

## Notices for the week February 16-17, 2019

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God.

**Church Office** will be closed on Monday, in honor of President's Day.

**With great sadness**, we announce the passing of Jack Davies on Saturday, February 9 and Donald Marshall on Sunday, February 10. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Ministry Fair today**; come join us in finding out more about the wonderful ministries of St. Mary's.



"St Mary's is thrilled to welcome the Ave Maria University Scholae, under the direction of brilliant published musicologist Dr. Susan Treacy, to sing a most beautiful traditional prayer service of Vespers, here in church next Sunday, February 17 at 7 pm. Please join us for this very special prayerful event. This concert is free. A Freewill offering will be accepted. **Vespers** is a sung Evening Prayer, as found in our Episcopal Book of Common Prayer -- the spoken version of which is prayed as Daily Prayer here at St Mary's at 5 pm every weekday, 4 pm every Saturday, 10:15 am every Tuesday (Morning Prayer), often live-streamed online, always available as recorded videos on our parish Facebook page, and echoed in thousands of churches worldwide.

**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.

**Wednesday Bible Study** continues at 10:30 am with Fr. Bill, looking at the scriptures for next weekend: Genesis 45:3-11, 15, 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50, Luke 6:27-38, Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

**Entrusted** a Beth Moore study of 2 Timothy is every Wednesday evening at 7 pm thru March 27<sup>th</sup> (is a 6-week course and we have Ash Wednesday in there). It's open to all.

**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 are welcome.

**COMMA**, a prayerful pause held on Thursdays at 5:30.

**Cursillo Weekend** will be held on February 21-24 at Dayspring. If you are interested in attending the weekend or want more information you can speak with either Denise Wallace, 239-947-5197 or Father Michael.

### Next Week and Beyond

**Explore the Stations of the Cross**. Each year during lent every Friday there is a service called "Stations of the Cross". What are the Stations of the Cross? Why do we have this service? What is the significance of the Stations of the Cross? When and where did this tradition begin? On Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February after the 10 am service Join Deacon Bill Gilmore as we discuss the answer to these questions and Explore the Stations of the Cross.

**Bentley Village Eucharist**: will take place on Tuesday, February 26, at 10:45 am in the Crystal Room, Bentley Village with Mother Bobbie Parini.

**Confessions** will be heard on February 26 at 4:15 pm by Father Michael in the narthex Quiet Room.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**, Our Book of Common Prayer says that the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is to be available to all who desire it and can be provided anytime anywhere. St. Mary's priests are available once a month, on the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 4:15 pm to hear confessions or you can make an appointment.

We use the Quiet Room off the narthex for privacy. Please see the instructions on page 446 and the order of service on page 447 for

more details. Please consult with a priest in advance if that would be helpful.

There are three basic ways to use the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- as a regular part of our spiritual practice, say several times a year;
- as preparation for major, life-changing steps – getting married, ordained, confirmed or in some other way beginning a new chapter in our lives;
- when we have a crisis of conscience, when even though we have confessed to God privately and in the general confession in church, something still haunts us.

May God bless you with forgiveness and new life.

**Men's Retreat**, will be held March 8 & 9 at DaySpring, contact Paul Judkins for further information at 585-750-1889.

### Ash Wednesday – March 6 Lent Begins

**12:00 pm**

**1:00 pm-3:00 pm**

**7:00 pm**

**Holy Eucharist with Ashes**

**Ashes to Go, St. Mary's Parking Lot**

**Solemn Eucharist with Ashes**

### **Public Offering of Imposition of Ashes and Healing Prayer**

St. Mary's will be offering ashes to those who may not desire, or be able to attend, the services but feel drawn to receive ashes. We receive ashes as a sign of penitence and a reminder of our mortality. On March 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 our clergy will be available, in the parking lot outside of Pennywise, to simply impose ashes as desired. We will also have a healing prayer team present for those that also desire prayers for themselves or loved ones.



**Stations of the Cross** will start at noon on Good Friday, March 8 and take place each during Lent Friday the last being on Good Friday, April 19.



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| Monday      |          | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>                                  |
| February 18 | 12:00 pm | Book Club with Mother Bobbie                          |
|             | 5:00 pm  | Evening Prayer  |
| Tuesday     | 10:15 am | Morning Prayer  |
| February 19 | 11:00 am | Staff Meeting   |
|             | 12:00 pm | Ministers' Luncheon                                   |
|             | 12:30 pm | Icon Painting Class                                   |
|             | 3:00 pm  | Worship Commission Meeting                            |
|             | 5:00 pm  | Evening Prayer  |
|             | 5:30 pm  | Holy Eucharist  |
|             | 7:00 pm  | Confirmation- <i> canceled</i>                        |
|             | 8:00 pm  | AA Empathy Meeting                                    |
| Wednesday   | 9:00 am  | Pastoral Care Meeting                                 |
| February 20 | 10:30 am | Bible Study   |
|             | 12:00 pm | Holy Eucharist  |
|             | 5:00 pm  | Evening Prayer  |
|             | 7:00 pm  | Choir Practice  |
| Thursday    | 7:30 am  | Holy Eucharist  |
| February 21 | 9:00 am  | Centering Prayer                                      |
|             | 10:00 am | Walking the Mourners Path                             |
|             | 1:00 pm  | Bentley Bible Study                                   |
|             | 5:00 pm  | Evening Prayer  |
|             | 5:30 pm  | COMMA   |
|             | 7:00 pm  | Florida Conference of Young People in AA              |
| Friday      | 5:00 pm  | Evening Prayer  |
| February 22 |          |   |
|             |          | <b>Healing Conference-St. John's Episcopal Church</b> |
| Saturday    | 4:00 pm  | Evening Prayer  |
| February 23 | 5:00 pm  | Holy Eucharist  |
|             | 8:00 pm  | AA Group Meeting                                      |
|             |          | <b>Healing Conference-St. John's Episcopal Church</b> |
| Sunday      | 8:00 am  | Holy Eucharist Rite 1                                 |
| February 24 | 10:00 am | Holy Eucharist  |
|             | 6:30 pm  | AA Meeting  |

**The Upper Room** where the world meets to pray. Provides a model of practical Christianity, accessible in varied formats, to help people feel invited and welcomed into God's presence. Available in the narthex display racks.

**Forward – Day by Day** A manual of daily Bible readings and devotions is available in the narthex display racks. The latest edition covers the months February, March and April

**SAVE THE DATE**

- March 2/3 Change your Clock
- March 2/3 Compass Rose Society Sunday
- March 6 Ash Wednesday. Lent begins
- March 8 Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent
- March 8/9 St. Mary's Men's Retreat at Dayspring
- March 16 Lenten Quiet Day
- March 31 Confirmation
- April 12 Symphonic Choral of Southwest Florida
- Holy Week – April 14 - 21**
- April 14 Palm Sunday
- April 18 Maundy Thursday
- April 19 Good Friday
- April 20 Easter Vigil
- April 21 Easter Sunday

**Name Tags:** Please wear your name Tags. Caution as with any magnetic device, magnetic badge accessories should be kept away from pacemakers, computer disks and credit cards. If you have any type of medical metal device, please make sure to order your name tags with a pin.

**Member Directory:** There are new membership directories available in the narthex, PLC and in front of the office.

**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 Courtney Crosby 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 of 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 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 9 am to 5 pm and other scheduled times for prayer and meditation.

**Sermons** are available online at [stmarysbonita.org](http://stmarysbonita.org) and in the narthex.