

Our Mission Statement

Guided by Holy Scripture and the Holy Spirit, we the congregation of Holy Trinity pledge our lives to Christ. Through worship, love, and service to one another, we will bring witness and encouragement to the community.

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Bulletin Today. The bulletin today is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Eldon Penny** by Nora.

Service Times for March 24 – March 31, 2019		
Sunday, March 24 <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BAS)	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Lenten Service: <i>God's Will & My Identity</i>	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Holy Communion (BCP)	9:30 a.m.
Sunday, March 31 <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Cursillo Sunday</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Service/Holy Eucharist (BAS)	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Welcome. A special welcome to anyone who is visiting with us this morning. Please introduce yourself to our Greeters and Clergy, and sign our guest book located in the foyer.

Bible Study. The Monday morning study starts at 10 a.m. Everyone welcome.

Youth Group. The group will meet at St. Alban's tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m.

Our Lenten Journey. Please join us for the **Thy Will Be Done** special service for Week 3 of Lent. In this service, *God's Will & My Identity*, we remember that, in humility, Mary dutifully accepted the role God had given her to become the mother of our Savior. That Son would later accept his role, faithfully following the path his Father had in mind for him to save us all.

Recyclables. The youth group has set up an account at the Recycling Depot. The account is called *Holy Trinity Youth Group*. If you would like to donate your recyclables to the youth group, that would be wonderful.

Meals on Wheels Program. The program is accepting clients in Grand Falls- Windsor. If you know someone who could avail of this program, please call 489-2158 or email projectadmin@townofgfw.com or find us on Facebook: Meals on Wheels Grand Falls-Windsor.

Watoto Children's Choir. Holy Trinity has been selected/offered the opportunity to co-ordinate the Watoto Children's Choir on Sunday evening, May 19.

Host Families Required for Watoto Children's Choir. Ten host families are required--7 families to host 1 adult and 2 children and 3 families to host 1 adult and 1 child. Ideally adult and children would sleep in separate beds but children are able to share a bed. Children range from 6-12 years old. Guest are to be picked up approximately 1 hour after the evening concert. The ACW are preparing supper for the group on Sunday evening. Host homes are asked to provide a night snack, breakfast and a bagged lunch for travelling the next day – which usually begins 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. The Watoto program has provided much helpful information to host families which will be given to host families as choir members are assigned. To take part in this enriching experience or if you had any questions, please phone Dolly Hart 489-9364, Barb Leyte 489-9332 or Audrey Bishop 489-6871.

Greeters. Terry Brown, Bob Dawe, Ed Eastman, Roy Goulding, Nancy Jackson, Sandra Knight

Bulletin. Items for the next bulletin must be submitted to Linda by **Thursday**. Please e-mail linda.pafford@nl.rogers.com or call (489-9801).

“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” Matthew 6:12

Reflection

A priest once told this story about his family. Two of his uncles were farmers in the community where he had grown up. At some point, the two uncles had a severe disagreement, and they refused to speak to each other. But, as it turned out, each uncle farmed land that was behind the home of the other. So each day they planted or harvested, they had to drive their tractors past one another. For 20 years, as they went to work in the morning and returned in the evening, they did not speak a single word to one another.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is very clear in its interpretation of Matthew 6:12. God's "...outpouring of mercy cannot penetrate our hearts as long as we have not forgiven those who have trespassed against us." (CCC 2840). No one of us can love the God we cannot see if we refuse to love the sister or brother we do see (1 John 4:20). Refusing to forgive leads inevitably to closing ourselves out of God's merciful love.

This season of Lent is again an opportune time to let the love of God break through any shell of our unforgiving nature. The disciplines of Lent help us to recognize the blindness in ourselves as we look out at the world and see people we dismiss, hate, or despise, either as individuals or as perceived enemies. It is an especially important time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we confess our sins, God opens our hearts to God's grace.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, may I forgive others so that I can be a sign of your holiness and presence in the world.

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