Rector’s Reflections

2016-17 In Review

We have had a wonderful 2016-2017 program year here at St. Mary’s, and our Annual Meeting on May 21st was truly a celebration. We got to thank Vanessa Albert Lowry for her two terms on the vestry as she “retires” to focus on Youth and Family ministry at St. Mary’s, and we got to welcome our new and returning vestry members: Sophia Reeder (first term), Aaron Todd (first full term), Sally Hillman Redman (first full term), and Allie Schreffler (second term). We elected two of our three Diocesan Convention delegates- Sophia Reeder and Shirley Carter- and also elected two new members to represent us in the Schuylkill Deanery- Janet Deatrick and John Ash. Thank you all for your willingness to serve!

Our Common Life:

Highlights of this year in our life together have included the formation of a Social Justice Working Group under the leadership of Ann Farnsworth-Alvear and Holman Massey, welcoming new students and saying goodbye to graduates, a new campus ministry Compline service during the semester, Seasons of Love, our first ever fundraiser for outreach in my time here, coordinated by Sally Hillman Redman and benefitting Nationalities Service Center and other outreach ministries of St. Mary’s, and some beautiful musical performances by our choir including two performances of Amahl and the Night Visitors.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting plans for 2017-2018, including a Choral Scholars program in association with Penn through the Music10 program. This will strengthen and formalize the relationship we have always had between the campus and our choir. It is anticipated that it will be funded in its first year through a grant from the Diocesan Missions fund, and these funds will be used to provide small stipends to five choral scholars from the university to supplement our choir, provide special music, and participate in the Thursday Compline service. This new program will be coordinated by organist and choirmaster David Shunskis. David will also be planning a 2017-2018 Choir Series to support this and other expansions in our music program, to supplement the budget we provide annually for music and organ maintenance at St. Mary’s.

In transition news, Anna Albrecht, who joined us as Parish Administrator in June of 2014, will depart later this month for the Rhode Island School of Design, where she will be studying for her Masters of Design in Interior Architecture. Anna has brought humor and warmth to the parish office over the last three years, and she will be greatly missed. Anna’s last day in the office will be Friday, May 26th. We will celebrate her time with us during coffee hour on June 4th, and send her on
her way with a love offering from the parish. Her successor, Kirsten Mullen, has been chosen from a large field of applicants, and will have her first day in the office on Friday, May 26th. (You can find more information about Kirsten in this newsletter on page 9).

Worship at St. Mary’s:

We have completed our first full year of a new Compline service on Thursday evenings, followed by campus ministry coffee and conversation in the sanctuary. This service has been particularly successful in attracting students as well as folks from outside of our University City neighborhood, including a small, faithful group of young adults from Center City. The Compline service is in addition to the Sunday morning mass and Tuesday mid-day Healing Mass in St. Philip’s Chapel, both of which have also seen an increase in attendance over the year. Notably, we didn’t have our usual “summer slump” in attendance at Sunday mass between mid-May/graduation until around Labor Day.

Our average Sunday attendance stayed on par with the program year through June and July, dropping to regular summer attendance levels finally in August (when we also had some of the hottest Sundays of the year). The Tuesday Healing Mass has now built up its own core congregation, with a faithful group of 5 plus visitors throughout the semester.

Formation:

We had a Confirmation Class of four young people this year, meeting after mass on Sundays in the parish library, throughout Lent.

Our first Summer Book Study debuted in the summer of 2016, when a small group gathered after Sunday mass for four weeks to read Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates. This was in response to the repeated police shootings of unarmed African-American men and women that summer, and the group grappled with Coates’ very vivid description of his own experiences as an African-American man coming of age in America. Our discussions were meaningful, and we will continue them as a parish.
These discussions, along with the challenging results of the election in the fall, led to a swell of desire to “do something” to live our faith in our local community. The Social Justice Working Group was formed shortly thereafter, and continues to engage interested members with discussions of issues in our community and country during Third Sunday Brunch, including a guest speaker from Fair Districts PA following the annual meeting. We continue to explore participation in the Sanctuary movement in Philadelphia, particularly how we can help students at Penn who are protected under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

**Stewardship:**

I would like to thank Karen Stachelek, who took over as Stewardship Chairperson last fall, and Scott Wilds, as rector’s warden, for their hard work on our 2017 pledge campaign. 2016 saw some long-time members of St. Mary’s move away for new jobs, new homes, and retirement, and yet we still managed a successful pledge campaign and balanced proposed budget for 2017 - this was no easy task, and I encourage you to consider increasing your pledges for 2018. The dedication of Karen and Scott, along with the continued dedication of the members of this parish to give generously to the work we are doing in the name of God, has allowed us to do necessary repairs to our building, give our staff members modest cost-of-living increases, and invest in another 200 years of St. Mary’s ministry to and presence in the Penn community and the University City neighborhood.

Thank you for your faithfulness in this place, and to the Gospel - with God’s help, may our 2017-2018 program year be as bountiful and blessed as 2016-2017 has been!

**The Rev. Mariclar Partee Carlsen | rector@stmarysatpenn.org**

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**Notes from the Office**

Welcome to the Summer 2017 issue of the St. Mary’s Newsletter – my final newsletter as St. Mary’s Parish Administrator. I am very excited to start the next phase of my life, studying for my Masters of Design in Interior Architecture at the Rhode Island School of Design. But that excitement is tinged with sadness—I am going to miss Philadelphia and St. Mary’s so much. Thank you all for making me feel so welcome and for helping me carry out my duties. It’s been an absolute pleasure. Soon my shoes will be filled and St. Mary’s will have a new, amazing community member—Kirsten Mullen. You can read a little more about Kirsten on page 9. I invite you to take a look at what is happening at St. Mary’s and in our community this summer. I’ll miss Martin’s cooking tips and learning about St. Mary’s members, but I won’t miss formatting the pull-out calendar every season!!

If you would like to contribute to the Fall newsletter in any way, or have any ideas about what you would like to see in future newsletters, please contact Sally Hillman Redman at sally.h.redman@gmail.com. Happy reading!

Lots of love,  
Anna  
Anna Albrecht, Parish Administrator | administrator@stmarysatpenn.org
Musical Notes

A Thank You to the Choir!

Faithful members of St. Mary's Choir include Carol Chason, Claudia Crane, Molly Dougherty, Pattie Duncan, Anjali Gallup-Diaz, Jerene Good, Matre Grant, Frank Innes, Joel Lefever, Robert Mann, Holman Massey, Judith Schermer, Joan Spellman, Aaron Todd, Thomas Ward, Virginia Wayland, Brooke Yanovich, and Director David Shunskis. Penn students Matre and Brooke graduated in May: their talents will be missed!

Choir membership requires a significant commitment of time and effort. Music is prepared at our weekly rehearsal, and also with individual practice at home. Weekly attendance to provide inspiration for the 11:00 Mass is an obligation we take very seriously. During the summer months our devoted St. Mary's Choir takes a much-deserved vacation from these rigorous duties. We will miss their leadership in worship and the beautiful anthems they present. Many of our choristers will take turns leading congregational singing as cantors each Sunday this summer. They also will present special music in the form of solos, duets and other ensembles. Of special interest for our summer worship will be the intoning of the weekly psalm in plainsong chant. The congregation will be encouraged to join in the antiphon.

A couple spin-off activities from choir: an informal summer madrigal singing group. Several have expressed interest to explore this wonderful renaissance genre for fun and fellowship. Speak to David if interested. Another opportunity is summer Solfeggio or sight singing class, a way to hone your choir skills.

Have a great summer and thank a choir member.

David Shunskis, Organist/Choirmaster | music@stmarysatpenn.org

Report from the Rector's Warden

Discussions Big and Small

February 22, 2017
Sally Hillman Redman reported on the income and expenses for the Seasons of Love show. The show had a net income of $1,356.38. Thanks to Scott Wilds for the stage work and thanks to Max Redman for his performance. Aaron Todd's promotional materials were fantastic. Martin and others provided a great post-event spread. The Vestry agreed to donate $350 from Seasons of Love to the Nationalities Services Center. The rector offered to supplement the donation from the Rector's Discretionary Fund. (A total of $500 was sent to NSC)

Mariclair provided a financial report on the two Amahl and the Night Visitors performances. Income will be split between David and Anjali to cover some of the expenses for the show.

Social Justice Working Group. Holman Massey and Ann Farnsworth propose a series of seminars and round table discussions on a range of issues during third Sunday brunch. These would
draw on people in the congregation and community and would be intended to inform our community about policy issues in order to focus advocacy/social justice efforts.

Treasurer’s Report. Frank Innes reported that expenses and revenue are approximately equal.

The vestry agreed to use the $2857 provided for Mariclar’s disability leave from last fall to supplement the rector’s continuing education budget. $750 of the additional income was approved for 2017, with any amount not used this year carried over to next year. Mariclar plans to attend the Festival of Homiletics in San Antonio in May.

The vestry approved up to $3,000 to fund slate roof repair by Russell Roofing. The Nursery School Set-Aside fund will provide additional funds for this project.

The Vestry discussed the annual meeting, and status of vestry members’ terms. Vanessa Albert Lowry will complete her second consecutive term in May and we will need at least one new vestry member to be elected in May 2017.

March 28, 2017
Holman provided an update on the discussion of the Social Justice Working Group from the third Sunday brunch. Rebecca Womack, a representative of Fair Districting PA, will lead a discussion on May 21 after the annual meeting. The meeting will be open to the public. Additional ideas from the discussion include serving as a clearinghouse of relevant external events/calendar and providing this information on the website. They discussed creating a “welcome” sign in multiple versions in different languages for people to take home. Vestry supported the proposal to create lawn signs expressing welcome in multiple languages.

Mariclar provided an update on the confirmation class. All four who have been attending have decided to be confirmed. Mariclar thanked the mentors. Confirmation will take place at the Cathedral during the Easter Vigil service on April 15. All are encouraged to attend to support the youth. Michael Lowry will be confirmed the following Sunday at the St Martins in the Fields. Vanessa thanked Mariclar for her leadership.

Anna Albrecht’s last day as parish administrator is May 26th. There will be an appreciation for Anna at coffee hour on June 4th. Mariclar will be hiring a replacement as soon as possible.

Summer service time. Mariclar proposed moving the Sunday service earlier in the day during the summer. The Vestry agreed to move the Sunday service time to 10 am from June 11 through August 20.

May Fair, Saturday May 13. Frank asked Vestry about interest in tabling for the Spruce Hill May Fair in Clark Park. The cost is $15. Frank asked the Vestry for ideas to make the event more productive. Frank will coordinate volunteers and materials.

Treasurer’s Report. There are two parking spaces available for rent.

Great Cleaning Before Easter will be April 8 at 9 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt. Karen Stachelek volunteered to lead the Easter egg hunt this year.

Sally announced that the Nationality Service Center needs socks. We will have a “sock campaign” for the Easter season. Socks for all sizes/gender will be appreciated.
Vanessa expressed appreciation for the children in church on Sunday. Mariclair raised the issue of creating an alternative space for families with small children in church on Sunday. Small children would also be welcomed to the Sunday School class.

April 25, 2017
Holman provided an update on the Social Justice Working group. Welcome signs are in the works. Anyone interested in working as a part of the social justice working group should reach out to Holman and Ann Farnsworth.

Roofing and Physical Plant update. The roofers worked last week and the work is complete. The slate roof on the school building is in poor shape and longer term the church will need to think about replacing at least the south side of the parish hall roof. Estimated cost for this portion of the roof (change from slate to shingle) would be approximately $25,000.

Personnel Information. Anna Albrecht's last day is May 26. We will have an appreciation for Anna during coffee hour on June 4. Mariclair has identified a strong candidate who is interested in the position.

Thanks to Karen and Sara for the Egg Hunt!

Annual Meeting and Vestry Terms. May 21 is the Annual Meeting. Vanessa finishes 2nd term and will be rolling off the vestry. Allie finishes 1st and will be staying on the Vestry. Sally and Aaron both eligible for 1st term and will be staying on the Vestry. Sophia Reader has agreed to stand as a new vestry member for 2017 and will join us in the fall. A slate will be provided in the Annual Meeting report for approval. Thanks to Vanessa for her Vestry service! This is Vanessa's final official meeting.

May Fair, Saturday May 13 Robin Foster-Drain offered to help staff our table. Frank will continue to seek volunteers.

Treasurer’s Report. Frank Innes reported that, year to date, we are behind in pledges. He will send out first quarter statements to pledgers. Sovereign Insurance gave us notice that we would get a 20% decrease in building insurance beginning the 3rd quarter of the year. This will result in a $1300 reduction this year. Frank filed paperwork to ensure that we will no longer pay taxes on rental for the copier.

Parochial Report Approval. Mariclair and Scott presented the Parochial Report for review and approval. The average Sunday attendance went up by 3. The report was approved and signed by the appropriate officers of the Vestry and the Rector.

Signing of Prayer Books for Graduates! Vestry members signed prayer books for three graduating college seniors (Matre, Brooke, and Ray).

Scott Wilds, Rector’s Warden | scottwilds@aol.com
Cook’s Corner

I Gotta Picatta for You!

My, oh my, these newsletter deadlines seem to come faster and faster the older I get! And I had no idea what recipe to provide next. Luckily Sunday afternoon I went to Matrė Grant’s Senior Recital (shame on you who missed it; she was fabulous!), and as folks were chatting afterwards Thomas and Aaron asked for a suggestion on something to make that was fairly quick and easy, but not pasta. I’m afraid I wasn’t much help, but Scott, who lives to give others suggestions whether they want them or not, thought chicken piccata would work. I have to admit it was a good suggestion, but I’m not sure we really gave them adequate instruction, so let me try to do better here.

Take two boneless, skinless chicken breasts, butterflied then cut in half and pound gently to flatten. Or cheat and buy chicken tenders (about a pound). Season the chicken with salt and pepper (though I substitute Goya Adobo for the salt and also dust with poultry seasoning) and dredge in flour shaking off the excess. In a large skillet over medium heat melt 2 tablespoons of butter with 3 tablespoons olive oil. When it starts to sizzle add two pieces of chicken and cook for 3 minutes on one side; then flip and cook on the other side for an additional 3 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a platter and keep warm while you add 2 tablespoons more butter and oil to the pan if needed. When it sizzles add the remaining 2 pieces of chicken, brown the same way and remove to the warm platter. If you’re cheating with tenders cook them much less; nobody likes dried out chicken breast!

Now skip this paragraph and move on to the next if you want a simple, orthodox piccata like Giada De Laurentis makes because here’s where I begin to tart things up. Into the skillet put about a half an onion diced and a quarter pound mushrooms thinly sliced, sauté until they soften then add a clove of minced garlic and cook an additional minute. Deglaze the pan with a half cup of wine if you have it and cook that down. If you really want to gild the lily you can add some sliced artichoke hearts, but now I’m getting crazy.

Back to the recipe. Into the skillet add 1/3 cup of fresh lemon juice, ½ cup of chicken stock and ¼ cup of brined capers rinsed. Bring to a boil, scrape up any brown bits remaining on the bottom of the pan, and taste for seasoning. Return all the chicken to the pan and simmer for 5 minutes. Remove chicken to platter again and off heat add 2 more tablespoons of butter to the pan and whisk vigorously. Pour sauce over chicken and garnish with chopped fresh parsley. Ooops, I almost forgot -- if I remember I zest the lemon before cutting and squeezing and throw about a tablespoon of zest in with the juice. Bon appetit!
Treasurer’s Report

Quarter in Review

Here is a report of our revenue and expenses for the first quarter of 2017. We are running a small deficit of $8,154. We are 25% of the way through the year but the pledge income is only at 15%.

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If pledge income was at 25%, there would be no deficit, so please try to keep current on your pledge.

Frank Innes, Treasurer  | finnes@alum.drexel.edu
Summer Mass Time Change
From June 11th—August 20th, mass will begin at 10:00 am. Hopefully this will make for cooler, more comfortable worship during the hot Philadelphia summers!

June
Sunday, June 18th
Third Sunday Potluck Brunch
Please bring your favorite dish to share!

Tuesday, June 20th
Vestry Meeting, 7pm

July
Sunday, July 16th
Third Sunday Potluck Brunch
Please bring your favorite dish to share!

THERE WILL NOT BE A VESTRY MEETING IN JULY

August
Sunday, August 20th
Third Sunday Potluck Brunch
Please bring your favorite dish to share!

Tuesday, August 28th
Vestry Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday, August 29th
Penn First Day of Classes

September
Resuming September 5th
Tuesday Low Mass with Healing Prayers and Anointing
In the St. Philip’s Chapel at 12:15 pm

Resuming September 7th
Candlelight Compline, 8pm
in the sanctuary, followed by Coffee and Conversation

Introducing St. Mary’s new Parish Administrator!
Meet Kirsten Mullen.
A little bit about Kirsten: Kirsten is originally from South Jersey and moved to Philadelphia when she began her undergraduate degree at Temple University. She was an English major, with a concentration in Creative Writing and will continue her education this fall at Arcadia University, enrolling in their Dual Degree Master of Arts in English and Master of Fine Arts in Poetry program. Her hobbies include writing, researching, visiting new restaurants, playing with her cat, and re-watching the original Star Wars trilogy as often as possible.

Worship Volunteers needed
You can help make mass happen!
Are you interested in helping with services?
We especially need ushers and acolytes.
Please contact Anna at 215-386-3916 or administrator@stmarysatpenn.org if you would like to help!

Are you interested in helping out with our spectacular Sunday coffee hour?
Contact Pattie Duncan at 215-472-2014 or at pattiedd@gmail.com.
You will also notice a freewill offering box on the beverages table – your donations are welcome!
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- Wed: Backpack Buddies Deadline
- Thu: Vestry 7pm
- Fri: 31st First Day of Classes
- Sat: 5th First Day of Classes
Sunday School Update

Four Confrirmands Confirmed - What Next?

This year Sara Forrest, Ann Farnsworth, Stan Stachelek and I held regular Sunday School classes largely populated by four potential confirmands full of questions and interesting takes on our lessons. It has been a joy. We are proud of their accomplishment and happy at their decision to be confirmed. At the same time it is a little sad because these kids are the last of the group we began with over ten years ago and they include our own younger children.

Three of our confirmands- Maty DaSilva, Nelly Forrest, and Siobhan Stachelek, were confirmed as part of the diocesan Easter Vigil service at the Cathedral, and Michael Lowry was confirmed two weeks following at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in Chestnut Hill.

Congratulations to our newly confirmed youth!

What now? Well, we do have a few little ones that may be ready for Sunday child-centered activities soon. We have youth that are there to be engaged. Do not be surprised if one of us approached you to see if you would be interested in helping us develop programs. And if our youth could help in a parish endeavor, let them or us know.

In the meantime, please keep the children and youth of this parish (and the Sunday School teachers) in your prayers as we start down new paths.

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In America, education is one of the primary building blocks for a good life. St. Mary’s Hamilton Village sits in the heart of a great American university. Our congregation benefits from our location in ways that are hard to enumerate. Therefore, it is fitting that we work to share the blessings of a good education with those who have just arrived in the USA. Our friends at the Nationalities Service Center (NSC) encourage the St. Mary’s community to support refugee children as they prepare for a new school year in August.

Last summer we also collected backpacks and school supplies for the Nationalities Service Center. Mother Mariclair purchased ten backpacks and challenged us to fill them with supplies. We responded to her challenge by filling over 20 backpacks!

Since we know that back to school sales happen all summer, we are putting out the call for new backpacks and supplies now. Please bring in what you can. Whether it is a box of #2 pencils or a full backpack, we sincerely appreciated your donation. Please use the list of school supplies on page 15 for your back to school shopping.

We will be accepting Backpack Buddies donations through Sunday, August 20th.

As for me, I love the idea of touching the future by helping the children begin their education in America.
Community Outreach

Throughout the summer, we will be collecting for the NSC Backpack Buddies campaign!

**Goal:** 10 filled Backpacks by August 20th

- Lunch box
- No. 2 Pencils
- Composition Notebooks
- Erasers
- Crayons
- Color Pencils
- Safe scissors
- Folders
- Pencil case
- Ruler
- 1” - 1.5” Binders
- 3 or 5-subject notebooks
Campus Ministry

Congratulations, graduates!

L to R: Ray McCormack (C '17), Mtre Grant (C '17), Brooke Yanovich (C '17), Kia DaSilva (Masterman High School Class of 2017, Penn Class of 2021)

Photo Feature: Palm Sunday
Our Historical Treasures

A Peek into the Past:
Views of the church from the University Archives Digital Image Collection

Since a picture is worth a thousand words, here are two photographs of the church with the spire from Penn's archives

Above: View of St. Mary's from 40th St. at Locust St. (pre-Locust Walk) - looking southeast ca. 1905

Left: Aerial view of the church from 40th and Spruce Streets (Spruce St. is in the foreground with the trolley).

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St. Mary's Staff Profile

Outgoing Parish Administrator, Anna Albrecht

Tell us about yourself: I grew up in Pittsburgh, PA among the mountains and rivers of the Ohio valley. Growing up Episcopalian in Pittsburgh, I attended both the Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill and then Calvary Church in Shadyside (as well as Calvary Episcopal Camp in Conneaut, Ohio!) I studied History and Studio Art at a tiny liberal arts college in Ohio, called Oberlin College, where most of my family also attended undergraduate. I ended up in Philadelphia in 2013 and since then, my whole family has moved here!

How did you come to St. Mary's?
I was looking to leave my job in PR in Center City, and I happened to look in the West Philly Local Classifieds section! St. Mary's ended up being a perfect fit—a lovely 20 minute walk from my house in West Philly, and a job where I could feel like an active member of my community.

What did you like best about your job?
I absolutely loved putting the seasonal bulletins together! And I grew fond of editing the website as well. I also really appreciated learning more about the Episcopal faith, and seeing that faith in action. And of course, Halal cart lunches with Mother Mariclar and Gonzalo!

What will you most miss about this place?
The people—everyone I ever interacted with at St. Mary's brought a good-heartedness to every interaction. I will miss checking in with parishioners, hearing stories of Philadelphia and St. Mary's history. I will miss working in an environment where your spiritual health and wellness are considered to be just as important as physical health. I will miss working for Mother Mariclar; I have learned so much about how to be a smart, strong woman in this world from her. I will miss Gonzalo; the friendship we have built over the last three years has been so important to me! I'll miss talking about last night's soccer game with him. Thank you all so much for making the last three years one of the best job experiences I think I'll ever have! I'll be back to visit when I can, and I'll be done with my program in 2019 and I hope to move back to Philly as soon as possible.

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Did you know that you can make a donation to St. Mary’s online safely and securely?

Go to www.stmarysatpenn.org and click on the “Support St. Mary’s” tab to make a one-time donation - recurring donation function coming soon!

A Prayer for Summer

Ever-loving God, you watch over all of our going out and coming in, protect us as we travel this summer, and help us to appreciate your presence in the beauty of your creation - the warmth of the sun shining brightly during the long summer days, the song of crickets and frogs chirping at night. As we are refreshed and rejuvenated by time set aside for leisure, let us also be energized for the work of justice and peace. We pray this in the name of your Risen Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.