St Catherine's Voice

St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, Jacksonville, Florida **March 2018**

"The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it." John 1:5

Dear Parish Family:

Valentine's Day is celebrated annually on February 14th. My buddy, Mr. Google, tells us that it is a "significant cultural, religious and commercial celebration of love and affection in many regions around the world."

However, this past Valentine's Day seemed to be about anything but love and affection when a gun man walked into Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL, and killed 17 people. The heartbreak of it echoed around the world and no doubt reverberated in the hearts of those who have lost loved ones in school shootings over the past several years. It certainly resonated strongly with those of us with school age children or grandchildren.

My first thought, probably like many of you, was "Oh, no, not again." And, sadly, again, the airways were full of discussions about gun control, mental health issues, arming teachers and fortifying our school campuses. And, again, after the initial shock and furor dies down will anything seem to get done?

My intention is not to write about the epidemic of mass school shootings in this country. I wish I had some fresh, new incite that would help us solve this horrific problem; but I don't.

What I do have to offer is this: Although, Valentine's Day 2018 certainly was tragic in so many ways for so many people, it was not a day without acts of love. Love that is clearly present in the outpouring of concern, tears … and prayers … from total strangers for the victims, their families and their fellow classmates.

Kelsey Friend remembers her geography teacher who died, Scott Beigel's (35) and his act of love as he stood outside his classroom ushering kids back inside as shots rang out. She credits him with saving her life. Football coach, Aaron Feis' (37), act of love was to throw himself in front of his students trying to protect them. He was known for always putting himself second. Peter Wang (15) was killed holding the door open so his fellow classmates could get to safety … rather than run for cover himself.

All acts of love that Valentine's Day 2018.

Our Mission **To make Christ known by feeding his sheep through Word and Deed.**

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One service on March 11th & 18th

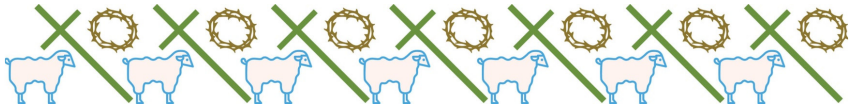
Breakfast at 9 am Holy Eucharist at 10 am

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday
Breakfast 9am Holy Eucharist 10am

Maundy Thursday
Holy Eucharist 6:30pm

Good Friday
Stations of the Cross Noon



Easter Sunday
Breakfast 9am Holy Eucharist 10am
Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch 11:30am

The Financial State of St. Catherine's

Total Pledged Income for February $ 5,681.00
Total Expenses for February $ 9,692.56

Our Pledge to the Diocese is current.

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In times like this, when it seems that there is nothing but tragedy and sadness that seems to surround us, I am reminded that God has not abandoned us…we are not left to weep alone, we have hope for a better world.

The Gospeler John wrote, "*The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it.*" (**John 1:5**) Close your eyes and picture a lit candle in a dark room. As you walk around in the darkness, the candle will separate the darkness and as long as that candle is lit, the darkness cannot ever overcome it.

So, my dear friends, as people who walk in the Light, we must remember that no matter what form evil takes, it will never, ever triumph over God.

Peace, Joy & Love, *Mother Michael+*

Love. Grow. Serve.

The Road to Outreach . . .

The Rosa Lee Brannan Food Pantry gave out **386** bags of food to feed **264** seniors, **400** children, **69** veterans, **115** new clients & **249** with disabilities totaling **1238** people.

Over the month of **February**, **Feed My Lambs**
sent **38** backpacks home **each Friday**
to boost the nutritional needs of children from
low income families that are enrolled at **Impact Learning**.

God's Work Our Hands

Food Pantry Hours: Wednesdays from 9:00 am 'til 12:30 pm
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Birthdays

3 Mrs. Catherine Brough
6 Mark Anderson
6 Katie Lynn Malice
Emily Nicole Malice
13 Mary Anderson
15 Mark Fetzer
18 Whitney Warnock
29 Pat Warnock
31 Matthew Barr

Anniversaries

16 Robin & Mary Mott
21 David & Jan Phillips

Eddie Chapman, Mtr. Michael, Michelle Warro, Bob Hauser, Families of Vance Butler, Sr., Cassie, Jim Peaks, Don Harrison, Alysa M., Debbie Carter, Felicia & her husband, Jason Moss, David Henry, Altamese Henry, Stacy Dyal, Jennifer Summerland, Paige, Jan Walker, Judy, Polk Woolford, Leslie, Joanne, Eileen Reid, Todd Nussbaum, David, Crissy, Drew & Harper Nussbaum, Brad Nussbaum, Honey Tibbetts, Iris Krazit, Margie Mott, Peg Kenyon-Bonhaus, Shannon Spanier, Claire Olson, Lillian Shelly, Carlos Betancourt, Grace Gough, Jerry Smith, Joe, Eloise Collins, Danny & Joyce Sowers, Uida Kuhn, Sandy, Angela Rozar, Raquel, Wayne P., Sharon Jones, Earl Doherty, Wayne Baker, Mike Uzunov, Terry Ruberti, John Meierdierck, Brad Take, Selma Whittle, Elizabeth Dent, Gloria Bangle,
Michelle Maurisak, Cheryl Simons, Rev. Stacey Simpson Duke, Harry Reagan

Expectant Mothers: Amanda Mullins; Naomi Rivera; Kelsi Callahan

Job Situations:
Todd Nussbaum, Debbie Carter, Robert Dyer, Stephen Bigelow, Laine MacWilliam
Holly Chapman

For all first Responders:
Police & their canine partners, Firefighters, EMT's, Security Guards and the White Hats of Aleppo, Chris Schirbock

Those in the Military:
Michael McCreary, Jimmy Fessler, Robin Mott, Brian Schirbock, Channing, James K. Nixon, Jr., Joe Kenyon, Eric M. & his Men, Bradley Allen and all wounded warriors, their families & all canine soldiers

March 2018

Monthly Planner

Feb 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

Apr 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bridge Club 6:30p	2	3
4 10:30a HE II 8:00a HE I 9:00a Breakfast 9:30a Christian Education	5 Art Group 9:00a	6	7 Food Pantry 9:00a-12:30p HE II 12:15p **Lenten Soup Supper 6:00p**	8 Bridge Club 6:30p	9 Parish Hall in Use - AA	10 Parish Hall in Use - AA
11 10:30a HE II 8:00a HE I 9:00a Breakfast 9:30a Christian Education **Daylight Savings Time Begins - Set Clocks Ahead**	12 Art Group 9:00a	13	14 Food Pantry 9:00a-12:30p HE II 12:15p **Lenten Soup Supper 6:00p**	15 Bridge Club 6:30p Bridge Club 6:30p **Vestry Meeting 6:30p**	16	17 Wood Workers in Parish Hall
18 10:30a HE II 8:00a HE I 9:00a Breakfast 9:30a Christian Education	19 Art Group 9:00a	20	21 Food Pantry 9:00a-12:30p HE II 12:15p **Lenten Soup Supper 6:00p**	22 Bridge Club 6:30p	23	24
25 10:30a HE II 8:00 a HE I 9:00a Breakfast 9:30a Christian Education **Palm Sunday**	26 Art Group 9:00a	27	28 Food Pantry 9:00a-12:30p HE II 12:15p **Lenten Soup Supper 6:00p**	29 Bridge Club 6:30p **Maundy Thursday Service 6:00p**	30 **Stations of the Cross 12n**	31

St. Catherine's Lay Minister's Schedule

March 2018

Mtr Michael asks that LEM's and Acolytes be vested 15 minutes before service.

	March 4th The Third Sunday in Lent	March 11th The Fourth Sunday in Lent	March 18th The Fifth Sunday in Lent	March 25th Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday
10:00 am Lector & LEM	Jan Phillips Laine MacWilliam David Phillips	Kelly Culver Chris Dent	Polk Woolford Laine MacWilliam	Raymond Neal Laine MacWilliam David Phillips
Readings	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-13 Hebrews 5:5-10	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11
Holy Gospel	John 2:13-22	John 3:14-21	John 12:20-33	Mark 14:1-15:47
Acolyte 10:30 am				
Ushers 10:30 am		Kelly Culver		
Breakfast Cooks	Raymond Neal Chris Dent	Susan Snider John Libby	Chuck Fessler John Libby	Danny Brannan John Libby
***Altar Guild, the weekly schedule will <u>start on Friday</u> and <u>run through the next Thursday</u>**				
10:00 am	Marian Daniel	Pat & Joe Warnock	Lydia Larrabee	Marian Daniel

Food Pantry					
	3/7	**3/14**	**3/21**	**3/28**	
Wednesday	Debbi, Carol, Jan, Evelyn, Susan, Harriet, Bonnie, Toy, Don Albert	Ev, Debbi, Jan, Evelyn, Harriet, Bonnie, Susan, Toy, Stephen	Laine, Penny, Jan, Evelyn, Maxine, Harriet, Bonnie, Susan, Sherry, Toy, Don	Ev, Jan, Evelyn, Maxine, Harriet, Bonnie, Susan, Toy, Stephen	

If you cannot cover your schedule, please attempt to find a replacement. Thank You

So that the sanctuary may be beautifully decorated for our Easter Celebration, please have your order for Easter Lilies In to the church office by March 25th a donation of $10 is requested.

Did You Know???

Mr. Google tells us: Maundy (from the Vulgate of John 13:34 *mandatum* meaning "command"), or the Washing of the Feet, is a religious rite observed by various Christian denominations. The name is taken from the first few Latin words sung at the ceremony of the washing of the feet, "*Mandatum novum do vobis ut diligatis invicem sicut dilexi vos*" ("I give you a new commandment, That ye love one another as I have loved you") (John 13:34), and from the Latin form of the commandment of Christ that we should imitate His loving humility in the washing of the feet (John 13:14–17).

The term *mandatum* (maundy), therefore, was applied to the rite of foot-washing on this day of the Christian Holy Week called Maundy Thursday.

John 13:1–17 recounts Jesus' performance of this act. In verses 13:14–17, He instructs His disciples:

If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. [15] For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. [16] Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. [17] If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

The root of this practice appears to be found in the hospitality customs of ancient civilizations, especially where sandals were the chief footwear. A host would provide water for guests to wash their feet, provide a servant to wash the feet of the guests or even serve the guests by washing their feet.

This is mentioned in several places in the Old Testament of the Bible (e.g. Genesis 18:4; 19:2; 24:32; 43:24; I Samuel 25:41; et al.), as well as other religious and historical documents. A typical Eastern host might bow, greet, and kiss his guest, then offer water to allow the guest to wash his feet or have servants do it. Though the wearing of sandals might necessitate washing the feet, the water was also offered as a courtesy even when shoes were worn.

I Samuel 25:41 is the first biblical passage where an honored person offers to wash feet as a sign of humility. In John 12, Mary of Bethany anointed Jesus' feet presumably in gratitude for raising her brother Lazarus from the dead, and in preparation for his death and burial. The Bible records washing of the saint's feet being practiced by the primitive church in I Timothy 5:10 perhaps in reference to piety, submission and/or humility. There are several names for this practice: *maundy*, *foot washing*, *washing the saints' feet*, *pedilavium*, and *mandatum*.

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COMING EVENTS

Lenten Soup Suppers continue

At 6 pm through March 28th

Vestry Meeting
March 22nd 6:30 pm

Our Sunday Schedule has changed

One service at 10 am

Breakfast at 9 am

REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday Worship

Breakfast	9:00 am
Christian Education	9:30 am
Holy Eucharist	10:00 am
La Santa Misa en Español	5:00 pm

Wednesday Worship

Holy Eucharist: Rite II	12:15 pm

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday	9 am to 12 pm