



Dear Families,

Beginning this Sunday, April 6, Children, Youth and Family Ministries will have a designated spot inside the Church, with a banner, table, new brochures - even cookies! This will be a place to find out what's happening, meet new families and catch up with old friends. Please look for us under the balcony on the right-hand side, and say hello!

As we approach Holy Week and Easter, please find below an overview of what we have planned:

**Palm Sunday, April 13:** Everyone is invited at 10 am to the Great Hall (also known as the Café) for hot cross buns and palm cross making. At 11 am, please note that there will not be Children's Chapel; the children stay in church with their families for the brief homily that follows the dramatic reading of the Passion. If you feel your child will be more comfortable in the nursery, we are happy to accommodate older children that day.

**Good Friday, April 18:** We provide childcare on the Fifth Floor during The Last Seven Words service of music and meditations from 12 noon to 3 pm. At 4 pm, we offer a Family Service: The Way of the Cross, a prayerful, gentle and interactive way to remember Jesus' death and resurrection. Children and youth readers are needed for this service; please [email me](#) if your child or teenager would like to participate.

**Easter Sunday, April 20:** During the sermon at both 9 am and 11 am, children are invited on a Dramatic Walk to visit the empty tomb, meet the disciples and Jesus, and sing "Alleluia!" Toddlers who are in the church nursery will be taken to the Cloister Garden for an Easter Egg Hunt.

**Saturday, April 26, [Godly Play Workshop](#):** If you are curious about what we do in Sunday School, please come and see what happens in our Montessori-based program of Christian formation, and why we think it is the very best of what the church can offer children! There is no cost to people attending from St. Bart's. [RSVP here](#).

**April 27 Field Trip to St. John the Divine:** We'll meet right after the 11 am service and head uptown for lunch and then to the Cathedral to see the phoenix sculptures of Xu Bing -- a perfect way to extend our celebration of Easter, as the phoenix has long been a symbol of the resurrection. The two magical birds measuring 90 and 100 feet hang in the Cathedral's nave. I'll have some phoenix tales to tell, and there is much to explore there, both inside and out.



*Blessings,*  
Wendy

