

TODAY'S HYMNS are listed in the service leaflet and on the hymn board above the pulpit. *The Hymnal 1982* is the blue-covered book in the pew rack.

LOOKING AHEAD

WORSHIP

Wednesday, February 21, 5:30PMMidweek Eucharist
Liturgy in the Iona Tradition
Friday, February 23, 11AMAllan J. Mears Funeral
Sunday, February 25, 2018The Second Sunday of Lent
Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist
8AM – Rite I; 10AM - Rite II

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

EPISCOPALIAN 101 STARTS TODAY!

Meet in the Undercroft

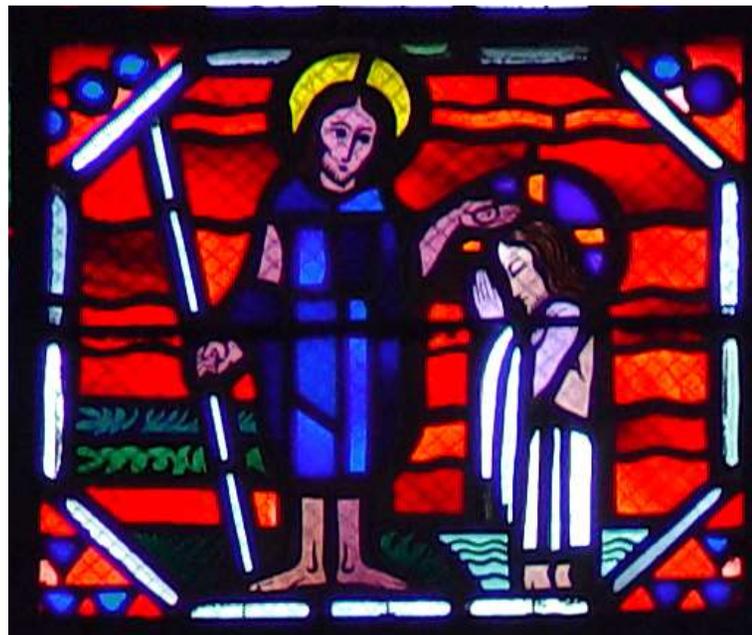
Wednesday, February 21, 6:30PMMeeting of the Vestry
Friday, February 23, 2018, 5:30-7PMFree Community Dinner
Hosts: Eileen Rice & Battenkill Valley Health Center
Friday, March 23, 2018, 5:30-7PM.....Free Community Dinner
Hosts: Susan and Paul Gratz
Friday, April 27, 2018, 5:30-7PM.....Free Community Dinner
Hosts: Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Assn.

Many, many thanks to Adele Miller and Irene Novotny for hosting the January dinner, to Eileen Rice and the Battenkill Valley Health Center for the February dinner, to Susan and Paul Gratz for the March dinner and to the Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Association for the April dinner. Thank you for your generosity and your loving spirits.

The St. James' Weekly News

The First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018



“The Baptism of Christ”

*Stained-glass composition by J. Le Breton (glass studio of Gaudin, Paris), 1933.
Cathédrale d'Amiens. France*

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WELCOME

A warm welcome to all and a special welcome to those who are visiting; the addition of your praise and thanks heartens us all. If you are seeking a church home or simply a place to rest for a while on your spiritual journey, we invite you to consider St. James' to be that place. The service leaflet will guide you through the liturgy. In the pew racks you will find the *Book of Common Prayer* (red binding) and *The Hymnal 1982* (blue binding). Please do not hesitate to ask a fellow worshipper for help.

If you are new to St. James' and wish to be included in our weekly e-mails (*This Week at St. James'*), please fill in one of the welcome forms (available on the table in the narthex) and leave it in the offertory plate or with an usher. Restrooms are located in the undercroft on the right-hand wall. There is an elevator located in the narthex for those who need it. **Please do not hesitate to speak to an usher or any church member if you have questions or need assistance.** Whether you are a visitor or a parishioner, if you would like a call and/or a visit please call the office at 375-9952 or send an e-mail to stjamesparishoffice@gmail.com. If you have a need for hospital visitation for yourself or for a family member or friend, **you must call the Parish Office.** The hospitals do not inform us of nor do they make available the names of patients being admitted.

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FATHER JOHN'S OFFICE HOURS are Tuesdays, 9-12. An advance appointment is not required but will be helpful for planning.

CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY to our friend and parishioner Sue DeMarsico whose son, Allan J. Mears, died on February 11, and also to other family members and friends for their loss. *"Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither signing, but life everlasting."*

THANK YOU to Sue Claro and the Parish Life Committee for organizing and presenting the wonderful Mardi Gras Dinner!!! Special thanks to Debbie Stone and Garry Roosma for great jambalaya; Sue for red beans and rice, cornbread and King Cake; Mel Beall for cornbread; all the willing hands who set up and for the great decorations – tons of beads especially. Good food, good conversation, lots of fun. Thank you, each and all.

CHOIR CALL FOR EASTER. The "Pop-Up Christmas Choir" was such a success and according to all reports, so much fun, that we are putting out a call for an Easter Choir. Gail Albright, our wonderful musician and a great teacher, says the choir will prepare one anthem and meet on the Sundays in Lent through Palm Sunday from 9-9:45AM in the Undercroft. See Gail, Father Miller or Patricia Michael if you need more information. Four people are already "in"; don't be left out. Come and Sing!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ELY ON PAGE 4 OF THIS ISSUE.

Episcopalian 101 Begins Today!

The Midweek Eucharist resumes on Wednesday, February 21 at 5:30PM.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Sick: Ken Blackler; Jane Bloom; Garrett Brewer; Janet Cassell; Linda Crosby; Vicky Cutler; Peter Garneau; Jo Gillikin; Dot Grout; Eleanor Hanrahan; Thomas Hayton; Esther Jaffee; Jane Jersey; John Laughrey; Gail McDevitt; Charlie Menghini; Jack Michael; Cecelia O'Brien; Andie Owen; Ralph and Natalia Panelli; Jim Rice; Irene Roth; Suzy Schott; Ernest Schneider; Judy and Bobby Weiss; Dot Whitley; Wilfred Williamson; Ward Wilson; Jeanne Zouck; Barbara; Beth; Bob; Bruce; Celia; Chris; Dennis; Dick; Erika; Helen; Isaac; John; John and Judy; Kathy; Kay

For the Departed: Allan J. Mears; the seventeen victims of the school shooting in Parkland, Florida; all our departed loved ones; all victims of natural disasters, violence, war, persecution and oppression throughout the world.

For Those In Need of Our Prayers: For Sue DeMarsico and the family and friends of Allan Mears; for the survivors and families of all the victims of the Florida school shooting; Andie Owen and her family; Charles; Anna, Sherri; Alyce; Sharon; Sue; Sara; Cathy; Alex; Sofia; Wanda; the Kluj family; Hank; Ellen; Estelle; Michael; all who suffer from terrorism, strife, hunger and deprivation throughout the world;; all who care for them.

For Those Who Celebrate This Week:

Birthdays: 2/18-Kim Phillips, Andrew Heikaus; 2/19-Lee Herzberger; 2/22-Evan Lawrence; 2/23-Melanie Dexter Durfee

Anniversaries: None this week

Baptismal Anniversaries: None this week

For Those Who Serve in the Armed Forces: Gary Marckres; Margaret; Willow Bucchieri-Sibley

In Thanksgiving For: The ministry and leadership of the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Ely, Bishop of Vermont; the ministry of the Rev. John M. Miller, Jr.; God's love, freely given; the communion of saints.

For The Church: For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Thomas, our Bishop; the people and mission of this Diocese; Lynn Bates, Canon to the Ordinary; the Rev. John M. Miller, Jr., Priest in Partnership; the parish of St. James' and its mission; the Very Rev. Christopher L. David and the Revs. L. Paul Gratz, Sean Lanigan, Scott B. Neal and Keith F. Patterson, priests; Kathleen Moore, seminarian. In the Diocesan Prayer Calendar we pray for the congregation of St. Thomas and Grace Church, Brandon; and the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

February 16, 2018

“Jesus Wept”

[Gospel of John, 11:35]

*Those who died at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School,
Parkland, Florida,
Wednesday, February 14, 2018*

Alyssa Alhadeff, 14

Scott Beigel, 35

Martin Duque Anguiano, 14

Nicholas Dworet, 17

Aaron Feis, 37

Jamie Guttenberg, 14

Chris Hixon, 49

Luke Hoyer, 15

Cara Loughran, 14

Gina Montalto, 14

Joaquin Oliver, 17

Alaina Petty, 14

Meadow Pollack, 18

Helena Ramsay, 17

Alex Schachter, 14

Carmen Schentrup, 16

Peter Wang, 15



“Almighty God, we pray to you for these your children.

Grant to them eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in eternal peace.”

[The Book of Common Prayer]

To the people of the Episcopal Church in Vermont

As a member of Bishops United Against Gun Violence, I join with the 75 other bishops in offering this statement and call to action in the wake of the most recent mass shooting at an American School. Please distribute this widely to church members and to others who may be looking to hear the voice of the Episcopal Church in Vermont in response to this act of gun violence. I appreciate your prayers and the many ways you witness and work for peace and common-sense solutions to this crisis.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Handwritten signature of Thomas C. Ely.

The Right Reverend Thomas C. Ely

Statement by Bishops United Against Gun Violence February 16, 2018

The heart of our nation has been broken yet again by another mass shooting at an American school.

We offer our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of those who were murdered at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. We mourn with particular sorrow Carmen Schentrup, a 16-year-old student at the school and leader in the youth group at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in Coral Springs, who died at the hands of the gunman. We pledge to work with the Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida to lend whatever material and spiritual comfort we can to all those who have suffered such a devastating loss.

The phrase “thoughts and prayers” has been devalued by politicians whose prayers seem never to move them to act against their self-interests or the interests of the National Rifle Association. Yet, as Christians, we believe deeply in the power of prayer to console, to sustain and to heal, but also to make evident the work that God is calling us to do. We pray that all who have been touched by this violent act receive God’s healing and solace.

In the wake of this massacre, we believe God is calling us to understand that we must not simply identify the social and political impediments to ending these lethal spasms of violence in our country. We must reflect on and acknowledge our own complicity in the unjust systems that facilitate so many deaths, and, in accordance with the keeping of a holy Lent, repent and make reparations.

Specifically, we ask you, members of our church and those who ally yourselves with us, to:

- Contact your elected representatives and ask them to support legislation banning assault weapons such as the AR-15, which is the gun used in most of the recent mass shootings in our country; high-capacity magazines; and bump stocks, the equipment used by the killer in the Las Vegas massacre that allows semiautomatic weapons to fire dozens of rounds in seconds. We understand that mass shootings account for a small percentage of the victims of gun violence; that far more people are killed by handguns than by any kind of rifle; that poverty, misogyny and racism contribute mightily to the violence in our society and that soaring rates of suicide remain a great unaddressed social challenge. And yet, the problem of gun violence is complex, and we must sometimes address it in small pieces if it is not to overwhelm us. So, please, call your members of Congress and insist that your voice be heard above those of the National Rifle Association's lobbyists.

- Participate in a service of a lamentation for the victims of the Parkland shooting and all victims of lethal gun violence. We will be announcing a schedule of such services at churches around the country in the near future. To keep up with these plans, please follow our Facebook page Episcopalians Against Gun Violence

- Enter into a period of discernment with us about how, through prayer, advocacy and action, we can make clear to our elected representatives that they must vote in the interests of all Americans, including law-abiding gun owners, in passing life-saving, common sense gun policies.

Visit our website <http://bishopsagainstgunviolence.org/> to learn more about our work and how to reach us. And if you plan to attend this summer's General Convention in Austin, Texas, plan to join us each morning for prayer outside the convention hall and to attend the

Bishops United Against Gun Violence public witness on Sunday, July 8 at 9 a.m.

Two years after the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary that took the life of Ben Wheeler, an active young member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Newtown, Connecticut, his father, David, asked parents to look at their children and then ask themselves, "Am I doing everything I can to keep them safe? Because the answer to that question, if we all answer honestly, clearly is no." In memory of Carmen and Ben and all of God's children lost to senseless gun violence, may God give us grace and fortitude in our witness so that we can, at last, answer yes.

