

The Ministers of Shrewsbury Parish Church

The Entire Congregation

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The Reverend Marguerite Samuels, Social Ministries

Mr. Kevin Wekke, Minister of Music

Mrs. Elizabeth Carr, Administrative Assistant

The Very Reverend Henry M. Sabetti,

Rector/ Dean of Northern Convocation

The Reverend Stephan Klingelhofer, Priest Associate

The Reverend Marguerite Samuels, Deacon

The Right Reverend James J. Shand, Visiting Bishop

The Vestry:

Mrs. Jane Cropper 27, Mrs. Kelly Schelts 27, Mr. James Steveson 27,

Mrs. Katie Hughes 28, Mr. Bob & Mrs. June O'Connell 28,

Mrs. Kathy Bacastow 29,

Mrs. Deborah Geng 29 and Mrs. Kimberly Fox 29

SHREWSBURY PARISH



March 1, 2026

*The Second Sunday in Lent
Annual Meeting*

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 - March 2026

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for the Rev. Carl Mosley, and the people of Holy Spirit in Ocean City. We pray for the work of Andy Diaz and the Hispanic Ministry.

Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Henri & Agnes Pechin, Mike & Beverly Philipp and Sallie Price

Parish Ministry Cycle of Prayer:

For God's continued blessings upon the mission and ministry of Shrewsbury Parish

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, Tom Coler, Patrica Craven, Steve Cropper, Lee Davis, The Rev. Clarie Nevin-Field, Linda Fonseca, 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 Slight, Benjamin Smoot, Faith Spear, Kate Terry, Kathy Terry, Michelle and Trey Timmons, Anne Van Horn, Kirk Wade, 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

For the Faithful Departed:

Sara Gepp, The Rev. Jesse Jackson

Announcements

Parish Hall Furniture

The Vestry has identified the need to replace some of the well worn furniture in the Parish Hall. They are seeking financial donations to offset the cost. If you wish to make a gift please place it in an envelope marked “Furniture” and/or make checks payable to Shrewsbury Parish and write “Furniture” in the memo line. Many thanks in advance for this act of thoughtful stewardship for Shrewsbury.

Ushers Needed

A Simple Way to Serve: Join Our Ushering Team

Have you ever wondered how you can get more involved at Shrewsbury Parish without a mid-week time commitment? We are looking for friendly faces to join our **Usher Guild**, with a particular need for volunteers during our **10:00 AM service**.

What does an usher do? It’s more than just handing out bulletins! Ushers set the tone for our worship by:

- Greeting members and visitors with a warm welcome.
- Assisting with seating and guiding the flow of Communion.
- Helping collect the weekly offering.
- Ensuring everyone feels safe and comfortable throughout the service.

Why join? It is a wonderful way to meet your fellow parishioners and play a vital role in making our church feel like home for everyone. You can serve as little as once a month, and no prior experience is necessary—we’ll provide all the training you need.

Interested? Please see one of the current ushers (Robert Bryan, Lisa Raffetto, Kirk Wade or Peter Thayer) after the service, or contact John Silcox (jhsilcox@gmail.com) to learn more. Help us keep the 10:00 AM service running smoothly and welcoming for all!



The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the 2019 founding of La Sagrada Familia de Jesús. ¡Gracias a Dios!

Serving This Sunday:

March 1, 2026

The Second Sunday in Lent

Altar Guild: Team 3

Usher: Rich Walls

LEM: Carol Niemand

Acolytes:

Adeline Pechin, James Stevenson

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Followed by the Annual Meeting and
breakfast in the Parish Hall.**

*Breakfast will be catered by and the
gift of Lucinda McCartan
and Davey Walker.*

Serving Next Sunday:

March 8, 2026

The Third Sunday in Lent

Altar Guild: Team 4

Ushers: Randy Cassidy, Robert Bryan

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant:

The Very Rev. Henry M. Sabetti

LEM: Mary Lou Pagella

Acolyte: James Stevenson

8:45 a.m. Adult Spiritual Formation

10:00 a.m. Communion from the

Reserved Sacrament

Officiant:

The Rev. Marguerite Samuels

LEM/OT Reader: Pam Quarstein

Acolyte: Adeline Pechin

The Vestry will have a retreat day
from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at
Thornton in Chestertown

ONLINE



March 1, 2026
The Second Sunday in Lent/ Annual Parish Meeting
9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II
Jesus Is Lord

Processional	“The God of Abraham Praise” Hymn 401
Opening Acclamation	BCP 355
The Collect for Purity	BCP 355
The Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)	BCP 356
The Collect of the Day	BCP 218
The First Lesson	Genesis 12:1-4a
The Psalm	Psalms 121
The Epistle	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Gradual	“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” Hymn 691
The Gospel	John 3:1-17
The Rector’s Report	The Very Reverend Henry Sabetti
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form IV	BCP 388
Confession of Sin and Absolution	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360
Announcements & Blessings	
The Offertory Hymn	“Just as I am” Hymn 693
Doxology	
The Holy Communion (<i>All are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ</i>)	BCP 361
Sanctus (Spoken)	BCP 362
Communion Hymn (<i>Sung after distribution of communion</i>)	
	“Let Us Break Bread Together” Hymn 325
Post Communion Prayer & Blessing	BCP 366
The Recessional Hymn	Bulletin Pg. 8 (WLP)
The Dismissal	BCP 366

We All are One in Mission
Wonder Love and Praise

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
So people of all nations may feel God's warm embrace.

We all behold one vision, a stark reality:
The steward of salvation was nailed upon a tree.
Yet resurrected Justice gives rise that we may share
Free reconciliation and hope amid despair.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

The Gospel

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Collect

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament

Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Psalm

Psalm 121

Levavi oculos

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Epistle

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.