

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 10, 2017

*Our King and Saviour draws near;
O come let us worship!*

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 119 parts 11 & 12 | Isaiah 11:1-10 | Revelation 2:18:-3:6

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit Psalm 80:1-7:	page 433
The Lighting of the Advent Wreath <i>The Gloria is omitted during Advent</i>	
The Collect:	page 97
The Old Testament Reading:	2 Kings 22.8-10; 23.1-3
Psalm 119: part 19:	page 494
The Epistle:	page 97
Gradual Psalm 50:1-6:	page 392
The Holy Gospel:	page 98
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	page 82
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85

**9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall
Time with Fr. Stockall**

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	499 (St. Denio)
The Lighting of the Advent Wreath <i>The Gloria is omitted during Advent</i>	
The Collect:	page 97
The Old Testament Reading:	2 Kings 22.8-10; 23.1-3
♪ PSALM:	<i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
The Epistle:	page 97
♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	73 (Irish)
The Holy Gospel:	page 98
♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♪ Offertory Hymn:	All my Hope on God is Founded <i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	page 82
♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	61 (St. Thomas)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	60 (Helmsley)

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

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From the Rector

Life often seems like a brief interlude between rushing and waiting, especially at this time of year. People rush to airports only to stand in line waiting. We hurry off to Christmas sales and, again, stand in line waiting. And if you've tried lately to find a parking space at the stores on a Saturday, then you know better than I do what it's like to 'hurry up and wait'. Waiting involves a necessary slowing down even as everything else in our lives seems to be speeding up; a slowing down even as we wait and hope for something better.



Parish Notices and Updates

IN AN EFFORT TO ALLOW AS MANY OF OUR CHORISTERS AS POSSIBLE to attend our weekly Choir Practice we're now *practicing each Sunday at approximately 12:00 noon following Coffee and Conversation* rather than on Wednesday evening. We also hope that this new time might make it possible for others to join us who have not been able to come out on a weeknight. Singing is a great joy and a wonderful way to respond to God's gifts. So, if you're interested, come along and give it a try.

OUR RECENT PARISH BAZAAR AND CHICKEN PATTIE TEA was a huge success! Lots of happy people had the opportunity to share in the joy of our life together here at St. Mary's; and a large and enthusiastic crew raised more than \$2700 to date for our mission and ministry. Thanks so much to our many different team leaders for ensuring a smooth and efficient operation; thanks to those who offered their time and talents; and thanks to all those who came out to support the event. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

MANY THANKS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL who did some 'Christmas Shopping' on our behalf of everyone here at St. Mary's. At their November meeting the Parish Vestry designated \$1000 for mission, half for local needs and half for international. The \$500 for local mission will go to Fredericton Homeless Shelters, who operate Grace House (for women) and S. John House (for men) and Brunswick Transition House. Last Sunday the Sunday School looked at the mission catalogues from the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund and Plan Canada. From PWRDF they chose to buy a goat, to purchase a 20kg bag of seed for a small farmer, to help fund a vaccination clinic for a community, and to buy food supplements for 100 children in Burundi. From Plan Canada they purchased 3 hens and a rooster, a farm load of animals, HIV tests kits and training for a female health worker. In many cases, their contributions will be matched on a six to one basis by Global Affairs Canada, so the impact of their work will be many times greater! Thanks so much to the children for taking the time to make such excellent choices and, in the process, learn about some of the very serious needs of children and families around the world as well as our neighbours here in Fredericton; and thanks to the Parish Vestry for helping to make the funding available.

ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN will be meeting tomorrow *December 11th*, in the Parish Hall, beginning with their annual Christmas lunch at 12:00 noon followed by a business meeting. The women of St. Mary's are warmly invited to join them. For more information please speak to Joan Keswick at 472-2193 or the Rector.

ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF THE MOTHERS' UNION will be meeting on *Tuesday, December 12th*, at 7:45 p.m., following the Celebration of the Holy

Eucharist. They invite everyone to join them. For more information please speak to Adele Knox.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY is held every *Friday, starting at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. We're looking at the short but very important Epistle of St. James. Everyone is warmly invited to join us; and if your schedule only permits you to attend occasionally, please plan to join us when you can.

ALLAN AGNEW, OUR PARISH TREASURER, has prepared the 2018 offering envelopes, which are now available in the Parish Hall. If you're not currently using envelopes and would like a box for next year, please let Allan know.

A FEW 2018 CHURCH CALENDARS ARE STILL AVAILABLE on the table in the Narthex for a very reasonable \$7.00. These lovely calendars are an ideal way of keeping track of the Church Year and are excellent small gifts for friends at Christmas. Please speak to the Rector if you can't locate them.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

DECEMBER 12: CONCEPTION OF ST. MARY,

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

Followed by a meeting of St. Mary's Mother's Union

DECEMBER 13: ADVENT FERIA

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 14: ADVENT FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church

DECEMBER 16: THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 17: THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages!

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Hall