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February 28, 2010  
Lent 2

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<i>Morning Prayer</i>	8:30 AM
<i>The Parish Mass</i>	9:00 AM
<i>Fellowship</i>	10:00 AM
<i>Adult Forum</i>	11:15 AM

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## **PRELUDE**

**HYMN 56** at the procession – Jesu Dulcis Memoria

## **INTROIT**

*Call to remembrance thy tender compassion and mercy, O Lord, and thy loving-kindness towards us, which have been ever of old: neither suffer our enemies to triumph against us; deliver us, O God of Israel, out of all our misery and trouble. Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: my God, in thee have I trusted. Let me not be confounded. Glory be.*

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE LESSON** – Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Old Testament, pgs. 11-12

## **GRADUAL**

*The sorrows of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my troubles, O Lord. Look upon my adversity and misery: and forgive me all my sin.*

**THE EPISTLE** – Philippians 3:17–4:1, New Testament, pg. 186

## **TRACT**

*O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth forever. Who can express the noble acts of the Lord, or shew forth all his praise: blessed are they that always keep judgment and do righteousness. Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that thou bearest unto the people: O visit me with thy salvation.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** – Luke 13:31-35, New Testament, pg. 73

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*My delight shall be in thy commandments, which I have loved: my hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved.*

**HYMN 556** at the Offertory – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tune – St. Andrew of Crete

## **COMMUNION**

*Consider my meditations; O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God: for unto thee will I make my prayer.*

**HYMN 415** at the Dismissal – Aberystwyth

## **POSTLUDE**

**TODAY'S CELEBRANT:** The Reverend Paul Frederick Blanch

**TODAY'S SERVERS:** Acolyte (Epistle)-Alice Pumbo, (Gospel)-Ralph Fusco, Crucifer-Kathleen Todt, Thurifer-Chris Henry, MC-David Kennison, Lector-Joan Pearson, Greeters-Mike & Connie Todt, Altar Guild-Rosemarie Fusco & Wendy Madelone, Counters-Joyce Kapusta & Anne Kennison

**For this MONTH'S PARISH Schedule** go to <http://www.stgeorgesschenectady.org/calendar.html>

**For this WEEK'S SERVICES Schedule** go to <http://www.stgeorgesschenectady.org/calendars/WeeklyWorship.html>

**NEXT SUNDAY'S BCP LECTIONARY READINGS:** Lent 3 – Exodus 3:1-15, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

**RECTOR, WARDENS, VESTRY & STAFF - ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH**

**Rector** – The Rev'd Paul Frederick Blanch

**Wardens**

David Kennison, Sr. Warden 2<sup>nd</sup> term expires 2011  
Ralph Fusco, Jr. Warden 1<sup>st</sup> term expires 2012

**Vestry**

Richard Forshaw 1st term expires 2013  
Chris Henry 1st term expires 2012  
Joyce Kapusta 1<sup>st</sup> term expires 2011  
Daniel Machold 2<sup>nd</sup> term expires 2012  
Michael Thiessen 2<sup>nd</sup> term expires 2012  
Rosemary Pannone 2<sup>nd</sup> term expires 2013  
Lynn Paska 2<sup>nd</sup> term expires 2013  
Alice Pumbo 1<sup>st</sup> term expires 2011  
Barbara Wengrovius 2<sup>nd</sup> term expires 2012

**Organist**

Mrs. Aniko Szokody  
Dr. Jeffrey Wengrovius  
Mr. Donald Ingram

**Parish Staff**

Mr. Gerald Cooper, Sexton  
Mr. Robert Paska, Financial Secretary  
Mrs. Donna Vrooman, Parish Secretary  
Mr. Jonathan Pearson, Parish Treasurer

**PLEDGE STATUS**



**NEEDED AVERAGE WEEKLY PLEDGE OFFERING:** \$2,100

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING :** \$1,606

Year to Date Pledges: \$21,789  
Year to Date Budget: \$16,769  
Year to Date Difference: +\$ 5,020

**PARISH INTERCESSIONS:** Ed, Judi, Jim, Helen, Debbie, Gary, Heather, Nicholas, Oliver, Cathy, Dorothy, Kathleen, Michelle, John, Michael, Patrick, Fran, Byron, Rachel, Nina, Ola, Dottie, Fedor, Carla, Ronald, Dr. Ann, Christina, Elizabeth, Meredith, Carol, Larry, Daniel, Kim, Barbara, Andrei

*(Add a name to the intercessions list by filling out the intercessions form available on the tract table or by calling the parish office by Wednesday morning. Also, please let the parish office know when a name can be removed from the list.)*

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS:** 3/4 Fr. Paul Blanch, 3/5 George Schmidt, 3/8 Sandra Hughes, 3/14 Stella Schultz, 3/16 Kathleen Todt, 3/19 Erika Pelletier, 3/21 Clark Willsey, 3/23 Ann Duff, 3/24 Geraldine Moore, 3/24 Barbara Weinheimer, 3/25 Andrew Thiessen, 3/26 Laure Thiessen, 3/26 Mike Todt, 3/27 Maggie Blanch, 3/29 Patricia Gibbons

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:** 3/8 Fr. Paul & Maggie Blanch, 3/8 Ralph & Alice Pumbo

*(Did we miss a birthday or anniversary? If your name or family members is not on the list, please contact parish office.)*

**ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR**

Lent No Flowers

*Please consider flowers for the High Altar as a memorial or thanksgiving. You can arrange this through the parish office. If everyone will underwrite one week a year we will be able to have flowers each Sunday. Cost - Approx. \$45*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

# 2010 LENTEN COURSE

*“Christ and the Chocolaterie”* a brilliant Lent course based on the movie *“Chocolat”*  
starring Johnny Depp and Juliet Binoche.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Lenten Course is offered two times during the week – Sunday or Wednesday

Sun. 2/28	11:15 AM	Week Two	Giving Out	The Power of Gift.
Wed. 3/03	7 00 PM	Week Two	Giving Out	The Power of Gift.
Sun. 3/07	11:15 AM	Week Three	Getting Wise	The Possibility of Change.
Wed. 3/10	7:00 PM	Week Three	Getting Wise	The Possibility of Change.
Sun. 3/14	11:15 AM	Week Four	Getting Real	The Power of Acceptance.
Wed. 3/17	7:00 PM	Week Four	Getting Real	The Power of Acceptance.
Sun. 3/21	11:15 AM	Week Five	Growing Up	The Process of Change.
Wed. 3/24	7:00 PM	Week Five	Growing Up	The Process of Change.



We take a little red wine and 70% rich dark chocolate at each session. This course is original, innovative and lively based as it is on the movie *“Chocolat”* which was in turn based on the bestselling novel by Joanne Harris. Each session includes extracts from the film, group discussion, exercises and meditations with related Bible passages.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS – On Saturdays during Lent at 11AM** – Yesterday, 27 February, we began another facet of our Lenten devotions, and will continue throughout Lent. Please join us as we symbolically walk the Via Delorosa or Way of Sorrows, the path that Jesus walked in his final hours, from his condemnation, crucifixion and death upon the cross and being laid in the tomb. Each week, we will use a different set of meditations to enhance our understanding and our faith. If you are unfamiliar with the Stations of the Cross, you may be surprised at how moving this service can be. Please give it a try.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** – Tuesday, March 2

**LENTEN APPEAL** – The creamers collected and decorated by our youth will be blessed and given out this Sunday. Fill them with your spare change and bring back Easter Sunday.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY VOLUNTEERS** – We are in need of 12 volunteers for the foot-washing for Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7:30 PM. Please contact the Parish Office to submit your name(s).

**PILGRIMAGE** – As yet we have no firm plan or itinerary to offer, but Fr Paul is hard at work with a number of pilgrimage operators checking out best value for a possible pilgrimage either to Lourdes in France, or the more ancient The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in England with other major historic shrines and Cathedral cities as part of the package, plus some good leisure time in London. Please watch this space for further details and costs. We are trying to keep the cost under \$1,500 fully inclusive. Sadly at this time all the main airlines are adding substantial surcharges to their ticket prices, plus extra baggage charges. Dates are still 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2010.

**SEEKERS AND KEEPERS** - will take place on the first Sunday of the month, March 7 at 6 PM. See our weekly Schedule on the back of this bulletin for more details.

**VIDEO MINISTRY** – Schenectady, SACC-16 television station is broadcasting the Sunday Mass at St. George’s on Sundays at 4:30 PM and Thursdays at 1 PM. Also, Channel 18 in Albany and Guilderland on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Help people to see the beauty of our worship, then invite them to church on Sunday.

### **PHOTO’S for PARISH DIRECTORY**

We will be updating the Parish Directory for 2010. Pictures will be taken immediately after church on February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup> in the Church Office. If you are a new member of St. George’s, please schedule a photo session with either Lynn or Bob Paska (783-9114) for one of those Sundays for inclusion in our Directory. Also, for those in the current Directory, please let us know of any changes in address, phone number or email address. This is also a reminder for all Vestry members that the leadership picture will be taken right after church on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, in the Great Hall.

# WHITE DRAGON SALE



Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

*Clean out those closets, attics, basements and garages!*



## THERE'S STILL TIME TO MAKE DONATIONS

Donations can be brought in on Sunday to the Great Hall.

For more information or **if you need assistance with delivering items** call Rosemary Pannone at 334-5521.



Gardening this year will focus on restoring and up-dating the Memorial Garden: And our participation in the Stockade Secret Gardens Tour June 25 and 26.

**Garden plant donations for 2010** – A selection of garden catalogs marked with pre-selected plants we need for this new gardening season is available in the Great Hall. If you would like to donate a plant or rosebush for our gardens this year you can choose what you want and fill out the information on the sheets. Just before we order (in March) we'll bill you. When the plants arrive we'll let you know when and where they are planted. Also, you can order for your own garden. Just indicate on the form that the choice is for your own. See Rosemary Pannone

**Needed: Garden and Grounds Committee Secretary** – Requirements; occasional meetings, keeping track of receipts, simple letters, assist in writing short history and map of gardens and document progress of garden and grounds restoration.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**SICM Summer Intern Program** – St George's is hopeful of placing an intern in Schenectady Inner Cities Ministry's summer intern program. If you are a parishioner ages 16 to 23 you should soon be receiving information and an application for this paid, full-time summer program this week.

**SICM Food Pantry** – St. George's will be incorporating outreach into its Lenten season by concentrating on our on-going ministry with **Schenectady Inner Cities Ministry's (SICM) food pantry**. SICM has made a special request during these winter months for boxed products such as hamburger helper, macaroni and cheese, instant potatoes, etc. There is also an ever present need for baby formula such as Enfamil.

In addition to the items mentioned above and in concert with our Lenten study program, you are also asked to **contribute a chocolate based food item** to the SICM food basket. This could include chocolate pudding, cake or brownie mix, chocolate cereals, Pop Tarts, non-perishable chocolate drinks or any other imaginative way you may think to tie our chocolate Lenten series with the SICM food basket.

**YWCA cell phones** – The YWCA is happy to receive used cell phones. They are re-programmed and given to the battered women the "Y" serves. You can place your old phone in the food pantry basket where it will be separated and taken to the YWCA . Thank you.

**Lighthouse Meal Service** – St. George's has begun its second year of providing one weekend day's meals once a month to the Lighthouse. Run by Bethesda House and located at the corners of Norwood and VanCordlandt, the Lighthouse is a 10 resident group home. Please see Jim Wingate, Amy Machold, Judy DeLong or Alice Polumbo for additional information.

# THE DAILY OFFICE & WEEKLY PRAYER CYCLES

## DAILY OFFICE

### **Week of 2 Lent**

*Sunday* 24, 29 ☉ 8, 84  
Gen. 41:14-45 Rom. 6:3-14 John 5:19-24  
*Monday* 56, 57, [58] ☉ 64, 65  
Gen. 41:46-57 1 Cor. 4:8-20(21) Mark 3:7-19a  
*Tuesday* 61, 62 ☉ 68:1-20(21-23)24-36  
Gen. 42:1-17 1 Cor. 5:1-8 Mark 3:19b-35  
*Wednesday* 72 ☉ 119:73-96  
Gen. 42:18-28 1 Cor. 5:9-6:8 Mark 4:1-20  
*Thursday* [70], 71 ☉ 74  
Gen. 42:29-38 1 Cor. 6:12-30 Mark 4:21-34  
*Friday* 95\* & 69:1-23(24-30)31-38 ☉ 73  
Gen. 43:1-15 1 Cor. 7:1-9 Mark 4:35-41  
*Saturday* 75, 76 ☉ 23, 27  
Gen. 43:16-34 1 Cor. 7:10-24 Mark 5:1-20

## ALBANY DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

### FEBRUARY

**Sun. 28 Diocesan Council**

### MARCH

**Daily: For our Bishop and for Holiness of life in every Episcopalian**

**Mon. 1**

*The Rev'd George Nagle*

**Tues. 2**

**Christ Church, Cooperstown -The Rev'd Mark A. Michael**

*The Venerable Harvey Huth*

**Wed. 3**

**Bishop William Love**

*The Rev'd Thomas Bombard*

**Thurs. 4**

**St. Stephen's, Delmar -The Rev'd Virginia Ogden, The Rev'd Robert Heighton,**

**The Ven. Dr. Harvey Huth, The Rev'd Paul Blanch**

**Fri. 5**

**House of Bishops Meeting (March 19-24)**

**Sat. 6**

**St. Luke's, Chatham – The Rev'd Ellen Neufeld, The Rev'd Brenda Nickles**

*The Very Rev'd Christopher Brown*

## ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

**Sunday 28-Feb-2010 Lent 2 Psalm: 32:1-7 Job 35:1-8**

PRAY for The Church of England The Most Revd Rowan Douglas Williams Archbishop of Canterbury

**Monday 01-Mar-2010 Psalm: 112 Jms. 2:14-26**

Belize - (West Indies) The Rt Revd Philip Wright

**Tuesday 02-Mar-2010 Psalm: 12:1-6 Jms. 3:1-12**

Bendigo - (Victoria, Australia) The Rt Revd Andrew William Curnow

**Wednesday 03-Mar-2010 Psalm: 19:7-end Jms. 3:13-18**

Benin - (Province of Bendel, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Peter J Imasuen

**Thursday 04-Mar-2010 Psalm: 143:1-6 Job 35:9-16**

Bermuda - (Bermuda) The Rt Revd Patrick White

**Friday 05-Mar-2010 Psalm: 143:7-11 Job 36:1-12**

Bethlehem - (Province III, USA) The Rt Revd Dr Paul Victor Marshall

**Saturday 06-Mar-2010 Psalm: 123 Job 36:13-21**

Bhopal - (North India) The Rt Revd Laxman L Maida

**St. George's Church**  
**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**  
*Week of February 28, 2010*

<b><u>Sunday – February 28</u></b>	8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
<i>Lent 2</i>	9:00 AM	Solemn Mass
	11:15 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lenten Course – Giving Out – The Power of the Gift (Adult Forum)

*On the first Sunday of each month at 6 PM – “Seekers and Keepers” a time of worship that will be user friendly for the “seeker” but also to renew the “keeper” of the faith. Evening prayer, Benediction of Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Holy Hour, Taize, teaching and explanations of what we do and why we do it, but essentially a time of worship to suit the season and year. Open to all.*

<b><u>Monday – March 1</u></b>	Rector’s Day Off
<i>Lenten Feria</i>	
<i>David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales</i>	

<b><u>Tuesday – March 2</u></b>	7:30 AM	Mass
<i>Lenten Feria</i>	8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
<i>Chad, Bishop of Lichfield</i>	5:00 PM	Evening Prayer
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal

<b><u>Wednesday – March 3</u></b>	8:30AM	Morning Prayer
<i>Lenten Feria</i>	9:00 AM	Mass
<i>John &amp; Charles Wesley</i>	5:00 PM	Evening Prayer
<i>Priests, 1791</i>	7:00 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lenten Course - Giving Out – The Power of the Gift

<b><u>Thursday- March 4</u></b>	8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
<i>Lenten Feria</i>	5:00 PM	Evening Prayer
	7:00 PM	Mass

<b><u>Friday – March 5</u></b>	8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
<i>Lenten Feria</i>	12:15 PM	Mass
	5:00 PM	Evening Prayer

<b><u>Saturday – March 6</u></b>	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer
<i>Lenten Feria</i>	11:00 AM	Stations of the Cross

<b><u>Sunday – March 7</u></b>	8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
<i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	9:00 AM	Solemn Mass
	11:15 AM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lenten Course – Getting Wise – The Possibility of Change
<i>(First Sunday of the Month)</i>	6:00 PM	“Seekers & Keepers”



“Seekers & Keepers” will again take place on the first Sunday of the month at 6 PM. The March session will take place in the Library with a very simple act of worship that leads us into an exploration of the person of Jesus. We recognize each other and our friends by their faces and appearance, but when it comes to Jesus, we have no photographic evidence to show what he looked like. All we have is two thousand years of very varied Christian art to suggest an appearance for Jesus and what he may have looked like. This special Lenten “Seekers and Keepers” will focus on a comprehensive film presentation of the Face of Jesus over two thousand years. Dare you miss this one?

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*Fr. Paul will be available in the office after each morning Mass or Daily Office by appointment.*

***We Are the Church!***