

CLARKE PARISH – BERRYVILLE, VIRGINIA

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

THE EVANGELINE

Keeping you up-to-date on church happenings



Upcoming Service Schedule

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 20, 2022

8 am - Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

@ Grace Episcopal Church

Celebrant - Rev. Julie Harris, ret.
Seminarian / Sermon - Caroline Mitchell

9:15 am - Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

@ St. Mary's Memorial Church

Celebrant - Rev. Julie Harris, ret.
Seminarian / Sermon - Caroline Mitchell
Lay Reader - Gwendolyn Malone

11:15 am - Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

@ Grace Episcopal Church

Celebrant - Rev. Julie Harris, ret.
Seminarian / Sermon - Caroline Mitchell
Lay Reader - Ben Newlon

Lectionary Insert

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Genesis 45:3-11,15 / Psalm 37

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50 / Luke 6:27-38

We will not live-stream services this day.

The 11:15 am service will be recorded
instead and posted to the church
Facebook page later in the day.

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 27, 2022

"Jazz Sunday"

8 am - Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

@ Grace Episcopal Church

Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts
Seminarian - Caroline Mitchell

9:15 am - NO SERVICE

@ St. Mary's Memorial Church

10:15 am - Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

@ Grace Episcopal Church

Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts
Seminarian - Caroline Mitchell
Lay Reader - Stuart Dunn & Tara
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Acolytes - Robyn Preston & Gray Jones

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Exodus 34:29-35 / Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 / Luke 9:28-43a

The altar flowers at Grace Church are
given to the glory of God by Lee & Dave
McGuigan in loving memory of
Nancy R. Perkins.



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We have partnered with Tithe.ly - a trusted platform to
provide a simple, convenient, and secure way to
- continue supporting the church and our ministry
through online giving from anywhere at any time.

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NOW!**

Parish Calendar - Quick View

A Look Ahead...Upcoming Events & Activities

- **February 17** - February Food Distribution (volunteers needed - see article below)
- **February 18** - February Food Distribution (volunteers needed - see article below)
- **February 18-21** - Shrine Mont Winter Retreat for Confirmation Students and their families.
- **February 20** - NO Sunday School!
- **February 21** - OFFICE CLOSED (President's Day Holiday)
- **February 21** - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room
- **February 27** - Jazz Sunday Worship Service / 10:15 am @ GEC
- **March 1** - St. Mary's Memorial Church Annual Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House. The Annual Meeting will be immediately followed by a brief Vestry Meeting.
- **March 2** - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / 10 am in the Gracemont. Begin a new study topic for Lent - *Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday*.
- **March 2** - Ash Wednesday (services will be offered at noon @ STM and 7 pm @ GEC)
- **March 5** - Taize / 7 pm in the McIntosh Chapel
- **March 9** - Service of Noontday Office / 12 pm @ GEC
- **March 12** - Taize / 7 pm in the McIntosh Chapel
- **March 16** - Service of Noontday Office / 12 pm @ GEC
- **March 19** - Taize / 7 pm in the McIntosh Chapel
- **March 21** - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room
- **March 23** - Service of Noontday Office / 12 pm @ GEC
- **March 26** - Joint Vestry Retreat (tentative)
- **March 26** - Taize / 7 pm in the McIntosh Chapel
- **March 27** - Rev. Mark Jefferson from the VTS Bicentennial 200 Sermons Program will join us as guest clergy for the day. He will preach at all three services (8, 9:15 & 11:15 am)
- **March 30** - Service of Noontday Office / 12 pm @ GEC
- **April 2** - Taize / 7 pm in the McIntosh Chapel
- **April 6** - Service of Noontday Office / 12 pm @ GE
- **April 9** - Taize / 7 pm in the McIntosh Chapel
- **April 10** - Palm Sunday Worship & Confirmation with Bishop Porter Taylor. This special service will begin at 10:15 am at St. Mary's for the Blessing of the Palms. The congregation will then depart and begin their procession through town to Grace Church for the remainder of the Palm Sunday Liturgy and the confirmation of our youth candidates.
- **April 14** - Maundy Thursday (7 pm liturgy at GEC)
- **April 15** - Good Friday (7 pm service at St. Mary's)
- **April 16** - Holy Saturday (Liturgy of Holy Saturday - noon @ St. Mary's)
- **April 16** - Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil will begin at 8 pm at the Rectory firepit)
- **April 17** - Easter Sunday! All three services will be celebrated at Clarke Parish (8, 9:15 & 11:15). An Easter Egg Hunt will take place in lieu of children's Sunday School @ 10:15 (please meet in the GEC parish hall) and a potluck picnic will be enjoyed immediately following the 11:15 service.
- **April 24** - Piedmont Singers Concert (5 pm @ GEC)
- **April 29-May 1** - Shrine Mont Parish Retreat!
- **May 5** - 'Thoughtful Thursday' with Caroline resume at Wickliffe Church (time TBD)
- **May 22** - 'Mass in the Grass' and Parish Picnic!

News from the Office

Dear Friends:

We are gradually taking baby steps as we climb out of the pandemic and into a "new" normal. This Sunday I am thankful to Reverend Julie Harris and Dr. Caroline Mitchell for keeping the home fires burning while I am in Shrine Mont. This Sunday we will continue the protocols that we have been using inclusive of no congregational singing.



For Jazz Sunday we will return to three readings, full choir, and congregational singing. We will continue to wear masks in church and receive communion in our COVID safe way for the time being. Bishop Susan has said that she is hopeful that it won't be too long before we can return to the common cup but continues to ask us to be vigilant for the time being.

As always we will continue our live stream and ask that if you feel at all sick that you stay away from in-person worship and instead view the live stream. If you are not already vaccinated please, please, get vaccinated, that is the only way we will beat this pandemic. Please also encourage your friends to get vaccinated.

Blessings,
Justin+

Church News

February Food Distribution VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Every February, the churches of Clarke Parish volunteer to staff the monthly food distribution now organized by FISH of Clarke County (previously coordinated by the Clarke Co. Dept. of Social Services). The process has been streamlined and slightly modified with protocols in place that protect both recipients and volunteers from COVID concerns. The giveaway is scheduled for **THIS FRIDAY** (Feb. 18th) from 9-11 am. This important program helps provide FREE food boxes to members of our community needing a helping hand. Now more than ever, many people and families in the county, across the country, and the world are facing food insecurity like never before. This is a worthwhile way to give back locally to our neighbors.

Here's how you can help:

Thursday, February 17th - volunteers will meet in the Fellowship Hall at Duncan UMC in Berryville @ 2 pm to unload the food bank delivery into the church hall. We will set up, organize/sort, and begin the process of filling boxes with the grocery items. About a dozen volunteers are needed for 2-hours. This is now the busier of the volunteer days!

Friday, February 18th - volunteers will meet in the Fellowship Hall at Duncan UMC in Berryville at 8:30 am to staff the giveaway. Recipients will remain in their cars for a drive-thru pick-up process. No one other than FISH staff and our volunteers will be allowed inside the building. We will need 3-6 volunteers able to lift heavy boxes into the client's cars.

Masks are mandatory. Hand sanitizer & gloves will be provided for food handling.

**PLEASE call Robin in the office ASAP is interested and available to help!
Better yet...just show up!**

—Shrine Mont Winter Retreat Feb. 18-21, 2022

This weekend, youth Confirmation students, their teachers, and families will travel to Orkney Springs to enjoy a long winter



weekend together at Shrine Mont. The agenda is unstructured to allow time for friendly interaction, good conversation, fellowship, and fun. The highlight of the weekend will be a snow tubing adventure at nearby Bryce Resort on Sunday evening. Please keep our group of young people and adults in your thoughts and prayers as we prepare to head off on this fun adventure.

NOTE: Sunday School Class will NOT meet this Sunday at church as the majority of our students will be away at Shrine

Mont.

Lay Reader & Acolyte Schedule March 2022



To our Lay Readers & Acolytes - Please take a look at the attached schedule and check your assigned dates. Remember to contact the office ASAP if there are conflicts so we can work together to reassign those dates/times.

[CLICK HERE - March 2022](#)

Please note that lay readers have not been scheduled for the Saturday evening Taize services - Volunteers are needed! If available to serve, please contact Robin in the office.

As always, thank you for your continued service to the church and for being a part of this important ministry. We appreciate YOU!



Vestry News

The Vestry of Grace Church is scheduled to meet on Monday, February 21 @ 7 pm in the Conference Room. At this meeting, we will thank our outgoing members, Todd Maiberger and Ben Newlon, for their hard work and gracious service to the church over the past 3-years. We will also welcome our newest Vestry members that were elected to serve during last month's Annual Meeting of Grace Church - Kathy Campbell (1-year term), Sarah Dunn, Dave McGuigan & Keith Seekford (3-year terms). New officers will be elected as well (Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Register, Council Delegate, etc).

The Vestry of St. Mary's Memorial Church is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 1 @ 1 pm in the Parish House. The Annual Meeting of St. Mary's Memorial Church will also take place at this date/time when calendar year 2021 reports will be presented, and new members will be elected to serve on Vestry. Special thanks are extended to retiring members, Ruth Costello and Gwendolyn Malone. Gwen has faithfully served St. Mary's as their Senior Warden for the past 2+ years.



Sing a New Song A note from the choir loft...

What are your favorite hymns? Why do you like them? When do you first remember singing them? There is always a story!

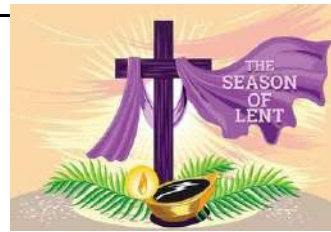
- Jimmie Harp didn't hesitate or think twice before he told me his favorite hymn is "O God, our help in ages past," #680 in *Hymnal 1982*. Jimmie first heard and sang this important hymn in our tradition 50-ish years ago when he first attended St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Houston, TX. St. Stephen's was Jimmie's first experience worshipping in the Episcopal church and he and Elizabeth were part of St. Stephen's for many years after they were married. Jimmie says, "I have always liked the words and

message of this hymn." Isaac Watts wrote this hymn in 1708, paraphrasing Psalm 90, part of his work to put all of the Psalms of David into New Testament language. An English Congregational minister and theologian, Watts wrote more than 750 hymns. We sing the hymn to the tune *St. Anne*, composed by William Croft, also in 1708. Just think about how many Christians all over the world have sung this hymn in those 314 years!

Thanks, Jimmie, for sharing this story. I join you in loving the message "O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home."

Keep a song in your heart!
Blessings, Wendy O.

The Season of Lent Service Schedule



Ash Wednesday - March 2, 2022

Worship with the Imposition of Ashes will be offered at noon @ St. Mary's / 7 pm @ GEC

Wednesday Noonday Service - Every Wednesday in Lent / 12 pm @ GEC with guest clergy from the local Ministerial Association.

- **March 9:** Sermon = Pastor Tyler Phillips (Berryville Baptist Church)
- **March 16**
- **March 23:** Sermon = Pastor Larry Sanymyer (Church of New Beginnings)
- **March 30**
- **April 6**

Taize - Saturdays in March / 7 pm in the McIntosh Chapel @ GEC

- **March 5**
- **March 12**
- **March 19**
- **March 26**

Palm Sunday - April 10, 2022

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Holy Saturday - April 16, 2022

Liturgy of Holy Saturday / noon @ St. Mary's
Easter Vigil / 8 pm @ GEC. This special service will begin at the Rectory firepit

Easter Sunday - April 17, 2022

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