

TIME FOR JOY RETREAT – APRIL 28-29, 2017

If you are between the ages of 19-40 something and would like to spend a weekend retreat at Camp Mitchell to get away from living stressful lives this is for you. The purpose of the retreat is to provide experiences which affirm and encourage young women on their spiritual journey.

ECW is offering 2 scholarships to this event. If you are interested, please contact Vickie at the church office 782-9912. More details will be provided at a later date.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:SUMMER QUEST – JUNE 2-4, 2017

This is an annual 3-day retreat held the first full weekend of June at Camp Mitchell atop Petit Jean Mountain located near Morrilton, AR. Women of all ages come together bringing diverse experiences and representing different parishes and missions in AR.

The retreat begins on Friday with a personal spiritual growth day know as Quiet Day. The weekend features a noteworthy speaker, workshops, time to rest, and lots of love and laughter.

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The Holy Babble

EVENTS TO REMEMBER

**Easter Vigil
Saturday
April 15
7pm**

**Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday
April 15
10am**

**St. John's
Spring
Clean-Up
April 22
9am—noon**

Dear St. Johns Family,
This is a rector's article unlike any I've written. Each Ash Wednesday I impose ashes on our foreheads and say the words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This year they rang in my head with more force because I met with my doctor that day and he told me I have prostate cancer. The next few weeks were filled with reading, dialog with Kim and checking the medical options. It is a Lenten season unlike any I have personally journeyed. However, knowing that so many parishioners have battled with the decisions around cancer, I felt I was not alone on this path.

That is the reason that I announced my medical reality to the church on the fourth Sunday of Lent. I knew, as John Donne famously wrote, "No man is an Island entire of itself." I am a part of a community that I love and support. I knew that this same community would love and support me. We all are on a spiritual journey, and we all are at different places. The common thread is that we journey together.

That is the importance of the remembrance of Holy Week. Christ's Passion is a reality that suffering or pain is something we all will face in life. We draw strength as we understand that Christ suffered in this life even as we do (and even more in the rejection of the crucifixion!). We draw strength as we understand Christ's resurrection opened the door of new life for us in our sufferings. Victory, life and resurrection are found in walking the spiritual life of Christ; especially as we journey as a community on this common path.

This Lent, Holy Week and Easter will carry new lessons and insights for me. I covet your prayers. I invest myself in prayers for you with new vigor.

Blessings as we journey together,
Fr. Mike

Holy Week and Easter Schedule
Palm Sunday Services April 9th at 8:00 am and 10:30 am
Maundy Thursday Service April 13th at 7:00 pm: with foot washing and the stripping of the Altar
Good Friday Services April 14th at Noon: Good Friday Liturgy with Eucharist from the Reserve; and . 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy
Easter Vigil Service April 15th at 7:00 pm: Vigil and Baptisms
Easter Morning Services April 16th at 8:00 am and 10:30 am.

**Worship Schedule
Sunday**
8:00 am Holy Eucharist,
Rite I
10:30 am Holy Eucharist,
Rite II

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