

# CLARKE PARISH – BERRYVILLE, VIRGINIA

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

## THE EVANGELINE

Keeping you up-to-date on church happenings



### From the Office

#### Rector's Reflection

March 23, 2022

Dear Friends -

Virginia Theological Seminary was founded in 1823, in what was then part of Fairfax County, a largely rural county at that. It was founded in response to the first independent seminary of the Episcopal Church that had been founded eight years earlier in New York City. The General Seminary of the Episcopal Church, still to this day, the only seminary that is owned by the denomination, was founded by high church-leaning individuals who pushed for a high understanding of the sacraments. VTS as it is colloquially known was founded by low church Virginians to give them a seminary that would not be rife with wannabe Catholics. As time has marched on seminaries have become far less demarcated by their churchmanship and far more demarcated by their geographic location. For example, VTS draws many students from the southern diocese. VTS now has students from all forms of piety ranging from spikey Anglo-Catholic all the way down to as low church as you can get without being Presbyterian.

VTS was founded 200 years ago next year. As part of their bicentenary celebrations their Professor of Homiletics (preaching), The Reverend Mark Jefferson, Ph.D., is traveling around the country preaching 200 sermons. Mark will be with us on Sunday to preach three of those 200 sermons right here in Clarke Parish at our three services. Please do try and attend. It is certain to be a sermon worth hearing.

Blessings,  
Justin +



**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
Join us in DC to see the musical **Godspell!**

The Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC has its own theatre and is putting on the well-known musical from the 1970s - Godspell.

Clarke Parish would like to take a group on **Friday, May 27th at 7:30 pm** to see this production. Tickets are \$55 a person. Please sign up ASAP by calling Robin in the office and dropping off your check or putting it in the collection plate on Sunday with "Godspell" in the memo line. **Please sign up by Friday April 1, 2022.**

### Upcoming Service Schedule

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

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

@ Grace Episcopal Church

Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts  
Seminarian - Caroline Mitchell  
Sermon - Rev. Mark Jefferson  
Lay Reader - Melissa Casey

### 9:15 am - Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

@ St. Mary's Memorial Church

Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts  
Seminarian - Caroline Mitchell  
Sermon - Rev. Mark Jefferson  
Lay Reader - Gwen Malone

### 11:15 am - Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

@ Grace Episcopal Church

Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts  
Seminarian - Caroline Mitchell  
Sermon - Rev. Mark Jefferson  
Lay Reader - Tara Flaten  
Acolytes - Stella H. & Gray J.

Lectionary Insert  
[CLICK HERE](#)

Joshua 5:9-12 / Psalm 32 / 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 / Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

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

@ Grace Episcopal Church

Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts  
Seminarian - Caroline Mitchell  
Lay Reader - Wendy Oesterling

### 9:15 am - Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

@ St. Mary's Memorial Church

Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts  
Seminarian/Lay Reader  
Caroline Mitchell

### 11:15 am - Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

@ Grace Episcopal Church

Celebrant - Rev. Justin Ivatts  
Seminarian - Caroline Mitchell  
Lay Reader - Kim Davis  
Acolytes - Gray J. & Elise R.

Lectionary Insert  
[CLICK HERE](#)

Isaiah 43:16-21 / Psalm 126 / Philippians 3:4b-14 / John 12:1-8



### Guest Clergy

**Rev. Dr. Mark Jefferson to Visit Clarke Parish  
THIS SUNDAY (3/27)**

— Rev. Mark Jefferson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Homiletics, is preaching sermons around the world in honor of Virginia Theological Seminary's historic bicentennial. VTS is honoring its 200th anniversary on October 15, 2023 and in contribution to this special event, Rev. Dr. Jefferson is preaching 200 sermons locally, nationally, and internationally in the time leading up to the bicentenary. We are honored to have him with us at Clarke Parish THIS SUNDAY, March 27th where he will offer the sermon at all three services.

[Click HERE to learn more about Rev. Jefferson \(Bio\)](#)



### In-Person OR Live-Stream... Your Choice!

— Although we will always prefer having you attend service and worship with us in our beautiful churches, we will continue to live-stream the 11:15 am service each week for our friends that are traveling, further afield, or still uncomfortable attending in person.

Live Stream services are available to view via our YouTube Channel (Clarke Parish - Berryville Grace Episcopal Church) OR Facebook (Grace Episcopal Church - Berryville). The service goes live at 11:15 and then afterward is available to view at your convenience.

# Parish Calendar - Quick View

## A Look Ahead...Upcoming Events & Activities

- **March 23** - Service of Noonday Office / 12 pm @ GEC
- **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 Noonday Office / 12 pm @ GEC
- **April 2** - Taize / 7 pm in the McIntosh Chapel
- **April 3** - Confirmation Class Service Rehearsal during Sunday School. Meet in the Gracemont at 10:15 am
- **April 5** - St. Mary's Vestry Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House
- **April 6** - Service of Noonday Office / 12 pm @ GEC
- **April 9** - Campus Clean-Up Day / 9 to noon! Please come help us do some Springtime Yard & Garden Maintenance around the campus so we can have everything looking its best for the Bishop's visit. Many hands make light work!
- **April 9** - Taize / 7 pm in the McIntosh Chapel
- **April 10** - No Sunday School!
- **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 St. Mary's)
- **April 15** - Good Friday (7 pm service at GEC)
- **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 18** - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room
- **April 24** - St. Mary's ECW Meeting / Parish House immediately following 9:15 service
- **April 24** - NO Adult Christian Education
- **April 24** - Piedmont Singers Concert (5 pm @ GEC)
- **April 29 - May 1** - Shrine Mont Parish Retreat!
- **May 1** - NO Sunday School (Retreat Weekend)
- **May 3** - St. Mary's Vestry Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House
- **May 16** - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room
- **May 22** - 'Mass in the Grass' and Parish Picnic!
- **May 22** - NO Sunday School
- **May 29** - NO Sunday School (Memorial Day holiday)
- **May 30** - OFFICE CLOSED (Memorial Day)
- **June 5** - Last Day of Sunday School for the 2021/2022 youth session.
- **June 7** - St. Mary's Vestry Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House
- **June 12** - Summer Schedule BEGINS - During the Summer months, services will be offered at 9:15 am (St. Mary's) and 10:30 am (Grace). Services will alternate between Eucharist and Morning Prayer each week. For example...if Grace is offering Morning Prayer, St. Mary's will have Eucharist (and vice versa). Switch between the two churches depending on your weekly service preference.
- **June 20** - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room

## Church News

### EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to provide spring flowers to brighten the



church on Easter Sunday, please send and return -  
this form to the office with a \$15 check payable to Grace Church by April 6, 2022.

**Easter Flowers are given to the glory of God in**  
*(memory / celebration / honor)*

please circle

OF \_\_\_\_\_

BY \_\_\_\_\_

For flower orders at St. Mary's, please contact Dorothy D. at (304) 229-4710

**The Season of Lent**  
**Service Schedule**



**Wednesday Noonday Service** - Remaining Wednesdays in Lent / 12 pm @ GEC with guest clergy from the local Ministerial Association. No Lenten Lunches in 2022!

- **March 23:** Sermon = Pastor Larry Santmyer (Church of New Beginnings)
- **March 30:** Sermon = Rev. Jonathan Bunker (Berryville Presbyterian Church)
- **April 6:** Sermon = Father Paul (St. Bridget of Ireland Catholic Church)
- **April 13:** Sermon = Rev. Charles Woodruff (St. Luke Baptist Church)

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

- **March 26**

**Palm Sunday - April 10, 2022**

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.

**Maundy Thursday - April 14, 2022** / 7 pm @ St. Mary's / No Dinner in 2022!

**Good Friday - April 15, 2022**

'Seven Last Words' Prayer Vigil with members of the Clarke County Ministerial Association / 12 to 3 pm @ Grace Church  
Holy Eucharist / 7 pm @ Grace Church

**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**

**Christian Education News - THIS WEEK (3/27)**



**Adults:** The Adult Class will continue its study of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Parish House at St. Mary's beginning at 10:15 am.

**Children:** Class begins at 10:15 am - Come join us in the "Gracment" for some Sunday morning fun!

**Confirmation Students:** Class begins at 10:15 am - Count down to Confirmation! Only 2 classes left before Bishop Taylor visits Clarke Parish - your attendance is very important as we get ready for the BIG DAY!

**Volunteers Needed!**  
**Campus Clean-Up Day**  
**Saturday, April 9th from 9 to noon**



Help us put our best foot forward to make our church campus look its best for the Bishop's visit on Palm Sunday. The lawns and gardens need some love and attention after the long winter to get them springtime ready. Dave McGuigan (Jr. Warden) and Kathy Campbell will be our project coordinators for the day.

**Please join us for our Campus Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 9th from 9 to noon. Bring gloves, rakes, clippers, yard tools, etc. There are plenty of projects to tackle and keep everyone busy - "Many hands make for light work!" Come for all or part of the workday as your schedule allows. THANKS!**



**Bishop's Reception for The Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor and Confirmation Celebration for our confirmands**  
**Sunday, April 10, 2022 - GEC Parish Hall @ noon**

On Palm Sunday (4/10/22), Bishop Porter Taylor will join us at Clarke Parish to celebrate the Litany of the Palms, Holy Eucharist, and the laying on of hands with the Confirmation of our youth confirmands. We will offer one service only this day beginning at 10:15 am at St. Mary's Church for the blessing of the palms before processing through town to Grace Church for the remainder of the service.

**Immediately following worship, we will gather at the Parish Hall for a special Bishop's Reception and Confirmation Celebration with heavy hors d'oeuvres and finger foods. We haven't been able to enjoy a meal and social time together in a very long time and thought this a wonderful opportunity to get back to what we do so well - food & fellowship!**

**Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. If you would like to help with the reception and/or contribute something for the table, please visit the link below to sign-up. Your help will be most appreciated!**

**[Click HERE for the Perfect Potluck Sign-Up Sheet](https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/HOUD4809)**

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**Shrine Mont Parish Retreat**  
**April 29 - May 1, 2022**

Who's ready to spend a weekend in Orkney Springs? Our annual Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont is a highlight of the programming year and a great opportunity to engage with fellow parishioners and church friends. It's fun for the whole family! 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 all or part of our retreat weekend at Shrine Mont - we guarantee a great time!

## Mark your calendar & Save the Date!

The cost for the weekend is all-inclusive (housing, meals & fun):

Adults = \$150

College Students = \$100

Teens (13-18) = \$85

Youth (0-12) = \$60

Please note: The cost will never prohibit someone from attending our weekend retreat if they really want to go.

Scholarships & financial assistance are available. Please reach out to Robin for more information.

In an ongoing effort to keep Shrine Mont happy, we must provide them with an early idea of attendance numbers. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall foyer. If you want to sign-up and can't make it by the office during the week, please reach out to Robin and she'll add your name to the roster. Registration Forms and Deposits (50%) are due to the office by April 11th. Any remaining balance is due by April 29th.

[Click HERE to print a Registration Form](#)



### Sing a New Song!

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

Today we hear from The Rev. Julie Harris, our Priest Associate:

"What is your favorite hymn?" is always a difficult question for me. It often depends on the time of the year and where I am on my spiritual journey. This morning as I reflect on Wendy's question, the hymn that comes to mind is Hymn #213 - "Come away to the skies," an Easter Hymn I first heard when I was healing and regaining strength following a dark time of depression. It speaks to me of God's love and my place as God's beloved. It describes what it means to be an Easter People and captures the joy that we are created to share through the gift of Grace as we emerge from the depths of despair (Good Friday) into the light of resurrection (Easter). This hymn always reminds me in times of challenge that God's grace and love will always triumph. Thanks be to God."

The words of hymn #213 were written by Charles Wesley on the occasion of his wife's birthday on Oct. 12, 1755. Wesley wrote more than 6500 hymns during his ministry and lifetime. The tune "Middlebury" is from the early American shape-note tradition.

Keep a song in your heart!

Blessings, Wendy O.



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NOW!**

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