

Feb/March 2023
Messenger

Dear Church Family,

As we come to the end of Epiphany and prepare for Lent, may we take this time to ready ourselves for the encounter of God. From time to time in Scripture are recorded preparatory events for God's people, and even for Jesus Himself. Most notable for Lent is that 40 day period that our Lord spent in the desert fasting as He prepared to begin His public ministry. This 40 day sojourn purposefully mirrored the 40 years of wandering that the Israelites endured in the wilderness, which served as a preparation for them to enter the Promised Land.

God's original plan after delivering them out of Pharaoh's grasp was to take them straight to the land of Canaan over several days. However, tempted by the non-ideal conditions in the desert and the prospect of battling larger-than-expected enemy nations, the Israelites gave into fear and grumbled against Moses and the Lord. God then decided to purify the Israelites by causing them to wander in that wilderness for decades until all the unbelievers died off. Only those who were faithful originally or were children during that rebellion would step foot into the Promised Land. Although God's covenant son, Israel, failed to walk in faith when faced with earthly fears, fortunately for us—and all mankind—God's only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, thoroughly trounced Satan and his temptations.

Looking at these temptations and Jesus' responses will be helpful for us, as we prepare ourselves for the self-denial to which the Christian life calls us, especially during Lent. Three temptations are suggested. The first deals with the physical needs of the body, and a challenge to one's pride. That is, Satan says to Jesus, after he has fasted for weeks and is therefore weak with hunger: "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread" (Mt. 4:3). Note that physical weakness can also lead to spiritual weakness, if we aren't careful to guard against it. The enemy will exploit such situations, just as when the Israelites were in the desert. Although in slavery, in their minds they had eaten well in Egypt. Once in the wilderness, they immediately began to fear that they would starve. After experiencing just a little hunger, they allowed that physical deprivation to empty them of their faith as well, and in turn sinned greatly against the Lord. Jesus, on the other hand, did not allow physical discomfort to lead him into sin. Rather, he replied to Satan's suggestion with Scripture: "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Mt. 4:4). The Word is spiritual food, and having our spirits sustained is even more important than the needs of the physical body. Jesus elsewhere said that "it is better for one to enter into life crippled or lame" than with one's whole body intact to be cast into the fires of hell (Mt. 18:8).

We will also look briefly at the third temptation. Satan said, "All these [The kingdom of the earth] I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me" (Mt. 4:9). Having failed with his first two attempts, which appealed to the bodily appetites and pride, Satan lastly tries to arouse a thirst for power. He would have known that Jesus had come to reclaim the nations of the world from him, and here he was trying to offer the proverbial "get rich quick" scheme. Jesus could accomplish his entire mission (at least the part of it to which Satan was privy) in an instant, avoiding all the difficulties that were to come. However, that was not God's way; and also, anyone with just a touch of life experience knows that temptation boasts of great things, but fails to deliver. May Jesus' response be indelibly etched into our minds: He does not consider the offer, contemplate the possibilities, or try to reason through the matter. He instead rejects it outright, responding with what the Word of God says about the situation: "Be gone Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve'" (4:10).

Continued...

Beloved friends, this Lent may we meditate upon both the Israelites and our Savior Jesus Christ as they were in the wilderness. Let their examples serve as instruction for us in the present day. May the Old Testament narrative provide a cautionary tale on not allowing earthly circumstances, including ailments and deprivations of the physical body, to draw us away from the obedience of faith (Rom. 1:5; 16:26); may Jesus' example become a model for our own discipleship, resulting in the prioritization of God's will over our own complaints and demands. Lastly, may we respond swiftly to temptation with the truths of Scripture, turning away from dead works and running into the loving embrace of Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Christ our Deliverer,
Fr. Shawn+

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ANNUAL MEETING OF HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

11:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 12

Outreach Center

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!

The meeting will begin with a potluck lunch.

If you are able to do so, please bring something to share.

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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND MAKE WORSHIP YOUR FIRST PRIORITY

In addition to worship on the Lord's Day, please mark your calendars with the following dates and times:

Please plan to attend one of the following Ash Wednesday Masses marking the beginning of Lent:

- Ash Wednesday Said Mass: 11:30 a.m., February 22
- Ash Wednesday Solemn High Mass: 7:00 p.m., February 22

Persons are encouraged to attend one or more Stations of the Cross:

- Each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. (3:00 p.m. on Good Friday)

Persons are strongly encouraged to attend the Sacred Triduum; the zenith of Christian worship:

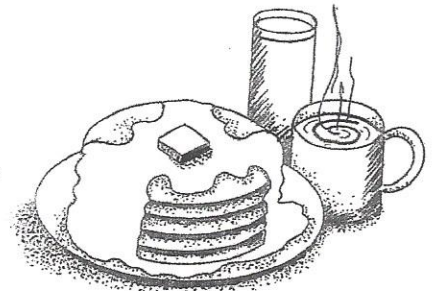
- Maundy Thursday Solemn High Mass: 7:00 p.m., April 6
- Good Friday Solemn High Liturgy: 7:00 p.m., April 7
- Solemn High Mass for the Great Vigil of the Resurrection: 7:00 p.m., April 8
- *A Said Mass with Easter Hymns will also be offered on Easter Morning at 10:00 a.m., April 9*

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SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Once again, our Men's Group will offer a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. This has been a popular event in past years. Shrove Tuesday is February 21, and the supper will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. All invited!

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The Collect for Ash Wednesday

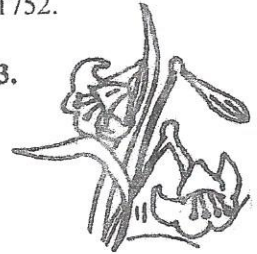
Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

As always, we will have a wonderful show of flowers at Easter. You are invited to contribute to the flowers by making a donation in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving or living honor of someone. Please watch for the forms inserted in the Sunday bulletin nearer the date, or send your request to Tanya Bottini at jbottini1@verizon.net. Your check should be made out to Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Please give your payment to Tanya Bottini, or place it in the offering plate marked "*Flower Fund*". If mailing, please send to: Mrs. Tanya Bottini, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 60 Gibbon Street, Marlborough, MA 01752.

The deadline for names to be included in the Easter bulletin is **Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023**. Contributions in ANY AMOUNT are most welcome.

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Just Me and My Shadow

"Just Me and My Shadow" is a luncheon fellowship group for those who live alone and others who simply would enjoy some company and fellowship. We meet once a month (usually the third Wednesday) for lunch and fellowship. People **do not** need to belong to our church family in order to attend. All are welcome. Thus, please feel welcome to invite a family member, friend, or neighbor who lives alone or someone in need of a little company and fellowship. If you are unable to afford the meal, PLEASE do not let this stop you from joining in the group. Just let Fr. Shawn know (860-207-2210 or shawnfowler86@gmail.com) and he will cover all or part of your meal. Please join us on Wednesday, February 15 and Wednesday, March 15 at 1:00 p.m. at the Longhorn Restaurant, Boston Post Road West, Marlborough.

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HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH'S

Women's Fellowship

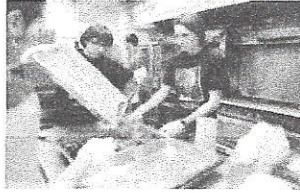
Upcoming Dates:

February 18th, 2023 at 10:00am:
Quiche, muffins, coffee and other refreshments hosted by
Karen Panasevich-Cummins in her home.
Directions will be sent via email to the women in our church as
the time approaches.

March 18th, 2023 from 10:00-11:00am:
Online Zoom Call with time for prayer and
discussion of Ephesians 4.
Please bring your prayers, notes and insights
inspired by your study of Ephesians 4!

Please email caitlynkfowler@gmail.com
to be added to the Women's Fellowship email list.
Thank you!

June's Kitchen



A service opportunity for youth age (13 – 17) and adults to prepare a healthy well-balanced meal for those in need in the City of Marlborough...

We need helpers to prepare the Saturday, February 18th, 2023 meal for 40 servings...

- When:** 3rd Saturday of the month, every other month from Noon up to 3 pm.
- Where:** Holy Trinity Anglican Church Kitchen/Outreach Space
60 Gibbon Street/472 Lincoln Street, Marlborough, MA
- Who:** Diane O'Leary (Primary Adult Leader); Brian O'Leary (2nd Adult Leader)
- How:** Contact olearyclan@comcast.net for further details. 1st come; 1st serve registration.
- Benefit:** Opportunity to serve, learn and practice life skills such as cooking and kitchen safety, all the while enjoying fellowship with peers, and earning community service hours.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOOD PANTRY

"For I was hungry and you gave Me food" (St. Matthew 25:35a)

You are invited to contribute to the Food Pantry on any given Sunday. Needed items right now are canned soups, fruit, tuna, and chicken; pasta sauce. Canned vegetables are NOT needed at this time, thank you. Please place your offering in the box provided in the Narthex. Thank you and God Bless You! Also, if you are in need of food, please visit our Food Pantry located in the Fellowship Hall, or speak with Fr. Shawn or Kathleen Demers.



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Winter Coat Program

We began the free coat program on Wednesday, November 16th. From that date until January 11th we gave out 199 coats. Ninety-one people have come in receiving coats for family members. Coats were sent to Hudson Food Pantry and many coats went to Afghani refugees. Most of the coats were donated by Mark Vital and his students from AMSA. We will continue to open on Wednesdays until mid March.

A special thanks to the ladies who help me every week.
Kathleen Demers (508-624-7642)



What Do You as a High Schooler Need that God Has?

“A Plan for your Life after Highschool”

God has a plan for you, and has since Day 1!
Preparing for life after high school can seem like a daunting challenge!
But with God by your side; Nothing is Impossible!

Join us this Summer in a Personal Management course for young adults age 14 – 18 called
LIFE SKILLS!

Seek the Lord’s guidance as you shore up your knowledge base in the following areas:

- **Thinking About the Future – Life’s Work, Career (Costs & Benefits), Earning a Living**
 - **Short & Long-Term Planning**
- **Our Relationship with Money, Bank Accounts, & Building Personal Financial Statements**
 - **Preparing for Purchases – Debit Cards, Credit Cards, & Loans**
 - **Insurance**
 - **Saving & Investing**
 - **Project Planning (Capstone Project)**

- Registration: May 1 - 15, 2023; Test drive the course! Sign up for the Introduction!
- When: Introduction - Tuesday, May 16, 2023 – 6:30 pm – 8 pm
- Who: Diane O’Leary, Lay Minister, Accountant, & Scouts, BSA Personal Mgt. Mentor
- How Often: Series is offered a minimum of 2x per month; approx. 12-14 sessions.
- Where: Remote via Google Meet; unless otherwise specified...
- Practicums: Yes...Discussions, case studies, reflection, prayer, reading, doing! ☺
- Materials: Scripture, Presentations, Case Studies, Calendar, Calculator, Pencil, Notebook
- Requirement: Completed Parent Permission Slip

If interested in learning more about this course, please contact olearyclan@comcast.net.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd enables children to encounter God through developmentally appropriate presentations, centers, and prayer with a strong focus on Scripture, liturgy, and the whole of sacred history. The program helps the children develop a personal relationship with the Lord. This year we are blessed with several children new to our church and the Atrium. We now have two groups, the older ones led by Diana Newton Wood; the younger group led by either Monica Walker or Cate Fowler. Parents and others assist in the Atrium each week for which we are very grateful. The students are interested and responsive to the Atrium presentations. During Advent we covered some of the prophecies, followed by the Infancy Narratives in the Christmas and Epiphany Seasons. For more information, please contact Monica Walker, Diana Newton Wood, or Cate Fowler.

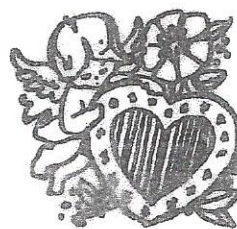
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

Plans are moving along for our Vacation Bible School. It will take place the week of **July 17-21**. Soon we will have our first meeting of volunteers at which we will choose this year’s program. We are expecting another wonderful week encouraging children in their relationship with the Lord. If you know of a child who would like to attend, or if you would like to be one of our wonderful volunteers, please contact Monica Walker at walkermonica@comcast.net.

Live Streaming: For anyone unable to attend the Mass on Sunday, we will continue to live stream the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please watch your emails for any changes to the schedule below.

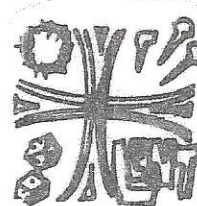
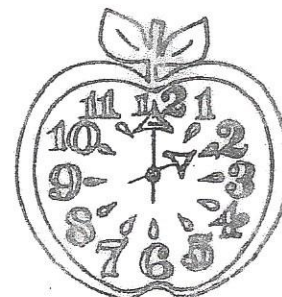
February

Sun, February 5	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Presentation	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass
Sun, February 12	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Epiphany 6	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sun, February 19	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Transfiguration	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Solemn High Mass
Wed, February 22	11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
Ash Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Solemn High Mass with Imposition of Ashes
Sun, February 26	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Lent 1	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist



March

Sun, March 5	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
St. Chad	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass
<i>Sat, March 11 Daylight Savings Time begins tonight. Set clocks ahead one hour!</i>		
Sun, March 12	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Lent 3	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sun, March 19	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Lent 4	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sun, March 26	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Annunciation	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass
Sun, April 2	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Palm Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass



Prayer for the Call of a Rector:

Heavenly Father, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your church, and especially on the canonical committee as we seek to discern your good and perfect will in the choice of rector for our parish. Fill us with your Holy Spirit to guide and direct our hearts and minds in each step of this process. We trust you will bless us once again with a godly, faithful pastor who will equip us to grow in our life of faith and in our witness to this community. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

FAMILY NEWS

Rest in Peace:

Fr. Warren Morris, dear member of Holy Trinity and friend to many of us, passed away peacefully on January 10th after a long, courageous battle with various illnesses. When he was able, Fr. Warren attended Mass regularly, especially at 8:00 a.m. He also prayed constantly for us all, participating in the monthly Day of Prayer even from his hospital bed. A private funeral service was held for members of the family. Please keep his wife, Judy, and all their family in your prayers.

Louise, sister of Marion Butland, died January 21st at the age of 99 at her home in Florida. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time. Please keep Marion and all the family in your prayers.

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Happy Birthday:

February: Paulina Drummond – 5th; Brenda Keeler – 6th; Bob Demers – 8th; Nanette Sahagian – 20th.

March: Marjorie Franko – 1st; John Wood – 1st; Joan Robinson – 1st; Ned Leeming – 7th; Katherine Bottini – 10th; Marcos Gouvea – 15th; John Bottini – 16th; Monica Walker – 24th; Tom Cotton – 30th; Justin Smith – 30th.

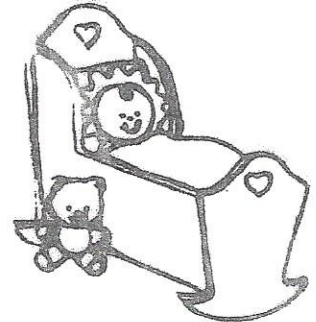
Happy Anniversary:

Diana Newton Wood and Gregg Dunphy on February 7th.

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ANGLICANS FOR LIFE

“You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in Your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed” (Psalm 139:16, NLT)



- **Brochures and other information:** There is a huge amount of information regarding Sanctity of Life issues on the walls in the Narthex (entrance to the church) that you may take home.
- **The Spring 40 Days for Life campaign** begins February 22 and runs through April 2, 2023. Go to www.40daysforlife.com for more information.
- **Please continue to pray** for the unborn, the sick, all those who society feels are a burden.
- **Newsletter of Anglicans for Life:** The current newsletter from Anglicans for Life is on our table at the entrance of the church. It may also be viewed at <https://anglicansforlife.org/publications/>. You can also keep up to date with Life Issues by going to www.Liveaction.org.
- **Donations of clothes, etc:** Donations of baby and toddlers diapers, clothing, etc. benefit First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center (www.firstconcern.org). We also service the young mothers in the neighborhood when needed. Donations may be left in the entrance to the church or the playpen in the Fellowship Hall. You may also contact Kathleen to arrange a drop off time.
- **Anglicans for Life** is an international Pro-Life Ministry within the Anglican Communion, upholding and proclaiming the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Our local Chapter seeks to raise awareness regarding alternatives to abortion...Let us help you! If you are being called to help with this vital ministry, or if you would like to have information on how we can help, please speak to our co-Coordinator Kathleen Demers (508-624-7642) and Marjorie Franko (978-369-8192). Thank you!

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Food during Christian Fellowship:

We all enjoy the light lunch between Mass and Christian Education each Sunday. If you are able to commit to bringing food on an occasional specific Sunday, that would be greatly appreciated. Please don't leave it to just a few people! For more information, or to offer help, please contact Joan Balk (508-835-2085 or jcbalk@aol.com).

The Intercessory Prayer Group is led by Martha Ayisi. Those participating in this ministry are committed to pray for the clergy of HTAC and their families. They pray for the Holy Spirit to bless the members of our church family, our several ministries and our financial worship. They also pray for God's protection upon us all.

Noonday Prayer on Tuesdays: This will continue via Zoom. All are welcome. Following Noonday Prayer we offer a time of free prayer for all who are able to join in.

Adult Christian Education is offered each Sunday at 12:15 p.m. All welcome!

Wednesday Bible Study is offered at 10:00 a.m. in person and via Zoom. At present we are studying Genesis. Please join us!

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Notes of Note:

- **Men's Group:** All men are invited to join us for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. followed by discussion. This is usually the fourth Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact Dan Morse at 978-808-0901, or dwmorse@live.com.
- **Week of Fasting and Day of Prayer:** Our upcoming Weeks of Fasting and Day of Prayer on behalf of our Church Family are as follows:
 - *Week of Fasting:* Monday, Feb. 20 – Saturday, Feb. 25; Monday, March 13 – Saturday, March 18.
 - *Day of Prayer:* Saturday February 25; and Saturday, March 18.
- **Special Collection for the Rector's Discretionary Fund in 2023:** Sundays, April 10, July 9, October 8.
- **Special Collection for the Non-Stipendiary Clergy Fund in 2023:** Sundays, February 12, May 14, August 13, November 12.
- **Special Collection to help fund June's Table in 2023:** Sundays, March 12, June 11, September 10, December 10.
- **Prayer requests:** please email Emily Morse at emmorse@comcast.net or call/text Emily on 978-808-8608.
- **Parish Council meetings:** Any member of the parish is welcome to observe any regular Parish Council meeting. At present these meetings are held via Zoom.
- **Fr. Shawn is off every Monday and Saturday.** He will be present for special Services and events in the life of our church family that fall on these days. On these two days, please only call him in the event of an emergency. Thank you.

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SECOND SATURDAY



Thank you to everyone who has given of their time and energy to help maintain our buildings and grounds! But, as always, there is plenty more to do. Please, please help as you are able! Upcoming Second Saturdays are February 11th and March 11th. Please watch the Enews for information on tasks needing attention.

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Snow Policy/Cancellation Notice:

The 10:00 a.m. Principal Sunday Eucharist typically is cancelled only in the most extreme circumstances (e.g. the Governor declaring a State of Emergency). If you have any question as to whether an event is cancelled, please check the E-news Or call Fr. Shawn at 860-207-2210. Thank you!



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Rt. Rev. Dan Gifford	Diocesan Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Donald F. Harvey	Bishop Emeritus
Father Shawn Fowler (Voluntown, CT)	860-207-2210 (Interim Rector)
Father Robert Cummins, PhD (Harvard, MA)	978-339-3077 (c: voice mail only) or 978-456-2767 (h)
Father Praveen Mutalik (Marlborough, MA)	508-259-0804 (c) or 508-481-0409 (h)
Deacon Rhonda Cotton (Harvard, MA)	508-517-9805 (c) or 978-456-8680 (h)
Parish Council:	
Monica Walker	508-272-6900 (Rector's Warden)
Marta Burbeck	508-382-2026 (People's Warden)
John Bottini	508-877-8736 (Treasurer)
Richard Bostock	508-826-7244 (Clerk)
Dustin Hassard	
Jay O'Leary	508-624-9705
Donald Richards	Senior Warden Emeritus

Contact Information for Fr. Shawn and Holy Trinity Anglican Church

- In case of an emergency, please call Fr. Shawn any time, including his days off at 860-207-2210.
- Fr. Shawn's email: shawnfowler86@gmail.com
- **Fr. Shawn's days off are Monday and Saturday.**
- Church address: 472 Lincoln Street, Marlborough MA
- Church mailing address: 60 Gibbon Street, Marlborough MA
- Church office: 508-481-8493
- Church website: www.holytrinitymarlborough.org
- Like Holy Trinity on Facebook: [facebook.com/HTACMass](https://www.facebook.com/HTACMass)
- Our Diocesan Website: www.anglicannetwork.ca
- Our Provincial Website: www.anglicanchurch.net

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Please let us know!

If you, or a family member, is sick or in the hospital,
please inform Fr. Shawn or another clergy person.

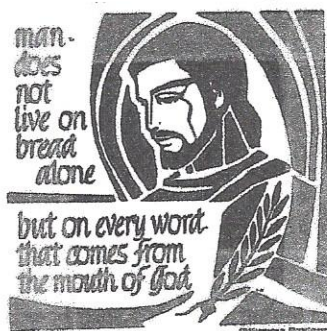
They will arrange visits, and holy communion
if requested.

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DEADLINE FOR APRIL/MAY 2023 MESSENGER

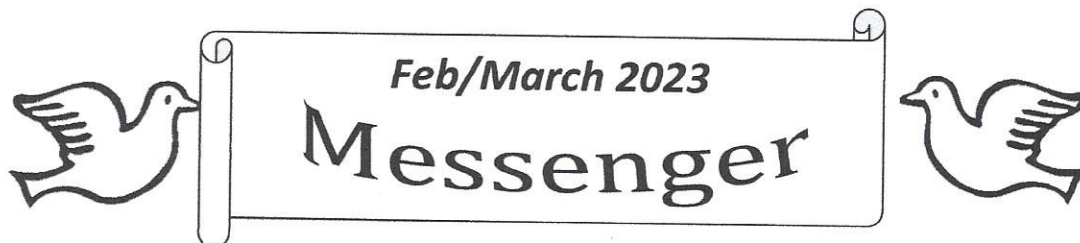
The deadline for the next issue of this newsletter is **Sunday, March 19, 2023**. Please hand your items to me, or e-mail them to me at walkermonica@comcast.net. Thank you! Monica Walker

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