

From the Priest in Charge

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have now been with you for just over one year, and how quickly it seems to have gone by. This weekend marks the formal start of my appointment as Priest in Charge of the three parishes of St. Mary, York; Stanley; and Marysville for approximately the next year. It is my great privilege to be appointed by Archbishop David Edwards to serve you in these parishes. The past year that I have spent with you has been a joy as I have learned the ropes of full-time ministry from Fr. Stockall. While there have been some challenges along the way, I have certainly grown in my love for this important ministry which I share with you all.

I must acknowledge that my appointment as priest in charge has not automatically filled me with the 35+ years of experience in ministry brought by Fr. Stockall. I expect that I will make some mistakes along the way, and I ask for your forgiveness in advance if I am not as responsive as you hope, or able to answer your questions with well-developed answers. I also ask your forgiveness if I, from time to time, forget something that you told me: please do not hesitate to remind me and do not feel that you are disturbing me. Invoking the words of today's Gospel, I hope that you will be able to *"be merciful, even as your Father is merciful"* (Luke 6.36) as I try my best not to be a blind person leading the blind into the ditch.

With God's help, and with all of yours, I know that this will be a very memorable year in my formation as a priest. I ask you to uphold me, and the work of the Church, in prayer as we work together to enact God's mission in the world – and try to turn the hearts of many towards our Lord and Saviour Christ.

At this time, I also wish to acknowledge the fact that this appointment is only expected to last one calendar year, as July 2024 marks my return to full-time service with the Canadian Armed Forces as a chaplain – unless God has some other plans. The archbishop hopes for a seamless transition from my incumbency to the appointment of a new Rector, and the Parish Advisory Committee has begun their meetings with Archdeacon Ranson to this end.

I look forward to the next year as I am able walk alongside you as we live out the Gospel together in our community.

Sincerely yours in Christ our Lord,
Nicholas+

A note about the Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles.

Despite this weekend being one of the "Sundays after Trinity", for which our liturgical colour is normally green, as you can see we have red vestments and hangings today. This is due to the fact that we remain inside the "octave" of the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles.

Back in November, one of my bulletin columns highlighted the significance of an "octave", being an eight-day period of celebration to mark a certain feast. Subsequent calendar revisions have all but done away with the concept, but the Canadian Prayer Book maintains seven octaves, two of which have occurred in the last week: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist, and the Feasts of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles. The Octave of John ends Saturday, July 1, whereas the Octave of the Apostles remains until Thursday, July 6th – which is the "octave (8th) day".

Author Stephen Reynolds in *For All the Saints*, has this to say about the feast: "According to a well-attested tradition, the apostles Peter and Paul suffered martyrdom at Rome around the year 64. It is said that Paul as a Roman citizen was granted the right to be beheaded by a sword, but that Peter endured crucifixion, being nailed to the cross upside down. We cannot say whether they died on the same day, but from very ancient times their martyrdoms have been commemorated together.

"Paul's own Letter to the Galatians... presented a picture of conflict, with himself as a loner pitted against Peter and the other leaders of the church at Jerusalem. The two parties eventually met and agreed to a mutual recognition of ministries. But a short time later Peter appeared to go back on this agreement, and Paul rebuked him to his face...

"Paul's Letter to the Galatians is the only first-hand information that we have; and so far as it goes, Peter and Paul are frozen in a history of fierce antagonism. Today's feast bears witness that, even if their disagreement was not resolved in the realm of human history, their martyrdom united them in the paschal victory of Jesus Christ."



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Wəlastəkwiyyik (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 Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



Parish Notices and Updates _____

AED TRAINING COURSE: As you can see in the Narthex, St. Mary's has recently acquired an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) for use in emergencies. St. John Ambulance is willing to do a familiarization course **this Friday afternoon, July 7th**. We need a minimum of 10 people to attend, so please speak to Fr. Nicholas if you are interested.

STAY UPDATED WITH THE FOOD FOREST on Facebook. Visit "St. Mary's Community Food Forest" for periodic updates and pictures.

OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will run from **MONDAY, JULY 24TH TO FRIDAY, JULY 28TH** here at St. Mary's, with leadership organised by a team from St. Paul's Church in Rothesay. The schedule will run daily with instruction, games & music. Please feel free to share the news with anyone and everyone who might have children who would like to participate. And we'll be **looking for some volunteers** from the parish to help with the organisation, as well as preparing the snacks and meals. More details to follow!

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.

The annual **SUMMER MUSIC SERIES AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL** is back! All are welcome to attend these concerts, designed to fit perfectly within the lunch hour. Fridays from 12:10-12:50 p.m., 30 June - 25 August. See the poster in the Narthex for more information.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME AN ACOLYTE? Serving at the Altar and assisting the priest at the Eucharist is an ancient practice in which St. Mary's has a long history. As we begin to resume some of our ministries that were put on hold throughout the pandemic, some new volunteers will be required. If you are interested, training will be provided. All ages welcome! Please speak to Fr. Nicholas.

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*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 11:00 a.m. Celebration
for **Coffee and Conversation**.
Today will be our last until the fall.*

*The Anglican Church of Canada
The Diocese of Fredericton*

THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK



"Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?"

If we see a speck in a brother's eye, we must first see if there is a log in our own eye; perhaps that speck in our brother's eye is only a reflection of the beam in our own.

David Watson

EVE OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY

AFTER

TRINITY

Saturday, July 1, 2023

*Lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in
death: lest mine enemy say, I have
prevailed against him. (Ps. 13)*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:

✠ Psalms 4, 5 | Proverbs 12.10-end | Mark 14.27-52

5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit Psalm 27.1-7:	<i>page 360</i>
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collects:	<i>page 223, 283</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Genesis 3.17-19
Psalm 27.8-16:	<i>page 361</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 223</i>
Gradual Psalm 9.9-12:	<i>page 339</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 224</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

JULY 3: FERIA IN THE OCTAVE OF THE APOSTLES

No scheduled services

JULY 4: FERIA IN THE OCTAVE OF THE APOSTLES

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, All Saints, Marysville

JULY 5: FERIA IN THE OCTAVE OF THE APOSTLES

9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer, St. Thomas, Stanley

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JULY 6: OCTAVE DAY OF THE APOSTLES

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

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JULY 7: FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Zoom)

JULY 8: THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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JULY 9: THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY

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TRINITY

July 2, 2023

*Lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in
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prevailed against him. (Ps. 13)*

11:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♫ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	350 (OLD HUNDREDTH)
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collects:	<i>page 223, 283</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Genesis 3.17-19
Psalm 9.9-12:	<i>page 339</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 223</i>
♫ GRADUAL HYMN:	571 (ALL FOR JESUS)
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 224</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia (LASST UNS ERFREUEN 352)
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
♫ OFFERTORY HYMN:	370 (WESTMINSTER)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy C: Hear our prayer
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♫ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	401 (ST. DENIO)

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