

# THE SUNDAY CALLED SEXAGESIMA

February 24, 2019

*Let us go unto the altar of God; even  
the God of our joy and gladness!*

## **8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalm 42 | Genesis 3 | 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

## **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit: Psalm 44:24-27:	page 386
The Gloria:	page 86
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The Old Testament Lesson:	Genesis 3:9-19
Psalm 43:	page 384
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## **9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall Time with Fr. Stockall**

## **10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Let all the World in Every Corner Sing	please see the bulletin insert
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 134
The Old Testament Reading:	Genesis 3:9-19
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♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	240 (Schmuche Dich)
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♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	493 (St. Botolph)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	803 (Gwalchmai)

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

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## *From the Rector* \_\_\_\_\_

**Wait! What happened to the Alleluias??** Last Sunday was Septuagesima Sunday, the beginning of a three week period of preparation for Lent. One of the most distinctive features of the Pre-Lent and Lenten Sundays is the custom of ceasing to sing or say 'Alleluia' at the Holy Eucharist, a practice

referred to in medieval England as 'locking the Alleluia'. By custom here at St. Mary's we use the Alleluias on two occasions at each Eucharist: at the time of the reading of the Gospel and at the Dismissal, both of which are omitted until Easter Day. As Eleanor Parker has written, "The word was symbolically locked away, to be unlocked again amid the celebration of Easter - then the word was imagined to be released from its captivity, just as Christ would break out of the tomb and human beings would be liberated from captivity to their sins." The 10<sup>th</sup> century English abbot Ælfric offered this explanation of this ancient custom in his sermon for Septuagesima:

We wish to speak to you about this present season, why the holy congregation in God's church omits 'Alleluia'... from this present day until the holy season of Easter. There was a wise teacher named Amalarius, who wrote a book about the church's customs and what the ceremonies of God's servants symbolise through the course of the year; and he said about this present season, which is called Septuagesima, that it acts as a token of the 70 years for which the people of Israel served the king of Babylon in captivity. Septuagesima is the number 70. The season begins... nine weeks before Easter, and ends on the Saturday in Easter week; from now until that day are counted 70 days, and the people of Israel, for their sins and transgressions, were taken into captivity and lived for 70 years in slavery to Babylon, without joy and bliss. Now God's church keeps this period of 70, by choice, for their sins, just as Israel of old was forced to keep it in captivity, until merciful God rescued them after their tribulations and led them to their homeland. The prophet Jeremiah prophesied about the people of Israel that during that period of 70 years they should cease from the voice of joy and gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the bride. Now in emulation of that, God's servants leave the heavenly songs of praise 'Alleluia'... in this period of Septuagesima because it is fitting for us that from this present day we prepare ourselves voluntarily with a degree of strictness for the spiritual battle... Truly the liturgy of the day shows that from this day until Easter is our season of mourning and repenting for our sins with a degree of strictness. ... 'Alleluia' is, as we said, a heavenly song; as the Apostle John said, he heard great voices in heaven, like the music of trumpets, and they sang 'Alleluia'. ... Now we leave the heavenly songs of praise in our season of repentance, and we pray with true humility to the Almighty, that we may see his heavenly Eastertide, after the general resurrection, in which we will sing 'Alleluia' to him eternally without ceasing.



**Please join us next Sunday for our monthly *Shared Meal* following the 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Members of all three congregations are invited to gather with their sisters and brothers in Christ as we share the peace and joy which we have in Jesus Christ.**

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The renewal of our natures is a work of great importance. It is not to be done in a day. We have not only a new house to build up, but an old one to pull down.

George Whitefield, in a letter, 1735, in  
*The Works of the Reverend George Whitefield, M.A.*

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*Priest and Rector*

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## Parish Notices and Updates

**ST. PETER'S ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER** will be held a week early on **Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall 2385 Woodstock Road. The menu includes pancakes, baked beans and ham; gingerbread, other cakes and whipped cream. There is no admission charge but a freewill offering can be made.

**EVERYONE IS WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US** for **PINT of VIEW** on **Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bill & Adele Knox (5 Ruby Court). We're very pleased that Andrew Mathis has agreed to reschedule his presentation about his ongoing greenhouse project and other aspects of ecological sustainability, an excellent introduction to thinking about our God-given responsibility as stewards of his creation, which had to be cancelled last month because of bad weather. Plan to join us for a stimulating conversation while we enjoy some of Fredericton's finest craft beer. For more information, directions, or a drive, please speak to the Rector.

**ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** is held each **Friday, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Rectory. We're looking at the Gospel according to St. Luke. Everyone is warmly invited to join us; and if your schedule only permits you to attend occasionally, please plan to join us whenever you can. For more information please speak to the Rector.

**THE WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL'S** World Day of Prayer Service for the Northside & Marysville area will be held at Nashwaaksis Baptist Church, 104 Edgewood Drive, on **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 2:00 p.m. The storm date will be Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. The rehearsal date: is Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. The World Day of Prayer has been prepared by the Women of Slovenia on the theme: "Come-Everything is Ready!" The service is open to all members of the public.

**THERE IS AN OLD CUSTOM IN THE CHURCH** of using the palm crosses from the Palm Sunday of the previous year to make the ashes in advance of the Ash Wednesday commemoration of the following year. If you wish, you are invited to bring your old palm crosses by Quinquagesima Sunday (March 3<sup>rd</sup>) and place them in the basket provided on the table in the Narthex.

**ST. MARY'S ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER** will be held on **Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Hall. **A signup sheet for those who are able to help with this event has been posted on the easel in the Narthex.** The menu includes pancakes, baked beans and sausage; gingerbread and whipped cream. There is no admission charge but a freewill offering can be made. Please join us as we celebrate together before the beginning of Lent.

**THE MEMBERS OF ST. MARY'S A.C.W.** invite members of the congregation and friends to a presentation by Chief Leanne Fitch of the Fredericton Police

Force on **Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** starting at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Chief Fitch will speak on the issue of *Faith and Life: the intersection of faith and her career in policing*. Those who know Chief Fitch, and those who witnessed her professionalism and strength during last summer's tragedy, will have some sense of her personal courage. As a life-long Fredericton Anglican, she knows both the community and the role of faith in difficult times. A time for questions and light refreshments will follow the presentation.

**OUR FRIENDS IN THE PARISH OF MARYSVILLE** are challenging the people of St. Mary's, and other neighbouring parishes, to share in their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Bowling Tournament in support of *Striking out Child Hunger in New Brunswick*. The event will be held on **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**, at Bowl-a-Drome (301 Main Street) starting at 12:30 p.m. It's hoped that St. Mary's can again organise a team, so please speak to the Rector if you're interested. The funds raised at the Fredericton event will go to the Fredericton Community Kitchen to help with their student hunger programme. To help with organisation, our friends at All Saints' would like to know the names of the participants by the beginning of March. A signup sheet is available on the table in the narthex; and sponsorship sheets are available for those who plan to bowl. **Please help to make this excellent project a success by volunteering to bowl or by supporting our bowlers with a donation!**



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**FEBRUARY 27: GEORGE HERBERT**, Priest and Poet

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**FEBRUARY 28: PRE-LENT FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

**MARCH 2: QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**MARCH 3: QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

*Followed by a Shared Meal in the Parish Hall*