

Weekday Eucharist

Each Tuesday at 5:30 PM there will be a Eucharist Service held in the church. On the first Tuesday of each month this will be a Recovery Eucharist. The schedule of services replaces the Wednesday 12 PM and Thursday 8:30 AM services.

Notices for the week October 25 - October 31, 2021

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our 65 years of marriage by Margaret and Jim Fowler.

Lady Chapel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of St. Mary the Virgin.

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.

Opportunities to Volunteer

Financial Counters: St. Mary's needs to expand its roster of counters for the Sunday collection. Please contact the Treasurer, John Craun, if you are interested at jjcraun@comcast.net or 317-225-0855

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.

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



**ORDER OF SAINT LUKE invites you to join us.
ALL are welcome.**

Learn about the healing scriptures of Jesus.

Learn different ways to pray during your quiet time.

Learn how to pray for others and apply the principles of scripture to your daily life.

All ministries at St. Mary's are important.

Having the foundation of the 'Rule' of the Order of St. Luke in your life as you serve the Lord in whatever ministry you choose deepens your daily walk.

JOIN US for 14 weeks, with breaks, as we listen, learn and share together. If you have never opened a bible or if you have studied scripture for years, this study is for you.

We gather on **Zoom, Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30pm, beginning November 15.** This course is a great way to enhance your journey in Christ and bond with other Christians in our St. Mary's community.

Contact Mother Gail Tome via email: gtomei@stmarysbonita.org



Prayer partners are waiting for your prayers.

Any hour of the day or night, send in your prayer.

Order of St. Luke prayer and care teams

Have been trained to pray for all prayer requests.

One team prays thirty days for friend and relative prayer request. Another team prays, calls and visits St. Mary's members in need of special care.

Keep this PoP link in your address book:

powerofprayer@stmarysbonita.com

Click on this link and the prayers go directly to Yolanda Naimoli who will send your prayers to the right team.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
AND
NEW HORIZONS' SUPER KIDS CLUB
“A Partnership made in Heaven, especially for us....”

Our Parish Life Center is bustling again with 30 students, grades 1 through 5, eager for help with their reading and math homework, and ...they proudly shout out: *SUPER KIDS CLUB!!*

After a challenging time and with prayerful actions (and masks and hand hygiene!), we are back in full force and *now needing your attention again!*

This is St. Mary's third year of offering its space for academically challenged bi-lingual students who are being offered a faith-based approach to learning and discipline. There is even a wait-list this year!

From 6 different countries and 3 different elementary schools, these children assemble each week from Monday - Thursday for this after-school help. In site of the COVID challenges, we started last school year with 25 regular volunteers. However, in 2021 we now have 18 active volunteers. This is a significant decline in our tutoring capacity.

We welcome men and women, as well as students over 18. No teaching experience needed.... but a loving heart, and smiling eyes (over your mask!) and willing hands are important. Consider that you are making an investment in their futures!

As a potential volunteer, you can:

- Schedule a tour with Site Director
- Register on-line and complete volunteer orientation with New Horizons Volunteer Coordinator
- Decide on a “best-fit” schedule and class preference

As a returning volunteer, you can:

- Pick your own schedule
- Indicate a preference for “grade” assignment
- Use new on-line resources/teaching tools

(New) FALL-WINTER 2021

- On-site Resource Teacher to help students and support tutors
- Reading Enrichment Program.....*Reading for pleasure* (by St. Mary's)
 - Lending library
 - Student magazines for personal use

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

St. Mary's Super Kids Site Director: Patti Dennis

patti@newhorizonsofswfl.org phone/text: 239.898.5178

Website: <https://www.newhorizonsofswfl.org/volunteer>

St. Mary's Outreach Liaison: Annette Leahy-Judkins

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IT IS TIME FOR HARVEST TIME

One of the most important Outreach Activity at St Mary's is participation in Harvest Time Ministries. This is a 501c3 organization headed by Pastor Carlos Lizano of Jesus de la Roca Church whose board includes representation from St Mary's and Hope Lutheran Churches. Its activities focus on the provision of food, clothing and housewares to needy communities

St Mary's has supported the activities of Harvest Time for many years. As part of our support we conduct a food drive. This year we will be distributing the list of items needed after the 3 services during the weekend of Oct 30-31; you will be asked to bring a filled grocery bag to the Narthex during the services on Nov 6 and 7 or at any time during that week. There will be designated bins in the Narthex to leave your contribution)

After the 10am service on Nov 7 we will take the bags to the Harvest Time Storage shed (corner of Tamiami and Bonita Beach Rd) and sort the donated items. We welcome (ie NEED) help on Nov 7 to sort and put away the donated items. Please let Barbara Howard (barbarav1howard@gmail.com) or Judy Hall (jhall3544@gmail.com) know if you have any questions or can offer your help.

St. Mary's Library

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.

<i>Monday</i>		
Oct 25	12:00 PM	Book Club (Zoom)
	2:30 PM	New Horizons
	5:00 PM	Evening Prayer
<i>Tuesday</i>		
Oct 26	2:30 PM	New Horizons
	4:00 PM	Vestry Meeting (Zoom)
	5:00 PM	Evening Prayer
	5:30 PM	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 PM	AA Empathy Meeting
<i>Wednesday</i>		
Oct 27	9:00 AM	Pastoral Care (Zoom)
	2: 30 PM	New Horizons
	5:00 PM	Evening Prayer
	7:00 PM	Wonderful Wednesdays (Zoom)
<i>Thursday</i>		
Oct 28	7:30 AM	Morning Prayer
	2:30 PM	New Horizons
	5:00 PM	Evening Prayer
	7:00 PM	Florida Conference of Young People in AA
<i>Friday</i>		
Oct 29	5:00 PM	Evening Prayer
<i>Saturday</i>		
Oct 30	5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	8:00 PM	AA Group Meeting
<i>Sunday</i>		
Oct 31	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (<i>Streaming</i>)
	6:30 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



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Have you asked yourself, *"How can I be a blessing to others?"*

If you are ever in doubt about the impact of your giving, look about you. As you make your gift, I ask that you also consider how you have been impacted, and how you will impact St. Mary's and our neighbors.

St. Mary's continues to support and manage so many significant community outreach programs such as **Meals of Hope**, **Kindness for Kids**, **New Horizons**, and many others. Your gifts are the sustaining life blood of all of our outreach programs - and these programs deliver significant and real benefits to those in greatest need. We support these programs with our funding grants, facilities, and volunteers from our congregation. The sale of your gifts to **PennyWise** also provides significant funding for our outreach programs.

Think about the past year, poisoned by COVID - and think about the dreadful impact on the neediest in our community. Our **Meals of Hope**, which provides free food to Lee County residents, saw record numbers through St. Mary's each Monday. **Café of Life** and **Harvest Time Ministries** each received over 100 bags of groceries from our annual food drives as well as donated clothing, household goods, and donated baked goods from Publix.

Think about the community's most vulnerable children who struggle to learn in school with no one at home to help them. The **New Horizons Super Kids Club** at St. Mary's empowers nearly 40 students in 1st-5th grades to reach their full potential through tutoring, mentoring, and faith-building. This summer we added an intense reading camp to help the kids improve reading skills that were decimated during COVID's school disruption.

Our **Kindness for Kids** program is the annual Christmas gift outreach to underprivileged children. The **Giving Tree** is set up in the narthex and decorated with tags for specific children and their toy wish list. Children from **Harvest Time Ministries**, **New Horizons Super Kids Club**, **After the Rain**, and **Our Mothers Home of SWFL** are all included. You purchase the gifts and our volunteers deliver them to the children a week before Christmas. Hundreds of children received gifts!

And we need to do so much more . . . These good works which we do for our congregation and our community take significant resources. One of the challenges we face as a ministry is funding all of these programs, especially in these difficult times.

St. Paul, in 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, said, *"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

Please do a heartfelt inventory of all the blessings you have received and ask yourself, "How can I share my blessings?"

Grace to you
Deacon Bill

EVERY
PERFECT
GIFT

"Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ.."
1 PETER 4:11

Save the Date

**The Celebration of a New Ministry
Institution and Induction
of
The Reverend Ryan A. Wright as Rector**



**Thursday
January 20, 2022
Time to be announced**