

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 22, 2017

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

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalms 96 & 97 | Isaiah 45:9-end | Ephesians 2

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit: Psalm 148:1-6:	page 519
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect and Epistle:	page 126
Gradual – Surge Illuminare:	page 28
The Holy Gospel:	page 127
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:	98 (Uttingen)
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect and Epistle:	page 126
Gradual – Surge Illuminare:	page 28

The Holy Gospel:	page 127
♫ Gospel Acclamation (refrain only):	747 (Iris)
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♫ Offertory Hymn:	356 (Stella Orientis)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	page 82
♫ Hymn during Communion:	230 (Song 46)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♫ Recessional Hymn:	93 (Dundee)

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

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From the Rector -----

It's a relatively safe to say that the one person who had the greatest influence over the development of the Church's teaching, other than our Lord Himself, was St. Paul. The extensive writings of St. Luke and St. John both informed and shaped the Church's message in significant ways; and the leadership of St. Peter was also a critical element; but the expansion of the Church's life that followed from the missionary journeys of St. Paul, and his subsequent epistles, helped the early Church to enter more deeply into the reality of who Christ is and what has been accomplished by Him on our behalf.

The Church celebrates the Conversion of Paul each year on January 25th; and we'll be doing the same this coming Wednesday at our 7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. And as we are again invited to think about Paul's moment of conversion, that is, his dramatic encounter with the Risen Christ on the road to Damascus, we would do well to think on how that story, and his experience, should inform and shape our own Christian journey and our life in Christ.

One image that Paul first encountered in that terrifying moment was the image of the Church as the Body of Christ. There on that dusty road, blinded by the brightness of Christ's appearance, Paul was able to see something he'd never been able to see before. In that world-changing moment, Paul learnt from Christ Himself that persecuting a follower of Christ is exactly the same thing as persecuting Christ Himself.

The Church is not just a collection of individual Christians, as social theology would teach us. Rather, the Church is a Body which has been drawn together by the Holy Spirit to the very same kind of unity that any body has: each part

working to fulfill its role within the whole; each enriched by the proper working of all; and health only possible when all the many different parts work together.

That hopefully says something about our daily lives as followers of Jesus Christ as we work to ensure that we use all of our God-given gifts as God calls us to use them, that the whole Body might be healthy.

As we again remember and celebrate the ministry of St. Paul the Apostle we need to ask ourselves some questions: how has God gifted you; and how is He calling you to use those gifts for the common good?



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

JANUARY 25: THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JANUARY 28: THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JANUARY 29: THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist



PRAYER FOR PARISH DISCERNMENT:

Almighty God,

watchful and caring, our source and our end,
all that we are and all that we have are yours.

Accept us now,

as we give thanks to you for this place where we have come
to praise your name, to ask your forgiveness,
to know your healing power, to hear your word,
and to be nourished by the body and blood of
your Son.

Be present always to guide and to judge,

to illumine and to bless your people.

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Anglican Church of Canada

The Diocese of Fredericton

THE PARISH OF ST. MARY (YORK)



In today's world, wracked by terrorism, poverty, lawlessness, disease, and violence, the message of the gospel and the need for Christians who put their faith into action has never been more acute. We, the followers of Jesus Christ, are an integral part of God's plan for the world--the same world that God loved so much--"that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life." In this famous verse we see the depth of God's love for our world. It was not a passive and sentimental love but rather a dynamic, active, and sacrificial love. For God so loved the world that he acted!

Richard Stearns, *Introduction to Faith in Action Study Bible:
Living God's Word in a Changing World*

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Parish Notices and Updates _____

Memorial Prayer Books: *the copies of the Prayer Book that we had on hand have all been spoken for;* but we're planning to place another order in the very near future. If you would like to place one or more in memory of a loved one, please speak to the Rector. The cost for each prayer book is \$20.

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton is having the World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting on *Monday, January 23rd*, at 10:00 a.m. at Forest Hill United Church, 45 Kimble Court. The 2017 World Day of Prayer service, titled "Am I Being Unfair to you?" was written by the women of The Philippines. Women of all denominations of faith are encouraged to come to help plan for the World Day of Prayer, which will be held on March 3rd.

You are invited to participate in a regional food security gathering on *Thursday, January 26th* at The Ville (241 Canada Street in Marysville). This forum / workshop will run from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be served. This is one of 8 regional workshops sponsored by the NB Food Security Action Network (NBFSAN). Your input will be used by NBFSAN to develop a strategy, roadmap and resource materials for its Everybody Eats initiative. Your input will be useful not only provincially but regionally as well. NBFSAN will be looking for opportunities for collective approaches and projects. If you have any questions, contact Tim Snow at tim.snow@gnb.ca or 478-2092; and if you plan to attend, please RSVP so that the organisers we can make sure there is enough food.

You are invited to an Authors Coffee House at Holy Trinity Anglican Church 1224 Highway 101, Nasonworth, on *Thursday, January 26th* at 7:00 p.m. John Leroux will be offering a presentation and reading from 'Glorious Light: The Stained Glass of Fredericton.' He will be available to sign copies of the book. A freewill offering will be taken in support of the Fredericton Community Foundation.

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.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2017 service will be held on *Friday, January 27th*, at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church, 1 William Street, at noon time for Soup and Scripture. The Theme for this year is "Reconciliation –The Love of Christ Compels Us." Everyone of all denominations of faith is invited for fellowship and prayer.

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.

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 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.

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.



For more Information, go to: _____

Want to learn more about the work of the Council of the North? Just go to <http://www.anglican.ca/cn/> to learn more!

Youth in Transition manages and operates Chrysalis House as a safe, stable and secure living environment for homeless youth, providing a nurturing home to help them mend their past hurts and develop essential life skills. In addition to praying for their important work, you may wish to learn more about what you can do to help. To find out more about what they do to help vulnerable youth in our region, go to: <http://yitfredericton.ca/>

Want to learn more about how you can make a difference at the local level. Fredericton's Greener Village Food Centre has a dynamic offering of programmes to development stronger communities and support those struggling to live of the margin. Check out their many different programmes at: <http://www.frederictonfoodbank.com/>