

Notices for the week October 11 - October 17, 2021

Altar Flowers and Lady Chapel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding anniversary of Renee and John Osborne and Renee's birthday this coming week..

Book Club with Mother Bobbie Parini, Monday at 12:00 PM: *The Way of Forgiveness, Readings for A Peaceful Life*. It is a collection of inspiring stories that foster healing for those seeking peace. Please join us via Zoom by emailing Hugh Blair for an invite bhnb2242@gmail.com.

Office Assistant, position

St. Mary's Church office is looking for a full-time assistant. Working for the Parish Administrator, this position will involve regular office duties with emphasis on church bulletins and the parish database. Flexible working hours are negotiable and this is a paid position with benefits. Please contact Ian Mitchell at 239-992-4343 or by email to churchoffice@stmarysbonita.org.

Opportunities to Volunteer

PennyWise Needs Fall Volunteers: The open hours are 10 AM to 3 PM Wednesday through Saturday. If you have a morning or afternoon you would be able to help, please contact Pam Stamper 239-284-6341.

Meals of Hope: The weekly distribution of food is in St. Mary's parking lot every Monday between 3 PM - 5 PM. Volunteers are needed to help put the food into the cars. You can work on your own schedule. Any time you can volunteer will be gratefully accepted.

ECW Gathering: Thursday, October 14th, 10am The Baker Museum: Helen Levitt "In the Street"

ECW will purchase tickets for the admission to the exhibition at the Baker Museum.

For more than 70 years, Helen Levitt (1913-2009) used her camera to capture fresh and unstudied views of everyday life on the streets of New York City. The Brooklyn native began taking photographs in the mid-1930s, roaming through the Lower East Side, Spanish Harlem, and other urban neighborhoods. Levitt's photographs, first in black and white and later in color, document neighborhood matriarchs planted on their front stoops, pedestrians negotiating New York's busy sidewalks and, perhaps most famously, boisterous children at play. Her work reflects a New York that is both timeless and idiosyncratic, revealing the poignant and mundane aspects of daily existence in the city's residential neighborhoods rather than the slick, glamorous Manhattan of films and fashion magazines.

Lunch will follow at BrickTops at Waterside. To allow for planning, please indicate on the signup sheet whether you will be attending the exhibition and/or lunch. RSVP by Sunday, October 10th. Signup sheet is in the Narthex, or email Vivi Curt at vivicurt1@aol.com. Carpooling from church parking lot is an option, (meet at 9:15am). Please advise if you will be carpooling.

The Power of Prayer [PoP] Team is ready to receive your prayer request for family, friends and loved ones. Please send your requests via email to powerofprayer@stmarysbonita.org to reach Yolanda Namoli for action

Need a Priest? Your clergy are here to serve; please do not hesitate to ask if you need help by calling St. Mary's Church 239-992-4343 or email churchoffice@stmarysbonita.org In an emergency after office hours, please call: **Deacon Bill Gilmore** at 239 571 1023 Messages regularly checked evenings and weekends

AA Meetings

Sunday: 6:30 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday: 8:00 PM AA Empathy Meeting

Thursday: 7:00 PM Florida Conference of Young People in AA (bi-weekly)

Saturday: 8:00 PM AA Group Meeting

The Rev'd Ryan A. Wright, *Rector*

The Rev'd. Dr. D. William Faupel, *Assistant Priest*

The Rev'd. Gail Tomei, *Assistant Priest*

The Rev'd. William K. Gilmore, *Deacon*

William Elliott, *Organist and Choir Director*

Nancy Vaughn, *Director of Youth and Family Ministries*

Ian Mitchell, *Parish Administrator*

Sandy Gunger, *Sexton*

Vestry

Joan Croteau, David Bergquist, Paul Scheible, Frederick Velde,

Annette Leahy-Judkins, Bob Foltz, Tim Blaicher, John Craun,

Diana Dearth, Chester Phillips, Joan Frey, Jon Gunger

St. Mary's Library

New Books, October 2021

Bernard of Clairvaux: Selected Works

Abbot of a Cistercian monastery by the age of 25, Bernard became the spokesman for a revival of monastic life. The treatises, sermons and letters contained in this volume have had a major role in shaping the Western monastic tradition and occupy a place of special importance in the chronicle of the history of the Western spiritual adventure.

The Color of Compromise, Jemar Tisby, 2019

Tisby examines the roots of sustained racism and injustice in the American church, provides an in-depth diagnosis for a racially divided American church, and suggests ways to foster a more equitable and inclusive environment among God's people.

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption, Bryan Stevenson, 2014

A multi-award-winning book, *Just Mercy* is the unforgettable true story of the redeeming potential of mercy. It was written by the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending the poor, the wrongly condemned, and those trapped in the furthest reaches of our criminal justice system.

Humility Matters for Practicing the Spiritual Life, Mary Margaret Funk, 2005

The springboard for this book is the teaching on humility of St. Benedict, which has been enriched by Sister Mary Margaret Funk's vast experience as a Benedictine nun and fifteen years spent in interreligious dialogue.

Addiction & Grace: Love and Spirituality in the Healing of Addictions, Gerald G. May, M.D., 1988

In this exploration of the psychology and physiology of addiction the author examines the processes of attachment that lead to addiction, describes the relationship between addiction and spiritual awareness, and provides a critical yet hopeful guide to a place of freedom based on contemplative spirituality.

Do This, Remembering Me: The Spiritual Care of Those with Alzheimer's and Dementia, Colette Bachand-Wood, 2016

A graduate of Episcopal Divinity School, rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Whitman, Massachusetts, and chaplain in two senior living facilities, including their memory care units, the author provides valuable insight into a world where spiritual reconnection and overall emotional support play a vital role in facing the challenges of Alzheimer's disease.

Seeing My Skin (A Story of Wrestling with Whiteness), Peter Jarrett-Schell, 2019

Writer and pastor of Calvary Episcopal Church in the Capitol Hill area of Washington, D.C., the author examines how Whiteness has distorted his own perceptions, relationships, and sense of self, argues for the personal stake that White people have in dismantling racism and offers some creative possibilities that emerge.

You are also invited to peruse a beautiful collection of books, generously donated by Father Wright, that contain full-color photographs and text depicting art and architecture of significance in the Christian faith. We do ask, however, that you not remove them from the library, but rather peruse them there so that they are available to the greatest number of parishioners. Feel free to sit in the library in comfort and enjoy a background of classical and sacred music available for listening on our CD player.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH OUTREACH NEWS

FOR FALL.....FOR ALL!!!

OCTOBER

Meals of Hope - Food Distribution	Every Monday 3 - 5 PM
New Horizons Student Tutoring	Monday-Thursday 3:30-5:30 PM
Student Lending Library	Prepares to launch

NOVEMBER

Meals of Hope - Food Distribution	Every Monday 3 - 5 PM
New Horizons Student Tutoring	Mon.-Thurs. 3:30-5:30 PM
New Horizons Family Food Baskets	Thursday - November 18
New Horizons Reading Enrichment	Announced to students
Harvest Time Ministries	
Church Food Collection	November 6 - 7
Packing and Food Distribution	Begins November 19 -- 20
Kindness for Kids Christmas Project	Begins November 13 - 14
St. Mary's Annual 2021 Grant Project	Begins November 9

DECEMBER

Meals of Hope - Food Distribution	Every Monday 3 - 5 PM
New Horizons Student Christmas Party	Thursday, December 9
Kindness for Kids Christmas Project	

18 Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Gift and Donation Collection
 Gift Distribution
 Harvest Time Ministries
 Packing and Food Distribution

Ends Sunday December 12
 Saturday, December 18
 Twice monthly - Fri/Sat

WATCH FOR FOLLOW-UP ANNOUNCEMENTS

<i>Monday</i>		
Oct 11		Church Office Closed for Columbus Day
	12:00 PM	Book Club (Zoom)
	2:30 PM	New Horizons
<i>Tuesday</i>		
Oct 12	2:30 PM	New Horizons
	5:00 PM	Evening Prayer
	5:30 PM	Holy Eucharist
	7:00 PM	Healing Scriptures (Zoom)
	8:00 PM	AA Empathy Meeting
<i>Wednesday</i>		
Oct 13	12:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	5:00 PM	Evening Prayer
<i>Thursday</i>		
Oct 14	2:30 PM	New Horizons
	5:00 PM	Evening Prayer
	7:00 PM	Florida Conference of Young People in AA
<i>Friday</i>		
Oct 15	Diocese Convention	
		Johnson Air in Church
	5:00 PM	Evening Prayer
<i>Saturday</i>		
Oct 16	Diocese Convention	
	5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	8:00 PM	AA Group Meeting
<i>Sunday</i>		
Oct 17	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (<i>Streaming</i>)
	6:30 PM	AA Group Meeting

EVERY PERFECT GIFT

"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above..." JAMES 1:17

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for being a valuable member of the St. Mary's community!

As your spiritual home, we know that St. Mary's is important to you, but:

- ❖ Do you know the offerings and instructions that St. Mary's offers to enrich your spiritual life and bring you closer to the Lord?
- ❖ Do you know about the outreach programs St. Mary's conducts to help those in dire need in our community and beyond?
- ❖ Do you know about the ways that YOU can contribute, intensify St. Mary's good works, and give back for all of the blessings you have received from the Lord?

In a month, we will launch our annual Stewardship Campaign. In the past, you received a single communication asking for your donation. *This year is different!*

Before we ask you for any contribution, we want to prove to you we are putting your gifts to work. Over the coming weeks, we will tell you about:

- **The Good Works** St. Mary's provides that promotes faith and growth for you.
- **The Good Works** St. Mary's provides at the community level – what St. Mary's does to promote faith in, and provide assistance to, our greater SW Florida community – and even to worldwide missions.
- **The Ways You Can Help** – and there are so many ways! We'll explain the importance, and methods, of giving.

We want you to visualize where every dollar goes – that it has a face, a story, a purpose, a mission!

Giving enriches you, giving blesses you. St. Mary's uses your financial gifts to serve God, to care for each other, and to show our love for our neighbors. What greater gift can there be? We are so grateful for how each of you supports our ministry in our community.

This year I invite you to make your perfect gift reflective of the gifts you have received from our Creator.

Grace to you,

Pete Stiles, Stewardship Chairman

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Important Note: As you consider your contribution, you should be aware of the potential tax benefits of making a contribution directly from your IRA's Required Minimum Distribution or making a donation of appreciated stock, mutual funds, EFTs, and bonds held more than one year. Please contact the church office or me directly to get details!