

**WELCOME GUESTS**-We are glad that you are with us today! Please complete a visitor card and give it to Father Matt as you leave and please consider joining us for a coffee reception in the Great Hall after the service. Please note that Sunday School is available for children ages 3-8 during the 9:00am service. The class meets on the second floor of the Great Hall (adjacent to our parking lot on Green St.).

**LENTEN SERIES**-Join us for a DVD presentation and discussion featuring Robert Barron in an engaging teaching series concerning the seven deadly sins, those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our flourishing in relationship with God and one another. This course will show us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition, which are the seven lively virtues. The seven lively virtues offer antidotes to each sin and help set us on the right path to healing and happiness. Sunday Nights at 6:30pm through April 90th. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church to provide meals.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**-A devotion to the Passion of Christ which recalls a series of events at the end of Jesus' life from his condemnation to his burial. The Way of the Cross imitates the practice of visiting the places of Jesus' Passion in the Holy Land by early Christian pilgrims. We are offering this every Friday at 1pm and Sundays, between services, at 10:30am.

**EASTER FLOWERS**-Donations for Easter flowers in memory or to honor a loved one are being accepted and are most welcome. Please indicate the information needed on your check or envelope for the Easter Sunday memorial list. Thank you.

**PASCHAL CANDLE 2017**-St. George's welcomes everyone to share in the purchase of our 2017 Paschal Candle "Coronation of Christ." Please contact the parish office with any questions. Thank you.

**SICM FOOD PANTRY**-During Lent, Georgian's are especially encouraged to remember the SICM food pantry. While the food pantry remains a continual outreach ministry, you may want to incorporate the food pantry into your Lenten devotions by increasing your donations. You could informally challenge your household to make forty donated items for Lent a goal with a particular emphasis on baby foods and formula which the food pantry is always grateful to receive.

**SAINT PATRICK'S DAY** Children ages 0-8 and their caregivers are invited to celebrate St Patrick's Day this Friday, March 17 from 10-11:30 am. We will have free play with plenty of toys, as well as special crafts and snacks. Contact April Stromberg at (610) 247-6557 or awstromberg@gmail.com with any questions.

**SICM SUMMER INTERN**-St. George's is hopeful of once again placing a young adult ages 17-23 in Schenectady Inner Cities Ministry summer intern program. This program is a wonderful way to serve the community and build experience while getting paid. If you would like more information, please contact Alice Pumbo @ 612-590-9147. Thank you.

**LIGHTHOUSE TEAM NEEDED**-St. George's needs to add a team to its once-a-month Lighthouse meal service. The Lighthouse is a ten resident group\_home run by Bethesda House for which St. George's provides a dinner and breakfast once a month. Volunteering consists of working in a team of two and providing these meals four times/year. This is a very flexible and easy outreach. For more information, please contact Alice Pumbo @ 612-590-9147. Thank you.

**SOCKS & UNDERWEAR FOR SCHENECTADY SCHOOL CHILDREN**

For Lent, and through Easter (4/16), St George's will be collecting children's socks and underwear for Schenectady school children in partnership with Schenectady County Schools social worker, Laura DeNofio. Children occasionally come to school improperly clothed or experience mishaps during the day which impedes their ability to learn. Your donation of children's underwear, sizes 5 to 10, and/or socks can be placed in the hamper located at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.

**ALL ON THE SAME PAGE**-The next meeting of club members will be between Masses on March 19th. The book selection for that meeting is "Barkskins" by Annie Proulx. It is a fictional account of two humble French immigrants brought to North America in the 17th century to work as loggers. The story spans three centuries, following the successes and failures of the two immigrants' families, the inexorable growth of the timber industry, and the resulting impact on our continent's ecology and native population. a meal for the family (her and her husband), April Stromberg has created a meal train at <https://mealtrain.com/dmmnvv> Log on and sign up!!

**TELEVISION SCHEDULE**-The schedule of taped masses on TV channel 16 are as follows: Sunday's @ 4:00pm, Thursday's @ 1:00pm & Friday's @ 2:00pm. They can also be seen on Albany TV channel 18 on Thursday's @ 6:30pm.

**RUMMAGE ROOM**-For all who are available and can help, Rick Forshaw is asking for volunteers to help him organize the rummage room for the upcoming Rummage sale. For more information, please contact Rick @ 369-8275. Thank you for your support.

### This Week at St. George's

*The Second Sunday in Lent*

#### Sunday, March 12

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
9:00 AM Mass, Rite I  
10:25 AM Tenebrae chant rehearsal *choir room*  
10:30 AM Stations of the Cross  
11:15 AM Mass, Rite II  
6:30 PM Lenten Supper & Discussion

#### Monday, March 13 (Rectors day off) *Lenten Feria*

4:30 PM Evening Prayer

#### Tuesday, March 14

*Lenten Feria*

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
9:00 AM Mass, Rite I  
2:00 PM ALM, Capital Living  
5:00 PM Evening Prayer  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

#### Wednesday, March 15

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
9:00 AM Mass, Rite II  
5:00 PM Evening Prayer  
6:00 PM Choir Call

#### Thursday, March 16

*Lenten Feria*

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
9:00 AM Mass, Rite II  
5:00 PM Evening Prayer  
6:30 PM Evening Prayer  
7:00 PM Vestry Meeting

#### Friday, March 17

*Lenten Feria*

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
11:00 AM Super Singers  
12:15 PM Mass, Rite II  
1:00 PM Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, March 18

*Lenten Feria*

**Parish Intercessions**-Dorothy, Ed, Larry, Bob H., Joan P., Jill, Aileen, Craig, Shirley, Nicholas, Kate, Robert H., Martha, Loren & family, Pat, Dagmar Mary, Pat R., Amelia, Andrea, Carolyn, Rick B., Douglas, Sandra Lee, Louisa, and Patrick.

**Birthdays**-Stella Schultz, 3/14 & Kathleen Todt, 3/16

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!!

#### Office hours:

9:00am-1:00pm  
Monday-Friday

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# Saint George's Church

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March 12, 2017

### Second Sunday in Lent

**PRELUDE:** Liturgical Improvisation No. 1 George Oldroyd (1887-1956)

*"My Soul hath a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord"*

**HYMN 401:** "The God of Abraham praise"

Leoni

**INTROIT:** *Call to remembrance thy tender compassion and mercy, O Lord; and thy loving kindness towards us; which have been ever of old; neither suffer our enemies to triumph against us; deliver us, O God of Israel; out of all our misery and trouble. Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul; my God, in thee have I trusted; let me not be confounded. Glory be...*

#### **OPENING SENTENCE:**

*Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins His Mercy endureth for ever. Amen*

#### **AN EXORTATION (BCP 316)**

#### **CONFESSION:**

*Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. kneel  
Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

#### **ABSOLUTION:**

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**KYRIE ELEISON: S-86**

(Front section of Hymnal)

Hassler/McGregor

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:** kneel

*Celebrant The Lord be with you.*

*People And with thy spirit.*

*Celebrant Let us pray.*

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT:** Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 121** *Levavi oculos*

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,  
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

**THE EPISTLE:** Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**9:00 SEQUENCE HYMN 636:** “How firm a foundation” *Foundation*

**11:15 SEQUENCE HYMN: WL&P 805** “I want Jesus to walk with me” *Spiritual*

**TRACT:** *Thy love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and thy faithfulness to the cloud. Thy righteousness is like the strong mountain; thy justice is like the great deep; thou savest both man and beast, O Lord. How priceless is thy love, O God; thy people take refuge under the shadow of thy wings. They feast upon the abundance of thy house; thou givest them drink from the river of thy delights. For with thee is the well of life and in thy light we see light.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 3:1-17 *stand*

*Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John*

*People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**THE SERMON** *Fr. Matthew Stromberg*

**THE NICENE CREED:** *stand*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE:** *I have spoken of thy faithfulness and thy salvation. Withhold not thy mercy from me; let thy steadfast love preserve me.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** “For God so Loved the World” Craig Phillips (b. 1961)  
**11:15 OFFERTORY HYMN 688:** “O love how deep, how broad, how high”

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** *Stand*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings:*

*Celebrant The Lord be with you.*

*People And with thy spirit.*

*Celebrant Lift up your hearts.*

*People We lift them up unto the Lord.*

*Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.*

*People It is meet and right so to do.*

**Celebrant:** *It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God... Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,*

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS: S-117** “*Missa Verbum Caro Factum Est*”

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most high.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest**  
**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I: (BCP 334)**

*All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.... ..And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,*

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.***

***And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

**THE FRACTION:**

*Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!*

*People: Therefore Let us keep the feast*

*Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you*

*People: And with thy spirit*

**AGNUS DEI from An Anglican Folk Mass Martin Shaw**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS:**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Celebrant: Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world*

*People: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof but speak the word only and I shall be healed.*

**THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION:** (All baptized Christians may receive, regardless of age or denomination.)

**COMMUNION SENTENCE:** *For God so loved the world; that he gave his only Son; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

**COMMUNION HYMN 313:** “Let thy blood in mercy poured” *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*  
**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

**FINAL HYMN 143:** “The glory of these forty days” *Erhalt uns, Herr*

**POSTLUDE: Voluntary in G minor William Boyce**

**Today’s Celebrant & Servers:**

Celebrant - 9 AM & 11:15 AM - The Reverend Matthew R. Stromberg

Organist & Director of Music–Mr. Andrew R. Krystopolski

Crucifer-Dan Machold or Colton Jaquith

Thurifer-Christopher Henry

MC 9 AM-David Kennison, MC & Lector 11:15 AM-Kevin Grace

Lector 9 AM-Alice Polumbo

Greeters 9 AM-Barb Wengrovius & Lynn Paska

Counters–Ann Kennison & Rich Unger