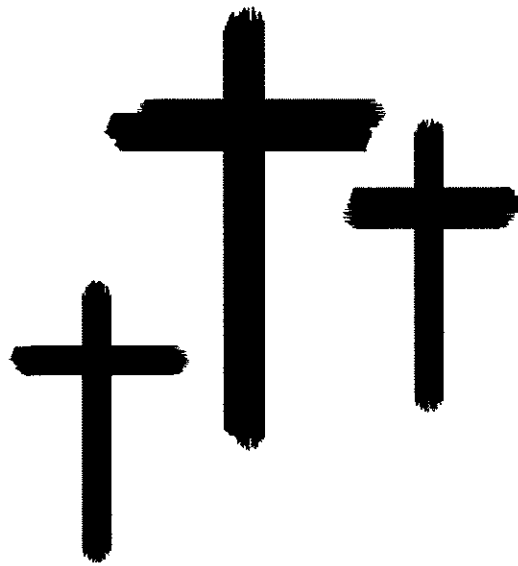


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The Rev. James W. Friedel

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
February 26, 2023 ~ 10:00 am



WELCOME!

Greetings! We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service, and so very thankful to be together in-person or virtually! Whether you are a member, a frequent visitor, or are visiting St. Peter's for the first time, we feel blessed by your presence.

We invite your questions regarding our ministries and life in the Episcopal Church. Please know that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion during our worship. Father Jim will guide us through Communion.

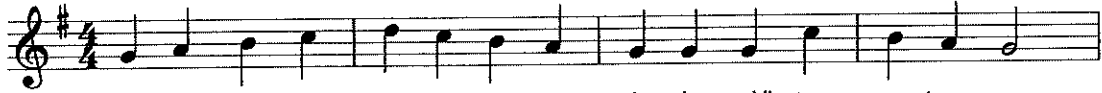
We are so glad you could be with us today and hope you will join us again.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
 February 23, 2023 ~ 10:00 am

All stand as are able.

Processional: Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

(Hymn # 559)



1. Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem - pes - tuous sea;
 2. Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness thou dost know;
 3. Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our heart with heaven - ly joy;



1. guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee,
 2. thou didst tread this earth be - fore us; thou didst feel its keen - est woe;
 3. love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing plea - sure that can nev - er cloy;



1. yet pos - ses - sing ev - ery bless - ing, if you God our Fa - ther be.
 2. yet un - fear - ing, per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.
 3. thus pro - vid - ed, par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

(BCP Page 355)

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Hymn: S-88)



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

You may be seated for the Lessons and the Psalm.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 32

(BCP Pages 624-625)

We will read alternately by whole verse.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

*Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!*

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

*For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.*

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.

*I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.*

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

*You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.*

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.

*Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."*

Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

*Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.*

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans 5:12-19

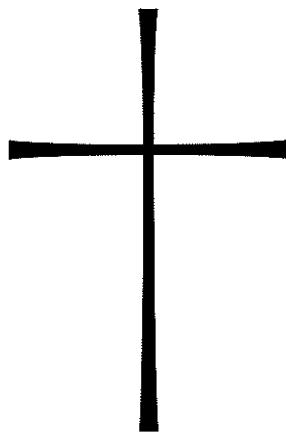
As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*



Happy are those whose
transgression
is forgiven,
whose sin
is covered.

PSALM 32:1, NRSV

THE GOSPEL *Please stand as are able.*

GOSPEL HYMN: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (Hymn #142)



1. Lord, who through-out these for-ty days for us didst fast and pray, teach
2. As thou with Sa-tan didst con-tend and didst the vic-tory win, O
3. As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord, to
4. And through these days of pen-i-tence, and through thy Pas-sion-tide, yea,
5. A-bide with us, that so, this life of suf-fering o-ver-past, an



1. us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2. give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.
3. die to self, and chief-ly live by thy most ho-ly word.
4. ev-er-more, in life and death, Je-sus! with us a-bide.
5. Eas-ter of un-end-ing joy we may at-tain at last!

The Gospel Reading: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 4:1-11

Remain standing as are able.

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

All standing as are able.



(BCP Page 358)

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form I

(BCP Page 383-385)

The Leader and People pray responsively

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all of these, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all of these, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord have mercy.

For this city of Rockport-Fulton and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirmed, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, For all of these, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Prayers of the People, *Continued*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us,

O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

We give you thanks most Merciful God for all the blessings of this life.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Peter and of all the saints,
let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life,
to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Collect at the Prayers

(BCP Pages 394-395)

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

(BCP Page 360)

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves,
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Offertory Sentence

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
~Ephesians 5:2

THE HOLY COMMUNION

You may be seated at the Altar if prepared for Holy Communion.

Offertory Anthem ~On Eagle's Wings

(Joncas)

Doxology

Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

(BCP Pages 361-363)

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
- san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
- san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The congregation may kneel or sit as the prayer continues.
The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation (Mass for the King of Glory)

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.



The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER (C-114)

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.*

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

(BCP Page 364)

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you.

As you remain seated please listen for instructions for receiving communion.

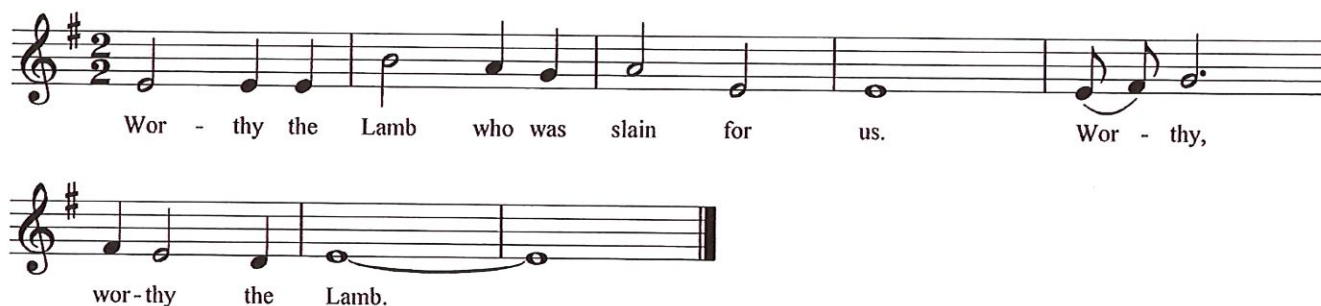
COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn ~ Fear Not, For I Have Redeemed You

(See Insert)

Hymn ~ Worthy The Lamb

(Hymn #C-137)



The Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

(BCP Page 365)

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

The Blessing

The Celebrant says

Grant most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Vallerie Farmer, Bill Page & Julie Piña have joined our Vestry Team that includes current members:

Jr. Warden, Carrie Arrington, Sr. Warden, Jennie Taylor, and member, Lee Williams.

This group will provide leadership for our church in 2023.



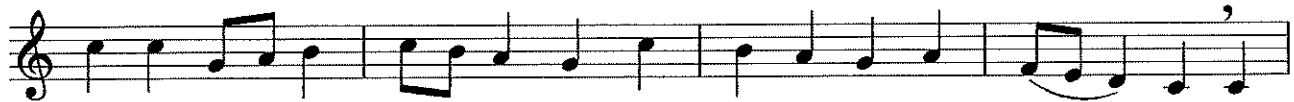
**Saturday, March 4th
8:00 am in the Parish Hall**

Recessional: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(Hymn #688)



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; our
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing; were
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us; we
4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a bid - eth; the



1. help - er he a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; for
2. not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos - ing; dost
3. will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri - umph through us; the
4. Spi - rit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sid - eth: let



1. still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are
2. ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his
3. prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en -
4. goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may



1. great, and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
2. Name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
3. dure, for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
4. kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Be glad all you whose sin is put away. Now go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We are grateful to those participating in our worship this morning:

Lay Readers:

8:00 am ~ Carrie Arrington & Julie Piña

10:00 am ~ John Warren & Myra Kline

Greeters/Ushers:

8:00 am ~ Katherine Hubbard & Scott Arrington

10:00 am ~ Ed Rainwater

Vestry Person of the Day ~

Director of Music Ministries: Meredith Carter

Musical Assistance: Alan Berkebile

Altar Guild:

Hospitality Team: Sherri Collins & Audre Debler

8:00 am ~ June Gregory & Jean Van Eenenaam

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 26th

HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite I, 8:00am, Rite II, 10:00am

Monday, February 27th

* Castaways Pricing, Sorting, and Hanging
~ 12:15pm

Tuesday, February 28th

*Castaways

8:00 am - 11:00 am ~Pricing & Stocking

9:00 am - 3:00 pm ~ Cashiers & Helpers

***CASTAWAYS PULL DAY ~ Join us at 3:15 pm**

Wednesday, March 1st

* Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayers Service,
6:00pm followed by A Time For Prayer on
Facebook Live at 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 2nd

* Castaways

8:00 am - 11:00 am ~Pricing & Stocking

9:00 am - 3:00 pm ~ Cashiers & Helpers

***LIVING WELL THROUGH LENT BOOK STUDY**

~5:30 pm Life Supper; 6:00 pm Study begins

Friday, March 3rd

*Castaways

8:00 am - 11:00 am ~Pricing & Stocking

9:00 am - 3:00 pm ~ Cashiers & Helpers

Saturday, March 4th

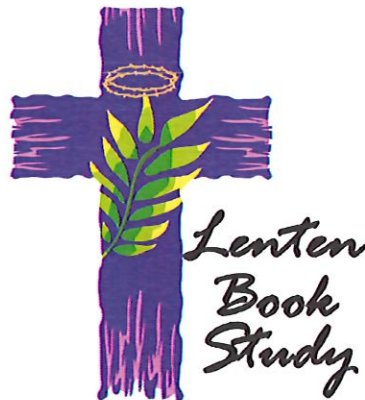
***Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall ~ 8:00 am**

welcome
to our church family



Altar Flowers

There is a sign-up for Altar Flowers on the table in front of the Nursery. After Lent, flowers can be ordered and placed at the Altar each Sunday in honor or in memory of a loved one. Flowers will not be placed at the Altar again until April 23rd. The offering is \$50



FEBRUARY & MARCH BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Charles Brett 26

Eddie Ankele 27

Will Douglas 29

Diann Wylie 2

Justin Holt 3

Alan Berkebile 4

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Kathy & Bill Dauchy 3

Debra & Doug Smith 4

Practicing Compassion with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind

This study is designed for both individual reflection and group study.

The devotional provides a foundation for seeking a deeper experience of Lent ~ one that will help prepare us for the true meaning of Easter.

Please join us this Thursday, March 2nd.

There will be a lite supper at 5:30 pm.

The Study begins at 6:00 pm.

Study Books are available on the table in front of the Nursery or in the church office.