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The Parish Chronicle

Sunday, February 11, 2018

THE SUNDAY CALLED QUINQUAGESIMA, OR THE
SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT



Rector's Rambling

Beginning this week, things will be getting even busier around St. John's! Being Quinquagesima Sunday today, it means that by mid-week Lent begins, and the additional devotions and disciplines take full effect.

Before the fasting begins, we do have one last feast with some frivolity. On Tuesday evening, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, we will be serving pancakes, sausage and ice cream as we celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Additionally, we have a talent show, and all who attend are welcome to contribute with a song, a joke or two, a dance, or a favorite poem. Performing is not a requirement to attend dinner: we need people to be the audience as well!

On Wednesday Lent begins, and there are three opportunities for worship to make a right start of Lent with the imposition of ashes: 12:15 and 6:00 PM Holy Communion, and 4:00 PM Evening Prayer.

Included in the Order of Service today are our two Lenten Brochures, outlining both how to keep a Holy Lent, and

various opportunities offered here at St. John's. The extra weekday services start on Thursday with weekly Adoration of Christ in the Sacrament, and on Friday with an extra weekday Holy Communion service, as well as Stations of the Cross. Educational opportunities include Adult Education on Sundays at 9:05 AM and a Thursday evening service and Bible Study.

Our Sunday Lenten worship begins next week the Litany in Procession, alternating each week with the Decalogue. It is my hope that we will have a 100% attendance day next Sunday to get Lent off to a good start. The weather hasn't been the most cooperative lately, but even on the pleasant weather Sundays attendance has been wanting.

Lent is a wonderful time to re-evaluate and re-set our spiritual life. Take advantage of these opportunities by jumping in with both feet: regular Sunday Service attendance, weekday Mass attendance, Bible reading and prayer at home, and keeping the Lenten Fasts and Disciplines to make this an Holy Lent.



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ABOUT ST. JOHN'S

To Our Visitors

Welcome! The parishioners and clergy of St. John's are delighted that you have come to worship with us. We hope this house of prayer provides you with a place in which you can find solace, comfort, and strength. We invite your inquiries about the ministries available here at St. John's.

We offer a barrier-free environment for the infirm and handicapped. An access ramp for wheel chairs is located on the east side of the church by the parking lot. There is also an elevator in the building which provides access to the undercroft, so everyone may fully participate in activities and fellowship.

We would be very pleased if you plan to return to St. John's on a regular basis, to worship as part of our parish family. Please complete a Visitor's Form located in the Order of Service and place it in the collection plate or give it to an usher.

Thank you for coming! We look forward to greeting you following the service today and hope to chat with you during our time of fellowship in the undercroft.

Communion Procedure

The Episcopal House of Bishops, in a 1979 teaching, lays out the following guideline for non-Episcopalians to receive communion in an Episcopal Church: The persons should 1) have been Baptized with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, 2) believe Christ is present in the sacrament, 3) have been admitted to Holy Communion in their own denomination, and 4) are attempting, by God's grace, to live in love and charity with their neighbor. If you have any questions, please speak to the priest.

To receive the Host, raise your crossed hands, right palm over left. You may also receive directly on the tongue. If you do not wish to receive the Cup, cross your arms over your chest and wait for the chalice bearer to pass by.

If you are not receiving communion, you still may come forward to the rail, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.

If you are physically unable to approach the rail, please inform an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Pastoral Care

Please inform the clergy if you or a family member are ill, hospitalized, or unable to attend the regular worship of the Church so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. Please contact the clergy to discuss arrangements for baptisms, weddings, or burials **before** any announcement or other plans are made.

Outreach

Every Sunday: *Food or clothing* may be deposited in the basket at the entrance of the church to aid the neighborhood ministry to the poor through **Crossroads**.

First Sunday of the month: The *loose offerings* collected are given to support the mission work of the Church in Malawi, Central Africa. Please add a cash gift or extra check in the collection plate every first Sunday of the month!

Third Sunday of the month: The *loose offerings* collected are given to support the ministry of the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S FEBRUARY 11 – FEBRUARY 18

Sunday 2/11 QUINQUAGESIMA	7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:20 A 1:30 P	Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Morning Prayer with Holy Communion Sunday School Coffee Hour Showing of War Room Holy Communion (Independence Village)
Monday 2/12	5:00 P	AA Meeting
Tuesday 2/13 St. Kentigern, Bishop	11:00 A 12:15 P 6:00 P	AA Meeting Holy Communion (church) Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Talent Show
Wednesday 2/14 ASH WEDNESDAY	12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P 6:00 P	Holy Communion with Ashes (chapel) Evening Prayer with Ashes AA Meeting Holy Communion with Ashes (chapel)
Thursday 2/15 St. Valentine, c. 270 A.D. (Transferred)	10:30 A 5:00 P 6:00 P 6:30 P	Holy Communion and Benediction (chapel) AA Meeting Holy Communion (church) Bible Study
Friday 2/16	11:00 A 11:15 A Noon	AA Meeting Holy Communion (church) Stations of the Cross (church)
Saturday 2/17	2:00 P	AA Meeting
Sunday 2/18 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	7:30 A 8:00 A 9:05 A 10:00 A 11:20A	Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Adult Education Choral Holy Communion Sunday School Lenten Soup Luncheon

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The Collect for Quinquagesima

OLORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	103	Wisdom 7:7-14 John 15:1-17
Monday	18:1-20	Gen. 18:1-16 Mark 9:38
Tuesday	18:21-36	Gen. 18:20 Mark 10:1-16
ASH WEDNESDAY	32, 143	Isa. 58:1-12 Heb. 12:1-14
Thursday	27	Gen. 19:1-3, 12-17, 24-28 1 Cor. 1:1-17
Friday	95 & 40:1-16	Gen. 21:9-21 1 Cor. 1:18
Saturday	28	Gen. 22:1-14, 19 1 Cor. 2

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	119:33-48	Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18 1 John 4
Monday	20, 21:1-6	Hosea 5:10-6:6 Gal. 6:1-10
Tuesday	25	Hosea 11:1-4 & 13:5-16a Gal. 6:11
ASH WEDNESDAY	102, 130	Jonah 3 & 4 Luke 15:10
Thursday	29, 30	Jer. 1:4-10, 13-19 John 8:1-11
Friday	31	Jer. 2:1-9, 13 John 8:12-20, 31-36
Saturday	34	Jer. 3:11-18 John 8:45

** If there is no "ending" verse listed, then read * If there is no "ending" verse listed, then read to the end of the chapter.*

In the place of the Psalms listed above, you are welcome to use the Psalm cycle listed in the Book of Common Prayer according to the days of the month.

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS
Sandwich board parking signs 2 x \$110

Announcements – Week of February 11

Christian Education – Sunday School classes meet in the undercroft during the 10:00 AM service.

This week there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion on Tuesday and Wednesday at 12:15 PM, and on Thursday at 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM. On Friday, Holy Communion is at 11:15 AM, followed by Stations of the Cross at noon.

The movie War Room will be shown today in the undercroft after 10:00 AM service.

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday are February 13 and February 14. Be sure to mark your calendars now for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, and for the services on Ash Wednesday.

Extra Lenten Opportunities – Thursday: 6:00 PM Holy Communion with Bible Study following; Friday: 11:15 AM Holy Communion, and Stations of the Cross at noon

A Day of Healing – Canon Mark Pearson will be at St. John's on Saturday, February 24, beginning at 10:00 AM. See associated flyer for schedule details.

Thank you to those who donated items for the "Warm Fuzzy Tree" this past Holiday Season.

The items were divided between:
Mariners Inn – Men
Vista Maria – Women
The Salvation Army – Men, Women & Children
Thirty toiletry bags were made up and given to Mariners Inn & Vista Maria

Each agency greatly appreciates your generous donations and expresses their gratitude.

~ Debbie Swain

Independence Village Service – Holy Communion TODAY at 1:30 PM, at Independence Village, 14707 Northville Rd, Plymouth Township, MI 48170. Parishioners are welcome to assist the residents and participate. Future dates – 2/25 and 3/11.

Construction starts soon – The 1971 rear office building will begin its transformation into a beautiful and functional ministry annex. This is projected to take eight to nine months. Handicapped access, as well as weekday office access, will be through the newly rebuilt garden narthex entrance.

DON'T FORGET
A can a week to feed God's sheep
in support of Crossroads' Food Pantry

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

February 11

Altar Guild 8:00 AM:

Lucy Anderson

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Kathy DeGiulio
Psalm/EM – Eldonna May

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Denise Grim
Judy Lees

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Ps – Marg Alff
FL– Christopher Sayers
SL– Brian Campbell
EM – Michael Bennett
EM – Morley Stevenson
S – Cole Stevenson

Ushers 10:00 AM:

Ralph Babcock
John Barge
Chari Rzepecki
Libby Schudel
George Waters

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Marleine Ricca
Stella Heatley

February 18

Altar Guild 8:00 AM:

Lucy Anderson

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
Psalm/EM – Charles Rleigh

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Nancy Boulton

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

E – Christopher Sayers
EM – Michael Bennett
EM – Morley Stevenson
S – Cole Stevenson

Ushers 10:00 AM:

Gerald Dreslinski
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
William Porter
Jeffrey Smith

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Lenten Soup Luncheon
Marge Alff & Judy Lees
Soup Cooks:
Marge Alff
Judy Lees
(add'l soup needed!)

Ushers in reserve: David Boulton, Morley Stevenson

The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

Bruce Burton, Senior Warden
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Brian Campbell, Secretary
David Schafer, Treasurer

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Nancy Boulton Anne Ruffley

Terms expire January 2020

Bruce Burton Lena Nealley
Brian Campbell Morley Stevenson

Terms expire January 2021

Elijah Buxo Libby Schudel
Charles Roby Patrick Walter

The Vestry typically meets monthly at 6:30 PM in the undercroft, September through June. All St. John's parishioners are welcome to attend.

St. John's Teaching Notes

ASH WEDNESDAY

In the Western Christian calendar, Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and occurs forty days before Easter (excluding Sundays). It falls on a different date each year, because it is dependent on the date of Easter; it can occur as early as February 4 or as late as March 10.

Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance. The ashes used are gathered after the Palm Crosses from the previous year's Palm Sunday are burned. In the liturgical practice of some churches, the ashes are mixed with the Oil of the Catechumens (one of the sacred oils used to anoint those about to be baptized), though some churches use ordinary oil. This paste is used by the clergyman who presides at the service to make the sign of the cross, first upon his own forehead and then on each of those present who kneel before him at the altar rail. As he does so, he recites the words: "Remember (O man) that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The ashes used in the service of worship or Mass are sacramentals, not a sacrament. The ashes are blessed according to various rites proper to each liturgical tradition, sometimes involving the use of Holy Water. In some churches they are mixed with light amounts of water or olive oil, which serve as a fixative.

In most liturgies for Ash Wednesday, the Penitential psalms are read; Psalm 51 (LXX Psalm 50) is especially associated with this day. The service also often includes a corporate confession rite.

Ash Wednesday is a day of repentance and it marks the beginning of Lent. Ashes were used in ancient times, according to the Bible, to express mourning. Dusting oneself with ashes was the penitent's way of expressing sorrow for sins and faults. An ancient example of one expressing one's penitence is found in Job 42:3–6. Job says to God: "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." (vv. 5–6, KJV) Other examples are found in several other books of the Bible including, Numbers 19:9, 19:17, Jonah 3:6, Matthew 11:21, Luke 10:13, and Hebrews 9:13.

~ Edited by Fr. Kelly from Wikipedia's Ash Wednesday entry

**A DAILY PRAYER FOR
St. John's Church**

Bless, O Lord, this parish, and grant that Thy Name may be worshipped here in truth and purity, to all generations. Give Thy grace and wisdom to our Clergy, that they may exercise holy discipline, and be themselves patterns of holiness, simplicity, and self-denial. Bless all who worship here; take from us all pride, vanity and self-conceit, and give to us true humility and self-abasement. Enlighten our minds, subdue our wills, purify our hearts, and so penetrate us with Thy Spirit, and fill us with Thy love that we may go forth animated with earnest zeal for Thy glory; and may Thy living Word so dwell within our hearts that we may speak with that resistless energy of love which shall melt the hearts of sinners to the love of Thee. Open, O Lord, the hearts and hands of Thy people, that we may be ready to give and glad to distribute to our **needs**. Bless the founders and benefactors of this parish, and recompense them with the riches of Thine everlasting kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Cycles of Prayer for the week of February 11

Primate of the Province of Central Africa:

The Most Revd Albert Chama

The Mothers Union of Malawi

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Psalm: 144:1-4 Wis. 11:21-26

Pray for **The Anglican Church of Canada**, The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Adrian – *Christ Church*

San Cristobal, DR – *St. Bartholomew*

Trenton – *St. Thomas'*

**BIRTHDAY
GREETINGS**

February 11

Chris Golembiewski

February 12

Terry Valerio

February 14

Bryan Monaco

February 15

Robert Brewer

February 16

Michaela Bowman



**This Week's
ANNIVERSARIES**

February 11, 1983

Mr. & Mrs. Terry Valerio



OUR PRAYER LIST

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Serving in the United Nations: Sharon G. Lowery

Police Officers and Firefighters: For parishioner officers – Federal Service: Pat Walter; Chapel Hill, NC: Michael Walter; and Fairfax County, VA: Stephen A. Shillingford.

Those Serving in the Military: Especially for Andrew Joudi, Andrew Timpner, Brian Shea, Damon Dalby, Ian Bass, Jessica Walter, Jonathan Walter, Kyle Jenney, Kurt Helfrich, Nick Myers, Nick Norville, Steven Campbell, Joseph J. Sharpe, and Zachary Livingston.

Diocese and the National Episcopal Church:

That there may be a greater understanding of the Authority of Holy Scripture, and our submission to that Authority.

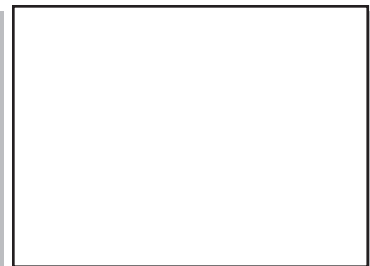
Year's Mind of Death:

Alice Charles Carey	February 11, 1961
Grace Helen Hudson	February 11, 1973
Fannie Jirovec	February 12, 1979
The Rev. Floyd Buehler	February 12, 1998
Kenneth Harold Groth	February 13, 1995
Ralph M. Burton	February 13, 2015
Jessie Page Baker	February 14, 1976
Rose Emily Jackson	February 14, 1991
Carolyn P. Jamieson	February 15, 1962
Dr. Julius Taylor	February 15, 1981
Anna Geraldine Pettingill	February 16, 1952
Ida C. Pretzer	February 16, 1953
Margaret Ellen McNab	February 17, 1979
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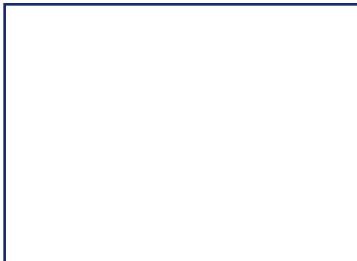

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