



St. Mary's, Hamilton Village

Summer 2018 Newsletter

Priest's Ponderings

Dear People of St. Mary's,

I have been your temporary priest from Holy Week and through Eastertide, and a very happy time it has been for me. I have enjoyed getting to know you and conducting the Mass, with the splendid music rendered by the choir and organist. The standard David sets is very high, and the choir rises to it week by week. Also, the lay assistants who prepare the altar linens, set the altar, arrange the flowers, act as greeters, bring refreshments, etc. etc. are right on top of their jobs. It is thanks to you all that the services run so smoothly and the visitor feels welcomed.

A special word of thanks must go to our parish Deacon, Barbara. She welcomed me and showed me where everything was and explained the choreography of the Mass as it is performed at St. Mary's. Every church is a slightly different shape, and every church does things just a little bit differently from what others do. But Barbara put me at my ease right from the start, and

whenever I forgot where I was or missed a cue, I would only have to look across the aisle to her, and she would point to where we were in the service or where I should be, and all would continue to flow smoothly. You all know far better than I how much of the caring ministries both in St. Mary's and in other organizations Barbara does. Truly, she is demonstrating what the ministry of a true deacon should be. Of course, all priests and bishops are ordained deacon before their other ordinations and so all of us are deacons, but it is a blessing to the Church that the permanent Diaconate has so recently been restored among us, and that it is a growing ministry in our Episcopal Church.

I will be with you until Mother Marclair returns to full-time parish ministry at the end of July, and I am looking forward to our next two months together. I know that congregations will be smaller due to the absence of most of the students who are members of St. Mary's, and also because many of our regular congregation will be on vacation. There will also be no choir from Pentecost Sunday. But this should just encourage us to have the old well-known

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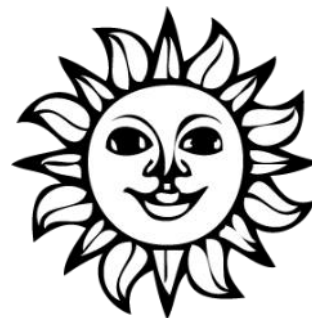
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hymns and sing them happily together, even without the perfection we are used to from the choir. The Lord himself said “Where two or three are gathered together in my Name, there am I in the midst of them.” From the way some numbers-conscious people speak, you would think He had said “Where thirty or forty, or three or four hundred are gathered in my Name...”! He started off with just twelve Apostles, and never saw more than a few dozen followers in his earthly life.

However, this is not to say that we should be unconcerned about numbers and not wish to see St. Mary’s full to the brim every Sunday. Of course we have to work to make that happen, and especially with the students of Penn who surround our church. I am sure in the year ahead plans will be laid to seek out Episcopalian students and get them involved in St. Mary’s. Student ministry is among the hardest of all ministries, since whenever the young people get away from home, they have to spend so much time revelling in their new-found freedom, and unless they come from remarkable Church families, one of these freedoms will be freedom from having to go to church! But that feeling often wears off very quickly, and a student chaplain is often the one person they feel they can come to with their troubles or feelings of loneliness at being far from home. A Canterbury Club, or some such organization, can be a way to let students socialize and relax in the company of other Episcopal students (or indeed any students who are exploring our particular branch of the Church), and then they might make the effort to come with their friends to St. Mary’s on Sundays. And no chaplain can do this of themselves, which is where the regular congregation of St. Mary’s comes in. It is your privilege to join with Mother Maricclair in planning and keeping going all the work she has to do with the student body of Penn and, indeed, Drexel too. It sounds formidable, but it can be great fun.

I won’t be with you regularly after July, but I hope I may be able to keep in touch and sometimes to be able to come and worship with you. I’ll certainly always be grateful for my time with you. It is one of the fruits of the Church’s decision to ordain women priests that some of them will have babies! And that is what has given me the opportunity of sharing your worship this summer. God bless you in all you do for the Lord here in this church whose patron is his blessed Mother.

The Very Rev. Canon Gordon Reid



Deacon's Notes

Along with reading the Gospel and setting the table, the dismissal at the conclusion of the Mass is one of the Deacon's unique roles in the liturgy. (As you well know, chanting this is a challenge for this deacon.) Depending on the liturgical season, you may hear: Let us go forth in the name of Christ; Go in peace to love and serve the Lord; Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit; or Let us bless the Lord. During Eastertide, Alleluia, Alleluia is added. Some churches say this: The Mass has ended, the service begins.

At the Mass, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ in a celebration of the unconditional love of God in Christ for us. The Eucharist is for comfort, but it is also for strength to go out into the world. The Dismissal reminds us that we are called to share the love of Christ, in service to the world, especially to the poor, the weak, the sick and the lonely.

At Pentecost, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit to help us fulfill this ministry. The Holy Spirit is not tranquil: it comes in a rushing wind and tongues of fire to transform us into new persons in Christ. When we leave the church out onto Locust Walk and beyond, we carry the radical love of God and Jesus Christ with us and our service continues.

This short poem is my hope for us as we from St. Mary's minister in our community:

Flame-dancing Spirit, come,
Sweep us off our feet and
Dance us through our days.
Surprise us with your rhythms,
Dare us to try new steps, explore,
Release us from old routines,
To swing in abandoned joy
And fearful adventure.
And in the intervals,
Rest us,
In your still centre.

by Ann Lewin, Candles and Kingfishers cited in *Lost in Wonder* by Esther De Waal, page 161.

Peace and blessings,

The Reverend Deacon Barbara Tobin | deacon@stmarysatpenn.org

Vestry Minutes

January 2018

The Vestry met on January 23. Following spiritual practice and approval of the minutes from November, the Vestry discussed the following items:

Staff updates: Maricclair introduced Deacon Barbara and thanked her for the energy she brings to St Mary's. Lawrence left St Mary's and Katherine Majewski joined St Mary's as the new parish administrator before Christmas.

Deacon outreach opportunities update: Barbara described opportunities for ministry and advocacy. We especially need volunteers for Thursday nights at St Mary's. Additional needs are: volunteers to do outreach to register new citizens to vote, and for a clean-up committee for kitchen.

Choral Scholars program update: The program has identified four scholars. The full program began two weeks ago, and will continue until spring 2019. Choral scholars augment the Sunday choir and will lead compline while Maricclair is on maternity leave.

St. Mary's Presents: An Evening of Broadway: Sally provided an update on the progress of St Mary's Presents. The committee met last week. Aaron shared a draft of the program and flyers. Sally provided a sheet to keep track of ticket sales. Group ticket sales are available for groups of five or more. The committee is planning to sell ads for the program. Vestry members were invited to ask business contacts/vendors to buy an ad or contribute a gift certificate.

Budget: Frank presented a proposed budget for 2018. The proposed budget is balanced, with income and expenses of just under \$260,000, an overall increase of about 3.6%. The Vestry will vote on the budget next month. Maricclair requested approval to let staff know about salary increase in advance of full approval. Robin moved to approve and Sally seconded. Unanimously approved.

Pancake Supper logistics: The annual Mardi Gras pancake supper will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 5:30-7 pm. Scott and Martin will buy supplies. Maricclair requested volunteers for money collection, serving, cooking, and clean up. Holman, Aaron, Sophia, Karen, and Frank volunteered.

New Vestry Members in April: Scott, Holman, Yvonne, and Allie will rotate off Vestry this year. We will need new members. Vanessa Lowry has already agreed to join the Vestry. Ideas for proposed new vestry members should be given to Maricclair.

Diocesan Growth Development Fund Grant Application: The grant deadline is March 16th. The grant is for capital improvements. Maricclair asked for 2-3 volunteers to identify and prioritize projects, present recommendations to vestry, and prepare the grant.

Treasurer's Report: Frank presented the final 2017 operating budget. We finished 2017 \$2,403 in the black. The final 2017 budget report was approved by vestry unanimously.

Housing allowance resolution: Maricclair presented the annual housing allowance resolution. The resolution is unchanged from last year. Frank moved to accept, Holman seconded. Unanimously approved.

Maricclair led us in closing prayer.

February 2018

The Vestry met on February 27. After January's minutes were approved, the following matters were addressed:

St. Mary's Presents: An Evening of Broadway: Ticket sales are steady but slow. Vestry members were asked to continue to invite friends/family to attend. Aaron provided an updated draft of program for review; minor edits provided. The committee has been selling ads for the program.

Diocesan Growth Mission Grant Application: This is the grant that funded the choral scholars. Maricclair is reapplying for 2019; the grant application is due March 24th.

St. Mary's as an Emergency Refuge for PIC: Maricclair was asked by an administrator at the Parent Infant Center if they could use St Mary's sanctuary in the case of any emergency situation that would require evacuating the immediate area of PIC. Maricclair has indicated this is OK.

Shoryu Aoyama Eagle Scout Project Update: A Boy Scout, Shoryu Aoyama, will be painting and adding vinyl tile in the kitchen/kitchen vestibule for his Eagle Scout project. It will be done in May (completed by June) and overseen by a professional. Barbara will ensure coordination with UCHC. If he has time and has volunteers to help, he will also clean the outside of the cabinets.

Parish clean-up: Pre-Easter clean-up will be held on March 24th, 9-12. In addition to preparing the church itself, tables and chairs in the parish hall need to be cleaned. Additionally, the drawers could be lined with liner paper. Sally's husband has volunteered to sand the butcher block and seal.

New Vestry Members: Two people have committed to serving on Vestry: Vanessa Albert Lowry and Jonathan Ashton.

Diocesan Growth Development Fund Grant Application for 2019: In order to give us time to create a strong project, Maricclair decided to wait until next year to apply. A small work group of people will be identified to lead this project: Aaron, Scott, Karen, and Sally have volunteered. Scott suggested that we also include Sarto Schickel. Maricclair envisions this as a "matching grant" providing the basis for a mini-capital campaign.

Budget: Scott sent a revised budget. Changes include:

1. Workers comp/general building insurance. The prior budget lumped the two together. Now these are separated and made a small adjustment to reflect the current quarterly general building insurance amount.

2. Financial Expense amount for 2017 (\$877) included a one-time QuickBooks consulting fee of \$150. The 2018 budgeted amount is \$735.

Scott also provided a document describing the assets and liabilities of St Mary's. Last year, St Mary's had an increase in total assets.

Parochial Report: Maricclair sent a copy of the parochial report in advance of the meeting. This report is required for the records of the national church and local dioceses. The report added a new set of metrics this year to track volunteer activities. We picked up some members last year; we lost a couple of members to transfer and death. We don't have a register of communicants in good standing. Therefore, the report represents estimates. We do track the number of people who attend and take communion for all services, marriages, and burials. Average attendance has gone down a small amount, but total pledges have increased. These reports are publically accessible on-line.

Building update: Scott reported that Russell Roofing has been called to fix the slate roof. When it rains, the electrical circuit that has the cloister and narthex bulbs trips. The electrician, Lee Garner, has recommended re-wiring after the leak is fixed. Lee has talked with Scott about fixing the corona. We would need a scissor lift to do this. Scott asked Sally if we could get a loan of a scissor lift from Penn. Holman has scaffolding that we could use if needed. Some masonry work is also needed when the weather is better. We have a small to moderate budget for capital repairs, including some set-aside of the nursery school rent. Scott estimates these repairs will be less than \$6000.

Treasurer's Report: Frank provided a report of income/expenses in January. Aaron and Sally moved to approve the report. Approved unanimously.

Formal approval of Budget for 2018: Sally and Frank moved to approve the budget. Approved unanimously.

Certification of 2017 Parochial Report: Frank and Robin moved to approve the Parochial Report. Approved unanimously.

Annual Meeting Date: The Vestry agreed that we would hold the annual meeting on May 20th.

Death and Dying series: It is going well. Barbara suggested another idea to consider: Religion and Sexuality

Forum series group: Book discussion group; meets first Wednesday of the month at 6 pm in people's houses. There is a core group of 8-10 people. This group is led by Thomas Ward. We may consider other activities like this.

Robin led the spiritual practice which closed the meeting.

March 2018

The Vestry met on March 27. Following spiritual practice led by Frank and approval of the prior month's minutes, the Vestry addressed the following items:

Kitchen Update: In the "elbow grease" phase. Cabinets are being cleaned. Dishes have been washed. The exteriors of the cabinets are being assessed for work needed. In May, a boy scout, Shoryu Aoyama, will begin painting the kitchen and adding vinyl tile flooring, with oversight from a professional. After this is completed, Marty Redman will sand the butcher block. Sally recommended the creation of a kitchen committee.

St. Mary's Presents: An Evening of Broadway Summary: The event was a success. Sally thanked the Broadway Committee and the Bearded Ladies Cabaret. The event generated \$2203 (consisting of Ticket Sales: \$1333; Advertisements: \$525; DVDs: \$60; 50/50: \$185; Contribution: \$100). Expenses totaled \$513, including \$475 for the performers and \$38 for a banner ad. It was proposed that \$490 be donated to Nationalities Service Center, with an additional \$150 from the Rector's fund. Motion to approve total donation to NSC of \$640 from Robin and seconded by Frank. Unanimously approved.

New Vestry Members: The vestry will soon have 3 vacancies. Vanessa Lowry has agreed to return to the Vestry. Jonathan Ashton will also join. May 20th is the annual meeting date.

Update on Sue Williams's Estate: Sue Williams left a bequest to St. Mary's. The estate's lawyer is currently working on this. We expect to receive about \$40,000. We received a check for \$10,500 last week. The remainder should arrive later this year.

Sanctuary heating update: The heat has been inconsistent in recent months. Our normal plumber has been unresponsive. Sally and Scott contacted Penn Facilities, and they sent representatives who were very helpful and fixed the church's steam for free. The heat is now fully functional.

Roofing Expenses: There has been a steady leak in the narthex, as well as a leak in the St. Mary's Nursery School (SMNS) director's office. We received a quote from Russell Roofing and Exteriors Co. The estimate for fixing each leak is about \$5,000, totaling approximately \$10,000. Slate and gutters need to be replaced. As Russell Roofing is busy and requires advance notice to schedule, the work was approved two weeks ago by Scott, Sally, and Rector Maricclair. \$5,000 will come from the church's general budget, and the other \$5,000 will come from the church's SMNS repairs budget.

Vestry Meeting Dates through August: Next meetings will be April 24th, May 22nd, June 26th, July 22nd (this meeting may be canceled) and August 21st.

Diocesan Growth Development Fund Grant Application Committee for 2019: The proposal will be due in January of 2019. The committee currently consists of Aaron, Scott, Karen, Sally, and Holman. Sarto Schickel was recommended. Scott recommended that the committee begin to meet and

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Cook's Corner

A Dip from the Yucatan Peninsula

Once upon a time, there was a Mexican restaurant at 3600 Lancaster Avenue called Zocalo where we went very early on in its existence (it opened under new ownership in 2008). I thought the food was good, but Scott is not a fan of Mexican so we stopped going, and the next thing I knew it was 2013 and the place had closed. It had been featured in Gordon Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares series (where Gordon goes in to save failing restaurants) in March of 2012, but apparently Gordon's magic did not work.

One of my favorite dishes there was an appetizer called Xik-I-Pak, a Mayan pumpkin seed dip. Luckily for me (and St. Mary's subsequently) The Inquirer ran a piece on the place and included the Xik-I-Pac recipe, which I promptly cut out and taped in one of my early recipe binders. If you're a regular St. Marian, you are bound to have eaten it one Sunday or other.

Here are the ingredients: 1 ¼ cups raw, hulled pumpkin seeds; salt to taste; 1 chili habanero; one clove garlic; 2 medium tomatoes; ½ cup olive oil; fresh juice of one lime; and chopped cilantro. Heat a skillet and toast the pumpkin seeds, turning to cook evenly. (They are done when they begin popping.) In a food processor, grind the toasted seeds with salt, then place them in a large bowl. Chop the garlic and habanero (either wear gloves or wash hands very well after handling them) and throw them in the food processor with ¼ cup of oil and run to chop them fine. Rough chop the tomatoes and add to the processor along with the lime juice, and pulse the processor until the tomatoes are finely chopped. Stir the mixture from the processor into the bowl with the ground pumpkin seeds until combined. If the mixture is too thick, thin with as much of the olive oil as necessary. It should be slightly creamy like thick mayonnaise. Adjust seasonings to taste, garnish with chopped cilantro, and serve at room temperature with tortilla chips. Makes 2 ¼ cups.

Unlike many of my recipes, this one is heart healthy, and it's vegan to boot!! It is best, of course, when you can get your tomatoes from the Farmer's Market, but I make it year round; even with those not-very-flavorful winter supermarket tomatoes, the dip is still very good. As my mother would say, "Bon appetit."

Martin Bodtmann | marbodt@aol.com



Treasurer's Report

Once again with your generous stewardship and the leadership of the Vestry and with a realistic budget, we ended 2017 with a surplus of \$3,055 from an annual income of \$255,557 and annual expenses of \$252,502. Increased rental income and Diocesan support for campus ministry for 2018 have enabled us to increase this year's budget to \$259,648, or 3.5% above 2017 and give 3% raises to the Rector, Sexton, and Music Director.

St. Mary's Hamilton Village, Operating Budget, 2017 Actuals
Statement of Revenue and Expenses

12 months = 100.0%

General Operating Budget	2017 Budget	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	YTD Total	As % of 2017 budget
REVENUE															
Congregational Giving															
Plate (not 1st)	2,800	230	160	275	357	141	125	221	193	72	248	120	153	2,295	82.0%
Pledge	84,500	4,890	4,340	3,590	4,140	7,075	9,130	5,305	4,800	8,350	4,725	5,505	22,479	84,329	99.8%
Occasional/Designated	8,500	20	223	200	354	488	260	25	100	552	394	135	6,856	9,607	113.0%
Building Revenue	104,354	7,946	8,460	8,195	9,250	9,350	9,135	7,795	7,935	8,600	9,709	8,840	8,942	104,157	99.8%
Investment Income	40,100	8,125			8,125				8,125		12,800			37,175	92.7%
Fundraising															
Campus Ministry	2,500											6,000		6,000	240.0%
Coffee	167	7	2	13	3	63	8							96	57.5%
Special Events	1,000	-100	1,455	11				236	194	40				1,836	183.6%
UCHC space and reimbursemer	4,666			1,209				1,125				1,458	1,125	4,917	105.4%
Reimbursements/Copier	400		2,857			30	79	25	18	2	1		4	3,016	754.0%
Altar Guild Income	1,700				269	40	50	45		177	1,548			2,129	125.2%
Total Income	250,687	21,118	17,497	13,493	22,498	17,187	18,787	14,777	21,365	17,793	29,425	22,058	39,559	255,557	101.9%
EXPENSES															
Outside Giving	13,637				300		2,000			11,337		50		13,687	100.4%
Program Expense	14,400	1,205	2,938	963	1,224	942	1,088	1,253	1,041	1,547	1,363	1,129	1,062	15,755	109.4%
Physical Plant	31,685	1,641	1,417	4,538	1,687	507	6,163	130	4,262	2,459	549	5,001	1,381	29,735	93.8%
Personnel	189,915	15,837	16,427	14,854	15,668	19,015	16,521	13,472	15,136	18,726	15,451	14,626	15,967	191,700	100.9%
Financial Expense	450						26		150					101	27.7%
Altar Guild Expenses	600	280	184	78	477		9	286	17				17	1,348	224.7%
Total Expenses	250,687	18,963	20,966	20,433	19,356	20,464	25,807	15,141	20,606	34,069	17,363	20,806	18,528	252,502	100.7%
Month revenue (deficit)	0	2,155	(3,469)	(6,940)	3,142	(3,277)	(7,020)	(364)	759	(16,276)	12,062	1,252	21,031	3,055	
2017 YTD Balance (Deficit)		2,155	(1,314)	(8,254)	(5,112)	(8,389)	(15,409)	(15,773)	(15,014)	(31,290)	(19,228)	(17,976)	3,055		

Frank Innes, Treasurer | finnes@alum.drexel.edu

Mark Your Calendars

Friday, June 1st

West Philly Square Dance

8-11pm in the Parish Hall (doors at 7:30)
\$5-10+ sliding scale

Saturday, June 9th-Sunday, June 10th

Kitchen Painting Weekend

Sunday, June 17th

Mass with Baptism of Mae McLeod Partee Carlsen

10am

Third Sunday Potluck Brunch

Friday, June 22nd-Friday, June 29th

Parish Office Closed (Katherine Out of Town)

Tuesday, June 26th

Vestry

7pm

Wednesday, July 4th

Independence Day — Parish Office Closed

Sunday, July 15th

Third Sunday Potluck Brunch

Tuesday, July 24th

Vestry

7pm

Wednesday, August 1st

Mariclaire Returns From Leave

Sunday, August 19th

Last 10am Summer Mass

Third Sunday Potluck Brunch

Sunday, August 26th

11am Mass Resumes

Tuesday, August 28th

First Day of Classes at Penn

Low Mass With Healing Resumes

12:15pm

Vestry

7pm

Thursday, August 30th

Candlelight Compline Resumes

8pm

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!

Baptism

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble. Holy Baptism is appropriately administered within the Eucharist as the chief service on a Sunday or other feast.

Our next date for baptisms is **Sunday, June 17th**, during the 10am mass. If you are interested in discussing baptism for a child or adult at St. Mary's, please get in touch with Katherine Majewski, Parish Administrator. Future dates for baptisms are Nov 4th, 2018, and Jan 13th, 2019.

Are you interested in helping out with our spectacular Sunday coffee hour?

Contact Pattie Duncan at 215-472-2014
or at pattiedd@gmail.com.

Find St. Mary's on Social Media

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

St. Mary's Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/StMarysatPenn/>

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**

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8pm Community Square Dance	2
3 10am Worship Wear Orange Day	4	5	6	7 5:30-7pm UCHC	8	9 Kitchen Painting Weekend
10 10am Worship Kitchen Painting Weekend	11	12	13	14 5:30-7pm UCHC	15	16
17 10am Worship with Baptism of Mae McLeod Partee Carlsen Third Sunday Potluck Brunch	18	19	20	21 5:30-7pm UCHC	22 Parish Office Closed (Katherine on vacation)	23
24 10am Worship	25 Parish Office Closed (Katherine on vacation)	26 Parish Office Closed 7pm Vestry	27 Parish Office Closed	28 Parish Office Closed 5:30-7pm UCHC	29 Parish Office Closed	30

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am Worship	2	3	4 Independence Day Parish Office Closed	5 5:30-7pm UCHC	6	7
8 10am Worship	9	10	11	12 5:30-7pm UCHC	13	14
15 10am Worship Third Sunday Potluck Brunch	16	17	18	19 5:30-7pm UCHC	20	21
22 10am Worship	23	24 7pm Vestry	25	26 5:30-7pm UCHC	27	28
29 10am Worship	30	31				

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Marclair Returns From Leave	2 5:30-7pm UCHC	3	4
5 10am Worship	6	7	8	9 5:30-7pm UCHC	10	11
12 10am Worship	13	14	15	16 5:30-7pm UCHC	17	18
19 Final 10am Worship Third Sunday Potluck Brunch	20	21 7pm Vestry	22 Penn Orientation	23 Penn Orientation 5:30-7pm UCHC	24 Penn Orientation	25
26 11am Worship Resumes	27 Penn Orientation	28 Penn First Day of Class 12:15 Low Mass With Healing and Anointing Resumes	29	30 5:30-7pm UCHC 8pm Compline Resumes	31	

Stewardship Moment

Dear St. Marians,

Can you believe that summer is upon us?

Many of us are planning to get away for some summer fun and relaxation in the next few months. While we are checking off our plans to suspend the newspaper subscription and have someone feed the cats, don't forget that our church's ministry doesn't stop over the summer months. Our wonderful staff and programs keep going throughout the dog days of summer and rely on our continuing to keep up with our pledges. Our gifts make St. Mary's more effective and better able to carry out its ministry.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer with travels and adventures, and we hope to see you as often as possible. If you can't make it to St. Mary's, don't forget you can make a secure donation online. Go to the St. Mary's website to make a one-time or recurring donation online, and to stay up to date on happenings.

Karen Stachelek, Stewardship Chair

Notes from the Office

It's almost summer by the calendar, and definitely summer if we believe this heat and humidity! As we prepare to scatter for our various vacations and homecomings, take a look at our upcoming announcements and remember to keep in touch.

I hope to see many of you throughout the summer (seriously, come visit me in the office; it's lonely in here with Marclair on leave), and the rest of you when you return for classes or the daily grind. Be safe, well, and happy, and enjoy your time in the sun!

Katherine Majewski, Parish Administrator | administrator@stmarysatpenn.org



Historical Treasures

Who was Stanislaus Remak?



I have been curious for a long time about the man named in the memorial plaque in the narthex (vestibule) at the western end of the church. How did a person with a Polish name find a parish home here? His life is remarkably well documented on genealogical web sites and public internet archives.

His father, Gustavus Remak, was born on August 1st, 1817, in Posen (now Posnan), Wielkopolskie,

Poland. Gustavus emigrated to the United States of America and became a naturalized citizen in 1844. He married Susan Maria Scott in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1856 when he was 39 years old. Stanislaus was born to them in Philadelphia, July 29, 1846.

The *[Report of the] Forty-First Annual Reunion of the Association of Graduates, of the United States Military Academy, at West Point, New York, June 14th, 1910* included this biography in the Necrology:

STANISLAUS REMAK.

No. 2206. Class of 1867.

Died, February 12, 1910, at Philadelphia, Pa., aged 64.

STANISLAUS REMAK, who died at his residence, No. 4118 Baltimore avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Saturday, February 12, 1910, was the elder son of the late Gustavus Remak, who was President of the Fairmount Park Commission, and was born in Philadelphia, July 29, 1846. The early years of his life were passed in Germany. After his return to Philadelphia he was graduated from the Central High School and entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, from which he graduated in the Class of 1867, was appointed as Second Lieutenant in the Fifth United States Artillery, and later promoted to First Lieutenant.

His service was in Richmond, Virginia, to January, 1868; at Camp Williams, Virginia, to April, 1868; on leave to June 21, 1868; at Fort Jefferson, Florida, to November 15, 1868; on leave to March 23, 1869; at Fort Sullivan, Maine, to May 11, 1871; on leave to September 1, 1871, when he resigned.

After his resignation he studied law in Philadelphia [Penn; LL.B. 1873] and was admitted to the Bar and continued the practice of this profession until his death. He was a communicant and vestryman of the parish of St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Church, Thirty-ninth and Locust streets, and a member of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, F. and A. M., and Jerusalem Chapter, R. A. M.

In 1880, he married Miss Josephine W. Dickson, of Nova Scotia, who survives him. He leaves a brother, Gustavus Remak, Jr., and a sister, Mrs. Thomas H. Fenton.

Although there are no photographs of him, I found his passport application for a journey to the "City of Rome" in 1888, which included physical characteristics: age 43, height 5 ft 7 1/2 in, forehead high, eyes gray, nose straight, mouth small, chin round, hair dark brown slightly grey, complexion medium, face oval.

Stanislaus lived at 4443 Sansom Street, 223 St. Mark's Square, and 4418 Baltimore Avenue. He was elected to the Vestry in 1898, and served as Clerk of the Vestry, delegate to the Diocesan Convention and the Convocation of West Philadelphia (now the Schuylkill Deanery) until his death in 1910. He was the first clerk to type Vestry minutes. He was the attorney for the estate of Ann Kenny, which funded the construction of the cloister between the church and the parish hall.

The vestry minutes acknowledging his death state "we who were wont to meet with him will miss the gentleness of our friend who is 'now at rest'." His grave is in the Remak family plot in West Laurel Hill Cemetery.

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People's Warden Report

Dedication

Take a moment and think about what you were doing in May 2001. It was pre-9/11, George W. Bush was our president, Barack Obama was a state senator in Illinois, the Great Recession was years away, and Donald Trump was only making news in New York City.

Doesn't it seem like two lifetimes ago? Now take a moment and think about the fact that Scott Wild joined the St. Mary's Vestry during that long-ago spring. Yes, Scott has been on the Vestry in some fashion for seventeen years! I wonder if it is a St. Mary's record.

Before people serve on the Vestry, they often are involved in other aspects of the church. It makes sense to elect active parishioners. Most of us on the Vestry have two or three pet projects when we start. However, with Scott, St. Mary's discovered a man who saw how much needed to be done and quietly went about doing it.

Here is a short (and I suspect incomplete) accounting of Scott's to-do list each year:

- He takes attendance most Sundays
- He counts the plate when needed
- He helps with our twice-a-year church cleaning
- He picks up the flowers for the altar each week
- He paints scenery for our shows
- He calls the repair teams for our wonderful but old building
- He works with Penn folks when the heat isn't on or off
- He organizes our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
- He helps with our tag sale in September
- He writes for the newsletter
- He decorates the church at Christmas and Easter
- He works on the yearly audit
- He makes announcements in church
- He attends/leads our Vestry Meetings once a month
- He supports our Rector in her ministry

At our Annual Meeting, we will raise a glass of champagne as a small token of gratitude for all that Scott has done to keep St. Mary's going. Additionally, I hope that each of you will also do two more things. First, please thank him individually for his dedication to our dear church over these many years and second, consider giving a donation to the Flower Fund in his honor. While I know that Scott will continue to do many of the items on his to-do list above, he can enjoy the fourth Tuesday of the month without yet another Vestry meeting!

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♪♪ Musical Notes ♪♪

Music at St. Mary's

During the summer months, our faithful choir takes a much-deserved hiatus from the rigors of weekly rehearsing and performing. Leading the congregational singing at the 10:00 AM Mass will be individual cantors from among the choir. These cantors will also present special music in the form of solos, duets and other small ensembles.

For the first several months of the lengthy Pentecost season we will be using Franz Schubert's beloved Deutsche Messe for the liturgical singing. This setting, the best known of the many we use, will be comfortable for members and visitors alike during the warm months.

Summer is also a good time for favorite hymns. Speak to David if you would like yours included.

Of special interest will be the performance of violinist Arianna Schickel at the church service on June 3. She will be playing selections from the Spring Sonata by Beethoven.

As we also did last summer, the choir keeps their skills sharp with the informal singing of madrigals. Popular as a social function during the Renaissance, we sing in the original languages with some of our literary types explaining the double entendres that abound. Refreshments and good fellowship round the weekly gatherings. Speak to David if you would like to join us.

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Vestry Minutes (cont.)

get some information together between now and the Fall, and plan to bring recommendations before the Vestry in mid-Fall. Current guidelines from the diocese are \$30,000. First committee meeting will be in May. A doodle poll will be sent by Scott for those May dates.

Deacon's update:

John Ash, Robin, and Sally have been very helpful to the meals ministry. The Episcopal Academy staffs the Thursday meals, but will not be available to volunteer during the summer. So additional help will be needed.

Barbara has so far coordinated for St. Marians to volunteer at two naturalization ceremonies.

An AmeriCorps person has requested some donation items, including medical supplies (band-aids) and baby clothes. A drive will take place in April.

The Deanery health fair is also taking place in April and needs volunteers.

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, Easter Vigil, and Easter service details were discussed, i.e. acolyte staffing. Scott is looking for some volunteers on the Saturday of Easter Vigil to help set up. Robin volunteered to help. Sally may possibly also help. One-hour setup starting at 1PM. Karen is coordinating the Easter egg hunt on after church.

Treasurer's Report: Frank provided a report of income/expenses in February. Sally and Holman moved to approve the report. Approved unanimously.

Parish Audit: June 1st is the revised audit deadline for submission of the Choral Scholars grant renewal. John Ash and Ginny Wayland are offering assistance. The goal is to complete the audit by the end of April.

Final Sunday for Choir and Nursery School: The proposed last date the Choir will meet this season is May 27th (Memorial Day Weekend, Sunday after Pentecost). The Choir will discuss this with the Choir director.

Repairs: The wooden board that comprises the threshold of the sanctuary front door needs to be replaced. Also, the exterior metal staircase exiting the kitchen needs to be leveled/welded. Scott will talk to Gonzalo about these issues. Additionally, Sally will talk to her contact about the kitchen staircase.

The meeting closed with a prayer led by Frank.

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Congratulations, Graduates!



Jenny Hopkins graduated from Penn's Graduate School of Education with an M.S.Ed in Higher Education. She is looking to work in Boston in international higher education or online learning, and will continue singing in her spare time.



In May, **Aaron Kelley** graduated with a B.A. in Political Science. As a submatriculant into the Fels Institute of Government, Aaron will be returning to Penn next year to complete a Master of Public Administration degree before attending Officer Candidate School to commission as an officer in the PA Army National Guard.



Joel Lefever completed his Ph.D. in materials science & engineering at Penn, researching the strength and deformation of glass. He has attended St. Mary's for five years, where he has greatly enjoyed joining the congregation in musical offering in his capacity as Assistant Organist. Next fall, he hopes to teach mechanical engineering at the college level. As he prepares to leave St. Mary's, he prays that the Holy Spirit will continue to protect and guide this community of faith.



James Nowoslawski earned his Bachelor of Science in Microbiology from the University of the Sciences. He hopes to be furthering his education with a Medical Laboratory Sciences Certificate in the future. His main goal is to join a clinical lab where he will work with patient samples to help diagnose infections and get people the care they need.

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A Prayer for Summer

Ever-creating God, you have given us the gift of the seasons to order our common lives, and in the heat of the shining summer sun our souls are warmed with your presence. We ask that you bless us all during these months spent enjoying the beauty of your Creation- oceans, mountains, our own back yards- with a keen appreciation of what you have wrought in this world, and that you help us to safely return to each other renewed and refreshed at the close of the day. All this we ask through your son, Jesus Christ, and the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.