

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 3, 2019

*The Lord has manifested his glory;  
O come, let us worship!*

## **8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalm 119 parts 3 & 4 | Isaiah 48:12-end | Ephesians 3

## **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit: Psalm 98:1-7:	<i>page 455</i>
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 128</i>
The Old Testament Lesson:	1 Samuel 10:17-24
Surge Illuminare:	<i>page 28</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 128</i>
Gradual: Psalm 98:8-10:	<i>page 456</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 129</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; <b>C: Hear our prayer</b>
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
Post-Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>

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

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

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	<b>91</b> (Bangor (107))
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 128</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	1 Samuel 10:17-24
♪ SURGE ILLUMINARE:	<i>page 28</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 128</i>
♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	<b>421</b> (Iste Confessor)
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 129</i>
♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (refrain only):	<b>747</b> (Iris)
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	<b>470</b> (Hyfrydol)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; <b>C: Hear our prayer</b>
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	<b>248</b> (Ach Gott und Herr)
Post-Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	<b>376</b> (Highwood)

*Everyone is invited to join us in  
the Parish Hall following the  
10:30 Celebration for our monthly  
Shared Meal!*

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

Down with the rosemary, and so  
Down with the bays and mistletoe;  
Down with the holly, ivy, all,  
Wherewith ye dress'd the Christmas Hall

Robert Herrick (1591–1674),  
"Ceremony upon Candlemas Eve"

The Feast of the Presentation, or Candlemas, falls each year on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the 40<sup>th</sup> day following Christmas Day, in accordance with the Law, as Luke tells us in his account. For us, it marks the end of our Christmas cycle before we come, in a few weeks' time, to our Pre-Lenten Sundays and the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday.

The name 'Candlemas' comes from the ancient custom of blessing the candles that would be used throughout the year on that date, which served as a reminder of the words of patient Simeon, who, when he encountered Mary and Joseph presenting their 40 day old son to God in the Temple, spoke of the infant Christ as a 'light to lighten the Gentiles.'

The reality of Jesus Christ as a light to lighten our lives hopefully encourages us whenever we encounter the darkness that the world can throw our way. In those moments of loneliness or fear, those moments when we're not quite sure of the right way forward, the knowledge that Christ stands beside us to lighten the path, as well as our hearts, can strengthen us to persevere.

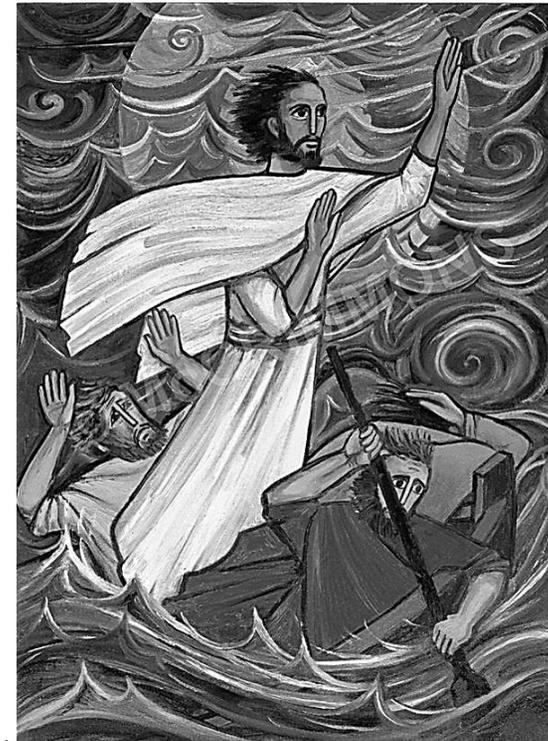
But hopefully it also challenges us to be points of light to others; to be the candle that God lights that others might see the way forward. If, as the old saying reminds us, it's better to light a single candle than to curse the darkness, let's ensure that we're that single candle that God is lighting in the hearts and minds and lives of others.



*When you have to listen to abuse, that means you are being buffeted by the wind. When your anger is aroused, you are being tossed by the waves. So when the winds blow and the waves mount high, the boat is in danger, your heart is imperiled, your heart is taking a battering. On hearing yourself insulted, you long to retaliate; but the joy of revenge brings with it another kind of misfortune--shipwreck. Why is this? Because Christ is asleep in you. What do I mean? I mean you have forgotten his presence. Rouse him, then; remember him, let him keep watch within you, pay heed to him.*

Augustine, Sermons, 63:1-3

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You will never find Jesus so precious as when the world is one vast howling wilderness. Then he is like a rose blooming in the midst of the desolation, a rock rising above the storm.

Robert Murray M'Cheyne (1813-1843)

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## Parish Notices and Updates

**PLEASE JOIN THIS MORNING** 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.

**YOUR RESPONSES FOLLOWING THE RECENT PRESENTATION** on the proposed renovation has been both constructive and positive. As the Parish Corporation continues to develop the plan, the next step will require us to explore ways to fund the project. *The Parish Corporation is asking anyone interested in working as part of a small group to help develop a funding plan to speak to the Rector or one of the Parish Wardens as soon as possible.* Please consider now whether you are being called to use your gifts to help us ensure a safe and effective facility for our ministry for years to come.

**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.

**ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF THE MOTHERS' UNION** will be meeting next *Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>*, at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. They welcome any member of the Parish who would like to share in the fellowship of Mothers' Union as they support families, in all their many forms, around the world. For more information please speak to the Branch Leader, Shirley Hupman.

**ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN** will be meeting on *Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>*, beginning with lunch at the north side Pizza Delight at 12:00 noon. A business meeting will follow in the Parish Hall. The women of St. Mary's are warmly invited to join them. For more information please speak to Doreen Lawrence at 458-5402 or the Rector.

**A NEW EDITION OF THE ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE** is due to be produced soon and everyone is invited to think about whether or not they're being called by God to share their gifts and talents in this joyful ministry. Each week the members of St. Mary's Altar Guild faithfully prepare the Church for our services and celebrations. On average, members serve in teams of two for two month-long shifts each year; and if scheduling conflicts arise, other members are always more than willing to help out. The work is not difficult and easily learnt by beginners. Please speak to the Rector if you are interested or if you have any questions.

**WE HAVE RECEIVED SIX LARGE-PRINT VERSIONS** of the Hymn Book as a result of a request for more large print copies. A couple of copies are still available for anyone who would like to place them in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$35 for each book. Please speak to the Rector if you're interested.

**BEWAR BARZANI, HIS WIFE ATENA AND THEIR SON DANIEL**, are recent arrivals in Canada from Kurdistan and we have been pleased to welcome them to services here at St. Mary's. They have been learning English through classes at the Multicultural Centre and are learning what life is like here in Fredericton. Bewar has been looking for a job and has asked that we post his resume in case any members of St. Mary's are looking to hire someone for help with odd jobs. His resume has been posted in the Narthex; please have a look. If you have any questions please speak to the Rector.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK**, will be held on *Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>*, at approximately 12:15 p.m., following our weekly Coffee & Conversation. All members of the Parish are encouraged to take part in the meeting as we review our work as a Parish in 2018 and make plans for 2019. **In anticipation of the meeting, we are looking for your assistance in filling leadership roles within the Parish for the coming year.** The Parish Corporation serves a critical role in developing and supporting our mission as the Church; and we are always looking to add new voices to the conversation. Please give very prayerful consideration to how God may be calling you to share your gifts and talents; and speak to the Rector if you have any questions.

✠ *ON A RELATED NOTE: those responsible for preparing reports for the Annual Meeting are asked to submit those reports by today.*



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**FEBRUARY 6: EPIPHANY FERIA**

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**FEBRUARY 7: EPIPHANY FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, *Eden Retirement Home*

**FEBRUARY 9: THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**FEBRUARY 10: THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

*Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Parish Hall*

# THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION: CANDLEMAS

February 2, 2019

*Arise! Shine! For your light has  
come! O come, let us worship!*

## **4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:**

✠ Psalm 96 & 97 | Haggai 2:1-9 | Romans 12:1-5

## **5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit: Psalm 148:1-6:	page 519
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 266
The Old Testament Reading:	page 266
Surge Illuminare:	page 28
The Epistle:	Galatians 4:1-7
Gradual: Psalm 102:15-18:	page 459
The Holy Gospel:	page 267
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And because of His visitation, we may no longer desire God as if He were lacking: our redemption is no longer a question of pursuit but of surrender to Him who is always and everywhere present. Therefore at every moment we pray that, following Him, we may depart from our anxiety into His peace.

W. H. Auden, *For the Time Being: A Christmas Oratorio*

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