

Parish Notices and Updates _____

OUR PARISH BIBLE STUDY continues each **Friday at 10:00 a.m.** in the Church. This year we will be taking a close look at the Sunday lectionary, with a series called “Unpacking the Homily – A Deeper Dive than Twelve Minutes a Week.”

PARISH FALL WORK DAY: Please plan to join us for a work day to help attend to some tasks around the church and rectory before the winter months on **Saturday, October 14th** from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please speak to Fr. Nicholas or the wardens if you think you can join us for any part of that time.

ARE YOU MISSING THE WEEKLY EMAIL? If you are no longer getting the Saturday email or would like to add your name to the list, please speak to Fr. Nicholas as some addresses have been inadvertently left out.

WHEELS 2 MEALS, a senior’s outreach lunch program with a long history at St. Mary’s, is hoping to make a comeback in November (on a monthly basis). If you are interested in volunteering for these events, please speak to Clyde Bungay or contact Betty Daniels at (506) 458-9482 or by email at bdaniels@frederictonmealsonwheels.ca

CALLING FOR RECYCLABLES! While there is no planned bowling tournament again this year, our brothers and sisters in the Parish of Marysville are continuing to collect refundable recyclables to raise funds for the Fredericton Community Kitchen. Here at St. Mary’s, we have a box in the Narthex which gets emptied regularly.

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The Flowers on the Altar are given to the
Glory of God

and in loving memory of
Wilfred Gregg Cumberland

by Judy Cumberland

*Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord, and let light
perpetual shine upon him.*

*The Anglican Church of Canada
The Diocese of Fredericton*

THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK



Your Lord is a God of mercy and bountifulness: be a source of mercy and bountifulness to your neighbors. If you will be such, you will find salvation yourself with everlasting glory.

John of Kronstadt

From the Priest in Charge _____

What do we mean when we say we “give thanks” this weekend? We have been trained, I think, from a young age to gather around a dinner table with our extended families and share a meal of Turkey and seasonal gourds. For many Canadians, there is a sense of tradition around this ritual of gathering together and feasting.

This tradition comes both from a custom of giving thanks to God for a successful harvest, and the notion of Thanksgiving to God after important milestones or events. Think of Church services that have happened for various reasons: thanksgivings after safely surviving a storm, thanksgivings after a new baby has been born, thanksgivings after victory in battle, or after long journeys, or for long marriages... the list can go on and on and on. This is a notion ingrained in many of us, that God gives us incredible gifts and we should give him thanks. An alternate name of the service of Holy Communion is the Holy Eucharist – that word, Eucharist, comes directly from the Greek root word “*eucharistia*” which literally means “**giving thanks**”. The Eucharist is a meal of Thanksgiving in its very self – we are continually giving thanks for our salvation through Jesus’ death on the cross, as he gave us example to give thanks for our food to the father every time he ate. At its core, then, the gathering of the Church for the Eucharist is literally an opportunity to give thanks to God for Jesus and to remember that he died for *us*.

We have been left, of course, with this great tradition of the Church to dedicate all that we have harvested to the Glory of God. We give thanks that He has provided us for another year, and that we have sufficient means to survive the winter. Of course, those of us who are more involved with Agriculture will understand these dynamics better than I or anyone else who doesn’t grow our own food. It can be volatile from season to season, and that is only exacerbated by climate change – as this summer showed many of us. With each passing year, a good harvest without too many problems along the way is really a gift from God: all the more reason to give him thanks and to ask for his continued protection.

Despite all the good things that we receive from the earth, Jesus tells us not to cling to those things which perish, but rather “for the meat which endureth unto everlasting life” (John 6.27) to which Jesus himself is the key. We can become so tied up in our daily lives that we lose sight of God, of the One who sustains us. So, if the harvest fails, even though that is distressing and upsetting (and anybody in that position will be angry) we are called to lean on God for our sustenance and deliverance. Jesus says that the key is to believe in who God has sent – his Word, Jesus himself. We must trust God to provide for us, as Jesus reminds his

followers that God provided for the Israelites wandering in the desert: “He gave them bread to eat...” it was not Moses who did this, but God. Jesus says that God continues to give bread, and that *He* is the bread of life. “*He that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst*” (John 6.35). Whether we gather together to celebrate a good harvest, or mourn a bad one, we need to focus all of our attention on God who sustains us with his new Bread from Heaven – his son Jesus who died for us. For us to be saved and brought into eternal life, we don’t need to bring anything, we don’t need to give any tribute. Instead, God feeds us no matter how we come or what we can bring to the table. This is an act of Grace, that God loves us and sustains us no matter what we do. We can’t lose his favour, and we can’t do anything to gain any more, and for that we ought to rejoice and recognize that all things are God’s.

It is this mood of joyous thanksgiving that the Lesson we heard from the Prophet Isaiah reaffirms. Come to the feast, no matter what *you* can bring, the first part affirms. No money? No matter! Come and “buy wine and milk without money and without price.” Don’t waste your time on things that don’t satisfy you, but come to God, rejoice in him, and delight your soul into fatness! It is the food that God provides for free from his unbounded Grace that will sustain you into everlasting life! The act of giving thanks to God shouldn’t be limited to one day a year only. The more gratitude we have in our lives, the more we will focus on the things of God and not the bitterness of the world.

“O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who crownest the year with thy goodness, and hast given unto us the fruits of the earth in their season: Give us grateful hearts, that we may unfeignedly thank thee for all thy loving-kindness, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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.



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Saturday, October 7, 2023

*O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is
gracious; because his mercy endureth
forever. (Psalm 118)*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:

✠ Psalm 37, part 2 | Ezekiel 28.1-19 | John 20

5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit Psalm 34.1-10:	<i>page 369</i>
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collects:	<i>pages 620, 247</i>
The Lesson:	<i>page 620</i>
The Epistle:	2 Corinthians 9.1-15
Gradual Psalm 92.1-4:	<i>page 449</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 621</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
The Intercessions:	∇. Lord, in thy mercy R. Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
Post Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10: PAULINUS, MSY & ABP

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, All Saints, Marysville

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

OCTOBER 11: PHILIP OF CAESAREA, APOSTOLIC MAN

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

OCTOBER 12: FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

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OCTOBER 13: EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

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OCTOBER 14: EVE OF TRINITY XIX

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

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OCTOBER 15: THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER TRINITY

8:45 a.m. – Morning Prayer, All Saints, Marysville

9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, All Saints, Marysville

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Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Hall

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING

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♫ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	307 (ST. GEORGE)
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 620
The Lesson	page 620
Psalm 34.1-10:	page 369
The Epistle:	2 Corinthians 9.1-15
♫ GRADUAL HYMN:	310 (MONKLAND)
The Holy Gospel:	page 621
Gospel Acclamation:	♫ Alleluia ♫
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♫ OFFERTORY HYMN:	308 (WIR PFLÜGEN)
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♫ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	305 (NUN DANKET)

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