

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

February 2021 Newsletter



Vicar's Lenten Reflections

The month of February will bring us into the Church season of Lent, with Ash Wednesday marked on our calendars for February 17th. On this day, our “observance of a holy Lent” will include Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes in the church parking lot at 4:30 PM. Then beginning February 25th at 3 PM, we will host a Zoom Lenten program, which will continue each week at the same time until March 25th. The studies will center on the theme “Becoming a Beloved Community.” Each study aims to inspire faith, hope, and love as we engage our call to live Christ centered lives. The program will include Bishops Anne and Sam, plus Canon David Sellery, Fred Thompson, and Barbara Cooke.

I am looking forward to growing with you in the grace and love of God as we observe a holy Lent.

Yours in Christ,

DATES FOR LENTEN SPEAKERS:

Mark your calendars.

Thursday, February 25 th	Bishop Sam Rodman
Thursday, March 4 th	The Rev. Fred Thompson
Thursday, March 11 th	Canon David Sellery
Thursday, March 18 th	The Rev. Barbara Cooke
Thursday, March 25 th	Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple

Due to Covid 19, church gatherings have been suspended until further notice

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Tuesday Morning – Healing & Intercessory Prayer, 11:00 a.m., from home. Contact Valerie Doolittle for prayer list.

Feb. 7 – 9:30 a.m. Zoom Morning Prayer with Fr. Kroohs

Feb. 14 - Taped sermon, Fr. Ken Kroohs

Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday – Holy Communion and imposition of ashes, church parking lot, 4:30

**Check complete Lenten schedule listed on this page. Please mark your calendar and plan to join Feb. 21 – Taped virtual service - You will receive a link*

Feb. 24 Vestry Meeting 3:00 - [All Are Welcome!](#) If you wish to join in, contact Bob Rinaldi for a Zoom link.

February 27 – Articles for March Newsletter are due. Contact Phyllis Olson.

Feb. 28 – Zoom Morning Prayer 9:30



February Birthdays

Teeny Thompson
Phyllis Marion
Jackie Wells



February wedding anniversaries

Sherol and Jim Grigerick

A LETTER FROM DEACON TALLY:

Dear Sweet Friends,

My guess is that all of us were more than ready to say goodbye to 2020, a year like none we ever experienced. Into 2021, troubles linger. Like many of you, my fellow travelers on planet earth, I have pre-registered for the vaccine and I encourage those of you over 65 to do the same by calling 910-947-7468.

Regardless of political party affiliation, I want to assure you that the National Church is outraged over the riots in our national capitol on January 6th, the day we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. I lived in the DC Metropolitan area for nearly thirty years and consider the Capitol to be a sacred place, and to see it under siege by a mob of terrorists made me furious and sick in my stomach. Bishop Michael Curry has said, "This sort of sickness must stop." We Episcopalians talk about the Beloved Community where ALL are children of God. We are called to love all of God's children, but to be honest I was repulsed by those breaking windows and storming the hallowed halls of the People's House. I beg you all to pray for stability, unity and peace in our nation.

On another note, I wish to thank all of you for the kindness shown me during this year of two major surgeries: a second knee replacement and back surgery. I am now Titanium Tally! The knee is great, but the back pain lingers. I'm told the nerves in my back are "mad" and regeneration will take a long time so your continued prayers are very much appreciated.

At Christmas, some of you generously supported the African project sending money for pigs. Moses has expressed concern for the elderly in his village as many do not have the \$27.00 to pay for a year's health care for a household of four. Jessie and I were able to send \$1,000 to help out.

My precious dog, James, who died in June, has been replaced with a rescue dog found living under a truck in a parking lot on St. Croix. He is very much like James, intelligent, quiet, calm and demands nothing. When we meet again, if you are interested, I'll tell you the miraculous story of how he came into my life from St. Croix.

I send love and blessings to you all,

Tally +

OUTREACH

Linda Lindner, our Outreach co-chair, along with Julia Poisson, has proposed that St MM adopt Seven Lakes Assisted Living and Memory Care as an ongoing Outreach project. With Vestry approval, St MM provided lunch for the facility workers on January 22, when Covid-19 vaccines were administered to the residents.

The following information was received from Courtney Griffin, the Life Enrichment Coordinator at Seven Lakes Assisted Living. Their community serves older adults with varying types of dementia who love to be entertained with games, puzzles, arts and crafts. They have requested donations which may include but are not limited to:

Adult Coloring Books

Colored Pencils/Markers/Crayons/Sharpies

Board Games/Checkers/Flashcards/Dominoes

Card Stock/ Paper /Construction Paper/

Books /Puzzles/Sudoku/Crossword

Non-Toxic Paint Play Dough/ Stationery and

Stamps/ Nail Polish and Remover/

Play Sand and Seashells/Clothespins/ Glue Sticks

/Paint Brushes/Paint Sponges/ Felt Paper Crafts/

Q-Tips /Cotton Balls/ Glue

Please leave any items you would like to donate in the box on the round table in the parish hall at St. Mary Magdalene. We will take the donated items to Seven Lakes Assisted Living and Memory Care on a monthly basis. If you would like to make arrangements to drop donations off at the church, **please call Linda (315-945-1320) or Julia (910-673-0425).**

Something to ponder:

Christ has no body but yours,

No hands, no feet on earth but yours,

Yours are the eyes with which he looks

Compassion on this world,

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,

Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,

Yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now but yours,

No hands, no feet on earth but yours,

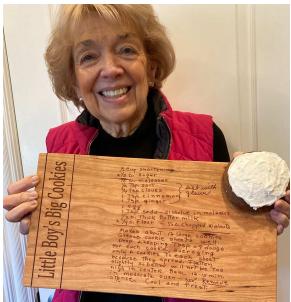
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- St. Teresa of Ávila

AROUND THE PARISH



Linda Sapp holds a special Christmas gift from her children, a cutting board on which is laseried her mother's special cookie recipe in her original handwriting. Linda has the address of the company if you would like to order such a product.



Sherol with Virginia grandchildren Peter, Daniel, and Elise

Bette Hanham has had her first vaccine, with the second one scheduled. She is very thankful her daughter Bonnie can visit often.



Matt Kuchinos is our new St. MM webmaster. Visit the website and admire his work. **Matt, we thank you for your dedication.** <http://stmm.dionc.org>

Dodie and Jack Lynn, now residing at Penick Village, are confined but when the weather permits they take their glasses of wine and meet friends outside for an end of the day visit.

Phyllis and Pete recently visited the Keiffers, wearing masks and maintaining proper distances. All in the group have had their first vaccines. Yay!!!

Jessie Mackay and Doug Roper were married on Christmas Day with The Rev. Tally officiating. Congratulations, Jessie and Doug.



Kensley (now 3) and Julie, the Loomises' granddaughter and daughter

Maureen and Bob Miller have had their first vaccine, with the second one scheduled. Maureen good naturedly said she's feeling "locked out and puzzled out."

FYI:

The Diocese has granted St. MM funds to purchase additional video equipment for recording and producing virtual services. Kim Doolittle is in charge of these purchases.

Emmanuel Thrift Shop will be having a One Day Sale on February 13th. All winter clothing will be \$1.00 per item.

Donna McClung now serves as second in command at Emmanuel Thrift Shop.

Fr. Stephen and Ellen will be on vacation through February 15.

Bob Rinaldi's picture appeared in the most recent *The Disciple*, recognizing St. MM's outstanding outreach efforts.

An updated church directory was emailed January 29, 2021. A printed copy is a handy thing to keep available.



file photos



Lia, Tessa & Lilith
2014



Pete and Phil
2015



Linda Rinaldi, her mother Reba, and Martha Ragland on duty at the thrift shop, 2014



“People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day.” **A.A. Milne (Winnie the Pooh)**

“Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow.” **Mark Twain**

“To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first, and call whatever you hit the target.” – **Ashleigh Brilliant**

Vestry Members

Senior Warden –Bob Rinaldi
Junior Warden – Julia Poisson
Skip Ragland, Charlotte Kennedy, Phyllis Marion, Linda Lindner and John Sapp.

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