

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

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

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

Sharing the Good News

Food Pantry Sunday – This Sunday **September 5** being the first Sunday of the month, we will observe Food Pantry Sunday. We've already had many donations, but you can still bring your donation Sunday morning.

Here is the Lector schedule for the coming month:

9/5 – Diane

9/12 – Elisabeth

9/19 – Kathy

9/26 – Sylvia

As we deal with the current surge of the Delta variant, we will continue to have coffee hour after church. The second paragraph of the mandate, posted below, supports continuing our coffee hours.

Here is our schedule for coffee hours for September:

September 5 __McCoy_____

September 12 __Langford_____

September 19 __Kathy H._____

September 26 __Swegle_____

The following is an excerpt from the mandate itself: *“Beginning on Monday, August 30, 2021, all individuals in Illinois who are age two or over and able to medically tolerate a face covering (a mask or cloth face covering) shall be required to cover their nose and mouth with a face covering when in an indoor public place. Illinoisans should also consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings and for activities that involve close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated. Please note that this mandate is set to expire on September 18, although it can be reinstated, (continued on the next page.)*

FR. TOM'S SCHEDULE

Sunday 10:30 AM – Mass

Wednesday - Office
hours 9 to 12 PM

2nd Wednesday – 10 AM.

Church council mtg.

1 pm, Bingo @ Holly Brook

2 pm Bible Study @

Holly Brook

Thursday

10 am -noon - ministry

@ Reflections

**South Park; Prayer
service @1:30; Bingo**

@2:00

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Chatham, IL

Coffee Hour: **Face coverings may be removed temporarily while actively eating or drinking (including in bars or restaurants) and may be removed by workers at workplaces when they can consistently maintain six feet of distance (such as when workers are in their office or cubicle space).**

Board Meeting: St. Mary's advisory board will meet Wed., **September 8** at 10 am in the Parish Center. Please note that, due to COVID-19 concerns, this meeting is open only to the three members of the advisory board. I pray that, come fall, many restrictions will be relaxed. (Sadly, this has not happened.)

We owe great thanks to Kathy Hahn and her daughter for supplying the communion wine during the past weeks and months. When the half-empty current bottle is fully empty, I a, going to resume my trips to the Religious Supply Center to purchase true sacramental wine. We have not had any since the beginning of the pandemic. I understand it has a higher alcohol content, which also adds to its medicinal qualities. (lol)

Here follows our current parish prayer list after we made changes on August 22. Please email Fr. Tom if you have any further additions or subtractions.

Parish Prayer List

For Foley our Archbishop, for Alberto, our Bishop, for Tom, our Priest, and for Deacon Tom

For those fighting cancer: Barb, Les, Brenda, Jody, David, Alan, Debbie, Cindy

For those in need of uplifting prayer: Sherry, Barb, John P., James, Jon S., Luke, Jerry, Donna, Jonas, Kathy, Karl, Michael, Jim, Melinda, Sara, Joan, Rachel, Josh, Dorothea, Annette, Margot, Terry, David and Tressie, Carolyn and Gary

For those in long term care: Gabriel, Grace, Danielle, the residents at Holly Brook, Reflections and South Park

For the Church's ministry in Nepal: Mahendra, Dipendra, Reshma, Tirtha, their families and Churches; the Transformation Spiritual Church and especially for their COVID victims: Shanti, Purna, Tirtha, Resham family, Bandhana rai, Merry and the more than 100 pastors in Nepal who have died and their families

For all the victims of the COVID pandemic worldwide

For the persecuted Christians in Afghanistan

For those recovering from Hurricane Ida.

For the growth of St. Mary's Anglican Mission

Thoughts from the Vicar –

The names of some of the people who have been on our prayer list recently were sent to me by a good friend of mine from the Quad-Cities whose name is Peg Smit. I want to share with you a couple of updates that Peg recently sent me.

First, “Father Tom, Wanted to let you know today brought some good news. Les Swanson’s tests came back negative for leukemia. Thank you for your prayers. Bless you good friend.”

Through Peg, we heard directly from Brenda whom you will find on the prayer list above. She wrote, “Dear Father Tom, This is Brenda, the guy (sic) you’ve been praying for. With the change in her meds, this is her beautiful new hairdo. (She is bald.) She is fighting real hard. Keep praying for her please. Thank you, dear friend. God bless you.”

When we returned home from church today, I found this Facebook post concerning Tirtha: “Please pray for our respected brother pastor Tirtha Gurau. He is fighting with Corona virus. By God’s grace alone, he is now admitted in normal ward.”

We hope that God will continue to answer our prayers. I was able to find an article that offers five tips to us in order to accomplish that.

The five keys to answered prayer are:

1. Ask God in prayer.
2. Have faith in God.
3. Seek God’s will.
4. Strive to obey God.
5. Pray in Jesus’ name.

The nice thing about this list is that these are things that we do on a regular basis. I know we can’t pick and chose which prayers God is going to answer, but I think we should all put in a special request For the last petition on the list.

If by chance you are reading our newsletter for the first time and wish to receive it on a regular basis, please send me an email at my personal email address on the first page so I can send it to you directly to you next month.
