit was willing, but my flesh was so weak. Then when Judas, the leaders, and soldiers arrived to arrest Jesus, I thought it was my chance to prove myself. In my zeal, I cut off the guard’s ear. But violence isn’t Jesus’ way, and I realized my mistake quickly as he healed it.

Unfortunately, you know what happened next. Jesus went away willingly and was tried and condemned unjustly. And while he was suffering, I denied even knowing Jesus three times. Three times. I even went

and hid while he was being tortured and crucified. Yes, I was faithless and afraid. We all thought we too would be killed. And I wasn’t ready to face my own death... not yet.

After Jesus died, the sadness and despair I felt were overwhelming. I had left everything to go and follow him and then I denied him when it really counted. Grief and shame washed over me in waves. I didn’t know what to do. I was utterly confused – like we all were.

I wish I could say that I put the pieces together when the women burst through the door after finding Jesus’ tomb empty that Sunday. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary were beside themselves with awe and explained that an angel had appeared to them and commissioned them to tell us the good news: that the Lord was not there – he had risen! Initially, everyone was dismissing their words as nonsense. But something in my mind sparked and I had to know for myself, so I jumped up and ran out the door impulsively. I ran all the way to that old tomb, and I didn’t even pause when I saw that the stone had been rolled away. I ran inside headfirst. I don’t know what I was expecting to see, but I understood when I saw it: he was really gone. There was nothing in there but the empty cloth that had once been wrapped around his dead body. There were no angels either, just an emptiness... an emptiness filled with promise. I was amazed and too stunned to think clearly.

I walked slowly back home in silence. Jesus had been truly dead, I knew that, but was it really possible that he was alive again? Was the impossible actually... possible?

I’m here to tell you that, yes, the impossible really is possible with God. Jesus appeared to us not long after that. And he was no ghost, this was the living, breathing Jesus, with the scars still in his hands, feet, and side. I couldn’t believe it, but I had to, Jesus was

really alive! He had risen from the dead just like he'd said!

But then my excitement gave way to fear: would he be angry with me for having denied and abandoned him? Suddenly my shame came rushing back with force. But Jesus didn't leave me in my shame. A few days later Jesus looked right at me and asked three times, once for every time I had denied him: "Do you love me?" And I answered him with all the feeling I had in me, "Yes Lord, you know that I do." And each time he responded, "Go and feed my sheep."

And that's what I did. Jesus forgave me and restored me, despite everything. I know that all of us make mistakes, sometimes terrible mistakes, and we all betray Jesus at some point. Shame can trap any of us in the way it did me. But Jesus didn't hold my failings against me, and he doesn't hold them against any of us. His love transformed me so that I could go back into the world and do God's work and feed God's sheep. That was my personal redemption and resurrection. Jesus transformed me from a cowardly and sinful man into the redeemed and faithful man I became. His wounds healed my wounds and by his death and resurrection, he freed me from my sin. Jesus has freed us all from the power of sin, death, and shame.

Jesus changed my life. He will change yours, too.

Life can never be the same once you have met the resurrected Jesus. He is alive and he is risen! Alleluia!

-The Rev'D. Rebecca Dinovo



## The Church of St. Ignatius of Antioch History Part 2- A New Beginning



The song lyrics "The night the lights went out in Georgia" reminds me of the night the lights went out at St. Ignatius. We were in our Main Street facility at the time celebrating with an evening service, probably in the early 1980's.

It must have been a special celebration, although at this time I remember not why, because Bishop Montgomery was the principal celebrant and was getting into one of his engaging homilies when the church suddenly went totally dark!!

I don't believe this was the exact turning point in time when the parish started thinking about the need for a new facility, but it sure was a sign of the challenges of keeping an aging building in good repair, especially a building constructed in the year 1863. In fact, it would be many more years before the seed of constructing a new facility would take root.

The sprouting of the new facility "seed" officially started with the launching of a Land Search Committee in August of 1991. From then and until February, 1995, the search committee considered and rejected a number of possible land acquisitions. The property search ended on February 20, 1995,

when five acres of land was purchased from Mr. Howard Wells.

Mr. Wells and his brother Richard had previously purchased thirty acres of land that was part of the Furlan brothers' farm that bordered the east and west sides of Deep Lake Road. As a result of that purchase the thirty acres were subdivided into several parcels, five acres of which St. Ignatius purchased.

The seedling really started taking root with the Vestry's decision to organize a building committee on April 17, 1995, consisted of the committee chair and six subcommittee chairs, one each for Worship, Fellowship, Education, Community, Amenities, and Support Systems.

By the end of September 1995, an architect document was drafted from input from the six subcommittees and distributed to four architects who had been interviewed and contracted with to each develop a conceptual floor plan. Three of the four architects submitted plans which were displayed in November at an evening unveiling. Our in-house capital fund raising campaign had now begun.

In late winter of 1996, on March 9<sup>th</sup>, at a Vestry & Building Committee retreat, Holland & Steed Architectural firm's conceptual plan was selected for development into a final architectural building plan. Over the course of several years, many committee meetings, and much haggling and bartering between committee members as to what revisions were appropriate to the plans submitted by Holland & Steed, final set of construction blueprints was developed and a construction contract with Kerr Construction signed on September 20, 2000.

The fruit of the seedling planted many years before was realized at the Christmas Eve mass, 2001. This realization was made possible by the efforts of many people, for which I thank God for their dedication and not giving up when there were times of doubt. Thanks to all of the past and present members of St. Ignatius who through their contribution of time and money that made this possible. A job well done!

One noted correction: Our church bell was cast at the American Bell & Foundry Co., Northville, MI, probably early 1900. American Bell & Foundry was started in 1899 and produced bells under their name until about 1024.

-Roger Van Patten

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## Warden Letter

Dear St. Ignatius,

The community has been asking GWRS and Parishioners if St. Ignatius was going to return to hosting the fish boils. The Vestry voted to have one on April 8<sup>th</sup>, to kick-off Holy Week. This year will be a little different. Instead of a St. Ignatius Fundraising Event, it will be a Community Outreach Event that will touch the world.

As we volunteer to serve the community, the money raised will be sent through the Episcopal Relief & Development to meet the urgent humanitarian needs of the Ukrainians fleeing violence in Europe.

The church building needs our attention! There are two areas of major concern. First, the windows around the social area and offices are rotting from years of water damage. The Vestry just received updated cost from 2020. To repair the rotted wood trim and correct the problem would be \$22,549. To replace the windows would be \$45,000.

Secondly, Carpenter Bees have infested the exterior wood beams of the church. There is also stucco, repair, and painting that needs to be done around this area. The quotes to fix this issue is around \$8,500.

The Vestry would like your input by the April 20<sup>th</sup> Vestry meeting. The Vestry has made a commitment to make a decision on when and how to move forward.

-Jack Fields  
-Cathy Ehlers

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## Outreach Summary

### March Mission: The Sharing Center

We had another successful Mission of the Month for The Sharing Center in Trevor, WI. Just look at all the items we collected for donation!



### April Mission: The Episcopal Relief & Development

We are seeking monetary donations for the Ukrainian Crisis. They will provide cash, blankets, hygiene supplies, and other much needed items to the Ukrainian people. The flyer in this newsletter, "Help Ukrainian Families," will be available in social hall of the church.



Photo: Daniel Fekete/IFA

Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with Anglican agencies and ecumenical partners to meet the urgent humanitarian needs of Ukrainians fleeing violence in Europe.

People quickly packed up and fled Ukraine to safety and are now in need of basic supplies and will need long-term support.

Your contribution to the Episcopal Relief & Development Ukraine Crisis Response Fund will help

provide cash, blankets and other items.

To make a donation, please fill out the coupon below and mail it in with your check or credit card information. You can also contribute online to the Ukraine Crisis Response Fund at [episcopalrelief.org/ukraine-crisis](http://episcopalrelief.org/ukraine-crisis).

Thank you for your compassion and prayers. With your partnership, we are working together for lasting change.



Please make checks payable to Episcopal Relief & Development. Mail to P.O. Box 7058 Merrifield VA 22116-7058.

Enclosed is my gift to the International Disaster Response Fund to assist those who are in need.

\$50  \$100  \$250  \$500

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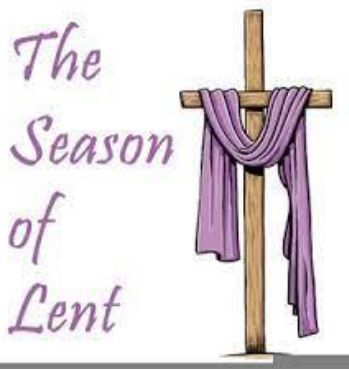
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-Outreach Committee



## Activities during Lent:

Wednesday Evenings through April 6<sup>th</sup>: 7 pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (also called *Way of the Cross*)... reminding us of the events in the Passion of Christ, from his condemnation by Pontius Pilate to his entombment. *Lead by Roger VanPatten.*

Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>: 4pm – 7pm

**FISH BOIL DINNER...** being offered to the community as a fund raiser for outreach programs. *Lead by the Vestry.*

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>: 10am

**PALM SUNDAY** (*also called Passion Sunday*), the first day of Holy Week commemorating Jesus Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is associated with the blessing and procession of palms. *Lead by Reverend Charlotte Wilson.*

Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>: 6pm Feast, 7pm Service

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** (*also called Holy Thursday*), observed in commemoration of Jesus Christ’s institution of the Eucharist during the Last Supper. This evening will begin with an **Agape feast**, followed by service that will include a ceremony of the washing of feet and stripping of the altar, including removal of all crosses from the church. The Altar of repose will be set up, where vigil will be available up until Midnight. *Dinner will be lead by Kathy Fields. Service will be lead by Fr. Jim Caldwell.*

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>: 7pm

**GOOD FRIDAY**, the Friday before Easter, the day on which we observe the commemoration of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Reserved sacrament will be offered. *Lead by Fr. Jim Caldwell.*

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>: 7pm

**EASTER VIGIL** (*also called Holy Saturday*), celebrating the resurrection of Jesus... with bells and incense and “Alleluias”. A small celebration will be held after the service. *Lead by Fr. Jim Caldwell.*

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>: 10am

**EASTER DAY**, the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah who would be

persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day. Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew daily hope that we have victory over sin. *Lead by Fr. Jim Caldwell.*

-Renee Hallwas

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### April Special:

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# Let's Celebrate!

## April Birthday's:

- 4/1 - Jan Culat
- 4/7 - Cathy Ehlers
- 4/8 - Rev. Jim Caldwell
- 4/11 - Mary Ann Daehler
- 4/11 - Paula Neville
- 4/13 - Dawn Walker
- 4/15 - Tom Deichsel
- 4/22 - Bill McElligott
- 4/28 - Bob Billimack

# Prayer Request

Jim Hallwas – Bill Malinow – Arya Annis –  
Elizabeth Johnston – Jim & Pat Bletsch-  
Kent Adrianson – Clare Coleman – The  
Deichsel Family – Ken & Carol Ward –  
Mildred Hamlin – The People of Ukraine

## The “Parish”



We would like for you to submit your thoughts, articles, pictures, recipes, or other talents to our Monthly Newsletter. Please email any contributions you may have to [saintignatiusofantiochil@gmail.com](mailto:saintignatiusofantiochil@gmail.com) and put “NEWSLETTER” as the subject, or call Jenn at the office number 847-395-0652

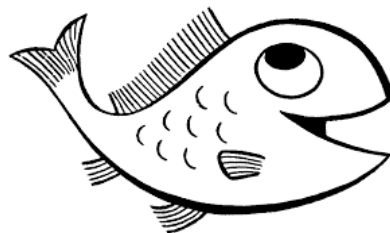
## COMEDY CORNER





# FISH BOIL

by Fitzgerald's Genoa  
Junction



**Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**4pm – 7pm**

**\$15 Adults/ \$10  
Children**

**\*Carry out and Pasta will  
also be available**

