

# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 24, 2019

*Be ye therefore imitators of God, as  
beloved children; and walk in love,  
as Christ also hath loved us!*

## **8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalms 52 | Genesis 18:16-end | St. Luke 18:1-14

## **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit: Psalm 25:8-15:	page 358
<i>The Gloria is omitted during Lent</i>	
The Collect:	page 145
The Old Testament Lesson:	Numbers 22:21-31
Psalm 54:	page 397
The Epistle:	page 145
Gradual: Psalm 25:16-22:	page 359
The Holy Gospel:	page 146
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; <b>C: Hear our prayer</b>
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:	545 (Horsley)
<i>The Gloria is omitted during Lent</i>	
The Collect:	page 145
The Old Testament Reading:	Numbers 22:21-31
♪♪ PSALM:	<i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
The Epistle:	page 145
♪♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	582 (Martyrdom)
The Holy Gospel:	page 146
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♪♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	490 (St. Peter)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; <b>C: Hear our prayer</b>
The Consecration:	page 82
♪♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	231 (Adoro Te)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	406 (Cwm Rhonda RB 269)

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

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

*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.*  
1 Corinthians 3:6

On the table in the narthex you will find letters from the Parish Corporation regarding the proposed Renewing St. Mary's Renovation Project. (*If you are unable to locate an envelope with your name please let me know and I will see that you get a copy.*) As has been reported at the last two Annual

Meetings, as well as the Parish presentation in January, the project represents conversations over the last decade and more regarding a number of issues about our facility that pose threats to the long-term ability of St. Mary's to serve Christ and the community. Some of these issues are core issues that impinge on the safe use of our building; other issues are related matters that diminish our effective use of the facility. All of the issues addressed by the design concept that the Parish Corporation commissioned in 2018 are in some ways interwoven, so that what began as simple conversations about a number of different issues has merged into a large project that seeks to address all of these issues as efficiently as possible.

In one way or another all of these issues relate to some very basic questions that everyone here at St. Mary's needs to be asking themselves: what do we see as St. Mary's mission; and how do we plan to carry out that mission in the future? Or, why has God put us here and what is He asking us to do with the gifts that He has given us? Or, in other words, how do we see ourselves ministering not just to our congregation and those on our Parish list but also to the wider community, including those who do not understand themselves to be members of the Parish? And how can we renew our Church and Hall, which date back 40 and 50 years respectively, to ensure that we can carry out that mission for the next generation or more?

If you believe that St. Mary's has a mission into the future, as I do, we'll need to do some things to resolve the deficiencies which have been identified; and to resolve them efficiently will require hard work and sacrifice and courage. This week's letter seeks your prayerful and financial support for the project. The members of the Parish Corporation want to assure you that we're very grateful for the regular support which you give week after week and year after year to provide for the Parish's ministry. We also recognise that each person's situation is unique: how you will be able to support this essential project will vary depending on all of the other demands for your time, talent, and treasure. Some may be in a position to make significant contributions immediately in a way that allows us to reduce the amount that we need to borrow; others may be able to make small increases to their weekly or monthly support that will give us the means of paying off our loans as quickly as possible. Some may be able to do a contribution of those two options.

Regardless of what your resources may be, we invite you to share in this important Parish renewal project. Years ago the people of this Parish had a vision for the Church's mission in this place; they built knowing that the primary beneficiaries of their hard work and sacrifice would be the unknown generations who would follow them. Like St. Paul, they planted a seed that others would water, knowing all long, even if they could not see the future, that God would give the growth. Now that task has come to us. I pray for your help to make this happen, in God's Name.

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



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*A Lenten Reflection*

Give up complaining—focus on gratitude.  
Give up harsh judgments—think kindly thoughts.  
Give up worry—trust Divine Providence.  
Give up discouragement—be full of hope.  
Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness.  
Give up hatred—return good for evil.  
Give up negativism—be positive.  
Give up anger—be more patient.  
Give up pettiness—become mature.  
Give up gloom—enjoy the beauty that is all around you.  
Give up jealousy—pray for trust.  
Give up gossiping—control your tongue.  
Give up sin—turn to virtue.  
Give up giving up—hang in there!

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*Priest and Rector*

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## Parish Notices and Updates

**OUR LENTEN FAITH AND FILM** series continues at 7:00 p.m. this *Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>*, at the Rectory with *Les Misérables*, a 2012 film based the stage musical of the same name, which was itself based on Victor Hugo's novel. *This week's movie offers an exploration of the healing power of grace and mercy.* And we warmly invite those who can join us to come along for a light supper of soup and rolls starting 6:00 p.m. So, feel free to come along for supper and a movie; or, if it's better for you, just supper or just the movie!

**EVERYONE IS WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US** for **PINT of VIEW** on *Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>* at 7:00 p.m. at the *Rectory*. We're very pleased that Fred Doucette will be speaking on the issue of PTSD in the military. Fred works as a peer support coordinator with the Canadian Forces Operational Stress Injury Social Support Program, following 32 years of military service, including a year-long tour in Sarajevo. In 2002 he was medically released from the army for PTSD. Plan to join us for a stimulating conversation on a very timely and important subject while we enjoy some of Fredericton's finest craft beer. For more information, directions please speak to the Rector.

**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 whenever you can.

**ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF THE MOTHERS' UNION** will be meeting next *Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>*, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Shirley Hupman and Holly Crockett. They plan to prepare for Simnel cake for our Mother Sunday celebration. Following that they plan to share Brunch. They welcome any member of the Parish who would like to share in the fellowship of Mothers' Union as they support families, in all their many forms, around the world. For more information please speak to Shirley.

**THE CHOIRS OF HOLY TRINITY, NEW MARYLAND, CHRIST CHURCH (PARISH CHURCH), ST. PETER'S, AND ST. MARY'S**, under the direction of Dr. Willis Noble, Sandra Gereau, and Alice Boyd, are combining for a series of three services of Choral Evensong. The first will be held next *Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>*, at 4:00 p.m. at the Parish Church. Everyone is invited. Choral Evensong is one of the great spiritual gems of the Anglican tradition: a beautiful blending of Scripture, music, and prayer that brings our day to a quiet and graceful close. The focus of this first service will be our Lenten journey. Light refreshments will be offered following the Service.

**WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT** Archdeacon Cathy Laskey, Jean Vanstone, Adele Knox, and Linda and Shannon Thornton are able to represent the Parish at this year's Bowling Tournament to raise fund for Fredericton's Community Kitchen, which will be held on *Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>*, starting at

12:30 p.m. Sponsorship sheets have been placed on the table in the Narthex. Please speak to them if you're able to help their efforts to raise funds for this very important community programme.

**SAFE CHURCH GROUP TRAINING SESSION:** The Diocese of Fredericton implemented the Safe Church policy in October of 2016. Under the policy, personnel in various leadership positions are required to undergo training on the policy as well as have police and vulnerable sector checks conducted each year. Additionally, the Diocese encourages all members of our faith to make themselves aware of the policy. Consequently, we will be conducting a training session on the Safe Church policy in St. Mary's church hall on *Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>*, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Those who are interested in attending the session are requested to sign the sheet in the hall entrance.

*Safe Church - To promote the mission of the church by providing a safe and effective working, learning and spiritual environment.*



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**MARCH 27: FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION** (trans.)

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**MARCH 28: LENTEN FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

**MARCH 29: JOHN KEBLE, Scholar & Poet**

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – The Stations of the Cross

**MARCH 30: THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT:  
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**MARCH 31: THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT:  
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

*Followed by Coffee and Conversation in the Parish Hall*