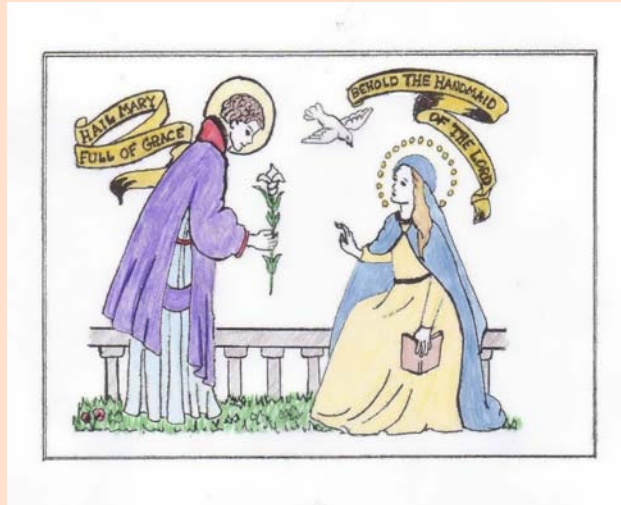


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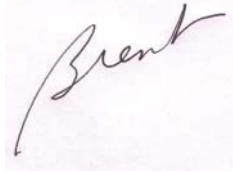
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FROM THE RECTOR
Father Brent Norris

In about six weeks I will begin sabbatical. The past few months have been spent making preparations and all seems well in hand. We have priests who will supply each Sunday. We know who will unlock on Sunday mornings and who will lock up in the afternoon. We have plans for covering hospital visitations and adult formation classes. I have plans for my time away that include time for spiritual retreat, academic study, rest and adventure. But that is only one side of sabbatical. The other side is how the congregation uses the time.

In the best of all possible worlds a clergy sabbatical is a time for the congregation to look at itself and its mission out of the shadow of the pastor. To put it another way: how much of St. Mary's is St. Mary's and how much is the Rector? How much of the energy of the parish is from the parish and how much is being supplied by the Rector? One of the things that I have said over and over again is that I will feel I have done my job as a pastor if I should, by chance, get hit by a bus, and the ministry of St. Mary's just continues to sail right along.

The work of ministry at St. Mary's should not slow down even a little while the Rector is gone. It may, in fact, turn out that once my shadow is gone some new leadership or ministry may sprout and grow. That would be a good thing and a sign of spiritual health.



INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST



Once a year at the 11:00 am service we offer an instructed Eucharist. This service explains the different parts of the liturgy and the ceremonies we use in worship. Doing this is a way of helping us both understand and participate more fully in the weekly observance of the Mass. Our instructed Eucharist this year will be on **July 8th at the 11:00 am** service. This would be an especially good time to invite those who are unchurched to come and worship with us.



Education for Ministry is a four year program of theological education offered through the School of Theology at Sewanee. A daytime class which will meet at St. Giles Chapel at Deerfield is being offered beginning in the fall. If you are interested please contact the Rector.

The Asheville Humane Society

Needs Episcopalians!



The first chapter of Genesis tells us that God has entrusted animals to our care as part of our charge to provide for the flourishing of the whole of God's creation — from the smallest creature to the widest ocean.

Not only are we called to stewardship of all living things, but to the care of the “least of these,” particularly those who depend upon us for mercy, kindness, and tenderness.

The Asheville Humane Society is holding a special information session for Asheville Episcopalians to explore the many ways we can help out.

From washing dishes and helping with community outreach, to providing comfort for an animal in need, Asheville Humane Society's lifesaving Volunteer and Foster Programs offer a wide variety of opportunities for animal lovers to use their unique talents and skills to help the animals of Buncombe County!

Volunteers provide much-needed socialization and enrichment for our animals, assist staff in daily activities, and offer their varied expertise in many different ways each day. Foster families help save lives by providing a temporary, loving and restful retreat for animals in need.

Please join us to find out how you can help those entrusted to our care:

Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.
Asheville Humane Society
14 Forever Friend Lane
Asheville, NC 28806

Please RSVP to: The Rev. Dn. Michael Ashmore
by July 12th: michaelashmore@charter.net
or call 828.225.3202.

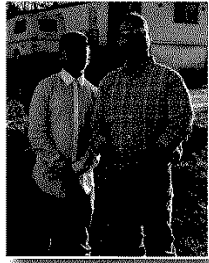
WELL DONE, CARROLL!

St. Mary's own *Carroll Toole* was recently recognized by Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Henderson County as Big Sister of the year. Carroll's commitment to making a positive impact of the lives of others is a true example of Christian devotion. Well done, we are proud of you, Carroll.

Big Brother Big Sister of 2018



Big Sister Carroll
and
Little Sister Jasmine



Big Brother Mark
and
Little Brother Estuardo

BREAD BAKERS NEEDED

The Rector has been baking the communion bread.

It takes about an hour once a month.

If you can take over this ministry for September, October and November please let Fr. Brent know.

RUMMAGE SALE TO BENEFIT STEADFAST HOUSE

St. Mark's Lutheran Church will have a rummage sale on **Saturday, July 21st from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.**

All proceeds will go to the new housing project at Steadfast House.

ALTAR FLOWERS



We have done a great job of filling up the flower donation chart for 2018.

Only one thing is lacking.

Please remember to pay for them. **\$30.00 per Sunday.** Thanks.

FIFTH SUNDAY AT J&S

Sunday, July 29th, is a fifth Sunday. That means it is J&S Cafeteria for lunch after the 11:00 am mass.

It is great fun and a wonderful way to share table fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

SUMMER VACATION

If you are traveling on summer vacation it is a great thing to

keep the observance of Sunday by attending mass where you are traveling.

Worshipping with other congregations is a great way to experience the wide breadth of the Episcopal tradition.

JULY PRAYER CYCLE

Daily Prayers for: Diocese, Anglican Communion, Religious Communities

1	St. Andrews, Bessemer City Diocese of Down & Dromore (Ireland) Sisters of the Community of St. Mary, Sewanee	16	St. Thomas, Burnsville Anglican Church in Rwanda Sisters of the Order of St. Helena, Augusta, GA
2	St. Francis, Rutherfordton Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea All Saints' Sisters of the Poor, Catonsville, MD	17	St. Luke's, Boone Diocese of Eastern Michigan The Community of Taize
3	St. Peter-by-the-Lake, Denver Diocese of Dublin & Glendalough (Ireland) Sisters of the Community of the Holy Spirit, New York	18	St. Mary's, Blowing Rock Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador (Canada) Brothers of St. Gregory's Abbey, Three Rivers, MI
4	Church of the Advocate, Asheville Diocese of Duk (Sudan) Sisters of the Community of St. Francis, San Francisco	19	Calvary, Fletcher Diocese of Eastern Oregon Brothers of the Servants of Christ Priory, Phoenix, AZ
5	St. Luke's & Our Saviour, Lincolnton Diocese of Dunedin (New Zealand) Sisters of the Community of St. John the Baptist, NJ	20	St. Joseph's, Christ School Diocese of Eastern Zambia Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity, Ripon, WI
6	St. Gabriel's, Rutherfordton Diocese of Dunkwa-on-Offin (Ghana) Sisters of the Community of St. Mary, Greenwich, NY	21	Good Shepherd & Holy Cross, Tryon Diocese of Eau Claire Sisters of Charity, Little Britain, Ontario
7	Redeemer, Shelby Diocese of Durgapur (India) Sisters of the Transfiguration, San Pedro, DR	22	St. James & La Capilla De Santa Maria, Hendersonville Diocese of Edinburgh (Scotland) Sisters of St. John the Divine, Toronto
8	All Saints & St. Mark's, Gastonia Diocese of Durham (England) Sisters of St. Mary, West Province, Mukwonago, WI	23	St. Philip's, Brevard Diocese of Dunkeld & Dunblane (Scotland) Brothers of the Society of St. Francis, Mt. Sinai, NY
9	Deerfield & St. Giles, Asheville Episcopal Church in the Philippines Sisters of the Church, Oakville, Ontario	24	Transfiguration, Bat Cave Diocese of Edmonton (Canada) Brothers of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge, MA
10	Thompson Home, Charlotte Diocese of Dutse (Nigeria) Sisters of the Transfiguration, Cincinnati, OH	25	St. Paul's, Edneyville Diocese of Egba-West (Nigeria) Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret, Port-au-Prince
11	Holy Communion, Glendale Springs Diocese of East Carolina Brothers of the Holy Cross, West Park, NY	26	Transfiguration, Saluda Diocese of Egbu (Nigeria) Priests of the Society of St. Paul, Palm Desert, CA
12	Christ, Sparta Diocese of East Kerala (India) Sisters/Brothers of Julian of Norwich, Waukesha, WI	27	Holy Family, Mills River Dioceses of Egypt Sisters of Teachers of the Children of God, Tucson, AZ
13	Holy Cross, Valle Crucis Diocese of East Ruwenzori (Uganda) Sisters of St. Anne, Bethany Convent, Arlington, MA	28	St. John-in-the-Wilderness, Flat Rock Diocese of Eha-Amufu (Nigeria) New Vocations
14	The Savior, Newland Diocese of Tennessee Sisters of St. Anne, Ascension Convent, Chicago, IL	29	Valle Crucis Conference Center Diocese of Ekiti Kwara (Nigeria) Associates of Religious Orders
15	Trinity, Spruce Pine Diocese of Eastern Himalayas (India) Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret, Boston	30	Kanuga Conference Center Church of Province of South East Asia Religious Communities in the Anglican Communion
		31	National Episcopal Church Diocese of Ekiti Oke (Nigeria) Oblates of Religious Orders

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE FOR JULY

	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Server 8:00 am	H. Nicholls		H. Nicholls		H. Nicholls
Reader(s)	S. Blankinship	J. Donarum	W. Graham	C. Norris	B. Perry
Altar Party 11:00 am	T. Naomi E. Cole L. Bullock L. Buckner	R. Bullock R. Watson A. Blankinship S. Blankinship	T. Naomi A. Blankinship S. Blankinship E. Cole	R. Bullock T. Naomi L. Bullock L. Buckner	T. Naomi E. Cole Aspen Bullock L. Buckner
Ushers	M. Stanley B. Stanley	J. Perry B. Perry	J. Perry B. Perry	P. Buckner G. Bullock	P. Buckner G. Bullock
Counters	T. Naomi R. Watson	P. Wooten Ami Bullock	T. West A. Blankinship	M. Stone C. Longoria	D. King M. Davis
Coffee Hour	L. West	L. Cook	D. Watson		J. & S. Cafeteria

NOTICE

+++ **The deadline to submit articles for the August newsletter will be July 20** +++

FROM THE REGISTER ATTENDANCE REPORT

	8:00 am	11:00 am	Total
June 3	15	42	57
June 10	15	42	57
June 17	15	45	60
June 24	20	42	62

St. Mary's Church

JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PENTECOST VI: Proper 8 8:00 am Mass <u>Green</u> 11:00 am Sung Mass	2 <i>Rector's Day off</i>	3 Harriet Beecher Stowe <i>(transferred)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u> <i>(O. C. Edwards)</i>	4 <i>Parish Office closed</i>	5 <i>Parish Office closed</i>	6 Sexburga <i>Parish Office closed</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>White</u> <i>(S. Weissman)</i>	7 10:00 am AI-Anon/MH
8 PENTECOST VII: Proper 9 8:00 am Mass <u>Green</u> 11:00 am Sung Mass	9 <i>Rector's Day off</i>	10 Benedict of Nursia <i>(transferred)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u> <i>(O. C. Edwards)</i>	11 7:30 pm Choir	12	13 Silas, com- panion of Paul 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>Red</u> <i>(B. Norris)</i>	14 10:00 am AI-Anon/MH
15 PENTECOST VIII: Proper 10 8:00 am Mass <u>Green</u> 11:00 am Sung Mass	16 <i>Rector's Day off</i>	17 William White 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u> <i>(O. C. Edwards)</i>	18 12:30 pm Clergy Lunch/Tommy's 7:30 pm Choir	19 7:00 pm <i>Meeting/EH</i>	20 Requiem 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>Black</u> <i>(S. Weissman)</i>	21 10:00 am AI-Anon/MH
22 PENTECOST IX: Proper 11 8:00 am Mass <u>Green</u> 11:00 am Sung Mass	23 <i>Rector's Day off</i>	24 ST. MARY MAGDALENE 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u> <i>(O. C. Edwards)</i>	25 5:30 pm Vestry/KH 7:00 pm <i>Grove Park Board/EM</i> 7:30 pm Choir	26 7:00 pm <i>Meeting/EH</i>	27 ST. JAMES <i>(transferred)</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>Red</u> <i>(S. Weissman)</i>	28 10:00 am AI-Anon/MH
29 PENTECOST X: Proper 12 8:00 am Mass <u>Green</u> 11:00 am Sung Mass	30 <i>Rector's Day off</i>	31 Ignatius of Loyola 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u> <i>(O. C. Edwards)</i>			MH: Mercer Hall EH: Emmaus Hall KH: Ketchum House	

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CLERGY

The Rt. Rev'd José McLoughlin _____ Bishop of Western North Carolina
The Rev'd Brent Norris _____ Rector
The Rev'd Michael Ashmore _____ Deacon
The Rev'd O. C. Edwards _____ Priest Associate
The Rev'd Stephen Weissman _____ Priest Associate
The Rev'd Catherine Powell _____ Priest Associate
Daniel Gainey _____ Pastoral Musician

VESTRY AND OFFICERS

Tom Naomi _____ Senior Warden
Thomas West _____ Junior Warden
Patricia Crenshaw _____ Treasurer
Stephen Sesko _____ Clerk of the Vestry

Ami Bullock _____ Class of '19
Matt Stone
Thomas West

Michael Davis _____ Class of '20
Roger Watson
Pat Wooten

Danielle King _____ Class of '21
Christine Longoria
Tom Naomi

STAFF

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