

# CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

**Eblast**

**April 18, 2024**



St. Mary's Guild is having a rummage sale on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 9-3 p.m. and Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The set-up will be Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. Volunteers are needed to set-up, work during the sale, and clean up on Saturday. Please call Glenda (607) 738-2669, Rose (607) 221-6797, or Linda (607) 426-0604 if you will help. Thank you for all the donations that will help make the sale a great success.



## Mothers Day Plant Sale



The 2024 Mother's Day plant sale will run through April 28<sup>th</sup>. Orders and payments are due by Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> to guarantee delivery of the hanging baskets by Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. All other plants will be delivered by May 24<sup>th</sup>, just in time for Memorial Day Weekend planting! Order forms are on the table in the church and in the office. Please make checks payable to Rose Carpenter and include a phone number on the order form. Rose can be reached at (607) 221-6797 or (570) 888-1648. Thank you for your support!

## Miles of Pennies

Our annual Miles of Pennies Race has begun and will run through May. Please bring your pennies/change to church on Sunday. Thank you!



## April 22 is Earth Day

Let's remember to honor and celebrate our remarkable planet on this extraordinary day. Earth Day is a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability, encouraging us to come together and take action for a healthier planet and brighter future. Through various events, toolkits, and initiatives, Earthday.org aims to raise awareness, inspire change, and foster a deeper connection with nature. Let's unite in our efforts to protect the Earth today and for generations to come. Together we can make a meaningful impact and create a more sustainable world. For more information on how to get involved please visit [earthday.org](http://earthday.org)

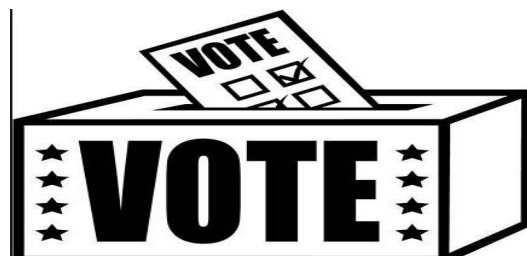


## St. Mary's Guild May Meeting

St. Mary's Guild will meet Tuesday, May 7th at 7 p.m. The program will feature the Southern Eye Institute Mission trip to Sarabu Africa. Leah & Lizzie Reid from Athens High School will share their experience as student scholars for Dr. Cathy Schanzer's foundation. They served the month of June 2023 teaching school and helping the needy people. We hope to see all the ladies of the Parish at our meeting.

## Come out to Vote

The 2024 Presidential Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, April 23rd. Remember that every vote counts!!



# TRIBUTE QUARTET CONCERT

In thanksgiving for the successful conclusion of the Stained Glass Windows Capital Campaign, the Vestry sponsored an Open House last Sunday afternoon to show case our windows as well as host a concert by Gospel Chart topping group the Tribute Quartet. Organized by our former Senior Warden, Linda Murrelle, the event was well attended by any measure. A feast of cookies and sandwiches, punch and coffee were prepared by several of our members and eagerly consumed. Canon Melinda, heretofore not a particular fan of Gospel music, found herself enraptured by the positive, upbeat, joy-filled music presented by Gary Castro, Josh Singletary, Gus Gaches, and Ian Owens. She was particularly impressed with the rich bass notes sung by Ian. While all four men delighted us with their music, they also caused ripples of laughter as they teased one another and shared a corny joke or two. They were all wonderful ambassadors for Christ.



Top left: Keyboardist, baritone, and all around funny man, Josh Singletary. Top right: Grammy winner Gus Gaches, Manager and lead vocalist Gary Castro, Josh, and Ian Owens. At left: A near capacity audience—some travelled as far away as from Auburn NY. Thanks to WPEL, in Montrose PA who helped promote our event.

## Readings for April 21, 2024

First Reading: Acts 4:5 -12

Psalm 23

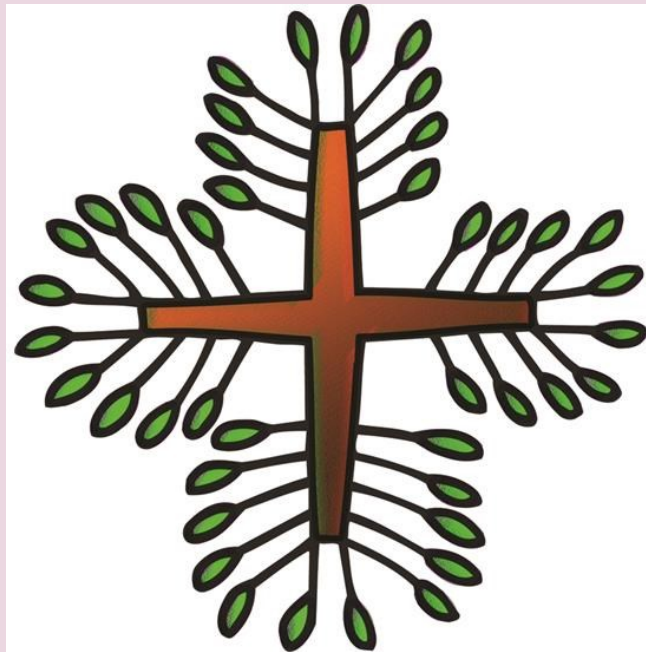
Second Reading: 1 John 3:16 -24

Gospel: John 10:11 -18

### Scripture Reflection

#### Reflection on the Gospel by Nancy R Blakely from Daily Feast: Meditations from Feasting on the Word

When someone is having a difficult time, we casually give the advice to “hang in there.” Those are not very helpful words for one who desperately wonders how to do just that. Jesus offers so much more than hanging in there. Yes, hard times will invariably come, but living, abiding, finding our home in Jesus the vine and God the grower sustains us, promoting even greater well-being. Recall the Hebrew notion of shalom, which speaks of wholeness, completeness, and health. Recovering that sense of shalom addresses the deep yearnings of our lives. Shalom enters into all the cuts and hurts we endure day to day. It even enables us to speak of healing when there is no hope for a cure. Hope for relief from suffering does remain—a hope that God’s miracles of growth bring to fruition. What connections do you make between the concept of abiding and the Hebrew notion of shalom?



## Serving in Worship at Redeemer

April 21

Reader: Margaret Cole

Usher: Rick Rhodes

Greeter: Mary Rhodes

Acolytes: Emily & Kayla Marshall

April 28

Rose Carpenter

Bruce Carpenter

Phoebe Marshall



Diane Nobles	4/18
Paul Polzella	4/18
Eric Watson	4/19
Joyce Brennan	4/21
Tracy McCutcheon	4/21

The Wildcat closet continues to collect donations of Sweat pants, Sweat shirts, socks and toiletries. The box is located in the atrium . Linda Murrelle will pick up your donations and make sure they are delivered to the proper locations.



For the Month of **April** we will be collecting canned veggies for our local food pantries.



## **Gather 24 – May 4, 2024**

All are invited to attend this Diocesan sponsored, fun and interactive day of formation and fellowship. There are 21 sessions to choose from at Gather 24, and the day includes lunch, hearing from Bishops, worship, and lots more. The \$25 registration fee helps offset the event site cost, meals and snacks, prizes, and other event costs (scholarships are available for those with need).

*Gather* is the Diocese of Bethlehem's annual formation event. *Gather 24* will be Saturday, **May 4, 2024**, at PNC Field (just south of Scranton), home of the [RailRiders](#), a Triple-A baseball team.

*(We suggest you preview the session descriptions before registering)*

Session and descriptions: [click here](#).

Register: [click here](#).

Hotel Accomodations: [click here](#).

## **Central New York Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe named petition nominee for 28th presiding bishop**



[Episcopal News Service] Central New York Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe on April 16 was [added as a nominee by petition](#) to stand for election as The Episcopal Church's 28th presiding bishop, joining four other bishops who were [announced two weeks ago on the initial slate](#) of nominees to succeed Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

The two-week petition period closed at the end of the day April 15, and Duncan-Probe was the sole petition nominee. She joins Nebraska Bishop J. Scott Barker, Pennsylvania Bishop Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez, Atlanta Bishop Robert Wright and Northwestern Pennsylvania Bishop Sean Rowe, who also serves as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Western New York.

To read more, click here:

[Central New York Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe named petition nominee for 28th presiding bishop – Episcopal News Service](#)

# In- Person Safe Church Training



Safe Church classes are hitting the road and coming to YOU!

After hearing your feedback, we're thrilled to announce that in-person classes are back, alongside our trusted online option. Now you can choose what works best for you! Two sessions will be offered at Prince of Peace in Dallas (420 Main St, Dallas PA 18612). Remember, you only need to attend one of the days.

- **Friday, May 10th, 1:00pm - 5:00pm**
- **Saturday, May 11th, 9:00am - 1:00pm**

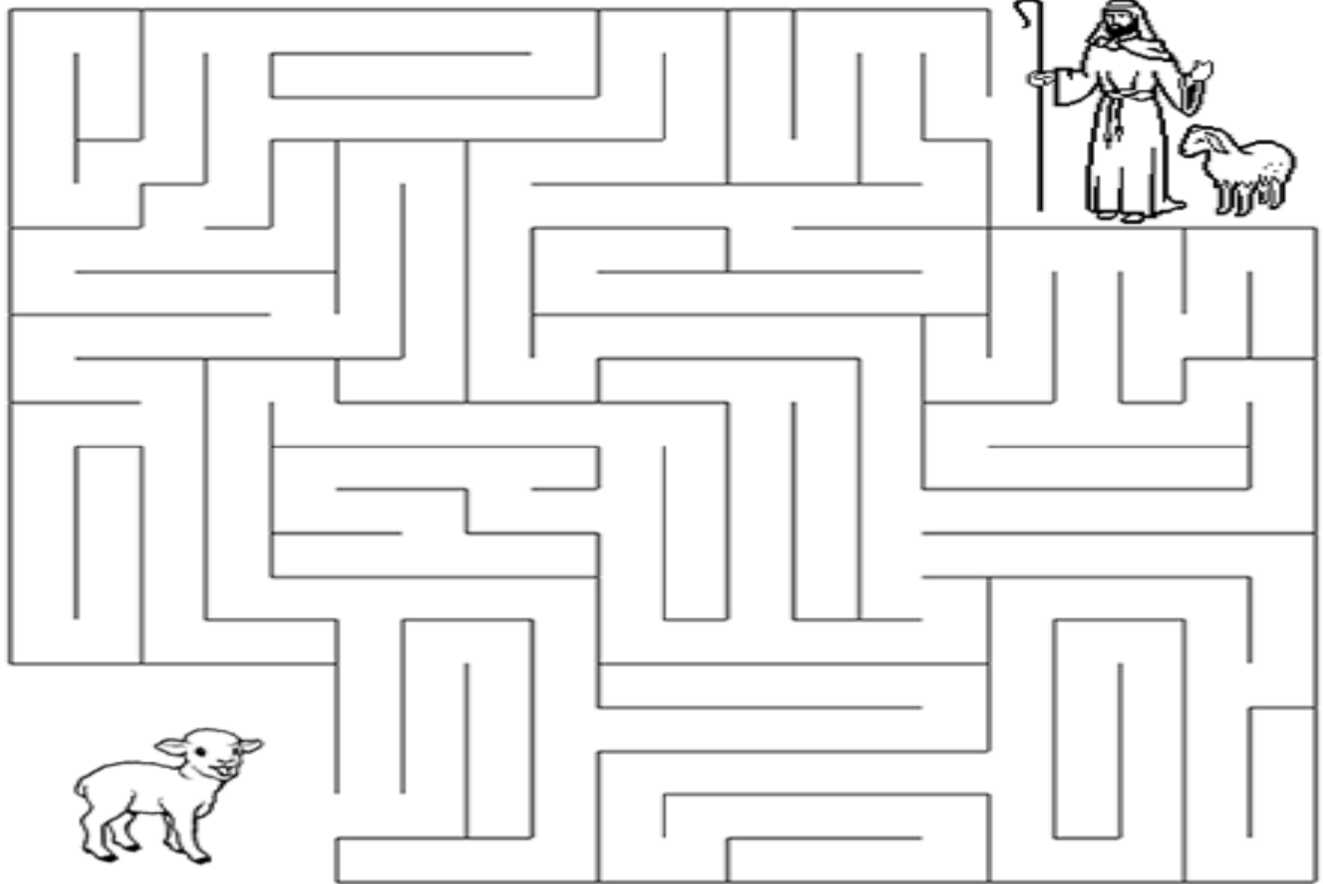
To register, contact Tim Wagner ([tim@diobeth.org](mailto:tim@diobeth.org)) or go online ([link below](#)). If you have questions or want to host a session in your area, please contact Tim.

Register online: <https://forms.gle/kPStULto3io3fQkx9>



"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."  
John 10:11 (NVI)





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