



St. Michael's Messenger

February 22, 2026



The Rector's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

Yesterday, we started a new season of the church – The Season of Lent. This is a time of renewal and repentance. Honestly, it felt like Advent just the other day for me. And yet, here we are. I will talk more next Thursday about observing a holy Lent. Here is your hint, re-read the Ash Wednesday liturgy.

Today, I want to thank everyone who has labored mightily this month. We had the awesome Surf n Turf with the ECM. Then, it was a joyful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, complete with dancing! Yesterday, faithful souls labored to attend and help lead worship at our two services. And now, the laboring continues with our Bishop's Visitation this Sunday. Consequently, we will have one service – 10:30 AM. Even though it is the first Sunday in Lent, the service will have a more joyful and celebratory feel. Our liturgical color of the day will be red – meaning, the power of the Holy Spirit. We will have folks getting Confirmed, Received, and Reaffirmed. Yes, it is Lent, but there will be joy. That said, you will recognize four reminders that it is Lent: The veiling of The Cross in purple, our Seasonal Banner will be purple, we will not have Sanctus Bells, and we will refrain from saying "Alleluia."

While our joy might be muted, to recognize that we are in a season of repentance and renewal, our service will be a service of renewal. As I pen these words, I am amazed by God's work here at St. M's. Seventeen folks have worked hard and prayed hard for Sunday. We have four folks who will be Confirmed (making a mature and public affirmation of their faith). We have twelve who will be Received (either baptized or confirmed as an adult in another denomination). We have one person who will be Reaffirmed (publicly reaffirming one's faith if one has been Confirmed or Received into the Church). Please keep them folks in your prayers this week and please come on Sunday to support them! Let there be joy in our hearts and in the hearts of our new parishioners.

Do not forget – We have Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent at 5:30 PM in the Church. This is a great way to prepare for Holy Week and Good Friday.

Have a great week, everyone. Please come to church. Let there be joy. It is not everyday we have our Bishop with us and it is not everyday we have a service like this!

Faithfully,
Fr. Dan

St. Michael's New Members

Angela Boyd	Tom McCabe
Bill Boumil	Anita Pinkston
Mary Jo Boumi	Barbara Stio
Reeci Bryant	Blake Rampy
Themis Economou	Jim Tomkins Raney
Theresa Economou	Olivia Swalm
Amber Floyd	Bruce Wallace
Leslie Hardy	Susan Wallace
Barbara Hill	

MARCH ECM: Join us on Thurs., 3/5 for Pizza and a good time of fellowship. A social begins at 6:30 w/dinner at 7. Please be sure to sign-up, so that we have enough food. The cost of the meal will be split between those attending.

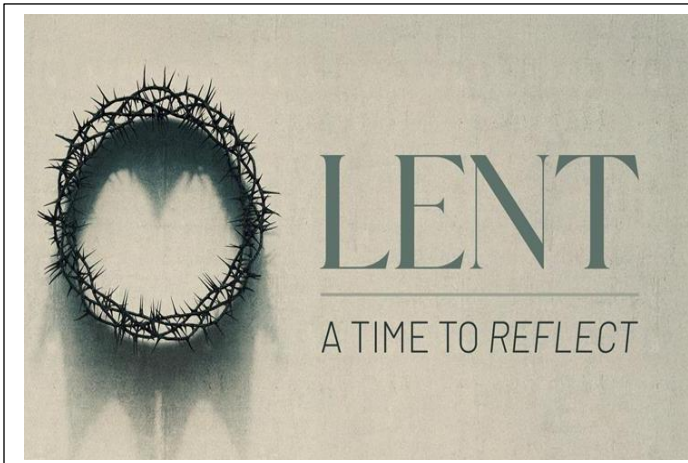
OYSTER ROAST TICKETS: Our Oyster Roast is Sat., 3/14 from 2-5 PM. Adult tickets are \$45 each & children age 6-11 are \$10. Someone will sell tickets after each service, and on Mon & Wed from 12 PM - 2 PM. Please come to the church during these hours only for tickets. **Deadline for tickets is 3/6.**

ADOPT A HIGHWAY: We will clean the Highway that St. M's has adopted on Sat., 3/21 @ 9 AM. **Adults only** will meet at the church. Remember your work gloves. Afterwards plan for a late breakfast! If you plan to participate, please sign-up on the bulletin board so that he knows who to notify if the clean-up is postponed.

LENTEN SEASON: Please remember that alleluias are omitted from the Liturgy during the Lenten Season, as this is a pertinent time and our worship is muted. After we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, we will return to including alleluias in our Worship.

LENT 2026

02/22	10:30	Bishop Richards' Visitation
02/22	2:00	Lay & Clergy Delegate Meeting
02/23	6:00	Vestry Meeting
02/25	11:00	Mid-Week Service & Lent Class
02/25	4:00	Choir Practice
02/25	6:00	Lent Class
02/28	5:30	Stations of the Cross
03/04	11:00	Mid-week Service
03/04	12:00	Lent Class
03/04	4:00	Choir Practice
03/04	6:00	Lent Class
03/05	6:30	March ECM Social
03/06	5:30	Stations of the Cross
03/08		Spring Forward
03/08	11:30	Finance Meeting
03/11	11:00	Mid-week Service
03/11	12:00	Lent Class
03/11	4:00	Choir Practice
03/11	6:00	Lent Class
03/13	5:30	Stations of the Cross
03/14	2:00	Annual Oyster Roast
03/15	9:30	DOK Meeting
03/16	6:00	Vestry Meeting
03/18	11:00	Mid-week Service
03/18	12:00	Lent Class
03/18	4:00	Choir Practice
03/18	6:00	Lent Class
03/20	5:30	Stations of the Cross



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The Reverend Deacon Mary Jeffers

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February

- 26 Kim Pesnell
- 29 Barbara Hill

March

- 2 Neeraj Sharma
- 8 Robbie Lake
- 9 John Cleveland
Betsy Smith
- 12 Cheryl Borowski
- 15 Barbara Marcy
- 20 Elaine Parnell
- 26 Thomas McCabe
- 27 Mary Beth Stroud
- 30 Myrna Pulley

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

Please email office@stmec.org if we've missed your birthday.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY 02/22/26

Celebrant and Preacher: The Right Reverend Daniel P.

Richards, Bishop, Diocese of Upper South Carolina

Assisting: The Reverend Daniel A. Wagner

The Reverend Deacon Mary Jeffers

The Reverend Catherine L. Tatem, Rector,

Church of the Redeemer, Greenville

Eucharistic Minister: Sarah Mikell

Lectors: Sarah Mikell & Ron Hicks

Psalmist: Libby Carman

Verger: Tom McCabe

Crucifer: Salvina Cascio-Brewer

Torch Bearers: Parker Bailes and Ethel Lawler

Banner Bearer: John Dickey

Clergy Cross Bearer: Summer Robbins

Greeters: Sheree Chapman, Robbie Lake & Mark

Pesnell

Altar Guild: Valarie Burgin and Kim Frost

Organist and Choirmaster: Nancy Owens

Videographer: Mosley Hardy

Vestry Open-up: Ron Hicks

Vestry Lock-up: Sheree Chapman

Sunday's Counters: John Dickey & Sheree Chapman

Sunday's Altar Flowers: Bob & Ellie Cook