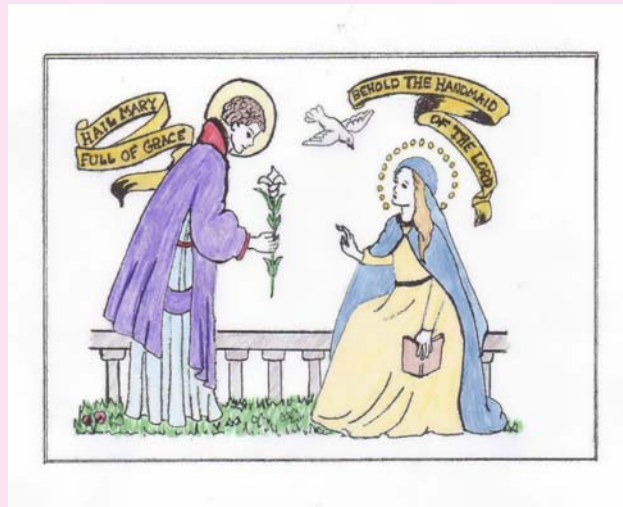


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FROM THE RECTOR

Father Brent Norris

This past weekend the Vestry and Clergy of St. Mary's had their annual retreat. During the retreat we looked at what had gone well in the past year and what had not gone well. We engaged how we could be a more dynamic and faithful church. We wrestled with the realities of finances. We looked at how parish life will function while I am on sabbatical this coming fall. It was busy weekend.

Each year the Vestry members take responsibility for a particular area of ministry. As part of the retreat they set measurable and attainable goals for those ministry areas. One of the things they want to be very clear about is that they will not be able to accomplish these goals by themselves.

Just as a healthy church does not depend on its clergy for its energy and the fulfillment of the church's mission neither can the Vestry be the only ones working toward fulfilling the mission of the congregation. The clergy and Vestry must have the support and participation of the whole community. We are told in the scriptures that each of us is given gifts for ministry for the good of the whole. We all must use our gifts if we are going to be the church that God expects us to be.

I am excited about the coming year. I think the Vestry has some great plans for helping this congregation reach its full potential. I look forward to seeing that we are all working together to make that happen.

2012 Vestry Ministry Areas

Tom Naomi, Sr. Warden

Matt Stone, Newcomer Incorporation

Trisha Crenshaw, Sabbatical Committee

Leslie Johnson, Stewardship and Finance

Roger Watson, Jr. Warden

Pat Wooten, Christian Education

Ryan Bullock, Parish Fellowship

Cathy Rodriguez, Communications

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HEALING MASS

The Sacramental Rite of Healing will be offered at both masses on Sunday, February 5th.



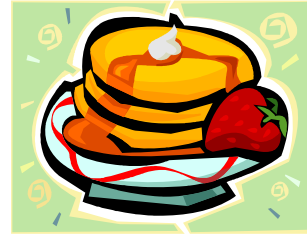
PALM COLLECTION

Bring blessed palms (crosses and fronds) from last year's Palm Sunday to be burned to make ashes for the Ash Wednesday services. There is a basket at the back of the Church. As is our custom we will burn these during the pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday.

SHROVE TUESDAY February 21

5:15 pm Evening Prayer
5:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm Pancake Supper in Mercer Hall



LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 Mass with Ashes at 7:30 am, 12 Noon & 7:00 pm

LENT

The season of Lent begins on February 22nd. It is a season of penitence which is intended to help us grow in faith. Traditionally the Lenten observance has included the practices of fasting and abstinence.

Fasting in our tradition normally means having only two half meals during a fast day and ending with a simple yet full meal at the end of the day. The elderly, ill, children, those who cannot choose their own food (such as military personnel) and those who for purposes of work must maintain physical stamina are always exempt from the fast. But, they should find some other way to observe the spirit of the day. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are **obligatory** Fasting Days.

Other days of Lent (with the exception of Sundays) are days of **abstinence** which means limiting the amount and type of the food eaten and/or the giving up of other pleasures. A good modern rule is "no alcohol, no seconds, and no desserts." In ancient times people gave up meat entirely during Lent, leading to the term *Carnival* for the days before Lent which let us know that *carne* or meat was allowed.

All weekdays of Lent, **like most Fridays of the Church year**, are days of abstinence (see BCP p. 17). The exception is the *Feast of the Annunciation* (March 25th) which is a Feast of Our Lord which takes precedence over Lenten observance. Since the Annunciation falls on Sunday this year, the dispensation from abstinence is transferred to Monday, the 26th. The purpose of the Lenten fasting and abstinence is to train the body/soul/spirit/ mind of the faithful. The idea is one of amendment of life. As Jesus fasted and prayed so do we.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Tuesdays in Lent	5:15 pm Evening Prayer, 5:30 pm Mass
Wednesdays in Lent	7:30 am Mass
Fridays in Lent	12:05 pm Mass
Sundays in Lent	8:00 am and 11:00 am Mass



CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP CENTER

The Center is an ecumenical partnership of six area congregations of which our congregation is a participant. Classes are held at one of the six participating churches.

New Class Beginning February 8

"The Bible: God's Great Story"

For those who get lost and confused reading the Bible and would find it helpful to know the story from start to finish. This 12 week course will unfold the pages of scripture and plot God's story on a chronological timeline with history. It will also look at different pictures and artwork to spiritually pray and meditate on the stories told in scripture. This class can be beneficial to a variety of participants:

- 1) For those who have never read the Bible and would find it helpful to have an overview to help see the big picture.
- 2) For those who already know the story, but would like to read and reflect on it again
- 3) And for those who always wanted to say, "I have read the entire Bible" -
this class will give you the opportunity to read through scripture in a way that is more like a story or novel.

Wednesday mornings from 8:00-9:30 am. Beginning February 8th - and the following dates:

2/8, 2/15, 2/22/ 2/29, (off on 3/7 & 3/14)

3/21, 3/28, 4/4, (off 4/11)

4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, (off on 5/23)

with 2 extra dates if we need them: 5/30 and 6/6.

Instructor: *Rev. Chris Webb*; Pastor St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Class Location: First Presbyterian Church, 40 Church Street
Registration: By Email (preferred) ChristianDiscipleshipCenter@gmail.com

Include your name, phone number, the course in which you want to enroll and your church affiliation.

Or Call: *Katherine Laveck* 828-230-8818

LENT

40 DAYS PREPARATION FOR EASTER

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22



From the Parish Library by Brian Stanley

This Month's Featured Section: Spirituality (SPIR)

Recommended titles:

The World is a Wedding: Explorations in Christian Spirituality, by A. M. Allchin. Essays exploring the heights and depths of Christian spirituality, with references to many past and present writers. An Episcopal Book Club selection.

Call number: SPIR Allc
173 pages

The Imitation of Christ, by Thomas a Kempis. Written over five hundred years ago, this book remains the most famous book of devotion in Christendom, suffused with the spirit of the love of God.

Call number: SPIR Kemp
322 pages

An Anthology of the Love of God, by Evelyn Underhill. Selection from the writings of Evelyn Underhill, one of the twentieth century's finest Anglican devotional writers.

Call number: SPIR Unde Anth c.1-2
220 pages

The Practice of the Presence of God, by Brother Lawrence. Brother Lawrence's classic text shows how an ordinary person can consecrate his or her life, however uneventful, totally to the ever Present God.

Call number: SPIR Lawr
127pages

A Dazzling Darkness: An Anthology of Western Mysticism, edited by Patrick Grant. 900 excerpts from over 90 Western mystics. An Episcopal Book Club selection.

Call number: SPIR Gran
366 pages

The Beatitudes: Soundings in Christian Traditions, by Simon Tugwell. Draws on a variety of Christian and non-Christian sources in the course of reflecting on what it means to follow Christ. An Episcopal Book Club selection.

Call number: SPIR Tugw
180 pages

Living With Contradiction: Reflections on the Rule of St. Benedict, by Esther De Waal. Suggests ways to turn life's ambiguities into opportunities for spiritual growth and understanding.

Call number: SPIR Waal
154 pages

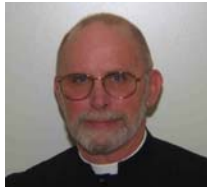
Care of the Soul: A Guide for Cultivating Depth and Sacredness in Everyday Life, by Thomas Moore. A blend of spirituality and self-help, focusing less on the quest for salvation and more on the care of the soul in the here and now.

Call number: SPIR Moor
312 pages



STEWARDSHIP NOTE

Please remember, if you are the last person out of the parish hall, bathroom or building, please turn out the lights.



FROM YOUR DEACON

The Rev'd Deacon Gary Kovach

My last note was mostly one of “thanks” for all the effort that was put into St. Mary’s, St. Mark’s Lutheran, and Temple Beth HaTephila hosting *Room In The Inn* the week before, and including Christmas. As I said then, it was a great week and very rewarding for all who participated.

This note picks up where that one left off! The *Room In The Inn* schedule for 2012 was released in early January and to our surprise, those same three congregations will again be hosting Room In The Inn the first week of February. (5th through the 12th) While that may be short notice, the three congregations met and agreed whole-heartedly that “we can do this!” So...your help is needed once again. The great news is that folks at Temple Beth Israel have joined our ministry and that means that the “work load” will be somewhat lighter this go around. Sign-up sheets are posted in Mercer Hall for those who wish to join some great folks in this ministry. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact *Michael Ashmore* or me and we’ll find a spot for you or your family to take part in an awesome ministry.

I’d also like to put members of St. Mary’s minds at ease. On the 27th and 28th of January our annual Vestry Retreat took place. To save a little money, we met at the church as a form of good stewardship of our dollars. What should put your minds at ease is to know that St. Mary’s has a vibrant, capable, and Christ-centered Vestry ready to lead us through the coming year and beyond. Please keep them and Fr. Norris in your prayers as they conduct the “business” of the church on your behalf and in Jesus’ name.

Your servant in Christ,
Deacon Gary

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

LETTER OF TRANSFER: *Allen Brasington* transferring to St. Mary’s from St. Matthew’s Church, Darlington, SC.

Jeff Stewart transferring to St. Mary’s from St. Matthew’s, Kernersville, NC

Jane Ryan transferring to St. Mary’s from the Roman Tradition

DEATH: John Sorton, former Organist and Choir Master at St. Mary’s, departed this life on January 1, 2012. Sympathy to his daughter, Carol Malsby and son, Robert Sorton. His burial will be at a later date at St. Mary’s.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

As we move through the winter season the likelihood of snow and/or ice becomes greater. If there is a question about whether or not services have been cancelled at St. Mary’s, simply call the church office number (254-5836). The message on the answering machine will tell you what you need to know. You may also check our Facebook page at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church Asheville, NC. The decision about cancelling the 8:00 am service will be made by 7:00 am. The decision about cancelling Sunday school and the 11:00 am service will be made by 9:00 am. Decisions about daily services will be made by 3:30 pm. The condition of roads can vary a great deal from one part of Asheville to another, not to mention our outlying towns. When in doubt opt for safety. Take out your BCP, read the service and scriptures appointed for the day, and make a spiritual communion in your heart.

SERVING IN MINISTRY IN FEBRUARY

Ushers 11:00 am

February	5	Carolyn & Jeff Untz
	12 & 19	Judy & Lynn Sluder
	26	Robin & Leslie Johnson

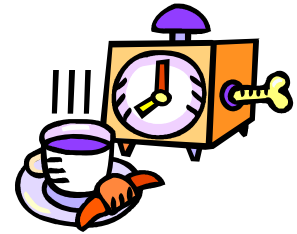
Lectors

	8:00 am	11:00 am
February 5	<i>Vince Ross</i>	<i>Marie Turowski</i>
February 12	<i>Julien Mercier</i>	<i>Roger Watson</i>
February 19	<i>Vince Ross</i>	<i>Leslie Johnson</i>
February 26	<i>Julien Mercier</i>	<i>Cindy Norris</i>

FOOD COLLECTION IN FEBRUARY: Macaroni & Cheese Box Dinner

Coffee Hour *(following 11:00 am Mass)*

February	5	Pat Ziebell, Dave Walsh, Pat Wooten Hot Dog Lunch
	12	
	19	Michelle Rippon
	26	ECW Soup Lunch



NOTICE

+++ **The deadline to submit articles for the March newsletter will be February 20** +++

FROM THE REGISTER ATTENDANCE REPORT

	8:00 am	11:00 am	Total
January 1	20	61	81
January 8	19	91	110
January 15	15	72	87
January 22	20	91	111
January 29	23	67	90

SERVING IN MINISTRY IN FEBRUARY

Date	Day	Time	Position	Name
02/01/12	Wednesday	7:30 AM	Server/Chalice	
02/02/12	Thursday			
02/03/12	Friday	12:05 PM	Server/Chalice	
02/04/12	Saturday			
02/05/12	Sunday	8:00 AM	Server	
		11:00 AM	Thurifer/Boat	Tom Naomi
			Server/Crucifer	Roger Watson
			Torch	
			Torch/Chalice	Ryan Bullock
02/06/12	Monday			
02/07/12	Tuesday	5:15 PM	Server/Chalice	Tom Naomi
02/08/12	Wednesday	7:30 AM	Server/Chalice	
02/09/12	Thursday			
02/10/12	Friday	12:05 PM	Server/Chalice	
02/11/12	Saturday			
02/12/12	Sunday	8:00 AM	Server	Julien Mercier
		11:00 AM	Thurifer/Boat	Tom Naomi
			Server/Crucifer	Eileen Cole
			Torch	Ruthie Scruggs
			Torch/Chalice	Michelle Rippon
02/13/12	Monday			
02/14/12	Tuesday	5:15 PM	Server/Chalice	Tom Naomi
02/15/12	Wednesday	7:30 AM	Server/Chalice	
02/16/12	Thursday			
02/17/12	Friday	12:05 PM	Server/Chalice	
02/18/12	Saturday			
02/19/12	Sunday	8:00 AM	Server	
		11:00 AM	Thurifer/Boat	Ryan Bullock
			Server/Crucifer	Cindy Norris
			Torch	Scott Amaranto
			Torch/Chalice	Roger Watson
02/20/12	Monday			
02/21/12	Tuesday	5:15 PM	Server/Chalice	Tom Naomi
02/22/12	Ash Wed	7:30 AM		
	Ash Wed	12:00 PM		
	Ash Wed	7:00 PM	Server/Chalice	Ryan Bullock
02/23/12	Thursday			
02/24/12	Friday	12:05 PM	Server/Chalice	
02/25/12	Saturday			
02/26/12	Sunday	8:00 AM	Server	Julien Mercier
		11:00 AM	Thurifer/Boat	Tom Naomi
			Server/Crucifer	Roger Watson
			Torch	Ruthie Scruggs
			Torch/Chalice	Eileen Cole
02/27/12	Monday			
02/28/12	Tuesday	5:15 PM	Server/Chalice	Tom Naomi
02/29/12	Wednesday	7:30 AM	Server/Chalice	

FEBRUARY PRAYER CYCLE

Daily Prayers for: Diocese, Anglican Communion, Religious Communities

1	Incarnation, Highlands Diocese of Angola (Southern Africa) Sisters of the Community of St. Mary, Sewanee
2	Good Shepherd, Haysville Diocese of Antananarivo (Indian Ocean) All Saints' Sisters of the Poor, Catonsville, MD
3	Grace, Robbinsville Diocese of Antsiranana (Indian Ocean) Sisters of the Community of the Holy Spirit, New York
4	Grace, Waynesville Diocese of Argentina Sisters of the Community of St. Francis, San Francisco
5	St. Agnes & St. John's, Franklin Diocese of Aotearoa (New Zealand & Polynesia) Sisters of the Community of St. John the Baptist, NJ
6	St. Cyprian's, Franklin Diocese of Argyll & the Isles (Scotland) Sisters of the Community of St. Mary, Greenwich, NY
7	Messiah, Murphy Diocese of Arizona Sisters of the Transfiguration, San Pedro, DR
8	St. Andrew's, Canton Diocese of Arkansas Sisters of St. Mary, West Province, Mukwonago, WI
9	St. David's, Cullowhee Diocese of Armagh (Ireland) Sisters of the Church, Oakville, Ontario
10	St. Francis, Cherokee Diocese of Armidale (Australia) Sisters of the Transfiguration, Cincinnati, OH
11	St. John's, Sylva Diocese of Arochukwu/Ohafia (Nigeria) Brothers of the Holy Cross, West Park, NY
12	St. Mary's College & St. Augustine's College, Raleigh Diocese of Matana (Burundi) Sisters/Brothers of Julian of Norwich, Waukesha, WI
13	University of the South, Sewanee Diocese of Aru (Congo) Sisters of St. Anne, Bethany Convent, Arlington, MA
14	Ascension, Hickory St. Alban's, Hickory Diocese of Asaba (Nigeria) Sisters of St. Anne, Ascension Convent, Chicago, IL
15	Epiphany, Newton Diocese of Athabasca (Canada) Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret, Boston

16	Grace, Morganton St. Stephen's, Morganton Diocese of Atlanta Sisters of the Order of St. Helena, Augusta, GA
17	St. Mary's, Morganton St. Paul's, Morganton Diocese of Auckland (New Zealand) The Community of Taize
18	St. James, Lenoir Diocese of Awgu/Aninri (Nigeria) Brothers of St. Gregory's Abbey, Three Rivers, MI
19	St. John's, Marion The Anglican Church of Canada Brothers of the Servants of Christ Priory, Phoenix, AZ
20	St. Paul's, Wilkesboro Diocese of Awka (Nigeria) Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity, Ripon, WI
21	Lake Logan Center Diocese of Awori (Nigeria) Sisters of Charity, Little Britain, Ontario
22	Bishop Henry Center Diocese of Badagry (Nigeria) Sisters of St. John the Divine, Toronto
23	Holy Spirit, Mars Hill Diocese of Bakuru (Nigeria) Brothers of the Society of St. Francis, Mt. Sinai, NY
24	Cathedral of All Souls, Asheville Diocese of Ballarat (Australia) Brothers of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge, MA
25	Trinity, Asheville Diocese of Bangor (Wales) Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret, Port-au-Prince
26	Grace, Asheville Redeemer, Asheville Diocese of Upper Shire (Central Africa) Priests of the Society of St. Paul, Palm Desert, CA
27	St. George's, Asheville St. Mary's, Asheville Diocese of Banks & Torres (Melanesia) Sisters of Teachers of the Children of God, Tucson, AZ
28	St. Luke's, Asheville St. John's, Asheville Diocese of Barbados (West Indies) New Vocations
29	Valle Crucis Conference Center Diocese of Bari (Nigeria) Religious Communities in Anglican Communion

St. Mary's Church

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Brigid <i>(Fr. Norris)</i> 7:30 am Mass <u>White</u> 6:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Choir	2 3:30-5 pm After School Ecumenical Atrium 6:30 pm EFM	3 PRESENTA TION <i>(tr)</i> <i>(Fr. Norris)</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>White</u>	4 10:00 am Al-Anon
5 EPIPHANY V 7:45 am MP 8:00 am Healing/Mass <u>Green</u> 9:45 am Atrium 9:45 am Forum 11:00 am Healing/ High Mass 12:45 pm Handbells	6 <i>Rector's Day off</i>	7 Cornelius <i>(Fr. Edwards)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u>	8 Feria <i>(Fr. Norris)</i> 7:30 am Mass <u>White</u> 6:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Choir	9 3:30-5 pm After School Ecumenical Atrium 6:30 pm EFM	10 Frances Jane Van Alstyne Crosby <i>(tr)</i> <i>(Fr. Woggon)</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>White</u>	11 10:00 am Al-Anon 12:30 pm ECW
12 EPIPHANY VI 7:45 am MP 8:00 am Mass <u>Green</u> 9:45 am Atrium 9:45 am Forum 11:00 am High Mass 12:45 pm Handbells	13 <i>Parish Office closed</i>	14 Cyril <i>(Fr. Edwards)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u>	15 Thomas Bray <i>(Fr. Woggon)</i> 7:30 am Mass <u>White</u> 12:00 pm Clergy Lunch 6:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Choir	16 3:30-5 pm After School Ecumenical Atrium 6:30 pm EFM	17 Janani Luwum <i>(Fr. Austin)</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>Red</u>	18 10:00 am Al-Anon
19 EPIPHANY LAST 7:45 am MP 8:00 am Mass <u>Green</u> 9:45 am Atrium 9:45 am Forum 11:00 am High Mass 12:45 pm Handbells 12:45 pm Vestry	20 <i>Rector's Day off</i>	21 Shrove Tuesday <i>(Fr. Edwards)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u> 6:30 pm Pancake Supper	22 ASH WEDNESDAY <i>(Fr. Norris)</i> 7:30 am Mass w/ Ashes <u>Purple</u> 12:00 pm Mass w/ Ashes 6:00 pm Rosary 7:00 pm Mass w/ Ashes	23 3:30-5 pm After School Ecumenical Atrium 6:30 pm EFM	24 ST MATTHIAS <i>(Fr. Norris)</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>Red</u>	25 10:00 am Al-Anon 12:00-1:00 pm Confessions
26 LENT I 7:45 am MP 8:00 am Mass <u>Purple</u> 9:45 am Atrium 9:45 am Forum 11:00 am High Mass 12:45 pm Handbells 3:00 pm Nursing Home Service	27 <i>Rector's Day off</i>	28 Julia Haywood Cooper & Elizabeth Evelyn Wright <i>(Fr. Edwards)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u>	29 Ember Day <i>(Fr. Woggon)</i> 7:30 am Mass <u>Purple</u> 6:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Choir			

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CLERGY

The Rt. Rev'd G. Porter Taylor _____ Bishop of Western North Carolina
The Rev'd Brent Norris _____ Rector
The Rev'd Gary Kovach _____ Deacon
The Rev'd William Austin _____ Priest Associate & Prison Missioner
The Rev'd John Bettmann _____ Priest Associate
The Rev'd O. C. Edwards _____ Priest Associate
The Rev'd Stephen Weissman _____ Priest Associate
The Rev'd Harry Woggon _____ Priest Associate

VESTRY AND OFFICERS

Tom Naomi _____ Senior Warden
Roger Watson _____ Junior Warden
Harold Cole _____ Treasurer
Meredith Stanley _____ Clerk of the Vestry

Tom Naomi _____ Class of '13
Roger Watson

Ryan Bullock _____ Class of '14
Patricia Crenshaw
Leslie Johnson

Cathy Rodriguez _____ Class of '15
Matt Stone
Pat Wooten

STAFF

Mary Alice Nard _____ Parish Administrator
Virginia McKnight _____ Organist/Music Director
Brian Stanley _____ Librarian
Harvey Johnson _____ Sexton
Kay Shockley _____ Nursery
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Erin DeBruyn _____ Charlotte Street Kids