

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

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

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“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Matt. 4:4

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). We still have many blanks to fill in on our sign up sheet, so please make sure to sign up as soon as possible. (See last page.) You can email me your preferences or sign up in the Parish Center on Sunday.

Outreach – This Sunday, March 1, is Food Pantry Sunday. We will be blessing our donations at Sunday's service before the food is delivered to the local food pantry. Our donations were down last month, and since it is now Lent, please contribute so we will have a good amount to donate this month.

ACNA Prayer book – On Ash Wednesday, we began to use part of the Renewed Ancient Text. On the first Sunday of Lent (March 1) use the entire *Renewed Ancient Text* and we will use it through Easter (April 12).

Bible Study – Our Lenten Bible study will begin at 9:30 AM on March 1st and will be a DVD series on the Book of Revelation.

Update: Board: St. Mary's advisory board will not meet during March while our Treasurer is doing God's work in Nepal. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, **April 8**, at 10 am in the Parish Center. The board meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of every month at 10 am. All are welcome, and your input is coveted.

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 1st and 3rd 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; 6:00 PM – Lenten Soup Supper followed by Station of the Cross

1st Wednesday – 10 AM.

Church council mtg.

Thursday At his point, my schedule at South Park is in flux. I am there at 1:30 PM for Bingo.

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During our last meeting, we made some important decisions that I would like to share with you. First, we re-established the vicar's discretionary fund, providing me with money on hand to help those who seek me out for monetary help. At present, there is \$50 in the account, with more promised by the board later. In case you did not know about this fund before now, you are welcome to contribute to it in the same way you contribute to our operating expenses. Just write "St. Mary's Discretionary Fund" on the bottom line.

We also discussed an idea put forth by a parishioner for a church potluck supper to which we would invite members of the community. Since our facility is so small, it was decided to wait until the weather warms up so our meal could be eaten outside. More later.

Thoughts from the Vicar, 7th edition:

I received this email from Deacon Tom before I took the Langfords to the airport on the 20th. I am sending this info to you to make it easier for you to pray for them. All the times listed are local times. Istanbul is 9 hours ahead of us, and Katmandu is 11 hours 45 minutes ahead of us.

We will leave Springfield tomorrow, February 20 at 2:25 pm to Chicago on UN 5087 arriving 3:36 pm February 20

Leave Chicago Saturday, February 22 at 9:15 pm to Istanbul on TK 6W arriving at 5:00 pm February 23

Leave Istanbul Monday, February 24 at 1:30 am to Kathmandu on TK 726W arriving at 11:10 am Monday February 24.

We expect to leave Kathmandu, Tuesday, March 24 at 12:25 pm to Istanbul on TK 727L arriving 6:20 pm Tuesday, March 24

Leave Istanbul Wednesday, March 25 at 3:00pm to Chicago on TK 5L arriving 6:55 pm Wednesday, March 25

Leave Chicago Wednesday, March 25 at 9:15 pm to Springfield on UA 5072 arriving 10:20 pm Wednesday, March 25 **Fr. Tom**

Parish Prayer List

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

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

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

For those in ministry in Nepal: especially Deacon Tom and Elisabeth, 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 and St. Peter's, Canton

Readers and Coffee Hours for March

Week of March 1

Readers – OT Diane **Psalm** Sylvia **NT** Tressie **Prayers** Kathy

Coffee hour *Swegle*

March 4 – Stations of the Cross

Leader _____ **Crucifer** _____

Soup and bread for 8 *Swegle – Potato/Corn Chowder*

Week of March 8

Readers- OT David **Psalm** Diane **NT** Kathy **Prayers** Sylvia

Coffee hour _____

March 11 – Stations of the Cross

Leader _____ **Crucifer** _____

Soup and bread for 8 _____

Week of March 15

Readers – OT Tressie **Psalms** David **NT** Diane **Prayers** Kathy

Coffee hour *McCoy*

March 18 – Stations of the Cross

Leader _____ **Crucifer** _____

Soup and bread for 8 *McCoy*

Week of March 22

Readers – OT Sylvia **Psalms** Tressie **NT** Diane **Prayers** David

Coffee hour _____

March 25 – Stations of the Cross

Leader _____ **Crucifer** _____

Soup and bread for 8 _____

Week of March 29

Readers – OT Kathy Psalms Elisabeth NT David Prayers Diane

Coffee hour *Langford*

April 1 – Stations of the Cross

Leader _____ Crucifer _____

Soup and bread for 8 _____

New feature – I'd like to feature the talents of our parishioners in the monthly newsletter. If you have a talent you'd like to share, don't bury it in the ground, share it here!

Thank God

By Kathy Hahn

To be read responsively by half verse

When you thank God for avoiding an accident,

Thank Christ for loving you even unto death.

When you thank God for a healthy baby,

Thank Christ for loving you even unto death.

When you thank God for chocolate,

Thank Christ for loving you even unto death.

When you thank God for a raise,

Thank Christ for loving you even unto death.

When you thank God for a parking space,

Thank Christ for loving you even unto death.

When you thank God for healing from a serious disease,

Thank Christ for loving you even unto death.

When you thank God for unburned toast,

Thank Christ for loving you even unto death.

When you thank God for ANYTHING,

ALWAYS thank Christ for loving you even unto death.

For without his death for you,

There would be no life for you.

