It’s hard to believe that it is the start of another school year! During weekdays in the parish office we work to the soundtrack of large wheeled bins rolling down Locust Walk as students move back into the dormitories surrounding us, schedules for the program year are being finalized, and school supplies are being collected for the children of the Nationalities Service Center.

We have some transitions going on here at St. Mary’s as well- I arrived back in the parish at the beginning of August from parental leave, and Mitch and I are daily juggling our new reality as the parents of two delightful little girls, and we welcomed Brittany Holdahl in mid-August as our new St. Mary’s Parish Administrator. If you get a chance during the week, stop by during our regular office hours (Tuesdays through Fridays, 9AM-2PM) and say hello!

David, our organist and choirmaster, is in the process of auditioning Penn students for our 2018-2019 class of Choral Scholars, and Deacon Barbara is hard at work creating opportunities for all of us to bridge our faith to the needs of the world through meals for the hungry, services for the homeless, and gatherings and actions to speak up on behalf of refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants, and all those whose voices have been silenced in our current national climate. Gonzalo, our sexton, is hard at work, making sure the whole parish physical plant is looking its best as we welcome the Class of 2022, and Sally Hillman Redman and Vanessa Albert Lowry are keeping track of our parish needs in their roles as rector’s and people’s wardens respectively.

As I reflect on this sixth year of my ministry as your rector, I am proud of where we are as a parish. We are known throughout our diocese for our campus ministry to Penn, Drexel, and USciences, and for our spirit of activism as we strive to live out the love of Jesus Christ in our world. In the midst of it all, we come together every Sunday to be fed on the body and blood of Our Lord, spiritual food for our journey as Christians. I thank God daily for the gift of being your rector, and can’t wait to see where the Holy Spirit takes us this year!

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At the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Austin, TX this summer, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry preached about ways the Episcopal Church can move forward by embracing a Jesus-centered “Way of Love.” This way is summarized by these words: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, and Rest. These deliberate practices provide a Rule of Life for all people who are part of Episcopal Church communities. They are:

**Turn:** Pause, listen and choose to follow Jesus. This may involve taking on a new ministry or developing a new attitude about social justice issues. It could mean attending demonstrations for immigrant rights, gun control, or environmental concerns. Or you may explore some Diocesan seminars on topics such as antiracism or recovery. Start by reviewing your Baptismal vows in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), pp 304-305. If you have no BCP, you can find it online: [www.bcponline.org](http://www.bcponline.org).

**Learn:** Reflect daily on scripture, especially on the life and teachings of Jesus. A helpful way to start is by reading *Forward Day by Day*, a daily devotional booklet found in the back of the church. Another way is to read the daily meditations of Franciscan priest Richard Rohr of the Center for Action and Contemplation. [www.cac.org](http://www.cac.org).

**Pray:** Spend time with God in prayer every day. You can pray the Daily Office each day, either from the Book of Common Prayer or from an online reading at [www.missionstclare.com](http://www.missionstclare.com). You can either read it or listen to an audio version. The site also has services of Evening Prayer and Compline.

**Worship:** Gather in community for worship weekly. You may also find attending other services during the week (Tuesday morning Eucharist or Thursday evening Compline) strengthening.

**Bless:** Share your faith and find ways to serve other people. St. Mary’s has plenty of opportunities for serving others. However, it certainly is a blessing if you serve others in ministries outside of St. Mary’s or are inspired to start a new ministry at St. Mary’s.

**Go:** Move beyond your comfort zone to witness to the love of God in Jesus with words and loving actions. Although witnessing out loud may be uncomfortable for many of us, witnessing by loving and willing action is equally valid.

**Rest:** Dedicate time for restoration and wholeness. Being human as well as divine, Jesus is a great example of someone who did this. He occasionally left the crowds behind and went away for some R and R.

The overall purpose of these practices is to deepen your faith by following Jesus into a loving, liberating, life-giving relationship with God, with each other, and with the earth.

Peace and Blessings,
Barbara

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The Reverend Deacon Barbara Tobin  | deacon@stmarysatpenn.org
Vestry Minutes

Vestry Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2018, 7 – 8PM

Present: Robin Foster-Drain, Frank Innes, Vanessa Albert Lowry, Sally Hillman Redman, Karen Stachelek, Aaron Todd (note taker)
Absent: Jonathan Ashton, The Rev. Mariclair Partee Carlsen (on leave), Sophia Reeder, Deacon Barbara Tobin

Spiritual Practice

Vanessa led the spiritual practice.

Information

Approval of April Minutes – Motion for approval of amended minutes from Frank and seconded by Robin. Unanimously approved.

Welcome New Vestry Members – Vanessa Albert Lowry and Jonathan Ashton welcomed!

Kitchen Update – Barbara and Sally cleaned all of the kitchen’s plates and organized them, sorting out the chipped ones. These are available to anyone who wants these. The remaining few chipped plates will be thrown away. There is a supply of nice china in the basement left over from a past wedding ceremony. We must decide what to do with these: Sell at the September Tag Sale? Kitchen use? Claudia continues to do excellent work on rehabbing the cabinet fronts. Sally will host another kitchen cleaning event on Friday, May 25, at 9AM - 1PM. All are welcome.

Deacon’s Update –

Thank you for the help from everyone for a glorious Pentecost, Annual Meeting and Third Sunday – Many thanks to Scott for his efforts to pull off such a successful annual meeting.

Damage to wall on east parking lot – A Philabundance truck hit the wall between our parking lot and Civic House. Katherine has handled it by contacting Penn police who wrote an incident report. She spoke to our insurance company who recommended that we file a claim since we have a $1,000 deductible on our policy. Katherine contacted Philabundance’s deputy director of transportation to discuss insurance, and Vern Knapp, our masonry company. She also took pictures including the license plate of the truck. Very well done, Katherine!!

Discussion

Diocesan Growth Development Fund Grant Application Committee for 2019 – According to the Grant’s website, disbursement of the grants will take place by February 1, 2019, though no formal application deadline has yet been announced. The committee plans to complete a proposal by October/November 2018. Committee members include Aaron, Scott, Karen, Sally, Holman, and Sarto Schickel. Scott recommended that the committee begin to meet and get some information together between now and the Fall, and plan to bring recommendations before the Vestry in mid-Fall. The committee will have its first meeting on May 29, 7-8:30PM. Current guidelines from the diocese are $30,000. ADA-accessible bathrooms, and ADA-accessible ramps are priorities.
Tag Sale details – Beginning to plan for the September Tag Sale event. Proposed date is Saturday, September 8, 11AM-1PM. We should think to provide some food to attract some tag sale buyers. Pretzels, bake sale? Aaron will make a flyer. Plan to have the church be open for impromptu tours during the sale. In advance of the event, we will announce in church and ask parishioners to get involved by volunteering, preparing food, and/or donating items to sell during the tag sale.

Upcoming Vestry Meetings:
June Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, June 26
July Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, July 24
August Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, August 21

Exhaust Fan work – Quoted $1600 to replace the exhaust fan and new thermostat. Frank moves that we approve up to $1700, Vanessa seconded. Unanimously approved. Scott Wilds indicated that he would be willing to contribute $500 toward this repair, so the total amount spent by St. Mary’s will likely be about $1100.

Blood drive – Vanessa suggested that we host a blood drive at St. Mary’s sometime during the fall. The Vestry encouraged Vanessa to pursue this. Vestry will decide on a date during June meeting.

Action

Treasurer’s Report – Frank provided a report through April. Robin moved to approve, Vanessa seconded.

Parish Audit – June 1st is the 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. We should think about creating a finance committee of at least three individuals (not all must be vestry members) going forward to look at completing standard annual audits in the future. Perhaps we can partner with a Wharton student to complete an independent study to help us consider the more technical aspects of financial reporting. And we can ask Church House to point us in the right direction.

Sunday Counters – There is a need for more Sunday plate counters so that it doesn’t fall on the shoulders of few. We will make an announcement during church to indicate we need additional counters. Frank will draft some instructions for first-time counters. We will hold training events on Sundays after service.

Election of Vanessa Albert Lowry as People’s Warden – Sally moved. Robin seconded. Unanimously approved.

Election of Aaron Todd as Clerk – Frank moved. Robin seconded. Unanimously approved.

Election of Frank Innes as Treasurer – Robin moved. Vanessa seconded. Unanimously approved.

Closing prayer – Sally

Important Dates:
May 27, 2018: Worship begins at 10:00 AM and will continue to do so through August 19.
June 17, 2018: Third Sunday luncheon
August 1, 2018: Mariclair returns from maternity leave
September 8, 11AM-1PM: St. Mary’s Tag Sale
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting  
June 26, 2018, 7 – 8PM

Present: Robin Foster-Drain, Frank Innes, Vanessa Albert Lowry, Karen Stachelek, Deacon Barbara Tobin, Aaron Todd (note taker)  
Absent: Jonathan Ashton, The Rev. Mariclair Partee Carlsen (on leave), Sally Hillman Redman, Sophia Reeder

Spiritual Practice - Vanessa

Information

Acknowledgement of Sally Hillman Redman selected as the Rector’s Warden

Approval of May Minutes: Robin moved and Frank seconded. Unanimously approved.

Deacon’s Update:

Thank you for the help from everyone for a glorious Pentecost, Annual Meeting and Third Sunday: Many thanks to Scott for his efforts to pull off such a successful annual meeting.

UCHC: John Ash and Sally have been serving every week. Some of the students from the Episcopal Academy have still been coming to serve, as well as some faculty members. Average 40 attendees/diners and 2-8 come to the bible study Barbara hosts afterward.

Opioid abuse: Barbara is working to coordinate a training for administering Narcan/Naloxone.

Voter registration: Ann Farnsworth is working to coordinate voter registration events at local high schools.

Saturday, June 30 protest: Keep families together, Logan Circle, 11AM. Penn students/St. Mary’s parishioners, Nancy and Bethany are attending.

Update on damage to wall on east parking lot: Penn Facilities did the work. There is no cost to St. Mary’s or Philabundance.

Update on the Diocesan Growth Development Fund Grant Application Committee for 2019: The proposal will be due in January of 2019. The committee includes Aaron, Scott, Karen, Sally, and Sarto Schickel. We met on June 12. We discussed many ideas. At this time, Sarto is working on a sketch to add storage space for the nursery school and a handicap bathroom in the parish hall. We are only considering this option. We are not ready to present it to the Vestry for their consideration.

Parish Audit: The audit is completed. Frank will give a report with a handout. Vestry will move to accept this report in August.

Request for Space for an AA meeting: A Penn affiliated person has asked if we could accommodate a regular meeting of an AA group; they indicated that they would pay. This seems like a wonderful idea if we have space. Vanessa will follow up with Katherine. The sexton would need to be on site.
Discussion

Tag Sale details: Taking place on September 8. We should think to provide some food to attract some tag sale buyers. Pretzels, bake sale? Aaron will make a flyer. Plan to have the church be open for impromptu tours during the sale. We should ask David if he would play the organ. In advance of the event, we will announce in church and ask parishioners to get involved by volunteering, preparing food, and/or donating items to sell during the tag sale (toys, books, appliances, furniture, etc.). We will sell the china from the basement and any leftover dishes from the kitchen. Frank will bring absentee ballot voting forms and voter registration forms.

Blood Drive: We will schedule for a Saturday in September or October. Barbara will contact the Red Cross.

Sunday Offering Counters: We still need more counters. We will make an announcement in September asking for more volunteers, as well as coordinate training sessions.

Action

Formation of a Finance Committee: Members would include Frank, Vanessa, Scott, and Ginny Wayland. The task of the Finance Committee would be to understand the church's finances and be responsible for working with the treasurer and fiscal oversight. The Finance Committee would make recommendations that would require approval by the Vestry. Once formed, the committee should seek advice from Church House and a Wharton student. Motion to recreate Finance Committee, moved by Vanessa, seconded by Frank. Unanimously approved.

Kitchen Update: The kitchen walls are painted. The Boy Scout troop, with Rui and Ann Farnsworth's guidance did an amazing job. The pantry area still needs a little more work on the first two steps into the pantry from the outside. The floor is not level. Scott offered to work with Gonzalo on the sub-flooring. They should be able finish the work. If not, Rui will do the work in late August. The pantry contents are now organized and labeled. Please do not purchase any more plastic utensils or plates until first double-checking our supplies. Marty Redman plans to refinish the butcher-block table in late July or early August. Gonzalo offered to refinish the fronts of the cabinets. Mariclair, Scott and Sally agreed to accept his offer. Claudia was relieved to have Gonzalo take over the large task. The floor will be steam cleaned with a donation from Carol LaBelle in August. Frank made a motion to reimburse Carol $100 toward the $153 she gave to steam the floor. Vanessa seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Frank provided a report through May. Vanessa moved to approve, Robin seconded. Unanimously approved.

Closing prayer — Vanessa

Next Vestry Meeting — July 24, 2018 at 7PM

Important Dates:

July 15, 2018: Third Sunday luncheon
August 1, 2018: Mariclair returns from maternity leave
August 19, 2018: Third Sunday luncheon
August 21, 2018: Vestry Meeting at 7:00 PM
Saturday, September 8, 11AM-1PM: St. Mary’s Tag Sale
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting  
July 24, 2018, 7 – 8PM

Present: Robin Foster-Drain, Frank Innes, Vanessa Albert Lowry, Sally Hillman Redman, Karen Stachelek, Deacon Barbara Tobin, Aaron Todd (note taker)  
Absent: Jonathan Ashton, The Rev. Mariclair Partee Carlsen (on leave), Sophia Reeder

Spiritual Practice  - Sally 

Information

Approval of June Minutes: Frank moved and Robin seconded. Unanimously approved.

Kitchen Update: The pantry area still needs more work on the first two steps into the pantry from the outside. The floor is not level. Scott offered to work with Gonzalo on the sub-flooring. They should be able finish the work. If not, Rui will do the work in late August. Marty Redman refinished the butcher-block table. He also has written out how to clean and sanitize the butcher block going forward. Gonzalo is refinishing the fronts of the cabinets. The floor will be steam cleaned with a donation from Carol LaBelle in August. The next project needed is to thoroughly clean out the oven. Barbara has attempted to clean the oven twice, but there are many layers of baked on grime. We might consider hiring a professional service to clean out the oven.

We are looking for additional volunteers since Barbara and Sally have done all of the cleaning so far, and would appreciate others contributing to the “elbow grease” phase. Sally plans to have a meeting with all kitchen stakeholders to talk through usage of the kitchen, the needs, and also things that can be discarded, in mid- to late August. Toby from UCHC to get some free/low-cost countertops. Sally is also seeking pricing from a family contact who sells countertops and might be able to get a discounted price.

Deacon’s Update:

Blood Drive: We need to provide 1500 sq. ft. of space. The Red Cross can come on a Saturday or Sunday for a minimum of 5 hours. We must guarantee 50 people will sign up (out of 50, on average 30 are able to give). Vestry members should strive to recruit 6 donors each. Possible dates are November 10 or 17.

UCHC: John Ash and Sally have been serving every week. Some of the students from the Episcopal Academy have still been coming to serve, as well as some faculty members. Average 40 attendees/diners and 2-8 come to the bible study Barbara hosts afterward.

Opioid abuse: Barbara is working to coordinate a training for administering Narcan/Naloxone.

Voter registration: Ann Farnsworth is working to coordinate voter registration events at local high schools.

Saturday, June 30 protest recap: Keep Families Together, Logan Circle, 11AM. Attendance from St. Mary’s was outstanding, about 15 showed.
Update on the Diocesan Growth Development Fund Grant Application Committee for 2019: The committee includes Aaron, Scott, Karen, Sally, and Sarto Schickel. We plan to meet again on Tuesday, July 31st at 7:00 PM (note: this meeting was postponed due to illness). At this time, Sarto will present a sketch to add storage space for the nursery school and a handicap bathroom in the parish hall. We are only considering this option. We are not ready to present it to the Vestry for their consideration. Mari-clair will be joining us to hear about our ideas.

Last Sunday for Gordon on July 29. Patti has arranged for a small thank you celebration for Gordon at next week’s coffee hour.

Mariclair's return on August 5.

Katherine leaving August 18. She is moving back to Illinois to return to school.

Creating a Finance Committee. Scott will serve on the committee. Ginny Wayland is also willing, but isn’t in Philly until November, and the Finance committee would like to meet in September. Another member is needed.

Discussion

Request for Space for an AA meeting: A Penn-affiliated person has asked if we could accommodate a regular meeting of an AA group; they indicated that they would pay. This seems like a wonderful idea if we have space. The sexton would need to be on site. We need to follow up with Katherine and seek approval from Mariclair.

Nationalities Service Center Backpacks: We will coordinate another backpack drive. Donations of back packs and school supplies will be accepted. Sally will ask Katherine to send out an email to the congregation soliciting supplies. Sally will make an announcement this Sunday.

Action

Treasurer's Report: We will soon be getting an additional, final payment of $15,000 from Sue Williams’s Estate. Frank provided a report through June. Aaron moved to approve, Karen seconded. Unanimously approved.

Closing prayer – Sally

Next Vestry Meeting – August 28, 2018 at 7PM

Important Dates:

July 29, 2018: Gordon’s last Sunday with us.
August 1, 2018: Mariclair returns from maternity leave.
August 19, 2018: Third Sunday luncheon.
August 21, 2018: Vestry Meeting at 7:00 PM
August 26, 2018: Return to 11:00 AM Service
Saturday, September 15, 9AM-1PM: St. Mary’s Tag Sale

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Adult Spiritual Formation in Advent

Adult Formation Opportunities in Advent
During the season of Advent, Mother Mariclair and Deacon Barbara will be offering a Sunday “Episcopal 101” forum series following mass. This will take place in the parish hall and last about 45 minutes, and will be an introduction for some and a refresher for others. We will talk about how Anglicanism and the Episcopal Church came to exist, what we believe, what makes us different from other denominations and what we have in common, and how our beliefs shape our action in the world. (If you are considering baptism, confirmation, or reception, this series will be a great jumping off point to prepare for a deeper dive with Mother Mariclair, which can be arranged one-on-one.) Mark your calendars!

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Notes from the Office

Welcome to the 2018 Fall Issue of the St. Mary’s Newsletter! Like me, I’m sure that you are ready for a reprieve from this stifling summer we’ve had and eagerly anticipate some crisp, autumnal weather instead! As St. Mary’s new parish administrator, I can relate to the jitters the new students get during the beginning of the academic year. Thanks to all of you wonderful St. Marians who have made me feel so welcome! I sincerely look forward to meeting everyone throughout the season!

I’d like to invite you to take a look at all of the upcoming events and outreach opportunities that our community has to offer this Fall: There is something for everyone to enjoy and plenty of chances to engage with the rest of the St. Mary’s community! And speaking of chances to engage: Please don’t forget that you, too, can contribute to St. Mary’s quarterly newsletter! After all, this wouldn’t be the St. Mary’s newsletter without the contributions of St. Marians! We are always looking to improve and to maintain enthusiasm within our community, so please direct any of your suggestions and/or content ideas for future newsletters to Sally Hillman Redman at sally.h.redman@gmail.com. Have a wonderful Fall season and, as always, happy reading!

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Historical Treasures

Geno’s Empty Fox Hole

The large room in the basement of the Parish Hall which is now home to the Bearded Ladies Cabaret was once a leading jazz club in the 1970s. Web Christman, a longtime member and vestry member in the parish who died in 2013, “was a founder of a non-profit collective jazz venue in the church's basement. ‘Geno’s Empty Foxhole’ showcased a number of influential jazz musicians, including Sun Ra, Rufus Harley, J.R. Mitchell, Odan Pope and Byard Lancaster.”

In a 2005 interview with the University of Pennsylvania School of Arts and Sciences’ West Philadelphia Music Project, Christman recalled:
No, just, um my amazement at the hugeness of the crowd for Sun Ra, and later for Rufus Harley those are the two nights when the, there’s a little courtyard and then there’s the Parish hole and then there’s Irving Street which is one of those alley type streets that Philadelphia people were lined up all the way down Irving Street all the way to 40th street waiting to get in.
Michael D. Anderson, a member of the Sun Ra Arkestra, wrote:

In the early 1970’s in Philly (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), Sun Ra and The Arkestra performed many outstanding concerts at various venues with emphasis to “The Empty Foxhole Café” which was located in St. Mary’s Church along with radio station WXPN-FM on the campus of The University of Pennsylvania.

During this time, radio station WXPN-FM was managed by Jules Epstein and Russ Woesner who at respectfully provided Sunny with access to their station’s studios which resulted in the recording of the “Antique Blacks” recorded on August 17th of 1974. Sunny used the WXPN-FM studios to record the following interviews, recordings and poetry sessions; an interview 1972,4-11-77 poetry, 5-26-77 “My Favorite Things” (which was released as a 5626 Morton Street limited edition featuring John Gilmore), and an interview on 9-27-82.

“The Empty Foxhole” or “The Foxhole” (named after the Ornette Coleman album of the same name) was conceived by Eugene (Geno) Barnhart as a coffee house venue in the mid to late 60’s in Philly. The Foxhole, like Bill Graham’s “Fillmore East and West”, became the Mecca for jazz during the 70’s. There you could see Betty Carter, Archie Shepp, Yusef Lateef, Steve Lacy, Rahsaan Roland Kirk, and numerous jazz artists from all walks of the genre. Some double bill performances included the Joe Henderson Quintet / the Clifford Jordan Quintet and Art Blakey’s Jazz Messengers / Philly Joe Jones Quintet. During this time “The “Foxhole” concerts were recorded and broadcasted over radio station WXPN-FM.

Sun Ra and The Arkestra began performing at “The Foxhole” around 1972 way into the late 70’s. I own several Arkestra “Foxhole” concert posters in my archive. I saw The Arkestra perform in April of 1974 as a teenager. This was my first time ever seeing music of this type being performed on stage and I loved it because “To See It Was To Believe It” especially with a little help from my weed friend. This was before I joined The Arkestra a few years later in 1977.3 (Anderson 2015)

Although Sun Ra died in 1993, the Arkestra still performs on a regular basis. I saw them a couple of years ago at Union Transfer.

In the ’70s, St. Mary’s was a vanguard not only in civil and LGBT rights, peace, and advocacy for the homeless but in jazz music as well.

Thanks to Peter Dennette of Art Yard Records for the material from Michael D. Anderson

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(Alleva Funeral Home Inc. 2013)
(Anderson, Faye. 2015)
3 (Anderson, Michael D. 2010)


For the second year, we gathered at David Shunskis' home to sing madrigals on a summer evening. Beginning with members of St Mary's choir with added friends, from 12 to 20 voices joined in singing Madrigals—part-songs, especially secular Renaissance or early Baroque works "arranged in elaborate counterpoint". Madrigals should be sung a Capella (without accompaniment): we were delighted to have David's help on piano. We were fortunate to have Thomas Ward with us! As an English professor, he was able to make sense of some very olde-fashioned English. Several Penn graduate students from China joined us this summer.

We sang in Italian, German, French and (olde) English. Some favorites were

- *Sumer Is Icumin' In* by John of Fornsete
- *Do you not know?, Now is the month of Maying, Sing we and chant it, April is in my mistress' face* by Thomas Morley
- *Weep, o mine eye* by John Ben-net
- *O Dear Life*, and *O You That Hear This Voice* by William Byrd
- *Bonjour mon coeur* by Orlando di Lasso
- *El Grillo* by josquin des Prez
- *Come Again! and Unquiet Thoughts your civil slaughter stint* by John Dowland
- *The silver swan* by Orlando Gibbons
- *Il est bel et beaum* by Pierre Paassereau
- *Insbruch, ich muss dish lassen* by Heinrich Isaac

Evenings full of music and laughter, ending with refreshments! Perfect for summer. Watch for word of our third summer season in 2019! All are welcome!

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Last winter, a monthly group which read short works, plays, stories, and poems related to the current liturgical season (Epiphany, Lent, and Pentecost) was organized by St. Marian Thomas Ward. That's “Professor Ward” to his students at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis where he teaches English! Those of us who know and appreciate Thomas as a fine musician, composer, and enthusiastic shape-note singer got to experience his gifts at encouraging insights and keeping a lively conversation going.
Reading Group (cont’d.)

More than a dozen of us met in each other’s homes to discuss these works of literature over refreshments. We voted among readings proposed by Thomas or suggested by one of us. Our conversations were widespread, profound, and sometimes even hilarious. These discussions did not pertain to theology, rather they were explorations of ideas in literature: some new to us and some very old-fashioned, which may have something to say to us as 21st Century Christians.

As his sabbatical year is over, Thomas is now back at Annapolis. He has offered to provide suggestions for readings. Here is what we have read so far:

"Keep Watch," an amalgam of childhood experiences in rural Maine, written by Alex Myers  
Paradise Regained, an epic poem written by 17th Century poet, John Milton  
“The Moths,” the eponymous short story from Helena Maria Viramontes’ anthology  
"Ash Wednesday,” the first long poem written by T. S. Eliot after his 1927 conversion to Anglicanism  
The Dead, the final story in the 1914 collection Dubliners by James Joyce, considered to be a novella due to its 15,952 word-length.  
Translations, a three-act play by Irish playwright Brian Friel

Une Tempête ("A Tempest"), a 1969 play by Aimé Césaire which is an adaptation of Shakespeare's The Tempest from a postcolonial perspective.

The group plans to resume meetings mid-September. For more information, please contact Jerene Good.

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Low Mass
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and Anointing

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- **14** 15 Tag Sale on Locust Walk
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- **16** 11 AM Mass Choir Practice, 9:30 AM Nursery, 10:45 AM
- **17** Low Mass, 12:15 PM Reading Group Resumes, 6:00–7:00 PM Pre-Convention Meeting, 6:30 PM
- **18** Low Mass, 12:15 PM Reading Group Resumes, 6:00–7:00 PM Pre-Convention Meeting, 6:30 PM
- **19** Compline, 8 PM
- **20** Compline, 8 PM
- **21** ULC Blood Drive
- **22** ULC Blood Drive
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Vestry Meeting, 7 PM
Every Thursday, 5:30 PM

CHINESE DINNER

You are cordially invited

@ ST. MARK'S
Hummus So Good You’ll Never Eat Store Bought Again!!

Though I missed the original deadline because I was vacationing in Cape May here comes my next recipe.

Ingredients: 2 cups chick peas, freshly cooked or canned; ⅛ to 1 tsp. salt; 3 cloves garlic finely chopped; 2 Tbsp. tahini (optional); ⅛ tsp. cumin (optional); pinch of cayenne (optional); ½ to ¾ cup olive oil; ⅛ cup fresh lemon juice; lemon zest (optional); coarsely chopped parsley or mint for garnish.

If the chick peas are canned, drain them through a sieve and wash them under cold running water until the water runs clear. Spread them on paper towels and pat them dry. Freshly cooked need only be drained and cooled.

To make the hummus in a blender or food processor place the ingredients (except the garnish) in the container and blend at high speed for 10 seconds. Stop the blender and scrape down the sides. Blend again adding as much oil as you need to prevent the blender from clogging. The finished hummus should be a very smooth puree just thick enough to hold its shape in a spoon. Taste for seasoning and add more salt or lemon if you like. You can also puree the chick peas in a food mill and stir in the rest of the ingredients until smooth.

The original recipe without the optionals comes from The Time-Life International Cookbook. I do a double batch in my food processor, and I’ve found that 3 (15oz.) cans give me a little more than 4 cups. Any more when a recipe calls for lemon juice I also zest the lemon first and add it. One additional touch – for the double recipe I also throw in 1 packet of Goya Sazon, a “unique seasoning” as it calls itself. It’s mostly MSG with other spices, and although some folks turn their noses up at MSG I really like it (both Sazon and MSG!). Use the Sazon Sin Achiote (without annatto) or your hummus will turn orange and there’s no hiding the additive. Bon appetite!

Martin Bodtmann | marbodt@aol.com
SEPTEMBER 6TH

CANDLELIGHT COMPLINE

Every Thursday at 8 PM in the Sanctuary, followed by coffee and conversation
Treasurer’s Report

We are doing well for the first half of 2018. Please keep your pledge current so that we can keep on a steady course. An easy way to do this on the web is to go to http://stmarysatpenn.org/donate/ and click on the “Donate” button which will take you to our PayPal Giving Fund page. No fees are deducted from your donation, and you will receive a tax receipt by email.

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

Thursday, September 6th
Candlelight Compline Resumes
8pm in the Sanctuary, followed by coffee and conversation

Sunday, September 9th
9:30AM Choir Practice Resumes
10:45AM-12:45PM Nursery Resumes for Children 0-5 Years

Saturday, September 15th
Tag Sale and Voter Registration Drive on Locust Walk
9AM-1PM
Following Mass, 11 AM to 1 PM. In case of inclement weather, we will move into the Parish Hall.
Items for the sale can be dropped off in the Parish Library beginning Sunday, September 9th.

Sunday, September 16th
BBQ on the Lawn to Welcome New Students
Following Mass, 11 AM to 1 PM
All are welcome to our BBQ on the lawn: burgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers will be provided; guests can bring a side to share! In case of inclement weather, we will move into the parish hall.

Tuesday, September 18th
Pre-Convention Meeting
St. George St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
520 S 61st St.
6:30 to 8:00 PM
Reading Group Resumes
6:00–7:00 PM, Parish Library

Wednesday, September 26th
Blood Drive at ULC
3637 Chestnut St.
2 PM to 7 PM in the Community Room
All interested donors can sign up by going to www.redcrossblood.org and searching by sponsor code: “ULCPhilly”

Saturday, September 29th
Narcan Training
How to administer Narcan to people having a drug overdose.
At St. Luke’s Germantown from 10AM to 12PM.

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

St. Mary’s Facebook:
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.

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!
Music at St. Mary’s

We all look forward to the return of our Choir on September 9. With their role of leading the congregational singing and the presenting of weekly anthems, they add so much inspiration to our weekly worship. The Choir rehearses each Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 for the 11:00 AM service.

We welcome new members! Speak to the Choir Director, David Shunskis, if you are interested in joining.

Of special interest will be the return of violinist Arianna Schickel on September 16. A favorite at St. Mary’s, she will join the choir in a performance of the beloved “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” by Johann Sebastian Bach. Arianna will also provide a meditation during the communion as well as Prelude and Postlude.

The Choir will also be observing this centennial year of the birth of Leonard Bernstein with a performance of the finale of his Chichester Psalms for All Saint’s Sunday, November 4.

We thank the good folks at St. Mary’s for their support and encouragement of our Music Ministry.

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

Save the Date: Advent Lessons and Carols

On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, we will kick off the season of Advent with a special service of Advent Lessons and Carols at 5PM in the sanctuary. The service will include all of your favorite Advent hymns for congregational singing, as well as solo and ensemble pieces prepared by our choir members and Choral Scholars. Cookies and cider will follow-mark your calendars and get ready to start the season off with song!
Parishioner Profiles

At St. Mary’s we bridge our parish to the campus by including student members of the congregation on our vestry. We currently have graduate student and undergraduate representatives, and have included an introduction to both below.

JOHNATHAN ASHTON
UNDERGRAD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Jonathan is a sophomore at Penn studying computer science. He is from Westborough, Massachusetts. He grew up in the Episcopal church and was an acolyte at his church in Westborough. Jonathan is also a member of the Naval ROTC program at Penn. In his free time he enjoys reading, lifting weights and spending time with his friends. Jonathan was elected to the vestry at our 2018 Annual Meeting.

SOPHIA REEDER
GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Sophia is a 3rd year Immunology PhD student at Penn. She was raised in the Episcopal church, and was active in youth ministry in the diocese of central PA for many years. In her spare time, she enjoys running, baking, and all things geeky. Sophia was elected to the vestry at our 2017 Annual Meeting.

Campus Ministry

As the semester begins, we are getting back into the full program year here at St. Mary’s which means our campus ministry offerings have begun. St. Mary’s had a table at all of the Penn new student orientation events, including the Graduate and Undergraduate Student Activities Fairs, the late night Christian Community Camp Night event on College Green, and the annual Penn Convocation in front of College Hall.

Our Fall 2018 Choral Scholars, student singers from Penn, have joined the choir, and will also be part of the Thursday night Candlelight Compline service, which resumes on September 6th at 8PM in the sanctuary. This is a quiet, simple service from the Daily Office, sung by candlelight, and followed by a chance for conversation with some coffee and tea in the side All Saints chapel. You don’t need to be a strong singer for this service - the officiant and our Choral Scholars carry the singing, so all are invited to join in or simply relax and let the sound wash over you. It’s a great way to let the stress and worries of the week go, and start the weekend with some quiet and prayer. Compline is about 20 minutes, and then those who want to hang out for fellowship until 9:30 or so. Mother Mariclair is also always available for coffee or lunch, her treat, to get to know our student members better and check in throughout the semester. Drop her a line at rector@stmarysatpenn.org, and don’t forget to follow us on Instagram, Twitter, and our Facebook page for the Episcopal Church at the University of Pennsylvania for more information about upcoming events.
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 or reoccurring donation!

A Prayer for Guidance

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. The Book of Common Prayer, p. 832