

Notices for the week January 12-13, 2019

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and celebration of Inez Rogers' birthday.



Love on Broadway: Tickets are on sale after each Eucharist. February 9, with performances at 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Deaconess Harriet Bedell: Did God find ways to use women for His Kingdom before the Episcopal Church recognized that both sexes of humanity could be called to an ordained ministry? You have only to ask any member of ECW to get an immediate answer in the affirmative. So, let me put the question a slightly different way. Were women able to find ways to minister through the Episcopal Church prior to 1976 (when women were first authorized to be ordained) that had they been men there would be no question that the church would have ordained them? Consider the life and ministry of Harriet Bedell (1875-1969) who spent a great portion of her life working in Collier County. Then you be the judge in answering this question.

Book Club: Monday at 12:00 noon. Please join Mother Bobbie as she continues exploring our soul's relationship with God and how best to care for and nurture that relationship using John O'Donohue's book *Anam Cara* (Soul Friend). Books are available in the office.

Cursillo is holding its Ultreya (time of encouragement) on Monday, January 14, at 6:00 pm, starting with a potluck supper. Those who have been on a Cursillo weekend and those curious about Cursillo or looking for a time of Christian fellowship and encouragement are very welcome.

Morning Prayer: Tuesday at 10:15 am.

Confirmation, classes begin on Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday Bible Study will resume this week at 10:30 am with Fr. Michael, looking at the scriptures for next weekend: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21 Psalm 19

The Confession of St. Peter will be celebrated at the 7:30 am Eucharist, we remember how the Apostle Peter was led by God's grace to acknowledge Jesus as the Christ (Matthew 16:13-20), and we join with Peter, and with all Christians everywhere, in hailing Jesus as our Lord, God, and Savior.

Centering Prayer, Thursdays at 9:00 am, is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer by preparing our faculties to receive this gift.

Bentley Bible Study: Thursday at 1:00 pm with Mother Bobbie. All welcome.

Men's Breakfast on January 19 will be at 8:30 am at the Bonita Beach Café.

Harvest Time: Our outreach project in partnership with two other churches serves two underserved communities in our area. On Friday mornings at 8:30 we pack bags with groceries and load our cars with other items for distribution. On Saturday mornings we meet at the same place at 8:30. After some words of inspiration we proceed to the first and second Communities to distribute food clothing, etc. We do this every other week until the end of March. The next time is January 18 and 19. Location: Beach Storage. On Bonita Beach Road. Go east on Bonita Beach to the first light after Tamiami. Turn Left. You will see the storage building in front of you. The gate code is 1206#. Proceed to bins 424, 6 and 7. You will see the cars.

ECW Gathering Friday & Saturday, January 18th and 19th, 2019, ECW ladies are volunteering with Harvest Time Ministries to provide assistance with the Food Drive. We'll leave from St. Mary's Friday and Saturday at 8:45 am. Friday, we'll prepare the food bags, and Saturday we'll deliver to the two communities. Signup sheet is in the Narthex

Blood Drive St. Mary's Episcopal Church will be holding a blood drive on Sunday, January 20, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. If you are interested in donating, please contact Jill Smith at 718-619-0678 or rdh71@aol.com

Next Week and Beyond

Confessions will be heard on January 22 at 4:15 pm by Father Michael in the Quiet Room.

Newcomers Get Together: if you are new to St. Mary's and are considering becoming part of the parish please come to a light supper on Monday, January 28, 6 pm to learn more about St. Mary's, its worship, activities and ministries. Clergy and lay leaders will be there to introduce themselves, to visit with you and to answer your questions. Please sign up in the Narthex for this special evening or call or email the church office.

Prayer Box "Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so" and so do all the blessings that are in your life. Take a moment in your week, **PAUSE** reflect and give thanks and praise to God for the blessings that you have received in your lives. You may share these times that you found God's blessing by writing them down and dropping them into one of the prayer request boxes or come and join us Thursday evenings at 5:30 pm beginning February 7 and share them in person.

Ministry Fair on February 16-17, come and explore the wonderful ministries of St. Mary's. Ministry Leaders will be setting up displays starting at noon on Saturday, February 16.

CANDLEMAS

The Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and The Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

St. Mary's Church celebrates her winter Feast of Title on February 2/3.

- This is the day to give thanks to God for his wonderful blessings to St. Mary's and to pray for his guidance on our life into his future.
- This is the day to honor our Lady, who said YES to God and brought our Savior Jesus Christ into the world.
- This is the day for us to say a wholehearted YES to God so that we can bring Christ more and more deeply into our lives and share him with others.

The principal celebration will be at the Parish Eucharist at 10:00 am with procession, incense and special music.

Monday	12:00 pm	Book Club with Mother Bobbie-
January 14	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
	6:00 pm	Ultreya
Tuesday	10:15 am	Morning Prayer
January 15	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	12:00 pm	Ministers Luncheon
	3:00 pm	Worship Commission Meeting
	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
	5:30 pm	Holy Eucharist
	7:00 pm	Confirmation
	8:00 pm	AA Empathy Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 am	Pastoral Care Meeting
January 16	10:30 am	Bible Study
	12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
	7:00 pm	A Positive Approach
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
		Confession of St. Peter
Thursday	7:30 am	Holy Eucharist
January 17	9:00 am	Centering Prayer
	1:00 pm	Bentley Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
	7:00 pm	Florida Conference of Young People in AA
Friday	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
January 18		
Saturday	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast
January 19	4:00 pm	Evening Prayer
	5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 pm	AA Group Meeting
		Blood Drive
Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite 1
January 20	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting

SAVE THE DATE

January 31	ECW Lunch Bunch
February 2/3	Candlemas: Winter Feast of Title
February 9	<i>Love on Broadway</i> Fundraiser
February 16/17	Ministry Fair
February 17	Ave Maria Scholae Gregorianae
February 23	Healing Conference at St. John's Episcopal Church, Naples
March 2/3	Compass Rose Society Sunday
March 6	Ash Wednesday. Lent begins
March 8/9	St. Mary's Men's Retreat at Dayspring
March 31	Confirmation

NOTICE OF 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

To all Members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Bonita Springs, Inc.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Bonita Springs, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation (the "Parish"), will take place as part of the Eucharist being celebrated at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, January 27, 2019, in the Church Building of the Parish located at the address of the Parish set forth below and will continue following the conclusion of that Eucharist in the Parish Life Center of the Parish located at such address.

The purposes of such Meeting are: (1) to elect new members to the Vestry of the Parish; and (2) to transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

In accordance with the By-laws of the Parish a copy of this Notice is being posted in the narthex of the Church Building not more than 45 days nor less than 15 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting set forth above. In addition, pursuant to Section 617.0141 of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, a copy of this Notice is also being sent to all Members of the Parish by electronic network.

Communicant Members in Good Standing of the Parish have the privilege and responsibility of taking part in the Annual Meeting. Associate Members and friends of the Parish are cordially invited to attend. Eligibility to vote can be confirmed by consulting the current Parish Directory posted on the Vestry bulletin board in the Parish Life Center.

Through Psychology and Spirituality We can Obtain a Positive Approach to A Christian Life.



Mel Bennett, M.A. - cognitive-behavioral therapist

A three-part series dealing with issues in our Christian lives and the application of techniques of positive psychology to give us optimism, fulfillment, well-being, and peace as we go through the challenges we all face.

Ms. Mel Bennett, M.A. a cognitive-behavioral therapist who specializes in the application of positive psychology will be joined by clergy of St. Mary's Episcopal Church for these very timely presentations.

- Wednesday, January 16
"Do not be afraid": reining in anxiety in a dangerous world
- Wednesday, January 23
"And now these three, faith, hope and love ...": how to maintain optimism in the face of challenges
- Wednesday, January 30
"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race": resilience building despite obstacles

BE THERE! Wednesday Evenings at 7 PM

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