



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday, February 3

8:00am - Holy Eucharist (Church)

9:00am - Informal Holy Eucharist (Great Hall)

11:00am - Holy Eucharist (Church)

Monday - Friday

8:00am - Morning Prayer (Chapel)

6:00pm - Evening Prayer (Chapel)

Wednesday, February 6

12 noon - Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Thursday, February 7

7:00pm - Centering Prayer (Miller Common Room)

8:00pm - Taize (Chapel)

EVENING PRAYER WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

Join us this evening at 6pm in the Chapel for Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist to celebrate the Feast of The Presentation of Our Lord (tr.).

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day. It is based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22-40. The Presentation of Jesus at (or in) the Temple is an early episode in the life of Jesus, describing his presentation at the Temple in Jerusalem in order to officially induct him into Judaism, that is celebrated by many Christian Churches on the holiday of Candlemas. It is described in the Gospel of Luke. Within the account, "Luke's narration of the Presentation in the Temple combines the purification rite with the Jewish ceremony of the redemption of the firstborn ([Luke 2:23-24](#)).

In accordance with Leviticus 12: a woman was to be presented for purification by sacrifice 33 days after a boy's circumcision. It falls on February 2, which is traditionally the 40th day of the Christmas-Epiphany season. While it is customary for Christians in some countries to remove their Christmas decorations on the Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve), those in other Christian countries historically remove them on Candlemas. On Candlemas, many Christians (especially Anglicans, Methodists, Lutherans, Orthodox and Roman

Catholics) also bring their candles to their local church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year; for Christians, these blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who referred to himself as the Light of the World.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR REV'D AMANDA

After the 11am service this Sunday, February 3, all are invited to a farewell reception in the Parish Hall honoring The Rev'd Amanda Stephenson. Join us in saying goodbye and wishing her well on her new position in Charlotte. We will miss her!!



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

EYC will host our Annual Pancake Dinner on Shrove Tuesday, March 5. Mark your calendars now! This will be a fun event for the entire parish and we hope to see you all out for a night of fun and fellowship that will support our young people on their summer mission.

EYC

EYC will meet from 4-6pm for a Paper Football Tournament. Food will be served.

JR. INQUIRER'S CLASS

The Jr. Inquirer's Class will continue to learn about prayer following the 9 a.m. service this Sunday. They will continue the lessons on prayer.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will sing on March 3 at the 9am service.

PREPARING FOR THE ECW GALA

It's time to start organizing our ECW GALA Silent Auction and Wine and Beer tasting! We will need everyone's support in this great event, which will be held **Sunday May 19, 2019** (new date). This year one half of our proceeds will benefit the High Point YWCA for their programs.

There are many ways each of you can help--join a committee, solicit auction items from local businesses, create your own fabulous auction item, volunteer the day of the event, help sell tickets, invite your friends to attend!! Please contact GALA Chair Audrey Harris at 336-803-0796 or last1out73@northstate.net to sign up to help or with questions. Be a part of this fun and fantastic event!! Many thanks, we cannot do this without YOU!!

400 YEARS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

A High Point committee is coordinating local events which inform, celebrate and discuss African American history and culture in High Point and Guilford County throughout 2019, part of a national initiative taking place in

communities around the country. Further information at www.hp400yrscommemoration.com and Facebook. Committee members Dorothy Darr and Paul Sicheloff can also tell you more.

Recommended events in February include February 11 Prayer Vigil at 4pm at the S. Wrenn St. site of the 1960 Woolworth Lunch Counter Sit-in by 26 African-American Penn Griffin High School students (near rear entrance to Red Lion Hotel); February 21 African-American Quiz Bowl, featuring local high school student participants, at 6pm at High Point Museum; and, February 23 screening, followed by discussion, of Phyllis Bridges' documentary, "The March on an All-American City," the civil rights movement in High Point, at 1pm at High Point Public Library.

SERMONS

For sermons, visit St. Mary's YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ9osAC2J9PnSXygNCygakA>