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# *Palm Sunday*

## *At First Congregational Church*

March 20 – Worship Service at 11AM

Vesper Film at 5PM in Shatto Chapel

March 24 – Maundy Thursday Dinner at 6:30PM in Mayflower Courtyard

John Nava Lecture at 7:30PM in Shatto Chapel

March 27 – Easter Sunday Celebration at 11AM

Reception to follow in the Forecourt

“Morning After” by Tim Mooney [www.timmooneystudio.com](http://www.timmooneystudio.com)

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# Confirmation Orientation

Today – 12:30PM – Barnum Room

This spring, First Church is offering a confirmation class for youth who are in grades six through high school. The confirmation process is designed to equip our youth with tools that will help them discern their relationship with God, and their desire to fully participate in the life of our church. Students and their parents are invited to attend an orientation for the program after today's worship service. Please contact Julianne James for more information at [jjames@fcla.org](mailto:jjames@fcla.org) or 213.355.5259.



## First Church Chooses EcoPalms

By choosing EcoPalms for Palm Sunday, First Church is supporting environmental and social justice. Workers who harvest EcoPalms will receive a higher price for their fair trade palms, thereby improving their income and living conditions. These palms are sustainably harvested and managed, protecting both the palms and the forests they need for shade. Palm gathering in this way protects valuable natural forests. To learn more, visit [www.ecopalms.org](http://www.ecopalms.org).

## Architectural Tour

March 27, Easter Sunday— following the service  
Meet below the Pulpit



## Pastoral News

Condolances to the family of **Milton Ross**. Milton recently passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family. He was 97.

Our sympathies to Nancy Beningo whose mother, **Faye Sophia Beningo**, died January 19, in Wallingford, Pennsylvania. Services were held in Pennsylvania.

Sympathies to Jerry Parker who lost his older brother, **John Parker**, last Sunday, March 13. John lived in the City of Orange. Sympathy cards can be sent to: Jerry Parker, 34011 Calle De Bonanza, San Juan Capistrano 92675-5026.



## Birthdays for April

April 1	Jerry Parker
April 2	Suzanne S. Hong
April 3	Elizabeth Chang, Bonita L. DiRaffaele
April 5	Beth Anderson, Peter Glawatz, Joel Oconer
April 6	Avril Harris
April 7	Jason V. Garcia, Stephen Ellison Hunt
April 8	Ramune Sarup
April 9	Hans Clemens, Catherine Gellert
April 11	Jack Call, Felicia V. Gaddis, Kelly Freter
April 12	Alan Mendez, Lily Tsurumaki
April 13	Karen Ann Collier
April 14	David Castillo Guillermo
April 17	Julie Ellen Janata, Chéri Ramey
April 18	Dana Shockley
April 20	Candice Bartolome
April 22	Donna Jean Locke, Raymond S. Lee, Susan Kelly
April 23	Oge Okpala, Virginia Tiburcio Sanchez
April 25	Vernon E. McCuiston-Topp
April 27	Michael J. Wong, David W. Adams
April 28	Deanna Wilcox, Sunny Lee
April 30	Seung Kew Choi

*Happy Birthday from your First Church Family!*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP 3.20.2016

PALM SUNDAY

## LITURGY OF PRAISE

**Organ Prelude** Dr. Christoph Bull  
"Hymn to Joy" *Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Machella*  
"Toccata primi toni" *Kerll*  
"Praeambulum, Fugue and Final" *Franz Xaver Murschhauser*  
"In Thee Is Gladness" *Bach*  
"In Thee Is Gladness" *Michel*  
Hymn Improvisation

**Call to Worship** Dr. R. Scott Colglazier

† **Processional Hymn** – No. 178  
"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" *ST.THEODULPH*

† **Invocation** Dr. Tom Eggebeen

† **Introit** – "Hosanna" *Brent Pierce* Cathedral Choir  
Dr. Jonathan Talberg, Director

† **The Lord's Prayer** (using "debts") Dr. Eggebeen

† **Gloria Patri** (No. 558, congregation singing)  
Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.

**Welcome and Announcements** Dr. Colglazier  
*Please sign the red friendship pad in your pew  
and pass it to your neighbor.*

**Blessing of the Children** Ms. Julianne James  
"Hosanna" *Victor C. Johnson*  
First Kids First and  
Celebration Ringers

**Welcome New Members** Mr. Jason Lambert

## LITURGY OF MEDITATION

**Meditation Anthem** Cathedral Choir  
"Ride on King Jesus" *arr. Moses Hogan*

**Versicles** (congregation singing) Rev. Laura Fregin

**Minister: The Lord be with you.**

Congregation: And with thy spirit.

**Minister: Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.**

Congregation: And grant us thy salvation.

**Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.**

Congregation: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

**Prayer of General Confession** (unison) Rev. Fregin

We confess, O God,  
we have been estranged from you.  
We have allowed security, acclaim,  
and power to take your place.  
We have been selfish, lacked compassion,  
and spent time foolishly,  
forgetting that it is irreplaceable.  
Help us, O God. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** Rev. Fregin

**Silent Prayers**

**Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Fregin

## LITURGY OF GUIDANCE

**Scripture Reading** – Luke 19:28–40 Ms. Jessica Harmon

**Sermon** – *You Cannot Silence Divine Joy!* Dr. Colglazier

## LITURGY OF DEDICATION

**Presentation of Offerings** Rev. Fregin

**Offertory Anthem** Cathedral Choir  
Movements 2,3,4 from "Schaffe in Mir Gott" *Johannes Brahms*  
*Cast me not away from thy presence  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.*

† **Doxology** (No. 562, congregation singing)  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

† **Prayer of Dedication** Dr. Eggebeen

† **Passing of the Peace and Benediction** Dr. Colglazier

† **Choral Benediction Response** Cathedral Choir  
"Three Fold Amen" *Ruth Hanson*

† **Recessional Hymn** – No. 187  
"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" *ELLACOMBE*

**Organ Postlude** Dr. Bull  
"In Thee Is Gladness" – Reprise *Michel*

† Please Stand

*Please silence all cell phones.  
For a wireless, enhanced hearing device, please see an usher.*

## AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE

Join us for Coffee Fellowship, in the Forecourt following today's service.  
Today's Coffee Fellowship is sponsored in celebration of our great Facilities team: Marco, Jose and Elda!  
Holy Communion is celebrated on The Chancel following today's service. All are welcome!



### TODAY'S ALTAR DEDICATION

The Altar Flowers are placed today for **Maryanne Mazur**, maternal Grandmother of Bonita DiRaffaele, in honor of the strength and courage she had to travel alone from Poland to Ellis Island at the age of seventeen.

## Looking Ahead!

THE MEETINGHOUSE

## This Month at First Church

### Participate!

#### Every Week at First Church

- 8:15AM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM Adult Education: Seekers Class  
*No class scheduled on Easter Sunday*
- 9:30AM First Kids First: Childcare  
*Room 208, off the small playground*
- 10:15AM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30AM Prelude on The Great Organs
- 11:00AM Worship Service
- 11:15AM First Kids First (K-5th grade)  
*Music Room, 1st floor*
- 12:15PM Coffee Fellowship



*Sundays in March at 10AM*  
Join Dr. Colglazier on a walk through Shatto Chapel to explore works of art from the Art & Spirit exhibit. These informal discussions will last less than 30 minutes. Many of the pieces in this exhibit are for sale.

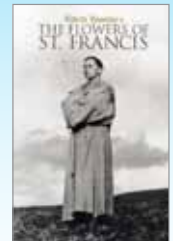
If you would like to make a purchase, please contact Kate Grabau at 213.355.5231 or [kgrabau@fccla.org](mailto:kgrabau@fccla.org).

#### Vesper Film

*Today, Palm Sunday – 5PM*

#### Shatto Chapel

Director Roberto Rossellini and co-writer Federico Fellini convey the universal teachings of the People's Saint – humility, compassion, faith, and sacrifice – in "The Flowers of St. Francis." This film is a timeless and moving portrait of the search for spiritual enlightenment.



#### Maundy Thursday

*March 24 – 6:30PM*

Please join us for an evening of conversation and community as we observe Maundy Thursday. Beginning at 6:30PM, a light supper will be served in Mayflower Courtyard and we will share in a service of holy communion. At 7:30PM, the artist John Nava will share the fascinating creation of his magnificent tapestries. Please RSVP to Kate Grabau at [kgrabau@fccla.org](mailto:kgrabau@fccla.org) or sign up at the Welcome Table after today's worship service.

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