

# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 26, 2020

*The Lord has manifested his Glory!  
O Come, Let us Worship!*

## **8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalms 96 & 97 | Amos 5:6-24 | St. John 6:41-end

## **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit Psalm 148:1-6:	page 519
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 126
The Old Testament Reading:	2 Kings 6:14b-23
Surge Illuminare:	page 28
The Epistle:	page 126
Gradual Psalm 102:15-18:	page 459
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:	94 (Stuttgart)
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 126
The Old Testament Reading:	2 Kings 6:14b-23
♫ SURGE ILLUMINARE:	page 28
The Epistle:	page 126
♫ GRADUAL HYMN:	90 (Tallis)
♫ The Holy Gospel:	page 127
♫ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (refrain only):	747 (Iris)
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♫ OFFERTORY HYMN:	79 (Divinum Mysterium)
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:	<b>Down to Earth, as a Dove</b> please see the bulletin insert

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

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

If you've ever stood by while someone you love suffered from a terrible illness you may know how much it hurt you; how helpless you felt. And you may recall how you felt when one who has given you so much that you hold precious in life suffers needlessly - from the meanness and cruelty of others. Imagine what it was like for the Christians in Smyrna as they watched their beloved and aged bishop, Polycarp, put to death in public - just because he was a Christian.

As a young man Polycarp was a disciple of the Apostle John. As an old man, he was the bishop of the Church at Smyrna in Asia Minor (present-day Turkey). Persecution against the Christians broke out in that area and the crowd began to call for the Christians' leader Polycarp, so the authorities sent out a search party to bring him in. Polycarp was resting upstairs in a country home. The search party came in like a posse, fully armed as if they were arresting a dangerous criminal. Polycarp's friends wanted to sneak him out, but he refused, saying, "God's will be done;" and in one of the most touching instances of Christian grace imaginable, Polycarp welcomed his captors as if they were friends, talked with them and ordered that food and drink be served to them. Then he made one request: one hour to pray before they took him away. The officers overhearing his prayers began to have second thoughts: what were they doing arresting an old man like this?

Despite the cries of the crowd, the Roman authorities saw the senselessness of making this old man a martyr; so, when Polycarp was brought into the arena, the proconsul pleaded with him: "Curse Christ and I will release you." In response Polycarp offered this incredibly faithful response: "Eighty-six years I have served Christ. He had never done me wrong. How then can I blaspheme my King who has saved me?" The proconsul reached for another way out: "Then do this, old man. Just swear by the genius of the emperor and that will be sufficient." But even that was too much for Polycarp: "If you imagine for a moment that I would do that, then I think you pretend that you don't know who I am. Hear it plainly. I am a Christian." More entreaties followed but Polycarp stood firm. The proconsul threatened him with the wild beasts. But that did not frighten him: "Bring them forth. I would change my mind if it meant going from the worse to the better, but not to change from the right to the wrong." And with that Polycarp was sent to his death.

The Church remembers St. Polycarp each year on January 26<sup>th</sup>. We recall his graciousness to his tormentors and his courage and faith. And we pray that when we are called to witness to the trust that we have in Christ in an time when we're not likely to ever face the threats and challenges that Polycarp did, that we may be just as courageous and brave; that others may know that Christ gives us the power to face whatever comes to us.

## *The Anglican Church of Canada* *The Diocese of Fredericton* **THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK**



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The problem with the world is that we draw the circle of our family too small.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta  
August 26, 1910 – September 5, 1997

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## Parish Notices and Updates

**MEMBERS OF THE PARISH CORPORATION** (Wardens and Vestry) are reminded that the next meeting is scheduled for today, starting at 12:15 p.m. Those who are unable to attend are asked to convey their regrets either to the Rector or the Vestry Clerk.

**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 when you can.

**PLEASE JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY** following the 10:30 a.m. Celebration for our monthly **Shared Meal** as we gather as members of our Parish Family to celebrate our life together in Christ.

**ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN** will be meeting on *Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>*, beginning with Lunch at the Ramada 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 Shirley Hupman.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK**, will be held on *Sunday, February 16<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 2019 and make plans for 2020. **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 consists of 6 to 12 members who 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. We will also need to nominate up to three delegates to Diocesan Synod. 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 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>**, together with thousands of Canadians across the country, Archdeacon Cathy Laskey will be walking and fundraising to support hungry, homeless, and hurting people and families in our communities. She will again be part of Anglican Energy walking in support of Youth in Transition and the John Howard Society. Please consider sponsoring her by going to **cnoy.org** and searching for her name.

**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. Members of the 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 willing to help out. The work is easily learnt by beginners. Please speak to the Rector if you are interested or if you have any questions.



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### **JANUARY 29: EPIPHANY FERIA**

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

#### **JANUARY 30: CHARLES STUART, King & Martyr, 1649**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

#### **FEBRUARY 1: THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE: CANDLEMAS**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

#### **FEBRUARY 2: THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE: CANDLEMAS**

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 a Shared Meal in the Parish Hall!*

