



St. Timothy's Newsletter

March 2020



Lent & You, Q & A,

So what is Lent, anyway? That is such a good question. And I wish it had a short answer. But part of the problem comes in having to ask, what is Lent, *when?* As it turns out, Lent is a slippery subject, on a long timeline, and the fasting that many Christians associate with Lent is even more difficult to get hold of. But let's start back at the beginning . . .

Yes, let's. Some of my friends give up things for Lent, and some other friends say that Lent isn't in the Bible. The word *Lent* comes to us from the Anglo-Saxon words *lencten* (or Spring) and *lenctentid* (Springtide, the month called March). That word looks like *lengthening*, like the days start to do in March.

So what about giving up chocolate? Whoa, now. Not so fast there! We've got to work slowly. From the first century after Jesus, fasting was part of the preparation for candidates for baptism, which always happened at the Vigil of Easter. As part of a spiritual discipline, the candidates would fast for the 40 hours Jesus was in the tomb. (From Good Friday afternoon to Easter Sunday morning.)

So, if I'm already baptized, should I just forget Lent? Again, that's a little early in the story. In 325AD, the Church decided to extend the baptismal fasting to 40 days. In 600AD, Gregory the Great said that *all* Christians must fast for 40 days (not including Sundays), which meant Lent starts on a Wednesday. He also introduced the idea of putting ashes on people's foreheads to remind them "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Gen 3:19).

So, then I should fast? Hold on. So, in these earlier times, fasting was severe, with only one meal each evening, for the 40 days. By the 800s, people could eat after 3pm. By the 1400s, they could eat after noon. By 1966, the Church declared Christians need only to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Now I'm confused. Okay, so we went from a brief fasting before baptism, to a lengthy period of fasting before baptism, to a lengthy period of fasting for everybody, to a brief period of fasting for everybody.

Okay. So, what does Lent mean for me? Well, Lent can mean a lot of things for you. These days, the Church asks us to focus on three things during Lent: self-examination, self-denial, and self-improvement.

-Self-examination: This is just what it sounds like, but with special emphasis on the spiritual side of you. Lent is a time to stop and take inventory of where you are in your spiritual life, while remembering your bond to God through baptism.

-Self-denial: This is the part most people think of when they think of Lent. Typically, self-denial involves giving something up, as a way of reminding us of our reliance on God. So the craving for something makes us turn our focus to God's greater gifts, like life and salvation.

-Self-improvement: here, we're talking about taking something on. For example, commit yourself to reading the Bible (or some spiritual book) during the 40 days of Lent. The point is to train ourselves to focus on God.

+++These three together, self-examination, self-denial, and self-improvement are all geared toward getting us to STOP focusing on ourselves, and start focusing on God, by repentance, discipline, and living full lives.

Lent is a season to remember your baptism, which is the bond that holds you firmly in the hand of God, and allows you to approach with confidence this special season of self-examination, self-denial, and self-improvement.

Faithfully,



“NOTE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN”

I thank the vestry and all in our congregation for the privilege and honor of serving you as Senior Warden. I now start learning everything going on so I can work on things needing improvement, encourage where I'm not needed, and try to take some of the load off Father George.

I see there are some members who need rides to church and also some who give rides. So far this seems to be handled in a sort of organic way, but not everyone who needs a ride is getting one regularly. I'd like to organize rides for those that need them and leave alone existing arrangements that are happily effective. So, if you need a ride on a regular or occasional basis, or if you will provide a ride on either basis, please, please let me know or tell Candy and she will tell me. I leave you with Aaron's blessing, Numbers 6: 24-26.

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FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

March/April

March 15, 6 PM- AGO Concert. St. Timothy's will host an American Organ Guild concert featuring our own Levi Muriuki here at St. Timothy's. The concert is open to the public and Levi will surely dazzle you with his performance.

March 22, 3 PM- McDowell Music Concert. Musical performance that highlights some of the young talent we are blessed to have in Stark County. This performance features two delightful sopranos, a piano duet, and Levi Muriuki on the organ. It doesn't get any better than this. Concert is free to the public.

March 25, 5:30 PM- MACA Lenten Service and Soup and Salad Dinner. Once again, as part of the MACA Lenten Worship program at area churches, St. Timothy's will host our friends and neighbors from other churches to a soup and salad dinner to be followed by a Lenten service in the church. This is always a highlight of the Lenten season.

March 29, 6 PM- Last Sunday Evensong Service. The monthly Evensong service complete with appropriate readings and beautiful music.

April 12, 11:15 AM (approx.)- Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny will surely visit St. Timothy's again this year and hide eggs for our young ones. Be sure to bring the little children and grandchildren for a delightful Easter Sunday tradition.

TREASURER'S UPDATE

The first two months of 2020 have been very nice financially. Your pledge support has been most gratifying and appreciated. Your interest and help in the financial well-being of our church is a true sign of a healthy parish.

Income in February- \$17,273

Income Year-To-Date- \$35,484

Budgeted Income Year-To-Date- \$38,131

Your continued effort to keep your pledges current is most appreciated. God bless the wonderful people of St. Timothy's.

Bob Schroeder
Treasurer

HOLY WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S



PALM / PASSION SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2020

8:00 AM SPOKEN LITURGY OF THE PALMS & HOLY EUCHARIST.
10:00 AM CHORAL LITURGY OF THE PALMS & HOLY EUCHARIST

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 9, 2020

6:15 PM AGAPE' MEAL
7:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST, AND STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 10, 2020

12:00 PM LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY & HOLY COMMUNION FROM
THE RESERVED SACRAMENT.
7:00 PM LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY & HOLY COMMUNION FROM
THE RESERVED SACRAMENT.

HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 11, 2020

9:00 PM EASTER VIGIL

EASTER DAY

FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

APRIL 12, 2020

8:15 - 9:15 AM EASTER BREAKFAST
10:00 AM FESTAL HOLY EUCHARIST WITH SPECIAL MUSIC
11:30 AM EASTER EGG HUNT



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

March Birthdays

Michael Drumm 3/1
Andrew Bomze 3/7
Muffy Miller 3/13
Pam Dill 3/17
Cormac Kimball 3/22
Kelly Gayheart 3/28

Bobbie Muhlbach 3/6
Paul Meek 3/11
Hayley Sunquist 3/13
Beverly Kovacevich 3/19
Wendy Silvis 3/22
Joseph Casline 3/28

Cricket Boyd 3/7
Macy Rohr 3/11
David Renkert 3/16
Scott Hupp 3/20
Lori Tovar 3/25

March Anniversaries

Tony and Beverly Kovacevich 3/2/85

Richard and Marilyn Croasdale 3/29/58



***In Loving Memory
of those who have died***

Carol J. Smith
January 29, 2020

**Need a Mid-Week
Pick-Me-Up?**

Come to the Wednesday 12:30 p.m. Eucharist!!!
Holy Eucharist and Healing on every Wednesday at
12:30 p.m.

RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

All loose cash and other offerings so designated on the *first Sunday of each month* go into the Rector's Discretionary Fund. The RDF is a very important tool for the Rector's ministry, so please, put a little extra cash or a check designated to the Rector's Discretionary Fund in the plate. Thanks.



EASTER PLANTS



Easter plants are now on sale. These memorial plants adorn our Altars like a spring bouquet! They are selling for \$9.00 per plant and need to be paid for when ordering. Order forms are available in the Parish Hall and in the church office. Judy Wigginton is in charge of the sale.

**LAST SUNDAY
EVENSONG**

St. Timothy's will offer a service of Evensong (which is basically, Evening Prayer, set to music) the last Sunday of the month, starting at 6pm. Members of our Choir will lead the service, but all are welcome and encouraged to participate, or simply let the music and words wash over you.

**ATTENTION COOKS
AND BAKERS!!!!**

We are needing volunteers to make soup and desserts for the MACA Supper on March 25 that we are hosting. If interested there are sign-up sheets in the parish hall.

Community Lenten Worship Services

Throughout the season of Lent, churches in the Massillon area will once again join together for worship and Holy Communion, rotating locations and preachers. Our theme this year is focused on the I AM statements from the Gospel of John.

A light dinner of soup and salad will be served at 5:30pm.

Then at 6:30pm, we will worship together. Child care will be provided.

Offerings to go to Dream League Baseball, for help building a fifth field

Bible Study discussion at Panera on Thursdays following at 10am

March 4th Christ Lutheran Rev. Katie Jacob of Holy Trinity preaching
3545 Amherst Ave NW, Massillon, OH 44646

March 11th First Baptist Rev. George Baum of St. Timothy's preaching
20 6th St SE, Massillon, OH 44646

March 18th Holy Trinity Lutheran Rev. Emily Seitz of Faith Lutheran preaching
4275 Lincoln Way W, Massillon, OH 44647

March 25th St. Timothy Episcopal Rev. Nancy Bacon of Christ Lutheran preaching
226 3rd St SE, Massillon, OH 44646

April 1st Forty Corners C.O.G. Rev. Steven Gower of First Christian preaching
3474 Beaumont Ave NW, Massillon, OH 44647



Caring Cupboard
Shopping List

Here's something to help you remember what you can buy to help feed the hungry in our area.

The Super Six most needed items are:

1. boxed cereal
2. peanut butter
3. canned tuna
4. canned vegetables
5. canned beef stew
6. canned soup

*Cash Donations Always Welcome!
Thanks be to God for His caring people*

St. Tim's Outreach

St. Tim's pantry

This is a reminder to help keep our St. Tim's pantry well stocked now that the hustle and bustle of the end of the year holidays are over. It is a more important time than ever to keep up our cupboards for those in need. This year at Thanksgiving and Christmas we included some personal care items that are often not usually included in many food pantry give aways but are still very much needed. So along with the food we collect for our St. Tim's food pantry we are encouraging everyone to add a few extra items in your weekly grocery cart to put on the special self for personal care items.

Toilet paper
Toothpaste
Shampoo
Laundry soap
Diapers



Impact Massillon 2020

Soon you will be hearing more about the **Impact Massillon 2020** weekend. St. Tim's will again be sending a team to participate. Impact Massillon is an outreach event of helping our neighbors in the most Christian way. Besides the active "work" (which can be at many levels – hard to minimal, but always in an atmosphere of fellowship and fun) there are many ways to participate like providing lunch and cold drinks or cash for raw materials needed.

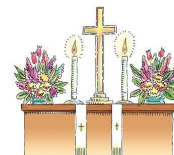
Impact Massillon happens the **first Saturday of June**. Assignments have not been made yet but we know we will need faithful and **committed** hands to plant, weed, rake, paint possibly build or tear down. **Please plan to be with us.**

Love God, Love your Neighbor, Change the world,
Ann Higgins



FLOWER & CANDLE OPENINGS

If you are interested please call the church office at 330-833-3183.



OPEN FLOWERS/CANDLES

March 15	Chancel, Niches
March 22	Niches
April 26	Chancel
May 17	Chancel
May 24	Niches

**Chancel \$55.00 Chapel \$40.00
Niches \$35.00**

**Eucharist Candles \$20.00 - for the month
Five Branch Candles \$30.00 – for the
month
Sanctuary Candle - \$5.00**

UPCOMING
PERFORMANCES
AT ST. TIMOTHY'S

On March 15 at 6 P.M., Levi will be the featured performer on our organ here at St. Timothy's as part of the American Guild of Organists dinner and meeting. The public is welcome for Levi's organ performance that day. One week later on March 22 at 3 P.M., Levi will again be part of the McDowell Music Club performance here at St. Timothy's featuring two talented sopranos, a piano duet and Levi on the organ. All concerts are free of charge, although the music will be priceless.



Flower and Candle Memorials - March 2020

March 1

The Chancel Flowers were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Freddie Cornell's heavenly birthday and in celebration of Andrew Bomze's birthday by Jay and Laurie Bomze.

The Chapel Flowers were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Cable Greer by the family of Dean and Jane Lauritzen.

Niches were given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Kristal Barrick by her mother Kelly Gayheart.

The Sanctuary Candle was given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Brin Lewis's birthday by Per Lee and Janine Hartman.

The Eucharistic Candles were given to the Glory of God and in honor of my family members past and present by Gerry Nessar

The Five Branch Candles were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ed and Edna Rice by Bonnie and Mike Burns.

March 8

The Chancel Flowers were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her sister, Nancy P. Roberts by Ginger Sorg.

The Chapel Flowers were given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Wendy Silvis's birthday by Jon Silvis.

The Niches: OPEN

The Sanctuary Candle was given to the Glory of God and as a family memorial by Bonnie and Mike Burns.

The Eucharistic Candles were given to the Glory of God and in honor of my family members past and present by Gerry Nessar

The Five Branch Candles were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ed and Edna Rice by Bonnie and Mike Burns.

March 15

The Chancel Flowers: OPEN

The Chapel Flowers were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her grandfather Ralph Cornell, Jr. by Jay, Laurie, Maggie and Andrew Bomze.

The Niches: OPEN

The Sanctuary Candle was given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Tom and Shirley Craigo and Dave and Norma Dickerhoof by Mark and Candy Dickerhoof.

The Eucharistic Candles were given to the Glory of God and in honor of my family members past and present by Gerry Nessar

The Five Branch Candles were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ed and Edna Rice by Bonnie and Mike Burns.

March 22

The Chancel Flowers were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dean G. Lauritzen by the family of Dean G. Lauritzen.

The Chapel Flowers were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our mothers, Louise Boyd and Hazel Pietroski by Ted and Cricket Boyd.

The Niches : OPEN

The Sanctuary Candle was given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sue Lewis by The Hartman Family.

The Eucharistic Candles were given to the Glory of God and in honor of my family members past and present by Gerry Nessar

The Five Branch Candles were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ed and Edna Rice by Bonnie and Mike Burns.

March 29

The Chancel Flowers were given by Mrs. Dean Lauritzen and Steven and Kristine Fellows to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Caitlin Bradford Fellows.

The Chapel Flowers : OPEN

The Niches : OPEN

The Sanctuary Candle was given to the Glory of God and in honor of my family members past and present by Gerry Nessar

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VESTRY

Term Expiring January 2021

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St. Timothy's Mission Statement

The Mission of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church is to spread the Gospel through Liturgical Worship, welcoming hospitality, and community outreach.