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*Where Word and Sacrament come
together in celebration and service*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday - *Holy Eucharist*

8:00 am Rite I

10:00 am Rite II

Mondays

Evening Prayer - 5:00 pm

Tuesdays

Morning Prayer - 10:15 am

Evening Prayer - 5:00 pm

Holy Eucharist - 5:30 pm

Wednesdays

Holy Eucharist - 12:00 pm

Evening Prayer - 5:00 pm

Thursdays

Holy Eucharist - 7:30 am

Evening Prayer - 5:00 pm

Fridays

Evening Prayer - 5:00 pm

Saturdays

Evening Prayer - 4:00 pm

Holy Eucharist - 5:00 pm

A Message from the Rector

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mary's,

At the end of January, I announced to the Vestry and then to the parish that I intend to retire this springtime. While Dianne and I are excited about this next stage in our lives and are confident that this is the right step to take, it is bittersweet. It has been a wonderful privilege to be rector of St. Mary's. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me, the support you have given me and the partnership in faith and service that you have shared with me.

The Good News (Gospel) of Jesus Christ is that through his life, death and resurrection he has freed us from the bondage of sin and self and has raised us to share in his eternal life. Everything I have invited you into, from Sunday worship to personal confession to intensive study to loving outreach has been designed to foster true repentance - turning away from self toward Jesus Christ - and spiritual growth, sharing more and more deeply in the divine life of God himself.

I invite you to always move forward on this journey - the one journey that really counts eternally. Specifically, I invite you to walk Lent and Easter with me one more time, to enter deeply into the repentance and discipline of Lent, to walk the way of the Cross through the liturgies of Holy Week and so be able to truly rejoice at the celebration of our Lord's victory at Easter.

This issue of Tidings includes an outline for a Lenten *Rule of Life* and news of all our Lenten events and resources. Please consider them carefully and enter into them fully, especially the services during Holy Week. Above all, please use this Holy Season of Lent for a deeper consecration of yourself to God, in love for him and service to others.

In Christ's name,
Fr. Michael

Finding a New Rector

On May 1, 2020 we will begin the transition to a new Rector. I want to share with you some of the steps and responsibilities that will be involved with this process.

First, the selection of a new rector is vital to the health of a church and as such it is one of the most important decisions the Vestry makes. With the retirement of Fr Michael, his responsibilities for communication with the Diocese, worship, Vestry and administration transfer to the Senior Warden. The wardens and Vestry will work with the Diocese to direct the process that will bring us a new rector. This will include:

- Preparing for a celebration of the Rector's long service to St Mary's.
- Providing for interim clergy leadership
- Preparing a parish profile
- Examining our website
- Preparing for the costs of the search and call
- Establishing a search committee
- Identifying and evaluating potential candidates
- Approval of the selected candidate by the Bishop
- The issuance of the call to the approved candidate by the Vestry

Predicting the amount of time to complete this process is very difficult. We intend to be deliberate to make certain that the right decision is made. We will not initiate any search functions until we have a vacancy. Please do not anticipate completion of this transition for at least six months and perhaps extending to more than one year.

Our communication with parishioners during this process is vital. We intend to provide regular updates on our progress with this process. You are also a key component of the search and we will be seeking your input. Vestry members have been encouraged to be visible and accessible. They will be wearing white name tags exclusively. Feel free to talk to them.

We have a uniquely talented church. Many more people are well qualified to be selected for transition functions than will be assigned. We will have to make difficult choices, but will employ as many people as are practical in the many tasks to be done.

Finally, many people will be involved with this process. We ask for your prayers for God's guidance and your patience. As the old hymn says, *"Give us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour"*.

Paul Judkins
Senior Warden

Lent 2020

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. This season which began as a time of preparation for Holy Baptism at Easter is now time for all Christians to return and be refreshed in our Christian faith and to renew our walk with God.

Our Church invites us into to Lent this way (BCP page 265):

“I invite you, therefore in the name of the Church to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s Holy Word.”

Please do take part in one of the Ash Wednesday Eucharists (at noon and at 7:00 pm) and plan your Lent in a way that allows God to refresh and transform you. The Lenten Rule and Opportunities and Resources which follows are designed to help you.

Lastly, please plan to participate fully in Holy Week from Palm Sunday April 5th though Easter Day, April 12th. The full schedule is elsewhere in this issue.

Lenten Opportunities and Resources

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26; Eucharists at 12 and 7 pm with “Ashes to Go” outside Penny Wise after the noon Eucharist.

Saturday and Sunday worship continues at the usual times with scriptures, music, prayer and ceremonies attuned to the season of Lent.

Our corporate fast means that we do not have sweets at coffee hour or other parish events during Lent.

Weekday Eucharist on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday continue as usual as does Evening Prayer Monday through Saturday. Why not take part this Lent?

Stations of the Cross starting on February 28, the first Friday in Lent at noon and continue to Good Friday. Please arrive a few minutes early. Contact Pamela Stamper if you would like to lead or assist one Friday.

Wednesdays at 10:30 am: Bible Study looking at the following weekend’s propers (see St. Mary’s web site under worship for each weekend’s readings) and at 7:00 pm *Entrusted: A Study of 2 Timothy* from Beth Moore.

A display table in the narthex has booklets and other resources to introduce us to Lent. Please have a look and place money in the box on the wall where the Forward Day-by-Day booklets are.

The Healing Conference with Fr Nigel Mumford on March 7 beginning at 9:00 am. To register send your check for \$20 payable to St. Mary’s Episcopal Church with “Healing Conference” in the memo line to PO Box 1923, Bonita Springs FL 34133.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Prayer in the Square

On Ash Wednesday, February 26th the Order of St. Luke will gather in the tent for “Prayer in the Square” with our priest and offer “**Ashes to Go**”. It is surprising how many come from all around this area.

If you cannot attend the 12:00 or 7:00 pm services please come to the parking area behind Penny Wise and get ashes and prayers from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.



Lenten Rule

The disciplines of Lent are designed to train us to be different. Fasting frees us from being at the mercies of our physical appetites. Study frees us from accepting uncritically the assumptions of our culture. Prayer and worship form the ultimate declaration of independence by locating the true source of power and authority in God rather than in anything of this earth.

Praying God's grace to keep a Holy Lent, I resolve to undertake a discipline covering the following areas:

- Public Worship Sundays, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and ?
- Penitence: Self-examination and confession
- Personal devotions: Prayer, meditation, reading, etc.
- Fasting: Giving up certain foods or activities
- Giving: Gifts on money, time and effort to other people or worthwhile causes
- Other

Please take time to prayerfully consider your Lenten Rule and write it down.

Christian Fasting

1. Two kinds of fasting
 - corporate, for all God's people
 - personal, according to one's own Rule
2. The Episcopal Church has days of fasting, discipline and self-denial.
(See page 17 in *The Book of Common Prayer*)
3. Purpose of fasting
 - sorrow for sin
 - training and self-discipline
 - freeing resources

Guidelines for fasting and abstinence are modest.

For us "fasting" from television, internet, novels or committees might free up our most valuable resource - time - to spend with God and with the people we love.

How will *you* fast this Lent?

Do You Know Your Rites?

On five Tuesday evenings during Lent, the Reverend Dr. Michael G. Rowe will lead a church tour and presentation exploring five of the Episcopal Church's important Rites.

- March 3rd - Washed clean in BAPTISM
- March 10th - Christ's Sacrifice on the CROSS
- March 17th - Offered and fed in the EUCHARIST
- March 24th - THE SAINTS and us
- March 31st - Growing in holiness in HOLY WEEK

All presentations will be Tuesday evenings, beginning at 7 PM, in the Sanctuary of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

This is our chance to learn the history and meaning of important Episcopal Rites from Fr. Michael's extensive knowledge and experience.



Compass Rose Society



The Anglican Communion
Compass Rose Society

March 1st is Compass Rose Sunday and Bishop Barry Howe, Assisting Bishop in the Diocese of Southwest Florida, will be joining us. After the 10:00 am Eucharist there will be a presentation on the activities of the

Compass Rose Society and The Anglican Communion. This will be held in the Parish Life Center and all are welcome to attend.

St. Mary's Lenten Learning Day 2020

St. Mary's Church Christian Formation, the Order of St. Luke and the Pastoral Care Team invite you to join with us on Saturday, March 7th at 9:00 am for a special day to listen, learn, expand your mind and spirit and to be strengthened for the life we live.

Featuring Reverend Nigel Mumford, internationally known priest, teacher, healing prayer minister, and published author.

Check in at St. Mary's Episcopal Church at 9:00am. Program begins at 9:30am followed by a lunch break and then the afternoon program.

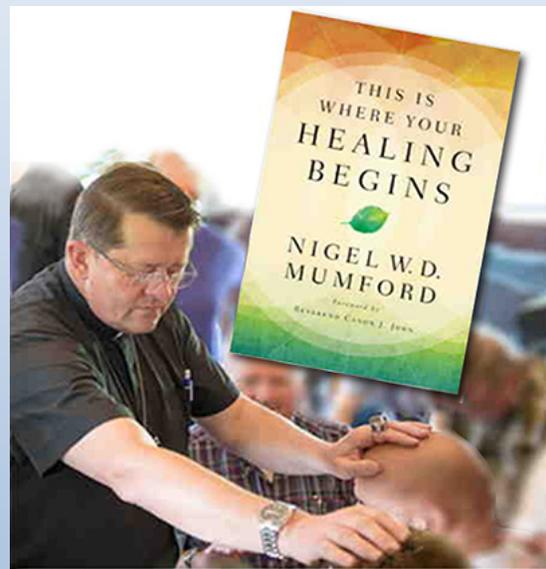
Walk the Labyrinth, find quiet time on the outdoor pavilion. Prayer Teams will be available.

For those who can stay, there will be Holy Eucharist at 5:00pm.

For more information about Fr. Nigel Mumford, visit www.byhiswoundsministry.org

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE: send your check for \$20 made out to St. Mary's Church with "**Healing Conference**" in the memo area. Mail to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, PO Box 1923, Bonita Springs, FL 34133.

QUESTIONS? Call St. Mary's Church 239-992-4343 or Cherrill Cregar 239-887-1939 or email Cherrillcregar@gmail.com.



*"This is Where Your
HEALING BEGINS"
Exploring the Mystery of Healing
Body, Mind and Spirit*

Updates from our Postulants

Dear St. Mary's family,

The New York skies are still leaden and cool, but every day still seems like a miracle at seminary.

Spring semester courses are underway. I'm taking Old and New Testament again, reading the prophets and the gospels this term. Christian Spirituality is a blend of ascetic theology and history. I'm also taking a required course that sends us out to visit parishes in and around the city. Tomorrow, I'll take the subway to Grace Church Brooklyn Heights to make an evaluation.

The biggest event so far was the commissioning of new guild chiefs at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. I will serve with another seminarian as co-chief sacristan. We help set up for services, train servers, and maintain the chapel. During ceremonies, we serve as vergers, leading the Dean around the chapel with our mace (the silver staff capped by an angel).



We meet for worship for Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer almost daily and Holy Eucharist twice a week.

I'm so looking forward to seeing you the weekend of March 14-15, the third week in Lent.

Please keep me in your prayers, as I keep you in mine.

Blessings on you all,
Anne Hartley



Order of St. Luke

"Ongoing Study", sponsored by OSL, will be held on Thursdays at 10:00 am. Mother Gail Tomei will lead the discussion. The current topic of discussion is *Going Deeper – Part 1*, published by OSL.

Going Deeper guides us into a deeper journey with Christ. We will discover the best paths to take as God directs to make new personal discoveries. This is your opportunity to grow in Christian community.

All are invited to attend and you do not have to be a member of OSL. For additional information contact Cherrill Cregar at cherrillcregar@gmail.com 239-887-1939 or Mother Gail Tomei at gtomei@ptd.net 717-823-9421.

The OSL prayer team makes time the third Thursday of each month to go out in front of our Penny Wise Thrift Shop from 11:00 am to 12:00. We offer prayers for anyone who is

interested in the experience of the laying on of hands and prayers for themselves or someone who is heavy in their hearts.

We find interesting responses as we ask people who approach. Sometimes it's a look of "Oh dear..." but often a sincere look of "oh yes, please." Their requests are generally heartwarming. We have prayed with people who speak little English (but enough for us to understand), we prayed once for a woman whose husband had died two days previously and she didn't know why she had pulled up in our parking lot. (We told her the Lord had brought her to us). We prayed for a woman who seemed to be going in to shop and when we offered prayers she anxiously said yes and came to us. After we prayed for her we said we were about to leave but that Penny Wise would be open for a while yet. She said, "That's ok, I got what I needed."

To quote Frederick Buechner "Go out into a tired and hurting world with strength and gladness for there are deeds of courage and compassion that will not be done unless you do them and there are words of hope and healing that will not be said until you speak them." This is why we reach out serving our Lord and His people.

Cherrill Cregar

Music Ministry

I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. – Psalm 104:33

Our Choir has never been stronger, in spirit or in voice, thanks to a full and balanced complement of faithful singers Ralph Quarles, D' Artagnan Wallace, Charles A Hite, Jim George, Jim Fox, Sam Hawken, Hilton Jervey, Dick Barrett, Kit Meade, Charley Baker, Jeanie Temby, Doris Bialowas, Pat McKenzie, Sara George, Diane Thomas, Sandy Renner, Georgia Jervey, Callie Gilmore, Taylor Hill, and including cantors Mary Koenig, Helen Tintes, Lauryn Kay, as well as harpist Pam Stamper, and violinist Rachel Elmquist. Join us!

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises. – Psalm 98:4

New Music Events have added with Hymn Sing at 6:00 pm on the second Sunday of the month and recitals and concerts from Diego Dávila, Rudy Lucente, students of Larissa Chernogritskaya and the Miller Music Studios.

We shared in the parish work at Mourner's Path and ECW's afternoon of *Love Letters to God*. We look forward to *This is Where Your Healing Begins* with Fr. Nigel Mumford.



Pastoral Care

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry is a group of women who knit and crochet prayer shawls to be given for comfort to those visited by St. Mary's ministers, as well as the Pastoral Care team. We meet from 12:30 to 2:00 pm on the first and third Wednesday of the month, November through May for fellowship, prayer for the recipients of the shawls, and sharing of thoughts and experiences in Christ. Upon their completion, the shawls are blessed by a priest before distribution to ill or bereaved parishioners. If you knit or crochet (men, too!), we would love to have you join us at a meeting, or see our leader, Barbara Williams in the church office.

Order of St. Luke the Physician

The Order of St. Luke is a ministry whose members pray in teams as requested by parishioners wishing additional prayers for healing, comfort, and, often, thanksgiving. Members of the OSL prayer ministry have done extensive reading and study prior to admission. Prayer ministers are admitted to the Order in a short celebration during a regular service, and the end of which their hands are anointed. OSL members pray in teams of two, unless a request has been made for 'soaking prayer,' during which a group of prayer ministers pray for an extended period of time. Those interested in joining the Order of St. Luke agree to complete the initial required study, and agree to continued study, daily meditation, and attend a monthly business meeting. Those interested in joining the Order of St. Luke, or wish additional prayer, please contact Mother Gail or Cherrill Cregar at (239) 887-1939 or cherrillcregar@gmail.com.

Walking the Mourner's Path

Walking the Mourner's Path is an 8 week workshop, meeting once per week for 1½ hours, led by two trained facilitators and a member of the clergy. Walking the Mourner's Path offers supportive and valuable tools to those help those who have had a loved one pass, process their grief. Grieving is not a lack of faith but a natural part of living. Many who have completed the workshop have continued their friendship with other participants, further cementing the bonds formed due to the sharing of the grief process.

In January, St. Mary's was privileged to host a three day Mourner's Path facilitator training. Trainees travelled from as far away as Texas to attend our school, which included trainees from many different churches and faiths.

For more information about future workshops, please contact the facilitator, Jeanette Turansky, at (239) 676-7599 or jturansky@gmail.com.

Holly Pittman

Outreach Commission Leadership Changes

Judy Hall was appointed Chair of the Outreach Commission by Father Rowe on February 11, 2020. She replaces Barbara Howard who served as the Chair for the past 18 months. The role of the chair is a two-year position.

In her new role Judy has proposed changes to the Commission that are supported by Father Michael. The Mission now states:

One-half of the designated income of Penny Wise each year is designated for Outreach. The Outreach Commission is charged with considering all requests for assistance that are brought to

them within the guidelines established by the Commission and the Vestry and to recommend to the Vestry the Outreach grants for the year.

The group meets once a month at 2:00 on the second Tuesday from September through May.

The grant process requires that an organization submit their financial documents, their mission, organization, and how they plan to use our grants. The committee reviews the requests and determines how much money will be granted to them each year. Final approval rests with the Vestry. For the year 2019/2020 the Commission has made grants to the following organizations:

- ❖ Café of Life - \$4,000
- ❖ Freedom & Virtue Institute - \$2,000
- ❖ Harvest Time Ministries - \$5,000
- ❖ Life Giving Water - \$2,000
- ❖ Literacy Council of Gulf Coast - \$2,500
- ❖ Love, Inc - \$5,000
- ❖ Meals on Wheels Bonita - \$3,000
- ❖ New Horizons - \$3,000
- ❖ Our Mothers Home of SWFL - \$4,000
- ❖ After the Rain - \$5,000
- ❖ India Schools - \$2,000
- ❖ DR School - \$1,000

In addition to the granting of money to our Outreach Partners, the Outreach Commission also oversees other St. Mary's outreach activities including: New Horizons after school program, Kindness for Kids, Food Drives, Undie Sunday, Harvest Time Ministries, annual Outreach Partner Sunday, the Albergue El Buen Samaritano school in the Dominican Republic and the India Charitable Ministry.

Currently, the following members serve on the Outreach Commission: Judy Hall, Chair, Barbara Howard, Jim Howard, Annette Leahy Judkins, Edie Clayton, Dave Eifert, Bill Gilmore, JR Rautio, Dave Smith, Pamela Houze, Pat Nowicki, Sandy York- ECW Rep, Paul Scheible- Vestry Liaison.

We are actively recruiting for new members who are interested in getting involved with one or more of our programs. Because of the timing of many of our activity's snowbirds are welcome and encouraged to join us! If you are interested please contact Judy Hall- jhall3544@gmail.com.

New Horizons Super Kids Club- *St. Mary's Newest Outreach Program*

SPRING REPORT CARD 2020

Winter/Spring Semester: 37 Students

Change since Fall Opening: - 2 and + 12 new

Percent Change: 37% increase

Bi-lingual Student Backgrounds:

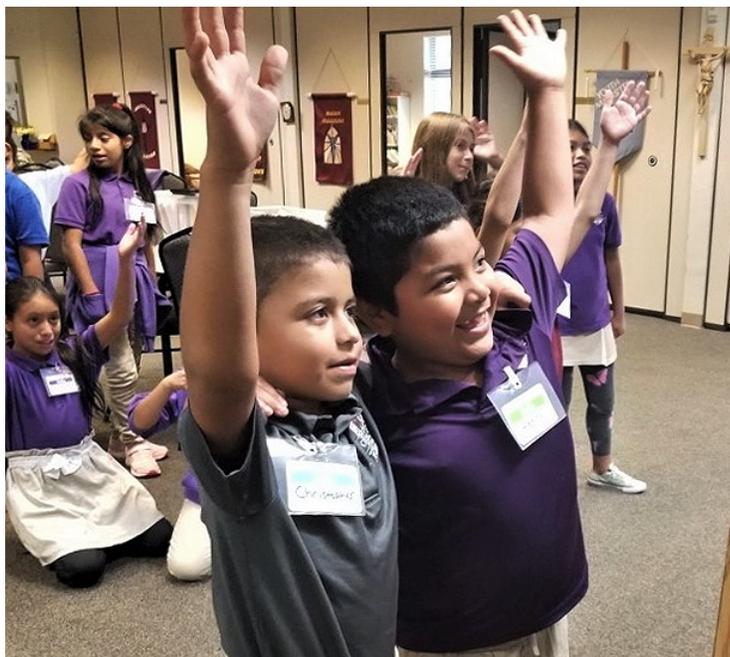
Mexico	Columbia
Guatemala	Ecuador
Honduras	El Salvador
Cuba	Costa Rica
Dominican Republic	Haiti
Other	

Volunteers:

% Change - small monthly increases

Sources:

- St. Mary's Church
- First Presbyterian
- Hope Lutheran
- Turning Point
- Other



For June: Intense Reading Camp, Grades 1 through 5

Please consider volunteering 2-1/2 hours weekly of your available time!

Contact Annette Leahy-Judkins for more information:

(E) leahy.annette@gmail.com; (T) 585-967-4182

Stewardship

SHINING OUR LIGHT

St. Mary's Needs You!

Everything we have of value comes from God. As Christian Stewards, we must protect

those assets, multiply them and return them to accomplish God's purpose. Those assets include your time, your talents, your wisdom and your financial assistance.

St. Mary's needs your time to volunteer for Outreach Programs, such as Harvest Ministries. St. Mary's needs your talents to staff the Church's Music Program. St. Mary's needs your wisdom to develop and staff worship programs. And finally, but of equal significance, St. Mary's needs your dollars to fund our programs to accomplish God's work in Bonita Springs.

We are significantly short of our financial goals for 2020 and we need your further support. If you have made a pledge, we offer our blessings and sincere thanks. If you have not yet made your pledge for 2020, we prayerfully urge you to “*Let Your Light Shine*” and to give generously. Please do not allow a budgetary deficit to determine the extent of St. Mary’s contributions to God’s work in Bonita Springs. Thank you for your consideration.

Wm. James Howard
Stewardship Chair

Youth Ministry

St. Mary’s Sunday school youth have been focused on the themes of love and gratitude using prayer, scripture, conversation, activities, and music. As an extension of these lessons the youth participated in the November food collection for Harvest Time Ministries. In December they went Christmas Caroling and visited Father Salt and Betty, Father George and Vivi, and the Bentley Bible study group. The culminating activity of the year was the Christmas Eve pageant entitled “*Twas the Night of Jesus Birth*” which was presented at the five o’ clock service.

Epiphany Sunday saw a visit from the three kings with each arriving on cue much to Father Michael’s delight!

February was the perfect month to show love and the children did this by crafting Valentine’s Day magnets and presenting them as gifts to the New Horizons children.

As we move forward lessons will include the significance of the forty days of Lent and Easter.

Activities engaging the youth with the St. Mary’s community will include participation in the spring food collection followed by a Saturday visit with Harvest Time Ministries for distribution of the food, learning how to make palm crosses, fund raising, and an Easter fete following the ten o’ clock service.

With Sunday School as the core we look forward to more lessons and activities in 2020 that embrace love as Jesus taught in word and deed.

Yours in Christ,
Nancy Vaughn
Youth and Families Minister

St. Mary’s Library: Children’s Corner

Thanks to additional shelf space we are working to establish a Children’s Corner in the library. Our Youth and Families Minister, Nancy Vaughn, has provided us with a wish list and we are currently exploring ways in which we might acquire books for this part of the library. Our goal is to support the Sunday school program and provide a cozy corner for parish children to enjoy the library. April is ALA Library Month and we hope to launch the Children’s Corner in the library then.

Diana Dearth

Penny Wise

The Penny Wise Annual Meeting and Volunteer Luncheon was held January 20. Approximately 50 volunteers attended the Annual Meeting in the Sanctuary followed by a catered lunch in the Parish Life Center. Neil Fredericksen, Manager, presented Father Michael Rowe with a check for \$45,000 for St. Mary's from the 2019 store receipts. A second check for \$45,000 is set aside for Outreach Ministry. The event was a great way to celebrate the hard work and dedication of our many volunteers and raise awareness of the many charitable organizations that St. Mary's provides funds for during the year. Our Outreach Mission is the reason that many volunteers contribute their time and efforts at Penny Wise.

Volunteers are Needed: Penny Wise needs volunteers who are willing to work at least 3 hours per week or substitute on an occasional basis. Training is provided and coordinated by Pam Stamper and Billie Barnes. Please call Pam at 239-284-6341 if you can help. While our volunteers tend to increase during season, we can still use extra persons due to volunteers' vacations, doctor's appointments and the like. *We especially need volunteers during the summer months when many of our regular volunteers head north.* You do not have to be a member of St. Mary's to volunteer at Penny Wise. So, if you are a parishioner at St. Mary's and have a friend who would like to join you, we would welcome the extra help.

Donations are Now Being Accepted: Please take inventory in your homes and donate your gently used clothing, housewares, home décor, kitchen items, and furniture (no electronics, please). All you need to do is bring your donations to the red double doors at the back of the store during operating hours, Monday-Saturday, from 10 am-3 pm. Currently we are accepting men's and women's clothing (no children's clothing). With regard to furniture donations, we ask that you call Neil at 727-641-1187, to clear your donations with him. He will let you know if we have space to accept the furniture in the store.

Finally, thanks to our many parishioners who donate items to sell and help to keep our store inventory in great condition. Our customers remind us weekly that they enjoy shopping at Penny Wise in a clean, quality, and affordable environment.

Thanks again to all of our Penny Wise volunteers! You are awesome!

What's Next for the Rowes?

In response to my announced retirement many people have expressed their regret at our departure and their best wishes for us for the future. There usually follow some questions about what that future will look like.

People ask:

1. *Are you in good health?* We both have some aches and pains but are in good shape. Sickness played no part in the decision to retire.
2. *What are your plans?* We intend to remain in our home in Estero. We plan to rest, undertake some projects at home, read some books and do a little traveling. We are intentionally not planning major next steps, believing they will become clearer as time goes by.
3. *Will you still come to St. Mary's?* The Episcopal Church is very clear that once clergy leave a parish they are not to be involved unless and until the new rector invites

involvement. So, I will be worshipping with Dianne at her Roman Catholic Church and attending neighboring Episcopal Churches until I settle into one.

I would like to add a note about friendship. Parish clergy are blessed with people who both like and love them and our experience at St. Mary's has been no exception. It is hard for clergy to discern which friendships belong to the priest/parishioner relationship and which might continue afterward. In keeping with the previous note, it is up to parishioners to decide if they wish to stay in touch or forge a friendship on new terms. So, Dianne and I will welcome it if you choose to reach out to us and will take no offense if you don't. But it needs to be you not me who makes that decision.

My personal email is mgr3334@gmail.com

Dianne and I are very grateful to you for your love, friendship and partnership in the Gospel. You will always be in our prayers.

God bless you,
Fr. Michael

ECW Updates

**ECW Lunch Bunch - Thursday,
February 27th, 12:00pm**
at The Club at Barefoot Beach, 105
Shell Drive, Bonita Springs.
Please RSVP by February 23.
Signup sheet is in the Narthex.



Foyer Groups

Thank you Beryl Chickerella for your many years of organizing and managing Foyer Groups for St. Mary's. We're pleased to announce Candy Bergquist has agreed to fill this position. Watch for Foyer Group news in the near future for the upcoming April, May and June groups.

UTO Collection - March 28th & 29th.

Mark Your Calendars! The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box or UTO Envelope. Collection will be March 28 and 29 at all services.



ECW Lunch and Orchids - Thursday, March 12th, 12:30pm.
Bring your favorite salad, quiche, or dessert. Orchid demonstration following lunch. Signup sheet is in the Narthex. RSVP by Monday, March 9th.



Lenten, Holy Week & Easter Worship Schedule -
February 26th to April 12th, 2020

Tuesday, February 25	Shrove Tuesday	
Wednesday, February 26	Ash Wednesday. <i>Lent begins</i>	12:00 noon & 7:00pm Eucharist
Fridays, Mar 6-Apr 3	Fridays during Lent	12:00 noon Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 4*	Palm Sunday <i>Holy Week begins</i>	5:00pm Eucharist
Sunday, April 5*	Palm Sunday	8:00am & 10am Eucharist
Monday, April 6*	Holy Monday	11:15am Confession 12:00 noon Eucharist 5:00pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday, April 7*	Holy Tuesday	4:15pm Confession 5:00pm Evening Prayer 5:30pm Eucharist
Wednesday, April 8*	Holy Wednesday	11:15am Confession 12:00 noon Eucharist 5:00pm Evening Prayer
Thursday, April 9*	Maundy Thursday	5:15pm Seder Supper 7:00pm Solemn Choral Eucharist & Foot Washing 9:00pm Vigil in the Garden
Friday, April 10*	Good Friday	12:00 noon Liturgy of the Passion & Holy Communion 5:00pm Evening Prayer 5:30pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 11*	Holy Saturday <i>Fasting ends</i>	10:00am Liturgy of the Word 7:00pm Great Vigil of Easter
Sunday, April 12*	EASTER	8:00am Choral Eucharist 10:00am Solemn Choral Eucharist

**Please do not schedule meetings during Holy Week. Please participate as fully as you are able in this most central week of the Christian Year.*

St. Mary's Episcopal Church 2020 Vestry



Joan Croteau



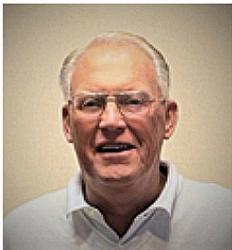
Jill Smith



Holley Pittman



Hilton Jervey



David Bergquist



Chuck Phillips



Paul Scheible



Rick Velde



Paul Judkins
SENIOR WARDEN



Jon Gunger
JUNIOR WARDEN



John Craun
TREASURER



Ruth Davies
SECRETARY

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