

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 19, 2017, 10 a.m.**

Readings: *Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; and John 4:5-42*

Presiding Minister: Rev. Barbara Wilson:

Assisting Minister: John Owen

Assisting Chalice: Bruce Banghart

Acolytes: Stephen Leonard & Jack Sladen-York

Eucharistic Visitor: Pat or Stephen Leonard

Organist: Elaine Shoemaker

Readers: Sue Russell & Pat Leonard

Greeters: Debb & Jeff Bush

Counters: John Forbes & Jean Owen

Coffee Hour Hosts: Volunteers Needed!

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ONGOING

1st Sunday— Kids' Mass

Last Sunday — Anointing & Prayers of Healing

Every Tuesday & Friday — A.A. meets 8 p.m.

Wednesdays — "Mass Underground" at 6:15 p.m.

2nd & 4th Monday — Food Pantry, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

5th Saturday — Soup Kitchen open 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

3rd Wednesday — Prayer Shawls at Caffé Tosi 10 a.m.

Vestry — Meets third Monday, 6:30 p.m.

WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE

March 12 (40)

March 5 (35)

Feb. 26 (51)

Feb. 19 (35)

Feb. 12 (38)

FOOD PANTRY PATRONS

March 13 (45)

Feb. 27 (48)

Feb. 13 (70)

Jan. 23 (61)

Jan. 9 (49)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Book Study — Folks interested in a book study, meet in the Rector's Office at **9 a.m. Sunday, March 19**, with discussion led by Susan Russell. The book is *"The Sin of Certainty: Why God Desires our Trust More than Our 'Correct' Beliefs,"* by Peter Enns.

Vestry Meeting — Scheduled at **6:30 p.m. Monday, March 20**.

Barrier-Free Project — Bids were opened this week to select a contractor to remodel the west entryway and install a new elevator. Construction will begin this spring. However, it is important to **keep up-to-date on pledges** specific to the project as we are short in our budget and will soon be paying bills. For details about the project, see Bruce Banghart.

Free Piano — Yes, that's right. Free. The church has an extra piano downstairs by the front stairway that must be out prior (see above) to the upcoming construction project. If you want it, or know someone who does, claim it and take it away ASAP.

Food Pantry — Takes place on **Monday, March 27**. Volunteers needed for delivery about 10 a.m., and distribution from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please help if you can, especially for the evening shift.

Holy Week and Easter Services schedule — Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 7 p.m.; Great Vigil of Easter, 7 p.m.; and the Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, 10 a.m., followed by brunch and Easter Egg Hunt.

FYI First Aid — The First Aid kit is now located on top of the refrigerator in the food pantry. If you are unable to find in the kit what you need, should a minor emergency arise, please talk to Jean Domer or Patrick Davarn.

Reimbursements — For any purchases made on behalf of the church, please inform Mike Wells if the necessary payment is made to you, the person who bought the item, or to the business itself.

Weekly at The Whitcomb — All are invited to join the Episcopal community for a weekly informal celebration of the Eucharist at 11 a.m. every Thursday at the Whitcomb Hotel in downtown St Joseph.

Member Outreach — Reach out to church members unable to attend services on a regularly. Let them know we care and they are missed.

WANTED: Coffee Hour Hosts — Please sign-up to host this special time following Sunday service. For details see Natalee Rogers.

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PRAYER LIST

The Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan — For Bishop Whyne Hougland Jr.; the Church of the Epiphany, South Haven, Michael Ryan, Rector; and for all non-parochial clergy and Lutheran pastors serving in our congregations.

Community, Nation, World — For the residents, students and educators in Berrien County; our president, governor, congress, legislature, councils and courts; people affected by poverty, political strife and natural disasters. Also all immigrants in danger of being deported or caught up in mass deportations around the country; for the gifts of courage and ingenuity for all churches and others offering immigrants sanctuary.

In the Armed Forces — For Geoffrey, Jason, Nathan, Paige, Patrick, Susan, Tom and Zack.

For Those Who Died — Due to armed conflict, religious persecution, senseless violence, and those within our community. Comfort those who mourn their loss, who so deeply miss their friendship and their love.

Good Health — Extend prayers for Jean Owen; Joan Hart; Roy Shoemaker; Sarah Woolcock; Dan Wilson; Colleen Wilson; Latania and Timmy; Rose Matemavi; and Pat Wolf. Thanksgiving for the successful surgery and continued prayers for healing for Melissa Forbe's mother, Lynne.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Mother Barbara's and Lynne's twin grandsons, Everett Sean and Owen Timothy Dineen.

Birthdays — Macy Benson (3/9); Leslie Arbanas (3/15); Lee Gallay (3/22); Vita Benson (3/24); Elaine Shoemaker (3/28); Bill Hollerbach (3/31).

Parish Cycle of Prayer — Gail & Mike Wells; Norris, Al & Catherine Whitfield; Ann & Roger Wilschke; Sarah Woolcock & Marc Rowland; Mother Barbara Wilson; and Ryan Zavacky.

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IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE

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Office hours at St. A's (unless otherwise announced) are Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-7:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Vestry: Senior Warden Emil Gallay, Reid Benson, Jean Domer, John Forbes, Stephen Leonard, Nathan Moore, Judy Moran, Natalee Rogers, Jenny VanDeWarker.

Altar Guild: Stephen Leonard

Maintenance: Bruce Banghart

Kids Mass: Cara Gillespie

Kitchen Coordinator: Natalee Rogers

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