

# *the first church in chestnut hill*

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26 SUFFOLK ROAD OFF HAMMOND STREET



April 2025

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SUNDAY SERVICE at 10:30

Rev. Mark J. T. Caggiano, Minister

## VERITAS, CARITAS, ET RISUS

*April is the cruellest month, breeding  
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing  
Memory and desire, stirring  
Dull roots with spring rain.*

In his poem "The Waste Land," T.S. Eliot depicted April as a startling time, as one awakened from the soft slumber of winter. He inverts expectations, describing the beauty of spring and the warming of days as unwelcomed change. Spring indeed changes the world around us, even as the cycle of seasons moves steadily along. Change can happen even within the familiar.

Memory and desire, as the poet states, are mixed. They weave together and evoke remembrances of days gone by. The scents of the garden, the cut grass of the fields. I am waxing nostalgic, but I do not see that as always a bad mindset. Nostalgia is a longing for something past, a true mix of memory and desire, that can be summoned forth by a whiff of lilac or the call of a mourning dove. It is a message from where we once were.

Yearning for the past is not a problem, unless it transforms into disdain for the present. For was not the past once our present? Now buffed and sanded down into our polished memories minus all the troubles and annoyances we have placed out of mind. The golden days are far more appealing once we place aside all that tarnished them.

So, find the lilacs. Listen to bird song. Embrace the joys of now even as you cherish then. Tiny miracles of the moment await us around every corner in this season called spring.

God bless,  
~Mark

P.S. My second granddaughter, Katherine (Katie) Aimee, was born on March 25 in New Haven Connecticut. Mother and baby are doing fine.

April 6

Sermon: A Visible Sign  
Scriptures: Isaiah 43:16-21; John 12:1-8; Psalm 126  
Scripture Reader: Lisle Baker  
Usher: Lisle Baker  
Coffee Hour: Sarah and Andrew Welch  
Altar Flowers: The flowers are given in loving memory of beloved teacher and coach Dean Conway by Sally and Lisle Baker.

April 13 (Palm Sunday)

Sermon: Palm Sunday  
Scriptures: Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118  
Scripture Reader: Joe Hicks  
Usher: Joe Hicks  
Coffee Hour: Meghan Baker and Federico Frigerio  
Altar Flowers: The flowers are given in loving memory of Sandy Belfer by her husband Myron Belfer.

April 18 (Good Friday)

Sermon: Good Friday  
Scriptures: John 18:1-19:42; Psalm 22

April 20 (Easter Sunday)

Sermon: Easter Sunday  
Scriptures: Isaiah 65:17-25; John 20:1-18; Psalm 118  
Scripture Reader: David Brooks  
Usher: David Brooks  
Coffee Hour: Easter Breakfast  
Altar Flowers: The flowers are given in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest B. Dane and Mr. & Mrs. Edward Dane by Sally & Bert Dane.

April 27

Sermon: Belief versus Faith  
Scriptures: Acts 5:27-32; John 20:19-31; Psalm 150  
Scripture Reader: Susan Welch  
Usher: Mark Chadbourne  
Coffee Hour: Patricia Schneider  
Altar Flowers: The flowers are given in loving memory of our parents by Carol and Ralph Stuart.

## APRIL MUSIC

April 6, 2025

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Prelude	Stabat Mater dolorosa	Pergolesi
Anthem	Locus iste	Bruckner
Hymn	Jerusalem	
Response	If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Ave Verum Corpus	Mozart
Hymn 288	Let Us Break Bread Together	
Hymn	Old Rugged Cross	
Choral Amen	Twofold Amen	Traditional
Postlude	Toccata	Buxtehude

April 13, 2025 (Palm Sunday)

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Prelude	O filii et filiae	Dandrieu
Anthem	Praise the Lord, Ye Servants	Blow
Hymn 155	All Glory, Laud, and Honor	
Response	Lord Jesus, My Life, My Light	Bach
Offertory Anthem	O vos omnes	Bach
Hymn 163	Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended	
Hymn 156	Draw Nigh to Thy Jerusalem	
Choral Amen	Twofold Amen	Traditional
Postlude	Postlude on 'Sing Hosanna'	Tambling

April 20, 2025 (Easter Sunday)

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Prelude	Miniature Toccata Finale-Maestoso <i>Tony Serio, trumpet</i>	Peeters Frescobaldi Spada
Anthem	Hallelujah	Beethoven
Hymn 182	Christ the Lord is Risen Today	
Hymn	Christ is Made the Sure Foundation	
Response	Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Prince of Peace	Bach
Offertory Anthem	Sound the Trumpet <i>Soprano and Mezzo Duet</i>	Purcell
Hymn 185	Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain	
Hymn 187	Jesus Christ is Risen Today	
Choral Amen	The Lord Bless You and Keep You	Lutkin
Postlude	Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme <i>Tony Serio, trumpet</i>	Krebs

April 27, 2025

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Prelude	Prelude on "Wurtemberg"	Telemann
Anthem	Up, up! My Heart with Gladness	Bach
Hymn 19	Praise the Lord, His Glories Show	
Response	Praise God, the Lord, Ye Sons of Man	Bach
Offertory Anthem	God is Living, God is Here	Bach
Hymn 16	Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven	
Hymn 15	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	
Choral Amen	Fourfold Amen	Barrow
Postlude	Improvisation on 'St Magnus'	Waldock

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

**Easter Breakfast:** On Sunday, April 20, at 9 am, we'll celebrate Easter together with a community breakfast. We'll be sending an email out soon inviting RSVPs and volunteer sign-ups to bring food or lend a hand. Your RSVPs and contributions will help make this a joyful celebration. Please feel free to send any questions to Rev. Mark at (617) 566-6237 or to Victor Strama, our church administrator, at 26suffolk@gmail.com.

### ***Holy Week Services:***

Palm Sunday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.

Good Friday, April 18, 5:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20, 10:30 a.m. (breakfast at 9:00 a.m.)

### FCCH IN THE COMMUNITY

Many thanks to all who contributed to our drive for Kids Club items. They were much appreciated.

Our next drive for the months of April and May is for kitchen kits. The Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Center, a partner of the UU Urban Ministry, helps settle unhoused families in Boston, Worcester, and Lynn. Once housing is secured, the families need basic items like the following:

- Cooking utensils (spoons, ladles, tongs, spatulas)
- Pots and pans
- Bowls and plates
- Eating utensils
- Oven mitts
- Kitchen towels
- Mugs and cups
- Grocery gift cards

Please consider donating new or gently used items from this list. You may have extras in your cupboard that would be essential for these families setting up their households.

Please drop off your donations in the parish hall or on the Baker's side porch at 137 Suffolk Road. Thank you.

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Once again, we will participate in the weed pull in Houghton Garden (at the end of Suffolk Rd.), sponsored by Newton Conservators. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 4 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

All you need are a pair of garden gloves and enthusiasm to rid the area of garlic mustard, an invasive species. Please email Sally Baker ([sallybbaker@comcast.net](mailto:sallybbaker@comcast.net)) if you can participate in this community project. Note: we usually finish the job in less than two hours.

### MOVIE NIGHTS RETURN

We will once again be screening more Wednesday night movies this spring in the parish hall beginning during Holy Week. We will have pizza and popcorn and start the films at 7:00 p.m. Please stop in and feel free to bring a friend.

April 16 – *The Ten Commandments*

April 23 – *The Sound of Music*

April 30 – *The Grapes of Wrath*

May 7 – *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*

May 14 – *The Iron Giant*

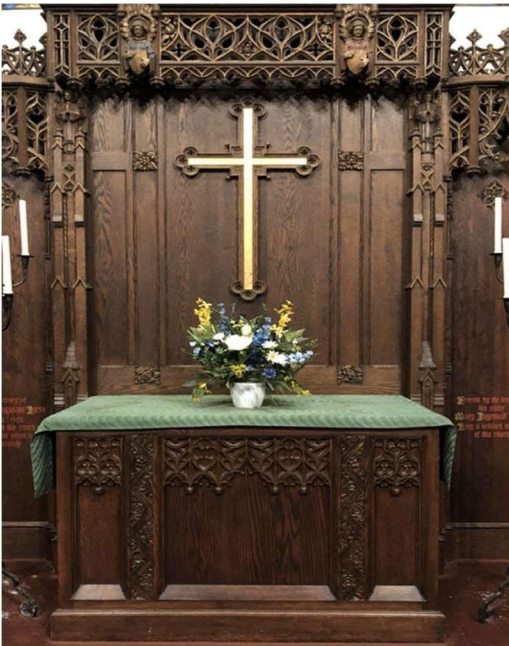
## ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Mark hosts bible study at 1:00 PM on Wednesdays on Zoom. We are studying the Book of Exodus. Contact Rev. Mark at [mjtcaggiano@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:26suffolk@gmail.com).

## VOLUNTEER SCRIPTURE READERS

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

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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**to** .....  
*grow spiritually*  
*foster community*  
*serve others*

### MUSIC DIRECTOR AND CHOIR

Kathryn Rosenbach, 617-821-0385

Christina Grandy de Oliveira, Soprano

Becca Allen, Mezzo Soprano

MinSun Im, Tenor

Guanghao Yu, Baritone

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### ADMINISTRATOR

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### FOR THOSE IN NEED THIS MONTH

Please contact Rev. Mark at the church or via email

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