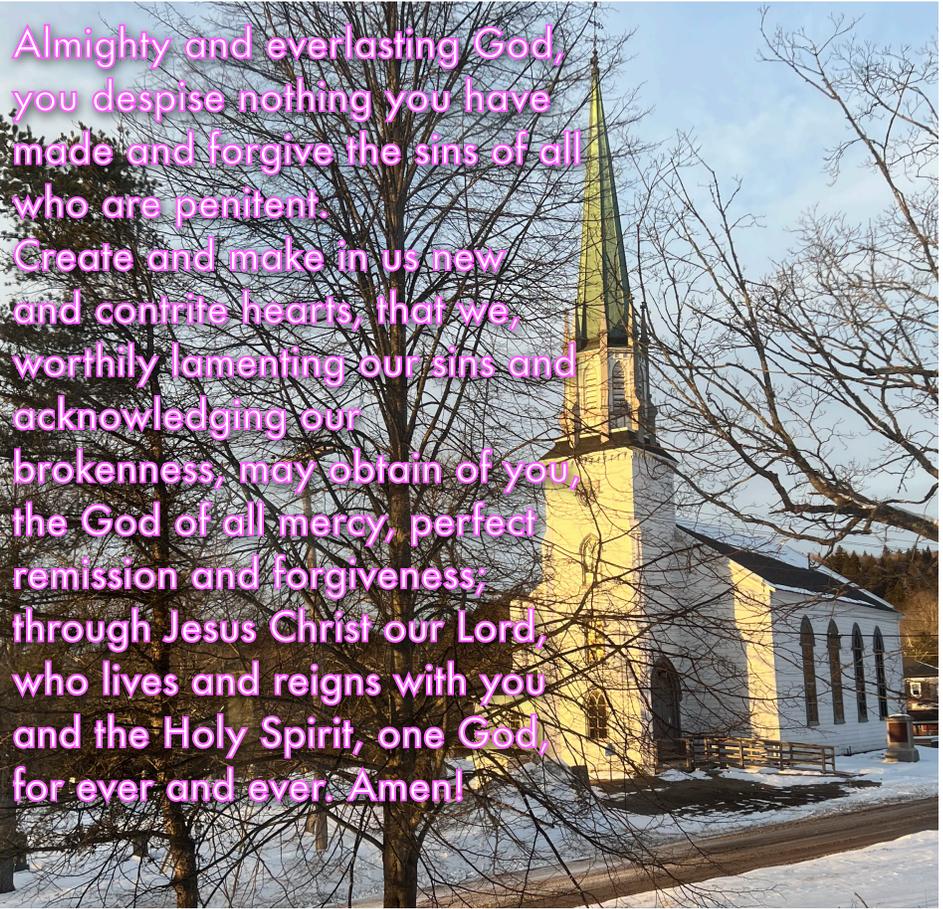


LENT 2022

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Almighty and everlasting God,
you despise nothing you have
made and forgive the sins of all
who are penitent.
Create and make in us new
and contrite hearts, that we,
worthily lamenting our sins and
acknowledging our
brokenness, may obtain of you,
the God of all mercy, perfect
remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen!

An Acknowledgement of Lent

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms (pray, fast or store up treasures: edit mine), do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:1ff.

As we begin our Lenten journey be aware of Jesus' warnings. Many do not attend Ash Wednesday service, seeing it as a "mere" mid-week service; yet it is one of the principal services of the year, as important as Christmas, Good Friday and Easter; for it sets forth our call to spend focused effort on understanding

God, and on our dependence on his grace; essentially it's important: Why?

As we read Matthew 6 we get a clear picture that the religious leaders did not understand why they practiced various rituals. Jesus' harsh warnings reflect how the religious, at the time and even today, were only interested in their own self promotion, with little regard for a deeper honouring of God with these intentional sacrifices.

For Jesus the Father's reward is the greatest gift one can ever receive, and thus we should strive for that grace. The treasure received is not bound in possessions that promote covetousness, nor is it with making oneself look pious before others. It is simply living the faith in a quiet and intentional way for only God to see and witness.

By foregoing attendance at Ash Wednesday service, in person or online, we might be in danger of falling into the very traps Jesus warns all to avoid. Keeping a Holy Lent as Catholics tend to remind, is a way of life for 40 days, similar to Ramadan, where we offer unto God everything earthly in order to gain the heavenly. It's a restart and an opportunity to get back on track. So let's start with understanding what Lent is and is not, and then go forth during these days of abstinence and prayer with a quiet confidence.



Special Lenten Services

- Ash Wednesday: March 2nd, 7pm, Trinity; Imposition of Ashes & Eucharist
- Meditations on The Passion; Mondays, 6pm, Parish Hall (45mins)
- Lenten Study on the Reformation: Wednesdays, 11am - Noon
- Holy Tuesday: April 12th, 10am, Trinity; Eucharist (30mins)
- Holy Wednesday: April 13th, 8pm, St. James, Long Reach; Tenebrae
- Maundy Thursday: 7:30pm, Trinity; Eucharist & Stripping of Altar
- Good Friday: Stations of the Cross, 2:30pm, Trinity

Lent – the season of penitence, preparation, reflection, and fasting. A time to give up something. Very often we choose to give up our favourite dessert, or special treat, and that is fine, but we also are to give up something that will remind us that Jesus died for us, it is a time to focus on Christ’s life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection. A priest once said to me that it is important to give up something, but much more important to take up something. Over the forty days of Lent, it makes sense to set aside time to spiritually prepare for the two most important days of the Christian year, Good Friday, and Easter. A solemn time of preparation remembering the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. A time for prayer, reflection, and repentance.

For 40 days I will spend time in prayer, preparation, repentance, and praying for guidance in my journey as a Deacon on how I can fulfill my servant ministry. As we begin to reopen and as I am able, with God’s grace, I will be visiting each of you.

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11.

Your Deacon, Sharon



From our Wardens

As we anticipate signs of spring , reflect and look towards Easter, there is a sense of preparation. Firstly, with the Covid regulations beginning to relax , we hopefully will be able to begin tentative fundraising events for 2022 and secondly as the weather improves, we can start to put in place projects planned during the winter.

In our last newsletter, we mentioned the interior maintenance work in the form of repairing plaster and paint in the Sanctuary at Trinity Church. There is also some paintwork and maintenance needed at St. James. We are looking into the possibility of grant monies to assist us with this work. The grant we were successful in getting last year, enabling us to do restoration work at St. Pauls cemetery will also be reapplied for this spring to allow us to continue our work of improving the cemeteries in our care.

We have recently finalised the sale of 2 lots on Kingston hill. Only 1 piece of land now remains to be sold.

We also are drawing close to completing the sale of the unusable strip of land , the bank below the graveyard at All Saints. All these proceeds will help with major projects , the siding at St. Pauls being the one coming up as soon as weather allows in the spring. Lack of the ability to fundraise due to Covid has had an impact on our income and we are grateful that the land sales provide a buffer.

Our new vestry was elected at the AGM. Your wardens look forward to working with our vestry and welcome Mary Clarke as a new member. We continue to be appreciative of the help and direction they provide as we tend to the temporalities of the Parish. With God’s guidance we pray we continue to be good stewards of what has been given to us.

Your Wardens
Faye and Vicky

Treasurers Report for 2021:

Revenue:	
Trust Fund	\$83,608.00
Tithe/Offering	\$120,156.00
Fund Raising	\$36,061.00
Total	\$239,285.00

Expenses:	
Trust Fund	\$78,873.00
Operating	\$158,279.00
Total	\$237,152.00

Good financial support from our parishioners helped to meet our financial obligations during another difficult Year.

by Ann Healey