

QUINQUAGESIMA

SUNDAY

February 11, 2018

*Behold, we go up to Jerusalem;
O come let us worship!*

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalms 84 & 133 | Genesis 28:10-end | 1 Corinthians 12:4-end

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit: Psalm 31:1-6:	page 364
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 136
The Old Testament Reading:	Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 84:8-13:	page 438
The Epistle:	page 136
Gradual: Psalm 31:22-26:	page 366
The Holy Gospel:	page 137
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:	470 (Hyfrydol)
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 136
The Old Testament Reading:	Genesis 9:8-17
♪ PSALM:	<i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
The Epistle:	page 136
♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	371 (Leoni)
The Holy Gospel:	page 137
♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (refrain only):	747 (Iris)
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	358 (Darwall 375)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	page 82
♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	472 (Capetown 439)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	475 (Puer Nobis Nascitur)

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

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From the Rector _____

This week our guest columnist is Carole-Ann McGee. I offer my sincere thanks to Carole-Ann for sharing her thoughts on the Season of Lent from last year.

Prayerfully offering my humble thoughts of my Lenten journey.

The forty days of Lent, taking the journey with Jesus to the Cross has been one of heaviness and great sorrow knowing that it was because of my sins and the sins of the world that he had to suffer a brutal and painful death. It was because of His love for us that he willingly endured the painful nails that

were driven into his hands and feet, the blows to his head and the mocking of many who stood by and watched. It is difficult for me at times to comprehend how Jesus could love me so much that He would die for me, for the world.

Meditation and reading God's word in the Old and New Testament each Sunday and the Friday night journeys of the Fourteen Stations of the Cross during the five weeks of Lent, filled my heart and soul with sorrow and tears. The Stations of the Cross begin with Jesus being condemned to death; the second station-Jesus receives the cross; third station-Jesus falls the first time under the weight of the cross; fourth station-Jesus meets his Mother; Five station-The cross is laid on Simon of Cyrene; sixth station-St Veronica wipes the face of Jesus; seventh station-Jesus fall the second time; eighth station-the women of Jerusalem mourn for our Lord; ninth station-Jesus falls the third time under the cross; tenth station-Jesus is stripped of his garments; eleventh station-Jesus is nailed to the cross; twelfth station-Jesus dies upon the cross; thirteenth cross-Jesus is taken down from the cross; and at the fourteenth station-Jesus is laid in the tomb. This deeply moving pilgrimage is one I take throughout the year not just through Lent, to be ever mindful of God's gift of his Son Jesus Christ with love, forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. I love Him with all my heart, with all my soul; with all my mind and with all my strength.

This is my Lenten journey that I share with you.

The Season of Lent is an important time in the Church's life. It begins this week on February 14th with the commemoration of Ash Wednesday. Everyone is warmly encouraged to set aside time to attend our 7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist here at St. Mary's, with the Imposition of Ashes, that together we might begin our journey to the Cross.



A NUMBER OF USEFUL BOOKS, in addition to multiple copies of a new Lenten reading guide from Christianity Today entitled *Journey to the Cross*, are available on the table at the back of the Church for any members of the Parish might wish to use as a daily exercise throughout Lent. Have a look to see if there is anything that interests you and, if so, be sure to sign it out. (Please speak to the Rector if there is something else you might like to read).

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PROTECTS IS NOT SELF-SEEKING
DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL HOPES
IS PATIENT DOES NOT ENVY
DOES NOT DISHONOUR OTHERS
ALWAYS DOES NOT BOAST
LOVE NEVER FAILS
LOVE
REJOICES
PRESERVES
TRUSTS IS KIND
IT KEEPS NO RECORDS
IS NOT EASILY ANGERED
I CORINTHIANS 13

This matter of "salvation" is, when seen intuitively, a very simple thing. But when we analyze it, it turns into a complex tangle of paradoxes. We become ourselves by dying to ourselves. We gain only what we give up, and if we give up everything we gain everything. We cannot find ourselves within ourselves, but only in others; yet at the same time, before we can go out to others we must first find ourselves. We must forget ourselves in order to become truly conscious of who we are. The best way to love ourselves is to love others; yet we cannot love others unless we love ourselves, since it is written, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." But if we love ourselves in the wrong way, we become incapable of loving anybody else. And indeed when we love ourselves wrongly, we hate ourselves; if we hate ourselves we cannot help hating others. Yet there is a sense in which we must hate others and leave them in order to find God... As for this "finding" of God, we cannot even look for Him unless we have already found Him, and we cannot find Him unless He has first found us.

Thomas Merton (1915-1968), *No Man is an Island*, 1955

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Parish Notices and Updates

COPIES OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2017 are available on the table in the Narthex. Every member of the Parish is encouraged to review the report in advance of next week's Annual Meeting. To help save on paper and copying costs, the report has also been shared via email. If you did not recent a copy in an email and would like one please speak to the Rector.

THE WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF FREDERICTON is having the World Day of Prayer Bible Study on *Monday, February 12th*, at 10:00 a.m. at Morning Gate Church, 74 Morning Gate Drive. Women of all denominations of faith are invited.

ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN will be meeting tomorrow, *February 12th*, in the Parish Hall, beginning with 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 ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER will be held this coming *Tuesday, February 13th* 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 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.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY is held every *Friday, starting at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. We're planning to start new study of 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 when you can.

STARTING THIS FRIDAY, AT 7:00 P.M., and continuing each Friday throughout the Season of Lent, we pray the *Stations of the Cross*, a quiet reflective service in which we journey through Christ's steps on the road to the Cross. This brief service is an excellent and hopeful mediation on what Christ was accomplishing on our behalf by His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection;

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK will be held one week from today, on *Sunday, February 18th*, 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 2017 and make plans for 2018. **We will also be looking for your assistance in filling leadership roles within the Parish for the coming year.** The Parish Vestry serves a critical role in developing and supporting

our mission as the Church; and we are always looking for new voices to add 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.*

A CHARITY DANCE, in support of the Fredericton Community Kitchen's "Student Hunger Program", featuring the Chris Mercer Band playing your favourite tunes from the 50's, 60's, and 70's will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church on *February 23rd*, starting at 6:00 p.m. The cost will be \$10.00 per person at the door. Coffee and tea will be available for free; this is a kid-friendly event, so come out and save on babysitting. Strike Out Child Hunger T-Shirts will be available for purchase at this event for \$15; each shirt purchased provides lunch for five children.

ONE EXERCISE THAT SOME CHOOSE TO TAKE on during the Season of Lent is the saying of the **Daily Office**, the day by day praying of Morning and Evening Prayer as set out in the Prayer Book, which can be done by anyone who wants to set aside a little time each day. Please speak to the Rector if you'd like some instruction on how to use the Prayer Book in this way to develop your prayer life.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FEBRUARY 14: ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

FEBRUARY 15: LENTEN FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church

FEBRUARY 16: LENTEN FERIA

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – The Stations of the Cross

FEBRUARY 17: THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

FEBRUARY 18: THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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