

Saint Mary's

Episcopal Church Barnstable

November-December 2019

"The dead man came out, his hand and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' John 11:44

Lazarus, silent brother of Bethany, when you died, they washed and wrapped you. And when you came back they unwound you, and you washed yourself. In all of this, you said nothing. We, like you, are silent in the face of death. But may we wash and wrap love around sorrow because sometimes, that's all that we can do. Amen."

Pádraig Ó Tuama, Daily Prayer with the Corrymeela Community, p. 27

There is so much grief in our families and community. Most recently, we received news of the death of the Rev. Steve Smith, which came on the heels of so many loved ones at St. Mary's, and in our broader Cape community, experiencing life-threatening illnesses or accidents and then dying. At times I can feel paralyzed by grief, held tight by the grip of fresh losses compounded by the memories of previous sorrows. In addition to grief, my mind can race with questions ... why did this happen ... why is there so much suffering ... is there anything we can do? With so much emotion swirling, often tears and silence are all that remain in the face of death. As Irish theologian Pádraig Ó Tuama writes, at these times, all we can do is wrap love around sorrow.

This is a beautiful image for me. Grief and sorrow are profound in the face of death, and only the grace of God will help healing evolve over time. But as the angels and Spirit tend all who grieve, I can pray for guidance in wrapping love around the sorrow. Your examples of love and companionship inspire me. Praying, sending cards, taking walks, making phone calls, offering rides, preparing meals, sitting and crying over a cup of tea are all ways I witness you wrapping love around sorrow.

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**From our Rector, the Rev.
Dr. Libby Gibson**



**Parish Holiday Newsletter
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On the *Feast of All Saints, which we will observe November 2 and 3*, we will remember our loved ones whom we see no longer, but know that they live on in the eternal love and mercy of God. Also, recognizing that the holidays are very painful times for people who are grieving for losses of any kind in their lives, we will have a *"Blue" Christmas service on December 14 at 5 pm* as we approach the longest night of the year. By coming together, sharing the stories of our loved ones, lighting candles and lifting our voices in song and prayer, we can wrap love around our sorrow knowing that it is the love of our incarnate Lord who ultimately unbinds and sustains us.

Love and Blessings, *Libby +*

WORSHIP & MUSIC



A memorial service for Rev. Steve Smith will be held on Saturday November 16 at 3 pm at Emmanuel Church in Boston. Please consider carpooling or taking public transportation given the limited parking in Boston. You can find directions here:

<https://www.emmanuelboston.org/about/directions/>.

Please email Marian Ferguson (marianferg110@gmail.com) if you will be attending the service as Steve's family would appreciate a sense of how many people to expect.

Adult Forum – Bill Fallon: Sunday, November 3rd – 11:30am

Written by Linda-Gene Peterson, Sponsor

In his autobiography, *Courage to Persevere*, Bill Fallon tells his story, that of a gifted athlete, successful businessman, and young family man, 37 years of age, whose world crashes around him when he learns that he suffers from a rare, usually-fatal birth defect in his brain (arterio-venous malformation). The life-threatening surgeries he undergoes, and their extraordinarily difficult aftermath for him and his family, tell the human side of today's medical miracles, and of facing life's ultimate challenge and emerging from tragedy to triumph, and still thriving 28 years after his brushes with death...

"Blue" Christmas Service: December 14 at 5pm: Join us for a special service to honor our loved ones who we miss during the holidays. We may grieve for people who have died or friends and family from whom we are estranged. As we approach the longest night of the year, we will gather to share our memories. Please *bring a picture of your loved one* to our service on December 14. We will light candles, tell stories, and sing songs to support us during the holiday

From our Minister of Music, Dr. Mark Lawlor



History of -- *Gloria in Excelsis*

We sing the *Gloria in Excelsis* each Sunday as well as on Feast Days and all Solemnities. The Gloria is not sung during Advent and Lent. I thought it might be of interest, especially as we approach this Christmas Season to look at the history of this ancient song.

At the birth of the Christ Child -

"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angels, praising God and saying,

" Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:13-14

Below is taken from the book entitled: *The Mystery of Faith* by Lawrence J. Johnson.

The *Gloria* is also known as the "greater doxology." Some call it the "Angelic Hymn" since its first words are those of the angels at Bethlehem. It has come down to us from the treasury of early Christian hymns modeled upon the psalms and canticles of the Bible. First found in Greek and Syrian sources, this song of praise was used as an Easter hymn of dawn and gradually found a place at the conclusion of morning prayer in the east. It entered the west, perhaps by way of Gaul, and by the beginning of the sixth century was already incorporated into the Pope's Christmas Mass at Rome, and then at Sundays Masses and Feasts of martyrs when the Bishop presided. The hymn was used by priests only at the Easter Vigil. By the eleventh century it was sung at all Masses on Sundays and festive occasions.

The *Gloria* is a hymn anthem containing a series of acclamations. The text today mentions all three persons of the Trinity; this Trinitarian characteristic is even more pronounced in some of the hymn's early text.

We will not be singing the *Gloria* during Advent as we prepare with anticipation for the coming of the Christ Child. But ----- On Christmas Eve may we join our voices with the Heavenly Choirs, and the multitudes of those who for centuries have joined in this hymn, as we sing – GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!

Season of Joy... Christmas Music

This Season of Joy is filled with Music, Music, Music. The Choirs and Musicians of St. Mary's have been working on Christmas Eve music since the middle of October. The choir is preparing some beautiful anthems, which are spoken about below, but our Worship will be filled with Carols of the Season for all to join their voices to sing.

Christmas Eve 12:30pm

A quartet of talented parishioners, Sophie Gibson –Soprano, Betsy Lawlor – Alto, Dan Powers – Tenor, Mark Lawlor – Bass, will join in the singing of the Carols, as well as offering two special anthems:

Christmas Lullaby composed by John Rutter
Ding Dong Merrily on High French Carol
(sung in English)

Christmas Eve 4:00pm

Both young and old join in singing familiar Carols for Christmas accompanied by organ and piano.

Christmas Eve 9:00pm Come early --- stay late

Come early -----Music will begin at 8:30 with carols sung by all, as well as descants, anthems and instrumental works. The Choir will be singing anthems from old French tunes (in

English only) to include: *Sing We Now of Christmas, O Holy Night* and several other carol arrangements for Choir, Flute and Oboe. Instrumentalists Betsey Edwards – flute, Betsy Doriss – Oboe and Sue Galbraith – violin will be joining us as we bring these beautiful French carols to life.

Stay late--- so as not to miss the postlude as Dr. Lawlor will play the 1 minute 24 second *Toccata on God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* composed by Myron J. Roberts. A Toccata is a very fiery piece with quick moving notes and quick harmonic changes usually in an improvisational style. Then -- be serenaded as you depart the sanctuary where our Section Leaders will be singing on the sidewalk. (weather permitting)



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES



The Christmas Pageant is Tues, Dec 24th at 4PM! Want to be in the pageant? Follow Allison's e-News for updated information!

Spectacle of Trees Features Hyannis West Entry

Are you unable to be a classroom volunteer at Hyannis West Elementary, but would like to support the school in some way? Buy Tree Bucks for \$10 each and cast your vote for the school's entry in the Spectacle of Trees at Cape Cod Mall!

Beginning November 24, beautifully decorated trees loaded with gifts will be on display for three weeks, just outside Ten Pin Eatery and across from Santa's Village at Cape Cod Mall. Hyannis West will be one of ten different local non-profit organizations who will sponsor and design a tree. The school's theme will be multicultural, representing the awesome diversity of their student population.

On December 14 one Hyannis West voter will be the lucky winner of the school's tree and all its gifts. All proceeds from the Tree Bucks received as a vote go directly to the sponsoring nonprofit, so this event is a huge fundraiser for the school!

To purchase your tree bucks directly, visit the school or go to spectacleoftrees.com and then be sure to visit the Mall and cast your votes!



September 12, 2019

Ms. Christy Saling
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
3055 Main Street
Barnstable, MA 02630

Dear Christy,

On behalf of EVERYONE at Hyannis West Elementary School, THANK YOU to St. Mary's for helping to assemble and prepare backpacks on Backpack Day this year! Your volunteers, led by Allison Bresette, were amazing! We had so many happy students and families arrive the day before school started to check out classrooms and receive a free backpack full of awesome school supplies.

As you know, St. Mary's is an important community partner to Hyannis West Elementary School. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our school. We are better because of you.

Kind regards,

Liz.

Elizabeth Marcus
Community Outreach Coordinator

OUTREACH

Thank You, Rummage Sale Team!

It is with great delight that we THANK YOU ALL for your many contributions to the successful Rummage Sale at St. Mary's: your lovely donations that sold so well; your expertise with parking and construction challenges; your keen eye for design and quality displayed in the Boutique; your enticing housewares, linens, artwork gallery, women's and children's clothing, Xmas treats, and furniture/sports/pet equipment; your tireless help in unpacking, sorting, pricing, then repacking for end-of-sale collections; your patience with demands for trucks and powerful arms to transport loaner tables and racks; and your endless smiles throughout every challenging day! And it is with delight that I congratulate you all on the results of your labors: **\$9,176.26** is the final figure from the Parish Financial Wizards as the net profits from your mighty labors! Congratulations and everyone, please take a bow!! – *The Rummagers of 2019 Salute You!!*



THE THRIFT SHOP IS COMING!!!

*"What's in a name? That which we call
a rose by any other name would smell
as sweet."*

Your vestry has voted, the Thrift Shop is moving forward, and now, WE NEED YOU!! Calling all parishioners to submit your suggestions for its NAME. Please submit your suggestions...catchy/cute, serious/sweet/ uplifting/divine...we welcome all suggestions. Please give this some thought, as you will be naming a part of St. Mary's and leaving a legacy along Rte. 6A; our signage will swing there with YOUR name suggestion for years to come!

Please submit your suggestions to the office administrator via telephone (508-362-3977) or email (admin@stmarys-church.org), or via email to Janis Umschlag, Liz Ferretti or Helen Hinckley (jumschlag1@gmail.com, eabferretti@gmail.com, hph54@comcast.net) and perhaps you will be the one to unveil the sign on opening day! Deadline for suggestions is November 11, 2019.

Thanksgiving & Living Generously



2019 Thanksgiving Baskets for Cape Codders

We need your help for those less fortunate during the season of gratitude. It's easy! Last year we provided 197 needy families with a very special holiday meal. The need on Cape Cod continues. Please help us make this a joyful Thanksgiving for those less fortunate. Here are **three ways you can "adopt" a local family**, who will be very grateful for the generosity of their fellow Cape Codders.

___ Option 1: Fill a box with ALL THE FIXINGS* *and* a FROZEN Turkey
(15-25 lbs. Turkey **MUST BE FROZEN**)

___ Option 2: Fill a box with ALL THE FIXINGS* *and* a \$25 supermarket Gift Card

___ Option 3: Fill a box with ALL THE FIXINGS* *only*.
(we will add a turkey)



To Sign Up: Contact Peter and Judy Walden Scarafile at 508-362-4467 JudyScarafile@Gmail.com

Assembled boxes can be **delivered to St. Mary's Church, Rt 6A, Barnstable Village on:**
Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9am – 12pm or Sunday, Nov. 24. from 9am – 11:30am

* **ALL THE FIXINGS for a Basket Donation:**

- One (1) 5 lb. bag of potatoes OR one (1) box of instant potatoes
- One (1) 1 lb. bag of carrots
- Two (2) lbs. of onions
- One (1) bunch of celery
- One (1) butternut squash
- One (1) can green beans
- One (1) can of peas
- One (1) can of sweet potatoes
- One (1) box Seasoned Stuffing
- One (1) can cranberry sauce
- Two (2) jars of gravy OR a packaged mix
- One (1) pie mix (apple, pumpkin) AND box pie crust OR One (1) fresh pie
- **PLEASE NO FROZEN PIES OR VEGETABLES. WE HAVE NO WAY TO KEEP THEM FROZEN.**
- ***Thanksgiving Baskets will also be decorated with Thanksgiving Greetings signs that the children in the community created!***



HOLLY FAIR 2019!

DECEMBER 7 9AM-2PM

DONATE, HELP, COME, EAT, AND BUY!

Your Holly Fair team has been gearing up and by the time you receive this newsletter we will be in full swing. We are excited to have the event with the church construction finished and are confident it will be a great event for all. Not only will it be enjoyable, we will be supporting the ministry efforts of the church. We look forward to you joining us once again to make the Holly Fair a huge success!

- ☐ Donate an item or service to the Silent Auction. Drop-off 11/13,14,15 or 11/20,21,22, 10:30am-1:30pm. Advance bidding days 11/23-24 and through 12/30-12/1. Contact Joy Hambly 508-776-7230,
- ☐ Helen Hinckley 508-362-9821, Helen Prothero 508-744-7261, Maureen Tempesta 508-737-1936.
- ☐ Distribute flyers the day after Halloween and/or spread the word in your neighborhood about the fair. Contact Helen Prothero 508-744-7261.
- ☐ Donate to the Jewelry Room. Drop off in church office, 9am-3pm, M-F. Contact Sharon Donegan 508-246-1446.
- ☐ Join us to set up the rooms Wednesday evening 12/3 before the Fair - lifting required. Contact Frankie Stahlhut 703-380-8630.
- ☐ Drop off white pine, juniper, cedar, arbor vitae, spruce, and any other evergreens the week of 11/24. Join the Greens Committee in making wreaths 9am-2pm on 11/30, 12/2,3,4,5 with a possible evening session from 6-8:30 on Wednesday, 12/3 ; workroom clean-up, 12/6, in the morning. Contact Deanna Cryan 617-538-1574.
- ☐ Donate your holly boughs! Jamie & Lee Hunsaker (508-362-3564) will provide expert pruning at no charge! The holly will be cut, trimmed and bagged just prior to the fair. Contact Jamie & Lee if you have holly to donate or wish to help in the process.
- ☐ Contribute your time to food prep, 12/6, and serving, 12/7, for the Holly Fair Luncheon. Contact Janis 508-362-9519.
- ☐ Donate items to the Attic Treasures room. Drop-off 12/4-5. Contact Leezie Magruder 508-362-3373.
- ☐ Donate homemade goods to the Country Kitchen. Drop-off 12/6. Contact Caty McMahon 508-362-7196.
- ☐ Donate a handmade item (knitted, crocheted, crafted) to the Handmade / Artist room. Contact Meri Colbert 508-332-2995.
- ☐ Volunteer the day of the Fair as a room helper, cashier, server, floater, etc. Contact Frankie Stahlhut 703-380-8630.
- ☐ Welcome our guests by pointing out a good parking spot the day of the event. Contact Ed Saling 508-775-0583.
- ☐ Add your good cheer to the clean-up committee immediately following the fair, 2pm. Contact Frankie Stahlhut 703-380-8630.
- ☐ Attend the fair and bring your friends.

Your Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Please help with this important community event and fundraiser. Drop form off in the office; add it to the collection plate; or email it to Frankie or Sue. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Frankie Stahlhut 703-380-8630, fstahlhut@gmail.com
Sue Davy 703-380-8629, sdavy698@gmail.com

Outreach & Ministry Support continued

COOKIES WANTED



Introducing the Cookie Brigade to the Holly Fair Country Kitchen 2019!

New this year, we will feature a "cookie brigade" (aka "cookie walk") where our guests can choose from an

assortment of cookies, filling an empty container as they browse through the selections. The guests can choose as many different types of cookies as they would like, as long as they fit in the container. Country Kitchen volunteers will be on hand to help all guests with their selections and to package the cookies. **This has the potential to be a big success as a fundraiser, but we need your help!** Please use the [online signup](#) or contact Caty McMahon if you can bake a few batches of cookies for delivery to the church on Friday December 6th or if you would like to volunteer at the event.

Email: catymcmahon@gmail.com Phone : (cell / text): 617-678-2494. Note: we will also sell assorted baked goods and treats and we need those too! Donations of baked goods and treats of all types gratefully accepted; please be in touch regarding what you can bring. Thank you in advance for helping with this important component of our Holly Fair!

St. Mary's Outreach for 2019

1. Where do the Outreach Funds come from?:

- ◆ 1/2 of the profits of our SMC fund raising efforts: Daffodil Tea, Rummage Sale and Holly Fair.
- ◆ 5% of our annual pledge income.

2. Where do these funds go?

- ◆ They support local (Cape Cod) non-profit, human service organizations which aid children and families in need; the Outreach gifts only support organizations in which we believe that the SMC funds will make a substantial difference in the efforts of those entities.

3. What are some of the organizations that Outreach supports?

- ◆ Some of them are: Days of Hospitality, All Our Children, Miracle Kitchen, Summer Eats, NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness on Cape Cod), Prison Ministry, M25 (for homeless), Amazing Grace summer cape (for kids of the incarcerated).
- ◆ Most recently, at Coffee Hour, we were educated and entertained by Dan McCullough, the founder of the M25 Program, an effort that has helped provide health care assistance, food, clothing and shelter for the homeless for the past twenty-five years.

Sincerely submitted,
Leezie Magruder and Jud Phelps, Outreach Co-chairs



Photo courtesy:
Carolyn Thomas

Faith Family Kitchen!

Members of St. Mary's Church help once a month at Faith Family Kitchen setting up, serving, hosting the dining room and cleaning up so that 100-125 meals can be served to those facing food insecurity. To help out or for more information, please contact Jim Cranitch at jimcran@comcast.net.

INREACH & CARE

Electronic cigarettes: Not a safe way to light up

E-cigarettes are popular alternatives to regular cigarettes, but are they safe?

By Mayo Clinic Staff

If you've considered trying electronic cigarettes, you might wonder if they're really a safer or healthier option or if they can help you quit smoking. Here's what you need to know about e-cigarettes.

How do they work?

Electronic cigarettes are battery-operated devices that heat a liquid solution (usually but not always containing nicotine), turning it into a vapor that can be inhaled. They are often called e-cigarettes, e-vaporizers or electronic nicotine delivery systems. Using e-cigarettes is often referred to as vaping.

Some e-cigarettes resemble traditional cigarettes, cigars or pipes. Others look like pens or flash drives or have completely different designs. E-cigarettes can be disposable or refillable. Most use a cartridge — disposable cartridges are sometimes called pods — or have a refillable reservoir or "tank" to hold the liquid, also called e-liquid or e-juice. The liquid typically contains nicotine, flavorings, propylene glycol and vegetable glycerin.

The strength of an e-cigarette is determined by the amount of nicotine in the e-liquid and is expressed in milligrams per milliliter or as a percentage. However, studies have raised concerns that product labels don't always provide accurate information about nicotine content. Some pods contain a concentrated form of nicotine called nicotine salt. A pod containing 5% nicotine salt may have as much as 30 to 50 milligrams of nicotine, the equivalent amount of nicotine delivered in one to three packs of cigarettes.

Are e-cigarettes safe?

In mid-2019, U.S. state health departments reported more than 200 potential cases of serious lung illness associated with use of vaping devices. A specific device or e-juice hasn't been determined. These cases have raised concerns that vaping may cause lung damage. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that people stop using e-cigarette products while the organization investigates the cause of the lung illnesses.

Because e-cigarettes don't burn tobacco, most experts agree that e-cigarettes are likely to cause fewer harmful effects than are traditional cigarettes. But some e-cigarettes may contain harmful substances, such as carcinogens, toxic chemicals and delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana.

E-cigarettes containing nicotine aren't considered safe for adolescents, young adults or pregnant women. Nicotine can harm brain development in children and young adults into their early 20s and is toxic to developing fetuses. Children and adults have also been poisoned by swallowing, breathing or absorbing e-cigarette liquid through their skin or eyes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In youth and adult nonsmokers, e-cigarette use also poses the risk of a nicotine addiction. This could lead to long-term use of e-cigarettes, the effects of which aren't known, or to the use of traditional cigarettes. Research has shown that teen use of e-cigarettes is on the rise and associated with increased future use of traditional cigarettes.

Rarely, e-cigarettes can cause severe harm. Defective e-cigarette batteries have caused fires and explosions, mostly while the batteries are being charged.

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Will e-cigarettes help me quit smoking?

E-cigarettes aren't approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a quit aid.

Studies to test whether e-cigarettes can help people stop using tobacco have had inconsistent results. Limited research suggests that using only e-cigarettes containing nicotine to quit smoking can be effective short term compared with using medicinal nicotine replacements. But there isn't enough evidence comparing the safety and effectiveness of using e-cigarettes to quit smoking and established evidence-based treatments. E-cigarettes might be appropriate only in those unwilling to try evidence-based smoking cessation therapies or who haven't had success with such therapies.

If you use e-cigarettes to quit smoking, remember that your goal is to completely quit using all tobacco products. Also, the dual use of e-cigarettes containing nicotine and traditional cigarettes is strongly discouraged.

If you're looking for help to stop smoking, there are several FDA-approved medications that have been shown to be safe and effective for this purpose. A combination of medication and counseling has been shown to work best.

Because of the unresolved safety concerns and because the research on e-cigarettes as a stop-smoking aid is inconclusive, Mayo Clinic doesn't recommend use of e-cigarettes as a way to quit smoking.

If you want to stop smoking, call 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669) to connect to your state's quit line or call the Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center at 800-344-5984 (toll-free)

Newcomer Recognition Welcome weekend at all services, November 2-3: Every Fall on All Saints Day (*and every Spring on Pentecost*) we invite newcomers to profess their commitment to this community of faith and to receive the welcome and prayers of the congregation. We invite you to participate in a New Member ritual during the service you normally attend. Please arrive a few minutes early, so you can review the simple ritual.

Film & Discussion Group November 7 at 5:00 pm

On Thursday, November 7, in honor of our veterans, we will be screening "Taking Chance", starring Kevin Bacon. The film, based on a true story, follows Marine Lt. Colonel Michael Strobi escorting a fellow fallen Marine back to his hometown from the Iraq War. It was selected for showing at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival. Doors open in Walden Hall at 5 pm. The film will start at about 5:30. Feel free to bring a bottle of wine or beverage of choice. We will provide the popcorn. Following the film, pizza will be served and we'll talk about the movie. We're encouraging folks to bring a salad, side, or dessert. We're asking for a \$5 donation per person to cover the cost of the pizza. We should be home by around 8 or 8:30, depending upon how lively the discussion gets! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kinnet Ehring at 804-436-3650.

Ministry Support

Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9am–3pm.
The office is closed on Federal Holidays.

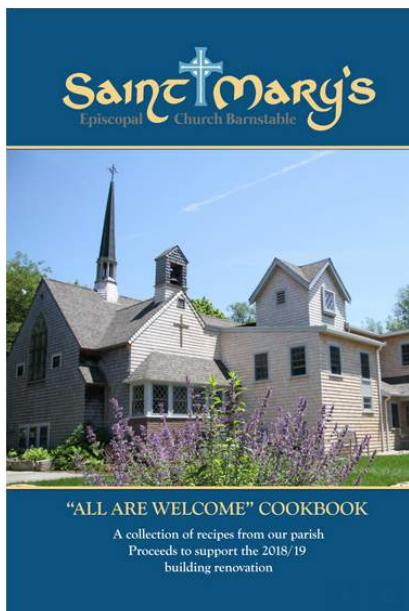


Knit 'n' Purl Group

Hello, all! Thank you for your interest in our Knit 'n' Purl group. Just a reminder that our first gathering will be **Tuesday, November 5th from 1:30 to 3:00 in the new library**. Going forward, our plan is to meet the first Tuesday of each month. Again, if you can help with Prayer Shawls, that would be great or just bring something you are working on. Crocheters (Is that a word?!) welcome, too! *Cheers, Betsy, Helen and Judy*

Save Money while supporting St. Mary's

If you are 70 ½ or older and are required to take a distribution from your IRA or 401(k), save money by directing your trustee to pay your pledge (or other contribution) to St. Mary's directly. This helps both individuals who take the standard deduction (now \$24,000) or those who still itemize. Larger benefits go to those who take the standard deduction. Make sure your trustee pays St. Mary's directly. For more complete information contact your tax professional.



Saint Mary's "All Are Welcome" Cookbook -- a collection of recipes from our parish Available for sale at the Holly Fair 2019 - \$20.00 each.

Proceeds to support the Saint Mary's building renovation

This cookbook would not have been possible without the participation of our congregation and friends of Saint Mary's who gratefully submitted recipes of all kinds, some with wonderful connections to the church. Over 100 individuals participated!

Questions? Contact Caty McMahon, Chair, via email or cell/text: catymcmahon@gmail.com / 617-678-2494

A WORD FROM OUR WARDENS

From the Senior Warden:

As the holidays approach, I begin to look forward to all the ways Saint Mary's celebrates the season. Starting in November, we'll hold a special service of gratitude and healing to celebrate our Veterans, at 4 pm on November 11th. Later in the month we'll hold our traditional Thanksgiving day potluck, and then onto the Holly Fair Saturday December 7th! These are just a few of the wonderful events on the calendar; all are welcome in this place!

Gratitude for and celebration of the community of Saint Mary's is another hallmark of the season; to support this, our annual stewardship campaign is underway. Annual financial pledges from within our congregation are crucial to our operating budget, and help us "live within our means". The pledges are what keeps our Rector and staff paid, the lights on, and the work of Saint Mary's funded. Thank you in advance for prayerfully considering an annual pledge to Saint Mary's

for the 2020 calendar year; every amount you are able to commit matters. If you have questions or need a pledge card, please do not hesitate to contact me as Senior Warden, Junior Warden Brooks Smith, or Tom Ryder, our stewardship chair for 2019.

Looking ahead into 2020, I am energized by our newly renovated space and all the possibilities it holds, including the installation of solar panels, which will help us be good stewards of our environment. I also look forward to the establishment of a thrift store in the space formerly occupied by the As Wee Grow school. The Vestry supports and is invested in making sure this is a successful endeavor; we will monitor a series of benchmarks to monitor status and do all we can to help. It is an exciting time to be part of this parish and I am grateful to count you all as my Saint Mary's family.

Blessings, Caty

A Note from the Junior Warden:

What happened to our Hedges??

Surprise! Surprise! You may have noticed that we are missing over one half of our front hedge. Julie Remie, who of course is on top of everything, has talked with the Project Coordinator of the Barnstable Public Works Department and here is his explanation: due to road reconstruction in front of the church, a small amount of hedge removal, the right garden side of the front steps, was to be done.

Instead someone, evidently from the construction company, cut not only the small portion on the right side but also one half of the larger existing hedge to the left of the steps. DPW apologized and has assured St Mary's that on completion of the extensive road reconfiguration, the hedge will be replace in its entirety.

We will continue to monitor the impact of the road reconfiguration on St. Mary's to hopefully preclude any additional damage.

Brooks

Scenes from our Recent Events:



Blessing of the Animals
October 5... and Libby
donning her Rooster
Stole for the occasion.



Saint Mary's ministry fair week 1; it was a big hit after the 10 am service October 19th and 20th! Tables were set up in Walden Hall for each ministry group to display and share about what they do. It's not too late to sign up to volunteer! Give the office a call and Julie will put you in touch with the ministry leads! (508) 362-3977



October Thank
You dinner for
Capital Campaign
Donations! Yum!



Happy Birthday November and December!!

Barbara Reed	NOV	1	Fred Kraics	NOV	15	Sophie Machnik	DEC	9
Max Dalrymple	NOV	2	Mary Rhodes	NOV	15	Chris Colbert	DEC	11
Sam Fedele	NOV	2	Sarah Rhodes	NOV	15	Ran Chase	DEC	12
Anne Hazard	NOV	2	Joyce Bertschmann	NOV	21	Sue Jilson	DEC	12
Carol Lummus	NOV	2	Sue Davy	NOV	21	Benjamin LaPine	DEC	15
Joyce Shinn	NOV	3	Richard Hawkins	NOV	21	Helen Malone	DEC	15
Chrissy Anderson	NOV	4	Judy Knauer	NOV	21	Schuyler McMahon	DEC	15
Peggy Crampton	NOV	4	Pat Sherlock	NOV	21	David Allen	DEC	16
Thomas Fahey	NOV	4	Luke Machnik	NOV	22	Newell Bearse	DEC	17
Suzanne Hutton	NOV	5	Carol Bolstad	NOV	23	Pat Bergfors	DEC	18
Happy Gray	NOV	6	Marge Buswell	NOV	25	Michael Fedele	DEC	20
Jan Hendrickson	NOV	7	Bruce Gordon	NOV	26	John Bresette	DEC	23
Judy O'Brien	NOV	9	Charlie Spencer	NOV	27	Thomas Bresette	DEC	23
Kay Outwin	NOV	9	Samuel Coakley	NOV	29	Irene Harbaugh	DEC	23
Lallie Lloyd	NOV	11	Lydia Stanney	NOV	29	Leslyn Thorne	DEC	26
Margaret Sullivan	NOV	11	Georgann Ramage	DEC	1	David Leary	DEC	27
Lee Hunsaker	NOV	12	Jerry Brisbois	DEC	2	Walter Gadkowski	DEC	28
Brenna Mullin	NOV	12	Caryl Steward	DEC	2	Steven Oney	DEC	28
Sallie Irwin	NOV	13	Liz Lewis	DEC	4	Betsy Syrov	DEC	28
Jenni Lennon	NOV	13	Heather Warner	DEC	5	Liz Mumford	DEC	29
Vivian Stanney	NOV	13	Mary Beth Condon	DEC	6	Patrick Tyrrell	DEC	30
Isabelle Bresette	NOV	14						

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THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Holy Eucharist, 11AM

Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner, 12 Noon

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Blue Christmas, Sat., December 14, 5PM

(A service for those who are grieving a loss)

Christmas Eve Services, Tues., December 24

Holy Eucharist, 12:30PM

Children's Pageant & Holy Eucharist, 4PM

(Carol Sing 3:30PM)

Holy Eucharist, 9PM

(Carol Sing 8:30PM)

Christmas Day Service, Wed., December 25

Holy Eucharist, 10am

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