

WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

SUNDAYS:

10:00 AM EUCHARIST

10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

7:30 PM Eucharist with imposition of ashes

LETTER FROM FR. MATHEW

Dear People of God,

The other day, I was reading something that I felt was very fascinating. This piece of writing was about a certain species of firefly or lightning bug known as synchronous fireflies. These particular species of fireflies found in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park are quite unique. They are known as synchronous fireflies because of their synchronous pattern of lighting. As per the park's website, during the firefly season, the whole forest is illuminated by the rhythmic lights of these fireflies that make the park so beautiful at night.

I believe that there is a spiritual light in each one of us. If only we all join together in synchronization to illuminate the world around us, the world can be so much brighter. The experience of being the church is not just confined to a Sunday morning liturgical service but it goes beyond that. We are called to be God's light on this earth. I believe that's why the gospel of Jesus Christ proclaims to us, "You are the light of the World (Matthew 5: 14)."

As the Season of Epiphany bids good bye making way to the liturgical Season of Holy Lent; let us be God's guiding light to each other so that we may not be lost.

Peace,
Varghese Mathew+

MARCH 2 OUTREACH SUNDAY DOBBS FERRY FOOD PANTRY

This is the last month this year for making a financial offering to help in the work of the Dobbs Ferry Food Pantry. You will be helping approximately 100 poor working families in our area meet their basic needs. The pantry helps them by making available food, household supplies, diapers, etc. Some of these items are donated in kind, but many items have to be purchased which is why we ask for your most generous donation to help address this need in our community.

MARCH 2 PANCAKE COFFEE HOUR IN OBSERVATION OF SHROVE TUESDAY


Last year's substitute of a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Coffee Hour following the Eucharist on the Sunday before Shrove Tuesday was such a success we decided to do it again this year. Some of our parishioners do not drive after dark so evening events become problematic. Holding the event on Sunday means that more people are able to participate. Our master chefs, Marcie and Rick Weaver, will be making the pancakes and sausages, so come prepared for all you can eat.

MARCH 5, ASH WEDNESDAY, 7:30 PM

There will be a Eucharist at 7:30 PM with imposition of ashes in observation of Ash Wednesday on March 5. Please mark your calendars.

MARCH 15, SATURDAY, THE GREAT LITANY PRAYER PROCESSION

These troubling times call for both reflection and action. Please join your fellow parishioners on March 15 at 5 PM in the parking lot where the procession to the sanctuary will begin as we pray for hope and healing. You will be making a visible statement to the community of the need for God's grace.



THE GREAT LITANY PRAYER PROCESSION


JOIN US IN PRAYER THIS LENT SEASON AS WE SEEK
GOD'S PEACE, PROTECTION, AND
DELIVERANCE FROM ALL EVILS.

WE PRAY FOR HOPE AND HEALING.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 @ 5PM

COMMENCING IN CHURCH PARKING LOT
(PROCESSIONING TO THE SANCTUARY)

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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MARCH 22, SATURDAY LENTEN RETREAT

Following last years very successful lenten retreat which was attended by more than 30 people from four participating churches, there will be another retreat held on Saturday, March 22. The four churches involved are: St. Andrew's, St. Barnabas, St. Joseph and Grace Church. Last year the participants all expressed a desire that this initiative of cooperative ministry would continue and that another retreat would be organized. More details about the retreat will be announced later. Meanwhile please mark the date on your calendars.

MARCH 21 MIDNIGHT RUN

You know the drill. Please come help sort clothes for the run on Wednesday March 19 at 10 AM or help with the food and lunch bags on the day of the run or actually go on the run. For the last several runs we have had no hard boiled eggs because no one has volunteered to make them. If it's the cost of the eggs that is a problem, please speak with Nancy Gotthelf as we may be able to help with that. One way or another it would be good if we had eggs to put in the lunch bags for the March 21 run.

REPORT ON OUR ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 23

After two snow day delays we finally held our Annual Meeting on Sunday February 23 in the Undercroft following the 10 AM Eucharist. Kathy Wolf, who has served us faithfully for 13 years as Senior Warden, was re-elected to that position. We have two vacancies left on the vestry.

Everyone received a copy of the Annual Report summarizing our financial situation for the year 2024 and projected budget for 2025. It has become clear that without the generous bequest left to us by Doreen Kolditz we would not be able to sustain the mission of our church. Even with the income from the bequest we had a deficit of more than \$2700 for 2024 with a larger deficit projected for 2025. The importance of pledging and keeping up with pledges is quite evident.

Most of our work as a parish depends on volunteers, and if you read the individual reports from our various ministries you know that several are in need of additional help. For example, we have only one team of two almoners. Another team of two would help and it's a ministry that requires very little time. The Men's Group would love to expand its membership and activities. We currently have three Eucharistic Ministers serving at the altar. A Fourth would be greatly appreciated. The same is true of the Corps of Ushers who would like to have someone serve on the fourth Sunday of each month. The Altar Guild and Zoom Ministry are also looking for additional volunteers. Please consider volunteering to serve in one or more of these capacities. We are a family and the family needs more help!

You will also note there are two vacancies on the vestry. Meetings are held once a month on the first Sunday of the month following coffee hour. If you are willing to serve, please speak with Sharon DeVivo. Currently the vestry consists of Kathy Wolf, Sharon DeVivo, Philip Gotthelf, Larry Wolf, Pat Breinin and Ethel Rosally. Vestry meetings are open to all parishioners.

SANDWICH SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

On Saturday, February 22, 2025, our Sunday school once again organized Sandwich Saturday. The children and parents came together and prepared 65 lunch bags with different type of sandwiches and desserts for the homeless and all those experiencing food insecurity. The bags were delivered to the Open Arms Shelter in White Plains, New York. The children also wrote beautiful inspirational notes to be included in each bag. Thanks to Anu Mathew and the Sunday school for coordinating this outreach program.

