

Christ Church **Sixth and Main Streets** Clarksburg, WV

The Good News Weekly

Christ Episcopal Church ~ St. Barnabas Chapel June 13, 2021



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This Week at Christ Church, Clarksburg and St. Barnabas Chapel, Bridgeport Sunday, June 13, 2021

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Reservations are required.

Email Christ Church at: christchurch1853@aol.com Give the following information: Your name and total number of family members planning to attend. (Your reservation will be confirmed by a return email.) Or phone in your reservation to the Church office at 304-622-3694, if necessary please leave a message. (Your reservation will be confirmed by a return call.) Reservations must be made by Friday morning. If unable to keep a reservation, please cancel.

Service Times

10:00 AM Eucharist at Christ Church Clarksburg 11:00 AM Coffee Hour in the Courtyard 6th and Main Street in Clarksburg and 5:30 PM Eucharist at St. Barnabas Chapel

721 Hall Street in Bridgeport

Christ Church 10:00 AM Service

The June 6 service can be viewed anytime on Facebook. The June 13 service will be posted on June 13.

Church Attendance

A Message from the Worship Committee

When you are not worshipping with us at 10:00 AM in Clarksburg or at 5:30 PM in Bridgeport, you are missed! Remember, you can attend either of these services. You can attend the 10:00 service and be free all afternoon and evening for family activities. If you like to sleep in late on Sundays or do some activity earlier in the day, please consider coming to St. Barnabas at 5:30. Now that the pandemic is winding down, keep watching for special summer activities.

Upcoming Events

Outdoors Morning Prayer at Christ Church

June 20 – Father's Day 10:00 AM

Outdoors Evening Prayer at St. Barnabas

June 20 – Father's Day 5:30 PM

Joint Service and Annual Picnic in the VA Park

August 29 at 10:00 AM No services at CEC or St. B. on this date

..... Noonday Office Prayers with the Diocese of WV

Daily, Monday - Friday, at 12:05 PM Can be found on Facebook Live

at: https://www.facebook.com/EpisDioWV/ Or Join Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84247332236?pwd=NWtWVlhR Z0ltRlZTbzA5UnFlVkxmUT09

Meeting ID: 842 4733 2236 Passcode: 873120

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Daily, all seven days, at 7:00 PM Can be found anytime on Facebook Live

at: https://www.facebook.com/EpisDioWV/

Or Join Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82587166640?pwd=YWhMVG9 vcGovTWtKSVdMNm1QODNVUT09

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Prayer for Bishop Coadjutor Search

Almighty God, you have created each person with many and varied gifts and joined our lives together as members of the Diocese of West Virginia. Look graciously upon us as we search for our eighth Bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Give us minds to discern your will, courage to follow where you lead, and hearts to love as you command, to the glory of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Meet Our Religious Communities: The Community of St. Mary, Southern Province



What do Sisters do all day? What are your ministries?

Our mission statement is "We endeavor to say a fervent 'yes' to God by responding to the temporal and spiritual needs of our society through daily worship and prayer, the nurture of spiritual growth and the practice of responsible stewardship."

Our rhythm of life is guided by the Daily Office, the Episcopal services of Morning Prayer, Noon Office (Midday Prayer), Evening Prayer, and Compline (Night Prayer), all of which can be found within the Book of Common Prayer. From that grounding rhythm, we have a variety of ministries. We preach, teach, and lead adult forums at Episcopal churches both in state and out of state (and, since the pandemic started, online). We also lead retreats both here at the convent as well as at other parishes. Some of the Sisters are spiritual directors. We work in our Organic Prayer garden and make jams and jellies from the fruit of our harvest. We have Organic Prayer Program interns, college students and recent college graduates who either live alongside us for a summer or a year learning about Benedictine monasticism in our intentional community. We instruct them in the Rule of St. Benedict, teach them chant, train them to work in chapel, instruct them in organic gardening, and guide them in their garden work and appreciation of the sacramentality of nature. We work with them to develop contemplative prayer services on a topic of nature to encourage them to dive deeper and see the connection between caring for the body, the soul, and the earth. We offer a regular *Ora et Labora* program series that involve topics ranging from quiet days to lectures on such wide topics including spirituality, yoga, nutrition, gardening, and herbs.

Do you take vows?

We take the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The vow of obedience means committing ourselves to live in accordance with our rule, constitution, and customary and to listen for God's voice in all of life. The vow of poverty involves setting aside personal property, holding all Community possessions in common, placing all our trust and hope in God's care for us as well as making space for others, their opinions, and their ways of being. This involves living a life of simplicity and frugality. The vow of chastity encompasses living a life of celibacy together in Community and striving to live in right relationship with God and others. Our governing documents guide us in applying Benedictine values to our life and ministry. One lives in Community and tests her vocation for a minimum of five years before making a lifetime commitment.

How can I get involved with the Community of St. Mary, Southern Province?

There are a variety of ways to get involved with us. You can join us for worship, stay with us in our guest accommodations for a retreat and get to know us, come to volunteer in our garden, or join us in more formal ways as an Organic Prayer Program intern, an Associate, an Oblate, or explore if you have a vocation to Religious Life. Associates are men and women, lay and ordained, who wish to commit themselves to a Rule of Life and friendship with the Community. Oblates are also men and women, lay and ordained, who also commit themselves to a Rule of Life but also commit to keeping the Daily Office and have a two-year formation program with our prioress. Oblates live as lay extensions of the Community and live in the world, following an interpretation of the Benedictine Rule and the values it expresses that is consistent with their life situation.

Those interested in exploring a call to Religious Life need to reach out to our prioress. Many people of faith do not know that The Episcopal Church has men and women monastics, so please share this information! Contact us if you want a Sister to come preach, teach, or lead a retreat at your church. Check us out online at www.communityofstmarysouth.org or on Facebook at Community of St. Mary, Southern Province and on Instagram at @stmarsyconvent.





