

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

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

O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
Isaiah 25:1

OCTOBER 1, 2023

Sharing the Good News

Here is the Lector and coffee hour schedule for the October:

- October 1 - Diane
- October 8 – Elisabeth
- October 15 – Kathy
- October 22 - Kemps
- October 29 - Sylvia

Board Meeting: Our next meeting will be held at 10 am on Wed., October 11, in the Parish Center.

Fr. Tom will be attending the annual diocesan synod in East Peoria on the 19th through the 21st. He will return for services on the 22nd.

This Sunday, October 1, we will continue our new Bible study series “In Pursuit of Peter” during coffee hour. This week, we will be viewing Episode 3., “Why did peter deny Jesus?” This series is found on the YouTube channel “Our Daily Bread”. Each episode runs approximately 22 minutes. A short discussion will follow. If you want to catch up on episodes that you have missed, you can catch up at home! **Please note that we had NO buffering problems this past Sunday.**

Thoughts from the Vicar:

This week, I have been meditating on this week’s Gospel and thinking how true it is that we are a part of every parable that Jesus told.

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

Thursday

Reflections: Prayer service @10 am; Bingo follows

South Park; Prayer service 1:30; Bingo @2 pm

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Walnut in Chatham, IL

It reminded me, at least partially, of incidents that often played out after dinner in our home when we kids were young. We all had assigned chores and the two middle sisters (Teri and Sue) were tasked with doing the dishes. But often when it was time to wash the dishes, Teri would develop the need to go to the bathroom, leaving Sue to do the chore. This may be easy to answer, but which of the two girls was obeying her parents?

The Parable of the Two Sons can be found in Matthew 21:28-32. The basic story is of a man with two sons who told them to go work in the vineyard. The first son refused, but later obeyed and went. The second son initially expressed obedience, but actually disobeyed and refused to work in the vineyard. The son who ultimately did the will of his father was the first son because he eventually obeyed. Jesus then likens the first son to tax collectors and prostitutes—the outcasts of Jewish society—because they believed John the Baptist and accepted “the way of righteousness” (v. 32), in spite of their initial disobedience to the Law. And the son who didn't obey the father? He was likened to the Pharisees, who were so righteous that they did not realize that each and every individual (no matter who) must be aware of his or her own sinfulness and their need for repentance and forgiveness to be in a right relationship with God.

We will continue to read the names from this prayer list. If you wish to add a name, please let Fr. Tom or the lector know before the service begins. You may still add names from the congregation after the list is read.

Parish Prayer List

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

For those fighting cancer: Cindy, Karen, Carol, Malia, Richard, Bill G., Barb

For those in need of uplifting prayer: Diane, Graham, Elisabeth, Kathy, Dan, Fr. Michael, Shannon, Susan, Jon S., Luke, Jerry, Donna, Jonas, Tim, Carolyn, Gary, Fr. Jason, Stuart, Madeleine, Brenda, Teri, Bishop Wencelas Orb and Thomas G.

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 growth of St. Mary's Anglican Mission

For the repose of the soul of Deacon Phil Fleming*

*Many of you know Deacon Phil. He truly was a good and faithful servant of God. He visited us here at St. Mary's at least twice, as he was here for the dedication of the church and returned once in my absence to celebrate Deacon's Mass. I have posted the email that Fr. Bill sent us regarding his services.

“Many have asked about funeral arraignments for our Deacon. He brother will be coming from California and handling the details for that. So, there will be a few weeks until we have the funeral. What is known for the present. The funeral will be in Peoria at St Michael's Church. It will be in early November and the Bishop will officiate. The plan is for his ashes to be placed at St Benedict's Abbey. Other information will be sent out as soon as the details are known. Memorials may be made to Saint Peter's Anglican Church.”