

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

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

¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. **James 5:14**

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Sharing the Good News

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

September 3 - Diane

September 10 – Elisabeth

September 17 – Kathy

September 24 - Kemps

Board Meeting: Our next meeting will be held at 10 am on Wed., September 12, in the Parish Center.

As we begin the month of September, I want to acknowledge two gifts given to our church as a memorial to my sister. The first is the Gospel book that you have seen Deacon Tom use during Mass. The second part of the gift is the replacements for our faded church signs along W. Walnut Street. They have not been hung yet, but you can take a look at them in the Parish Center. The signs are a little different from the old ones, since the time of our services has been added to the signs. We can pray that this little bit of information might encourage someone to join us.

Beginning on Sunday, September 10, we will start our new Bible study series “In Pursuit of Peter”. This series is found on the YouTube channel “Our Daily Bread”. Each of the six episodes runs about 22 minutes and we will be viewing them during coffee hour. A short discussion will follow.

Two pieces of good news: if you miss an episode, you can catch up at home; *and* if we enjoy this series, there is another one that follows, “In Pursuit of Paul”.

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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Thoughts from the Vicar:

I, for one, am glad that August is coming to an end in just 4 ½ hours as I write this. St. Mary's has had so much sickness and injury during the past month. I have thought often of the Bible verse on the front page of this newsletter, and I think it is important that we continue to pray for each other daily.

Our attendance has fallen to an average of five per Sunday and our giving has fallen as well. I look forward to a new month and a return to normal in September.

For some reason, Peter has been in my thoughts this week, especially. He plays a vital part in this week's Gospel, and as you will find out in my sermon on Sunday, he also played the most important role in last week's appointed but unread Gospel. And as I look at my daily Bible study, it's about Peter as well: Mark 14:27-31 and 66-72. **Please check it out.** It will prepare you for Sunday's sermon, and for our new Bible study series which begins next Sunday.

Finally, I wanted to gently remind you that on Wednesday afternoon from 1 until 2 and on Thursday from 10-11:30 and from 1:30-3, I have ministry at the three assisted livings here in Chatham. If you want to talk to me during these times, please send a text or an email and I will call you back as soon as I have finished.

God's blessings to you all, Fr. Tom+

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, Elisabeth, Sylvia, Kathy, Dan, Fr. Michael, Shannon, Susan, Jon S., Luke, Jerry, Donna, Jonas, Tim, Carolyn, Gary, Madeleine, Brenda, Teri, Deacon Phil

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