

Monday	11:00 am	Centering Prayer
May 1	12:00 pm	Book Club with Mother Bobbie
	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Tuesday	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
May 2	12:30 pm	Membership Meeting
	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
	5:30 pm	Recovery Eucharist
	6:15 pm	Family Ministry
Wednesday	9:00 am	Pastoral Care Meeting
May 3	10:30 am	Bible Study
	12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
	5:15 pm	Christian Formation
Thursday	7:30 am	Holy Eucharist
May 4	9:00 am	Centering Prayer
	12:00 pm	National Day of Prayer at Riverside Park
Friday	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
May 5		
Saturday	4:00 pm	Evening Prayer
May 6	5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 pm	AA Group Meeting
		Youth Car Wash
Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
May 7	10:00 am	Choral Eucharist Rite II
	6:30 pm	AA Group Meeting

Calling All Picture Takers. During this 40th anniversary year, we would like to collect photos of all Church activities from January through November 2017. The plan is to create a scrapbook which records 2017 and which will be available in the Church library as part of our history. Photographs may be submitted to Paul Judkins, in almost any form which can be sent text to Paul at (585) 750-1889 or email photos to pjudkins@rochester.rr.com This is a special year for St Mary's and we need your help to memorialize our 40th Anniversary.

Save the Date

May 8 Cursillo/Ultreya
 May 9, 12:30PM – ECW Exec. Board Meeting
 May 12, First Eucharist at Towers at 2pm
 May 11, 12PM – ECW Monthly Meeting – Lunch & Making Pottery
 May 13 – Henry Michel funeral at Bentley
 May 13/14 – Mother's Day Weekend
 May 28 – Ascension Sunday/ Memorial Sunday
 May 29 – Memorial Day Eucharist
 June 6 – Feast of Pentecost

Fr. Bob Schriber, St. Mary's founding vicar, with his wife Carol, will help us celebrate our 40th anniversary by visiting and preaching on Sunday, May 14. Fr. Schriber, now a Roman Catholic priest, served St. Mary's from 1977 to 1980 when our congregation first moved on to this property.

Bill Gilmore is a postulant for holy orders, preparing to be ordained deacon. As part of his preparation he has been taking courses since January and working with us here at St. Mary's. His next step is a *field placement*, where he will work as a "deacon in training" in a different environment – at St. Hilary's in Fort Myers. Bill will be around St. Mary's during the week but on the weekends will be serving at St. Hilary's in Fort Myers for at least 14 weeks. We pray for him in this next stage of preparation.

St. Mary's Parish Choir concludes its season today as members' head north or on other adventures. We are deeply grateful for the choir's skill, dedication and devotion and look forward to welcoming them back on October 1. God bless you!



Welcome to St. Mary's Episcopal Church and to this celebration of the Holy Eucharist

- Please silence your cell phones and other devices and update your status
- Please feel free to use our "Quiet Room" room in the back of the church, as needed.

The Nursery is available for children under the age of 6 in the Parish Life Center. It is led by the certified and capable Elaine Polus for those who desire to have the little ones cared for during the Eucharist.

10 am Sunday School is available for children of all ages in the Parish Life Center. Meet the teachers and register your child before the church service begins. All children are welcome to join their parents for part or all the Eucharist.

Thank you for wearing your nametags. If you need a nametag, please sign up for one at the welcome desk.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please blot your lipstick. For those who receive by intinction, the chalice bearer will take the host from your palm, dip it and put it in your mouth, rather than you are doing it yourself. If you are unable to come to the altar for Holy Communion, please notify one of our ushers and Communion will be brought to you.

Gluten Free hosts are now available at communion. Please make your request to the priest presenting the host who will give you a gluten free host.

Prayer Ministry is offered during Communion at Station of the Cross #2 and #12. You may come for prayers, for yourself, or for others, for any need or for Thanksgiving.

The Church is generally open during the week from 9am to 5pm and other scheduled times for prayer and meditation.

Sermons are available online at stmarysbonita.org and in the narthex.

Notices: April 29-April 30, 2017

The flowers at the St. Mary and St. Joseph statues are given to the glory of God by Donald Marshall in thanksgiving and blessings of his dear wife Marjorie's 90th birthday and in celebration of their 70 years of marriage.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Nancy Foley's life and her faithful, dedicated service to God. Soli Deo Gloria! By JOYceanna Rautio and Jane and Dann Battina.



Happy Birthday Father Al & Father George. We will be celebrating Father Al & Father George's birthday after the 10:00 am Eucharist.

We welcome Becky Fife who is playing and conducting for us today.

Father Oliver thank you for your service to St. Mary's and we bless you in your future endeavors.

Book Club Monday, at 12 pm. Please join Mother Bobbie as she continues the book "Awareness" by Anthony De Mello, (The Perils and Opportunities of Reality). This deeply devotional book will refresh and stimulate the heart and mind of any reader. Books available at the church office.

Recovery Eucharist is Tuesday, May 2, at 5:30 pm. This innovative service brings the 12 Step recovery program and the Serenity Prayer into the traditional liturgy of the Episcopal Church. All are welcome. The Recovery Eucharist is a program of St. Mary's Ministry of St. Martin, a patron saint of sobriety, and is celebrated the first Tuesday of each month. Everyone welcome.

Requiem Eucharist: The monthly Requiem Eucharist will be held on Wednesday, May 3 at 7:30 am for all the faithful departed. Please send names of those you wish prayed for to the office by Monday, May 1.

Day by Day Booklets and Upper Room Booklets are available in the Narthex.

Saint Philip & Saint James Day



Why do we celebrate the feasts of St. Philip and St. James the Less on the same day? we celebrate them on the same day because their relics were brought to Rome together on the same day in early May. They rest there still, in the Basilica of the Holy Apostles.

You may be wondering why this apostle James is called "the Lesser." It is to distinguish him from the other apostle, James. We know Philip best from the Gospel of John, chapter one. Jesus himself calls Philip, saying, "Follow me." And Philip did follow. He heard the call Jesus issues to each of us and followed. We will be celebrating St. Philip and St. James Day on Tuesday, May 2 at the 5:30 Eucharist.

Bible Study with Father Bob continues his bible study on Wednesdays at 10:30 am, using "The Word of Life" a theology of John's Gospel by Craig Koester as the study guide.

Bible Study at Bentley Village St. Mary's is pleased to continue Bible Study at Bentley Village Assisted Living. The one hour long study will begin on May 4 at 1:00. The study will focus on The Gospel according to Luke. All residents of the Village are welcome. Participants are welcome to all or any of the sessions. The class is open to all. This study will be lead between Bill Gilmore and Father Bob.

National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 4 at noon in Riverside Park. The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, to create appropriate materials, and to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America's leaders and its families. The service on Thursday is hosted by pastors and churches of Bonita Springs

and will include prayer for the nation, our local communities, those who serve us in leadership and those in need. Prayer teams, including our own Order of St. Luke, will offer prayer ministry. We hope that many people from the area churches will be present and also many others who care about our country. Please come if you can to this time of prayer and witness.

Penny Wise welcomes contributions on the weekends. Just leave them by the double doors at Penny Wise when you come to church and a volunteer will put them safely away.

Next Week and Beyond

Annual Youth Car Wash will be held Sunday, May 7th during the 8 AM and 10 AM services.

Funeral Service for Henry Michel will be held on May 13 at Bentley Village at 2:00 pm.

Prayer Shawl Ministry on Sunday, May 7 at the 10 am Eucharist we will be having a blessing of the Prayer Shawls. Jean Odell will be stepping down as the leader of the Prayer Shawl ministry for the past 12 years. We are deeply grateful for her wonderful ministry and pray for her. Barbara Williams will be replacing Jean and brings with her many years of experience of knitting and crocheting.

The International Order of St. Luke the Physician is beginning a Summer Study for anyone interested in joining the lay prayer team ministry. The nine classes will be held on Tuesdays at 7pm in the PLC, beginning May 23rd. The 26 individual healing accounts recorded in the Gospels, and their meaning and implications in Christian Healing, is the basis of this study. Induction into the OSL will take place in the fall. Please contact Laura Ransom-Laura.V.Ransom@gmail.com if you are interested.

St. Mary's History Wall. Very soon you will have a view of our Church's growth over its 40-year history on display in the PLC. Be ready to share your pictures of those past times during this Anniversary Year of celebration!!!

Want to go deeper in prayer? Try Fr. Donald Haggerty's *Contemplative Provocations*, brief paragraphs that stimulate reflection, encourage perseverance and help with challenges. [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) has helpful reviews. (When shopping at Amazon, please use [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and choose St. Mary's as your charity.)