

## Notices for the week March 16-17, 2019

**The Altar Greens** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Madeline Justus beloved wife of Peter Justus and beloved mother of Barbara, Deborah and David.

**Announcements!** The Vestry respects your time and purpose of being here at the Eucharist. It is for spiritual reasons, not to listen to a massive number of announcements that are already printed in the bulletin. Fr. Michael consulted with us about this at the February Vestry meeting and we recommended that announcements, while important, be very brief, say 45 seconds, and point to information that is in the printed notices, rather than repeating it. Whenever planning to make an announcement please speak with Fr. Michael or in his absence, to Fr. Bill, before the Eucharist begins. Thank you as together we “worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.”

**How do you pronounce that?** the Bible is full of names and other words that test our pronunciation. There is a handy booklet called *A Guide to Pronouncing Biblical Names*. One pair of words that causes confusion is *prophecy* (noun) and *prophesy* (verb). *Prophecy* (noun) is pronounced “PROF-a-see” while *prophesy* (verb) is pronounced “PROF-a-sigh”. Here are two web sites that can help: <https://biblespeak.org/r-words/> and <http://thebibleworkshop.com/category/bible-pronunciation/>

**Our corporate fast** means we do not have sweets at coffee hour or other parish events during Lent.

**During Lent**, our Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist will include musical preludes from 11:45 am, and musical interludes at Holy Communion, on harp, piano, organ, and hammered dulcimer.

**UTO Boxes:** The United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. As an opportunity during Lent, UTO boxes are available to take home this weekend and return filled at the weekend Eucharists April 6 and 7.

**Book Club:** Monday at 12:00 noon. Please join Mother Bobbie as she continues exploring our soul’s relationship with God and how best to care for and nurture that relationship using John O’Donohue’s book *Anam Cara* (Soul Friend). Books are available in the office.

**College of Presbyters:** The priests of the Diocese (presbyter is another word for priest) will meet together with the Bishop at Dayspring this Tuesday March 19. Fr. Michael and Fr. Bill will be there during the day, returning in time for the 5:30 pm Eucharist.

**St. Joseph’s Day** will be celebrated this **Tuesday, March 19 at the 5:30 pm Eucharist**. St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and protector of the child Jesus is the patron saint of craftsmen, fathers, and the Universal Church.

**Wednesday Bible Study** continues at 10:30 am with Fr. Bill looking at the scriptures for next weekend: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35 Psalm 27

**Entrusted**, a Beth Moore study of 2 Timothy is every Wednesday evening at 7 pm thru March 27<sup>th</sup> (it is a 6-week course and we have Ash Wednesday in there). It is open to all.

**Centering Prayer**, Thursdays at 9:00 am, is a method designed to facilitate the development of contemplative prayer by preparing our faculties to receive this gift.

**Bentley Bible Study** Thursday at 1:00 pm with Mother Bobbie. All are welcome. It is held in the Assisted Living Building.

**COMMA**, a prayerful pause held on Thursday at 5:30.

**Stations of the Cross.** Friday at noon during the Lenten season. the last being on Good Friday, April 19 at 5:30.

## Next Week and Beyond

**Men’s Breakfast:** the next men’s fellowship breakfast will be on Saturday, March 23 at 8:30 am at the Café at Bonita Beach. For more information please contact Paul Judkins at 585-750-1889 or [judkipa@comcast.net](mailto:judkipa@comcast.net).

**Pennywise Open House** March 23 after the 5:00 pm service and on March 24 after the 8:00 and 10:00 services donation and purchases are welcome. We are also accepting donations on Sunday just leave outside of the red doors and it will be moved into the store.

**Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary;** will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 26 at the 5:30 pm Eucharist. It is the celebration of the announcement by the Archangel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she would conceive and become the mother of Jesus, the Son of God, marking His Incarnation.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**, Our Book of Common Prayer says that the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is to be available to all who desire it and can be provided anytime anywhere. St. Mary’s priests are available once a month, next on Tuesday, March 26 at 4:15 pm to hear confessions or you can make an appointment. We use the Quiet Room off the narthex for privacy. Please see the instructions on page 446 and the order of service on page 447 for more details. Please consult with a priest in advance if that would be helpful.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** will be meeting on March 27 at 12:30. If you crochet or knit, please join us in fellowship as we make our shawls for those in need. You can contact Barbara Williams at 239-992-4343 or Sara George at 239-216-2280.

**Newcomers Get Together:** if you are new to St. Mary's please come to a light supper on Wednesday, March, 27 pm to learn more about St. Mary’s, its worship, activities and ministries. Clergy and lay leaders will be there to introduce themselves, to visit with you and to answer your questions. Please sign up in the Narthex for this special evening or call or email the church office.

**ECW Lunch Bunch**, Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm Jimmy P’s Charred North, 25301 S Tamiami Trail, Suite #2, Bonita Springs. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 24. A signup sheet is in the Narthex.

**Confirmation:** The Right Reverend J. Michael Garrison, Assisting Bishop of The Diocese of Southwest Florida will visit us on Sunday, March 31. Bishop Garrison will confirm and receive parishioners at the 10:00 am. Sunday Eucharist and preach at the 5 pm and 8 am Eucharists.

Monday	12:00 pm	Book Club with Mother Bobbie
March 18	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
		<b>St. Joseph</b>
Tuesday	10:15 am	Morning Prayer
March 19	12:00 pm	Ministers Luncheon
	12:30 pm	Icon Painting Class
	2:00 pm	OSL Study Review
	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
	5:30 pm	Holy Eucharist
	7:00 pm	Confirmation
	8:00 pm	AA Empathy Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 am	Pastoral Care Meeting
March 20	10:30 am	Bible Study
	12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
	1:30 pm	Staff Meeting
	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
	5:30 pm	Choir Lenten Super
	7:00 pm	Beth Moore Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	7:30 am	Holy Eucharist
March 21	9:00 am	Centering Prayer
	1:00 pm	Bentley Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
	5:30 pm	COMMA
	7:00 pm	Florida Conference of Young People in AA
Friday	12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
March 22	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast
Saturday	4:00 pm	Evening Prayer
March 23	5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 pm	AA Group Meeting
Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite 1
March 24	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting

**Foyer Groups;** It's time to sign up for a new group that will meet April, May and June. Foyers are a small group of 6-8 members that meet once a month for a meal and fellowship. You may meet in your home or a restaurant, or you may vary from month to month...your group decides. If you meet in your home, everyone brings a dish to share (all fun, not much work). If you meet in a restaurant, everyone pays for their meal. After your first supper, your group will choose a time date and location that suits them for the next get-together. It is a great way to become friends with people you may only see at church. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or you may contact Beryl Chickerella at nanaberyl@aol.com, or 614-296-9224.

**Altar Flowers:** During Lent, greens are used in place of flowers. If you would like to contribute you can sign up in front of the Church Office. Cost for the full altar is \$70, half the altar is \$35.

**Tidings** is now available online and, in the Narthex, PLC and in front of the Church Office.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal** is an empowerment of mission. This request for giving annually focuses on growing the endowment strength of both the Diocesan Episcopal Charities Fund and the DaySpring Endowment Fund. Both endowments have grown in remarkable strength over the past decade in a generous and loving response from our diocesan family practicing a generous Way of Love. See outside the Church Office or the Diocesan website to learn more.

**Acolytes needed:** Would you serve at a Eucharist once a month (or more often)? The first Tuesday of the month (the Recovery Eucharist) is covered but we need people for the other weeks. Please speak with Deacon Bill or contact the church office.

**In case of illness, the Minister of the Congregation is to be notified.** (BCP page 453) One of our responsibilities as members of the church is to let the clergy know when we are sick, hospitalized or preparing for surgery. That way someone can pray with us, anoint us, give us Holy Communion and perhaps give some spiritual encouragement. Please call or email the Church Office or contact the clergy or pastoral care team directly. Because it sometimes happens that people are unable to contact the church, please do so for them whenever you know of someone needing this pastoral ministry.

### SAVE THE DATE

March 28	ECW Lunch Bunch
March 31	Confirmation
April 12	Symphonic Choral of Southwest Florida



### Holy Week\* and Easter Schedule

April 13 & 14 Palm Sunday	5:00pm, 8:00 am and 10:00 am
April 15 Monday	12 noon Eucharist
April 16 Tuesday	5:30 pm Eucharist
April 17 Wednesday	12 noon Eucharist
(confessions heard before each mass Monday through Wednesday)	
April 18 Maundy Thursday	Seder Dinner 5:30 pm 7:00 pm Solemn Choral Mass & Foot Washing
April 19 Good Friday	12 Noon Veneration of the and Holy Communion 5:30 Stations of the Cross
April 20 Holy Saturday	7:00 pm Great Vigil of Easter with Baptism
April 21 Easter Day	8:00 am and 10:00 am Choral Eucharist

**\*Please do not schedule meetings during Holy Week.**