It happened that on the Feast of St. Martin of Tours this year I was at the Philadelphia Cathedral for a Diocesan Council meeting. We gathered around the altar for Eucharist that morning, a small group in an enormous sanctuary, and Canon Shawn Wamsley recounted the story of Martin’s life- a soldier in the Roman army and an early Christian convert, he is remembered for an encounter with a beggar on the street dressed in rags. As the day was cold, Martin drew his sword and cut his military cloak in half, offering half to the man. That night in a dream, Christ appeared to him, wrapped in the half of his cloak that he had given away, and when he awoke the cloak was in his chamber, made whole once again. It is a beautiful story, and one that I had heard before without it making much impact.

But that morning Canon Wamsley posed this question to us all: what would Christ be wrapped in if he appeared to each of us right now? Would he be adorned with goodwill and charity freely offered, or would he be wearing our own sharp words and dismissive looks? The question has come to me often, as the temperatures have dropped over the weeks since, when I encounter one of the many residents of our city who live on the streets, without access to shelter, warmth, or sufficient food. The problem of homelessness is a complex one in our country, involving multiple places of origin such as poverty, mental illness, substance abuse, and other indignities. There is no simple solution, however I believe that we can only make a start at tackling this evil when we are able, regularly, to see the face of Christ in the face of the panhandler at the SEPTA station, Jesus’ body on the Cross in the bodies wrapped in sleeping bags and huddled on cardboard on Center City sidewalks.

As we prepare for our annual celebration of the Incarnation at Christmas, I hope that we can all carry this image in our hearts and in our minds as a sort of Advent meditation, an occa-
sion of prayer and contemplation, and by doing so may be moved to the service of Christ. We have plenty of opportunities to put our prayers into action right under our own roof—Thursday evening and Saturday noonday meals served by volunteers of our own University City Hospitality Coalition, hot meals served every other night of the week at neighboring houses of worship including the Cathedral, University Lutheran, Woodland Presbyterian, and Hillel. Beyond this one organization so close to our own hearts there are countless other groups engaged in direct action across the city that each of us can support— and imagine how wonderful will be that night, when we lay ourselves down to sleep, and dream of our Christ wrapped in the work of our hands and hearts across this city.

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

Notes from the Office

Welcome to the Winter 2017 issue of the St. Mary’s Newsletter – with this issue, we’ve almost reached the milestone of two full years of newsletters! Now that the weather has chilled to that perfect temperature, I’ve (finally) begun to unbox the vast amount of warm sweaters that have been sitting cozy in my closet for the past few months, and I’m sure many of you will be joining me (if you haven’t already) in breaking out those warm sweaters, socks, and slippers!

I invite you to take a look at what is happening at St. Mary’s and in our community. Your input is incredibly valuable, so if you would like to contribute 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. Any and all contributions are welcome! Happy reading!

Lawrence Mullen, Parish Administrator | administrator@stmarysatpenn.org
On the first Sunday of Advent we welcome the Rev. Barbara Tobin to St. Mary’s as our new vocational deacon. Barbara is a longtime member of St. Peter's in Old City, and after she retired as a Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner in 2013, she had a year’s Sabbatical, then felt called to the Diaconate. She was ordained this past June and has served at St. Simon the Cyrenian Church until recently. Deacon Barbara will serve on an annual basis in the parish with the permission of our bishop, with a particular focus on connecting the parish to the needs of the poor and homeless in our city. She is looking forward to ministering with everyone at St. Mary’s in living out our Baptismal vows together. Have questions about what the vocational diaconate is? Ask away, and please give Deacon Barbara a warm St. Mary's welcome!

Amahl and the Night Visitors

Friday, January 5, 2018
7:00pm

Saturday, January 6, 2018
4:00pm

$15 general/$10 students/$40 family

Tickets available at door.

3916 Locust Walk, Philadelphia
(215) 386-3916
Holiday Music at St. Mary’s

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany offer many rich musical opportunities at St. Mary’s. The choir is very enthusiastic about this Holiday Season with a special Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 17, 4:00 PM. Guest violinist Arianna Schickel will play solos and accompaniments in a program of music from Handel’s Messiah. Arianna will be back for Christmas Eve, this year a 10:00 PM Mass.

For Advent we also offer a new musical setting of the Mass. Taken from the Wonder, Love and Praise hymnal the settings are fresh and slightly modal. Of special note Thomas Ward of the Bass Section of our choir has composed a Lord’s Prayer for our Advent worship.

Of special interest: We will reprise last year’s highly acclaimed production of Amahl and the Night Visitors. The cast and crew are back by popular demand to recreate the magic of this touching one-act Opera. Performances on Friday, January 5, 7:00 PM and Saturday, January 6, 4:00 PM. Invite your friends of all ages!

As the new semester begins in January our Choral Scholar Program will commence. Through a Mission grant from the Diocese we will provide stipends to excellent student singers to sing in our choir. This will be a tremendous boost to our St. Mary’s Choir. A special concert on Sunday, March 18 will spotlight their talents. We look forward to meeting these student singers in the new year.

The Music Program at St. Mary’s only happens by the great efforts and devotion of our choir members. Our thanks to each of them:

Carol Chason, Anjali Gallup-Diaz, Joan Spellman, Molly Dougherty, Pattie Duncan, Judith Schermer, Virginia Wayland, Claudia Crane, Jerene Good, Aaron Todd, Frank Innes, Thomas Ward, Holman Massey, Robert Mann and Joel Lefevre, Assistant Organist.

David Shunskis, Organist/Choirmaster | music@stmarysatpenn.org
The minutes of the June meeting were approved as submitted. (The Vestry did not meet in July.)

Information
Mother Mariclair updated the Vestry on the choral scholars program and grant. David Shunskis is recruiting possible scholars and Mother Mariclair is working on the method of making payments to scholars.

Sunday nursery school for fall. Since we have been getting some families with small children, the need for regular Sunday nursery care has returned. There will be a combination of volunteers (Ann Farnsworth, Vanessa Albert Lowry, Sara Forrest) and one paid person (a nursing student at Penn). Two of our volunteers are doing “Godly Play” training and hope to be able to use it with small children.

Mother Mariclair and Frank Innes discussed the “Death Comes to Dinner” program being planned for Lent. will combine end of life planning and group activities. There will be an introductory dinner in the fall. The program will address personal responses to death and dying as well as financial and other planning needs.

Mother Mariclair informed the Vestry that Allegra Spero, a Temple student, is an unpaid intern looking at St. Mary’s historical records.

Discussion
The tag sale will proceed as planned on August 26, with set-up commencing at 9 a.m.

Fall program kick-off will be Sunday, September 10, with nursery care beginning, the welcome back BBQ on the lawn, and choir starting back. Scott and Stan Stachelek will cook, Holman Massey and Stan will provide grills.

Sophia Reeder discussed the proposed Carry the Future Race for Refugees. There will be a virtual race, an actual walk/race planned for after Mass on September 24. The program will support young refugee children internationally.

Mother Mariclair discussed Emery Bros. organ company’s desire to transfer the old St. Mary’s Skinner console to the church. They can no longer store it. The console could be restored as part of a later phase of organ re-building. It could go in All Saints Chapel and be tastefully covered in fabric. It was agreed to take it and store it.

It was decided to move the September vestry meeting to September 19.

St. Mary’s will register two persons for Diocesan Convention. In the past we have registered more than showed up and this will be a cost savings. St. Mary’s only gets one lay vote as a parish regardless of the number of lay people registered and attending.

Action Items
Frank presented the financial report as of the end of July, which was approved. The Sunday
counting rota is being revised with the hope of more consistent follow through.

The continuing squirrel problem was discussed. A committee of Mother Mariclair, Holman and Frank will try to come up with options.

**September 2017**

The minutes from the August meeting were approved with minor corrections.

**Action**

Frank presented the treasurers report, which was unanimously approved.

Death Comes to Dinner program. Mother Mariclair will host the introductory dinner on November 1.

Organ. A couple of Penn students will be taking organ lessons. Penn will pay for use of organ. Organ Console update. Emery Bros will transport the console to us. The cost is $80.

Stewardship for 2018. Karen Stachelek has agreed to lead stewardship this year. Karen will develop letter and Karen and Mother Mariclair will brainstorm Sunday stewardship moments.

Fall Welcome Back events. Scott thanked everyone who participated in the welcome back events, including the cookout and tag sale. The tag sale raised $194.

Choral scholars. A diocesan mission grant has been approved to fund a student-scholar music fellowship. David is working with the Penn Choral Director to identify scholars. The goal is to begin in October.

Carry the Future Race for Refugees. The time for sign-up has passed, but support can still be offered through Sophia’s personal fundraising link.

**Discussion**

Vestry development. A vestry retreat will be scheduled for after the annual meeting in May 2018, when the new class of vestry members will be in place. The Vestry reviewed a chapter on leadership responsibilities from the book *Beyond Business as Usual*. The discussion focused on rights vs. responsibilities, putting out fires, and healthy communication styles.

Tee Shirts - Sally shared options for a new, long sleeve t-shirt. It was decided not to print on the front, but have the same style as the short sleeve tee shirts on the back, color Carolina blue.

**New Business**

Sophia presented idea of outreach to older/graduate student community. “Theology on tap” theme: meet at City Tap for conversation and spiritual discussion.

**Spiritual Practice**

Mariclair led the vestry in compline to close the meeting.
Audrey’s Cheese Straws

I was supposed to pull this recipe together for a friend so I’m killing two birds with one stone, plus this recipe truly is seasonal. The first time I ever tasted a cheese straw was during Christmastide in Oxford Mississippi in the mid 1980’s when Scott’s parents took us to a party at some longtime friends’ house. Esther Etheridge, the hostess, made her own, and they were delicious. Though I have her recipe somewhere I must confess this recipe is NOT hers. Still this recipe does have a pedigree; it’s from The Southern Junior League Cookbook. Its official title is “Audrey’s Cheese Straws” and it originally appeared in the Memphis Tennessee Junior League Cookbook. If you know any Southerners you know how important a pedigree is. However if you put any of my optional ingredients into the mix you must then call them Yankee Cheese Straws because no respectable Southerner would put any of these exotic ingredients into their straws.

Pre-heat your oven to 400 degrees. In the bowl of your electric mixer cream one stick of room temperature butter. In a large bowl place 2 cups of sifted flour (i.e. you sift the flour into the measuring then level it off), ½ tsp red pepper and 1 tsp. salt. Here comes the first rub. When I first made this recipe they sold something in every grocery store called ground red pepper, but nowadays I cannot find it. It was slightly hot, but trust me you do NOT want to substitute that much cayenne which is the only ground red pepper I can find anywhere. Nowadays I use ¼ tsp. sweet paprika and ¼ tsp. hot paprika.

Now what comes next is optional. Into the same bowl put ¼ tsp. celery salt, ¼ tsp. onion powder, ¼ tsp. garlic powder, 1/8 tsp. to 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper and one package of Goya Sazon. I love using it in many, many savory applications: for this one I recommend Goya Sazon con Azafran (saffron) because of its brilliant orange color. You want your cheese straws to be bright orange, like our Commander-in-Chief. Using a whisk, mix all those dry ingredients together. Add the dry ingredients to the butter in the mixer and combine.

Now comes the cheese. You want one pound of New York State cheddar cheese for traditional or for Yankee one pound of extra sharp cheddar cheese. I’m partial to Kraft Cracker Barrel if I can find it on sale, but any decent brand will do. I shred the cheese on the small holed disc of my Cuisinart, but you can certainly do it by hand. Add the cheese to the butter/flour mixture and mix. Proper cheese straws are then pressed through a cookie press using the star shaped nozzle. I use a battery powered press and find I need to microwave the whole mixture for between 30 and 45 seconds to get the right consistency. You can also roll it out on a floured board and cut into strips for straws or into thin circles with a nut in the center of each. Bake for 10 minutes and let cool before putting it away. You will swiftly become addicted. I might just whip up a batch now—enjoy!
Quarter in Review

At the October meeting of your Vestry, we provided a projection of revenue and expenses for the rest of 2017 which you see below. I am glad to report that we expect to end this year with a small surplus. Thank you for keeping your pledge up to date which has contributed greatly to keeping the budget in balance.

As you are well aware, there are tax reform proposals in Congress that may or may not be enacted before the end of the year. One proposal for individuals is to double the standard deduction and limit or eliminate certain itemized deductions, such as contributions, medical expenses, mortgage expenses, state and local income taxes and property taxes. If this proposal is passed and becomes effective in 2018, you may want to consider paying all or some portion of your 2018 pledge (and the other itemized deductions) to maximize your itemized deductions in 2017 and thus reduce your federal taxes in 2017. Please note that this strategy is all dependent on what proposal is finally passed and when it becomes effective. As in all such things, get advice from your tax advisor/financial advisor.

Frank Innes, Treasurer  |  finnes@alum.drexel.edu
Mark Your Calendars

Tuesday, December 5th
LAST Tuesday Low Mass with Healing Prayers and Anointing of Fall Semester
12:15pm in the Sanctuary
(resumes January 16th)

Thursday, December 7th
LAST Candlelight Compline of Fall Semester
8:00pm in the Sanctuary
(resumes January 18th)

Saturday, December 9th
9:00am-11:00am Advent Work Day
Come polish brass, change lightbulbs, and get the church ready for the season!

Sunday, December 17th
Third Sunday Potluck Brunch
4:00pm-6:00pm Advent Lessons and Carols
with cookies and punch following

Tuesday, December 19th
7:00pm Vestry

Sunday, December 24th
11:00am Advent 4 Mass
10:00pm Christmas Eve “Midnight” Mass

Monday, December 25th
11:00am Christmas Day Mass

Tuesday, December 26th to Friday, December 29th
Parish Office Closed

Friday, January 5th
7:00pm Amahl and the Night Visitors

Saturday, January 6th
4:00pm Amahl and the Night Visitors

Thursday, January 11th
Candlelight Compline RESUMES
8:00pm in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 16th
Tuesday Low Mass with Healing Prayers and Anointing RESUMES
12:15pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday, January 21st
Third Sunday Potluck Brunch

Saturday, February 17th
1:00pm-4:00pm An Evening of Broadway Audition

Sunday, February 18th
Third Sunday Potluck Brunch

Saturday, February 24th
1:00pm-4:00pm An Evening of Broadway Rehearsal

Find St. Mary’s on Social Media

St. Mary’s Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/stmarysatpenn/

St. Mary’s Twitter:
https://twitter.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

Are you interested in helping out with our spectacular Sunday coffee hour?
Contact Pattie Duncan at 215-472-2014 or at pattiedd@gmail.com.

Worship Volunteers needed

You can help make mass happen!
Are you interested in helping with services?
We especially need ushers and acolytes.
Please contact Katherine at 215-386-3916 or administrator@stmarysatpenn.org if you would like to help!
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- **February 2018**
- **2018 Calendar**
- **Weekly Events**
- **Compline**
- **Choir Practice**
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- **Worship**
- **Low Mass w/ Healing & Anointing**
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- **Community Square Dance**
- **Evening of Broadway Audition**
- **Evening of Broadway Rehearsal**
- **Day of Prayer**
- **7pm Vestry**
- **Third Sunday Potluck Brunch**
- **10:30am Nursery School**
- **11am Worship**
Advent Lessons and Carols

4:00pm
with punch & cookies following

Sunday
December 17, 2017

3916 Locust Walk
Philadelphia
(215) 386-3916

St. Mary’s
Presents: An
Evening of Broadway

Student: $10
Adult: $25
Group tickets with 5 or more purchases: $20 each

Saturday, March 3rd
7:30pm
with a following reception

Want to Advertise?
1/2 page $50 gets one free ticket
Full Page $100 gets two free tickets
St. Mary’s was founded in 1824 when that part of West Philadelphia was known as Hamilton Village. Throughout its 115 years it has occupied the site upon which it now stands. The village embraced the territory south of Market Street from the Schulykill to what is now 42\textsuperscript{nd} Street and was owned by William Hamilton of “The Woodlands” whose mansion was in the midst of what is now Woodlands Cemetery.

Hamilton laid out the village about 1804, setting aside ground for Episcopal and Presbyterian churches. But it was not until 1824 that St. Mary’s parish was incorporated. Episcopalians in Hamilton Village worshipped for many years in a building at Chestnut Street between 39\textsuperscript{th} and 40\textsuperscript{th} Streets. They enrolled as communicants when St. Mary’s was built.

The cornerstone of the first church was laid in 1824 by Bishop White and the building was consecrated by him three years later. The congregation was largely a summer one, for no provision had been made for heating the church. It remained closed through the cold seasons until 1833.

In 1846 the church was enlarged and four years later the rectory was built, with space for a Sunday School included. In 1874, a separate Sunday School building was erected. This building had to be enlarged in 1883.

\textit{Caption: St. Mary's property in 1850 with deed lots.}
The congregation of the present edifice was laid in 1872 and the first service in the new church was held on Christmas Day the following year. For seventeen years thereafter the parish labored under a heavy burden of debt and the church was not consecrated until 1890 after its indebtedness had been lifted.

**Caption:** St. Mary’s Church as it appeared in 187

**Frank Innes** | finnes@alum.drexel.edu

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**St. Mary's Reading Group**

Are you interested in adding a literary dimension to your spiritual engagement at St. Mary's? Plans are afoot to start an informal reading group in which we explore short stories, poems, and other works connected to the liturgical seasons. The idea is to start during Epiphany tide and to meet every other week, with readings that respond to the interests of participants; this means we'll decide as a group what we want to read. Meeting dates/times will also be determined according to what works best for everyone in the group. If this sounds like something you're interested in, contact Thomas Ward (thomas.thward@gmail.com).
People’s Warden Report

St. Mary’s Broadway Cabaret

Last February, St. Mary’s hosted a fundraiser called *Seasons of Love*. It was a marvelous evening of Broadway and popular songs followed by a dessert reception in the Parish Hall. Besides supporting our many ministries, we also shared our profits with the Nationalities Service Center.

This year we plan to do another show called *St. Mary’s Presents: An Evening of Broadway*. It will take the support of the entire parish to make it another success. There is a way for every St. Marion to contribute their talents to the show on **Saturday, March 3, 2018**.

First, we will need the performers. Auditions will be on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at St. Mary’s from 1 PM–4 PM. Singers should bring 32 bars of prepared music, a headshot, and resume. An accompanist will be provided. When selecting your song, think about a Broadway show stopper! Please spread the word to anyone that you know who loves to sing show tunes.

Second, we will need people with marketing talent to spread the word about the auditions and the show. We want to pack the church! Aaron Todd is already thinking about the look of the flyers, the tickets and the program. But we need more people to connect with media and groups to invite all of Philadelphia to the show. Let’s think big!

Third, we will need Martin Bodtmann and his merry band of bakers to host our dessert reception again. Last year we received glowing praise not only for the performance, but also for our incredible hospitality. The food and punch supplied a perfect ending to a magical evening.

And finally, angel donations are always appreciated. Our Vestry has approved a modest budget to cover the costs to hire a director, an accompanist, and a videographer to add a professional touch to the performance. However, if anyone wants to help with *St. Mary’s Presents: An Evening of Broadway* please speak with our Rector, Scott Wilds or myself.

**Don’t forget to save the date:** Saturday, March 3, 2018!

Sally Hillman Redman, People’s Warden | sally.h.redman@gmail.com
Community Outreach

Our Social Justice Committee Needs Your Help!

Holman, Mariclair, and Ann haven’t been able to keep up the momentum we’d like to see. Please reach out to express your interest.

Since our last newsletter, we’ve done two things. The first was hosting Sundrop Carter of PICC (PA immigrant and citizenship coalition), who spoke about immigration politics at the local, state, and national level. We thank folks who gathered to hear what she had to say and who asked really well-informed questions. The second was less well-advertised and less successful, which was attending a phone bank to help the PICC reach out to new voters to check that they would find their polling place. Ann attended as a St. Mary’s volunteer.

So why characterize the phone-banking as “less successful,” why be negative? Well, Ann’s experience was so rewarding at the phone bank on Monday night, Nov. 6th (right before this last election) that she felt bad that other St. Marian’s likely didn’t realize what a meaningful volunteer opportunity it was.

Ann was assigned to call new voters from Asian and Pacific Islander families. The phone bank was very well-organized, so much so that they had an interpreter link to ensure that a voter who didn’t speak English could still take their call—and across the board volunteers’ experiences with the interpreters were positive and fun. At the end of only 2 hours, Ann had spoken to several voters who in fact did not know where to go to vote. So in addition to the positive energy generated by speaking with dozens who did know their polling place and were excited about the next day, she had the satisfaction of knowing that for those 5-6 who now knew where to go vote and hadn’t known before the call, the phone-bank really had made a difference. Ann’s excited about hopefully organizing a group of St. Marian’s to begin a quarterly project of volunteering at the PICC table to register new citizens to vote when they exit their naturalization ceremony. If interested, please contact her.

Additionally, the group is discussing hosting a Call-your-&#*$!Congressional-Reps party. The idea is that since it can be so alienating to be asked again and again to call your reps and because that’s such an individual 'ask,' we’d instead be asking people to come out and do that needed calling alongside others who encourage you and offer you a sense of collective action. If that’s the sort of fellowship-based action that speaks to you please let us know!

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St Mary's Church - Sunday School & Child Care

For the past 15 years St Mary's Episcopal Church, Hamilton Village, has offered child care and/or Sunday school during the 11 am Sunday Mass. Both take place in the St Mary's Nursery School space, so is extremely child-friendly, and accommodates children of all ages. Childcare is available for children 0-4 years old.

The Sunday School uses the "Seasons of the Spirit" curriculum which is Lectionary-based and incorporates song, prayer, art projects and reading in each session. The basic format is a Welcome/Prayer, Snack, Bible Story, and Art Project.

The Welcome involves prayers focused on asking for God's help or giving Thanks for things happening in the children's lives. Then the children share a snack and a drink of water, and depending on their age, read the Bible story, or listen. Then they respond to the Bible story with an art project. The Sunday School class then joins the congregation at Mass for communion during the "Passing of the Peace." Children are welcome to sit with their parents/guardians or with the Sunday School class in the church, and may take communion at the parents'/guardians' guidance.

At the beginning of the school year, two of the child care volunteers/Sunday School teachers attended "Godly Play" training. There are aspects of Godly Play that we could incorporate well at St Mary's with most children: Welcome/being Ready, simple storytelling, Play/Response, and the Feast. Depending on the student body, we may re-open or adapt the Sunday School in the Spring semester or next year.

Over years the Sunday School children have presented a Christmas play based on the Gospel of Luke, using various themes: "Pokemon Go," "Peanuts," "Star Wars," "Hunger Games," and "Pop Culture Wise Travelers" which included Lady Gaga, Miss Piggy and Yoda. On the last Sunday of the Academic year, and every month that there is a 5th Sunday, we have a Children's Mass, where the children are responsible for the readings, ushering, and acolyting.

We invite all families with children to come see what St Mary's is all about. Please consider inviting families that you know: a personal invitation can be a great motivator. Anyone interested in helping out is encouraged to talk with Mother Mariclair.

Sara Macro Forrest
Last spring, Mother Mariclair applied to the Diocesan Mission Grants program for funding for a Choral Scholars program at St. Mary’s. A grant was awarded for 2018 to fund modest stipends for four students from the University of Pennsylvania to participate in the choir for Sunday mass, help out with the Thursday night Campus Compline service, and to perform in special concerts. David Shunskis, St. Mary’s Organist and Choirmaster, worked hard to get the word out to students at Penn and audition applicants throughout the fall of 2017, and we are happy to announce the selection of our 2018 Choral Scholars. You can find their names and bios below, and they will officially join us at mass on Sunday, January 7th. Please introduce yourself and give them a warm St. Mary’s welcome!

**Soprano: Seyi Osundeko** (photo to come!)

Hailing from Harrisburg, PA, Seyi is a member of the College Class of 2020. She is an English major, with a particular interest in language and linguistics. In addition to her passion for music, she also writes for *The Vision*, an e-publication that is published online and sent through UPenn’s Makuu: the Black Cultural Center’s listserv.

**Alto: Jenny Hopkins**

Jenny is an M.S.Ed. of Higher Education candidate at Penn's Graduate School of Education. Her interests include intercultural exchange, practicing French and Chinese, yoga, & singing! She is delighted to join St. Mary's choir & community.

**Tenor: Matthew Peter**

Matt Peters is a current junior studying Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering with a minor in music. On campus he also plays cello in the symphony orchestra and sings with the glee club and Counterparts a cappella.

**Bass: Peter Lu**

Peter is a member of the University of Pennsylvania Class of 2021. A musician and singer, Peter is a member of the University Choir and Penn's jazz and pop a cappella group, Penn Counterparts. He plans on majoring in music and spends his free time studying opera and teaching children.
Did you know that you can make a donation to St. Mary’s online safely and securely?

Go to www.stmarysatzpenn.org and click on the “Support St. Mary’s” tab to make a one-time or reoccurring donation!

A Prayer for Winter

Lord Jesus Christ, through these long, dark days of Advent we await you, remembering the glory of your coming to earth, God made Flesh, at the first Christmas. As we prepare room in our hearts and in our minds for the annual celebration of your birth, let us not forget that we look also to the future for your coming again in Power and Great Glory. In your name we pray. Amen.