

# WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, FAITHFULLY ANGLICAN SINCE 2012

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**Psalm 27: 14 Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

## Sharing the Good

### News

**Ash Wednesday** – Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 PM on February 26. On March 4 we will begin our soup suppers at 6 PM followed by Stations of the Cross. We will need volunteers each week to bring a loaf of bread and meatless soup (because it's Lent.) This year, I would like to have 2 volunteers each week (one to read the stations and one to carry the cross)

**Speaking of Ash Wednesday** It is traditional to burn the palms from last Palm Sunday to make the ashes that will be imposed on Ash Wednesday. Could you please bring your palms back to church by February 16 so I can get them ready before February 26? Thank you.

**Outreach** – This Sunday, February 2, is Food Pantry Sunday. We will be blessing our donations at Sunday's service before the food is delivered to the local food pantry. Please contribute to our donations so we will have a good amount to donate this month.

**ACNA Prayer book** – We are half way through our trial use of Anglican Standard Text from the ACNA Prayer Book. This week, I plan on making a couple of changes so that we can use the AST as written. We will use the Prayers of the People and the Post Communion Prayer as written in the Anglican Standard Text. On the first Sunday of Lent (Feb. 28) we will begin to use *Renewed Ancient Text* and we will use it through Easter (April 12).

**Bible Study** – For the rest of the Sundays in February, we will continue our Bible Study in the Gospel of John. Our Lenten Bible study will begin on March 1<sup>st</sup> and will be a DVD series on the Book of Revelation.

**Update: Board:** St. Mary's advisory board will meet Wednesday, February 5, at 10 am in the Parish Center. Members of the

## FR. TOM'S SCHEDULE

**Sunday** 9:30 AM Bible Study in Parish Center  
10:30 AM – Mass followed by coffee hour; Mass at Villas of Holly Brook at 2 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month

### **Wednesday**

**Office hours** 10 AM – 1 PM; 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM  
Bingo; 2:30-3:30 PM  
Bible Study at Villas of Holly Brook

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – 10 AM.**  
Church council mtg.

**Thursday** At his point, my schedule at South Park is in flux. I am there at 2 PM for Bingo.

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board are Fr. Tom, Vicar, Deacon Tom, Treasurer, and Graham McCoy. The board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 10 am. All are welcome, and your input is coveted. The March meeting will be held on March 4.

### **Thoughts from the Vicar, 6th edition: Trip to Canton**

Sylvia and I traveled to Canton last Saturday evening for the revitalized St. Peter's opening Eucharist. The church was shut down 13 months ago (the weekend before Christmas) because of dwindling attendance. The former church building is in the process of being sold and they are now in a storefront which is much bigger than ours. I left to return home with two important thoughts in mind that I want to share with you. First, St. Peter's is now in the same spot that we were a few years ago, and they could use our prayerful support, so I have added them to our prayer list below.

Second, please do not fear that our church home might suffer the same fate. I do not see that happening. We are not a financial drain on anyone. Still, growing our church should remain our prayerful goal. God bless you, **Fr. Tom**

### **Parish Prayer List**

**For those fighting cancer:** especially Margie, Jody, David, Muriel

**For those in need of uplifting prayer:** especially Bishop Alberto, Dr. Bill, Bruce, Bonnie, Jerry, Donna, Diane, Jonas, Zac, Reise, CeCe, Allan, Kathy, Bishop Jack, Karl, Tabita, Jim, Melinda, Sherry, Doreen, Penny, Susan, Kay, Arie, St. Peter's

**For those in long term care:** especially Grace, Carol, Marilyn, the residents at Holly Brook and South Park

**For those in danger because of their Christian faith:** especially Mahendra, Dipendra, Reshma, Tirtha, Purna, their families and Churches; all the pastors in Nepal, and for the Transformation Spiritual Church

**For the growth of St. Mary's Anglican Mission**

## **Readers and Coffee Hours for February**

**February 2** OT David Psalm Kathy NT Tressie Prayers Elisabeth

**February 9** OT Sylvia Psalm Kathy NT Elisabeth Prayers Diane

**February 16** OT Diane Psalm Elisabeth NT David Prayers Tressie

**February 23** OT Kathy Psalm Diane NT David Prayers Sylvia

**February 26** OT Tressie Psalm Sylvia NT Diane

**(Ash Wed.)**

***Please sign up for a February Coffee Hour Sunday.***

**A message from the Diocese:** It is not too early to begin thinking and praying about your Lenten journey this year. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. It is an ancient tradition of the church, a penitential season of prayer, fasting, repentance, and alms-giving in preparation for Easter.

One of the long-standing traditions of the Lenten season is called the "Lenten Discipline" in which we fast or give up a particular food, drink or activity – something that we enjoy so that it will truly be a

sacrifice. When we give these things up, it is a reminder to pray, repent of our idols, and turn our thoughts more fully toward Christ. Lent is also a time to “take on” new spiritual disciplines that will deepen our walk with the Lord and our experience of His grace.

Alms-giving is also an important part of Lent. This is not the normal tithe to the church but sacrificial giving above and beyond the tithe.

Bishop Morales is asking that every person bring their alms on Palm Sunday to be used for the work of the Diocese. This may be a special one-time gift, or it may be the money saved throughout Lent from giving up an activity. Collecting alms during Lent can be a spiritual discipline for the whole family.