

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 15, 2018

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

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♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	155 with <i>Alleluias</i> (Easter Hymn)
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♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	539 (St. Columba)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	232 (St. Agnes)
Post-Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	165 (Ave Virgo Virginum)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 10:30 Celebration for
Coffee & Conversation.*



From the Rector _____

For more centuries than we might count the Church has had readings in the Sundays following Easter Day about how Jesus ministers to us as our Good Shepherd. But as much as the images of Good Shepherd Sunday speak tenderly about the comfort, protection and guidance that Christ so lovingly offers us, the theme of the Good Shepherd says just as much about us as it does about Christ; and when the scriptures speak about us as God's sheep, as they do this morning, they remind us of some of the inherent challenges of human life.

They remind us that we are vulnerable to the wolves of life; that we are essentially and intrinsically vulnerable to death and disease and injury; that life is fragile and all too easily broken. Our lives can go from normal to nightmare in a nanosecond. Something in your life breaks - a relationship, a promise, a dream, a hope - and your world crumbles faster than you can imagine: it's a car accident; it's cancer; suddenly, the heart attack, the infection, the chronic pain. All too often we know that from personal experience. We're all vulnerable to the kinds of things that can shatter our lives without any warning.

So today, if you think that things are going well for you, if you think that you're a fat lamb, and a fat sheep, you may want to knock on wood because tomorrow may be entirely different matter: for you; for your family; for all those you care about.

Life here in New Brunswick is generally quite pleasant. We grumble a bit if Spring is late; but compared to the vast majority of humanity, we have it made, even if we can think of any number of ways to make life better. But even here, life can turn nasty: on the edges and at the core.

Do you remember that old image of a dog, looking with its head cocked at an old RCA record player? That image, as you may know, is called "The Master's Voice." And, in way, it's a symbol of what Jesus is saying to us this morning: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

Now there are times in my own life when I fail to recognise the shepherd's voice. There are times when I'm too busy or too preoccupied or far too centred on my own concerns. And frankly, there are times when I'm probably afraid to hear His voice because I'm sure He'll have something to say that I don't really want to hear. And maybe you're like that too.

But we'll never know the shepherd's voice if we're not trying to listen for it; we'll not recognize His voice if we don't spend time with Him, living our lives close to him; if we don't set aside time in our daily lives for prayer and Bible reading; if church is just another option, another activity in our busy schedule, the voice of Jesus will seem, at times, like the voice of a stranger.

The image of the Good Shepherd offers us when things seem hopeless. We are offered that word so that in hearing we might believe; that in believing we might be strengthened; that we might win, with Christ, the eternal prize, which is his love and his peace and his joy, for all time - for this day, and for tomorrow, and forever.

He cares for us with a love which is beyond our imagination. He lays down his life for us, that we might live. He is our good shepherd, offering us more protection and care than we can ever realize. His own word, his own promise, reassures us whenever we doubt.

He speaks to us. But will we but hear His voice and believe?

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If the Lord is indeed our shepherd, then everything goes topsy-turvy. Losing becomes finding and crying becomes laughing. The last become first and the weak become strong. Instead of life being done in by death in the end as we always supposed, death is done in finally by life in the end. If the Lord is our host at the great feast, then the sky is the limit.

Frederick Buechner, *Secrets in the Dark: A Life in Sermons*

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Parish Notices and Updates

A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR: I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all those who worked so diligently to ensure that our full schedule of services throughout Holy Week and on Easter Day were as beautiful and faithful as possible. In particular, I would like to thank Archdeacon Cathy Laskey for the generous gift of her time and talent; James O'Neill and the members of the Parish Choir for singing so much music; as well as the members of our very diligent Altar Guild for their work preparing for so many services and cleaning and decorating for Easter Day. And certainly I want to thank those who attended as many services as possible. The days of Holy Week are the most important time in the Church Year and your efforts made it possible for us to enter into those days so faithfully. *Thanks so much!*

THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO BE PART OF THE ST. MARY'S TEAM at the Bowling Tournament which is being organised by our friends in the Parish of Marysville in support of Striking out Hunger Campaign, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st. *Christina Chisholm, Jean Vanstone, Bob Saunders and Kaitlyn Trifts will be flying St. Mary's colours; and they would all very much appreciate your support as sponsors!* Please speak to one of them or have a look at the sponsorship sheets on the table in the Narthex. It's for a great cause so we hope to be able to raise a significant sum to help them with their excellent work.

THE RECTOR PLANS TO BE AWAY until April 25th. If you require the ministry of a priest during this time please contact Canon Ross Hebb at St. Peter's: 454-8752 (office); 450-9687 (home); or ross.n.hebb@gmail.com. Other parish matters should be directed to the Parish Wardens: James McElman (472-2649 or jamesdmcelman@gmail.com) Thomas Geburt (357-5894 or geburtster@gmail.com).

THE RECTOR IS VERY GRATEFUL that Fr. Wilfred Langmaid is with us this week as Celebrant and Preacher on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Please welcome Fr. Langmaid back to St. Mary's as he graciously offers us his time and talents.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY is being cancelled this week and will resume on April 27th.

THE FREDERICTON NORTH HERITAGE FAIR will be held on April 21st at the Kincentre on School Street in Devon. There will be thirty exhibitors with displays representing their theme "Remembering Our Past." Meet old friends and enjoy the atmosphere. A canteen will be available. There is no admission charge. There will be draws, demonstrations and presentations.

THE ANNUAL COUNTRY AND BLUEGRASS GOSPEL SHOW, in support of the work of Canon Paul Jeffries at Bishop McAllister College, will be held here

at St. Mary's on *Saturday, May 5th*, at 7:30 p.m. The lineup of entertainers features John Jeffries, Copper Kettle Bluegrass Boyz, Sam & Charlene Johnston, Duane Drost, and Debbie Roy. Admission is \$10.00 (at the door).

PLAN TO JOIN US FOR A WORK DAY to help clean up the Church property before the start of summer. We plan to get together on *Saturday, May 12th* from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Please speak to the Rector if you think you can join us for any part of that time; and if you don't think that you're up for yard work, we can use a couple of volunteers to help put on some coffee and muffins for our break.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS for New Brunswick Community Harvest Gardens (NBCHG), the organisation that manages and supervises a number of community garden projects in Fredericton, including our own St. Mary's Community Garden, are available on the table in the Narthex. It only costs \$10.00 to support NBCHG by joining as a member and an additional \$10.00 if you wish to reserve a plot at St. Mary's. A brochure is also available on the table to help you learn about why your support would be helpful, even if you don't plan to garden. For more information go to: <http://www.nbchg.org/>

ST. MARY'S CHOIR AND ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN are organising a **Luncheon Bridge** on *Thursday, May 31st*, starting at 12:00 Noon. The cost is \$40 for a Table or \$10 a person. Please contact: Jean Monteith at 472-7374 or Shirley Hovey at 366-3337 if you wish to ensure a place.

LIBERTY LANE IS A SAFE HOUSING AND OUTREACH CENTRE here in Fredericton for women and their children trying to restart their lives free from the threat of abuse. Your support for their Kenny House Capital Campaign would be greatly appreciated. To donate or to learn about Kenny House, go to libertylane.ca or call 451-2120.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

APRIL 18: EASTER FERIA

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

APRIL 21: THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

APRIL 22: THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Parish Hall