

## Notices for the week May 18-19, 2019

### **From Fr. Rowe**

**Dear members and friends of St. Mary's,** Several parishioners have received emails purporting to come from me asking for money in one form or another to be sent in reply to that email. These messages are not from me but are fraudulent "phishing", using my name but using an email address they have created for themselves.

*Phishing is a cybercrime in which a target or targets are contacted by email, telephone or text message by someone posing as a legitimate institution to lure individuals into providing sensitive data such as personally identifiable information, banking and credit card details, and passwords.*

The email may also ask for electronic gift cards or other forms of money. **Please** do not respond to any messages like this, purporting to be from me or from anyone else. Any requests for financial support will always come in an official St. Mary's form and you will be asked to send your contribution to St. Mary's Church and never to me or to any other individual.

Please share this widely. These phishing expeditions continue because we continue to fall for them. Always confirm requests for money or for personal information so you are sure you are responding to the right person.

Thank you for taking this to heart. God bless you. Fr. Michael Rowe

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Madeline Justus beloved wife of Peter and beloved mother of Barbara, Deborah and David.

**Our preacher this weekend,** is our own Anne Hartley. Anne is a postulant for holy orders, heading toward the priesthood. Active many years at St. Mary's, she is currently working in pastoral care, liturgical planning and preparation and weekday homilies. This is her first "Sunday preaching" for us. She intends to begin her preparation at the The General Theological Seminary in New York this autumn. St. Mary's is providing her some support. If you would like to contribute, please mark your gift "Hartley seminary".

**Newcomers' Breakfast:** If you are new to St. Mary's and would like to learn more about us, please come and join Fr. Michael for a *Breakfast with the Rector* after the 10:00 am Eucharist in the Parish Life Center.

**Book club with Mother Bobbie,** on Monday at 12 pm. In the coming months the group will be reading and discussing two books: *God of Surprises* by Gerald W. Hughes *The Second Mountain: A Quest for a Moral Life* by David Brooks. All are welcome to join this very active book club for an exciting journey of reading and discussion. The books are available to purchase at the church office.

**Wednesday Bible Study** continues at 10:30 am with Fr. Bill looking at the scriptures for next weekend: Acts 16:9-15, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29 and Psalm 67

**Life in the brand-new church (Acts 1-5):** What was it like when the church was brand new? Come and explore this with Fr. Michael, looking at the first chapters of the Acts of the Apostles and wondering what this means for us the church today. Wednesdays at 5:15 in the chapel following Evening Prayer. This evening's topic is "Living with other Christians – do I really have to?" (Acts 6:1-7; also Acts 15:1-21; Acts 15:36-4; Galatians 2:11-14).

**Fr. Rowe** will be away on vacation from this Thursday, May 16 through next Friday May 24. The Church Office and the Wardens are able to reach him in case of emergency.

**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.

**COMMA:** We have such busy lives. Pause smell the flowers..... and pray. Every Saturday at 6:00 pm after the 5:00 pm Eucharist we gather in the Library and take a moment for prayer and reflection. There is no set outline nor agenda, we let prayerful hearts and the Holy Spirit guide us. There is an undeniable need for prayer in our own lives and there are many who need our prayers. Join us at COMMA Saturday evening at 6:00 pm and experience the power of prayer.

## Next Week and Beyond

**Veterans Memorial Day Service** will be held at Saint Mary's Episcopal Church on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of May at 9:30 am. This service is for veterans of all services, veterans families and anyone that wishes to honor those who have served their country in the military. This service will be in a military tradition including a "final Roll Call".

The Final Roll Call is based on military tradition that predates the Revolutionary War. After a battle was fought a roll call was conducted by each Company that fought in the battle. As the names of those assigned to that Company were called their status was determined. If a soldier was deceased, it would be the final time his name was called in the Company's roll call. Although in modern times a formal roll call is not conducted after a battle, the tradition of the final roll call is conducted in memorial services. A short Roll Call is conducted and when the deceased service members name is called there is silence followed by honoring their sacrifice with his helmet being placed on an up turned rifle (another battle field tradition) or a folded flag is presented in their name. It is in that way we say farewell to a brother in arms as well as honoring their service.

**ECW Lunch Bunch,** Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 12 pm at BRAVO! 9110 Strata Place, Naples at Mercato. Please RSVP by Sunday, May 26 for planning purposes. Signup sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you!

**Ascension Sunday, June 1/2,** we welcome back postulant for the priesthood, Brian Cleary. He has successfully completed the first of three years at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific and is spending about a week at home before returning for summer study. St. Mary's supported him generously in his first year and he thanks you for that. He will be our preacher on this weekend.

**First Annual Brian Cleary Youth Car Wash:** St. Mary's youth will be holding their annual car wash on Sunday, June 2. Have your car washed after the 8 AM or the 10 AM Eucharist and support our youth! Donations also gladly accepted to "not wash" your car! All proceeds will benefit our youth. Thank you for your support.

**Thy Kingdom Come** is a global prayer movement that invites Christian around the world to pray between Ascension Day (May 30) and the Feast of Pentecost (June 9) for more people to come to know Jesus. Our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has joined the worldwide Anglican Communion calling for prayer by individual, congregations, and families. Fr. Michael is asking the congregation to pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit on the nine days, May 11-May 19. Additional information can be found at [www.thykingdomcome.global/uploads/resources/tkc-prayer-journal-2019-download1.pdf](http://www.thykingdomcome.global/uploads/resources/tkc-prayer-journal-2019-download1.pdf)

Monday	12:00 pm	Book Club with Mother Bobbie
May 20	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
	7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
Tuesday	10:15 am	Morning Prayer
May 21	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	12:00 pm	Minister's Luncheon
	3:00 pm	Worship Commission Meeting
	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
	5:30 pm	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 pm	AA Empathy Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 am	Pastoral Care Meeting
May 22	10:30 am	Bible Study
	12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
	5:15 pm	Life in the Brand New Church
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	7:30 am	Holy Eucharist
May 23	9:00 am	Centering Prayer
	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Friday	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
May 24		
Saturday	4:00 pm	Evening Prayer
May 25	5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
	6:00 pm	COMMA
	8:00 pm	AA Group Meeting
Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
May 26	10:00 am	Eucharist Rite II
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting

**Walking the Mourner's Path:** If you or someone you know is feeling disconnected following the loss of a loved one St. Mary's has a new ministry that may be of help. Walking the Mourner's Path is an eight-week small group workshop grounded in prayer led by trained facilitators. The first session of this program will start on Thursday, September 19 and will end on November 7. Please call the church office if you are interested in being part of this Christ centered grief program and they will put you in touch with one of our trained facilitators.

**Compass Rose Society:** Annual Meeting will be held at Church House, Westminster (London) November 20 & 21, 2019. St. Mary's is a parish member of the Compass Rose Society (<http://www.compassrosesociety.org>) and can send up to four representatives to this meeting. If you are interested, please speak with Bob Foltz.

**Help Wanted**

**People to take part** regularly in the Wednesday Eucharist; and others to attend on occasion, helping St. Mary's to worship God every day.

**Recording Secretary** needed for the monthly Vestry meetings to take minutes and prepare them for circulation. If you can help, please contact Vestry Secretary Ruth Davies at [rcd629@yahoo.com](mailto:rcd629@yahoo.com).

**Ushers and greeters** to welcome and guide members and visitors at our weekend Eucharists.

**Acolytes** to serve at the altar on the weekends.

**Youth Scholarship:** St. Mary's vestry has voted to bring more local young people to the message of Christ by establishing a scholarship. The idea of this scholarship is to bring our youth to Christ by encouraging participation in church, offering them guidance, mentorship and support in their quest to reach the highest level of their God given talent. We need people who can help guide and establish the legal and practical criteria and get it ready for prime time. This is a first step position that will establish the scholarship, not administer it, unless you want to.

<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>	
May 27	Memorial Day service at 9:30 am
May 30	ECW Lunch Bunch
June 1 <sup>st</sup> & June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brian Cleary Preaching
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Youth Car Wash
June 9	Feast of Pentecost, (Please wear red)
June 16	Trinity Sunday
June 26	Meeting John the Baptist
July 4	St. Mary's at Bonita Springs 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade
August	New Horizons starts at St. Mary's
August 18	St. Mary's Sunday
September 3	Deanery Convocation at St. Mary's
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Blessing of the Animals

**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. (That is next week, May 28)

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.