



The Rector's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

"But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them." (Wisdom 3:1)

Like all of us, I am still coming to grips with the new of the untimely passing of Fr. Mike Schnatterly. He and his wife were just about to move into the home they designed. Those of us on social media watched as the house took shape. Fr. Mike was enjoying supply preaching and connecting with congregations throughout Upper South Carolina. Though here for only a season, he assisted St. Michael's during a challenging transition season. Again, please pray for his family and please know that once arrangements have been finalized, word will be sent to the parish.



In his element while serving here

As a reminder, this Sunday at 9:30, we will have an informational meeting about reading the Bible in a year. This is something Bishop Daniel is commending for Episcopalians in Upper South Carolina. Why not consider making this a spiritual discipline for a year? For more information, please [click here](#).

While I did not take any pictures, the Altar Guild and I met last Sunday. It was a joy to talk with them, to pray for them, and to learn from them. It is never too late... If you are feeling the tug of the Holy Spirit to serve, please reach out to Valarie Burgin, Ethel Lawler, or myself (or any member of the Guild!). It goes without saying how much I am thankful for the quiet, hard work that goes into preparing for each service. Please thank our Guild!

Part of my vocation as priest is to equip and encourage Christians to grow in their faith and to live out their faith. One method to aid in spiritual growth is called Cursillo (pronounced Cur See O).

It is a spiritual renewal weekend designed for Christians to go deeper in their faith, so as they can bring others to Christ. We have another Cursillo Weekend taking place March 27-30 at Camp Gravatt. If you are interested in attending, please pray about it and then reach out to me. Our deadline is roughly Feb. 17.

Finally, if you are looking for ways to support those in need in California, please consider giving to the Episcopal Relief-Development agency. For more information please, [click here](#). First it is the fires, now it is mudslides.... Lord, please have mercy on them. Closer to home, you can [click here](#) to get connected to ways in which our Diocese is articulating a long-term response to assist those in need in Western North Carolina.

Heavenly Father, please move us to love our neighbors, both near and far, especially for those who need relief. Father, please help us to put our faith in you into action. Amen.

Have a great week, everyone. Enjoy the warmer weather and I'll see you at church.

Faithfully,
Fr. Dan

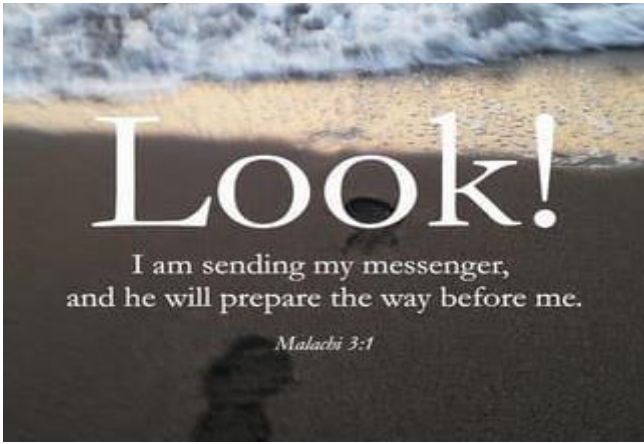
CANDLEMASS SERVICE: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church will have a special Candlemass Service SUNDAY at 5 PM at the historic St. Paul's Church (328 E. Queen St., Pendleton, SC 29670).

BISHOP DANIEL'S BIBLE CHALLENGE: Ever read the whole Bible? Ever afraid to read the whole Bible? Bishop Daniel wants his flock to read the Bible in a year. If you are interested, Fr. Dan will have an informational meeting, This Sunday at 9:30 AM (between the services).

YOUTH BOWLING EVENT: St. M's Youth will gather on Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7 PM. Want to go? Please get in touch with Fr. Dan or Kim Pesnell. There is a signup sheet in the Parish Hall.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS FOR 2025: The sign-up sheet the first part of next year is on the parish hall bulletin board. Please consider serving in this wonderful ministry. Hosting is easy and makes a big contribution to welcoming guests and enhancing our parish fellowship. If you have any questions about serving, call the office at 864.859.6296.

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS: The Altar flower chart and dedication sheets is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. The sheets are posted on the parish hall bulletin board. Please remember you need to put your name in both places! Altar flowers are \$40. Greenery is \$20 and special request may cost more.



FEBRUARY

- 1 Scotland Dunn
- 2 Tia LaMance
- 4 Jay Morrison
- Nancy Bonge
- 6 Bob Carman
- 18 Betty Jo Shaw
- 21 Rick Parnell
- 24 Valarie Burgin
- Marie Miller
- 26 Kim Pesnell
- 29 Barbara Hill

***May God Bless You
On Your Birthday!!***



02/05	11:00	Midweek Healing Service
02/05	4:30	Choir Practice
02/08	9:00	UCM Hearts & Crafts Fair
02/09	11:30	Finance Meeting
02/12	11:00	Midweek Healing Service
02/12	4:30	Choir Practice
02/13	7:00	Youth Bowling Night
02/14	6:30	ECM Annual Ladies Night
02/16	9:30	DOK Meeting
02/19	11:00	Midweek Healing Service
02/19	4:30	Choir Practice
02/20	6:00	Vestry Meeting
02/23	3:00	ECW Outing
02/27	6:00	February Meet 'n' Eat
03/08	2:00	Annual Oyster Roast

SERVING SUNDAY 02/02/25

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Daniel A. Wagner
 Organist and Choirmaster: Nancy Owens
 Altar Guild: Anita Valentin
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 8:30 Robert Pinkston
 10:30 Mark Pesnell
 Lectors: 8:30 Jeri King
 10:30 April Morris
 Acolytes: 8:30 Jay Achterhoff
 10:30 Summer Robbins
 Verger: 10:30 Tom McCabe
 Torch Bearers: Ethan Carroll
 Salvina Cascio-Brewer
 Greeters: 8:30 Teri Swann
 10:30 Joe Lawler
 Vestry Open-up Church: Rick Parnell
 Vestry Lock-up Church: Robert Borowski



OYSTER ROAST

St. M's Oyster Roast is Sat, March 8, 2025. Tickets are now available to purchase! Adult tickets are \$45 each and children age 6-11 are \$10. Ethel Lawler and Rick Parnell will sell tickets after each service or you can drop by the office during office hours. The deadline to purchase tickets is March 2.

ANNUAL ECM LADIES NIGHT: The Ladies Night Surf & Turf is Friday, Feb. 14. Social at 6:30 PM with the meal at 7 PM Cost is \$25/couple for ECM members and \$35/couple for non-members. The deadline to sign-up is 2/10/25. The sign-up sheet is posted in the parish hall.

FEBRUARY MEET 'N' EAT: We will meet on Thurs., Feb. 27 at 6pm at Willy Taco on HWY 123 in Easley. The sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please come join us for good food and great fellowship.