

St. Mary's, Hamilton Village

Spring 2018 Newsletter

Rector's Reflections

As I write this Spring 2018 reflection, I'm preparing to go out on maternity leave. My estimated due date happens to fall almost exactly on my 5 year anniversary of coming to St. Mary's as your rector- time that has flown by at lightning speed, and full of shared experiences. Looking back at all that we have lived through together as rector and congregation since March of 2013, I am impressed and awed by the time we have spent together as fellow travelers on the way toward the holy- births, deaths, baptisms, funerals, confirmations, marriages, and hundreds of Sunday masses. Graduations! Retirements, and changes of jobs that took long-time members elsewhere.

A unique aspect of this parish is its constant state of flux, and I have been truly blessed by the opportunity to walk alongside our university student members in the congregation as you grow into your next steps in life. I'm immensely proud of this community of St. Mary's, welcoming newcomers and providing a home base away from home- and the honor I have to then bless you on your way to put the knowledge and skills you've gained in your time here to work in the wider world.

This is an exciting time in our life- energy is bubbling up all over. We welcomed our new deacon, Barbara Tobin, on the first Sunday of Advent and already she is calling us to service in our own building and the wider world. Due in part to our renewed volunteer participation in the UHC meals we host, our long neglected kitchen is getting spruced up. I view this as a physical manifestation of the greater parish investment in our hospitality to those who are hungry, some homeless, on Thursday nights and Saturday mornings.

Our Social Justice Working Group is calling us to greater involvement in the city and nation through registering newly sworn in citizens to vote at our local ICE office, meeting with our elected officials to encourage them to advocate for Gospel values, and showing up for protests and actions to make it clear that we stand, alongside Christ, with the immigrant, the refugee, the underdog.

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We restarted the Sunday nursery to accommodate little St. Marians and their wiggles during Sunday mass, and we are in the process of reimagining church school as our most recent class was confirmed last Spring. We have two popular adult formation opportunities offered simultaneously — a Lenten Sunday forum series on Death & Dying, and a group meeting the final Wednesday of each month to read classic literary works in the context of the liturgical season, led by Thomas Ward. We have three spots opening up on our vestry as three members who were serving when I arrived “graduate” from their vestry terms- who will next feel the call to leadership in this place?

My hope is that these next few months while I am away can be a time of reflection, of dreaming, of casting visions for the future of this beloved place for all of us- for my family as we welcome our newest daughter, for this parish as you imagine what our next five years together will look like. I leave you in the wise care of one of my friends and mentors, Father Gordon Reid- who knows a little something about showing up for Christ in the world, sometimes at the farthest corners- and suspect that together you will marinate, grow, and build up energy for our future together. See you in August!

The Rev. Mariclaire Partee Carlsen | rector@stmarysatpenn.org



Notes from the Office

Spring is springing, kind of. As I've been editing this, we've gone from bleak, gray rain to sunny and 70 degrees, and back again. With the release of our Spring 2018 newsletter, hopefully nature will take the hint.

I'd like to thank everyone who's been so welcoming and helpful to me as I get my feet under me in this new position. I've had the pleasure of meeting many of you already, and I look forward to getting to know everyone else and becoming more involved in the community.

We have a busy spring coming up, so be sure to check the calendar and announcements to see everything that's happening. As always, if you have a submission or ideas for the newsletter, please reach out to Sally Hillman Redman at sally.h.redman@gmail.com.

Happy reading!

Katherine Majewski, Parish Administrator | administrator@stmarysatpenn.org

Deacon's Notes

About the Diaconate

About four years ago, the Associate Rector of my home parish, St. Peter's at 3rd and Pine, told me she thought I might have a calling to be a deacon. I wasn't sure what that meant, but *I knew it wasn't for me* because I'd been enjoying my retirement and life was just fine, thank you. Plus, at 70, I was way too old to start something new. But the thought wouldn't go away, so I started reading and talking with people.

I learned that the Order of Deacons is a full, separate and unique order with a distinct role in the church. Deacons are first mentioned in the New Testament in Acts 6:1-6. The disciples were increasing in number but the widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food, so the community chose seven people who were understood to be the first deacons. At the time of Paul, deacons (many of them women) had special responsibility toward the poor, sick, orphaned and widowed.

During the Great Reformation, in Roman Catholic and Anglican churches, priests were required to serve as *transitional deacons* for a period of time before ordination as priests; this continues today. Priests today undergo 3 years of extensive seminary education before ordination to any order. In 1958, the unique order of deacons was almost discontinued but instead, church fathers created the "perpetual deacon," which was open only to men. Then, in the early 1970s in the Episcopal Church, many women became deacons waiting for the moment to be ordained into the priesthood (first ordinations of women to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church were in 1974). Since then, the number of deacons, both men and women, being ordained as deacons in a separate order from priests is increasing.

If a person (or someone in the church) thinks he or she may have a call, the person meets with the Rector, Archdeacon, Bishop, and then has several meetings with a Parish Advisory Committee on Ministry (PACM) and finally, the Diocesan Commission on Ministry (COM). Before going before the COM, a person undergoes extensive psychological testing. If a person is admitted as a postulant, he or she goes through a three year formation process and has periodic meetings with the COM throughout the 3 years.

The purpose of the process is to discern if, indeed, there is a call from God and what type

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Report from the Rector's Warden

October 2017

The Vestry met on October 24. Following a prayer for the evening and approval of the September minutes, the Vestry took up with the following matters:

Stewardship Update. Several members have provided excellent stewardship minutes during the Sunday morning services; these are posted online. Thanks were expressed to Karen Stachelek for her letter. The in-gathering of pledge forms will be November 12.

Social Justice Forum. Sundrop Carter of PICC provided an excellent program at Third Sunday brunch on immigrants and refugees.

Office matters. The phone/internet and copier contracts are under review in an effort to better manage costs.

Choral Scholars. The full program should start in January. A bass candidate has been identified, who may start in December.

Cleaning and Greening for Advent and Christmas. Work day cleaning will be December 9, from 9 to 12. Decorating for Christmas will take place after the Advent 4 service.

Broadway Fundraiser. Sally Hillman Redman presented a proposal for a fundraiser based on last year's successful "Seasons of Love:" "An Evening of Broadway Show Stoppers at St Mary's." The proposed date is Saturday, March 3, 2018 (snow date on March 4). Max Redman will serve as director. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Nationalities Services Center. Proposed budget for the event is \$525 (\$200 for pianist, \$100 for director, \$175 for videographer, remainder for printing, decorations. Dessert reception to follow in Parish Hall. 50/50 tickets will be sold. Aaron Todd will provide posters for the show and audition. The Vestry approved a higher ticket price than last year: \$25 for adult tickets. The Vestry approved up to \$525 for the event.

Treasurer's Report. Frank Innes presented the monthly treasurer's report, with projections through the end of the year. Frank is working on upgrading the pledge statements and process. The report was approved.

Deacon Candidate. Mariclair is talking with a Deacon who is interested in being placed at St. Mary's. The Bishop makes assignments, typically annual appointments.

Upcoming events were noted: Preaching by Canon Betsy Ivey, October 29; Diocesan convention November 3 and 4; All Saints concert, 4 p.m. November 5.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rector.

November 2017

The Vestry met on November 28. Following a brief prayer by the Rector, and approval of the minutes from October, the following items were addressed:

Stewardship Update. Stewardship has gone well so far; we are still waiting for some anticipated pledges.

Choral Scholars Program. Scholars/singers have been identified and will begin in January with Penn's spring semester and will run until spring 2019.

Campus Ministry Funding. The Bishop has approved an increase to \$6,000 for the current year, and we anticipate an increase for 2018.

Update on St. Mary's Presents, the Broadway fundraiser. The title will be "St. Mary's Presents: An Evening of Broadway." Ticket prices were approved as \$10 for students, \$25 for adults, and \$20 for groups of 5 or more. Ads will be sold for the program booklet. Volunteers are needed for 50/50 ticket sales the night of the event, March 3.

Sue Williams legacy. Scott Wilds reported that the attorney for Sue's estate is trying to wrap up details. The attorney expects that St. Mary's will receive approximately \$40,000.

Deacon Barbara Tobin will start on December 3. Her primary role will be outreach to the homeless and poor, and she will also participate weekly in the liturgy. She will be our representative to UCHC and coordinate the Thursday night meals. The vestry approved \$500 for her continuing education, with a possible increase to \$750 to be considered as part of the 2018 budget process.

Treasurer's Report. Frank Innes presented the monthly report, which shows a small surplus year to date. Frank anticipates that we will end the year with a surplus. The report was approved.

Diocese Grants for Capital Improvements. Mariclair discussed a diocesan capital grant program. The diocese is expected to provide up to 10 grants a year for up to \$30,000. There will likely be a matching component; details for the program are still to be determined. Possible projects for St. Mary's could include accessibility, bathroom, pointing and masonry. Mariclair will provide more information as it becomes available.

Important dates were noted: December 9, Advent work day; December 17, Advent Lessons and Carols at 4 p.m.; December 24, Advent IV mass at 11 followed by decorating the church for Christmas; Christmas Eve mass at 10 p.m.; December 25, 11 a.m. Mass;

January 5 and 6, Amahl and the Night Visitors.

Sally Hillman Redman led the Vestry in a Celtic Compline to close.

December Vestry Meeting

The Vestry did not meet in December.

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♪♪ Musical Notes ♪♪

Music at St. Mary's

The St. Mary's choir is flourishing with the addition of four choral scholars; Peter, Matt, Jenny and Seyi have added another layer of harmonic richness. We will especially appreciate their talents at our Lenten Concert on Sunday, March 18 at 4 p.m., when each scholar will present a solo work. The full choir will perform several anthems as well. Violinist Arianna Schickel will also perform with us on that program.

The Hallelujahs will ring out on Easter Sunday with two choruses of hallelujahs by Handel: we will include our traditional "flash mob" singing of the Messiah masterpiece at the postlude, and also the rousing chorus of "Hallelujah, Amen!" from Judas Maccabeus.

After Easter, watch for the choir to present anthems in the Anglican Cathedral tradition, with compositions by William Byrd and Henry Purcell. Our choir will also learn psalm settings by Leonard Bernstein, on the centenary of his birth.

As always, all are welcome to try out for the choir. Talk to David as well if you would like to request favorite hymns.

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Cook's Corner

When Hungry Hearts Are Smiling

It's always a quandary around newsletter time – what recipe will I do next? I had been promising Michael a Reuben Casserole, a long time go-to (it's one of his favorites), for a while, so when I made it for my turn at goodies in February I thought that might be a possibility. However, when Molly, who hates sauerkraut, was brave enough to try it and love it, the choice was made for me. So here it goes.

The inspiration for the dish comes from a long-ago Christmas present from Lee Ann and Nikki – they gave us a 2009 calendar of recipes for a slow cooker called Fix It and Forget It. I found a recipe for the Reuben casserole on the card for March 17th, but it did not make enough for a crowd, and it did not have enough salad dressing for my taste so I had to play with it. Now it's a perfect appetizer for a crowd, especially at this time of year if you're not up for corned beef and cabbage on St. Paddy's Day.

For a six-quart crock pot (as I call them) you will need a pound of deli-style corned beef torn into bite-sized pieces, divided; 32 ounces of sauerkraut, drained and divided; 6 ounces of shredded Swiss cheese, divided; a bottle (12-15 oz.) of Thousand Island dressing divided; and 12 ounces of dry packaged stuffing mix, divided. Spray your crock pot with cooking spray and layer half of each ingredient in the order listed in your crock; repeat the layer and cook on low for 2-4 hours until casserole is cooked through and cheese has melted.

Christian martyr that I am, I do it in four layers and weigh out the ingredients exactly. That's just me, though, and I suspect it's just as tasty eyeballed and in two layers per the original recipe. I do have a few other tips, though. You know how I love America's Test Kitchen/Cook's Illustrated, and this comes from their slow cooker cookbook. The hottest part of any cooker is opposite to the control panel, and my casserole was burning a bit there at 4 hours. To shield it, take two 16-inch pieces of aluminum foil, each folded into thirds lengthwise, and line that hot side of the pot. Then take a crockpot liner (they do make them) and line the pot with it with the foil in place and proceed with the layering of the ingredients. Another tip from ATK/CI is to use canned sauerkraut (Libby's is their favorite) rather than the 'kraut in plastic bags which one would think is better. The canned needs less chemical intervention than the bagged, so go with cans.

Now Scott calls me the ideal American consumer (and I fear Lee Ann would agree) because I love such "improvements" as crock pot liners and Glad's Press'n Seal. All I know is that I pulled that liner out of the crock pot, tied it up, and sent the leftovers home with Michael. And there was no dirty liner to wash up. I'm just sayin'. Good luck.

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Treasurer's Report

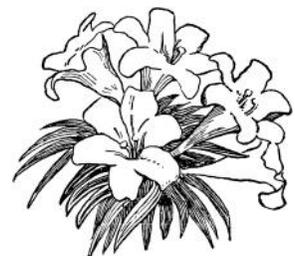
Due to good control of expenses and increased pledges, the proposed 2018 budget is balanced, with income and expenses of just under \$260,000, an overall increase of about 3.6%. Vestry will vote on budget next month.

Please keep up the good work by staying current on your pledge.

St Mary's Hamilton Village, 2017-2018 Budgets

Revenue	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Budget
Congregational Giving	95,967	92,861	94,241
Building Revenue	104,354	104,100	109,080
Investment Income	40,100	39,870	40,000
Fundraising / Diocese Support	3,500	7,830	8,830
Reimbursements/Copier	400	129	130
UHC reimbursement	4,666	4,917	4,917
Other Personnel Support 2017		2,857	
Altar Guild	1,700	2,449	2,450
Total Income	250,687	255,013	259,648
Expenses			
Outside Giving	13,637	13,637	13,840
Program Expense	14,400	15,881	15,705
Physical Plant	31,685	29,381	29,580
Personnel	189,915	191,880	198,723
Financial Expenses	450	500	500
Altar Guild	600	1,331	1,300
TOTAL EXPENSES	250,687	252,610	259,648

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Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, March 1st

Candlelight Compline (weekly through April 26th)
8pm in the sanctuary, followed by coffee & conversation

Saturday, March 3rd

St. Mary's Presents: an Evening of Broadway

7:30pm

Tickets: \$25 adults/\$10 students

\$20 each for group purchases of 5 or more

Sunday, March 4th

Death and Dying Series: Session 3

Living Wills and Other Health Care Directives

Presented by Frank Innes

12:30pm in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, March 6th

No Healing Mass today due to Penn Spring Break

Thursday, March 8th

No Compline tonight due to Penn Spring Break

Sunday, March 11th

Death and Dying Series: Session 4

A Faithful Approach to Estate Planning

Presented by Frank Innes

12:30pm in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, March 13th

Tuesday Low Mass with Healing Prayers and Anointing

(weekly through April 24th)

12:15pm in the St. Philip's Chapel

Sunday, March 18th

Third Sunday Potluck Brunch

Death and Dying Series: Session 5

Funeral Planning and a Spirituality of Resurrection

Presented by the Rev. Canon Gordon Reid

12:45pm in the Parish Hall *(cont.)*

Sunday, May 20th — Annual Meeting

In accordance with our parish by-laws, the Annual Meeting of St. Mary's will take place in the parish hall after Mass. We will be electing three new vestry members at this meeting. If you are interested in learning more about serving on vestry, please contact Rector's Warden Scott Wilds or People's Warden Sally Hillman Redman.

Worship Volunteers needed

You can help make mass happen!
Are you interested in helping with services as a lector, intercessor, acolyte, usher, or member of the altar guild?
Please contact Katherine at **215-386-3916** or **administrator@stmarysatpenn.org** if you would like to help!

Lenten Concert

4:00pm

Sunday, March 25th

Palm Sunday

Tuesday, March 27th

No Healing Mass today

Wednesday, March 28th

Tenebrae at University Lutheran Church

3637 Chestnut St., 7:00pm

Thursday, March 29th

Maundy Thursday Mass

7:00pm

No Compline tonight

Friday, March 30th

Good Friday Masses

12:00pm at St. Mary's

7:00pm at University Lutheran Church

Saturday, March 31th

Easter Vigil

8:00pm

Sunday, April 1st

Easter Sunday Mass

11:00am

Monday, April 2nd — Tuesday, April 3rd

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, April 3rd

No Healing Mass today

Thursday, April 5th

No Compline tonight

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St. Mary's Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/stmarysatpenn/>

Sponsor Altar Flowers

We invite you to sponsor the Sunday altar flowers in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for life events! We suggest a donation of \$40 which can be arranged through St. Mary's. If interested, contact Katherine at **administrator@stmarysatpenn.org**

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Penn Spring Break Begins 7:30pm St. Mary's Presents: an Evening of Broadway
4 9:30-10:30am Choir Practice 10:30am-12:30pm Nursery School 11am Worship 12:30pm Death + Dying	5 Penn Spring Break	6 Penn Spring Break NO 12:15pm Low Mass w/ Healing & Anointing	7 Penn Spring Break	8 Penn Spring Break NO 8pm Compline	9 Penn Spring Break	10
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18 Choir, Nursery, Worship as normal Third Sunday Potluck Brunch 12:45pm Death + Dying 4pm Lenten Concert	19	20 12:15pm Low Mass w/ Healing & Anointing	21	22	23 8pm Community Square Dance	24 9am Sanctuary Cleaning Day 2pm Glee Club Concert
25 Palm Sunday 9:30-10:30am Choir Practice 10:30am-12:30pm Nursery School 11am Worship	26	27 No 12:15pm Low Mass w/ Healing & Anointing 7pm Vestry	28 7pm Tenebrae at UniLu	29 Maundy Thursday 7pm Mass No 8pm Compline	30 Good Friday 12pm Mass 7pm Mass at UniLu Parish Office Closed	31 8pm Easter Vigil

April 2018

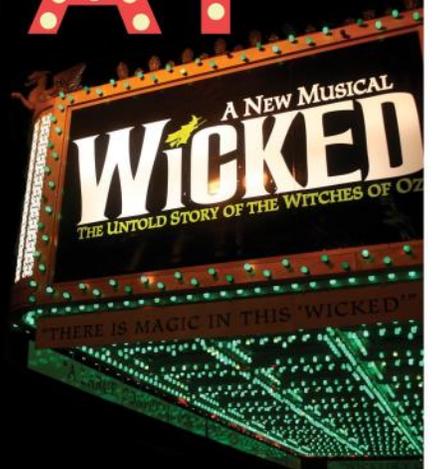
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May 2018

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St. Mary's Presents:

AN EVENING OF BROADWAY



Saturday, March 3, 7:30PM

*hosted by St. Mary's, Hamilton Village
3916 Locust Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19104*

Join us for a night of Broadway-themed cabaret performances, raffle prizes, and an after-show dessert reception! Funds raised will benefit St. Mary's Outreach Ministries, including the Nationalities Service Center, Philadelphia's leading immigrant and refugee service org.

Student tix (with ID)
\$10 each

Adult tix
\$25 each

Group tix (5+)
\$20 each

For advance tickets, call the church office at (215) 386-3916.



St. Mary's, Hamilton Village
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH AT PENN

Historical Treasures

The Pulpit



The lovely brass pulpit that graces the north side of the chancel has been there since 1894. How it came to be is documented in the Minutes of the Vestry. On February 8, 1894, a resolution was passed to memorialize the fiftieth anniversary of the Rev. Thomas C. Yarnall as Rector of the parish with a “special service” and “that it would be highly fitting to erect some object of use and adornment in the church as a lasting memorial.”

A new “light brass” pulpit was chosen “to replace the present wooden one, which is out of accord with the altered surroundings of the chancel, and to a great extent obscures the view of the altar from the northern side of the church.” It was to be funded by contributions from members of the parish. Two days later, William H. Wetherill, brother of the Rev. Joseph Bloomfield Wetherill, who designed and built the high altar and was the donor of the altar, asked to be the sole donor of the pulpit. Another two days later, his offer was graciously accepted, and “it was ordered that the disposition of the present pulpit be given into the hands of the Rector.”

Here is the text of the inscription on the left front side of the pulpit:

In Commemoration of
The Golden Jubilee of the
Rev. Thomas C. Yarnall, D. D.
as Rector of Saint Mary's Church.
April 11th 1844 + April 11th 1894.

Mr. Wetherill's generosity to the parish culminated in his donation of the bell tower in 1904. The Wetherill family was both prosperous and accomplished. The Wetherill name

appears in the history of Pharmacy in Philadelphia and the Corliss steam engine, and the family built Fatland, a mansion visible from US-422 near Valley Forge; Pawling Farm – now part of Valley Forge National Park; Mill Grove, naturalist James Audubon’s first home; and a mansion on Rittenhouse Square – now the Philadelphia Art Alliance.

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A Fast From Plastic

The Church of England is suggesting that Anglicans take up its "Lent Plastic Challenge," which, of course, is all about reducing one's use of plastics. See the New York Times article titled “What to Give Up for Lent? Smoking? Cursing? How About Plastic?” (Richard Perez-Peña, Feb. 15, 2018 — available online)

Included in the article is a link to a calendar chock-full of ideas on how to do so, as well as environmentally-themed Bible verses.

Some of the ideas are challenging, like where can you find dental floss without a case, or a bamboo toothbrush? But we can all bring reusable bags to the grocery store, even if we start with plastic bags we brought home from the last shopping trip!

Another thing that can be done, in select places in Philadelphia, is to bring your own container for refills of laundry detergent and other liquid soap. I know that you can do this at Mom's Organic Grocer in Center City and Essene in Queen Village, as well as Mariposa Food Coop in West Philly.

Closer to home--that is, at St. Mary's, consider bringing your own cup, plate and utensils to coffee hour and 3rd Sunday Brunch. Maybe just start with the easiest thing: bringing your own reusable utensils wrapped in a napkin.

By the time you read this, we'll be well into Lent, but the problem of plastic in our environment--especially our oceans--won't be solved by Easter! I invite readers to share my ongoing commitment to reducing personal use of plastics, and to find ways to encourage and enable others to do the same.

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People's Warden Report

Meeting Other People

I admit that I was scared. However, when Deacon Barbara placed the signup sheet in front of me, I really did not have any reason not to help with clean-up for the UCHC (University City Hospitality Coalition) dinner that Thursday night. I was available. So what was my problem? I was embarrassed when I realized that I was anxious about meeting the “other” people.

I showed up on that Thursday with my apron, some new sponges, and a smile. I was ready to wash the dishes. However, I learned that it was too early for that task. When I asked Deacon Barbara what else I could do to help, she said I could pass out the bagged sandwiches. Easy enough. I walked around with a tray of bagged sandwiches and my smile, and encouraged everyone to take two bags. They smiled back, and were very pleased to take two since they were turkey. So far, so good, I thought. With that task completed, I turned to Barbara for more guidance. It still was not time to wash the dishes. Then Deacon Barbara encouraged me to sit down and visit with our diners.

As a university admission officer, I have the ability to talk to just about anyone. Nevertheless, I worried if I could find something to talk about with our UCHC patrons.

I sat down in the middle of a table with two people to my left, two people to my right, and one woman straight across from me. I saw an easy opening. The man to my left side had on an Eagles knit hat. “So, are you excited about the Super Bowl?” This led to a minute or two of predictable but pleasant conversation. I smiled at the woman across from me who said nothing about the big game. I asked if she was cheering for the Eagles. No, she said, I am from Bermuda. While I was thinking about her answer, the man on my right side told her that he had been to Bermuda and it was beautiful. He then amazed me by telling everyone at the table that he had been to 60 countries! I encouraged him to tell us more about his travels. After 15 minutes of delightful conversation, I finally left the table to go wash the dishes.

I went back the next Thursday. I saw some familiar faces at the tables. My friend from Bermuda was delighted to see me again when I served her for the second time. A young woman who I sat with on that Thursday night asked me for a hug before she left the Parish Hall. It may sound cliché, but I did see Christ in their faces.

If you want to learn more about how to volunteer with the University City Hospitality Coalition, please speak with Deacon Barbara, Robin Foster-Drain, John Ash or myself.

Sally Hillman Redman, People's Warden | sally.h.redman@gmail.com

Community Outreach

A group has been working with the Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition (PICC) to register new voters as they become new citizens. We did this work on the morning of February 26th at the ICE building at 30 N 41st Street. Thanks to everyone who signed up for this first opportunity! We'll also be doing this work in March and April, so please stay tuned!

Also, some of us met at St. Mary's at the beginning of February and carpoled up to Representative Dwight Evans's office, to talk with him about the importance of valuing immigrants' contributions to our communities. We also hosted Representative Evans on February 21st for a face-to-face conversation about how to counter the divisive rhetoric that has been circulating about what immigration means in our state. (For an example of divisive rhetoric, see Senator Pat Toomey's defense, on 2/14, of the anti-Sanctuary amendment he just introduced in the Senate.)

We organized this conversation with our Congressman in response to slanted rhetoric such as Toomey's. As Philadelphia residents, we know how much we benefit from living in welcoming communities that are diverse. Including immigrants and refugees is good for us.

Our interests are not served if the Haitians and Salvadorans who have contributed to our city for years are pushed out. Our interests are not served if immigrants who work alongside us, and whose children study alongside our children, are pushed out of our communities.

For more information or to share ideas about what our Social Justice group should do, please contact Ann Farnsworth-Alvear, Holman Massey, or Deacon Barbara.

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Deacon's Notes (cont.)

of ministry that call may reveal. Our formation days included one Saturday a month and two overnight weekends a year, in which we practiced preaching, writing and leading prayers, and heard speakers from different areas of ministry, such as a prison ministry or community organizing. In addition, our first year involved placement in a Social Service agency (mine was with Broad Street Ministry), a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (chaplaincy), and a year's placement in a parish as an intern (mine at St. Simon's at 22nd and Reed). We also had one online course each semester from General Theological Seminary in New York, which included Old Testament, New Testament, letters of Paul, systematic theology, and church history with extensive reading and writing assignments. A deacon's education is not as extensive as that of a priest so we are not "on the way" to the priesthood.

Serving in close and collegial collaboration with the Rector, our function is twofold: liturgical and servant/messenger. In the liturgy, Deacons proclaim the Gospel, invite the confession of sins, set the table for the Eucharist, and give the dismissal (among other functions). We may also have a role in other liturgies, including baptisms, weddings, and funerals as well as Holy Week liturgies. We are expected to preach about once a month. The Bishop oversees the Deacons and we are accountable to the Bishop, who has the authority to decide on our placement.

We are also to be servants and messengers between the world and the church... to be a bridge... to bring the needs of the world to the church and encourage the church to go out into the world and minister to those who are marginalized. *All* of us, lay and clergy, are called to fulfill our Baptismal vows, which includes among other things: *to seek and serve Christ in all persons... and to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.* Deacons do not do this alone but are called to enable lay ministry in a collaborative relationship. Deacons are also called to "stir things up." Bishop Michael said: *you are to be the pebble in the shoe of the church.* We are called to be messengers of Jesus in the outside world as well: my particular ministry is with people who are experiencing homelessness, and I volunteer for Broad Street Ministry and Project Home's Hub of Hope plus attend demonstrations promoting social justice issues.

Most Deacon positions are non-stipendiary. Many deacons have vocations outside of the church, although I have the luxury of being "retired" so I can devote more time in ministry.

I could not do this ministry without the gracious welcome from Mother Marclair and you, the members of the congregation, and the action of the Holy Spirit! I am encouraged by and grateful for your response and look forward to continuing to minister together in sharing God's love with the world. If any of you have any inkling you might feel called to this ministry, I would be happy to speak with you.

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St. Mary's Welcomes the Very Rev. Canon Gordon Reid



A familiar face around St. Mary's, Canon Reid will be joining us as our priest in residence while Mother Marclair is on maternity leave. He will be celebrating weekday and Sunday masses, overseeing Compline, and working with Deacon Barbara to provide pastoral care for the congregation.

Canon Reid's path to our parish is a fascinating one. Though he recently retired as the rector of St. Clement's church here in Philadelphia after an eleven year tenure, he was born in the Scottish Border country in 1943. He read French and German at Edinburgh University before going on to study Theology at Keble College, Oxford, and then did a residential year at Cuddesford College before being ordained by the Bishop of Edinburgh and made Curate of St Salvador's, Edinburgh. As a curate he shared chaplaincy duties at the local prison, and then moved on to become Chaplain and Professor of Moral Theology at Salisbury Theological College. His next stop was back in Edinburgh for a twelve year stint as rector of St Michael & All Saints, Edinburgh (during his time there he also served as a member of the local government of Lothian Region for ten of these years; Convener of the Lothian & Borders Police Board for four years).

For the next phase of his ministry, Canon Reid began an international ministry that took him all over the outposts of the Church of England Abroad- these postings included Provost of Inverness Cathedral; Chaplain of St Nicolas', Ankara, Turkey, and St Peter & Sigfrid's, Stockholm, Sweden; Vicar-General of the Diocese in Europe; Dean of Gibraltar Cathedral; Archdeacon of Italy & Malta; before finally settling in stateside as Rector of St Clement's, Philadelphia. In his retirement, Canon Reid serves as the Dean of the Southwark Deanery in Philadelphia, and we are delighted to have him with us full time at St. Mary's this Spring and Summer.

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A Prayer for Joy in God's Creation

(From the Book of Common Prayer, page 814)

O heavenly Creator, you have filled the world with beauty;
Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works;
that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve
you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all
things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.