



March 7, 2022

Good evening

THE PASSING OF MARY ANN WINSOR ~

Mary Ann passed away Sunday, March 6th while at Sterling Suites. Arrangements are: Calling hours from 11-1 with the funeral service immediately following at Snouffer Funeral Home. Burial will follow.

Please add the family to your prayers.

MESSAGES TO YOU FROM FR. ROB ~

I would like to make a special invitation to our Wednesday Eucharist at 5:30pm. This occurs every Wednesday of the year.

Lent is an important time to consider this as a key spiritual practice.

Deacon Susan Riis preaches a very well-prepared Sermon each Wednesday.

There is plenty of room for social distancing if that is a concern. Also, masks are still worn to help assure the continued safety of all.

Please prayerfully consider this.

I would love to see you on Wednesday nights at 5:30pm.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Rob+

And ~

Please join us for each Wednesday of Lent for our in-person Eucharist at 5:30 pm and then our Lenten Series on the Holy Gospels at 7:00

I look forward to seeing you

In Christ

Fr. Rob+

(The Lenten series will be presented via zoom.)

Updated COVID Guidelines

“The Diocesan COVID Medical Task Force met Thursday, March 3, to consider the most recent CDC recommendations and how they might apply to the parishes and communities in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. The Task Force reached a consensus on the following updated guidelines:

- Social gatherings, including coffee hours, shared meals, and receptions, are now allowed. Precautions should include good hand sanitation, cross-ventilation for airflow, and social distancing for indoor events.*
- With these precautions in place, congregations may resume food ministries, and outside groups may return to our buildings.*
- Wearing masks is optional but often prudent—and always permitted—both at social gatherings and in worship. Everyone may sing, either with a mask or without.*
- Congregations may offer the common cup at communion. Each person should decide whether to receive in one kind (the bread only) or also to drink from the cup. Intinction, once so common in the Episcopal Church, contributes to the spread of any communicable disease. The Task Force strongly discourages this practice.*
- At-risk groups deserve special attention, and these include the oldest and youngest among us. Young children have not yet had access to vaccines, and planners should consider this fact when planning Sunday School. Masking, hand washing, using larger rooms, and providing cross-ventilation make a safer space for those ages zero to four.*
- The past year’s data has shown that vaccinations do more than anything else to prevent disease spread and serious illness. The Task Force, as it has all along, strongly recommends the vaccine and booster.*
- Many of our congregations have grown accustomed to using dual platforms, both in-person and digital media, for much of what we do—worship, education, and meetings. The Task Force encourages the use of both platforms. The capacity of clergy, staff, and unpaid volunteers should be a consideration, however, as the increased demands of providing two platforms has stretched the limits for many of our people and leaders.*
- Leaders, lay and ordained, should continue to monitor COVID spread locally, both to assess the larger community and the needs of parish. A trend signaling increased spread of the virus, or the arrival of a troubling new variant, will require a return to stricter guidelines.*

The downward trend of infections and hospitalizations may signal a turning point in the pandemic. The way forward is likely not a straight line, but there is reason for hope. Pray God that cause for hope will continue.”

As more information on how this will impact our services becomes known – I'll certainly pass it on.

PAT RUSH IS RETIRING ~

Pat will be turning in his keys as of March 31st. Fr. Rob has someone in mind to take Pat's place. I personally want to thank my wonderful husband for all he does, it has been great working with him.

FRIENDSHIP DINNER ~

The February Friendship Dinner was a take-out dinner because of Covid. 42 dinners were distributed at a cost of \$2.49 per meal.

Thank you to everyone who helped to prepare this meal, to load the take-out boxes, to distribute the boxes, and to help clean up after the dinner.

The March Friendship Dinner is scheduled for March 26 and it will be an in-person dinner. Please consider volunteering to help serve this meal, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the undercroft.

A sincere thank you to everyone who has volunteered at the Friendship Dinner these last few months as I have been unable to participate.

FR. ROB'S 30 YEAR CELEBRATION ~

The invitation for Fr. Rob's celebration of his 30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood is again located at the back of the newsletter. Please call the office if you would like to make a reservation.

JANET STEWART WANTS TO SHARE ~

I am unfortunately not able to share the .pdf with you – maybe a copyright issue. So, I've included the link.

<https://secureservercdn.net/198.71.233.129/5ml.af3.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/ADailyPracticeforLent.pdf>

THIS WEEK SUNDAY, March 13

Eric Blake will be acting as chalice, lector and care for the altar at both services. Linda O'Neill and Beth Burton will be both our tellers and ushers during the 10:00 service. Molly Beetem will be our cantor. Tom Tompkins will be playing this week.



Lent begins on March the 2nd. No flowers will occur during the month of March and April 3. The first available date I now have is June 5th.



BEAR'S REPEATING ~~

ZOOM ~ We continue to have Sunday Morning Prayers at 11:00. Those that gather for the zoom service tend to join before 11 to have their “coffee time” with each other. Zoom has been a wonderful connection for those who are unable or choose not to be out.



St. James' 2022 Lenten Series

“A Bible Study of The Holy Gospels”

With an interlude presentation by David Schubach titled: “Church Music Through the Ages”

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Presentation at 7pm

“The Gospel of St. John”

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Presentation at 7pm.

“The Gospels of Saints Luke and Mark”

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Presentation at 7pm.

“Church Music Throughout the Ages”

By Mr. David Schubach,

Choirmaster of St. James Church.

Wednesday, March 30, 2020

Presentation at 7pm.

“The Gospel of St. Matthew”

All presentations will be via Zoom.

With my Blessing,

In Christ,

Fr. Willmann

Letter of invitation

Dear St. James Family,

On Saturday, June 4, 2022, at 4pm in The Gloria Dei Church at Capital University in Bexley, Ohio I will be celebrating my 30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

This will be a Solemn Eucharist for The Vigil of Pentecost.

Immediately following the Eucharist will be a dinner which I am hosting in The Koinonia Banquet Room right outside of the Church.

Both the Church and the Banquet Room are fully accessible by elevator.

I write to you today because I would love for you to be my special guests for this celebration.

To facilitate this, I have chartered "The Fun Bus" a 53-passenger motor coach to bring you from St. James to The Gloria Dei Church.

The Fun Bus will pick you up at St. James at 2pm and bring you to Bexley by approximately 3pm. You will have time to relax and explore the grounds of Trinity Lutheran Seminary.

The music will begin at 3:30pm. The Eucharist will begin at 4pm.

In keeping with the style of celebration I use at St. James the Liturgy will not be long probably approximately an hour and 15 minutes.

It will be filled with beautiful ancient music from the church's 2,000-year-old tradition of Sacred Music.

Note: There will be incense used.

The Gloria Dei Church is large enough you can sit distant and be unaffected by the incense.

Also of note: The Gloria Dei Church seating is beautiful wooden chairs that are very comfortable.

Seating will be prepared in advance depending on the number planning to attend.

In the event this is still needed the seating arrangements can be prepared to allow for ample social distancing.

I hope you will join me for this.

The Prayer will be beautiful and the dinner following will be delicious. At this time if you wish to join us, please call Mindy at: 740-453-9459 and reserve your place.

The Fun Bus can accommodate 53 people.

The Fun Bus will depart Bexley at 8pm and bring you back to St. James.

Once we have a general idea of who would like to come, I will call you personally to secure details and to determine which dinner selection you wouldlike.

Wishing Blessings for this New Year, I am,

sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Rob +



March

Birthdays

Anniversaries

- 1 Widad Joseph
- 11 Benjamin Gillespie
- 13 Jackson Wright (Carpenter)
- 17 Jim Snider
Eleanor Bailey
- 18 Renee Spiker
- 19 Jeanann Dickerson
- 23 Cheryl Martin
- 25 Maggie Collins
Pat Rush
- 26 Annette Porter
- 28 Tim Knell

- 20 Bruce & Brooke Carpenter
- 26 Evan & Tasha Abood