

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 5, 2017

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

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalms 148 & 149 | Isaiah 59:12-20 | Ephesians 5:15-6:9

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit: Psalm 97:1-6:	<i>page 454</i>
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect and Epistle:	<i>page 129</i>
Gradual Psalm 126:5-7:	<i>page 500</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 130</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; C: Hear our prayer
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:	376 (Highwood)
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect and Epistle:	<i>page 129</i>
Gradual – Surge Illuminare:	<i>page 28</i>

The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 130</i>
♫ Gospel Acclamation (refrain only):	747 (Iris)
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
♫ Offertory Hymn:	96 (St. George)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
♫ Hymn during Communion:	94 (Stuttgart)
Post-Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>
♫ Recessional Hymn:	100 (Alleluia Dulce Carmen)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall following the
10:30 Celebration for our monthly **Shared Meal**.*

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From the Rector _____

Another act of violence on Canadian soil serves to remind us, as if we needed reminding, that we live in difficult times; difficult not just because of the angry and bitter things that people do, but the continuous stream of angry and bitter things that people are willing to say.

We would have to be incredibly naïve to believe that the hatred and bigotry that led someone to kill six men at a mosque in Sainte-Foy last Sunday can somehow be disconnected from the increasingly intolerant and dishonest ways in which racial and cultural bigotries have moved into mainstream media and political discourse. If you ever want to have your soul destroyed (which I wouldn't recommend), spend some time reading the comment sections of online news sources, not just somewhere else in the world but even here in New Brunswick. It's frightening to see how easily people respond to different viewpoints and ideas with vile and threatening words; motivated, perhaps, by the hope of internet anonymity, but, more so, by dark and hate-filled hearts.

Some polling in the United States this past week indicated that a plurality of Americans (49%) supported the recent ban on visitors from seven predominately Muslim countries, while only 33% believed that the ban would make them safer, which was the purported reason for the Executive Order. What the numbers indicate is that fully 1/3 of those who support the ban do so for reasons other than national or personal security, which should worry anyone who desires to live in a society built on tolerance and mutual respect of differences.

And while we should be heartened by the outpouring all across Canada and around the world of support and concern for our Islamic neighbours that followed the shooting, we all know that it should not take such an act of barbarity

and wickedness to remind us to reach out with open hearts to those who, although different from us in some ways, are still our sisters and brothers as children of the one and only true God.

As members of a free society we have the right to hold different and various viewpoints on any number of subjects.

But as Christians, as those who claim to follow Jesus Christ and look to Him for life and salvation, we are not free to say or do whatever we want. We are called to something better. And the Christ who embraced the persistent faith of a Syro-Phoenician woman and praised the hopeful faith of a Roman centurion, while telling a story that spoke powerfully of the generous compassion of a Samaritan man for his wounded Jewish neighbour, calls us to reach beyond the walls of our cultural and political divisions to care for others, even those who do not share our faith. Loving Jesus is never an excuse to ignore or diminish the essential God-given value of those who differ from us.

So, as we engage in social and political discourse, and as we have opportunity to express our opinions and convictions, we need to remember that words are powerful tools, for good or ill. And how we use those words will always be a window into our souls; a window into the love that we have for God and for all of His children.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FEBRUARY 8: EPIPHANY FERIA

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

FEBRUARY 11: THE SUNDAY CALLED SEPTUAGESIMA

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

FEBRUARY 12: THE SUNDAY CALLED SEPTUAGESIMA

being 70 days before Easter

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

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Wheat and Tares – This design is based on Matthew 13:24-30 and 36-43 in which Jesus tells the parable of the wheat and tares sown together. Exegesis has strongly influenced the plant chosen for tares in the bible. Tares is taken from the Arabic word *zawan* which is widely accepted to mean noxious weed. Having both wheat and weeds within us, we acknowledge that we should place our hope in God's promise and receive grace and strength from the Lord's Table so that we may show justice and mercy in the world.

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[Love] does not inquire into the character of the recipient but it asks what he needs. It does not love him because he is such-and-such a person but because he is there. In all this it is quite the opposite of natural love: it “does not seek its own.” It does not perform the characteristic natural impulse of love and life. Therefore it is basically independent of the conduct of the other person; it is not conditional but absolute. Love is the real God-likeness of man for which he has been created. In so far as love is in man he really resembles God and shows himself to be the child of God.

Emil Brunner (1889-1966), *The Letter to the Romans*

Priest and Rector

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Parish Notices and Updates

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

A message from our sister Parish: The Revd. Dr. Ross Hebb is offering a four week pre-Lenten Study on the four Sundays of February. Using C. S. Lewis' famous work, *The Four Loves* as a guide, he will be examining each week one of the four loves: affection, eros, friendship, and agape. All interested persons are welcome. The study will begin each week at 2:00 p.m. and run for one hour. They will meet in four different homes. This afternoon they will be at Bob & Maria Matthews (74 Riverfront Way, two streets above Hartt Island Campground on the right). Week 2 will be at Anne & Dennis Klinck's (35 Gardenview St., off Freisen Drive in Islandview behind Valley Ridge furniture). Fr Hebb has 6 copies of *The Four Loves* for sale \$20.00 each.

The Diocese has a full-time opening for a Personnel and Safe Church Officer. This position, located in Fredericton, will be responsible for all human resource, payroll and Safe Church administration. The full advertisement and job description can be viewed on the Diocesan website at <http://anglican.nb.ca/>. Applications can be sent to application@anglican.nb.ca. The closing date is February 15th.

St. Mary's weekly Bible Study "Faithful and True: a Look at the Women in Holy Scripture," resumes this coming *Friday at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. 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.

A local band, "Where Rivers Meet" is offering a Concert in support of Bishop McAllister College and Anglican Seminary in Kyogyera, Uganda on *Saturday, February 11th* at 7:00 p.m. (Doors will open at 6:00) here at St. Mary's. Tickets are \$10.00 and will be available at the door. Everyone is welcome to enjoy some great music while supporting a great cause!

The Men of St. Mary's, and their friends, are invited to join us for **PINT of VIEW**, on *Thursday, February 16th* at 7:30 p.m. at *Bill & Adele Knox's (5 Ruby Court)*. Dr. John Valk, Professor of Worldview Studies at Renaissance College (UNB), will be leading a discussion on a very timely matter: Islam in a modern, democratic and secular state, the subject of one of his recent books. Please join us for a stimulating conversation while we enjoy some of Fredericton's finest craft beer.

The Family of Eva Stewart will be gathering on *Saturday, February 18th*, to celebrate her 95th birthday. (Eva was known Eva Humble when she and her family worshipped at St. Mary's many years ago.) Everyone is invited to a Birthday Party at the Boiestown Lions Club on Route 8 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of St. Mary (York) will be held on *Sunday,*

February 26th, 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 2016 and make plans for 2017. *We will also be looking for your assistance in filling leadership roles within the Parish for the coming year. Please give very thoughtful and 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.*

ADVANCE NOTICE! St. Mary's annual Shrove Tuesday Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 28th from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Hall. The menu will include pancakes, baked beans and sausage; gingerbread and whipped cream. There is no admission charge but a freewill offering can be made. Please plan to join us as we celebrate together before the beginning of Lent.

Our friends in the Parish of Marysville are challenging the people of St. Mary's and other neighbouring parishes to their 1st annual Charity Bowling Tournament to raise funds for Bishop McAllister College and Anglican Seminary in Uganda. The event will be held on *Saturday, March 25th*, at Bowl-a-Drome (301 Main Street) from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. It's hoped that St. Mary's can organise two teams of 5 or 6 bowlers each, so please speak to the Rector if you're interested. To help with organisation, they'd like to know the names of the participants by the beginning of March. A signup sheet is available on the table in the narthex. Plan to help make this excellent project a success!

The newest copy of *The Tidings*, our parish newsletter, is available in the Narthex. Pick up a copy or we can email one to you. Please speak to the Rector or Debbie Perry if you can't find one or if you'd like to receive it electronically.

Local historian Bob McNeil is working on a project to celebrate this year's 70th anniversary of the construction of "The Dobie." A CD project will trace the first residents. Research is underway and pictures of the houses have been taken. The next stage is to gather pictures of the people who lived on the Dobie by using old church directories. If you are a former or current resident of "The Dobie" whose picture is likely to have been included in an old directory and you do not wish to have your picture in the Dobie project, please contact Bob at 472-9757.

Are you looking for a new opportunity to share your love for Christ and His Church as we begin a new year? *St. Mary's Altar Guild* faithfully prepares the Church for our weekly celebrations and invite all the members of our Parish Family to consider whether or not they're called to share in this joyful work. Please speak to the Rector if you are interested or if you have any questions.

If you like to knit, St. Mary's Mothers' Union invite you to use up some of your surplus yarn and help a number of excellent projects. In addition to their recent efforts to supply *Comfort Bears* for children at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital, **they have two NEW projects.** Instructions have been posted on the Mothers' Union bulletin board in the hall for *Knitted Hats for Newborns* and a request from *Knitted Knockers of Canada* in support of women who have had mastectomy surgery. Feel free to pick up some instructions and get knitting!