



The Mission Bell



March 2021

Season of Lent

Lent officially began with Ash Wednesday on February 17th, with the First Sunday of Lent being on February 21st. This also brings about quite a few changes not only in our liturgy but also in the physical appearance of our worship space. Stations of the Cross adorn our walls and our Altar space undergoes a transformation.

You will notice no brass candle holders but instead, wooden candle holders. The collection plate is either a woven basket or wood not the brass that we use during the rest of the season. Our processional cross made of wood and brass is just plain wood. The color for Lent is Purple. There are also no Altar Flowers during Lent.

This is all done intentionally to reflect a more solemn, prayerful and reflective mood as we wait in anticipation of the glory of Easter.

The same is true with our Liturgy which undergoes a dramatic shift in tone during Lent. At worship service there is no singing or saying the word "Alleluia".

Stations of the Cross



Lent began with Ash Wednesday, this year on February 17th. You will notice the Stations of the Cross posted on the walls of the nave of the church in preparation for our Lenten observance, and they will remain there until Easter Sunday. Take a few

moments before our worship service begins on

Sunday morning and walk around and reflect on the scenes that are depicted.

From the initial days of the fledgling Christian Church, Jesus' followers told the story of his passion, crucifixion at Calvary, and His Resurrection. When followers came to Jerusalem, they were anxious to see the sites where the important events had occurred. Over time, following in Jesus' footsteps during His last day, following the Way of the Cross, became a regular part of the visit of most pilgrims. As the Church spread, it became more difficult for members to make their way to these holy sites. As a result, in the 1500's, villages all over Europe started creating shrines or plaques of these sites to commemorate the events. Initially the number varied widely but was eventually set at the current fourteen that we now use.

The liturgy of the Stations of the Cross is a contemplative reflection upon the agony experienced by Our Lord as He made His way from the trial through His crucifixion and ends with His body being laid in the tomb. We, too, move from event to event during these last hours of Jesus' life.

We will observe the Stations of the Cross as a community on Good Friday, April 2nd at 3:00 p.m.

Project P.I.N.

Reminder that Sunday, March 14th is Project P.I.N. Sunday. The P.I.N. pantry is always in need of Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Beef Stew, Canned Meats, Canned Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Coffee, Tuna Fish, Canned fruit. Items can be placed in the P.I.N. box in the Narthex.

Prayer List For March

Joyce & Steve Walason
Lori & Loagn Walden
Nora Walden

Cassie Young
Myra, John & Michael Ambrogi
Bob Beauchese & Mary Main

Henry & Priscilla Bennett
Andre, Blake & Leilani Benoit
Brenda & Greg Berndt & Jacoby Landry

Tina Blair
Glenn Bouthillier
Maurice Bouthillier

ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE NO POWER IN OURSELVES TO HELP OURSELVES: KEEP US BOTH OUTWARDLY IN OUR BODIES AND INWARDLY IN OUR SOULS, THAT WE MAY BE DEFENDED FROM ALL ADVERSITIES WHICH MAY HAPPEN TO THE BODY, AND FROM ALL EVIL THOUGHTS WHICH MAY ASSAULT AND HURT THE SOUL; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN+

Reminder: Set Your Clocks Ahead



Set Your Clocks Ahead. Yes, that's right. It will soon be time to "Spring Ahead" and set your clocks ahead with Daylight Savings Time going into effect. So on Saturday night, **March 13th**, when you go to bed make sure you have set your clocks ahead 1 hour so you are not late for church on **Sunday, March 14th!**

Items Needed

Thanks to all who have donated and continue to donate duffel bags, backpacks and suitcases to be donated to kids in Foster Care out of the Willimantic DCF Office. We are still collecting

items such as socks, children's underwear and toiletries that we can place in these in the bags/backpacks/suitcases.

If you wish to donate, please bring the items to church and leave it on a table in the parish hall. The items will be collected, placed in the bags/backpacks/suitcases and delivered to Emily Churchill at DCF. Any questions, please speak to Joyce Britland. Thank you for your kindness and caring with this important ministry.

Vestry Meeting

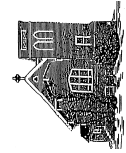
Reminder: The next scheduled **Vestry Meeting** is on **Sunday, February 21st** following our worship service.

Help Needed

The **Mainly Clothes Clothing Closet** in Moosup is looking for a volunteer to work one Saturday a month from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Training provided. Duties include sorting and putting out seasonal clothes, washing and drying clothes as needed, folding clothes, picking up empty hangers and racks, greeting guests who come in for free clothes. Mask wearing and social distancing followed while volunteering.

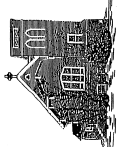
If you are interested in volunteering or for more information, call Joyce Britland at 860-564-5542. Leave a message and she will get back to you. Thank-you.





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St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
7 9:00 AM Morning Prayer II 3 Lent	8	9	10	11	12	13 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
14 9:00 AM Morning Prayer II 4 Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins - clocks ahead 1 hour 9:00 AM Morning Prayer II P.I.N. Sunday	15	16	17	18	19 St. Joseph	20 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
21 9:00 AM Morning Prayer II 10:00 AM Vestry Meeting	22	23	24	25 The Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary	26	27 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
28 9:00 AM Morning Prayer II Palm Sunday: Sunday of the Passion	29	30	31			

February

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Wednesday in Holy Week

Tuesday in Holy Week

Monday in Holy Week

Sunday in Holy Week

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MARCH 2021 SCHEDULES

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:

03/07 DAVID HOFFMAN
03/14 GREG BERNDT
03/21 KATHY DUBOIS
03/28 DAVID HOFFMAN

ACOLYTE:

ALTAR GUILD:

DEBBI & WAYNE LANGLOIS
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MARCH 7TH LECTOR AT 9:00 A.M. SERVICE: GREG BERNDT

MARCH 14TH LECTOR AT 9:00 A.M. SERVICE: DAVID HOFFMAN

MARCH 21ST LECTOR AT 9:00 A.M. SERVICE: GLENN BOUTHILLIER

MARCH 28TH LECTOR AT 9:00 A.M. SERVICE: ANNE OUILLETTE

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