

Second Sunday After Epiphany – January 14, 2018

8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 66: 1-3	p. 408
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
The Collect & The Epistle	p. 124
Gradual Psalm: 107: 8-9	p. 472
The Holy Gospel	p. 125

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 27	p. 360
First Lesson: Amos 3.	(Pew Bible page 739)
Second Lesson: John 6. 22-40	(Pew Bible page 859)

10:00 A.M. –HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm – sung *All the earth shall worship thee, O god, and sing of thee: they shall sing praise to thy Name, O most Highest. O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious. Glory be.....*

Hymn: **98** (Uttingen)

Children's Talk

Kyrie	p. 70
Collect	p. 124
The Epistle	p. 124
Gradual Psalm: 107:8-9	p. 472
The Holy Gospel	p. 125
The Nicene Creed	p. 71

Hymn before Homily: **429** (Martyrdom)

Homily

Offertory Hymn: **96** (St. George)

Intercession

Confession, Absolution p. 77

Thanksgiving p. 78

Consecration p. 82

Hymns during Communion: Anthem: "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning" by Malcolm Archer .

219 (Bread of Heaven); **792** (I Need Thee); **788** (More Love to Thee)

The Lord's Prayer p. 85

Gloria p. 86

Recessional Hymn: **280** (Austria)

Please join us for coffee and tea in the Hall

5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 34.	p. 369
First Lesson: Micah 3. 5-end	(Pew Bible page 748)
Second Lesson: John 4. 43 – 5. 9	(Pew Bible page 857)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Delbert Spinney, John & Gladys Gavell, Doug & Isabel Matheson, Kyle Dingwell, Florence Alexander, Frank & Minnie Pierce, Jeanne Pierce, Al & Marjorie Pierce, Evelyn Pierce

*"Let us remember before God the faithful departed".
Lalitha, Don Richards, Bill Arthur, Albert Evers, Ralph Stever,
Elizabeth Dugay*

This Week in the Parish

The Daily Offices of **Morning and Evening Prayer** will be prayed in the Chapel at **8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday – Saturday**, respectively.

In addition:

Monday	Scouts	7:00 pm
	Vestry	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Bible Study (<i>Rectory</i>)	10:00 am
	Caregiver's Meeting	3:00 pm
	Beavers	6:30 pm
	Bible Study (<i>Entry</i>)	6:30 pm
Wednesday	Holy Communion (<i>Camden</i>)	10:00 am
	ReConnect Drop-In	1:00 pm
	Women's Study Group	5:45 pm
	Cubs	6:30 pm
	Grief-Share	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday	Holy Communion (<i>Chapel</i>)	10:00 am
	Community Concert Association	7:30 pm
Saturday	Community Breakfast (<i>Suburban Parishes</i>)	9:00 am

Vestry – Noel Eustace
Greeters – Wally Keirstead & Bob Cole

The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **February 18th**. **Annual Reports** are due by **February 2nd**. Thank you.

"But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." Ephesians 4.7

2018 Envelopes – The envelopes are available for pick up in the Entry. If you don't have offering envelopes and would like some, or would like to enrol in P.A.R. (Pre-Authorized Remittance), please contact David Black at 388-1480 stgeorgesenvelope@gmail.com

The Tuesday evening **Bible Study** continues at 6:30 pm in the Main Entry. It will run for five weeks and focus on St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians, which is sometimes called the Epistle of Liberty.

A **women's study group** will take place **Wednesdays** from 5:45 - 6:45 pm. We will be reading through "The Practicing of His Presence" by Brother Lawrence. This series is open to women of all ages. Please join us when you can!

Vestry will meet Monday, January 15th at 7:00 pm.

The next **Hymn Sing** will be **January 21st** at 7:00 pm in the Hall.

Attention men! For a long time it has been suggested that the men of St. George's get together for supper. So, after Evening Prayer on **Monday, January 22nd**, we will gather in the Ladies' Parlour for a simple meal and time of fellowship. Evening Prayer is at 5:00 p.m. (for those who can make it), and supper has been set for 6:00 p.m..

In the Middle Ages, Church Guilds presented **the Miracle Plays**. These were short Gospel dramas based on various aspects of our Lord's earthly life and ministry. The guilds would pass through the village square, one by one, presenting their plays in series. And, you can imagine the vendors and activities that would have been connected: buskers, musicians, food trolleys, and other sales booths. The Anglican Parishes in Moncton and Riverview are thinking and praying about initiating a **Fall Festival for 2018** based on this concept. **An open meeting will be held on January 29th at 7:00 p.m.** at St. George's in the Ladies' Parlour. Everyone is welcome.

Bishop Edwards is scheduled to visit us on Sunday, June 17th. At that time he plans to administer **Confirmation** (the Laying on of Hands with Prayer). If you wish to be Confirmed, or for more information, please contact the Church Office by Monday, January 15th (855-5209).

The Willing Workers **Valentine's Tea** is Saturday, **February 10th** from 1:30-4:00pm. All proceeds will go to Outreach programs.

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Parish Prayer Chain: To pass a message on to the Parish Prayer Chain, from Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. please call Esther @ 855-5209; after Office Hours, please call Cathie @ 384-6327.

Wardens:	Stan Balch	854-4054
	Sheila Searle	856-9419
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Deacon:	Rev. Norm Dupuis	386-1324
Outreach:	Klaudia Ross	(outreachmoncton@gmail.com)

The Rector's Corner

Last week we considered a sober reality: although the Church and the Canadian culture were closely aligned fifty years ago, that is no longer the case. Over the past thirty years, our Canadian values and way of life have, for the most part, stepped away from Christian faith and practice. While Churches are half empty on Sunday mornings, hockey, basketball, soccer and volleyball games are bustling with people. And all of that physical activity and team work is good stuff; but it cannot satisfy our deepest needs for love, acceptance, forgiveness, hope, peace, and salvation. These are things which only God can give. They are aspects of the **new life** of His Son which He offers us by faith, through His Spirit.

But our Canadian culture looks in another direction. It emphasizes a very different path from the new life of Christ. Our culture believes that happiness will come through financial security. If you and I become financially secure, we will be able to control our life. We will be able to choose what we want to do, and when and how we want to do it. We will be self-sufficient. We will have the power to make our own happiness.

In this quest for power, our culture is focused *not* on the spiritual but the material. It caters to the body at the expense of the soul. In his book, Subversive Christianity: Imaging God in a Dangerous Time, Brian Walsh offers this explanation:

Modern culture has entered into a covenant with an unholy trinity. Three good dimensions of creation, three good dimensions of our culture-forming tasks have been absolutized. They have been erected as idols and they demonically distort our cultural lives. These three idols are scientism (the belief that science provides us with authoritative knowledge and functions as the 'all-knowing' source of revelation in our culture); technicism (the effective translation of scientific knowledge into power and control of creation which promises us a scientific-technical omnipotence); and economism (the golden head of the idol that believes that a rising standard of living is the ultimate goal in life and the only route to personal happiness and societal harmony).

In reflecting on this assessment, it seems that, ultimately, our culture wants freedom. It values the experience of freedom so much that it will do whatever is necessary to get it and keep it. The problem with

this desire for power and control is simple: it is never satisfied. It is driven by a fear of not having enough. It is addictive and exploitive; and, it cannot deliver for the long term. As an example, our natural resources are greatly depleted and our planet is dying. Similarly, the sexual freedom valued by our culture is proving to have huge costs. The pleasures are short-lived as the emotional scars and broken family units testify. Even our craving for stardom in sports is empty. Parents spend thousands of dollars annually so that their children can compete against their peers. It is all 'fun' until someone bigger and faster comes along; or a coach with a different philosophy or personal favourite takes charge.

Meanwhile, faith is neglected. Hope – true hope – withers and the soul is left confused and ill-equipped to deal with disappointment, frustration, and sadness. The understanding of love is distorted. The love it understands is shallow and one-dimensional: it is the love of self with personal worth depending on performance.

In response to this, the Church has been given the gift of faith. Faith in the living God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit Whose almighty power was demonstrated in creation, but also in the humiliation, suffering and death of Christ on the Cross. This is truly Good News for it offers everlasting love, forgiveness, hope and peace. So our culture needs the Church. May the Lord help us to be honest with ourselves so that we may share the new life of our Saviour. As Martin Luther King Jr. said, may we be thermostats, which change the culture's temperature, rather than thermometers which only record it.

Volunteers, please! The following ministries operate with volunteer help. If you are interested in offering your time, please contact the Church Office:

- * Peelers for Community Meal on the 2nd Saturday (8:15 to 9:45 a.m.)
- * Community Supper on the 2nd Sunday (4:00 to 5:00 p.m.);
- * Community Breakfast on the 4th Saturday (9:00 to 10:00 a.m.);
- * Weekly Drop-in on Wednesdays (1:00 to 3:00 p.m.);
- * Parish visitors (Police Record Check required);
- * Sunday School Teachers (Police Record Check required);
- * Acolytes (Servers) and Sunday Greeters;
- * Altar Guild members; and,
- * Willing Workers.