

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Annual Report 2015



Annual Meeting
January 31, 2016

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH
OF
ST MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BONITA SPRINGS
DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**

Sunday, January 31, 2016
The Official Meeting will take place
within the Eucharist in Church.
Conversation, questions and comments
will follow at the reception
in the Parish Life Center.

Agenda
Meeting in Church

1. Opening of the Eucharist
2. Approval of the Minutes for the 2015 Annual Meeting
3. Report of the Nominating Committee
4. Election of Vestry members
5. Commissioning of the Vestry

At Sermon Time

6. Report of the Treasurer
 - a. 2015 Statement
 - b. 2016 Budget
7. Report of the Senior Warden
8. Report of the Rector

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Reception in the Parish Life Center

9. Senior Warden's remarks
10. Presentation to retiring Vestry members
11. Ministry reports
12. Questions and discussion.
13. Closing Prayer

Please note:

The new Vestry meets briefly in the Church before going to the PLC.

**The Constitution and Canons
of the
Diocese of Southwest Florida**

CANON VII

Congregational Governance

Section 1. Annual Meeting. *A Congregation shall hold an annual meeting every year. Unless otherwise specified in the Congregation's bylaws, the annual meeting of the Congregation shall be within one hundred twenty (120) days before or on the twenty-eighth (28th) day of February.*

Section 3. Electors. a. *As used in these Canons, an elector is a lay communicant member of a Congregation who is sixteen (16) years of age or over, whose name is duly enrolled as such in the Register of the Congregation, who is regular in attendance at divine services, and who makes stated contributions of record to the general support of the Congregation. A qualified elector of a Congregation is entitled to vote in all congregational elections and on all matters that come before the Congregation for a vote.*

Section 4. Congregational Council. a. *Each Congregation shall have a congregational council, which may be called a vestry or board of trustees or similar name, according to the choice of the Congregation. To be qualified to serve on the congregational council, a person must be an elector of the Congregation and eighteen (18) years of age or older.*

e. Wardens. *The Congregation's bylaws shall provide for the selection of wardens of the Congregation. The Congregation's bylaws shall provide that the term of office for the wardens is one (1) year, and that a person may not serve as a warden for more than three (3) consecutive terms. Unless otherwise provided in the bylaws, the selection of wardens shall take place at the first meeting of the congregational council after a congregation's annual meeting, as follows:*

1. *The member of the clergy in charge shall appoint one (1) member of the congregational council to serve as the Senior Warden. If the Congregation does not have a member of the clergy in charge, the members of the congregational council shall select the Senior Warden in the same manner as it selects the Junior Warden.*

2. *The members of the congregational council shall select one (1) member of the congregational council to serve as the Junior Warden. Unless otherwise provided in the bylaws, the selection of the Junior Warden shall be by majority vote of the members of the congregational council.*

f. Officers.

1. *The congregational council shall annually select a secretary, who need not be a member of the Congregation. The secretary shall ensure that the minutes of congregational council's proceedings are taken and reported, attest to the public acts of the Congregational council, preserve all records and papers belonging to the Congregation, perform such other duties as shall be legally assigned, and faithfully deliver into the hands of a successor all books and documents of the Congregation that may be in the secretary's possession.*

2. *The congregational council shall annually select a treasurer, who need not be a member of the Congregation, to perform the duties incumbent upon that office. The treasurer shall furnish a bond of suitable amount. The books and accounts shall be audited annually and at any other time the congregational council may direct. The offices of secretary and treasurer may both be held by the same person.*

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**Sunday, February 1, 2015
Immediately following the
10 AM Eucharist**

Minutes

The meeting opened with a prayer by Father Rowe.

Gail Goggin moved and Ron Luth seconded that the Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting (January 26, 2014) be approved. Motion approved unanimously.

Dave Brown gave the report of the Nominating Committee. Members leaving the Vestry are Elinor Foltz, Michael Pace, Twinky Otis and Dave Brown. The members nominated for the Vestry by the Nominating Committee are: Bob Foltz, Jim Fowler, Jeanette Turansky and Otis Wragg. The election of the Vestry members was unanimous.

Report of Penny Wise delayed due to absence of Yolanda Naimoli, Chairperson. It was noted that Penny Wise is the longest standing outreach of St. Mary's. The proceeds support the ministries of St. Mary's.

Elinor Foltz gave a report on Pastoral Ministries. The committees of Pastoral Ministries operate confidentially.

Bob Raubolt moved that the commission reports be accepted; seconded by Jeff Ellinger. Motion approved unanimously.

Father Rowe gave his report which is included in the Annual Report for 2014.

Ron Luth gave the Treasurer's report. In 2012 the first air conditioner needed replacement. In the last three years we spent \$175,000 to replace all air conditioners. There is a \$90,000 budget to refurbish the church including the carpet, pew seats, etc.

The Senior Warden, Dave Brown, gave his report, praising Penny Wise, the Stewardship Chairman, Renee Osborne, and Endowment commission.

Retiring Vestry members, Twinky Otis, Elinor Foltz and Dave Brown were presented with Prayer Books. Jim Etz was replaced by Tim Blaicher; Michael Pace was on the Vestry for one year to complete someone else's term.

The new Vestry was commissioned by Father Rowe.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise F. Baylis

81 members present

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

For 2016 VESTRY

The Nominating Committee appointed by the Vestry is pleased to report that the following ladies and gentlemen have agreed to be nominated for three year terms on the Vestry at the Annual Meeting of the parish on January 31, 2016, and to serve on the Vestry for such terms if elected by the members of the parish at that Meeting:

Renee Osborne

Denise Wallace

Tim Blaicher

Dan McClean

Respectfully submitted,

C. Robert Foltz, Senior Warden and
Chairman of the Nominating Committee

Tim Blaicher – Junior Warden



Currently Junior Warden and Building & Grounds Commission.

Renee Osborne – Stewardship and ECW



Currently on Vestry and commissioned by ECW as Co-President and Stewardship

Dan McClean – Treasurer



Dan McClean was born in Houston, Texas and was one of the original cheerleaders of the newly formed American Football League Houston Oilers. After graduation with a BBA from The University of Texas, Austin

his career began in Kansas City selling surgery instruments and meeting Susan Aitken his wife.

Dan spent a career with Xerox Corporation and Hewlett Packard in many sales and management roles in Ft Lauderdale, Beaumont, Texas, Dallas, Nashville, and Birmingham. After retiring he and his wife built and apple orchard in Colorado. He has been active with AARP in tax counseling and leadership roles over eleven years.

Confirmed in Houston he has attended Episcopal churches in Dallas, Beaumont, Nashville, and Bonita Springs. He has served as Steward Chairman, Jr Warden, and Senior Warden at Advent Episcopal Church near Brentwood, Tennessee.

Dan and Susan have been married 49 years and have two children and three grandchildren.

Denise Wallace – Christian Formation



I was raised in Newark, Delaware but was “transplanted” in Florida as a young adult. I have been in the title insurance profession in Bonita Springs since 1985. After selling my last title insurance agency in 2002, I stayed on to manage it, so I still work full time. I married a “native” and we have three children, Juliann, Robert and David. Juliann and Robert were actually the first children to attend St. Mary’s Sunday School when it was started by Catherine Powell, and all three of our children were baptized in “Pennywise” before the construction of the new church. I was a Sunday school teacher and the youth group leader in those early days, and also served on the vestry, the finance committee and building committee. I have worked extensively with the Sunday School and Youth Programs. I was very happy to be a delegate at the general convention when St. Mary’s became a Parish. I am blessed with three wonderful grandchildren. I totally embrace the Florida lifestyle, and love to boat and fish and spend time with my dogs, Lucy and Buddy.

**Recently appointed to fill an uncompleted term
Dann W. Battina – Capital Development**



Dann W. Battina was born in Des Moines IA in 1947. Moved to the Minneapolis MN area in 1960. Attended the University of MN at the Carlson School of Business. After serving in the US Army I joined our family moving and storage business, Beltmann North American Co. Inc., representing North American Van Lines, in 1969. Became President of Beltmann Group, Inc., in 1985, building the business into a national Household Goods, Commercial, and Logistics services business serving consumers and corporations worldwide. Joined Church of the Epiphany Episcopal Church in Plymouth MN and became a committed Christian in 2000. Moved to Bonita Springs in 2001 and married my wife, Jane Elizabeth Battina, at St Mary's Episcopal Church in Feb 2002. We have both been members of St Mary's since October of 2001 serving as ushers and on various committees.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR WARDEN 2015

Robert Foltz

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

This past year was a good year for our beloved parish. It was another year in which, by the Grace of God, many of us worked long and hard and well in the service of Christ. Among the many tasks we undertook, the following were, to me, of particular note:

1. We fed the poor by delivering food through our Outreach Commission to several charities.
2. We cared for the sick through our Pastoral Care Ministry.
3. We gave to the needy through the profits engendered by parishioners working at Penny Wise.
4. We pledged generously to the parish through our Stewardship Campaign.
5. We revived our Episcopal Church Women.
6. We refurbished the pews and carpeting in the church building under the aegis of our Building and Grounds Commission.
7. We managed the affairs of the parish well through our Vestry.
8. We hired a new Priest Associate to start work this June.
9. We sang gladly to the Glory of God led by and through our Choir.
10. We worshipped well under the able leadership of our Rector and other priests.

By these works, and many others, we lived our faith this year and grew in it. Our parish is a faithful Christian community, full of quiet joy, and I rejoice to be one of its members.

It's an honor to be your Senior Warden.

Bob Foltz

REPORT OF THE PRIEST ASSOCIATE 2015

The Rev. Bobbi Parini

Here I am again, this time as your part-time Priest Associate. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve again at Saint Mary's, as well as being reacquainted with those I knew before as well as getting to know many new members.

I now assist with Pastoral Care responsibilities, visiting hospital, nursing homes and shut-ins as necessary as well as conducting services twice monthly at the Bentley Village Care Center. I occasionally lead bible study, mid-week services, and the Recovery Eucharist once a month.

On Mondays, we have a book group, now exploring Richard Rohr's book "Everything Belongs" and will next read and share thoughts about another of his books, "Dancing Standing Still, Healing the World from a Place of Prayer".

I am also available for those wishing to explore spiritual direction as part of their prayer lives, helping those wishing to discern what our Lord is asking them as Christians in a post-Christian era.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Barbara "Bobbie" Parini

Christian Formation

January 2016

The Christian Formation Commission is responsible for helping us grow as Christians “to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ”. (Ephesians 4:13) It includes the following areas:

Adult formation	Fr. Rowe
Wednesday morning Bible Study	Clergy
Wednesday evening program	Commission
Thursday evening Lectionary Bible Study	Judy & Chester Phillips (season)
Bonita Christian Forum participation	Ian Mitchell
Book Club	Holley Bond
Contemplative Prayer	Jim Fox
Cursillo	Brian Cleary/Theresa Rowe
English Pilgrimage	Susan McClean
Family Ministries	Jeff Ellinger
Sunday School worker	Elaine Pollus
Library	Holley Bond
Men’s Ministry	Brian Cleary/Jeff Ellinger
Movie Nights	Brian Cleary, Dan McClean
Order of St. Luke	Cherrill Cregar
Publicity	Ian Mitchell, Chester Phillips
Web site	Chester Phillips
Art ministry	Mary Kirn
Vestry Liaison	Gail Goggin (2015) Denise Wallace (2016)

The commission meets regularly, chaired by the rector, to plan Wednesday evening programs and to oversee and coordinate the other activities.

In 2015 we stopped employing a “youth director” or “youth minister”. Elaine Pollus moved from staffing the nursery to working with the Sunday School. Nursery is now available every week on an as needed basis.

Christian formation has varied and exciting offerings for 2016. Please watch the notices, weekly emails and the web site for details and take part in ways that will help you grow in Christ. If you would like to be involved in the commission or any of its ministries please contact Fr. Rowe or anyone listed below.

Commission Members:

Holley Bond, Beryl Chickerella, Brian Cleary, Cherrill Cregar, Joan Croteau, Jeff Ellinger, Gail Goggin, Carol Green, Susan McClean, Ian Mitchell, Dr. Chester Phillips. Nancy Vaughn, Denise Wallace

Michael Rowe, chair

Report of the Junior Warden for the year 2015

During the past year, there were a number of pluses that were the responsibility of the Building & Grounds Commission:

The carpet in the Nave has been replaced and looks refreshingly beautiful; the parquet flooring in the Sanctuary was repaired and refinished.

The upholstery on the pews has been replaced and made it through Christmastide with no candle wax damage. That is because the Worship Commission “saw the light” and agreed with the Building & Grounds Commission that wax candles should be replaced by battery-powered candles.

The Narthex received not only new flooring but a fresh coat of paint in a contemporary color – ah, we continue to rush forward toward the 21st century.

The two significant “irregularities” in the parking lot have been repaired so that driving in the parking area is longer similar to riding the “wild mouse.”

The roofs of the church and the PLC have been cleaned to hopefully stem the tide of cascading rainwater that stains the exterior walls.

Speaking of rainwater, we believe that we have, for the moment, stopped the water leaks in the church and the PLC. The true test will be getting through the rainy season in 2016. However, repairs to the caulking of the windows and louvers will continue to be a maintenance item.

The Memorial Garden that is located between the Church and the PLC is almost completed. We await the placement of granite walking stones and a granite memorial that will have enumerated on it the remains that have been committed in the garden. The granite is scheduled for arrival in late February – early March.

The telephone system that was installed shortly after the demise of “crank phones” has been replaced by a state of the art system that allows for upgrades as they become available and may be desired by us.

Looking forward to 2016, we have retained the services of Greg Dantonio of Driftwood Garden Center to review our entire landscape plan, from how we present ourselves along Bonita Beach Road, our signage and general plantings, without significant change to the Flora Linda garden. In all probability, this will be a multi-year undertaking.

Last year, we retained the services of a nationally-recognized acoustical consulting firm to present recommendations to provide a “more complete, crisp” sound of sacred music and voice with less reliance on electronic amplification. The recommendations included the removal of all “soft” flooring materials, the elimination of the sound-deadening panels on the side walls of the nave, replaced with engineered sound baffles and the relocation of the choir pews and the organ speakers. This multi-year project awaits action by the Vestry.

COMMUNICATION COMMISSION 2015

Moe Courchesne-Chairperson

The communication commission worked on a variety of projects:

1. The Church's website was continually updated with fresh news of what was going on with our community. We also uploaded photos of events soon after they occurred. This gave the site a family flair. The site also contains a direct line to access acs for those wanting to set up pay online. We ask you to take a minute a visit www.stmarysbonita.org.
2. We did a great deal of newspaper advertisement in the newspapers Naples Daily News and Bonita Banner. We also have run ads in the Bonita and Estero Spotlight.
3. Communication published four editions of the church newsletter Tidings
4. Communications has worked with other Commissions to publicize their events. We stand ready to help all departments.
5. Helped install the church hall Televisions and the technology to upload data for meetings.
6. Your Communication department was able to accomplish its goals while ending the year under budget.

ENDOWMENT COMMISSION 2015

During the calendar year 2015, the Endowment Commission met several times. Discussions included a review of the most effective ways to reach our church membership. As a result of these discussions, in the latter part of the spring, a letter was created and mailed to all parishioners outlining the benefits that contributing to the Endowment Fund hold for providing a more secure future for St. Mary's. In addition, the Endowment Commission seeks to promote good financial planning among our parishioners as an aid to making them more secure in their lives.

Through membership in our Legacy Society, we recognize both those who have indicated to St. Mary's they have provided for our church through their planning, as well as those who have already made a significant financial contribution to the Endowment Fund. We were pleased to welcome several new members to the Legacy Society this past year. However, many of our parishioners have chosen to make smaller contributions either to the various missions of St. Mary's such as outreach or music, or to recognize a living or deceased member. We certainly encourage these contributions and thank those who have done so in past years as, in the aggregate, they make a meaningful difference in support for our ministries.

A very important role for the Endowment Commission is overseeing the investment management of the Endowment Fund's assets. These assets currently consist of a General Fund, the Felsberg Fund and a mortgage incurred in managing the church's affairs. The church makes an annual withdrawal from the General Fund to supplement our income from other sources. The income and assets of the Felsberg Fund are restricted to caring for the grounds of St. Mary's. At year end, the General Fund represented about 45% of the Endowment assets, the Felsberg Fund 41% and the mortgage 14%. The General Fund and the Felsberg Fund are invested in a mix of cash (17%), fixed income (23%) and equities (60%), almost entirely in Exchange Traded Funds, which are custodied at the Northern Trust.

We have been fortunate that, through a combination of good investment performance over the last several years and contributions to the General Fund, the assets have grown considerably, as has the contribution to St. Mary's, as shown below.

	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Yearend 2007	\$97,119	
2008	\$100,172	
2009	\$125,056	\$4,408
2010	\$229,694	\$5,400
2011	\$297,180	\$7,500
2012	\$319,322	\$11,000
2013	\$363,598	\$14,100
2014	\$402,109	\$15,000
2015	\$408,654	\$16,400

Investment performance in 2015 was muted. Financial assets, both fixed income and equities, had negative returns last year as measured by the most commonly cited indices. The time weighted rate of return for our publically invested assets was a positive 0.3%, composed of a 6.0% decline in our fixed income holdings and a 3.3% increase in our equities.

Importantly, during this past year, your Endowment Commission also re-examined our Policies and Guidelines. They were created and approved by the Vestry in 2008 and a review seemed appropriate.

Particular attention was paid to the language outlining our Investment Guidelines as the performance of financial markets since their creation has fallen measurably below common wisdom in 2008.

A recommendation was made to the Vestry to adopt updated asset allocation guidelines that increased the emphasis on equities. This change was proposed to respond to a view that interest rates were likely to stay in territory that would fall well short of conservative projections for returns from equities. The Commission also proposed that our Investment Goals be amended to reflect the muted outlook for financial returns in general. As a result, the Vestry has amended our Guidelines to change the asset allocation targets and to respond to lower projected investment returns by lowering the percentage to be distributed each year to the church with the goal of sustaining real growth (after inflation) to preserve the impact of the Endowment Fund into the future.

My thanks to the other members of the Endowment Commission: The Rev. Michael Rowe (ex officio), Bob Foltz (ex officio), Dave Brown, Joe Daniele, John Osborne and Joanna Wragg for their service and active participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Hilton Jervey, Chairman

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH 2015

Women of the Episcopal Church are joined together to serve and do God's work. All women who are members of an Episcopal Church are considered members of ECW. Through ECW there are a host of opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership, volunteerism and development of lasting friendships with fellow St. Mary's women as well as ECW members from other parishes.

During the past year, St. Mary's has reorganized and rebuilt a rejuvenated ECW organization. Following the election of officers and chairwomen, there has been positive change and increased participation in ECW events. In addition, there is also increased representation in the Diocese of SW Florida and Naples Deanery. We are expanding the scope of ECW's Ministry at St. Mary's beyond Outreach to include Personal and Spiritual Development, Hospitality and Fundraising.

Mission & Ministry- Through weekly meetings including reading, reflection and meditation with Priestly direction, ECW is committed to strengthening both the personal and collective spiritual journey.

Hospitality- ECW volunteers spend countless hours planning special receptions for Baptisms, Confirmations, Retirements, Funerals as well as weekly Coffee Hours following the 8:00 and 10:00 masses. Foyer Groups which offer fellowship during dinners at member's homes or nearby restaurants are also planned by ECW.

Programs- Interesting faith-based and informational programs as well as Day Trips provide opportunities to reflect on Christ's love in a variety of settings such as nature, art or history are planned by ECW. During the past year ECW hosted programs and donated to "Teddy Bears for the Troops", "PACE Immokalee Center for Girls", "Praying in Colors" and "After the Rain". In addition, ECW shared a docent guided tour of the world renowned "Gods & Heroes" exhibit at the Baker Museum as well as a guided tour of the historic Shangri-La Springs in old Bonita Springs.

Fundraising- Devoted volunteers work diligently to help support the many ministries of St. Mary's through efforts such as the "Stay at Home Tea", "Chair-ity for Chairs Bake Sale" and St. Mary's Annual Fundraising Events.

The Christmas Giving Tree- Through annual Christmas gifting to local children in need, ECW and sponsors the opportunity for St. Mary's members to donate gifts to Bonita Assistance families.

The Chrismon Tree- The precious tradition of decoration and display of the Chrismon Tree in the Chancel continues to spread joy and peace throughout the Advent and Christmas season.

The Annual Christmas Tea- This splendid annual tradition is hosted by ECW. Hostesses sponsor and decorate their tea tables expressing their unique tastes and invite guests to share in a lovely tea experience full of graciousness and delights.

United Thank Offering (UTO)- This is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole Church. Through United Thank Offering, men, women and children nurture the habit of giving daily offerings and thanks to God. These UTO monies are used to support mission and ministry in The Episcopal Church and the invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world.

LunchBunch- Through monthly outings, the Lunch Bunch offers a casual environment for women to share time together and embrace God's love with fellow Christian women.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Osborne and Jane Battina
ECW Co-Presidents

FINANCE COMMISSION 2015
Treasurers Report

2015 was an excellent year for St. Mary's, and this is reflected in the financial reporting. It was the fifth consecutive year of a positive cash flow where budgeted revenues exceeded budgeted expenses. We experienced positive growth in contributions, and support for church activities. We also completed a number of capital expenditures on facilities including a renovation and updating of our Sanctuary.

Revenues	2013	2014	2015	Budget 2016
Contributions	\$601,145	\$658,129	\$644,373	\$703,000
Activities	\$57,850	\$53,000	\$74,017	\$46,400
Other Income	\$38,994	\$37,944	\$40,505	\$42,250
Other Offerings	\$14,960	\$10,487	\$19,733	\$14,450
Total Revenues	\$712,949	\$759,559	\$778,628	\$806,100

Total revenues were up 2.5% over 2014 and 8.5% over 2013. Church activities are playing a larger role in total income. The 2016 Stewardship Campaign had a positive response from our membership in commitments in pledge growth from our members for 2016. Non-pledged contributions were also at an all-time high in 2015. Based on stewardship campaign, expected income from church activities and other income, the Finance Commission is projecting income of \$806,100 in 2016, which is a modest 3.4% increase over 2015 actual. We take a conservative position on projecting income.

Expenses	2013	2014	2015	Budget 2016
Clergy	\$292,563	\$280,833	\$236,339	\$277,942
Lay Staff	\$176,387	\$183,649	\$199,727	\$189,576
Communication	\$5,574	\$9,836	\$7,329	\$10,000
Diocese	\$66,570	\$81,876	\$75,501	\$96,050
Other Admin.	\$52,445	\$58,791	\$70,277	\$77,493
Property	\$77,008	\$77,152	\$106,833	\$118,400
Music	\$13,972	\$23,695	\$23,317	\$27,000
Christ. Formation	\$19,968	\$9,905	\$12,238	\$12,401
Other	\$3,678	\$1,331	\$0	\$-9,000
Total Expenses	\$708,165	\$727,068	\$731,561	\$799,862
Surplus/Deficit	\$4,785	\$32,491	\$46,300	\$6,237

- Clergy compensation for 2016 includes costs of an Associate Priest for full year, and a part-time Associate Priest. The open Associate Priest position for most of 2015 was a major contributor to the surplus for the year.

- The Episcopal Church instituted new Healthcare plans in 2015 and revised some pension contribution requirements going forward, which realized savings in employee benefits.
- The Diocese contribution is a complex formula; you are allocated 15% of operating budget and 10% of capital expenditures, 2016 is based on 2014 actual. The (\$9,000) credit show in other expense is funding for the capital portion of the assessment, which is funded from the Capital Fund.
- The Other Administrative increases include costs to continue upgrading our network, website, office capacity, and software to operate efficiently. It includes the costs of the online contributions which has been a big success.
- Costs of compliance in Administration are more significant; St. Mary's is now required to file quarterly with the IRS on compensation and withholding for employees, health care premiums, and we expanded the scope of our CPA to handle this. We also need an external audit of our financials and internal controls.
- There has been a significant increase in the Property budget, up 65% from 2013 to 2016 with \$118,400 planned in 2016. Vestry recognizes that our facilities are older, require more scheduled maintenance, and will not defer routine maintenance going forward.
- Worship and Music continues to provide one of the best music programs in Southwest Florida.
- Not all of the activities of Christian Formation, and Worship are reflected in the operating budget; many of our activities are funded by special gifts to restricted funds.

Our budget and the allocation of our gifts and resources reflect a church focused on growing our mission of Making Christ Known in Word and Sacrament.

In 2016 St. Mary's completed the fourth year of major capital renovation on the facilities, with the major emphasis on Sanctuary updating. Since 2012, St. Mary's has replaced every air conditioner component in the Church and PLC, done major repairs on the roofs and structural repairs on both building, and remodeled the Sanctuary. In the past four years the following activity has taken place on our capital expenditures on facilities.

Capital Expenditures - Facilities 2012	\$ 35,000.00
Capital Expenditures - Facilities 2013	\$ 48,041.88
Capital Expenditures - Facilities 2014	\$ 90,014.86
Capital Expenditures - Facilities 2015	\$ 76,691.18
Total Capital Expenditures 2012-2015	\$ 249,747.92
Balance of Capital Fund 12-31-2015	\$ 31,016.69
Hurricane Deductible Fund 12-31-15	\$ 65,000.00

In June of 2015 the Vestry set aside \$65,000 from the Capital Fund into a special fund to help reserve the cost of Hurricane Deductible in our property insurance and the eventual replacement of major Organ components. Since 2013 the Vestry has allocated since 50% of the grants from Pennywise to the Capital Fund as well as other restricted gifts to ensure we have an ongoing program to provide for adequate Capital Reserves.

The special gifts to church activities this past year again reflect a healthy, vibrant church committed to its mission. The major categories include:

	Balance 1/1/15	Revenue 2015	Expenses 2015	Balance 12/31/15
Outreach	\$15,027	\$14,902	\$21,326	\$8,602
Memorials	\$3,610	\$5,917	\$5,860	\$3,667
Church Activities	\$66,356	\$41,597	\$72,902	\$35,051
Personnel	\$1,600	\$9,269	\$10,869	\$00
Flora Linda	\$292,244	\$48,239	\$61,248	\$279,235
Building & Grounds	\$178,240	\$37,233	\$119,457	\$96,016
Endowment Fund	\$302,234	\$73,736	\$77,631	\$298,339

I would like to thank the many volunteers in the church who help run the Finance Commission. First, the people who meet every Monday morning to count contributions at 7:30 AM; Peter Justus, Dan McClean, Beryl Chickerella, Sara George, Jim George, and Les Rooker. Special thanks to Linda Delaney who leads this team. Nancy Foley, who has managed countless hundreds of invoices and check requests and is never too busy to help anyone in the church with a problem. To Moe Courchesne who has posted countless thousands of checks to member accounts the past three years and took ownership of making our online contribution system a significant success. I thank Otis Wragg for the leadership he took this year in getting a handle on employee benefit costs and helped guide the church through a transition on our plans. Thanks to Jim Fowler for taking care of the audit, and helping document good internal controls. Also, I would like to thank our partner Maria Hayes who has been our CPA for the past nine years for her guidance and quality of service.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Vestry members for their unwavering support of sound financial management at St. Mary's, and Bob Foltz and Tim Blaicher who have been great partners this past year as Senior and Junior Wardens. Finally, to Father Michael for his spiritual leadership of St. Mary's and someone we could always turn to. It has been an honor serving as your Treasurer these past three years, and I am very happy to have a very capable successor in Dan McClean taking over this position.

Sincerely,

Ronald A. Luth
Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP COMMISSION 2015

Commission Members: Barbara Bateman, Janet Cervinka, Vivi Curt, Linda Delaney, Chairperson of the Ushers and Greeters; John Goldsberry, Susan Goldsberry, Yvonne Graff, Mary Hagan, Deborah Haslouer, Bill Smith and Jane Welsh.

The committee, the Rector and assisting priests help us to identify new member prospects. Visitor cards are completed with their names and other information and reviewed each week by the Membership Coordinator who sends hand written notes or electronic mail acknowledging their visit. They are also send an invitation by the committee to participate in our Newcomers Welcome Reception dinners.

The committee held three Welcome Receptions for the year 2015, and enrolled 34 new members.

The Membership Committee works successfully together covering the welcome desk, ushering, greeting visitors and entertaining new prospects at the Newcomers Welcome Reception.

All the members of the Membership Commission are to be congratulated for their dedicated, friendly and welcoming service to the visitors and parishioners.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanett Turansky, Chairperson and Vestry Liaison

OUTREACH COMMISSION
2015 Annual Report

Commission Members: Fred Cable, Chair

Ginny Bailey	Carol Peterson
Brian Cleary	Joyce Peterson
Todd and Ronda Clopper	Lucy Read
Anne Dodge	Dave Smith
Dave Eifert	Jeanette Turansky
Mary Hagan	David Wallace
Lucky and Suzanne Hicks	Paul Way
Joanne Pace	Don Zeiter

The Outreach Commission has had another successful year, thanks to the support of the St. Mary's congregation, the Episcopal Church Women and our Pennywise Thrift Shop. We strive to make St. Mary's a source of help to the needy of our parish and our community. Through our efforts we hope to make St. Mary's more widely known as a provider of material and spiritual help.

2015 Pennywise Outreach Grants

The Commission receives numerous requests for funds from organizations in Lee and Collier counties, as well as requests from agencies worldwide. After reviewing applications, the Commission awards grants each December with funds provided by Pennywise Thrift Shop. In 2015 these funds totaled \$50,000! Below is a listing of these grants:

Bonita Springs Assistance	\$15,000
Café of Life (Bonita Springs)	2,000
Gabriel House of Fort Myers	1,000
Harvest Time Ministries (Bonita Springs)	4,000
Honduras School Project	2,000
Love INC (Bonita Springs)	3,000
Meals on Wheels (Bonita Springs)	2,000
Ministry of Dave & Daphne Smith (India)	4,000
Naples Deanery Dominican Republic Ministry	4,000
Our Mother's Home of SW Florida (Ft. Myers)	2,000
Haitian Orphanage "Place of Hope"	2,000
Camp Able at St. Mark's	1,000
Liberty Youth Ranch (Bonita Springs)	1,000
DaySpring Swimming Pool Project	1,000
New Horizons (Bonita Springs)	1,000
After the Rain of SW Florida	2,000
TBA	<u>3,000</u>
	\$50,000

2015 Outreach Programs and Activities

Two Blood Drives
Two Food Drives (Harvest Time Ministries and Bonita Springs Assistance)
Ten Harvest Time Ministries team visitations to migrant worker camps
Smith Ministries Sunday
Theological Education Grants to selected seminaries/seminarians
United Thank Offering (Episcopal Church Women)
Twenty-Five Sponsorships for Dominican Republic School students
Children's Giving Tree
Two Day of Change collections for outreach projects – Spring Creek Elementary School
"Souper Bowl" Sunday soup collection for Bonita Springs Assistance
Episcopal Relief & Development donations

2016 Outreach Programs and Activities Planned

January	Harvest Time Ministries Team Visits Smith Ministries
February	Harvest Time Ministries Team Visits "Souper" Bowl Sunday United Thank Offering Collection
March/April	Harvest Time Ministries Team Visits "Day of Change" Collection Spring Food Drive Bloodmobile
May-Oct.	Food Collection for Bonita Springs Assistance
November	Fall Food Drive Harvest Time Ministries Team Visits "Day of Change" Collection Bloodmobile
December	Harvest Time Ministries Team Visits Dominican Republic Sponsorships

Respectfully Submitted,
Fred Cable, Chairman

Pastoral Care Commission January, 2016

Committees:

Pastoral Care Team consists of Mother Bobbi Parini , priest/mentor, Barbara Bateman (cards) Audrey Craver(Bentley coordinator) Joe Danielle, Jane Battina, Yolanda Niamoli, Jeanette Turansky, Richard Norris, Jesse Roberts, Keel Jones, Robert Raubolt, Pat Shillito (honorary) Tim Blaicher, and Elinor Foltz (leader)

We are responsible as OSL, at Healing stations during all masses, available for consultation and prayers concerning all Parish and personal needs.

Confidential in all matters. Meeting weekly for prayer, study and support.

Additional responsibility is the twice monthly services at Bentley Care Center, as well as monthly Sunday afternoon service.

Several members are also Stephen Ministers and available as Friends on Christ's Path for long or short term companionship.

St Martin's Ministry.

A group of experienced and professional church members on call for any issues concerning addiction situations. We are also responsible for the once monthly Recovery Eucharist mass, offered to the community as well as our Parish for anyone concerned with finding a personal spiritual path in recovery.

Shawl Ministry

Contact Jean Odell for making these shawls, then blessed and given to anyone needing the warmth of love and prayer.

Cancer Survivors

Contact Nancy Foley for meetings, held during season.

Social Services

Contact Joanne Pace for confidential assistance with local agencies.

Grief/consolation

Contact the office , a Priest or any member of The Pastoral Care Team for personal prayers and meetings, short or long term support is available.

It is a privilege and honour and blessing for each of us to serve in all Pastoral Care Ministries.

Elinor Foltz

ANNUAL REPORT 2015
PennyWise Thrift Shop
Yolanda Naimoli, Chairperson

PennyWise Thrift Shop has been operated by volunteer members and friends of St. Mary's Episcopal Church for over 25 years beginning in December of 1988. This is a ministry of outreach fund raising and church support by over 100 volunteers.

The funds are generated by the sale of donated furniture, clothing, small appliances and household goods made available to PennyWise by generous members of St. Mary's and the community. We contract with people to pick up and deliver larger items of furniture. Volunteers attend a short training program before becoming part of the working group. The store (our former parish church) is open from October through April from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and from May through September from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

PennyWise has been governed by a nine (9) member Board of Directors authorized by St. Mary's Vestry as follows: Chairperson - Yolanda Naimoli. Members at Large: Susan Almy, Betty Cable, Sally Christenson, Barbara Hicks, Carroll Koelling, Kelly Niles, Roy Richardson, and Judy Yohe. Our non-board members: Treasurer - Gregg Mullins and Secretary - Joanne Thompson.

In 2015 our monetary contributions of \$50,000 were as follows:
(1) \$50,000 to St. Mary's with the Vestry allocating 100% to the operating budget.
(2) \$50,000 to the St. Mary's Outreach Commission who with Vestry approval distributed 16 Grants to different organizations (see Outreach report within this 2015 Annual Report).

This brings our total cash contributions in over 25 years to \$2,279,928 (Church Mortgage, Capital Fund and Operating Budget \$1,389,978, Outreach \$859,950 and Endowment Fund \$30,000).

In 2015 Penny Wise resurfaced the floor the entire Shop.

In addition, Penny Wise made contributions of in-kind household merchandise, clothing and furniture to those in need at Café of Life, Our Mothers Home, Harvest Time Ministries, Love In The Name of Christ, Habitat for Humanity and St. Matthews.

We want to thank St. Mary's members and our neighbors and friends in the community for their donations that have funded our contributions to those in need. This has only been possible because of the dedication and hard work of our many volunteers.

Annual Meeting Report

Stewardship Commission

January 18th, 2016

Members of Stewardship Commission – Dann Battina, Joe Daniele, Hilton Jervey, Robert Pierpont and Renee Osborne.

As of today, 2016 Pledges given total \$556,672.00. We are very optimistic comparing statistics to last year. See attached comparison analysis. If you have specific questions or concerns, please contact me. I will continue working with Moe Courchese to assure all pledges are being recorded properly into ACS.

Moving to the next phase, the Commission is preparing a final letter to be mailed by the end of January to members who have not pledged previously, but have 'gifted' to St. Mary's. We will also target, personally, those who have 'gifted' in the top 5%.

Joanna Wragg has graciously accepted the position of 2017 Stewardship Chairperson. Joanna is currently planning a Ministry Fair scheduled for March 12-13, 2016. All ministries are invited to participate, allowing members to witness what their contributions support.

Please continue to pray the Stewardship Ministry Prayer as we move into the final phase of 2016 Stewardship Ministry.

Stewardship Ministry Prayer 2015

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for all that you do for us. We thank you for the beauty of the world, for your most precious gift of life, for your church, and for the opportunities you provide for us every day. We are ever grateful for the many blessings provided by you, Lord. We feel your love so freely given with grace. We ask that you touch our hearts through this stewardship ministry, and help us see ourselves as stewards of this world and all you have given us. Fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit to help us grow closer to you. We ask you to guide us in the direction of discipleship as we discern you, God the Giver. We ask all these things in your loving Son's name. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Osborne, Chairperson
2016 Stewardship Ministry

Worship Commission

Bob Raubolt - Chairperson

The Mission Statement of the Worship Commission is: “The Worship Commission is a committee of staff and lay people of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church who serve the church by supporting and promoting the use of sound principles and practices. The Commission ensures that these principles and practices are consistent with the Canons, By-Laws and Regulations of the Episcopal church of the United States.”

As required by the Canons, the Chair of the Commission is the Rector. (All other commissions may be chaired by a layperson) This year’s co-chair was Robert Raubolt. Membership on the Commission includes representation from the Clergy, Music Ministry, Altar Guild, Pastoral Care, and Scheduling Coordinator for each of the regular worship services.

As in the past the Commission discussed and planned all the special services for the yearly liturgical seasons, e.g. Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter etc. In addition, the Commission reviewed and discussed specific changes and provided answers to questions regarding all worship services and special services conducted at St. Mary’s throughout the year. The Commission met monthly except for August and September.

Two key Committees of the Worship Commission who have filed separate reports to this Annual report are: Music Ministry (Brian Aranowski) and Altar Guild (Sandie Beihl). The Music Ministry including the Choir continues to be a major highlight and vital contributor to the positive worship experience at St. Mary’s. The Altar Guild provides everything needed for appropriate and meaningful worship throughout the year including special services. The Worship Commission also assisted Buildings & Grounds in providing input on things which affected the Church.

The 5:00 PM Saturday Service supplemented Family Night for our young members by having the young people serve on the Altar. A special thanks to Lauren, Meagan, Emily, Callie, and others who served on the Altar for the Saturday services.

The following persons served this Commission tirelessly and their efforts are most appreciated.

Staff: Fr. Michael Rowe, Rector and Commission Chair
 Mthr. Bobbie Perini, Priest Associate
 Brian Aranowski, Director of Music Ministry
 Candice Bakey, Office Administrator

Lay Persons: Elinor Foltz, Pastoral Care
 Sandie Beihl, Altar Guild
 Linda Delaney, Ushers & Greeters
 Nancy Foley, Evening Prayer Service
 Ian Mitchell, 10 AM Sunday
 Robert Raubolt, 5 PM Saturday
 Robert Raubolt, 8 AM Sunday
 Christine Julander, Stations of the Cross

Altar Guild 2015

Our year kicked off serendipitously blessed with our own Judy Phillips dedicating the better part of it creating a customary detailing and photographing every type of Eucharistic setup we prepare for 312 regular masses and special events such as Christmas and Easter, Holy Week, baptisms, funerals, Messy Church and bi-monthly Bentley Village services. Thanks also to her husband, Chester, who helped with the photography in this beautifully-crafted book. A treasure for new and veteran AG members alike, it truly is the gift that keeps on giving. Well done. Well done.

Although Altar Guild routines pretty much settle in during summer months, such was not exactly the case this past year when St. Mary's underwent a renovation project. With new flooring and carpeting being laid in the church, the sanctuary was rendered off-limits for weekday services. Thus, Sandy Gunger and I became rather adept at loading up the kitchen rolling cart from top to bottom with all things Eucharistic (including the small tabernacle) and re-locating everything from the sacristy to a temporary site in the Parish Life Center. (I think we even have a few pictures of "Church on Wheels" en route floating around somewhere). A little challenge along the way always keeps our skills sharpened and our wits working.

Nancy Malecek, Becky O'Donnell and Jane Welch were welcomed into Altar Guild and we are quite pleased to have them onboard. We are also very grateful for the generosity of Altar Guild members and fellow parishioners who provided funds enabling us, among other things, to purchase more linens and a much-needed second paschal candle stand.

All in all, a joyous year in serving our Lord.

Sandie Beihl

Directress

Music Ministry 2015

St. Mary's Music Ministry, dedicated to the liturgical worship of the parish, offers music to the glory of God and maintains the highest standards of Anglican choral practice.

The Parish Choir

The Parish Choir continues to be the cornerstone of musical leadership at the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Eucharist October through May as well as for services during Holy Week and in the presentation of special musical offerings which included two services of Missa Cantata, two services of Choral Matins, the annual Service of Advent Lessons and Carols, and the annual Carols and Anthems for Christmas Eve. New members are welcome and encouraged to join this ministry during most of the program year.

The Parish Cantors

Our team of four cantors serve in musical leadership for the Saturday 5 p.m. weekly Eucharist throughout the year and lead the singing at the 10 a.m. Sunday Eucharist when the Parish Choir is in in summer recess. They also serve for funerals, weddings and other special services throughout the year.

Concerts

The Chamber Choir of The Bower School of Music at Florida Gulf Coast University returned to perform in concert in February with great attendance and accolade.

St. Mary's was privileged to host The New Chorale of Southwest Florida in December. The concert was dedicated to the memory of Richard Holmberg, founder and director who recently passed away and was a long-time mentor, colleague and friend of mine.

Both concerts drew over 200 in attendance. Concerts such as these establish a healthy and open relationship between the parish and local musical organizations and centers of higher learning and benefit not only St. Mary's but the greater Bonita Springs community at large.

Musical & Liturgical Public Relations

The success of both liturgical and special musical offerings is critically dependent upon the proper dissemination of information and its content. Jim Bixler has continued in this role and I would like to thank him for his exceptional ability and many hours of dedicated time volunteered in maintaining good working relationships with our local press media. Jim also has also ensured that the parish's music web site remains up-to-date and, in working with our parish webmaster Chester Phillips, both gentlemen have created a first-rate, attractive and informative vehicle for information dissemination. Jim also serves as music liaison with the parish's Communications Commission.

Concluding Remarks

St. Mary's is indeed blessed to have a thriving ministry of music thanks to all who are involved, and I am very grateful for the abundance of talented individuals who help us worship God through music. May 2016 see continued joy and growth in this ministry.

Respectfully submitted in Christ's Service,
Brian Aranowski, M.Mus., Director of Music

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come together
in celebration and service."*

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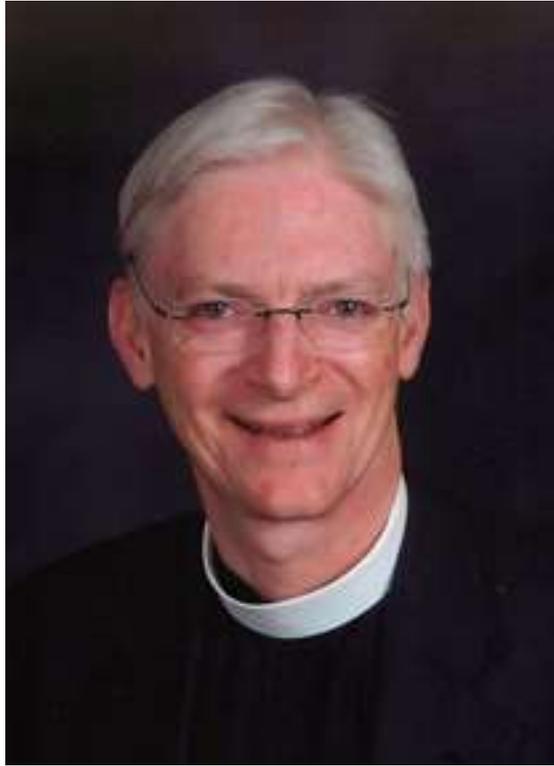
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Outgoing Vestry members as of January 31, 2015
Gail Goggin, Tim Blaicher, Ron Luth, Renee Osborne

If the vote of the Parish is in concurrence, the membership of the Vestry would be:

Class of 2016: Brian Cleary, Moe Courchesne,, Jeff Ellinger, Dann Battina
Class of 2017: Bob Foltz, Jim Fowler, Jeanette Turansky, Otis Wragg
Class of 2018: Tim Blaicher, Renee Osborne, Dan McClean, Denise Wallace

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