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A New Bishop…New Directions

At our recent Diocesan Convention (Feb. 24) we elected the Right Reverend Mark Van Koevering as our new Bishop Provisional. Bishop Provisional means that he will work together over the next 2 years with our Standing Committee to govern our Diocese.

However, unlike the traditional Bishop search process, this 2 years will be a time of mutual prayer and discernment. During that time, Mark will be listening to see if God is calling him to be our next Diocesan (permanent) Bishop. At the same time our Standing Committee will be asking themselves the same questions. **At the end of that 2 years, if everyone feels confident that Mark is called to be our next Bishop, there will be a ceremony of installation to make it a permanent relationship.** If not, he'll search for his next position and we'll search for a new Bishop.

The traditional Bishop search process looks like a glorified job search. The Diocese puts out a job description, priests and bishops send in their resumes, and after a lengthy period of interviews, visits, etc., representatives from every congregation gather together in a special convention to elect a Bishop.

So: why didn't our Diocese do this?
Why have we selected a Bishop Provisional and opted to spend the next 2 years in mutual discernment?

Several reasons: for one reason, the traditional job search process is extremely expensive. The process of flying candidates in for interviews, housing them, etc. now costs somewhere around $200,000. As a small Diocese, we determined that there was no need to spend this much money to look for the next Bishop, particularly since there is no guarantee that this rather costly process will get us the Bishop that we need.

Second, there is a strong feeling through the Diocese that it is time for new directions. Clergy have been asking for a Bishop who will fill the role of Pastor to the Pastors of this Diocese, something that many feel has not happened for some time. Also, nearly 1/3 of our congregations are located in Appalachia and there is a real need for a Bishop who will go among these congregations, caring for them and providing them with vision and support at the same level as the larger, more centrally-located congregations.

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Lent and Easter

Upcoming Services

Sunday Services at 10 am

March 4: Rite I

March 11: **Welcome St. Peter AME! Lunch afterward**

March 18: **Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Bagpiper**

March 25: **Palm Sunday**

April 1: **Easter Day!!**

Mid-week Service
Wednesday 6.30 pm:

March 7, 14 & 21
April 11, 18 & 25

Holy Week services:

March 28, Wednesday, 6:30 PM: **Tenebrae**

March 29, Thursday, 6:30 PM: **Maunday Thursday service (with St. Peter AME)**

March 30, Friday, 10 AM: **Stations of the Cross** (meet at fountain by LaFonda)

6:30 PM: **Good Friday service**

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Lent and Easter Season Youth Sunday School

-Nursery Every Sunday-

March 11th **Worship with St. Peter A.M.E.**
Godly Play Lesson for Lent – Beth, Craft or activity – Carmen
March 18th Lesson and Lent/ Spring Craft with Diana
March 25th **Palm Sunday** Godly Play Lesson – Holy Week with Beth & Nicole
April 1 **Easter Sunday!! Alleluia!!** Kids in Church to Celebrate and Serve!
Please let Barbara or Vicki know if you are interested. It's a special day!
After service: Come to the front for Beth's Special Easter Egg story, immediately followed by an Easter Egg Hunt outside the church.

April 8 Godly Play Lesson - Beth 3rd-6th Lessons that Work-Nicole
April 15 Lesson and Craft - Diana
April 22 Godly Play Lesson -Beth 3rd-6th Lessons that Work - Nicole
April 29 5th Sunday…Fellowship Fun Day!!! The kids look forward to the 5th Sunday!

Easter Egg Hunts: Come Join Us in Fellowship and Fun!
We will have 2 Easter Egg hunts this year!!

Saturday 3/31 at 2pm Community Easter Egg Hunt on lawn of the Presbyterian Church
Sunday 4/1 at 11:30 a.m. St. Philip's church following service. We will have a short story (to give us time to hide the eggs) and then hunt eggs! Remember to bring a bag or a basket!

*****Needed** Filled Easter Eggs for Easter day. Please bring to church or by the church office*****

The Order of the Daughters of the King

Daughters of the King meet the first Sunday of the month after church.

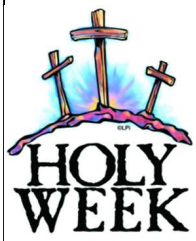
The DoK will not meet on April 1, Easter Sunday. The next meeting of the Daughters of the King will be on Sunday, May 6th after church. Please send your updated prayer requests to Rebecca.

St. Philip's is hosting an NA group on Tuesdays at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. It is facilitated by Marty Gray. Please pray for this group, for Marty, and for St. Philip's, that we will be a welcoming, safe place for those who choose to attend.

Narcotics Anonymous

Mercer County Holy Week Worship—March 26-30

The churches of Mercer County invite you to join us as we celebrate Holy Week as a community.

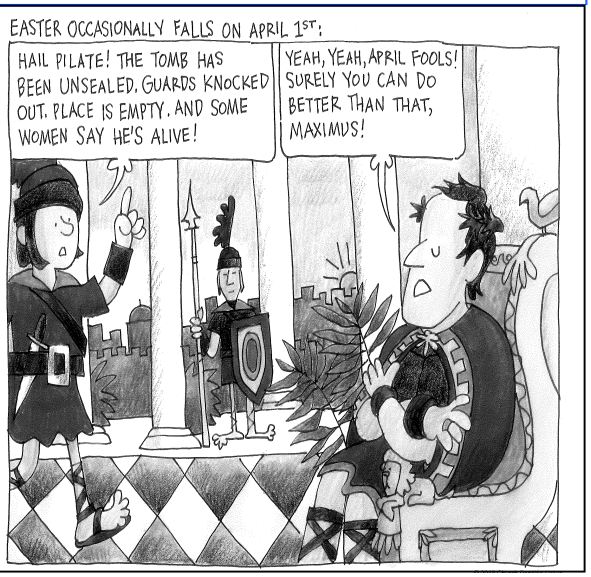


Host church: St. Andrews Catholic Church

Worship: 12 Noon

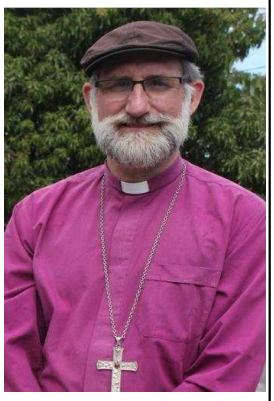
Lunch: 12:30 pm

Special Offering to benefit the Mercer County Resource and Transient Ministries!
Bring a non-perishable food item to support the Christian Life Center



News from the Diocese of Lexington:

The Diocese of Lexington is pleased to announce the Rt. Rev. Mark Van Koevering as our new Bishop Provisional. After learning of the Rt. Rev. Bruce Caldwell's intent to resign his position as Bishop Provisional, the Standing Committee entered into a process of discernment with the Office of Pastoral Development for The Episcopal Church and other leaders within the Diocese. This led to a motion, made by The Reverend Matthew Young, President of Standing Committee, at the 122nd Annual Convention of the Diocese, held February 24, 2018, inviting the Diocese to place itself under the provisional charge and authority of Bishop Van Koevering. *"What impresses me the most about Bishop Van Koevering is his ability to articulate how important his relationship with Jesus Christ truly is and, based on that, how he lives with an expectation of God to act,"* stated The Reverend Matthew Young, President of the Standing Committee. "The Diocese of Lexington should very much benefit from Bishop Van Koevering's honesty, integrity and maturity." **The motion passed with an overwhelming positive response from Deputies of Convention.** Bishop Van Koevering's ecclesiastical authority begins immediately at the close of Convention, and he will take up residence in the Diocese at the beginning of April.



Bishop Mark and his wife, The Reverend Helen Van Koevering, spent 13 years in the Diocese of Niassa, where he served as the Bishop. He resigned that position to return to the United States and serve as Assisting Bishop in West Virginia. Bishop Mark brings gifts for ministry and experience that will benefit some particularities in our Diocese, especially ministry in Appalachia and on behalf of small congregations. He is pleased to be able to join our Diocese in mission and ministry: "After meeting with the Standing Committee, the Episcopal Election Planning Committee, the Diocesan Staff and most of the Clergy of the Diocese, I have grown increasingly encouraged by what I have heard and seen. God is at work among you. I want to thank you for your trust and confidence. It is a precious gift and a solemn responsibility that you offer, and I look forward to working with you as together we join God's mission adventure." **The Diocese is hopeful that Bishop Mark's tenure in the Diocese will endure for many years.**

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And, there is the realization that our society is undergoing great change. Much of that change affects the Church as well and our Standing Committee felt that a new process is needed to bring us the best candidate(s) possible – candidates who will want to stay in this Diocese for a number of years and foster growth and development in the midst of change.

With all of this in mind, in 2017 the Standing Committee interviewed 5 different candidates for the position of Bishop Provisional. They ultimately settled on the Rt. Rev. Mark Van Koevering, who spent nearly 30 years working in Africa, first as a member of the Peace Corps and finally as Bishop of Niassa in Mozambique. As his children grew up and chose to attend college in the United States, he & his wife, Helen, made the choice to move here as well. **He has spent the past 2 years as Assisting Bishop of West Virginia, living, working, and helping to strengthen and encourage many Appalachian congregations.**

As your priest, I am encouraged by what +Mark has said so far and by the many great things he was involved in while working in Africa. It is interesting to note that 100 years ago the United States viewed Africa as a mission field and sent many missionaries there to convert people to Christianity. Now, Africa, which is heavily Christian, views the U.S. as a mission field and sends many missionaries here to convert people to Christianity. There is a lot of great energy in Africa, the Church there is growing by leaps and bounds (e.g. Bishop Van Koevering oversaw a tripling in the size of his Diocese during his 15 years there). While he did not return to this country as a missionary per se, I am encouraged by the vision he brings with him and new ideas for our wider Church in 2018 and beyond.

Please be in prayer for Bishop Van Koevering, his wife Helen (who is a priest and will serve at St. Raphael's in Lexington), and for our Standing Committee. *God is doing great things among us and I'm curious to see what's next!*

With Joy,
Father Peter

The remainder of March Calendar and Liturgical Schedule

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Lent 4 10 AM: **Rite I Holy Eucharist** 11:30 AM: **DOK**	5	6 6PM: **NA meeting**	7 6:30PM: **Mid-wk service**	8	9 Fr. Peter day off	10 *Spring ahead – set clocks up one hour*
4 Lent 11 10 AM: **Rite II Holy Eucharist** **Joint srv./ St. Peter AME** **Lunch in Parish hall** *Daylight svgs time begins*	12	13 6PM: **NA meeting**	14 6:30PM: **Mid-wk service**	15	16 Fr. Peter day off	17
5 Lent 18 10 AM: **Rite I Holy Eucharist** **Bagpiper music** 11:30 AM: **Vestry meeting**	19	20 6PM: **NA meeting**	21 6:30 PM: **Mid-wk service**	22 4:45PM: **Community Meal**	23	24
Palm Sunday 25 10 AM: **Rite II Holy Eucharist**	26 3/26-3/30, Noon: Community Holy Week service @ St. Andrews Catholic Church	27 6PM: **NA meeting**	28 6:30PM: **Tenebrae**	29 6:30 PM: **Maundy Thursday service**	30 10 AM: **Community Stations of Cross** 6:30 PM: **Good Friday Service**	31

March 2018 - Altar Guild: Barbara Crain*, Jamie Wince, and Melanie Yankey Greeter: Opal Lee Taylor

DATE SERVICE	1st reading & Psalm (reader)	2nd reading & Prayers of the people (Lector)	Chalice Bearer	Server	Crucifer	Usher	Celebrant Verger Music
March 11th ourth Sunday of nt/Worship with St. Peter AME	Diana Hayslett	Vicki Mackey	Karen Maxfield	Philip Maxfield	Philip Maxfield	Jim Tanner Jamie Wince	Fr. Peter Doddema/Pastor William Jenkins Barbara Crain
March 18th ifth Sunday of Lent	Melanie Yankey	Jim Hogue	Melanie Yankey	Jim Hogue	Jim Hogue	Ricky & Marie Rice	Fr. Peter Doddema Leonard Mackey
March 25th Palm Sunday	Vicki Mackey	Barbara Crain	Kathy Dedman	Leonard Mackey	Leonard Mackey	Diana & Bill Hayslett	Fr. Peter Doddema Barbara Crain
March 28th Tenebrae 6:30 pm	READERS Barbara Crain Vicki Mackey	CANDLES Roman Doddema	No Other Servers Needed	No Other Servers Needed	No Other Servers Needed	No Other Servers Needed	
March 29th aundy Thursday 6:30 pm	Melanie Yankey	Leonard Mackey	Vicki Mackey	Barbara Crain	Barbara Crain	TBA	Fr. Peter Doddema Leonard Mackey
March 30th Good Friday 6:30 pm	Kristie Jones	Barbara Crain	Leonard Mackey	Vicki Mackey	Vicki Mackey	TBA	Fr. Peter Doddema Barbara Crain

Office Staff Vacation Schedules for the Spring Break

Fr. Peter will be out of the office on the following dates for Spring Break: April 2-8. Fr. Terry Taylor will be available for pastoral care during that time. His phone number is 859 239-9554. In addition, Anne Donnally will be in and out of town during 3/31-4/7. She and Katie Lay (859-265-1523, KT_Lay@hotmail.com) will be by the office (859-734-3569, saintphilip@bellsouth.net) checking phone/email messages and getting mail. Call ahead if you need to stop by the office for any reason. You may also contact Vicki Mackey, Sr. Warden, if needed. She can be reached via phone/text at 502-229-2538 or email mackeys1@yahoo.com.

March Birthdays

3/2
Shawn Gray
3/7
Mason Thomas
3/10
Woodrow Wilson
3/15
Marie Rice
3/20
Hannah Ayala
Anne Donnally
Darrell Ward
3/21
Ben Wilson
3/25
Nancy Stratton
3/26
Vicky Thurman
3/29
Daniel Lay
Bonnie Tanner
3/31
Dick Webb

April Birthdays

4/3
Tess Perros
4/5
Kathy Dedman
4/12
Rachel Wheeler
4/14
Sallie Jo Ball
4/18
Rebecca Robinson
4/23
Jim Tanner
4/30
Susanna Thomas

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Easter Day 1 10 AM: **Rite II Holy Eucharist Happy Easter!**	2 Fr. Peter and Anne out of office For Spring Break through 4/6	3 Fr. Peter and Anne out of office For Spring Break through 4/6 6PM: **NA meeting**	4 Fr. Peter and Anne out of office For Spring Break through 4/6 **No mid-week service**	5 Fr. Peter and Anne out of office For Spring Break through 4/6 6 PM: **CLC Bd. mtg**	6 Fr. Peter and Anne out of office For Spring Break through 4/6	7
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St. Philip's Community Meal Ministry

On Thursday, February 22nd, we served 330 meals and sent each family who joined us home with frozen food and canned goods. It was another great time of fellowship, love and service!

The next meal will be on Thursday, March 22nd at 4:45 PM. Food preparation begins on Wednesday in the Parish Hall kitchen. If you would like to help in any way, please come on by. Thanks for every helper! ***For more information, call Katie @859-265-1523.***

Spring Cleaning Alert!! St. Philip's is still collecting gently used and vintage items to sell at a booth in Rags to Riches! Funds raised will benefit St. Philip's ministries. You can drop your items at St. Philip's office on Mondays/Fridays from 10-2 (call ahead) or larger items can be picked up. Receipts will be available in the office for your donations. Items will be priced and taken over to be sold. Contact Katie Lay (859-265-1523) for more information or to schedule a pickup.

From The Jr. Warden, Greg Yankey:

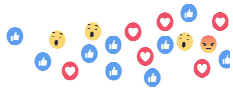
St. Philip's submitted for a Province IV Grant in the amount of $6,000 in March to update our facilities. Specifically we look to focus on the Parish Hall and making it handicap accessible and providing cover to waiting community meal attendees. Keep your fingers crossed!

In the coming months, the Diocese will advertise for applications regarding Mini-Grants. If you have a grant idea, please contact Anne in the office or Greg Yankey.

Cardinal Meadow's Loan update

Cardinal Meadow's board members from St. Philip's and Trinity Danville signed a letter of intent to participate in the RD program and willingness to sign necessary documents to secure financial terms. We anticipate formal closing in March or April, and then rehabilitation construction can begin. The next board meeting is March 28, 2018 @ 11AM.

St. Philip's wants to go LIVE!



Plans are in the works to video Sunday Services to provide a worship experience for those who are unable to attend Church. Fr. Peter is also working on having a Facebook live recap of his Sunday sermons. **Do you have any experience with video or Facebook live broadcast?** We need someone who can work with a Samsung tablet to video the Sunday Worship service. If you would like to help out with either of these, please contact the church office.

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Kristie Jones-502-331-3644 (2020)
Marie Rice-859-613-3650 (2019)
Ian Thomas-859-613-2453 (2018)

Dear St. Philips Family,

One of the wonderful things about this parish is our care for one another. Please help us continue and deepen this by letting the church office know when you are ill or hospitalized. We especially want to serve you during these times.

With Joy,
Fr. Peter