

SEPTUAGESIMA

SUNDAY

January 28, 2018

*In the beginning, God created the heavens
and the earth; O come let us worship!*

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ 104 part 1 | Genesis 1:1-2:3 | Revelation 21:1-7

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

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| Introit: Psalm 18:1-7: | page 347 |
| The Gloria: | page 86 |
| The Collect: | page 132 |
| The Old Testament Reading: | Genesis 1:1-5 |
| Psalm 8: | page 337 |
| The Epistle: | page 133 |
| Gradual: Psalm 119, part 4: | page 486 |
| The Holy Gospel: | page 133 |
| 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

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| ♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN: | 102 (Monkland) |
| The Gloria: | page 86 |
| The Collect: | page 132 |
| The Old Testament Reading: | Genesis 1:1-5 |
| ♪ PSALM: | <i>please see the bulletin insert</i> |
| The Epistle: | page 133 |
| ♪ GRADUAL HYMN: | 284 (Moscow) |
| The Holy Gospel: | page 133 |
| ♪ 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 your mercy; C: Hear our prayer |
| The Consecration: | page 82 |
| ♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION: | 223 (Ach Gott Und Herr 248) |
| Post-Communion Prayer: | page 85 |
| ♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN: | 96 (St. George) |

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

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From the Rector _____

The Feast of the Presentation, or Candlemas, falls each year on February 2nd, which is the 40th day following Christmas Day. As St. Luke tells us in his account, the 40th day was the day when Mary and Joseph took the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present him to God, in accordance with the Law. For us, it marks the end of our Christmas cycle before 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 a patient old man named Simeon, who in encountering Mary and Joseph 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, when we're not sure of the right way forward, the knowledge that Christ stands beside us to lighten the path 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 the candle that God is lighting in the hearts and minds and lives of others.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

JANUARY 31: THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION

CANDLEMAS (*transferred*)

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

FEBRUARY 1: PRE-LENT FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church

11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, *Alleira Assisted Living*

FEBRUARY 3: SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

FEBRUARY 4: SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

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

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The labours of the farm do not seem strange to the farmer; the storm at sea is not unexpected by the sailor; sweat causes no wonder to the hired labourer; and so to those who have chosen to live the life of piety the afflictions of this world are not unforeseen. Nay, to each of the aforesaid is joined a labour that is appropriate and well known to those who share it—a labour that is not chosen for its own sake, but for the enjoyment of expected blessings. For hopes, which hold and weld together man's entire life, give consolation for the hardships which fall to the lot of each of these.

St. Basil the Great (330?-379), *Saint Basil, the Letters*, 1950

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Parish Notices and Updates _____

WE PLAN ON PRODUCING A REVISED LIST of those who are willing to help with receptions following funerals here at St. Mary's. If you're not currently on the list, please give some thought to whether or not you are called to this important ministry. It's one of the ways in which our St. Mary's Parish Family witnesses to the transformative power of the Gospel. ***A signup sheet has been posted in the narthex.*** If you're not currently listed, please sign up if you wish to help out! If your name is on the list and would like to step aside, please speak to Jean or Margaret or the Rector

ALLAN AGNEW, OUR PARISH TREASURER, has prepared the 2017 income tax receipts, which are now available in the Narthex. Please speak to Allan or the Rector if you are unable to locate yours.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY is held every *Friday, starting at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. We're looking at the short but very important Epistle of St. James. 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.

WE'RE ORGANISING A LITTLE WORK PARTY this coming *Thursday, February 1st* at 9:30 a.m. to repair some of our well-used copies of the Prayer Book and Hymn Book. We'll supply the book tape, with free coffee, tea and muffins, so come along if you want to help.

PLEASE JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, February 4th, 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.

ST. MARY'S MOTHERS' UNION is hosting a "Paint and Munch" on *Saturday, February 10th*, starting at 1:00 p.m. Laura Forrester will instruct participants in the creation of their own 16 x 20 painting, which they will take home. This fun event will cost \$25.00 per person. Laura will provide each participant with canvas, paints and an easel to use; along with her guidance. Mothers' Union will provide some snack items to munch on. *Prior registration is required* and payment must be made beforehand to hold your spot. To registrar please speak to Adele following each Sunday Eucharist. Space is limited so registrar soon!

THERE IS AN OLD CUSTOM IN THE CHURCH of using the palm crosses from the Palm Sunday of the previous year to make the ashes in advance of the Ash Wednesday commemoration of the following year. If you wish, you are invited to bring your old palm crosses and crosses back by Quinquagesima Sunday (*February 11th*) and place them in the basket provided on the table in the Narthex.

ADVANCE NOTICE! ST. MARY'S ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER will be held on 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.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK will be held 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 of you have any questions.*

FOLLOWING UP ON LAST YEAR'S very successful Bowling Tournament, our friends in the Parish of Marysville are challenging the people of St. Mary's, and other neighbouring parishes, to share in their 2nd annual Tournament, this year in support of **Striking out Child Hunger in New Brunswick**. This year simultaneous events will be held in Fredericton, Moncton, and Saint John. The event will be held on *Saturday, April 21st*, at Bowl-a-Drome (301 Main Street) starting at 12:30 p.m. It's hoped that St. Mary's can again organise a team, so please speak to the Rector if you're interested. The funds raised at the Fredericton event will go to the Fredericton Community Kitchen to help with their student hunger programme. To help with organisation, our friends at All Saints' would 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!***

OUR DIOCESAN SAFE CHURCH REGULATION aims to ensure a working, learning, and spiritual environment in the Diocese of Fredericton that is safe for all members of the community. The Safe Church training program works to reach these goals by systematically educating all church leaders and volunteers in the regulation, policies, and standards. While some members of the Parish are required to undergo Safe Church training because of the ministry roles that they carry out, any Parish volunteer can seek to be trained, either individually online (http://anglican.nb.ca/legislation/safe_church.html) or as part of a diocesan sponsored training event. Please speak to our Parish Safe Church Officer, Thomas Geburt, if you have any questions or if you would like to be trained.