

10:00 a.m. – BAS Holy Eucharist **Lay Minister:** Gordon West

Opening Hymn – Come and Journey

Gathering of the Community
Trisagion

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word:

Genesis 12: 1-4a (Judy Rose)

Psalms 121

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 (Maria Murphy)

Gradual Hymn – For God So Loved

Gospel: John 3: 1-17 (Gordon West)

Homily – Jonathan Muers

The Apostles Creed

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn – A Spendthrift Lover is the Lord

Prayer over the Gifts: God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. **Amen**

Celebration of the Eucharist #4

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread #7

Lamb of God

The Communion

Communion Hymn – For Everyone Born

Ablution Hymn – There is a Green Hill

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Blessing

Children's Hymn – One More Step

Closing Hymn – Throughout These Lenten Days

Dismissal

Let There Be Love

Chancel Guild: Prue Hansen, Diane MacLeod, Judy Rose, Joan MacDonald

Greeters: Bob & Carol Adams, Neil Harris, Robin Phillips

Altar Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary and Jack Rudolph from the family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuesday, Mar. 7th – 12:15 p.m. Noontime Prayer (Chancel)

7:00 p.m. Spiritual Development

Wednesday, Mar. 8th – 1:00 p.m. Finance Committee

6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, Mar. 9th – 7:00 p.m. Evensong & Lent Program (Chancel)

Friday, Mar. 10th – 10:00 a.m. Meditation

11:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study

Next Sunday, March 12th – Third Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist BAS

Bookworms and Church Mice will meet next on Sunday, March 19th in the parlour after worship. The book for discussion is The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta Molnar. All are welcome to read along and join us in the discussion.

Covid precautions: At its February meeting, your parish council decided to lift the ban on passing the offering plate. We are also removing the markings on the aisle floor. Masking is still something you may wish to do, but it is not required. Please use sensitivity to the needs of others when making that decision. Until at least spring, we will continue with a hands free gesture of peace and reception of the Eucharist by a drop of wine upon the wafer.

Our **mitten tree** is up for the season. We appreciate your donations of hand knitted or purchased mittens, hats and scarves for local schools.

Our **Baby Needs 2023 Drive** for the Colchester Food Bank wraps up today. Donations of food, clothing and other essentials for babies and toddlers will be received in the Red Food Cart today. Thank you for your support of this initiative of your Chancel Guild. For more info speak to Maria Murphy or Prue Hansen.



Lent Series: Our Lenten series this year is called “Ask.” From the intro: *A lot of times, when people encounter a big question in their life of faith, it can feel isolating. Forbidden, even. Do-not-go-there territory. But what if faith requires us to ask questions? What if we need questions to survive and grow as a community of faith? You want to go there, don’t you? You want to believe dialogue with God, relationship with God, requires questions. Well, guess what? You’re in good company. “Ask” is a Lenten series for anyone who’s ever had a question about their faith.* There are three ways to be involved in “Ask.”

1. Sign up for our [emailed daily devotions](#). Every morning you will receive a short devotion with a question to ponder for the day straight to your in-box. Email Rev. Lori at llramseyis@gmail.com to sign up.
2. Join us on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the chancel for weekday **Evening Prayer** with a discussion time. We’ll ponder one of the big questions raised by the past Sunday’s gospel each week. All are welcome.
3. Think about your faith questions and place them in our [Question Jar](#). We’ll attempt to answer one randomly drawn question every Sunday after the morning announcements. (Remember that some questions aren’t meant to have answers!) Rev Lori will also spend ½ hour each Sunday after the worship for an informal time to talk about the questions raised for us during the week.

Other Lenten Disciplines: We still have [Lent 2.0 bags](#) to give away – one per household, please. These bags contain an object and a series of prompts and questions for each Sunday in the Lenten season. We hope they will help your Lenten reflections.

Lent Madness: Again this year, we will be sponsoring [Lent Madness](#) in the parish. This fun and simple Lenten Devotion pits saints against each other head-to-head in a race to see who will win the Golden Halo. You can sign up to have Lent Madness in your inbox each morning by going to www.lentmadness.org and entering your email in the subscribe box. Then enjoy the learning each day and check out other parishioners’ votes. Track our progress toward the Halo on the church Lent Madness poster. And have some holy fun!

Sunday School: We are planning to have Sunday School every second week for the winter months, except where Holiday or March Break interrupts the schedule. Sunday School will take place next on **March 26th**.

Food Table: Your Pastoral Ministry Committee is experimenting with a food table at the monthly community dinners. This would be a free table from which people could choose food to take home with them. We plan to begin providing this table at the March Community Dinner, for which St. John’s is responsible. We’re asking if you could pick up some food when you grocery shop, drop it in the bin provided at the back of the church, and we’ll take care of the rest. Some suggested items are: peanut butter, pasta, granola bars, soup, beans, cereal, rice, fruit cups, toiletries, and sanitary supplies. Thank you!

St. John’s is responsible for the **March Community Dinner** on March 18th. A list of the required foods and volunteers is posted at the back of the church today. We appreciate any help you can provide!

Parish Survey: We will conduct a parish opinion survey on Sunday, March 12th and Sunday, March 19th. As well, the survey will be emailed to those for whom we have email addresses. Please fill in the survey once – either online or in person. Deadline for returning the completed survey is Monday, March 20th. Thanks for your input.

Looking Ahead (mark your calendars):

Sunday, April 30th – Sung Evening Prayer by our choir.

Saturday, May 6th – Spring Retreat at Whispering Spirits in Hodson

Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

Friday, March 31st – Palm Cross Making 6:00 p.m. (upper hall)

Tuesday, April 4th – Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon

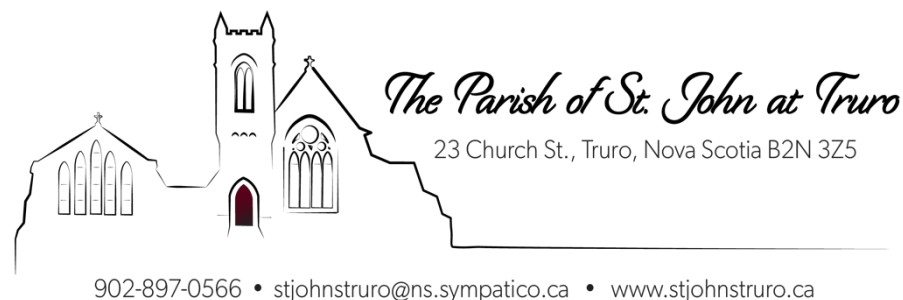
Wednesday, April 5th – Tenebrae 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 6th – 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 7th – 11:00 – 2:00 Indoor Way of the Cross (upper hall)
11:30 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Sunday, April 9th – 6:15 a.m. Sunrise Service
10:00 a.m. Easter Eucharist

Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief – PWRDF is accepting donations in the usual ways to augment an initial \$34,000 grant to ACT (Action by Churches Together) workers on the ground in the affected zone. You can donate online at pwrdf.org, by calling 1-866-308-7973 (leave a message and they will return your call) or by mail at PWRDF 80 Hayden Street 3rd Floor Toronto, ON M4Y 3G2. If donating by cheque please indicate Syrian Earthquake in the memo field.



Second Sunday of Lent

March 5th, 2023



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey

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Wardens: Elaine MacInnis and Neil Harris

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