

the first church in chestnut hill

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26 SUFFOLK ROAD OFF HAMMOND STREET



May 2024

SUNDAY SERVICE at 10:30

Rev. Mark J. T. Caggiano, Minister

VERITAS, CARITAS, ET RISUS

My bulletin article this month is less of an essay and more of a request. This fall, I will once again be offering a sermon series on movies. And I would like people to send me their suggestions.

Recently, I was chatting with someone and they remembered a movie I had screened years ago in the parish hall. After the movie, we sat in the parlor and discussed it, all of which they very much enjoyed. The following Sunday, I would offer a sermon about the movie and various churchly topics. Typically, I do not change the lectionary readings for the Sunday in question but arrange the movie selections to suit those readings. It is a bit of a challenge, but it is generally good fun for me.

So here are the rules. The movies can be from any time period or be on any topic, but please note that if you recommend “Texas Chainsaw Massacre” it will probably not make the cut. Also, the movie cannot be explicitly religious. Why? Because that is in one sense too easy, but also because if I diverge from the director’s vision it might not sit well with avid movie fans. Therefore, no Charlton Heston I am afraid, unless you wish to see “Soylent Green.”

Please send me an email or a note in the mail with your suggestions. Feel free to call me at church and we can chat about the film. We could even discuss it over coffee sometime if you would like. One film that I have already preselected is “Casablanca.” I chose it because I have never seen it. When I mentioned this omission to a few people, they were dumbfounded, so I figured I should remedy my impoverished cultural state.

Again, we will screen the movie during the week. Please let me know if Wednesday or Thursday nights would be better. We could also have a matinee showing some afternoon. We will discuss the film immediately afterwards, which conversations will be fair game for sermon fodder in case you were wondering. I will then preach about the film on the following Sunday.

God bless,
~Mark

May 5

Sermon: Abiding Love
Scriptures: Acts 10:44-48, John 15:9-17, Psalm 98
Scripture Reader: Sally Baker
Usher: John Welch
Coffee Hour: Mark Chadbourne
Altar Flowers: In loving memory of George Maliff from his friends at First Church.

May 12

Sermon: Going Forth
Scriptures: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; John 17:6-19, Psalm 1
Scripture Reader: Mark Chadbourne
Usher: March Chadbourne
Coffee Hour: Susan and John Welch
Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Alice de V. and Lewis F. Perry by their children and grandchildren.

May 19 (Pentecost)

Sermon: Pentecost Communion
Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15, Psalm 104
Scripture Reader: David Brooks
Usher: David Brooks
Coffee Hour: Lisle Baker
Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Walter and Madeline Van Tassel by their family.

May 26

Sermon: Rev. Hank Peirce visiting minister
Scriptures: Isaiah 6:1-8, John 3:1-17, Psalm 29
Scripture Reader: Carol Lohe
Usher: Werner Lohe
Coffee Hour: Carla and Dick Benka
Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Sandy Belfer by her husband Myron Belfer.

MAY MUSIC

May 5, 2024

Prelude	Ricercare	Palestrina
Anthem	O God My King	Amner
Hymn 70	Let Us With a Gladsome Mind	
Response	Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light	Bach
Offertory Anthem	O Strength and Stay	Bourgeois
Hymn 465	O Perfect Love	
Hymn 228	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	
Choral Amen	Threefold Amen	Traditional
Postlude	Concerto No. 13- Allegro	Handel

May 12, 2024

Prelude	2 Preludes	Bach
Anthem	For the Beauty of the Earth	Rutter
Hymn 10	Before Jehovah's Awful Throne	
Response	Draw Us to Thee	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Brother James' Air	Arr. Jacob
Hymn 352	Lift Up Your Hearts	
Hymn 66	For the Beauty of the Earth	
Choral Amen	Fourfold Amen	Barrows
Postlude	Andantino	Haydn

May 19, 2024

Prelude	Chaconne	Handel
Hymn 6	O Worship the King	
Anthem	Behold, How Good and Joyful	Clarke-Whitfeld
Hymn 234	Breathe on Me, Breath of God	
Response	Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Prince of Peace	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Verily, Verily I Say unto You	Tallis
Hymn 289	Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted	
Hymn 236	Life of Ages, Richly Poured	
Choral Amen	Twofold Amen	Perischetti
Postlude	A Doxology Postlude	Pindar-Stevens

May 26, 2024

Prelude	3 Miniatures	Peeters
Anthem	All People that on Earth do dwell	Tallis
Hymn 7	Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise	
Response	All Depends on Our Possessing	Bach
Offertory Anthem	The Lord's Prayer	Stone
Hymn 365	Faith of Our Fathers	
Hymn 429	Eternal Father, Strong to Save	
Choral Amen	Threefold Amen	Perischetti
Postlude	Toccata	Sweelinck

MUSIC PROGRAM NOTES

Thomas Tallis was an English composer of High Renaissance music. He lived from 1505 to 1585. His compositions are primarily vocal and choral. Tallis is considered to be one of England's greatest composers.

FCCH IN THE COMMUNITY

Many thanks to all who contributed to our diaper drive in March and April. It was a big success! Our donations filled an entire corner in the hallway at the Centre Street Food Pantry, and the pantry staff was very grateful.

To end the church year, we are hosting a drive for items requested by the Brookline Food Pantry. These items include:

- Low sodium soups
- Baking supplies (flour, sugar, vanilla, etc.)
- Condiments (pickles, mustard, relish, catsup, etc.)

Please bring all donations to the church (a table in the parish hall is designated for our collection) or to the Baker's side porch at 137 Suffolk Rd.

The drive will run until the end of June. Let's help stock their summer shelves and collect many of the above items to deliver to the Brookline Food Pantry on July first.

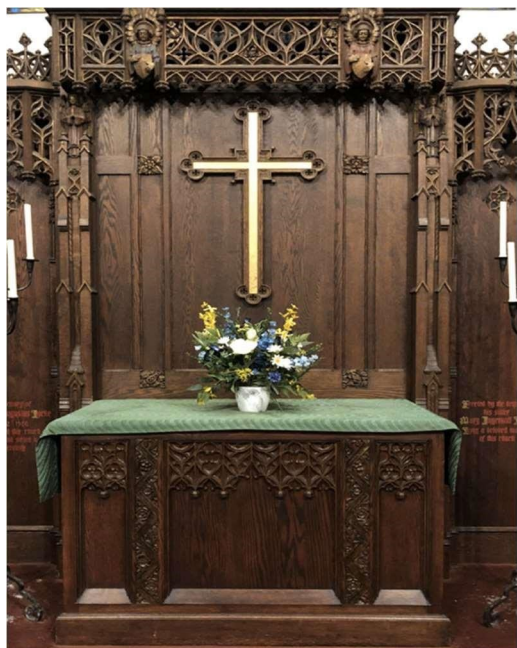
ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Mark hosts bible study at 10:00 am on Wednesdays on Zoom. We are studying the Letters of Paul. Contact Rev. Mark at mjtcaggiano@gmail.com to be included on the Zoom invitation list. All are welcome.

DONATIONS

Collection has returned to its traditional format during the service. If you wish, you may also make your donation via Zelle or mail a check to the church, Attention: Treasurer, 26 Suffolk Road, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467. Many thanks for your anticipated generosity.

ALTAR FLOWERS



Attention flower donors: please contact Dana Flynn (617-680-0702) to coordinate the delivery of your flower donation. He will meet the florist (or you) at the church on the Saturday prior to your date. If you prefer, we also have tasteful silk arrangements which can easily be placed on the altar.

If you would like to donate flowers, multiple dates are still available for the year. Please contact Victor Strama if you are interested at 26suffolk@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER SCRIPTURE READERS

If you would like to join the group of volunteer scripture readers, please contact Carol Lohe (ctroyen@mfa.org.) This is a rewarding opportunity to be part of our Sunday services.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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to
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grow spiritually
foster community
serve others

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FOR THOSE IN NEED THIS MONTH

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