

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

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John 15:12: love one another as I have loved you.

Sharing the Good

News

ACNA Prayer book – We have finished our trial use of the AST liturgy in traditional language. Most of you have this service in your worship folders. The other two services (1 & 2 below) are found in your ACNA prayer books. We used this through Pentecost. I **beg** you to let me know how you feel about the three liturgies we have been using in order to facilitate a final decision. Your choices are:

1. **American Standard Text in modern language**
2. **Renewed Ancient Text in modern language**
3. **American Standard Text in traditional language**
4. **No preference**

Please send me an email or a text with the number of your preference by Trinity Sunday (June 7). Then I will have the information I need to make my decision.

Trinity Sunday. Next Sunday, June 7, is Trinity Sunday, our last Sunday feast day for quite a while.

It is also the first Sunday of the month. Because of COVID19, we have become very lax in our giving to the Food Pantry. Due to my bad planning, we currently have two or three months of food donations sitting in my office. Let's see if we can't fill up the basket next Sunday!

Coming home. I want to emphasize that the decision on when you return to church is entirely up to you. We will continue to post our services on Facebook Live and on YouTube. Staying at home and worshipping via Facebook Live or YouTube is NOT living in fear; it is being cautious. When we do return, it will be necessary to: wear a mask, sit at least 6 feet apart and take full advantage of the hand sanitizer that is available. We will check your temperature before you enter the church. I assure you that I will

FR. TOM'S SCHEDULE

Sunday

10:30 AM – Mass

followed by coffee hour

Wednesday

Office hours 9 to noon

1st Wednesday – 10 AM.

Church council mtg.

Thursday At his point, my schedule at South Park is in flux.

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turn away no one who is healthy and willing to do those things. Operation "Holy Hub" will continue to be available.

Facebook. Our metrics on Facebook have necessarily evened out. As I said last month, this is an extraordinary opportunity to show the world what our church is all about. It is the family of God. Our online services give us the opportunity to practice virtual evangelism. And, in spite of my rant against Facebook and its divisive qualities in last week's sermon, it does have its good points as well.

Schedule change still in effect: For obvious reasons, I am not at this time going to Holly Brook and South Park. My office hours at church have changed to from 9 to noon on Wednesdays. I will not be going there on Thursdays, unless someone needs me there. Holy Hub is always available.

Outreach – This Sunday, June 7, is Food Pantry Sunday. We will be blessing our donations at Sunday's service before the food is delivered to the local food pantry at a later date. If you wish to make a donation, you can drop it by (literally) church between 9 and noon today (April 1) Please contribute to our donations so we will have a good amount to donate this month.

Bible Study – Our Bible Study on Revelation will resume when we are able to meet for discussion.

Board: St. Mary's advisory board has been unable to meet since the beginning of the sheltering in place period. I am hoping we will be able to meet on Wed., July 8, at 10 am in the Parish Center. Meanwhile, we remain grateful to those of you who remain faithful in your giving, as our expenses continue even when we cannot be together.

Thoughts from the Vicar, 9th edition: You may have noticed that we have had problems in posting "Thoughts from the Vicar" on Facebook and You Tube on Wednesdays. Let's chalk that up to another casualty of the Corona virus. I promise you that we will try to improve that this month. This week is the first Wednesday of the month which means I will be responding to questions that have been submitted. It would be nice if someone besides me could submit a question this time.

This Pandemic has affected our church family in so many ways: **Bible Study, Board, Coffee Hour** all cancelled.

And the Bishop has asked that one person do all the reading for the week, so our schedule for the summer will be:

June 7 – Kathy

June 14 – Diane

June 21 – Tressie

June 28 – David

July 5 – Elisabeth

July 12 – Debbie

July 19 – Sylvia

July 26 – Kathy

August 2 – Diane

August 9 – Tressie

August 16 – David

August 23 – Elisabeth

August 30 - Debbie

Important dates on our church calendar: We have two birthdays coming up in the near future:

June 5 – Debbie Brown (birthday); June 10 – Fr. Tom and Sylvia (anniversary)

Holy Hub continues to be in operation on demand. Please let Fr. Tom know if there is anything you need, such as consecrated hosts.

Parish Prayer List

For those fighting cancer: Margie, Jody, David, Alan, Penny

For those in need of uplifting prayer: Dr. Bill, Bruce, Bonnie, Jerry, Donna, Diane, Jonas, Zac, Reise, Allan, Kathy, Bishop Jack, Karl, Tabita, Jim, Melinda, Sherry, Penny, Sara, Joan, Laurie, Maryann, Kevin

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

For the Church's ministry in Nepal: Mahendra, Dipendra, Reshma, Tirtha, Purna, their families and Churches; the pastors, and the Transformation Spiritual Church

For the growth of St. Mary's Anglican Mission and St. Peter's, Canton

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