

Announcements

Ash Wednesday Services at Shrewsbury

February 18th

12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Henry M. Sabetti

"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of
a holy Lent..." (BCP, p. 265)

All are most welcome as we begin the sacred season of Lent

Dinner and Movie Night

Sunday February 22nd

Dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. and catered by Pam Quarstein of WGH Catering.

The movie will follow at 5:45 p.m.

The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Please RSVP at shrewsburychurch@gmail.com or sign up in the Parish Hall by
Wednesday February 18th and indicate any special dietary needs.

The featured movie is called, "A River Runs Through It."

The Maclean brothers, Paul and Norman, live a relatively idyllic life in rural Montana, spending much of their time fly-fishing. The sons of a minister, the boys eventually part company when Norman moves east to attend college, leaving his rebellious brother to find trouble back home. When Norman finally returns, the siblings resume their fishing outings, and assess both where they've been and where they're going.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Shrewsbury Parish will be Sunday, March 1, 2026

There will be one celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting will continue in the Parish Hall
accompanied by a parish breakfast.

Three persons will be elected to the vestry for three-year terms.

All warden, treasurer, guild and committee reports should be sent
to shrewsburychurch@gmail.com no later than February 22, 2026. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us for this important annual event.



Welcome

Welcome to Shrewsbury Parish Episcopal Church! We are honored by your presence today for worship and invite you and your family into the life and ministry of this historic and active parish.

Here are a few items that will assist you with navigating our service:

- Please receive a service bulletin from an usher. You may take it home or return it following the service to the basket in the narthex.
 - At both services, please follow along in *The Book of Common Prayer*, which can be found in the pew rack in front of you.
 - At the 10:00 am Rite II service hymns can be found in *The Hymnal 1982* and at times in separate handouts.
 - Please join in singing at the 10:00 am service.
 - Restrooms are available in the Parish Hall.
- If you need anything or have a question, please ask an usher or another parishioner. We are here to help you feel comfortable.

Holy Communion

ALL persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this church.
There are no exceptions. YOU are welcome to God's table.

Please come to the altar rail and either stand or kneel for the reception of communion. The priest will place the bread in your hand and the chalice will be offered by the Lay Eucharistic Minister. You may take a sip or intinct, that is dip the bread into the chalice before consuming it. If you have mobility issues, please notify the usher and the priest will be happy to bring communion to you in your pew.

~Following the service, please join us in the Parish Hall for a time of hospitality. Coffee, tea, water and snacks are available.

Pastoral Care and Prayer Requests

Should you wish to speak with a priest or have a pastoral emergency, please contact the Rector, Fr. Henry Sabetti at 301-418-0908.

Please direct any prayer requests to the Rector or to place a name on the Parish Prayer List contact the Parish Administrator at 410-348-5944 or shrewsburychurch@gmail.com

The Service is being *Livestreamed* each Sunday at 10:00 am on our Facebook Page.

Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow!

Shrewsbury Parish Prayer List - February 2026

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Today we remember Absalom Jones, his life, and mission to stand against injustice and oppression, and his ministry as our first black American priest.

Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Vernon and Carol Miller, Tom Mulligan and David & Terri Murphy

Parish Ministry Cycle of Prayer:

For our 15th annual Souper Bowl of Caring and those who struggle with food insecurity.

Prayers For:

Vaccus Afentoulis, Mark Barto, The Beasley Family, The Rev. Warren Beaven, The Rev. Nora Becker, Karen Boulden, Jan Brandon, Gail Carter, Melissa Casadonti, Patrica Craven, Steve Cropper, Lee Davis, The Rev. Clarie Nevin-Field, Linda Fonseca, Sara Gepp, Linda Hall, Sandy Hamilton, Charlie Hawkins, Eileen Hoban, William Irish, Ray Jovanovich, Susan Karbaum, Vernon Miller, David Murphy, Bob O'Connell, Carmen Parks, Laurie Pearn, Amie Price, Pamela Ann Quarstein, Patrick Randolph, Joe Riding, Don Redman, Barbara Rein, Denise Roberts, Peggy Samuels, Kiera Seyd, Raina Seyd, Holden Slaughter, Benjamin Smoot, Faith Spear, Kate Terry, Kathy Terry, Michelle and Trey Timmons, Anne Van Horn, Lori Watson, Chris Wallman, Dan Walsh, David Welch, Abiah, Eleni, Joshua, John, Judge and Marianne

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

Jonathan Campbell, Jonathan Conner, Jeff Gross, Jr., Tracy Lee Fauteux II, Collin Jones, George Jones and Jack Mecca

The Gospel
Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

827

O Lord hear my pray'r

O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r.

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O

Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me. Fine

O

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system is titled '827' and 'O Lord hear my pray'r'. The lyrics are 'O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r.' The second system has the lyrics 'When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O'. The third system has the lyrics 'Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me. Fine' and 'O'.

Good Morning!
Welcome to Shrewsbury Parish
February 8, 2026

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

The flowers on the altar are given by Gretchen Kohl to the glory of God and in loving memory of loving memory of John & Julia Stap

Serving Next Sunday:
February 8, 2026
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Altar Guild: Team 4
Ushers: John Silcox, Kirk Wade
7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
LEM: William Irish
Acolyte: Jim Stevenson
8:45 am Adult Spiritual Formation
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
LEM: Kelly Schelts
OT Reader: Kelly Schelts
Acolyte: Adeline Pechin

Serving Next Sunday:
February 15, 2026
The Six Sunday after the Epiphany
Altar Guild: Team 1
Ushers: Barbara Lloyd, Robert Bryan
7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
LEM: Pam Quarstein
Acolyte: Jim Stevenson
8:45 am Adult Spiritual Formation
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
LEM: Roberta Brown
OT Reader: Kirk Wade
Acolyte: Adeline Pechin



Our annual celebration takes place today after the 10:00 a.m. service. Join us for homemade chilis, soups and more. All proceeds support the Kent County Food Banks and are part of a nation wide effort to combat hunger in our nation. Bring your cash donations, checks to Shrewsbury Parish and loose change and help those who are in need of food and nutrition.

February 8, 2026
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

Silence is observed prior to worship

The Word of God	
Opening Acclamation	BCP 323
Collect for Purity	BCP 323
Summary of the Law	BCP 324
The Gloria	BCP 324
The Collect of the Day	BCP 164
The Lessons (sitting)	
The Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 58: 1-9a, [9b-12]
The Psalter	Psalms 112:1-9, (10)
The Epistle	1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]
The Gospel	Matthew 5:13-20
The Sermon	The Very Rev. Henry M. Sabetti
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
The Prayers of the People	BCP 329
The Confession of Sin	BCP 330
The Passing of the Peace	BCP 332
Greetings, Announcements and Blessings	
The Holy Communion (<i>All are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ</i>)	
The Offertory and the Doxology	
Eucharistic Prayer II	BCP 340
Holy, Holy, Holy (<u>Sanctus</u>)	BCP 341
The Prayer of Consecration	BCP 342
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 337
The Lamb of God	BCP 337
The Prayer of Humble Access	BCP 337
The Post Communion Prayer	BCP 339
The Blessing	BCP 339
The Dismissal	BCP 339

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.]

The Psalm

Psalm 112:1-9, [10]

- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
- [10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.]

February 8, 2026
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

- Processional “Christ, Who’s Glory Fills the Skies” Hymn 7
- Opening Acclamation BCP 355
- The Collect for Purity BCP 355
- The Hymn of Praise “All Glory Be to God on High” Hymn 421
- The Collect of the Day BCP 215
- The First Lesson Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]
- The Psalm Psalm 112:1-9, (10)
- The Epistle 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]
- Gradual “Holy Spirit, Ever Living” Hymn 511
- The Gospel Matthew 5:13-20
- The Sermon The Very Rev. Henry M. Sabetti
- The Nicene Creed BCP 358
- Prayers of the People III BCP 387
- The Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP 360
- The Passing of the Peace
- Announcements and Blessings
- The Offertory Hymn “Be Thou My Vision” Hymn 488
- The Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymn 380 (v.3)
- The Holy Communion Prayer B BCP 367
- All are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ*
- The Sanctus S125
- Communion Hymn (*Sung during Communion*)
- “O Lord Hear My Pray’r WLP Pg. 827 (Bulletin Pg. 9)
- Post Communion Prayer BCP 365
- The Blessing
- The Recessional “Lift Up Your Heads” Hymn 436
- The Dismissal BCP 366

The Collect

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament

Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]

Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.
“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?



Old Testament

Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12] (Continued)

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
[If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.]