

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church To Honor Paschal Triduum

WESTFIELD — The community is invited to experience the Paschal (Easter) Triduum at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, marking the end of Lent. Beginning on Maundy Thursday, it continues with the Good Friday liturgy and climaxes with the Great Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and the first Eucharist of Easter. All are welcome.

The Maundy Thursday liturgy will begin tonight, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. Along with the St. Paul Choir, this service will include clergy washing parishioners' feet, the Lord's Supper and the stripping of the altar and all ornaments of the church. Afterward, those who wish may retire to the chapel to "watch" and meditate during the one-hour Vigil. Worshipers are invited to participate in some or all of this liturgy.

The Holy Triduum will continue tomorrow, Good Friday, April 18, at noon with the Good Friday Liturgy. The reading of the Passion dominates the service, followed by a sermon, Solemn Collects and prayers, hymns and special music by the choir. The Reverend Nathan Ritter, the curate of St. Paul's, will deliver

the sermon. Good Friday services also will include a Children's Liturgy for families at 3:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday on April 19 will feature a brief liturgy at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel. The Great Vigil of Easter will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will include the lighting of candles, the reading of a series of prophetic lessons prefiguring the New Covenant, a homily and Holy Baptism, all leading up to celebration of the first mass of Easter with music provided by the St. Paul Choir.

There will be three celebrations of the Easter Eucharist on April 20: 7:45 a.m. with hymns; the 9 a.m. Family Eucharist featuring the Primary and Junior Choirs, and the 11:15 a.m. Festal Choral Eucharist featuring the St. Paul Choir and brass quintet and percussion, all under the direction of Charles M. Banks. The Reverend Andrew C. Hamersley, rector, will deliver the Easter Message.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is located at 414 East Broad Street in Westfield. For more information, visit [stpaulswestfield.org](http://stpaulswestfield.org), contact [cbanks@stpaulswestfield.org](mailto:cbanks@stpaulswestfield.org) or call (908) 232-8506, extension no. 10.



**EASTER JOY...**The First Congregational Church of Westfield invites visitors to celebrate Easter Week with several worship services featuring song, scripture and message. The church is located at 125 Elmer Street in Westfield.

## FCC to Commence Services For Holy Week Tonight

WESTFIELD — The First Congregational Church invites visitors of all ages to observe Holy Week with special services beginning this evening and continuing through Easter Sunday on April 20.

Maundy Thursday will be commemorated at 7:30 p.m. tonight, April 17, with a candlelight worship recalling the Last Supper and Jesus' final hours through scripture, hymns and Communion. A Good Friday service of scripture, hymns, prayer and reflection will take place tomorrow, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the church's Patton Auditorium.

Easter Sunday worship celebrations will be held on April 20 at 9 and 11 a.m. Both services will feature music for organ and brass quartet, including Widor's "Toccata," Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus and the Easter scene from Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana* with soprano soloist Maureen Francis. A one-room schoolhouse and infant care will be available at both services. The Reverend Dr. Mark Boyea, senior minister, will deliver the morning's message.

The First Congregational Church, a member of the United Church of Christ, is located at 125 Elmer Street in Westfield. The sanctuary is accessible via a wheelchair ramp and offers infrared listening devices for the

hearing-impaired. For further information, call the church office at (908) 232-2494 or visit the church website at [fccofwestfield.org](http://fccofwestfield.org).

## Terrill Road Baptist Sets Easter Services

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Terrill Road Baptist Church will hold special services on Good Friday and Easter. All are invited to attend.

The Good Friday service tomorrow, April 18, at 7 p.m. will include an observance of the Lord's Supper. It will be a time of prayer and reflection to remember Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

The Sunday, April 20 Easter worship service at 10:45 a.m. will feature Scripture readings and special music from the adult choir, with songs including "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and Travis Cottrell's "Blood of Jesus Be My All." In his continuing series on the Beatitudes, Pastor William C. Page will deliver a sermon entitled "Blessed are They that Mourn," based on Matthew 5:4.

Terrill Road Baptist Church is located at 1340 Terrill Road in Scotch Plains. For more information, call the church office at (908) 322-7151.

## Holocaust Survivor to Speak At Temple Sholom Service

FANWOOD — Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains invites members of the community to observe Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, at a special service and a talk by Holocaust survivor Marsha Kreuzman on Sunday, April 27, at 7 p.m.

Ms. Kreuzman will share her story of survival in five concentration camps and her eventual liberation from Mauthausen by the United States Army's 11th Armored Division in 1945. Now almost 90 years old, she was reunited — after 70 years — with one of her liberators, Joe Barbella of Union.

Afterward, this year's service, featuring Yom HaShoah liturgy compiled by Cantor Darcie Sharlein, will incorporate the voices of children from the Holocaust, some of whom perished and some who miraculously survived. Music written by 11-year-old Alec Volkoviski for a music competition in the Vilna Ghetto in 1943 will be

sung, and excerpts from Anne Frank's diary, stories and poems written by children imprisoned in Terezin concentration camp will be read by Temple Sholom confirmands from the class of 2012.

Six candles, representing the six million Jews who perished, will be lit by temple members representing Holocaust refugees, children and grandchildren of survivors, and a member of the United States armed forces who served in Europe during the war.

Temple Sholom is located in the Fanwood Presbyterian Church at the corner of Martine and La Grande Avenues. The congregation's chapel is around the corner off Marian Avenue. Visitors are asked to enter through the door on Marian Avenue marked "Temple Sholom." For more information, call (908) 889-4900, e-mail [sholom@sholomnj.org](mailto:sholom@sholomnj.org) or visit [sholomnj.org](http://sholomnj.org). This event is funded by Temple Sholom's Nathanson Adult Education Fund.

## Community Shabbat Dinner To Be Held at Synagogue

SCOTCH PLAINS — Congregation Beth Israel will host a Community Shabbat Dinner on Friday, April 25, at 6 p.m. Sponsored by the synagogue's Member Relations Committee, the dinner will be open to families in the community. Kosher Chinese food will be served.

Following the dinner, everyone is invited to join Friday night services at 7:30 p.m. These casual, family-friendly services are held in the round and are always open to the community. An Oneg Shabbat will follow Friday night services.

"We hope that people will join us for the first Shabbat after Passover to have a fun meal of Kosher Chinese food together," said Lisa Strug, Member Relations chairwoman.

Congregation Beth Israel is an egalitarian Conservative synagogue, serving the religious, cultural, educational and social needs of congregants from Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Westfield and surrounding towns. Its religious school offers classes from pre-school through 11th grade, as well as special-needs instruction. Synagogue membership is not required for religious school classes through second grade.

The Community Shabbat Dinner costs \$18 per adult and \$7 for children under age 12. To register for the dinner or for more information, contact Congregation Beth Israel at

(908) 889-1830 or Lisa Strug at [membership@cbisp.org](mailto:membership@cbisp.org). Individuals are asked to inform the synagogue of special dietary restrictions so that they may be accommodated.

Congregation Beth Israel is located at 18 Shalom Way, at the corner of Martine Avenue, in Scotch Plains.

## Trinity Invites All For Holy Weekend

CRANFORD — The Trinity Episcopal Church invites everyone to celebrate Holy Weekend with its congregation. Trinity is located at 119 Forest Avenue in Cranford. All services will be celebrated by the Reverend Dr. Gina Walsh-Minor, rector. "Join the disciples gathered for the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday. Discover something about what is meant by 'good' about Good Friday. All culminating with the joyful celebration of the Resurrection on Easter morning," said Reverend Walsh-Minor. The Holy Weekend schedule is as follows:

Thursday, April 17 — 7 p.m.: Maundy Thursday and Agape Meal followed by the Vigil.

Friday, April 18 — 3 p.m.: Stations of the Cross and 7:30 p.m.: Good Friday Liturgy.

Easter Sunday, April 20 — 8 a.m. Mass (Holy Eucharist Rite I) and 10 a.m. Mass (Holy Eucharist Rite II).

## Westfield Lions to Present Easter Egg Hunt Saturday

WESTFIELD — The Lions Club of Westfield will hold its 79th annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 19, at 1 p.m. in Mindowaskin Park, for Westfield children up to age 7.

Participants and their parents are asked to assemble in the playground area of the park by 12:45 p.m., as the hunt will start precisely at 1 p.m., weather permitting.

There will be three age-appropriate areas set aside for the children: toddler to age 3; 4- and 5-year-olds, and 6- and 7-year-olds. More than 1,200 plastic eggs will be hidden in the playground area next to North Euclid Avenue. Immediately after the hunt, complimentary bags containing gourmet jelly beans will be distributed to the children.

The Easter Bunny will be available from noon on for pictures with the

children. Parents are invited to bring their own cameras. Voluntary donations will be accepted to help defray the costs of the hunt.

In the event of poor weather conditions, there will not be a rain date. Instead, the Lions will hand out jelly beans and plastic eggs in the Park Drive parking area next to the hunt site. The Easter Bunny also will be available there for photographs.

The Lions Club extends its appreciation to Police Chief David Wayman and to Town Administrator James Gildea for their assistance with the hunt. This year's hunt is under the aegis of Lions President Kirsten Zellner. Lions Clubs International, of which the Westfield Lions Club is a part, is dedicated to sight conservation and assistance to the vision- and hearing-impaired worldwide.

The Westfield Lions Club would like to hear from anyone who has pictures from the early years of the hunt, which started in 1936. The club may be contacted at P.O. Box 572, Westfield, N.J. 07091.

## Book Sale to Benefit Paul Jackson Fund

WESTFIELD — A used book sale to benefit The Paul Jackson Fund will be held at the parish center of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, located at 1600 Rahway Avenue in Westfield.

Hosted by a local book club, the book sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 27. On Sunday there also will be a bake sale.

Thousands of hardcover and paperback books will be available at bargain prices. Proceeds from the sale will support The Paul Jackson Fund, a local charity that assists families who are in a financial crisis because of a long-term illness or disability.

For more information on The Fund, visit [pauljacksonfund.org](http://pauljacksonfund.org). Information about the book sale is available by calling (908) 616-4783.

## Workshop to Focus On Memoir Writing

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library will host a memoir-writing workshop on Thursday, April 24, at 7 p.m. Dr. Roberta Temes, author of "How to Write Your Memoir in 30 Days: Step-by-Step Instructions for Creating and Publishing Your Personal Story," will lead this program.

An experienced psychotherapist, Dr. Temes helps people to access their emotional memories and make sense out of their past to transfer those feelings from the mind to the page. She is the author of many non-fiction books and teaches memoir-writing classes in several states, as well as online.

This program will be free and open to all. Interested persons are encouraged to register through the library's website, [scotlib.org](http://scotlib.org), by calling (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204, or by e-mail at [library@scotlib.org](mailto:library@scotlib.org).

The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue, in the center of the township.

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