

Parish Notices and Updates _____

NEXT WEEK, it is already time to **Spring Ahead the Clocks**. Make sure to note the change in time or else you might be an hour late!

Next Sunday is **MOTHERING SUNDAY**. We are grateful that the ladies from our Mother's Union branch have once again baked Simnel Cake for us all to enjoy following both our Saturday and Sunday services.

THE HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE is now available. There are some paper copies in the Narthex, and it will be included in the weekly email for the next several weeks.

FLOWERS AT EASTER: Those who wish to place memorial flowers may do so by including a donation through the collection plate. Please ensure the outside of the envelope is clearly marked "*Easter Flowers*" and includes the name(s) of those in whose memory the flowers are being placed, as well as complete information regarding the donor(s). To ensure this information is included in the Easter bulletin, please submit by **Palm Sunday (March 24th)**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS continue each Friday night at 7pm, alternating between the two churches. This week (Mar. 8) at All Saints. This service will be followed by the brief office of Compline to finish the night, for those who want to stay.

FARRALINE PLACE, a retirement home in downtown Fredericton (run as a ministry of the Anglican Church Women), currently has **multiple vacancies**. Each vacancy costs the home a significant portion of their limited income. If you know anybody who might be a fit, please be in touch with Judy at (506) 455-6443.

The next **PARISH SHARED MEAL** is scheduled for **this Sunday**, March 3rd, following the 11a.m. celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

DO YOU LIKE TO SING? Come and join us for Choir Practice following Coffee & Conversation on Sunday mornings. All are welcome!



*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 11:00 a.m. Celebration
for a Parish Shared Meal*

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THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK



Jesus is the stronger man, who can deliver us from the bonds of anger, or anything else that holds us. Usually, he doesn't do it by a miracle, but by a process of sharing, admitting, asking for help, and humbling ourselves. When we are in need of his healing, let us be sure not to be critical bystanders, unwilling to accept the path of healing that God has given us, but let us step into the light with him, and see God's goodness realized in our lives.

David Smith

From the Priest in Charge

This week in the Calendar of the Church we recall the holy martyrs Perpetua and her companions. Vibia Perpetua was a young noble lady from Carthage, in North Africa, who was martyred for her Christian faith in the year 203 along with a pregnant slave woman named Felicity, and some other members of the Church. This martyrdom is particularly notable because the Passion narrative which tells their story, *The Passion of Saints Perpetua and Felicity*, contains some of Perpetua's own writing. It is one of the earliest surviving Christian texts, and is the oldest known to have been written by a woman. Their feast day has been on March 7th since the 4th century, though was briefly moved to March 6th in the last hundred years before being moved back to March 7th in more recent revisions of the calendar. This text that follows are excerpts from the much-longer *Passion*, which can be found online if you'd like to read more (<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/perpetua.asp>) If you would like a printout of the full text, please speak to me and I can arrange that for you.

Perpetua: *“When, she said, we were still under legal surveillance and my father was liked to vex me with his words and continually strove to hurt my faith because of his love: Father, said I, Do you see (for examples) this vessel lying, a pitcher or whatsoever it may be? And he said, I see it. And I said to him, Can it be called by any other name than that which it is? And he answered, No. So can I call myself nought other than that which I am, a Christian.*

“Then my father angry with this word came upon me to tear out my eyes; but he only vexed me, and he departed vanquished, he and the arguments of the devil. Then because I was without my father for a few days I gave thanks unto the Lord; and I was comforted because of his absence. In this same space of a few days we were baptised, and the Spirit declared to me, I must pray for nothing else after that water save only endurance of the flesh. After a few days we were taken into prison, and I was much afraid because I had never known such darkness. O bitter day! There was a great heat because of the press, there was cruel handling of the soldiers. Lastly I was tormented there by care for the child.”

[...]

Narrator: *“Now dawned the day of their victory, and they went forth from the prison into the amphitheatre as it were into heaven, cheerful and bright of countenance; if they trembled at all, it was for joy, not for fear. Perpetua followed behind, glorious of presence, as a true spouse of Christ and darling of God; at whose piercing look all cast down their eyes.*

Felicity likewise, rejoicing that she had borne a child in safety, that she might fight with the beasts, came now from blood to blood, from the midwife to the gladiator, to wash after her travail in a second baptism. And when they had been brought to the gate and were being compelled to put on, the men the dress of the priests of Saturn, the women the dress of the priestesses of Ceres, the noble Perpetua remained of like firmness to the end, and would not. For she said: For this cause came we willingly unto this, that our liberty might not be obscured. For this cause have we devoted our lives, that we might do no such thing as this; this we agreed with you. Injustice acknowledged justice; the tribune suffered that they should be brought forth as they were, without more ado. Perpetua began to sing, as already treading on the Egyptian's head. Revocatus and Saturninus and Satorus threatened the people as they gazed. Then when they came into Hilarian's sight, they began to say to Hilarian, stretching forth their hands and nodding their heads: You judge us, they said, and God you. At this the people being enraged besought that they should be vexed with scourges before the line of gladiators (those namely who fought with beasts). Then truly they gave thanks because they had received somewhat of the sufferings of the Lord.”

It is a rousing text, and these brief excerpts only portray a very small part of it. As we remember these holy women and men who gave their lives rather than turn their back on the Gospel, may their example embolden us through each of the smaller battles we face daily to reach for God's strength and encouragement to face whatever may come.

“O God, Who didst fill the hearts of Perpetua and her companions with such courage that they went forth nobly to their death: Grant that we may be made worthy to climb the ladder of their sacrifice, and to be received into the garden of peace; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour. 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.



EVE OF THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday, March 2, 2024

*The goodness of God leadeth to repentance:
O come, let us worship.*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:

✠ Psalm 10 | Exodus 12.21-36 | Ephesians 2

5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit Psalm 25.8-15:	<i>page 358</i>
Collect for Purity, Summary of the Law: <i>The Gloria is omitted during Lent</i>	<i>page 67</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 145</i>
The Collect for Ash Wednesday:	<i>page 138</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Numbers 22.21-31
The Epistle:	<i>page 145</i>
Gradual Psalm 25.16-22:	<i>page 359</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 146</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
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Post Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MARCH 5: LENTEN FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

MARCH 6: PERPETUA AND HER COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

MARCH 7: THOMAS AQUINAS, DOCTOR & POET

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
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MARCH 8: LENTEN FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross, *All Saints, Marysville*
7:30 p.m. – Compline

MARCH 9: EVE OF LENT IV (MOTHERING SUNDAY)

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

MARCH 10: THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY)

8:45 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*
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11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Hall



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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 3, 2024

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♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	544 (REPTON – RB 249)
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♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	490 (ST. PETER)
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 146</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	118 (ST. BERNARD)
The Biddings & Intercession:	<i>page 75</i>
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
♪ HYMN AFTER COMMUNION:	537 (ST. FLAVIAN – 238)
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♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	406 (CWM RHONDDA – RB 269)

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