

St Mary's Episcopal Church • Phoenix

Notices and Intercessions :: 08 March 2020

Lent at St Mary's

Fridays in Lent at 6:30pm

Stations and Benediction

Join your fellow parishioners as we walk the Way of the Cross and mediate on the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. This contemplative worship experience is followed by a soup supper. The evening ends by 8:30. **A sign up sheet for the lenten suppers is available in the Parish Hall.**

Wednesday Eucharist

Wednesday mornings at 9am

Many people like to attend Mass at some point during the week as well as on Sundays. If you're one of those people, please join us on Wednesday mornings when we add Holy Communion to our normal service of Morning Prayer (Matins). The whole service lasts approximately 35 minutes and our usual post-Matins coffee follows in the Parish House. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday Book Encounter for Lent

Wednesday mornings at 10am

The Love That Keeps Us Sane by Mark Foley

This short volume offers a portrayal of **St. Thérèse of Lisieux** as a real person who experienced and dealt with all the vicissitudes and trials of the human condition. What distinguished her, however, was her capacity to deal with the absurdities of daily life without losing perspective. Her great gift was the ability to see everything in the light of eternity, and it was this insight that helped her to keep all things their proper proportion. In this volume her gift is shared with readers who are encouraged to embrace her view as they attempt to keep sane amid the struggles of everyday living.

The Quest

Sundays at 4:00 pm

St Mary's Baptism, Newcomer, and Inquirer Process

If you are interested in being baptized or confirmed by the bishop as an Episcopalian, reaffirming your faith, officially joining St Mary's Church—or simply to find out more about how

Christians for 2000 years have 'grown in the knowledge and love of God,' talk with Fr Craig and email him at craigplus@mac.com.

Our process, called "The Quest," is especially for people new to St Mary's, Inquirers, and Catechumens (people who are preparing for Baptism at the Great Vigil of Easter).

The Quest is being held on Sunday afternoons at 4pm and will continue until the feast of Pentecost. Beginning with an informal meal, the Quest will end around 5.45pm.

"You'll be glad you did!"

Stephen Ministry

To serve Jesus is to serve others.

St. Mary's is proud to announce that we are a Stephen Ministry Parish. As a Stephen Ministry we equip and empower lay caregivers-called Stephen Ministers-to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Stephen Ministry provides care for individuals facing difficult times in life; grief, cancer, divorce, financial difficulties, loneliness, depression, a spiritual crisis or other life struggles.

If you have felt the call to serve others and want more information on how to serve in this important ministry, please contact Father Craig or Linda Lewandowski. Linda can be reached at 602-326-1867 or by email: ljscripser@gmail.com.

Day of Ministry Discernment

St. Barnabas on the Desert
Saturday, 21 March · 8:30am – 3:00pm
6715 N Mockingbird Ln, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

The Day of Ministry Discernment is for any layperson in the church discerning new ministry in the church, whether to new lay leadership, the diaconate, or the priesthood. Please plan to bring someone close to you (spouse/partner/close friend). The Rector and Senior Warden will be attending. For more information and to register visit the Diocese or Arizona website under Events.

Thank you for discerning God's call in your life as part of the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona! We are excited to hear the Spirit's movement in your life.

Coffee Hour

We all enjoy the fellowship at Coffee Hour. We also enjoy the savory and sweet tidbits. If you would like to contribute to Coffee Hour, please bringing items such as cookies, crackers, chips & dips. Half & half would also be nice. Volunteers to set up before and clean up after coffee hour are also needed. If you have any questions please phone Carol Roberts at 602-312-3269 or John Roberts at 602-312-4785.

Liturgical Ministry Opportunities

Sacristans

If you enjoy caring for beautiful things, you are invited join those who are already serving as "sacristans"—members the Altar Guild. No experience is necessary. We will train you. This is an

opportunity to learn more about the worship of the Church from a practical perspective. See Phyllis Edeson any Sunday and find out more.

Lectors

There are many opportunities to serve at Saint Mary's and one of the most important and meaningful is to proclaim the scripture when we gather for worship each Sunday. The lectors' willingness to devote time to studying their assigned lessons enhances our understanding of the Word of God. If you feel called to this ministry, please speak with Fr Craig.

Bible Study: The Prophet Isaiah

Thursdays, at 7 pm • Library

The prophet Isaiah was a very important Scripture for the early church; quoted in the New Testament and Patristic writings with great frequency. Many of the most famous texts in Handel's Messiah are from this prophet's writings. On Thursdays at 7:00 pm we will be sitting down in the church library to take a closer look at Isaiah to see what the fuss was all about. See Holly Heckart or Br Lee Hughes to find out more.

Praying the Rosary

Sundays at 9:00 am, Chapel

This ancient act of prayer and meditation can be a way of deepening your spiritual life and leading you into a more intimate and personal relationship with our Lord. Join your fellow parishioners as they pray the mysteries of God's redeeming love. No prior experience praying the Rosary is necessary and rosaries will be provided.

You are always welcome!

Benedictine Noonday Prayers

Sundays at "10 minutes past Mass," • Chapel

As part of our exploration of Benedictine monastic spirituality in a parish context, the Noon Office is being said each Sunday. Join us as we pray together this short set of psalms and prayers before re-joining the post-Mass reception

Children and Teens

Sundays at 10am

Sunday School

Our youngest parishioners attend Christian Education classes each Sunday morning at 10 am during the school year. Based upon the scripture lessons appointed for the day, they provide an opportunity for adults and young people to talk about the Gospel at home. Our young people join the rest of the congregation mid-way through Mass during the Exchange of the Peace.

Teen Bible Study: ages 13 and older, meet on Sundays at 9am in the Church library,

Weekly Worship

Weekday Low Mass • Wednesdays • as part of 9am Matins :: *coffee & conversation follow*

Daily Office

Morning Prayer (Matins) • Mon-Sat at 9:00 am :: *coffee & conversation follow*

Evening Prayer (Said Evensong) • Mon -Fri at 5:00 pm

Sundays

Matins • 8.30 am • Chapel

Rosary • 9:00 am • Chapel

Solemn Mass • 10:00 am • Church

Sext (Benedictine Noonday Prayer) • following Mass • Chapel

Mark your calendars

Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament • Fridays in Lent • 6.30pm

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Liturgy • 5 April • 10am

Tenebræ • Tuesday 7 April • 7pm

Maundy Thursday Liturgy • Thursday 9 April • 7pm

All Night Vigil before the Sacrament • Thursday 9 April • 9pm—6am Friday

Good Friday • Friday 10 April •

Stations and Adoration at Noon ::

Good Friday Liturgy at 7pm

Holy Saturday • Saturday 11 April • Liturgy at 9am

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER • Saturday 11 April • 8.30pm followed by our Easter Bash

Easter Morning Festival High Mass • Sunday 12 April • 10am

The Octave of Easter (Low Sunday) • Sunday 19 April • 10am

Regular Meetings

Bible Study :: Isaiah • Thursdays at 7:00 pm • Library

NA • every night of the year at 10pm • usually in the Parish Hall

Vestry Meeting • TBA • Chapel/Parish House

Union of Black Episcopalians • Sunday, 5 April at 1:00 pm • Parish House

Outreach and Evangelism • TBA • Library

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Intercessions :: 08 March 2020

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

For **our guests** this day, and for the **newest members of StMarysPeople**.

For **Justin**, Archbishop of Canterbury; **Michael**, our Primate; and **Jennifer**, our own Bishop

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: **The Anglican Church of the Congo** In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: **St. James the Apostle - Tempe** and our Companion Diocese, **Navajoland**

For our Companion Parish: **St Mary's Church, Brooklyn, NY**

For St Mary's People; our Rector, Wardens, and Vestry; and all others who minister in and through this Parish Church: especially the **Congregation of Santa Maria and their Vicar the Rev. Rosa Brown**.

For our Priest Associates, **The Revd Dr Gordon Bardos**, and **The Revd Canon Frank Clark**, and for our associate homilist, **Michal Anne Pepper**.

For monastics and their communities, especially **The Community of Solitude; the Oblates of the Servants of Christ; The Anglican Order of Preachers (Dominican)**, and **The Society of St John the Evangelist**.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Donald, our President; our Courts; and our Congress; **Douglas**, our Governor, and all others in civil authority among us.

For this city, and our local community; our leaders, people, and those who work or visit here.

For the protection, encouragement, and guidance by the Holy Spirit of our Police, Fire-Fighters, Paramedic Teams, and our Armed Forces:

For our enemies, and, through Christ Jesus, for an end to our enmity.

For all those of every religion who are suffering persecution, especially our sisters and brothers in the Middle East and Africa; and for victims of terrorist acts around the world.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

For all those who have dedicated themselves to fighting environmental degradation, reversing global climate change, and remediating all the other effects of our selfish and short-sighted exploitation of the natural world. Pray especially for Australia...

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

We give thanks to God:

For manifold blessings, and answered prayers

For those celebrating birthdays this month

Jan Wethers 3/6, Brenda Fillmore 3/9, Alek Chol 3/9, Karl Washington 3/15, Carol Kellerman 3/16, Joy Mattingly 3/16, Philip Swanson 3/18, Virginia Washington 3/20

For those celebrating anniversaries or special times in their lives,

For prayers answered.

For safe travel.

For the beginnings of recovery.

For our benefactors; for members of our congregation and their ministries among us and in the larger community;

Especially for all those who make the joyful adventure of Christian financial stewardship a key part of their allegiance to Christ and his kingdom.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

For those who may be entering into treatment for serious illness, or who are in hospital, rehabilitation, or recovering from treatment:

Zach, Martin, Chuck Lewandowski, Phyllis Ross, Peter Millar, Mike Ingram, Gwen Pelton, Elsie Dura

For those who seek healing of mind, body, or spirit:

John Roberts, Margaret Woodall, Lynn Boddy, Linda Lewandowski, Carole Kellerman, Br Jeffrey Shy, Carol Roberts, Dr Philip Swanson, Dr David Wetsel, Franklin Bell, Margaret Brewer, Scottie, Rev. Craig Bustrin, Ami Beiriger, Nathan Reddall, Carol Jared, Mickee, Betty Konoske, Linda Holt, Janie McKee, and the members of our various Recovery Groups

For those commended to our intercessions:

Marie and Adrian, Betty Stively, Anna May Beausoleil, Adam Sanders, Julie Meeks, Bill Delchamps, Jan Wethers, Carol Becket, Lisa Olken, Harrison Friedland, James Pelfrey, Bruce Ford, Efel Trongcoso Dy, Felicidad Dy, Charlie Holt, Rev, Donne Puckle

All those affected by hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires, and other disasters around the world

For all those in Religious vocations

Br. Lee McAfee-Hughes, Br. Jeffrey Shy, Br Craig Smith, Br. Ernest Howell

For those seeking jobs:

Scottie

For those who are in prison:

Adrian, Chris, Dakota

For our absent sisters and brothers, and those who are shut-in:

Margaret Brewer, Jean Daws, Virginia Smallwood, Barbara Brooks, Linda Dougherty

For those in hospice

For those who may be terminally ill.

For those who mourn

especially the family and friends of Vincent Esquer

We commend to your mercy all who have died, **especially Vincent Esquer** that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Every so often, we re-set our intercessions list when it has grown very lengthy. If you would like us to continue praying for someone who was previously on our Intercessions List, please contact the us and we will be glad to add them to the list. Special prayer requests may be directed to our Intercessory Prayer Group by contacting the church office: 602 354 7540 • or directly at mbrewer2726@gmail.com.

The Purpose of St Mary's Church is

- to be an inviting, loving, diverse, inclusive, and Christ-centered community;
- to offer vibrantly-alive worship in the Great Tradition of the English Church;
- to empower people to use their gifts to serve others in Christ's Name;
- to be a light to the community by generously sharing the resources God has given us.

St Mary's-on-the-Web

StMarysPhoenix.org
facebook.com/StMarysPhoenix
youtube.com/StMarysPhoenix
smile.amazon.com

Monthly Attendance and Financial recap • January 2020

Average Attendance 54

Offerings	\$15,197.52
Other operating income	\$344.49
Operating expenses	\$16,090.29
Capital expenses	\$1,447.19
Deficit for January	\$1,995.47

Please give thanks to God for all our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ who, through the gifts of their Time, Talent, and Treasure, are benefactors of our parish community. Without your generosity, St Mary's would not be able to fulfill our common vocation: to offer our 'utmost for God's highest' in worship, mission, and ministry—that lives may be transformed to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.