

# WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

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

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name  
of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

**Luke 19:38**

**APRIL 1, 2022**

## Sharing the Good News

**Please note.** Our final Stations of the Cross will take place at 7 pm on **April 6**. There will no soup supper that evening as everyone will have taken their turn.

## Here is the Lector and coffee hour schedule for March:

- 4/3 Passion Sunday - Diane
- 4/10 Palm Sunday – Elisabeth
- 4/17 Easter - Kathy
- 4/24 – Sylvia

## Holy Week Worship Schedule along with the scheduled readers:

**Palm Sunday** – 10:30 am Liturgy of the Palms, the Reading of the Passion and Holy Eucharist **Elisabeth**

**Maundy Thursday** – 7 PM Holy Eucharist and the Stripping of the Altar

OT – Sylvia; Psalm – Diane; NT - Kathy

**Good Friday** – 12:00 noon Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

OT – Diane; Psalm – Kathy; NT - Elisabeth

**Holy Saturday** – 12 noon\* We will decorate for Easter following this service.

If you are willing to read at this service, please see Fr. Tom.

**Easter Sunday** -10:30 am **Kathy**

**\*The kind folks at St. Luke's** have invited us to join them for their Easter Vigil service at 6:30 pm on April 16. Fr. Shawn Denney has graciously shared palms with us the last few Palm Sundays, this one included. This will give you two opportunities for Holy Saturday. You may attend one or both services but be sure to let Deacon Tom know if you plan on going to St. Luke's.

**The Triduum** is the three-day observance of Easter, the most sacred feast of the Christian year. The Triduum begins at sundown on Maundy Thursday and comes to an end on Easter Sunday. Each of the services tells a different story about the events of the very first Holy Week.

## FR. TOM'S SCHEDULE

**Sunday** 10:30 AM – Mass

**Wednesday** - Office  
hours 10 to 12:30 PM

1 pm, Bingo @ Holly  
Brook

2 pm Bible Study @  
Holly Brook

2nd Wednesday – 10  
AM. Church council mtg.

## Thursday

**Reflections: Prayer**  
service @10 am; Bingo  
follows

**South Park; Prayer**  
service @1:30; Bingo  
@2:00

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**Our church council** will meet at 10 am on Wednesday, April 13. There will be no Stations of the Cross on the 13th; we will observe Maundy Thursday on the 14th

**As is our custom, the first Sunday of the month (April 3) is designated as Food Pantry Sunday.**

**There is a jar** on the welcome table near the front door for donations to support our friends in Nepal.

**We are also** accepting donations of used women's clothing for the women's shelter. You can bring them to church any Sunday and Fr. Tom will deliver the donations to Eric at the Knife Guy.

**Do you have any spare change** for the beleaguered children of Ukraine? Sylvia is spearheading the effort to support the efforts of UNICEF. You can make your donation any Sunday at Church. Last Sunday, March 27, \$20 was donated.

**Here is our current parish prayer list as of March 28. As usual, please email Fr. Tom if you have any further additions or subtractions. You can offer up any of these names on Sunday, but I would ask you to pray for those on the list during your daily devotions.**

**For** Foley, our Archbishop; Alberto, our Bishop; Tom, our priest; and for Deacon Tom

**For those fighting cancer:** Barb, Les, Penny, Alan, Debbie, Joan, Cindy, Karen, Carol

**For those in need of uplifting prayer:** John, Sherry, Frank, Anita, Hannah, Barb, Jon S., Luke, Jerry, Donna, Jonas, Kathy, Karl, Michael, Melinda, Sara, Joan, Josh, Andrew, Margot, Terry, Susan, Carolyn, 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:** Purna, Mahendra, Dipendra, Reshma, Tirtha, their families and churches; the Transformation Spiritual Church

**For the victims of the war in Ukraine**

**For victims of the COVID pandemic worldwide**

**For persecuted Christians throughout the world**

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

**For the repose of the soul of the Rt. Rev. Edward H. MacBurney, 7<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Quincy**

*Thoughts from the Vicar* – Easter eggs have long been thought of as an essential part of the commercial celebration of Easter. But did you know that the Easter egg has a religious background? Please enjoy the following article adapted from the website [monasteryicons.com](http://monasteryicons.com).

**Before the egg became connected to Christian Easter**, it was honored during many Spring festivals. The Romans, Gauls, Chinese, Egyptians and Persians all cherished the egg as a symbol of the universe and of the earth's rebirth at springtime. With the advent of Christianity, the symbolism of the egg changed to represent, not nature's rebirth, but the rebirth of man and the resurrection of Christ.

Christians embraced the egg symbol and likened the egg to the tomb from which Christ rose. Saint Augustine first described Christ's Resurrection from the dead as a chick bursting from an egg. This symbolism was enhanced in the Christian East's celebration of Easter. At the end of the Paschal Liturgy, the faithful exchange paschal greetings and the priest and the faithful present each other with red eggs. Wooden eggs are sometimes suspended from hanging lamps and chandeliers, and often the faithful decorate wooden eggs with icons and hang them from the vigil lights in their homes.

Eastern Christian legends blended folklore and Christian beliefs and firmly attached the egg to the Easter celebration. A Polish legend tells of when Mary Magdalene went to the sepulchre to anoint the body of Jesus. She had with her a basket of eggs as a snack. When she arrived at the sepulchre and uncovered the eggs, lo, the pure white shells had miraculously taken on a rainbow of colors.

Another legend concerns the Virgin Mary. It tells of the time the Blessed Virgin gave eggs to the soldiers at the cross. She entreated them to be less cruel and she wept. Her tears fell upon the eggs, spotting them with dots of brilliant color.

Decorating and coloring eggs for Easter was the custom in England during the Middle Ages. The household accounts of Edward I, for the year 1290, recorded an expenditure of eighteen pence for four hundred and fifty eggs to be gold-leafed and colored for Easter gifts.

Have a blessed Easter!

*Fr. Tom*



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