

# CLARKE PARISH

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

## THE EVANGELINE

April 9, 2021



## The Second Sunday of Easter

*Holy Eucharist (Rite II)*

April 11, 2021

This week we can open the church doors and safely welcome you back to indoor worship inside our beautiful churches!

Masks and Social Distancing is mandatory.

*Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Celebrant:** Rev. Justin Ivatts

**Assistant:** Dr. Caroline Mitchell, Seminarian

**Lessons:** Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-21

### 9 am at St. Mary's Memorial Church

**Lay Reader:** Gwendolyn Malone

**Pianist:** Hailey Outland

### 11 am at Grace Episcopal Church

**Lay Reader:** Penny Poe

**Crucifer:** Lily Bosworth

**Organist:** Wendy Oesterling

The 11 am service at Grace Church will be live-streamed and available to view via YouTube.

[Click HERE - Live Stream Link](#)

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## FROM THE RECTOR

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Dear Friends:

This Sunday we will regather inside our churches for the first Sunday services in thirteen months. We will initially hold a 9:00 service at St. Mary's and an 11:00 service at Grace. There will currently be no education although I am working with the adult education committee to find creative ways of offering COVID safe adult education during the education hour. Children and youth will continue in the online environment for the time being. My hope is also to bring back the 8:00 service very soon, although we will offer it in a different space so as not to create a need for a deep clean of Grace Church between services. Watch this space for more information on that.

As we regather our model of worship will also be changing our worship model. In line with changes in Episcopal/Anglican worship over the last forty years we will move to a Eucharistically centered model. Every Sunday service at both St. Mary's and Grace will now take the form to the Holy Eucharist. The one exception will be when there is a fifth Sunday of the month when there will be a Morning Prayer service. These will be about three times per year and the first will be in May. Caroline will officiate the Morning Prayer services to give her some exposure to officiating a service from start to finish.

Please remember that social distancing and face masks are required at all inside service. We are under strict instructions from the diocese not to admit anyone to worship who refuses to wear a facemask, unless they have a distinct medical reason that prevents them from wearing a mask or are under the age of two. There will also be no congregational singing allowed but our Shenandoah students will provide music at both churches.

We look forward to seeing you friends!

Blessings,  
*Justin+*

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## CHURCH NEWS

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### LAY READER & ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Please click the link below to access the schedule for

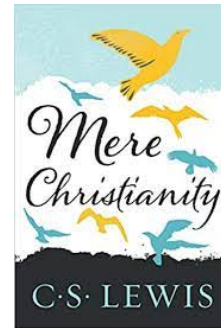
**April and May 2021**

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



## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

*New Study Topic begins on April 14th!*  
**Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis**



Join us for a discussion of this book by one of the most well-known Christian writers of our time. In the classic *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis, the most important writer of the 20th century, explores the common ground upon which all of those of the Christian faith stand together. Bringing together Lewis' legendary broadcast talks during World War Two from his three previous books *The Case for Christianity*, *Christian Behavior*, and *Beyond Personality*, *Mere Christianity* provides an unequalled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear this powerful apologetic for the Christian faith.

The book is readily available through Amazon booksellers - Please purchase this edition: <https://www.amazon.com/Mere-Christianity-C-S-Lewis/dp/0060652926>

We will take Holy Week and the Wednesday after Easter off and begin our discussion Wednesday, April 14th.

Justin+



## Stewardship 2021 - ONLINE GIVING!

We have partnered with [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) - a trusted platform to provide a simple, convenient, and secure way to continue supporting our ministry through online giving from anywhere at any time.

Please consider this option to make a pledge or one-time payment to the church. You can also set up recurring payments, and likewise, you can utilize [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) to give to the General Fund, Grace Giving, St. Mary's Giving, the Rector's Discretionary Fund, the Backpack Program, or 'Other' by selecting from the drop-down menu options.

[Click HERE to Give Online Now](#)

The [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) link is also available by visiting the Parish Website at [www.ClarkeParish.org](http://www.ClarkeParish.org)

## SHRINE MONT RETREAT

*April 23-25, 2021*

Although an April 2021 retreat will look much different from past years as many new safety protocols are in place to keep staff and guests safe and healthy. (*i.e. masks mandatory in public spaces and within 6 feet of other guests outside our group, temperature checks, meals being served cafeteria-style instead of family-style with both indoor & outdoor seating options, as well as, take-*



*out; guests will need to provide all their own linens/pillows/towels...), the retreat will still offer loads of fun, relaxation, hikes, games, conversations, and time spent with friends we haven't been able to see in a while.*

For those with valid concerns regarding COVID and possibly still on the fence about attending, please know that we will do our best to keep everyone healthy and safe! We've learned that the retreat center will not be as crowded on April 23-25...the large group from St. Peter's - Arlington that we typically share our weekend with WILL NOT be at Shrine Mont this year, nor will Fort Belvoir's Men's Group or Holy Comforter, Vienna. Fewer crowds and fewer people on the mountain means less chance of cross-contamination. It's like will have the whole mountain to ourselves! We will also make great efforts with housing assignments - taking into account everyone's need for a private bathroom and social distancing protocols. Family units and couples will be housed together since they are within each other's 'germ circle.' If the weather is good, we will plan most activities for the outdoors. If not, we have full use of Chilton Hall (the large building up top near the playground) which will allow adequate indoor space for socially distanced programs.

With that said...why don't you join us on the mountain too? It's guaranteed to be a good time! The theme for the weekend is still pending but will be announced soon. Our programming will be led by Rev. Deacon Philip Shearin and Dr. Caroline Mitchell, our Seminarian - they are working collaboratively in the planning stage now. Stay tuned!

### Cost for the Weekend

Parish Adults - \$150 / Young Adult/College Aged - \$100

Parish Youth (16 and under) - \$45

Please note: The cost will never prohibit someone from attending our weekend retreat if they really want to go...Scholarship aid and financial assistance IS available. Please reach out to Robin for more information.

Those committed to attend include *Justin & Miles Ivatts; Caroline Mitchell; Philip Shearin; Robin, Maggie & Tom McFillen; Wendy Oesterling & Jim Greene; Tara & Wynn Flaten; Mark Elyea; Linda Parker; Sarah & Stuart Dunn; Rives & Jess Bacon; Katie, Todd, Charlotte & Warren Maiberger; LaShonda, Izzy, Terrence, Diane & Robyn Preston; Kathy & Jon Campbell; Sarah, Kevin, Lily, Evelyn & Allison Bosworth; Charlie Boulton; Carolyn Gordon; Adam Wilson; Elise Rovde; Jimmie Harp; Ayana & Nyon Malone; Kim Davis; Tam Ratchford; Sam, Meya & Sammy Collings...*

If you want to join the list and come on Retreat too,  
please call or email Robin in the church office at  
540-955-1610 / [amzgrace@verizon.net](mailto:amzgrace@verizon.net)

### PLEASE SUPPORT THE PARISH *with our ongoing Fundraiser*

These 30oz RTIC Tumblers are stainless steel, double-wall vacuum insulated. Keeps drinks ice cold longer - works great for hot beverages too. The included shaded Splash Proof lid with flip-top closure resists spills and is straw-friendly. Easy to clean.

**\$26.50 each / Supplies are limited** - Stop by the office or email Robin at [amzgrace@verizon.net](mailto:amzgrace@verizon.net) to get yours today!



## Church Calendar - Quick View!

**Sunday, April 11** - Alleluia! After over a year, we can finally open the doors to offer in-person Worship INSIDE our beautiful churches! 9 am at St. Mary's / 11 am at Grace Church. Social Distancing and Masks Mandatory!

**Sunday, April 11** - Youth Confirmation Class @ 7 pm via Zoom!

**Wednesday, April 14** - Morning Bible Study - New Bible Study Topic BEGINS / Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis @ 10:30 am

**Sunday, April 18** - Youth Confirmation Class @ 7 pm via Zoom!

**Monday, April 19** - GEC Vestry Meeting - 7 pm via Zoom!

**Wednesday, April 14** - Morning Bible Study @ 10:30 am

**Friday, April 23** - Shrine Mont Retreat Weekend (arrival anytime after 2 pm)

**Saturday, April 24** - Shrine Mont Retreat Weekend

**Sunday, April 25** - Shrine Mont Retreat Weekend (departure 2 pm)

**Sunday, April 25** - NO services offered by Clarke Parish this day since our leadership team will be away on retreat. Instead, parishioners and friends are invited to attend virtual services offered by The Washington National Cathedral

visit for <https://cathedral.org/worship/> for the service link

**Sunday, April 25** - Youth Confirmation Class - NO CLASS!

**Wednesday, April 28** - Morning Bible Study @ 10:30 am

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