

*From the Rector*_____

This is, as you likely know, my final weekend in active ministry as Priest and Rector here in the Parish of St. Mary, York. My retirement becomes effective on the 30th but it is my hope to use the final days of this month to complete some unused vacation. As a result, this is my final bulletin column, so I hope to reflect on what it has meant to me personally to serve with you over the past decade, as challenging as summarising all of that will be. I leave this ministry here in this parish, and this stage in my ordained ministry as a whole, with an overwhelming sense of gratitude; to God and to you. It has been a joy beyond words to be able to share with you the life to which God has called us. You have been incredibly patient and supportive. You have consistently forgiven my errors and failings. You have responded faithfully and sacrificially to all of my requests; and you have, much to your shame, laughed at my jokes! Sometimes.

To be able to return to this parish more than 40 years after I left as a child was a unique opportunity seldom allowed to others. Thomas Wolfe famously wrote that “you can’t go home again;” maybe because what we think of as ‘home’ is always changing and never exactly as we remember it; and we change and are not who we used to be. So, while I am not who I was when I left St. Mary’s in 1972, and the parish is not exactly as I remember it was when I was a child, I have never forgotten that each day of the past ten years has been lived within the Communion of Saints who have worked and worshipped as members of this parish family. Every day I have felt supported and encouraged and aided by both your prayers and the prayers those who have gone before us in this place. I have been blessed by those who have taught the faith and those who have lived the faith throughout the long history of this parish, from the earliest ‘saints’ who lived and died long ago to the ‘saints’ that I knew as a small child to the ‘saints’ who fill the pews today.

We’ve been through much together over the past ten years. For many of you, we’ve struggled together through times of great personal loss and celebrated in times of great joy; and, in more recent years, we’ve struggled collectively through times of great social disruption and disconnection. It seems to me that through all of this St. Mary’s has been a place of calm and peace in a sea of confusion and disorder. For me you have been a model of Christian maturity and compassion. We have been spared as a parish family the division and acrimony that can be so destructive of our peace and so damaging to our witness. We’ve worked through our differences of opinion with mutual respect and understanding. We’ve listened to each other and we’ve learned. And for your willingness to grow together in Christ I thank all of you. Your faith and witness have been a constant inspiration to me.

It is my hope that St. Mary’s is positioned, with God’s help, for the next stage

of its ministry. In a time when many feel compelled to contract and withdraw, St. Mary’s has chosen to step into the future with confidence and trust. The work done in recent years to look at our facilities critically and to address deficiencies, to renew the good work done in the past and to plan for a future that we cannot yet see clearly, has required wisdom, courage, and sacrifice; but the results of all of this hard work will allow for mission possibilities that we cannot yet imagine. The Community Food Forest, building on the previous good work of those who conceived of and worked to create the Community Garden more than a decade ago, is a perfect example of how ministry as the Body of Christ has to be imagined in new and creative ways if the Church is to carry on with the Great Commission which Christ has entrusted to us. It is a gem and the future ministry that it offers is a joy to see; and hopefully an inspiration to other churches to try to do something similar.

In so many ways, the form that ministry needs to take now is very different than the form that ministry took when I was a small child; and yet, in some ways it has always been exactly the same: how do we as the Body of Christ reach out to the world around us with generosity, compassion, and reconciliation? We live in a time in which faith is not front and centre in our social conscience, as it was years ago; the Church has moved from the centre of each community to the margins; and yet the need for the Good News of Jesus Christ has never been greater. But we are reminded by the Church’s life that a small and tiny number of faithful followers, living out every day the very same compassionate love which God had shared with them through his Son, were able to change the world. They did so because they offered a form of sacrificial love that the world around them thought folly.

I am so deeply grateful for your willingness to walk with me over the past ten years. It has been a privilege and honour beyond my deserving to be your priest. I shall treasure you, and your love, for the rest of my life. May God continue to bless you; and may you continue to be a blessing to the world in Christ’s Name.



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Wəlastəkwiik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi’kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi’kmaq and Wəlastəkwiik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 11:00 a.m. Celebration
for Coffee and Conversation.*



Parish Notices and Updates —

CLERGY VACATION: Fr. Nicholas will be on vacation until June 18th. Beginning June 19th, Fr. Kevin will be on vacation for the rest of June.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CORPORATION IS SEEKING A NEW SEXTON to look after the cleaning of the Church and Hall. If you, or someone that you know, is interested in applying for the position, please contact one of the Parish Wardens: Shannon Thornton (shannon-l-drost@hotmail.com) or Andrew Mathis (andrewmathis36@gmail.com); or Fr. Nicholas.

ST. MARY'S IS SEEKING A SAFE CHURCH COORDINATOR. If you are interested in this volunteer position, please speak to the wardens or Fr. Nicholas.

ON FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD FROM 5:30 TO 7 PM, our Food Forest summer student (and former chef), **Holly Carter**, will be offering a workshop at St. Mary's about how to make your own ricotta from scratch, in a way you can repeat at home. Entry is by donation, and spots are limited. If you are interested, please email foodforest.smc@gmail.com to secure a place. This workshop is the first of a series being planned to teach about food security and sustainable cooking practices.

After the success of last summer, **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is being planned to be at **St. Mary's from July 24-28**. Please save the dates!

CALLING ALL 12 TO 19-YEAR-OLDS! The next session of **St. Michael's Youth Conference** is planned for **August 21-26** at Camp Medley. For more information, or to register, please visit www.smyc.ca or speak to Fr. Nicholas. If cost is prohibitive, bursaries are available.



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I can tell you for an eternal truth that troubled souls are always safe. It is the untroubled that are in danger. Trouble in itself is always a claim on love, and God is love. He must deny Himself if He does not come to help the helpless. It is the prisoners, and the blind, and the leper, and the possessed, and the hungry, and the tempest tossed, who are His special care. Therefore if you are lost and sick and bound, you are just in the place where He can meet you. Blessed are the mourners. They shall be comforted.

Andrew Jukes (1815-1901)

THE SECOND SUNDAY after TRINITY

June 17, 2023

*Hereby we know love because he
laid down his life for us.*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:

✠ Psalm 89 part 2 | Job 25 & 26 | Mark 7:24-8:10

5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit Psalm 15:	<i>page 344</i>
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 219</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Genesis 12:1-4
Psalm 18:18-21:	<i>page 348</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 220</i>
Gradual Psalm 23:5-6:	<i>page 357</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 220</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
Post Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

JUNE 19: FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

JUNE 20: FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
2:00 p.m. – Holy Communion, Neill Hall
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, All Saints, Marysville

JUNE 21: FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
2:00 p.m. – Holy Communion, Nashwaak Villa
6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JUNE 22: ALBAN, first recorded martyr in Britain, c.304

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, All Saints, Marysville
2:00 p.m. – Holy Communion, Paradise Villa
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JUNE 23: FERIA

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JUNE 24: THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
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JUNE 25: THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

8:45 a.m. – Morning Prayer, All Saints, Marysville
9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, All Saints, Marysville
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The Gloria: *page 86*
The Collect: *page 219*
The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1-4
Psalm 23:5-6: *page 357*
The Epistle: *page 220*
- ♫ **GRADUAL HYMN:** **385** (AUSTRIA 280)
The Holy Gospel: *page 220*
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** (LASST UNS ERFREUEN 352)
The Creed: *page 71*
The Homily
- ♫ **OFFERTORY HYMN:** **240** (SCHMUCHE DICH)
The Prayers of the People: L: Lord, in your mercy
C: **Hear our prayer**
- The Consecration: *page 82*
Post Communion Prayer: *page 85*
- ♫ **RECESSIONAL HYMN:** **598** (ENGLAND'S LANE)

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