

THE EVANGELINE



The Latest News from Clarke Parish

7 EPIPHANY

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 24, 2019

8 am (GEC) - Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

9 am (SM) - Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

11 am (GEC) - Morning Prayer

Lessons: Genesis 45:3-11, 15, 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50, Luke 6:27-38

Lay Readers: 8 am - Sue Nolan / 9 am - Gwen Malone / 11 am - Bill Smith

Acolytes: Charlotte & Ellen Smith and Elise Rovde

Ushers: Robin & Tom McFillen (February)

Altar Guild: Margaret Burks, Kathy Campbell and Caroline McKay (February)

Coffee Hour: Volunteer?

A new sign-up sheet for 2019 is posted in the parish hall's foyer

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

JAZZ SUNDAY MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

March 3, 2019

8 am (GEC) - Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

10:15 am (GEC) - Morning Prayer

Lessons: Exodus 34:29-35, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]

Lay Reader: 8 am Glen Koontz / 10:15 am - Ben Newlon

Acolytes: Page Bacon, Mary & Stella Herndon and Mitchell Sours

Ushers: Volunteers Needed!

Coffee Hour: SHROVE SUNDAY PANCAKE FEAST!

As we prepare to enter the Lenten Season,
the March 3rd service beginning at 10:15 am is sure to be a special event!
It will combine the congregations of Grace Church, St. Mary's and The Church of New
Beginnings for a unique service filled with lively music, praise bands and enhanced
worship led by Rev. Justin Ivatts and Rev. Larry Santmyer.

After the service, everyone is invited to the parish hall for our 'Shrove Sunday' Pancake Feast!
(pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and hash browns - YUM!)

FLOWERS

ALTAR FLOWERS (2/24/19) - The altar flowers at Grace Episcopal Church are given to the glory of God by Lee & Dave McGuigan in loving memory of Nancy R. Perkins.

ALTAR FLOWERS (3/3/19) - **Donor Needed** - Anyone interested in providing flowers in memory, honor or celebration of a loved one or special event? Please contact the office.

FROM THE RECTOR

Tuesday, February 18th -

As I write this we are all preparing for another installment of “old man winter”. Winter storms like this are a gift as they force us to take a sabbath from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. We are given time to marvel in the beauty of God’s creation. We are given time to be together as families and to enjoy the company of those we love.

In this season after the Epiphany we marvel at the light that God sent into the world in His son. Jesus came into this world so that we might bask in the power of God and be lifted up as children of God.

Tomorrow take time to enjoy the gifts that God gives you, family, creation, and take a sabbath. Make that your gift to yourself.

Blessings, *Justin+*

LAY READER & ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Please click the link below to access the Lay Reader and Acolyte schedule for February or March.

It contains scheduling information for both Grace and St. Mary's.

[February 2019](#)

[March 2019](#)

Please remember to contact the office in case of conflict or unavailability.
The Schedule for April 2019 will be available soon.

CHURCH NEWS

CLARKE PARISH HAS A NEW WEBSITE

After months of hard work on the part of staff and vestry, Clarke Parish now has a new website!

[Check it out at www.clarkeparish.org](http://www.clarkeparish.org)

In addition we now have a new domain for all our email addresses. All staff can be reached by their first initial and last name @clarkeparish.org, for example jivatts@clarkeparish.org or rmcfillen@clarkeparish.org. Bette Milleson, Karen Keating and Elizabeth Anderson now also have Clarke Parish email addresses.



Clarke Parish Listening Sessions BEGIN THIS SATURDAY!

During late February and early March we will host a series of Listening Sessions around the parish. These sessions are designed to provide a safe space for thoughtful conversation around how things are going where they may be

headed. It is a time for Justin to learn your stories as well as for us to create the future of Clarke Parish. Once the sign-up is complete your host will be in touch about what they would like you to bring and to provide you their address. If you have children you are of course welcome at any session but there will be intentional space set aside for kids at the session on March 9th.

Please sign up for ONE Listening Session These sessions are designed to provide a safe space for thoughtful conversation around how things are going and where they may be headed. It is a time for Justin to learn your stories as well as for us to create the future of Clarke Parish. Once the sign-up is complete your host will be in touch about what they would like you to bring and to provide you their address.

Listening Sessions are scheduled for **February 23** (10 am), **February 26** (6 pm), **February 28** (6 pm), **March 2** (10 am) and **March 9** (6:30 pm) - PLEASE pick a date and plan to join us!

Click the link below to access the sign-up genius or add your name to the old-fashioned, paper sign-up sheet posted in the Parish Hall:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4aa9aa2fa13-clarke>

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING Each year, the Outreach Committee meets in February to allocate funds for charitable distribution. This year's meeting is scheduled for **THIS SUNDAY, Feb. 24th immediately following the 11 am service**

when ideas and recipient suggestions will be discussed for the approximately \$5000 of monies available for distribution. The committee co-chairs, Nadine Pluchinsky and Robin McFillen, invite anyone interested in outreach to participate. Maybe you have a favorite cause or charity that you favorite or know of a local, national or international program that would benefit from a donation - if so, please plan to join us and let your suggestions and ideas be heard! We have the money - now help us decide how it should be distributed to 'do the most good' - your input is invaluable!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - An In-Depth Study on Holy Eucharist!

Join us at 10 am in the Parish Hall at St. Mary's as we explore the history and meaning of Eucharist - what it is and has been. Christians believe many different things about the Eucharist. Some Christians celebrate in twice a year, some celebrate it every Sunday and then there is everything in between. Some believe that the actual substance changes to the body and blood of Christ (transubstantiation) while others believe it is just bread and wine (or grape juice) as memorial. We will study its history, differing theologies and hopefully give you tools to develop your own Eucharistic theology.

VESTRY NEWS

The Vestries of Clarke Parish met on Monday, February, 18th for a joint meeting and potluck dinner in the parish hall at Grace Church. As part of the meeting, Hannah Z. of Smallbytes, LLC unveiled the new website to the vestries at this time.



St. Mary's vestry met earlier in the evening to conduct a brief business meeting and to elect their 2019 officers. **Election Results:** Senior Warden/Register - *Kevin Talley*; Junior Warden - *Edwina Mason*; Treasurer - *Carolyn Mason*; Assistant Treasurer - *Maurita Powel*; Delegate to Council - *Edwina Mason*; and Alternate Delegate - *Maurita Powell*.

The vestry of Grace Church met after the dinner to also conduct a brief business meeting and elect their 2019 officers. **Election Results** Senior Warden - *Penny Poe*; Junior Warden - *Tom McFillen*; Treasurer - *Bette Milleston*; Assistant Treasurer(s) - *Carolyn*

Gordon and Nadine Pluchinsky, Register - Rachel Dunne, Delegate to Council - Colin Greene; and Alternate Delegate - Carolyn Gordon.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Grace Church Vestry is **Monday, March 18th at 7 pm** in the Conference Room.



MARDI GRAS PARTY **Sunday, February 24th @ 2 pm**

Everyone is invited to attend St. Mary's annual Mardi Gras Celebration in the Parish House. It's a raucous good time! Costumes encouraged - Maybe you'll be crowned King or Queen of the Mardi Gras!

'SHROVE SUNDAY' PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Our Sunday School children and their families will host a special brunch on **Sunday, March 3rd** immediately following the **Jazz Sunday 10:15 am** combined service of worship with our friends from The Church of New Beginnings. **EVERYONE IS INVITED!** This special free-will offering meal is sure to be delicious - pancakes, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, hash browns, etc... All proceeds will benefit the Shrine Mont Financial Assistance Fund (SMFAF)! We hope you will come to support the youth AND eat your fill of hot, delicious pancakes. Hey parents - kitchen helpers are needed - call or text Robin to volunteer yourself or your child!



NEW – SATURDAY EVENING SERVICES at 5pm!

Knowing, as we do, that many members of our community commute to DC, we have decided to offer a service that might give them an opportunity to come to church at a time that doesn't interfere with the one time in the week that they can sleep in.



During Lent we will be piloting a service on Saturdays beginning at 5pm in the McIntosh Chapel at Grace. It will be Eucharist service using Taize (www.taize.fr/en) style music. **Our first service will be on March 9th.** Taizé is an ecumenical monastic community near Cluny in France, founded by Brother Roger during World War II. Come and join us for this candlelit meditative service. We NEED current congregants to welcome any newcomers, so please do come. Also PLEASE HELP get the word out to family, friends, neighbors.

Thanks *Justin*



BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM!

St. Mary's Church invites everyone to attend its annual Black History Program on **Sunday, March 10th beginning at 2 pm** in the church's parish house. This year's featured speaker is Bill Johnston. Stay Tuned -

More details will be shared as we get closer to the program date. The Parish House is located at 15 Barnett Street. Refreshments will be served.

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

**PLEASE JOIN US DURING THE
LENTEN SEASON!**



March 3 - JAZZ SUNDAY Mardi Gras Celebration! 10:15 am service @ Grace Church with Grace, St. Mary's and the Church of New Beginnings!

March 3 - 'SHROVE SUNDAY' Pancake Brunch! Noon in the Parish Hall @ Grace Church (Free-Will Offering to raise funds for the Shrine Mont Retreat Financial Assistance Fund (SMFAF)).

March 6 - ASH WEDNESDAY - Services of Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes with Rev. Justin Ivatts! Noon @ St. Mary's Church / 7 pm @ Grace Church

March 13 - NOONDAY OFFICE - Noon @ Grace Church with the Rev. Tom Barnard of Crums United Methodist Church / Lenten Lunch to immediately follow

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March 20 - NOONDAY OFFICE - Noon @ Grace Church with the Rev. Tom Barnard of Crums United Methodist Church / Lenten Lunch to immediately follow

March 27 - NOONDAY OFFICE - Noon @ Grace Church with the Rev. Matt Rhodes of Christ Church, Millwood / Lenten Lunch to immediately follow

April 3 - NOONDAY OFFICE - Noon @ Grace Church with the Rev. Dan Stanley of Berryville Baptist Church / Lenten Lunch to immediately follow

April 10 - NOONDAY OFFICE - Noon @ Grace Church with the Rev. Larry Santmyer of The Church of New Beginnings / Lenten Lunch to immediately follow

April 14 - PALM SUNDAY - The service begins at 10 am @ St. Mary's for the Liturgy of the Palms. Then congregants will process with palms through town and arrive @ Grace Church for a service of Holy Eucharist.

April 17 - NOONDAY OFFICE - Noon @ Grace Church with the Rev. Harry Needing, III of the Boyce, Millwood, White Post UMC / Lenten Lunch to immediately follow

April 18 - MAUNDY THURSDAY - 6 pm @ St. Mary's Church. Communion, Dinner and Veneration at the Altar of Repose with Rev. Ivatts. Please RSVP - seating is limited to 60-70 people. Call Edwina M. @ 955-4617 to reserve your spot.

April 19 - GOOD FRIDAY - Community Worship Service @ Berryville Presbyterian with the Rev. Jonathan Bunker beginning at noon / 7 pm @ Grace Church with Rev. Ivatts.

April 20 - LITURGY OF HOLY SATURDAY - Noon @ St. Mary's

April 20 - EASTER VIGIL - 8 pm @ Grace Church (beginning at the Rectory's firepit

New for 2019 - SATURDAY TAIZE SERVICES - 5 pm @ Grace Church's McIntosh Chapel (3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6 & 4/13) / For more details, see announcement in the Church News section above.



WEEKDAY LENTEN SERVICES & COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS!

are happy to announce that our Lenten program is back on track for 2019! Without proper leadership in place, we were forced to take last year off much to our and the community's disappointment. It's a much beloved tradition that we are happy to resurrect. We will kick off the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday (3/6) with a noonday service and imposition of ashes at St. Mary's Church and 7 pm service at

Grace Church. Beginning on Wednesday, March 13th and continuing through Lent (3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10 and 4/17), there is a weekly noonday service, led by members of the local Ministerial Association in the sanctuary at Grace Church. These are each followed by special luncheons in the Parish Hall.

Volunteers are needed to help the ECW with the weekly lunch program. Sign-up sheets for chefs, servers, set-up and clean-up positions are posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please see where you can lend a hand!

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



SAVE THE DATE 7th Annual Clarke Parish Chili Cook-Off Sunday, March 24, 2019! Do you have what it takes to defeat our past chili champions (Jimmie Harp, English Koontz, Ed Schilling and Tom McFillen)? Are you ready to match your chili cooking skills against them and other entrants? If so, its time to break out, tweak and perfect your favorite chili recipe and get ready to compete in this year's cook-off! Cincinnati, 5-Alarm, Vegetarian, White Chicken Chili, Chili Verde - whatever your specialty, bring

in a batch and get ready to compete. You never know until the dollars are counted, who the winner will be - it's anybody's ball game! The Chili Cook-Off is a fundraiser for the Shrine Mont Financial Assistance Fund (SMFAF) and is truly a fun and tasty way to spend the afternoon. Save the date and please join us either as a competitor or judge.

SAVE THE DATE Shrine Mont Retreat - May 3-5, 2019! If

you've never attended, haven't been on retreat in a while, or are new to Clarke Parish, we hope you will consider joining us for either all or part of our yearly weekend at Shrine Mont - We guarantee a god time! The retreat is always a yearly highlight and a fun-filled weekend for parishioners and friends of Clarke Parish, so



please mark your calendars now and save the dates. **A sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall so we can get an early idea of our headcount.**

Wondering who's already signed-up? To date the list includes: Rev. Ivatts, Robin & Tom McFillen (hopefully Maggie & Molly too), the Bosworth family, the Prestons family, Charlie Boulton, Jess, Rives & Page Bacon, Penny Poe & her grandson Mason, Kathy & Jon Campbell, Page Jones, Carolyn Gordon, Elise Rove, Adam Wilson, Sarah & Stuart Dunn, Ann Finch, and the Maiberger family. **COME BE A PART OF THE FUN!**



SAVE THE DATE Mass on the Grass & Parish Picnic! When: Sunday, June 16, 2019. Service: 10:15 am / Lunch: noon / Where: The Lions Shelter @ Chet Hobert Park! Help us celebrate Clarke Parish, the approach of summer, and the successful close of another year of Christian Education by attending an outdoor worship service and church picnic on Sunday, June 16th

at the Chet Hobert Park. We will forgo both our 9 and 11 am worship services and instead combine for a special 'Mass on the Grass' outdoor Eucharist services beginning at 10:15 am at the park. Immediately following service, we will light the grills and prepare hamburgers and hot dogs for the picnic. Please bring a side dish to add to the feast, and maybe a lawn chair or picnic blanket too. Head over to the park and join us for an afternoon of faith, fellowship, fun & food! Vo punters will be needed to help with organization, set-up, grilling duties, clean-up etc... Please contact Robin if able to assist.

NOTE: The Lions Shelter is located in the back of the park by the T-Ball / soccer fields / back playground.
Plenty of parking is available / look for signs!



FEBRUARY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- It was a busy morning on Friday, February 16th at the monthly Social Services Food Distribution in Berryville. Clarke Parish volunteers boxed up over 1 ton of food for local families!

Thank you to everyone that showed up to help - it was a great turn out and you made quick work of this worthwhile task, especially: Larry Allison, Karen Arnoux, Kathy Campbell,

Jon Campbell (Thursday & Friday), Lisa & Chris Curran, Suzanne Donner, Kate Greene (Thursday), Susie Guenther, Justin Ivatts, Priss Lowe, Joyce Mason, Robin McFillen (Thursday & Friday), Maggie McFillen (Thursday), Tom McFillen (Thursday), Bette Milleson, Sue Nolan, Tracy Smith and Robin York (and anyone else I may have inadvertently forgotten).

Special thanks is also extended to the ECW of Grace Church for covering the food costs associated with the give-away.





Please excuse any typos, misspellings or grammatical mistakes...
Someone must have called or stopped by the office while we were busy preparing the Ev angeline for distribution!
In our haste to share all this good news with you, we neglected to properly proofread the newsletter...oops!



CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!

Remember to VISIT and LIKE our page on Facebook
(**Grace Episcopal Church**)

It's a great way to keep up-to-date on everything
that's happening around here AND
see photos of what we've been up to too!

Also keep up-to-date
by visiting our Parish Website!
www.clarkeparish.org

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