

March 7, 2010
Lent 3

<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

The Mass Setting today (Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei) is from Missa Sancti Magni, composed by Sydney Nicholson (1875-1947). The Merbecke setting in the Lenten Mass booklets will not be used today.

PRELUDE – Offertoire Sur Les Grands Jeux ~ Francois Couperin Le Grand, 1668-1733

HYMN 417 at the procession – St. Bride

INTROIT

Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord, for he shall pluck my feet out of the net: look thou upon me, and have mercy upon me, for I am desolate, and in misery. 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

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSON – Exodus 3:1-15, Old Testament, pgs. 148-49

GRADUAL

Up, Lord, and let not man have the upper hand: let the heathen be judged in thy sight. While mine enemies are driven back: they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

THE EPISTLE – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, New Testament, pg. 162

TRACT

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes: O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, even as the eyes of servants: look unto the hand of their masters. And as the eyes of a maiden: unto the hand of her mistress. Even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God: until he have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord: have mercy upon us.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 13:1-9, New Testament, pg. 72

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: sweeter also than honey and the honey comb; moreover by them is thy servant taught.

HYMN 344 at the Offertory – Deus Tuorum Militum

COMMUNION

The sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.

COMMUNION ANTHEM – Psalm 23 – St. Columba (Hymn 345) – Traditional Irish Melody

HYMN 416 at the Dismissal – Beatitudo (Second Tune)

POSTLUDE – Les Cloches (The Bells) ~ Nicolas LeBegue, 1630-1702

TODAY'S CELEBRANT: The Reverend Paul Frederick Blanch

TODAY'S SERVERS: Acolyte (Epistle)-Jennafer Thiessen, (Gospel)-JJ Moran, Crucifer-Erin Thiessen, Thurifer-Ralph Fusco, MC-David Kennison, Lector-Maggie Blanch, Greeters-Lynn Paska & Judy DeLong, Altar Guild-Rosemarie Fusco & Amy Machold, Counters-Bob Paska & Gene DeLong

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 4 – 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 2nd term expires 2011
Ralph Fusco, Jr. Warden 1st term expires 2012

Vestry

Richard Forshaw 1st term expires 2013
Chris Henry 1st term expires 2012
Joyce Kapusta 1st term expires 2011
Daniel Machold 2nd term expires 2012
Michael Thiessen 2nd term expires 2012
Rosemary Pannone 2nd term expires 2013
Lynn Paska 2nd term expires 2013
Alice Pumbo 1st term expires 2011
Barbara Wengrovius 2nd 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 : \$1,745

Year to Date Pledges: \$23,534
Year to Date Budget: \$18,865
Year to Date Difference: +\$ 4,669

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, Wendy N., Jennifer

(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: 3/8 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, 3/27 Diane Reed, 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

3/14 Rose Sunday

Peter Pettibone & Thomas Pettibone

Easter Flower Donations

Mark your envelop - Easter Flowers or use Easter Flower Envelope provided
With your pledge envelopes.

Please indicate who you would like the Thanksgiving or Memorial for.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEEKERS AND KEEPERS – “Seekers & Keepers” Join us this evening at 6 PM. We meet 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.

2010 LENTEN COURSE

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

The Lenten Course is offered two times during the week – Sunday or Wednesday

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 – **Saturday, March 13 at 11AM** – 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 9

LENTEN APPEAL – The coffee creamers decorated by our youth have been blessed and given out. Fill them with your spare change and bring back Easter Sunday. There are still some creamers available, if you’d like to join us in this Lenten appeal. Surprisingly each creamer can hold up to \$50 of small change – what a great way to support your Church.

SILVER CANDLESTICKS are needed for the Altar of Repose (Thursday, April 1). Candlesticks can be dropped off at the parish office or in the Altar Guild Sacristy in the Church or given to David Kennison. They will be locked up and protected. Please tape your name on the bottom. It will be a huge help to the Altar Guild, if you would give them a little polishing first.

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).

MAUNDY THURSDAY WATCH – (begins April 1) A sign-up sheet for the Altar of Repose is on the tract table at the back of the church. “*Could you not watch with me one hour?*” Matthew 26

VESTRY MEETING – Thursday, March 18 beginning with Mass in the Lady Chapel at 7 PM

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – an all inclusive amazing deal for the 14th – 21st September 2010. The itinerary includes flights direct from Albany via New York to France – including all airline surcharges, all airport taxes, full board – breakfast, lunch and Dinner at the finest four star hotel in Lourdes – The Hotel Moderne. A full pilgrimage program is offered, plus two half day excursions by coach to Bartres and Betharram and the ancient Pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostella. **The total all in price is \$2095 per person** for twin occupancy, which also includes luggage handling, all tips and gratuities, and all admission fees. The only extras personal Insurance and single room supplement of \$375 if required. This is limited to 20 pilgrims, and if you are interested, Fr Paul needs to know by this coming Friday of firm booking intentions to achieve this all in one great price. Color itineraries are available from Fr Paul after Mass today.

PHOTO'S for PARISH DIRECTORY

We will be updating the Parish Directory for 2010. Pictures will be taken immediately after church on March 7th and March 14th 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 21st, in the Great Hall.

WHITE DRAGON SALE - Saturday, March 20th Donations still being accepted.

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. Volunteers are needed to set-up for the sale, pricing, working the day of sale and cleanup after. See Rosemary Pannone or Alice Polumbo to volunteer.

THE GARDENS

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 MEETING – A short garden committee meeting **TODAY right after Mass** in the Shaw Lounge. Everyone is welcome; we need idea people, too – not just worker bees.

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 & 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. All parishioners between ages 16 to 23 should have received information about this excellent opportunity along with an application. If you have not received any materials please contact the church office. March 21st is a suggested date by which to have your application returned to the church office.

BETHESDA HOUSE INVITATION – St. George's has been invited to the official grand opening of the new Bethesda House of Schenectady and The Liberty Apartments on Friday, March 19th starting at 9 AM. Along with the opening, refreshments and a building tour there will be an interfaith service of thanksgiving and dedication at 10 AM. Bethesda House is located on 834 State Street.

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.

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.

THE DAILY OFFICE & WEEKLY PRAYER CYCLES

DAILY OFFICE

Week of 3 Lent

Sunday 93, 96 ☉ 34

Gen. 44:1-17 Rom. 8:1-10 John 5:25-29

Monday 80 ☉ 77, [79]

Gen. 44:18-34 1 Cor. 7:25-31 Mark 5:21-43

Tuesday 78:1-39 ☉ 78:40-72

Gen. 45:1-15 1 Cor. 7:32-40 Mark 6:1-13

Wednesday 119:97-120 ☉ 81, 82

Gen. 45:16-28 1 Cor. 8:1-13 Mark 6:13-29

Thursday [83] or 42,43 ☉ 85, 86

Gen. 46:1-7,28-34 1 Cor. 9:1-15 Mark 6:30-46

Friday 95* & 88 ☉ 91, 92

Gen. 47:1-26 1 Cor. 9:16-27 Mark 6:47-56

Saturday 87, 90 ☉ 136

Gen. 47:27-48:7 1 Cor. 10:1-13 Mark 7:1-23

ALBANY DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

March

07 Sun. **St. Peter's, Fourth Lake -The Rev'd George Greene**

The Rev'd Daniel Moore

08 Mon. **St. James' Church, Fort Edward – The Rev'd Canon Charles B. King, Jr.**

The Rev'd Colley Bell

09 Tues. **St. Mark's Church, Hoosick Falls – The Rev'd Lorraine Lyons**

10 Wed. **St. John's Church, Delhi –The Very Rev'd David Collum, The Rev'd Nancy Truscott**

11 Thur. *The Rev'd Nancy Truscott, The Rev'd Pauline Bailey*

12 Fri. *The Rev'd David Haig*

13 Sat. *The Rev'd Nigel Mumford*

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Sunday 07-Mar-2010 Lent 3 Psalm: 94:14-19 Job 36:22-33

PRAY for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Hong Kong Island - (Hong Kong) The Most Revd Paul Kwong

Monday 08-Mar-2010 Women's Day Psalm: 55:1-8 Jms. 4:1-12

PRAY for the International Anglican Women's Network (IAWN) as it seeks to bring the perspectives of women and raise issues that affect women to the work of the Anglican Consultative Council.

Bolivia - (South America) The Rt Revd Frank Lyons

Tuesday 09-Mar-2010 Psalm: 119:33-40 Jms. 4:13-5:6

Bondo - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Johannes Otieno Angela

Wednesday 10-Mar-2010 Psalm: 102:1-8 Job 37:1-13

Bor - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Nathaniel Garang Angieth

Assistant Bishop of Bor - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Ezekiel Diing Malaangdit

Thursday 11-Mar-2010 Psalm: 102:23-28 Job 37:14-20

Botswana - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Trevor Selwyn Mwamba

Friday 12-Mar-2010 Psalm: 86:1-7 Job 37:21-24

Bradford - (York, England) The Rt Revd David Charles James

Saturday 13-Mar-2010 Psalm: 77:1-15 Job 38:1-15

Brandon - (Rupert's Land, Canada) The Rt Revd James Njegovan

St. George's Church
WEEKLY SCHEDULE
Week of March 7, 2010

Sunday – March 7

Lent 3

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 9:00 AM Solemn Mass
 11:15 AM *3rd Lenten Course – Getting Wise - The Possibility of Change*
(Adult Forum)

6 PM – “Seekers and Keepers”

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Monday – March 8

Lenten Feria

Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln

Rector's Day Off

Tuesday – March 9

Lenten Feria

Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa

7:30 AM Mass
 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
 5:00 PM Evening Prayer
 7:00 PM *Choir Rehearsal*

Wednesday – March 10

Lenten Feria

Forty Martyrs of Sebaste

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
 9:00 AM Mass
 5:00 PM Evening Prayer
 7:00 PM *3rd Lenten Course -*

Thursday- March 11

Lenten Feria

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
 5:00 PM Evening Prayer
 7:00 PM Mass

Friday – March 12

Lenten Feria

Gregory the Great
Bishop of Rome

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
 12:15 PM Mass
 5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Saturday – March 13

Lenten Feria

10:00 AM Morning Prayer
 11:00 AM *Stations of the Cross*

Sunday – March 14

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
 9:00 AM Solemn Mass
 11:15 AM *4th Lenten Course – Getting Real – The Possibility of Acceptance*

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

We Are the Church!