

Passover 2015

Kehilat Hanahar, also known as The Little Shul by the River, holds its annual Community Passover Seder at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 4.

The event will be held at Deer Park Retreat Center, 6290 Lower Mountain Road, New Hope.

The meal will feature fish and vegetarian dishes, with traditional celebration.

Led by Rabbi Diana Miller and Ritual Songleader Reb Ezra Weinberg, the Exodus story will be brought to life.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and all are welcome. Reservations are required and can be made at kehilathanahar.org.

The cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children. For information, call 215-862-1912.

Chabad Lubavitch of Doylestown invites the public to Passover Seders at 455 East St., Doylestown.

Relive the exodus, discover the eternal meaning of the Haggadah, and enjoy a community Seder complete with hand-baked Shmurah Matzah, wine and a dinner spiced with unique traditional customs.

Experience the liberation and freedom of Passover. Discover the Seder's relevance today.

The First Seder Night is at 7:45 p.m. Friday, April 3, and Second Seder Night: Shabbat is at 8:15 p.m. Saturday, April 4.

The cost per Seder is \$36 per adult and \$18 per child. No one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

Visit jewishdoylestown.com or call 215-340-1303.

Temple Judea of Bucks County, 38 Rogers Road, Furlong, hosts a second night of Passover Seder, at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 4.

Advance payment is required. For information and reservations, call 215-348-5022.

Lama hosts retreat

Yogi Acharya Lama Gursam will speak and host a retreat March 27 and 28 at Yardley Friends Meeting House, 65 N. Main St., Yardley.

Lama Gursam received teachings as a monastic, and studied and practiced as a monastic.

He will speak on "Developing Compassion on and off the Meditation Cushion" at 7 p.m. Friday March 27. All are welcome. The suggested donation is \$25 at the door.

On Saturday, March 28, Gursam

will host a half- or full-day retreat between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The afternoon session begins at 1 p.m.

Sitting and walking, guided meditation, talks on loving kindness and compassion with a Q&A are included. Bring lunch; drinks and snacks will be available.

The suggested donation for Saturday is \$40, which benefits the Bodhidharma Foundation. For information, visit The Buddhist Sangha online or e-mail BSBC190657@yahoo.com.

St. Martin of Tours offers free lunch, fellowship

The St. Martin of Tours' Parish Cafe will serve a free hearty lunch for community friends and neighbors. All are invited to attend.

Join in for food and fellowship

from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at St. Martin of Tours, Riverstone Circle, New Hope.

The event is sponsored by the St. Martins Men's Group.



Bishop Michel to visit St. Philip's Church

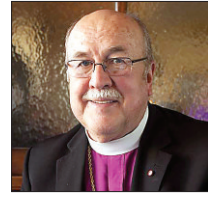
Bishop Rodney R. Michel, assisting bishop of Pennsylvania, and bishop emeritus of Long Island, will visit St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 10 Chapel Road, New Hope.

Bishop Michel (pronounced My-kel) will be the main celebrant for the Easter Vigil service at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 4.

"Basically, we have some fifth-century Christianity right here," said the Rev. Michael Ruk, pastor of St. Philip's. "This is the ancient, traditional Easter Vigil service that has been celebrated for centuries."

The service will begin with a bonfire outside, representing the light of the Resurrection.

Then, there will be a blessing of the water to be used in the baptism of an adult parishioner of St. Philip's, and then a celebration of the Easter Eucharist.



BISHOP RODNEY R. MICHEL

"We are adding a modern American epilogue to this, a little chocolate reception after the service," the pastor said with a laugh.

The Easter Vigil is free and open to the public. For information, call Ruk at 215-862-5782, or e-mail Michael@stphilipsnewhope.org.

Trinity Buckingham hosts Holy Thursday dinner

Trinity Episcopal Church, Buckingham hosts Holy Thursday dinner, which is similar to the Passover Seder, at 5 p.m. April 2.

The event is an opportunity for families to create traditions and fond memories to open the spring season.

The celebration will be in the parish's community hall, Faith Hall. It is customary to invite guests to share the Seder dinner, especially newcomers to the community.

Everyone present will share in a reading; wine will be served; symbolic washing of hands will be performed, followed by Karpas and matzah. The story of Passover will be told and The Four Questions will be asked. Then the festival meal will be eaten.

The service concludes with final ceremonies, including Holy Communion.

The event is a teaching experience, especially for children.

It is intended to impress upon participants that "we are all People of God and also it is a profession of faith and an expression of hope."

Call 215-794-7921 for reservations.

This past weekend, March 21-22, many of our parishes included a letter from me that was read during Mass.

It highlighted some of the needs we face in preparing for the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) this September.

We have exactly — and only — six months left before the event. The pace of getting ready to welcome visitors from around the globe and Pope Francis himself is speeding up quickly.

From this point on, the pace of preparations for the event will double every month. So we can't afford to skip any opportunity to ask for help. And that's the purpose of my column this week.

Here's what we need in these final months to make WMOF 2015 a success.

First, World Meeting of Families is a very expensive event. Much of the heaviest fundraising for WMOF is being done by generous corporate and major individual donors, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, because WMOF will be a boost for our whole region.

But many parishioners have also asked how they can personally help. And that's a blessing, because we can use all the help

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that we can get.

Donating financially is the best way of ensuring that September's family gathering and welcome for Pope Francis will be worth remembering for a lifetime. Every donation, no matter how large or small, counts. And there's no better time than now to contribute.

We all have a stake in renewing Catholic life in Philadelphia. So please consider a donation to the World Meeting of Families 2015 as we enter these last days of Lent and start the Easter season.

Tax-exempt financial donations can be directed to: worldmeeting2015.org or World Meeting of Families/Philadelphia 2015, 222 N. 17th St., Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Second, WMOF will need 10,000 or more volunteers for the event. This is crucial, since volunteers will be the face of the local Catholic community throughout the meeting. Volunteer registration will open soon on the World Meeting of Families website at worldmeeting2015.org. All volunteers must be a U.S. citizen, at

least 18 years old, and they must complete an online background check. The WMOF website has information on the wide variety of volunteer opportunities available.

Third, we've had many generous families step forward, especially in the last few weeks, offering to host WMOF visitors in their homes. But we need many more.

I strongly encourage families across the archdiocese to consider this kind of generosity. You can learn more on the "Host a Family" page at worldmeeting2015.org.

Fourth, don't forget to ready your own hearts by spending time with the excellent and very readable World Meeting of Families catechesis, *Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive*, from our Sunday Visitor at osv.com.

Finally and most importantly, register and attend the World Meeting of Families with your own loved ones. Registration for both the Adult and Youth Congress sessions is now open on the WMOF website.

127 East Court Street, Doylestown
(1/2 block west of Courthouse)
Parking in DPC lot (E Church St. St. Peter's Lane)
or Country Inn (Corner of Broad and St. Mark's Sts.)
215-348-3531 | www.dtwmpc.org

All Welcome!

Palm Sunday, March 29
Worship and Distribution of Palm — 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Children's Message

Maudy Thursday, April 2
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper — 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3
Sanctuary open for prayer & meditation — 12 noon to 3 p.m.
Tenebrae Service — 7:30 p.m.
(dramatic service that chronicles the last hours of Christ through Scripture and music)

Easter Sunday, April 5
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper — 8, 9:30, & 11 a.m.
Children's Worship Time at 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Refreshments Available 8:30 to 11 a.m. | Craft for Children
Nursery Care at all Services

HOLY THURSDAY DINNER
April 2 at 5 pm
ALL ARE WELCOME
More than a Meal
Adapted from the Passover Seder, it is an engaging teaching experience, especially for children. Through the senses, this festival tells the story of God's grace.

TRINITY OF BUCKINGHAM
2631 Durham Road
Call 215-794-7921 and reserve your place for the entire family.
April 3rd - Good Friday Service
12:00 Noon and 7:30 pm
April 5th - Easter Service
8:00 am and 10:15 am
www.trinityofbucks.org

"Whatever your heart clings to and confides in, that is really your God." *Martin Luther*

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Rejoice - Give Thanks - Sing!

Palisades Area Lutheran Churches
Easter Services

St. Peter Lutheran Church
Phone: 610-749-0830
Riegelsville: 7:00am & 10:45am
Christ Lutheran Church
Phone: 610-346-8055
Springtown: 6:30am & 9:00am
Evangelical Lutheran Church
Phone: 610-346-8500
Durham: 6:30am & 10:30am
Christ Lutheran Church
Phone: 215-766-8730
Pipersville: 6:30am, 9:30am

St. Luke Lutheran Church
Phone: 215-804-0863
Ferndale: 6:30 am & 10:00 am
Trinity Lutheran Church
Phone: 610-346-7013
Pleasant Valley: 8:00am & 10:30am
Upper Tinicum Lutheran Church
Phone: 610-294-9391
Upper Black Eddy: 6:30am & 10:00am

www.engageinfaith.org

Worship Directory
SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, March 29, 2015
The Rev. Dr. Tyson L. Fry
Palm Sunday procession with Donkey and Palms at 9 am
9:30 am Worship / Sunday School • 10:30 am Egg Hunt
Nursery Service available
Maudy Thursday Service at 7:30 pm
Good Friday Service at 12 pm
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