

Notices for the week July 13-14, 2019

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.

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.

Fr. Rowe will be away on vacation from July 17 through July 22. The Church Office and the Wardens are able to reach him in case of emergency.

Barbara Williams will be away on vacation from July 19 till August 1.

Wednesday Bible Study continues at 10:30 am with Fr. Bill, Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42

Men’s Breakfast, Saturday, July 20 at 8:30, at the Bonita Beach Café. contact Paul Judkins for more information at 585-967-4182.

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 your prayers. Join us at COMMA Saturday evening at 6:00 pm and experience the power of prayer.

Next Week and Beyond

Confessions will be heard on Tuesday July 23, at 4:15 pm by Father Michael in the narthex “Quiet Room”. To learn more or to prepare see the Book of Common Prayer, pages 447-448 and/or speak with any of our priests. Experience how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God’s love for you.

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, will be celebrated on July 23 at the 5:30 pm Eucharist.

Bentley Village Eucharist, on Tuesday, July 23, at 10:45 am in the Crystal Room, Bentley Village with Father Bill Faupel.

Meet the Saints: On Wednesday, July 24, at 5:15 pm, meet St. Mary Magdalene, following Evening Prayer, lead by Fr. Michael.

St James the Apostle, will be celebrated on July 25, at the 7:30 am Eucharist.

ECW Lunch Bunch, Thursday, July 25th 12:00 pm at Coconut Jack’s, 5370 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs. Please RSVP by Sunday, July 21. A signup sheet is in the Narthex.

New Horizons: St. Mary's Church is now blessed to partner with New Horizons by establishing a Christian-based after-school tutoring and mentoring center in our Parish Life Center, beginning August 19th from 3:30 - 5:30 Monday thru Thursday during the school year. We will start by welcoming 30 children from K-5th grades at Oak Creek Charter School and can ultimately expect up to 40 children at the St. Mary location.

St. Mary's is seeking volunteers to assist the New Horizons professional staff by tutoring students with reading and math and computer activities. Training is provided and professional resources are always in attendance. Most of the children are bi-lingual and eager to learn and to interact with their tutors. And you can pick the hours that suit your schedule best.

Your volunteer hours have incredible value to these children who may not be able to get help at home. And, your benefits are guaranteed to be priceless. Please contact St. Mary's Church Office for more information and a volunteer coordinator will return your call or email message 239-992-4343 or churchoffice@stmarysbonita.org

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 The 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.

I need a priest! The best way to reach any of the priests is to call St. Mary’s (239 992-4343) or email churchoffice@stmarysbonita.org. Ian, Barbara and the volunteers know who is available and how to reach them. Messages are checked regularly evenings and weekends.

In case of an emergency outside of office hours, please call one of the clergy directly. Here is the usual on call pattern:

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- Fr. Rowe
Saturday, Sunday, Monday
- Fr. Faupel
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
- Deacon Bill Gilmore, Friday
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Generally, Fr. Michael works Saturday through Wednesday with Thursday and Friday as his “weekend.” Fr. Bill takes Monday and Friday off, as well as Saturday when he is not preaching. Your clergy are here both to lead and to serve. Please do ask to talk with any one of them when you want their help.

SAVE THE DATE	
July 23	Feast of St. Mary Magdalene
July 24	Meet St. Mary Magdalene
July 25	St. James the Apostle
July 25	ECW Lunch Bunch
August 18	St. Mary’s Sunday
August 19	New Horizons starts at St. Mary’s
September 3	Deanery Convocation at St. Mary’s
October 6 th	Blessing of the Animals

Monday	12:00 pm	Book Club
July 15	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
	7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
Tuesday	10:15 am	Morning Prayer
July 16	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	12:00 pm	Ministers Luncheon
	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
	5:30 pm	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 pm	AA Empathy Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 am	Pastoral Care Meeting
July 17	10:30 am	Bible Study
	12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
	2:00 pm	Bentley Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	7:30 am	Holy Eucharist
July 18	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
	7:00 pm	Florida Conference of Young People in AA
Friday	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
July 19		
Saturday	4:00 pm	Evening Prayer
July 20	5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
	6:00 pm	COMMA
	8:00 pm	AA Group Meeting
Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
July 21	10:00 am	Eucharist Rite II
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting

Help Wanted

Acolytes to serve at the altar on the weekends, we are also in need of people and 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.

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Archivist: St. Mary's has wonderful historical material, some organized and some simply accumulated. We need someone with the skill, dedication and time to organize, preserve and show this material. To offer your help or for more information, please contact the church office.

Sound system monitors: We have a very good sound system. It is however, delicate and sometimes its settings get altered wrongly. The control system at the back of the church is very simple. We need people who will adjust the volume of the microphones as necessary during our weekend Eucharists. If you can take a turn doing this, please contact Junior Warden Jon Gunger at realestate@jonathangunger.com. (Doing this is compatible with being an usher or greeter.)

PennyWise Volunteers: At this moment in time many opportunities exist to assist at Pennywise. The valuable work the existing volunteers are doing to raise funds that can be used in Outreach programs and within St. Mary's cannot be overemphasized. The spirit of fellowship and enjoyment add to this worthwhile endeavor.

Position Opening: Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Bonita Springs, Florida, is seeking to hire a Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator who will be charged with a primary task of leading St. Mary's children and youth in faith formation activities. The primary responsibilities of the position are to assist youth in Sunday worship, teaching Sunday school and engage with New Horizon students' afterschool program during the week.

The person must be well-grounded in the Christian faith with the ability to articulate this to people of all ages and have a respect for and understanding of the Episcopal Church's expression of the Christian faith. Preference will be given to a person having a B.A. or equivalent in Youth Ministry or Christian Education; Two years of experience working with children or youth; and a fluency in Spanish or willingness to learn and advance in Spanish proficiency.

The 19-hour work week scheduled as follows: Sunday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Monday – Thursday 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.; and one evening 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Applicants should send a letter of interest, resume and list of at least three references to The Rev. Michael Rowe, Rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, P. O. Box 1923, Bonita Springs, FL 34113 or email these documents to youthministryapplications@stmarysbonita.org. Applications will be accepted through July 15, 2019. For a complete job description see "Job Opening" www.stmarysbonita.org.