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## From the Rector

*An excerpt from the sermon on the first Sunday of Lent:*

We are called to be intentional Christians, not happenstance ones.

As the desert was for Christ a place to test his vocation, to consider what his ministry would look like, so this time of Lent is for us a time to contemplate our own lives and ministries. Are the things we are doing in our lives as Christians what we are truly called to do or are they simply easy ways to fulfill our own sense of duty? Could there possibly be something else that is our true ministry, something that may be difficult to fulfill, but is actually what God is calling us to do? Do we substitute our own way of being Christian for the reality of God’s will for our lives?

Call it whatever you will, the devil, the evil one, or simply our selfish desires, but something inside us is constantly tempting us to live this life in a way that appears to fulfill our discipleship, but in actuality, blocks us from living the life to which God is calling us.

May this Lent be for us a time to contemplate these difficult questions. They are difficult because asking them may call into question all the good we appear to be doing. Yet good done as an easy way out or as a way of assuaging guilt is not good done for the sake of God.

May our time in the desert together be fruitful and may we intentionally engage in discernment about where we go from here. In a well-known line, Tolkien writes, “. . . not all those who wander are lost.”<sup>1</sup> It was true for the Israelites in the desert. It was true for Jesus in the wilderness. It is true of we who enter into the sparseness of Lent. Our wandering is intentional. Our time in the desert is for considering one question: God’s will or ours? Which will it be?

Pax et bonum, David+



<sup>1</sup> The Fellowship of the Ring

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# Christian Education

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## Lectionary Class

**Dates:** Sundays, Jan 10 - May 30      **Facilitator:** Ed Crissman      **Location:** Rm. 115 Ed. Bldg.  
This class discusses the lessons for each Sunday. Usually we focus on the Gospel lesson, since most of our sermons are based on the Gospel. Each Sunday you will receive a copy of the Synthesis, a lectionary guide, which gives background and additional information about the events going on in the lessons. A discussion then takes place inspired by the lessons and application to our daily lives.

## The Bible and Theology

**Dates:** Sundays, Jan 10 - May 30      **Facilitators:** David Idol and Craig Popalis      **Location:** Common Room  
This group will continue their exploration of two facets of our faith: Soteriology (how we are saved), and Authority. Join this thought provoking and free thinking group of parishioners as they delve into matters of our deep faith.

## Awakening the Spirit Through Nature: And God Saw That It was Good

**Dates:** Sundays, Mar. 7 - Mar. 28      **Facilitator:** Mary Wolff      **Location:** Parish Hall  
Please join us each Sunday in March at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall for a 4-week Christian Education course, accompanied by excerpts from Ken Burns' 2009 PBS film "The National Parks: America's Best Idea." Everyone is welcome to join this course.

Session 1: *The Creator and Creation*

Session 2: *God in Nature*

Session 3: *Made in the Image of God*

Session 4: *A Covenant with Every Living Thing*

## Youth Bible Study

**Facilitator:** David Umphlett

**Location:** IHOP

Every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. we gather with the Rector at the IHOP on Main Street for breakfast and Bible study. All middle and high schoolers are welcome.

## Youth

Classes are Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Grades	Curriculum	Room
K - 1st	Godly Play I	215
2nd - 5th	Godly Play II	217
6th - 8th	NOOMA	Youth House
9th - 12th	NOOMA	Youth House

Children's Chapel during the 11:00 a.m. liturgy on Sundays beginning from Church.

## Wednesday Nights in Lent

Every Wednesday night during Lent, we are invited to gather in the Parish Hall at 6:00 for a bag-supper supper. Following the meal, the nursery will be available for those with small children and activities will be planned for older children. The Rector will offer a lecture and discussion in the Parish Hall.

Each week we will focus on one of the liturgies of Holy Week. The lecture will be part Bible study, part Church history, and part liturgical theology -- something for everyone! By the time we arrive at Holy Week, we will be able to enter into the dramatic and moving worship services with a new appreciation for why we are doing what we are doing, having set them in their Scriptural, historical, and cultural contexts.

We will conclude each Wednesday by 7:15 p.m. so that everyone can get home in time for early bedtimes. We began on February 24 and will continue through March 24.

## The Feast of the Annunciation

Even during Lent, the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) is considered a festive day. On this day, we commemorate the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary that she would bear a child to be named Jesus. And yes, March 25 is nine months before December 25.

We, the parish of St. Mary's, will observe this special commemoration in the life of our Lord and also of our patroness with Evensong sung by the Choir of St. Mary's at 7:30 p.m. Please join us for this lovely, short, and peculiarly Anglican liturgy of sung Evening Prayer.

## Palm Sunday Brunch

Please join us for the annual Palm Sunday Brunch on March 28th in the Parish Hall following the 11:00 service. This is always a fun (and delicious) event! We will be serving our traditional meal of honey spiral ham, new potatoes, scrambled eggs, fruit and pastries. The brunch is sponsored by the Parish Connections committee. There is no cost for the meal.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### March 3

Lenten Lunch after the noon service  
Bag-Supper Supper - 6:00 p.m.

### March 8

Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m.

### March 10

Lenten Lunch after the noon service  
Bag-Supper Supper - 6:00 p.m.

### March 14

Daylight Savings Time Begins  
Informal Worship 9:00 a.m.

### March 15

Vestry Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### March 17

Lenten Lunch after the noon service  
Bag-Supper Supper - 6:00 p.m.

### March 18

Herald Deadline

### March 22

Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m.

### March 24

Lenten Lunch after the noon service  
Bag-Supper Supper - 6:00 p.m.

### March 25

Feast of the Annunciation Evensong  
7:30 p.m.

### March 28

Palm Sunday Brunch  
After the 11:00 service

## Easter Lilies



Memorial Easter Lilies are now available for purchase. All lilies will be in the church on Easter Day, April 4. If you would like to purchase a lily in memory of a friend or loved-one, order forms are available throughout the Church building.

Please bring or mail completed order forms to the church office. Lilies are \$15 each. Orders are due by noon on March 22. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Reagan at 454-1292.

## The Rector on the Web

Read David's article in The Episcopal Church's young adult e-newsletter *Broadcast* at

<http://episcopalcommons.org/broadcast/>.

## ECW General Meeting

St. Mary's ECW will hold a General Meeting and Luncheon on Monday, March 1st, at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. The guest speaker will be our own Harold Andrews. All women of St. Mary's are invited to attend. The cost of the luncheon is \$3.00 per person.

If you have had a change of address, phone number and/or e-mail address, please notify the office so we can insure that you receive all publications. Thank you!

## Holy Week Schedule 2010

### *March 28: Palm Sunday*

8 a.m. The Liturgy of the Palms, the Passion, and Holy Eucharist (church)

11 a.m. The Liturgy of the Palms with Procession, the Passion, and Holy Eucharist (church)

### *March 29: Monday in Holy Week*

12 p.m. Holy Eucharist (chapel)

### *March 30: Tuesday in Holy Week*

12 p.m. Holy Eucharist (chapel)

### *April 1: Wednesday in Holy Week*

12 p.m. Holy Eucharist (chapel)

### *April 2: Maundy Thursday*

7:30 p.m. Foot Washing, Holy Eucharist, and the Stripping of the Altar

### *April 3: Good Friday*

12 p.m. Stations of the Cross (beginning in the church)

4 p.m. Stations of the Cross for Families (beginning in the Children's Chapel)

7:30 p.m. The Solemnities of Good Friday (church)

### *April 4: Holy Saturday*

9 a.m. Prayers for Holy Saturday (chapel)

7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter (church)

### *April 5: Easter Day*

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist (church)

11 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist (church)

## Children's Chapel

After a many months-long hiatus, Children's Chapel returned on February 21. Each Sunday, after the opening acclamation, children aged 4 and older are invited to follow the crucifer out of church and into the Children's Chapel in the Education Building. Parent volunteers will assist with the procession and lead the worship. The children's liturgy mirrors that of the adults with a lesson from the lectionary, a homily/discussion, creed, prayers, and music. The children then rejoin their families during the Peace.

Children who do not wish to go to Children's Chapel are always welcome in church. Children's Chapel simply offers our youngest members a chance to better engage the Scriptures and learn the basics of our liturgical practice.

## 2010 Easter Egg Hunt - Eggs Needed!

It is time to start preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Day at 10:30. Please consider donating Easter eggs filled with a treat. The eggs can be filled with candy, small toys, stickers or coins. Please bring the eggs to the church where they will be stored in Room 203 upstairs in the Education Building. Thank you for helping make this activity possible for St. Mary's children!



## Support of West End Ministries

St. Mary's will once again be supporting the efforts of West End Ministries by preparing and serving a meal at English Road Baptist Church on Thursday, March 11. West End Ministries provides a free meal every Thursday night to approximately 200 people. Matthew 25:40 will be coordinating this effort. We will need volunteers to cook the meal at St. Mary's, transport it to English Road, and serve and clean-up. Cooking will begin at 1:30PM at St. Mary's on the 11<sup>th</sup>. We need 2-3 volunteers for the cooking. Two volunteers are needed for transporting the food to English Rd. Baptist. Serving will be from 5:30 - 6:30 and we will need approximately 5-6 people to serve and clean-up. If you can help with this effort, please contact Amanda Gane at 869-0264 or agane@northstate.net.

## Spring Pine Needle Sale

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is holding its bi-annual Spring Pine Needle Sale on March 27<sup>th</sup>. They are offering pine needles, mulch and pine bark nuggets (sold in 3 cubic feet bags) for sale to enhance the beauty of your yard. **All items are \$6.00 each.** With a minimum order of 5 bales or bags or a combination of the two, the Brotherhood will deliver and place your order on your property wherever you wish. All deliveries will be made the morning of March 27<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are available throughout the Church building. Orders are due by March 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Financial Secretary Work Days

For the months of March and April 2010, Rosemary Inman, our Financial Secretary, will be working in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you need assistance, please contact her on those days.

## Attention St. Mary's ECW!

The Greensboro Convocation (our local Diocese group) will hold it's annual Spring gathering at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Saturday, March 13th, from 9:00 to 3:00. The day will include the convocation meeting, morning prayer, lunch, and a spiritually uplifting workshop about walking the labyrinth, lead by Marjorie Donnelly, who is the primary Labyrinth Keeper at Holy Trinity and founder of the InnerWalk ministry. Please see the detailed schedule below.

### Schedule:

- 9:00 Welcome and Introductions
- 9:30 Morning Prayer, the Rev. Virginia Herring
- 10:00 Walking the Labyrinth  
Marjorie Donnelly, M.Ed.
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 Convocation Meeting & Annual Meeting Planning



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### REGISTRATION FORM

To register, fill out form below, detach and mail with check for \$10 payable to Greensboro Convocation ECW to be received no later than Thursday, March 11, 2010. The cost includes the workshop and lunch.

Mail to: Greensboro Convocation Co-Chair

Julia Davis

3709 Rock Haven Dr.

Greensboro, NC 27410

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Rise & Build!

Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me;

as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me.

And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

Nehemiah 2:18

Proposed construction plans, news and developments regarding St. Mary's building projects are posted on the web site; go to [www.stmarysepisc.org](http://www.stmarysepisc.org), click on About Us, then Rise & Build! Here with significant thanks to Colleen Hartsoe, *The Story of a Church*, are notable moments in the history of St. Mary's building, housing, and making space available.

1890 - Original St. Mary's church building built, between Kivett Drive & Hayden Place

1928 - Present St. Mary's parish hall and church building completed

1961 - Present education building constructed

1964 - St. Mary's provides support for a school in companion diocese Haiti

1965 - St. Mary's establishes first public kindergarten in High Point through 1970

1965 - St. Mary's provides support for a new church, St. Mary's Episcopal in South Africa

1967 - First burial of cremains in grounds at St. Mary's

1967 - St. Mary's forms a mission church, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in High Point

1969 - St. Mary's supports low income public housing project in High Point

1978 - Columbarium first constructed; later rebuilt as present columbarium

1982 - St. Mary's opens The Piedmont School for Learning Disabilities, now independent

1982 - St. Mary's sponsors Rumanian refugee family in High Point

1990 - St. Mary's celebrates its Centennial; builds a local Habitat for Humanity home

1998 - St. Mary's builds Cassell House at Open Door Ministries

2001 - St. Mary's Music Academy is established, now operating independently

2003 - Kitty and Earl Congdon give to St. Mary's adjacent undeveloped lot

2003 - Acquisition of 'The Little House,' below the church parking lot (built in 1993)

2006 - St. Mary's initiates Family Literacy Project/ESL Classes and Hispanic Ministries

2009 ~ St. Mary's refurbishes and furnishes Harris House at West End Ministries

2010 ~ St. Mary's with EYC completes refurbishment of 'The Little House'

~ Paul Siceloff



## St. Mary's Music Academy

Sean Curran, age 14, has studied piano at the Academy for four years. Sean has a genetic disorder called Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome. This disease affects many organs in the body such as blood cell abnormalities, pancreas defects, and skeletal abnormalities among others. The Academy plans to sponsor a recital Sunday, May 23, to benefit the Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome.

Contact [www.shwachmandiamondamerica.org](http://www.shwachmandiamondamerica.org) for more information concerning this disease. Students from the Academy and the Triad area will participate in the recital and donations will be accepted at any time through the Academy.



## Youth Choir News

Welcome to the newest member of the Young Adult Choir - Kate Burkhalter. Kate is a senior at Weaver Academy where she studies piano and sings in the chorus.



## Youth Choir Performances

On March 7 the Youth and Cherub Choirs will combine to sing the anthem, "God Is So Good". The Young Adult Choir will sing Sunday, March 21 for the 11:00 a.m. worship. Their anthem will be "Here I Am, Lord, Take And Use Me".

## Music Wish List

We have a need for a piano bench (any kind) to use with our electric piano. Also, if anyone has a metronome that they no longer use, we would love to have it for our piano students.

## The Great Litany

On the first Sunday of Lent, we sang the Great Litany in procession. The Litany found in *The Book of Common Prayer* dates from 1544, and thus predates the first *Book of Common Prayer* by five years. It was the first part of the liturgy to be translated from Latin into English. Singing it in procession is also ancient in precedent. Even Henry VIII appointed it to be used in processions while England was at war with France and Scotland.<sup>1</sup>

The Litany, as it was known in earlier iterations of the *Prayer Book*, was part of the ordinary Sunday service in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, being followed immediately by Morning Prayer and, on occasion, also by Holy Communion. And you thought our service got a little long sometimes . . . In modern days we use the Litany sparingly, usually only on the first Sunday of Lent. It is, however, excellent for use in private devotion on a more regular basis.

<sup>1</sup> Armentrout, Don S. and Robert Boak Slocum, ed. "Great Litany, The." *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church: A User-Friendly Reference for Episcopalians*. (New York: Church Publishing Inc., 2000), 227.

## Wednesday's Saints

The following commemorations will be observed at our Wednesday celebrations of the Holy Eucharist.

March 3: John and Charles Wesley

March 10: Gregory of Nyssa (transferred from 3/9)

March 17: Patrick of Ireland

March 24: Oscar Romero

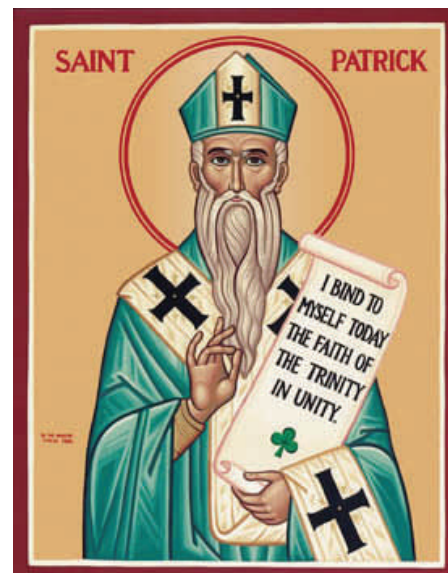
March 31: Wednesday in Holy Week

## The Penitential Order

During Lent, the liturgy takes on a slightly different shape, with the confession at the beginning of the service instead of in the middle. Both Rite I and Rite II in the current *Book of Common Prayer* make provision for a penitential order at times when such a variation may seem appropriate (read: Lent). There is a great deal of precedent for this liturgical arrangement: from late medieval rites and the mutual confession of priest and servers, "the custom of the continental Protestant liturgies, and of the Prayer Book daily offices after 1552."<sup>1</sup>

In our usage, the procession enters silently, the opening acclamation is said, and the people then hear the Decalogue (Ten Commandments) and other scriptural sentences before being bidden to confession. This slight variation is intended to call our attention to the particularity of this season of the church year.

<sup>1</sup> Hatchett, Marion J. "A Penitential Order." *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*. (San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1995), 311.



If you know of a word or concept you'd like to see here, please let Shannon ([administrator@stmarysepisc.org](mailto:administrator@stmarysepisc.org)) or David ([davidu@stmarysepisc.org](mailto:davidu@stmarysepisc.org)) know.

# Prayers & Milestones

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Dot Forward  
 Williams Family  
 Kathy Brown  
 Anne Howell  
 Ann Hampton  
 Alice Jordan  
 Lily Blackman  
 Spencer Wilson & Family  
 Don Archibald Sr.  
 Belcke Family  
 Connie & Terry Strader



Kate Thornton  
 Melissa Anderson  
 Esker Amos  
 Barry Myers  
 Tim Foster  
 Alice Whitehorne  
 Mary Lou Vitek  
 Anthony Williams  
 Lois May  
 Sis & Jack Smith  
 Nicole Dolder  
 Aileen Cunningham

*“O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen”*

## March Birthdays

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02	Turner Popalis	13	Bill Fenn Jr	20	Cathy Kuhn
	Hodge Cole		Larkin May	21	Lucy Schermerhorn
05	Winifred Cottam	16	Elizabeth Moore		Annabelle Fisher
	White Watkins		Nathan Hughes	25	Gavin Hoots
06	Charles Crowell	17	David Fisher	26	Beth Tuttle
	Shanon Greig		Benjamin Teachout	27	Christian Witcher
	Katherine Myers		Ella Teachout	30	Layne Saunders
08	Sarah Crowder	18	Rhonda Winters		Martha Smith
11	Linda Collum	19	Deborah Fetner	31	Nicki Idol

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To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, contact Shannon in the church office: 886-4756 x21 or [administrator@stmarysepisc.org](mailto:administrator@stmarysepisc.org).

# Serving This Month

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	READERS	CHALICERS	GREETERS	USHERS
07-Mar 3rd Sunday in Lent	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Madeline Rhoton Sam Stalder Asia Brown George Lindner Sarah Lindner	Denise Reagan	Rick Manning Bryan Noah Braeden Moore	Malia Grimes Chris Grimes	Jon Baird Bob Bender James Boggs Andrew Brehm
14-Mar 4th Sunday In Lent	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sam Duckett Katie Cottam Katherine Hanson Lindsey Tripp Alex Hill Margaret Hanson	Todd Brewbaker Kay Brower	Bob Bender Bob Bender Diane Popalis Marty Purser	Denise Reagan Jamey Reagan	Steve Brooks David Congdon Dick Cottam Jules Crowell
21-Mar 5th Sunday In Lent	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jessica Zander Jackson Fetner John Drake Karcher Christian Witcher Spencer Witcher	Elizabeth Finch	Bryan Noah Famatta Deshield Stephen Greig	Hunter Burris Smedes Lindner	Steve Brooks David Congdon Dick Cottam Jules Crowell
25-Mar Feast of the Annunciation Evensong	7:30 p.m.	Trevor Gay				
28-Mar Palm Sunday	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sam Stalder Trevor Gay Carter Gay Emory Howell Adam Howell	David Stewart	Marty Purser Barry Collum Alicia Archibald	Judy Boggs Jim Armstrong	Craig Darby Joey Darr Herb Goins Charles Hartsoe

## COFFEE CONNECTION

March 7 - Greeters

March 21 - Stephen Ministers

March 14 - Matthew 25:40

March 28 - NO COFFEE



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The deadline for the next Herald is March 18th.  
Please e-mail your submissions to: [administrator@stmarysepisc.org](mailto:administrator@stmarysepisc.org)

**Services at St. Mary's**

*Sundays*

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. - Informal Worship  
11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

*Wednesdays*

12:00 noon – Holy Eucharist



*Office Hours:*  
Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Sexton

***Vestry***

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Herb Goins, *Junior Warden*

Candy Fenn

Joe Fisher

Amanda Gane

Marita Gates

Eric Hill

Amo Kearns

Dudley Moore

Craig Popalis

Paul Sicheloff

Audrey Yowell

Kim Gay, *clerk*

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