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Weekly Events

Sunday: 9:00am Mass 1st Sunday of the Month is Healing Segment

Tuesday: 2nd Tuesday Vestry at 5:00pm

Wednesday: Choir Practice is at 3:30pm

1st Wednesday of the month is the **Food Pantry** at 9 to Noon
3rd **Wednesday (ECW) Episcopal Church Women** at 10:00am

Friday: 12pm Stations of the Cross **Only in Lent**

1st **Saturday** of the Month (**DOK**) **Daughters of the King** at 10:30am
2nd **Saturday** is IHOP Breakfast Fellowship at 9:00am
Altar Guild Meeting at 10:00am
3rd **Clean-up Day** at 8:00am

A MESSAGE FROM FR. BARRETT

The Lord be with you!

The Lent season ends on April 5 with the celebration of Easter Sunday. The Easter celebration actually begins during the Easter Vigil preceding Easter Sunday. We begin the Easter Vigil at 7pm on Saturday in darkness symbolizing Jesus in the tomb. After we gather at the baptismal font and affirm our baptismal vows, the lights in the sanctuary are turned on and the celebration begins! This liturgy reminds us of the words of Paul in Romans. "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus wee baptized into his death. Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so e too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." (Rom. 6:3-5). So the Easter Vigil is a symbolic linking of our bodies in the tomb with the resurrection of Christ!

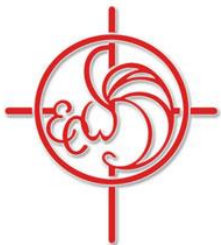
Some questions and answers about this season and Easter. Why is Lent 40 days? The number 40 is symbolic of testing and preparation in the Bible. Moses was on Mt. Sinai receiving the law for 40 days. Israel spent 40 year in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land. The great flood lasted 40 days and 40 nights.

Eliza spent 40 days in the wilderness. Jesus was tested by Satan in the wilderness. He sent 40 days fasting among the wild beasts. So why don't the days between Ash Wednesday and Easter equal 40? Sundays celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. No date on the calendar supersedes this celebration. Therefore Sundays are not included in the Lent season.

Finally, why is Christmas fixed on the calendar with a floating day and Easter is on a floating date with a fixed day? The birth of Christ, like our birthday, falls on the same date but a different day each year. Although keep in mind we have no idea when exactly Jesus was born and the date was set arbitrarily by the Church. On the other hand although we aren't totally certain about the year, we can be very certain of the date for the events of Holy Week and that Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday. The gospels tell us that Jesus had come to Jerusalem on the last week of his life on earth to celebrate the Passover. The Passover comes in the month of Nissan on the Jewish calendar which is a lunar calendar. Therefore Passover begins on the first full moon of the year which we call the Vernal Equinox. Counting 40 days back from Easter, excluding Sundays, we get the date for Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. The New Testament attests many times that Jesus rose on a Sunday. From the beginning of the faith Christians gathered observing this as the most important day in the week. In fact it was referred to as the eighth day, the start of the new creation.

The observance of Easter is one of the issues over which the Eastern and Western Churches split in the eleventh century. It is called the quatuordecimarian controversy which means 40 days in Latin. The East insisted on a fixed date rather than a floating date for Easter as we are now not under the law and the Jewish calendar. Therefore the East and West celebrate Easter Sunday on different dates.

Father Barrett



ECW News

Who belongs to ECW? If you are an Episcopalian woman, you are a member of ECW (Episcopalian Church Women). You can be as active or inactive as you wish.

We offer fellowship and hospitality, reaching out to people in need and serving in church ministries. The parish ECW is part of a much larger group. It starts with our diocese, then province and finally national. We hope you will pray about it and find it in your hearts to attend one of our meetings. If you can't please assist us in any of our activities.

Our logo: the cross represents Christ and our service to him and the world. The circle stands for our hope for wholeness in our lives. The outflowing lines from the center

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Food Pantry March 4, 2026

Joe Perez – Pantry
Lesley Ciullo – Runner

BOOK STUDY

No book study during Lent

MILESTONES

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is incorrect please contact the office and let us know– we want to include you with our blessings and best wishes on your special day.

BIRTHDAYS

Susan McNeal	03/03
Lorna Warrick-Gabriel	03/06
Sheila Ferguson	03/27
Kathy Consiglio	03/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Henry & Lorna Warrick-Gabriel	03/25
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The Church is in need of Acolytes, Altar Guild helpers and Ushers. If anyone would like to volunteer or be a substitute please give Liz Herrick a call for Acolyte at (352) 291-4878 or e-mail her at tinlizziehr@yahoo.com, For Altar Guild, please call Kathy Consiglio at (352) 414-4994 or Call the Office at (352) 465-7272, Dick & Bonnie Purnell for Ushers. Call (386) 559-2491 or e-mail Bonnie at Purnell.bonnie@gmail.com or Dick at (727) 992-2397 or e-mail at Purnell.rt@gmail.com

Corrections

If you see that an error was made, please let me know, so that I have the right info.
Thank you, Lesley Ciullo

Upcoming Events

March 4, 2026 Food Pantry at 9:00am to Noon

March 7, 2026 Daughters of the King meet at 10:30am

March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026 Choir Practice on Wednesday at 2:30pm

March 6,13,20,27, 2026 Stations of the Cross at Noon

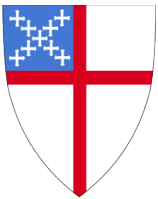
March 14, 2026 IHOP Breakfast Fellowship at 9:00am

March 10, 2026 Vestry Meet at 5:00pm – All are welcome

March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026 4:00pm Soup and Bread, 4:30pm Worship

March 21, 2026 Clean-up Day at 8:00am

March 25, 2026 (ECW) Episcopal Church Women Meet at 10am – Call Kathy Consiglio at 352-414-4994 as this a tentative date



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