



St. Mary's, Hamilton Village

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH AT PENN

October 2018

Dear St. Marians,

Every day, I thank God for being retired! And (so far, at least) that I can afford to be! I'm also thankful that I'm able to enjoy retirement with good health and energy. With this abundance of good fortune, I ask myself, and God, what I can do to do good- and how I can do that as efficiently as possible in the time I have left on earth with my brain and body intact.

This past week (I'm writing this in late September), my "good" work has been to join other RNs statewide to lobby candidates for State Representative in Pennsylvania around upcoming legislation affecting nurses. Many of you are also healthy, energetic, and fortunate enough to be doing good, both in projects and ministries associated with St. Mary's, and in the city and world at large. Do you, like me, draw strength and inspiration from worship, and from others at St. Mary's?

Some of you are caught up with serious personal concerns, and are thus limited in what you can do beyond take care of yourself, right now. Do you also draw strength from worshipping at St. Mary's, and receive a helping hand from your fellow St. Marians? I know I did when I faced a cancer diagnosis 13 years ago.

As St. Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans (12:5): "In the same way, even though we are many individuals, Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other."

Let's keep the sustenance we give to St. Mary's and the sustenance we draw from St. Mary's going and growing! But to do that, of course, we must financially support our parish. This is the time of the year when we need **everyone's** pledge for the coming year. Our Vestry members, in their fiscal stewardship of St. Mary's, need a firm idea of how much income we can expect in 2019 to create a budget to continue our ministries, maintain our beautiful church, and support our staff.

Please prayerfully consider what your pledge will be for 2019. We will be collecting pledge forms on Sunday, November 11th, so you can pledge that day, or send it in sooner!

And of course, many thanks for keeping up with your pledges for 2018.

Sincerely,

Claudia Crane

Parishioner since 2000.

P.S. If you would like to include St. Mary's in your will or estate plan, please contact Frank Innes at treasurer@stmarysatpenn.org for help. We can also now take pledge payments online, fee-free, using the Donate button at www.stmarysatpenn.org.



**TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF
 ST. MARY'S CHURCH, HAMILTON VILLAGE
 AND THE EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY AT PENN
 IN 2019**

I (WE) PLEDGE A TOTAL ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$ _____.
I WOULD LIKE WEEKLY PLEDGE ENVELOPES ____.

I (WE) AM (ARE) MAKING A GIFT OF SECURITIES, AS FOLLOWS:

I (WE) PLEDGE THE GIFT OF MY (OUR) TIME AND TALENT TO THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH:

Liturgy Sunday School Choir/Music Altar Guild Ushering/Greeting Hospitality Facilities
 Webwork Vestry & Leadership

If your particular interest is not on the list, please add it.

Community Service (specify if you can)

Other (be as specific as you can)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE ____ ZIP _____ - _____

E-MAIL _____

TELEPHONE (H) _____ (CELL) _____

St. Mary's is now able to accept pledges online, fee-free, through the PayPal Giving Fund . Find more
 information at stmarysatpenn.org/support-st-marys