

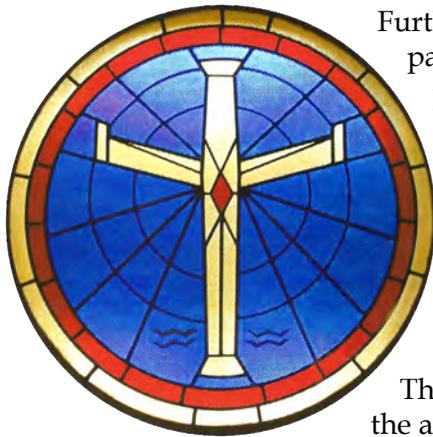


## *From Our Rector*

### **A Message from Fr. Ryan Wright**

Four months into my tenure as your new rector there is still understandable curiosity about what this new rector is up to. I must admit it has been a challenge to get to know you individually with masks, zoom meetings, lack of coffee hour, and so many of you still up north. So, I'm taking this opportunity to lay out my vision for St. Mary's, to explain the "Why" behind what has been happening.

I am a traditionalist at heart; therefore, I put the Book of Common Prayer and the hymnal at the center of our worship. Achieving the traditional worship of The Episcopal Church is a major goal, so that Episcopalians from around the nation will feel at home when they come to St. Mary's. I believe that lifelong Episcopalians are comforted by the rich tradition that lives in their memory.



Further, St. Mary's called a new rector not just to restore the parish's "Golden Days" of more than 10 years ago but to prepare for a future that will be a new, even stronger chapter in our parish life. My vision is for St. Mary's to be a strong and vibrant beacon of Christ's ministry and a leader in our Diocese. To that end, I hope to offer to God our very dearest and very best, to grow a gifted and diverse staff to offer us the best in worship, in pastoral care, in programs, in outreach, in planning and in communications.

This growth has already begun in the music department with the arrival of a new organist and choirmaster, the highly accomplished Bill Elliott. Other additions include a harpsichord, a new chamber-size pipe organ and recruitment of a new vocal quartet from FGCU. We have discontinued the practice of using cantors, who provided valuable service during the height of the pandemic as a temporary and untraditional substitute for the choir. The quartet program is in development and the choir will return as soon as COVID guidelines from the Diocese allow. We then plan to host local professional choirs, guest artists and local schools' music concerts. The goal is to welcome many visitors to St. Mary's, all of whom are potential members.

We are also cleaning and polishing our buildings and grounds, beginning with the worship space, addressing a significant backlog of maintenance that has been deferred for several years. We intend to achieve a first Impression that we can be proud of, that presents our best self to visitors and passersby alike. In the Parish Hall, meanwhile, the newly equipped hybrid classroom makes programs available both in person and on zoom



*New organist and choirmaster, Bill Elliott*

simultaneously. COVID or not, we are preparing for a future that offers spiritual growth to people on the move.

That future has begun with a fixed time for the mid-week service of 5:30PM on Tuesdays. People who work or seek a mid-week service for any reason can now know the time and day without checking a calendar. The Tuesday Holy Eucharist has already begun; the Wednesday noon Holy Eucharist will resume with Mother Gail Tomei's return; the Thursday morning service is now Morning Prayer at 7:30AM with Deacon Bill. Many other activities and events are in the planning stages for implementation as soon as COVID

restrictions lift. These include local pilgrimages, cultural events, teachings and food events.

The forced delay in moving forward is frustrating for all of us, but the time is being spent in solid preparation. I invite you all to join me, the Vestry and the many active commission members as we work not just to restore St. Mary's but to affect a renaissance and a resurrection! May Christ lead us into new ministry horizons

With my prayers,  
The Rev'd Ryan A. Wright  
*Fifth Rector*

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## **Progress Under Fr. Ryan**

*Your pledge dollars are at work!*

When St. Mary's snowbirds flew the coop this spring, refreshing and rehabilitating our facilities became the work of our new rector and his team of worker bees. Fr. Wright came with fresh eyes and a vision that St. Mary's Church could be a shining example of what an Episcopal Church could be. He has been working to make the vision a reality. First, he saw that St. Mary's facilities needed attention. The church property was soon abuzz with projects that were necessary for the maintenance of our property and its beautification. Some of these projects included:

- Deep cleaning the church from its rafters (*photo, right*) to the carpet, including the upholstery on the pews
- Installing sound upgrades in the sanctuary
- Planning for improved lighting in the sanctuary
- Working toward improved signage along Bonita Beach Road



- Accent painted the walls behind the Virgin Mary statue and Tabernacle in the Lady Chapel in a soft blue shade *(photo, right)*
- Adding office space for assisting clergy and church musician
- Installing new lighting and a safe box to Penny Wise to protect its workers
- Cleaning the Parish Hall carpet
- Adding library space for our New Horizons students
- Dredging the existing drainage system outside the church buildings to protect them from severe storm water damage



Many of these costly projects were long overdue. For example, storm water was invading the foundation of the Parish Hall and church, undermining their stability. The existing drainage system that was built 40 years ago had filled with sand over the years and was no longer fulfilling its purpose. It needed to be uncovered and cleaned out to direct storm water away from our buildings, a project that is currently underway.

Another overdue project was to address St. Mary's sound system. It was often difficult to hear in the sanctuary. Some of the microphones that the priests had taped to their faces were unreliable and others were outdated. They have been replaced. Even the best microphones are only as good as the mixer and its remote control that blends the sounds



before they are sent to the speakers in the ceiling. Some of the speakers in the ceiling were not working at all! This had to be fixed. A new mixer now works with our fully functioning ceiling speakers so the sound in the sanctuary is clear and loud enough for normal ears.

When you return to our winter home at St. Mary's, be sure to notice all the work that your pledge dollars and parish staff have accomplished while you were away. We can be very proud of the condition of our worship and gathering spaces.

Fr. Wright's vision for St. Mary's goes beyond maintaining the existing physical plant. It includes traditional

Episcopal worship built around a vibrant music program, establishing a sound financial base through a meaningful stewardship program and growing St. Mary's membership.

We're ready for a season of learning more about our Lord and Savior and singing his praises as we reach out to the wider community.

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## Reflection for Thanksgiving

A man was having a conversation with God one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

Immediately the man saw two doors. He opened one and looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table with a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made his mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin, sickly and famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms. Each person found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful. However, the handle was longer than their arms so they were unable to put the spoons into their mouths. The man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. God said, "You have seen Hell."



The second door was opened. The man saw exactly the same scene as the first except in this case the people were well nourished and happy. God said, "This is heaven." The man was puzzled and said: "I don't understand...?"

"It's simple," God replied, "They have learned one skill. They have discovered they feed each other, while the others think only of themselves."

As we prepare for the season of Thanksgiving, may we look for ways to practice this skill in our community! One way we can do this at St. Mary's is to volunteer each Monday afternoon to give out food through the **Meals of Hope** truck.

Fr. Bill

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## Wonderful Wednesdays

Are you aware that each of our four Gospels paints a different portrait of Jesus and presents him from a different perspective? As we move into Advent and the new church year our lectionary readings will be from the Gospel of Luke. Our study time during Wonderful Wednesdays this fall will be focused on this Gospel. Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson, a renown New Testament scholar will lead each session.

We plan a five-week series. The first session will be an overview of Luke's two volumes: his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Sessions two and three focus on particular dimensions of Jesus found in Luke. Session four shows how the Apostles faithfully present this image of Jesus to the world. The wrap up session shows how these images of Jesus have been understood and interpreted throughout history and influence our understanding today. We will meet each Wednesday evening for one-hour via Zoom, starting promptly at 7PM The Lecture lasts for 30 minutes. Father Faupel will then lead discussion for the final half hour.

The schedule is as follows:

- November 3 – Luke: Acts the Prophetic Gospel
- November 10 – Gospel of Luke: God’s Prophet and People
- November 17 – Gospel of Luke: The Prophet and the People
- November 24 – Break for Thanksgiving
- December 1 – Acts of the Apostles: The Prophet’s Movement
- December 8 – Learning of Jesus from Past and Present

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## Bentley Bible Study and Holy Eucharist

Attention all parishioners who live in Bentley Village! Bible Study and Holy Eucharist has resumed beginning Thursday, October 21st. Father Faupel is leading a weekly study of I Corinthians. The sessions last one hour and begin at 1:30PM. We are using the Bible and the commentary entitled: *“Paul for Everyone: I Corinthians,”* by N.T Wright (no relation to Fr. Wright!). We will meet at the home of Virginia Bailey, 1116 Bentley Drive. Any Bentley resident is welcome to attend.

Beginning Tuesday November 9th at 10:30AM Fr. Faupel will resume the Bentley Eucharist. We will meet at the home of Graycia Thompson, 2815 Golfside Drive. The Eucharist will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Any Bentley resident is welcome to attend.



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## Our Journey in Christ: *Opportunities for Growth*

A quote from Saint Ignatius of Antioch says, *“It is not that I want merely to be called a Christian, but to actually be one. Yes, if I prove to be one, then I can have the name.”*

St. Mary’s church offers a variety of opportunities to help us gain greater understanding of who we are in Christ. Christian formation helps us to grow our soul, realize our gifts and use them to minister to others. Various studies and accountability groups help to ‘form’ us for action. Continuous digging into scripture invites us to gain confidence in the path the Lord directs for each of us. Learning to pray for our own needs as well as the needs of others according to God’s Word stabilizes our growth.

This Fall the five-week Bible study course, *“A Healing Season,”* was again offered to the entire church via Zoom. Our focus is to apply these stories in scripture to our own lives and learn a variety of ways to pray. Through study and prayer, God reveals himself to us and transforms us in new ways.

Materials from the International Order of St. Luke [OSL] provide opportunities for continuing formation to the **entire church**. OSL is for **everyone** who is willing to grow in Christ. No matter what ministry you are drawn into, all are invited to gather for study and prayer within our St. Mary’s community.

A 14-week course on the healing scriptures of Jesus will be offered in the winter months via Zoom. If you are interested in this growth opportunity, please let me know.

Other formation opportunities like 'Wonderful Wednesdays' are also being offered. Make sure you are signed up for the weekly E-blast that keeps all of us informed of opportunities for growth, worship, gathering in community and outreach. The more 'formed' we are, the more 'in-formed' we become. Let's come together for formation so all of us can stand firmly in our faith commitment to God in Christ Jesus as we pray for and encourage one another in love and good deeds.

Mother Gail Tomei



## Ministries

### St. Francis Pet Blessing

October 9th marked St. Francis' Day, and was honored by a gathering in the Flora Linda Pavilion for a *Blessing of the Pets* by Deacon Bill.

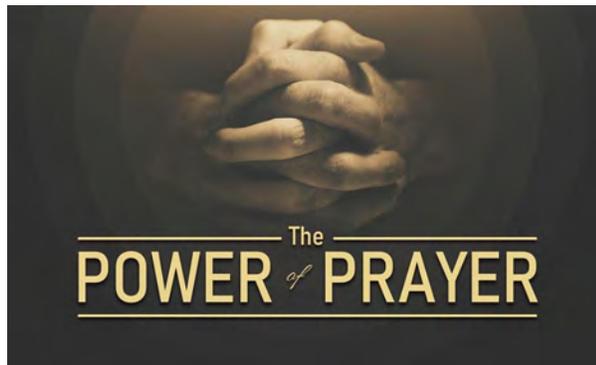


### The Power of Prayer - *The prayer teams are ready for you!*

Please send your request to: [powerofprayer@stmarysbonita.org](mailto:powerofprayer@stmarysbonita.org)

The Power of Prayer team prays daily for 30 days, or longer if requested, for any friends, neighbors or family members of St. Mary's attendees. Long term prayers for St. Mary's members are sent to the Pastoral Care team to pray and interface with each person for as long as needed. Keep sending us your prayers.

Yolanda Naimoli  
*Pastoral Ministries Director*



### A Message from our Treasurer

The church's financials are in good shape as of the end of September. Total year-to-date revenues of \$552,717 exceeded the budget by \$78,637 but most of this is due to a second PPP loan for \$63,800 that we received in March. Not counting the PPP loan (which we fully expect to be forgiven, as our loan last year has been) gives revenues that are \$14,837 or 3.1% above budget. Expenses year-to-date of \$514,513 are \$21,593 or 4.4% above budget. Expenses were expected to be somewhat above budget primarily because Father Wright started a few months earlier than we budgeted.

We are currently projecting to end the year with a modest deficit (less than \$10,000), assuming that pledges are paid in full and non-pledge support continues to be strong. This is a much better result than the budgeted deficit of \$46,877 due largely to the second PPP loan. All other things being equal, the unexpected PPP funds should have turned this deficit into a surplus, but we are projecting a modest deficit because of somewhat higher expenses for clergy, buildings & grounds, and music.

John Craun

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## Stewardship 2021-2022

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!*

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?

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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:

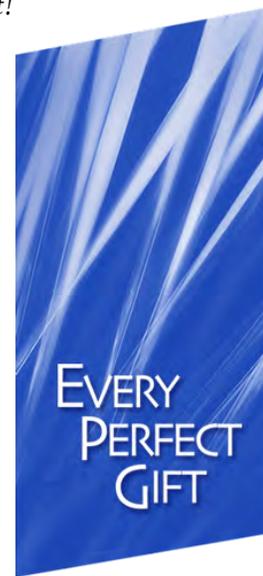
- ❖ The *Good Works* St. Mary's provides that promotes faith and growth for you.
- ❖ The *Good Works* St. Mary's provides at the community level – what St. Mary's does to promote faith in, and provide assistance to, our greater SW Florida community – and even to worldwide missions.
- ❖ The *Ways You 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.

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

Pete Stiles,  
Stewardship Chairman



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## Updates from Our Postulants

Dear St. Mary's family,

After sensing a renewed call to parish ministry while serving at the altar at St. Mary's, my Diocese-guided discernment journey began in 2016 when I was still a faculty member at Florida Gulf Coast University. Five years later, I am nearing the end of my seminary years, years that have been rigorous and filled with God's grace and beauty. I have completed nearly all of the course requirements in the six canonical areas covered by the General Ordination Exam. Only Ethics and field placement courses remain. Please light a candle or two (or three) for me on January 3-6, when I will take the ordination exams.

One of the great joys of seminary life has been to serve in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd as sacristan. Members of this guild are led by the Chapel Director, who is our Liturgics professor, and the Chapel Assistant Director. Sacristans work in the sacristy, a beautiful wood-paneled room with stained glass windows. We set up services and fill in for servers who can't serve. The nature of our work changed dramatically during the pandemic. When GTS suspended in-person worship in my middler year, we set up an outdoor chapel for one Holy Eucharist and eight Daily Office services every week. (I described our worship in nature in a past Tidings.) As the pandemic waned in New York, the chapel director expanded the summer worship schedule to include five weekday masses and ten Daily Office services. I also officiate at Compline on Zoom once a week for my field placement parish. With indoor chapel worship restored, I am helping the Chapel directors rebuild the sacristan guild, preparing new students to serve and lead in worship.



The other transformational experience I wanted to share with you was my Clinical Pastoral Education program at a long-term health care facility. For eleven weeks, I entered into pastoral relationships with elders with dementia and other psychiatric conditions. I met them where they were on any given day, listened to them, discovered the things they loved, and restored their sense of self.

One profound experience was reading poetry and playing music to a mother in her final days. I arrived to pray with her daughters soon after she passed. As we stood at her bedside, I remembered John O'Donohue's prayer for his mother. I read the first paragraph, then asked the younger daughter would like to read the second verse. Her mother was looking out the window, as she had done so often in her final days. The only change was her stillness and the absence of her rosy cheeks.

The daughter read:

*And when your eyes  
freeze behind  
the grey window  
and the ghost of loss  
gets into you,  
may a flock of colours,  
indigo, red, green  
and azure blue,  
come to awaken in you  
a meadow of delight.*

The daughter's grief swelled, then subsided. I could not have planned this moment. The holy spirit worked through me to begin to heal the daughter's suffering. I think often of Fr. Mychal Judge's prayer, which captures the nature of ministry.

*Lord, take me where You want me to go;  
Let me meet who You want me to meet;  
Tell me what You want me to say;  
And keep me out of Your way.*

The potential of every priest to touch souls begins at the altar, and continues as re-oriented, nourished souls allow God's redemptive love to flow through them into the world.

May God bless the good people of this parish – its clergy, my discernment committee, and so many of you who have supported me along the way. My servant-leadership is a fruit of your faith and goodness, too.

In Christ,  
Anne Hartley

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## OSL

Members of **The Order of Saint Luke** (OSL) are anticipating a new and invigorating season at Saint Mary's Church bolstered by our group of new inductees, the support of Fr. Ryan and the continued inspiration of our Chaplin, Mother Gail. We have hopes to resume Prayer Stations, Prayer on the Square, and Prayers of Hope albeit with continued modifications due to COVID, all the while following our Bishop's guidelines for safety.



We encourage everyone to continue writing prayer cards for individual intentions or contact POP [powerofprayer@stmarysbonita.org](mailto:powerofprayer@stmarysbonita.org) for any prayers. OSL will also be continuing our Zoom study of Fr. Nigel's book *"Where Your Healing Begins"* for all OSL members on November 11th at 10AM. Anyone is invited to enroll in the 5-week introductory course, "Healing Scriptures of Jesus", re-sponsored by OSL and led by Mother Gail. May you all be blessed with a safe and healthy autumn.

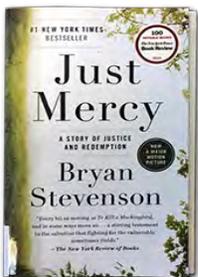
Cherrill Cregar,  
Joan Croteau  
Co-conveners

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## 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.



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

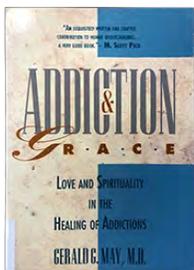
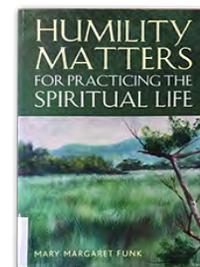
A multi-award-winning book, *Just Mercy* is the unforgettable true story of the redeeming potential of mercy. It was written by the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending the poor, the wrongly condemned, and those trapped in the furthest reaches of our criminal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

### **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.

### **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.

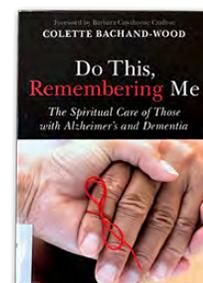


### **Addiction & Grace: Love and Spirituality in the Healing of Addictions, Gerald G. May, M.D., 1988.**

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.

Diana Dearth

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## Penny Wise

Despite the summer resurgence of COVID Penny Wise has continued to thrive. Sales totals for the year and over the summer have been robust compared to earlier years. Careful precautions, including plexiglass shielding at the counter, universal masking and rigorous sanitation have kept the store a safe place to work and shop.

In addition to furniture, clothing and general merchandise we are focusing on two merchandise areas. A continuing boon to sales is our beautiful jewelry section with a wide range of pieces from costume to fine jewelry. Our many thanks to those who have donated pieces for sale, and we hope for more in the future. We would also like to develop our tool section for the men. Tools sell very well, but donations are sporadic. So, people who have a collection of tools they no longer use sitting in the garage gathering dust, bring them in. We would love to have them to sell for the benefit of St. Mary's and the community.

The store recently upgraded all our lighting to LED fixtures from fluorescent lights. These LED fixtures produce more light of a consistent color and all the fixtures match. The store is more attractive as a result.



We are still on abbreviated store hours. The store is currently open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 9AM to 3PM. As soon as our northern volunteers (whom we cherish and miss) return to us we anticipate reopening on Tuesdays.

We look forward to your continuing support. Shop with us for great bargains and a fun experience. Donations are always gratefully accepted in person during store hours but can be left anytime under the portico at the rear red doors. Lastly, Penny Wise is always looking to welcome new volunteers.

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## St. Mary's Community Outreach Programs

### HARVEST TIME MINISTRIES

We will again partner to serve farmworkers and their families and other low-income individuals living in and around Bonita Springs, many of whom are still being impacted by COVID-19.

We hope you'll consider supporting this important mission with your time and/or treasure during the 2021-22 season.

**Church Food Collection:** Nov. 6-7; **Packing & Distribution:** starting Nov. 19-20

*Watch Church bulletins for more information and additional dates.*

### NEW HORIZONS READING ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

St. Mary's Church is the grateful recipient of a 2021 Diocesan Charities grant which will provide "seed" funding to launch a special reading program for the 30 New Horizons students, grades 1 - 5, who share our Parish Life Center during the academic year for tutoring classes. This grant was matched by a donation from a generous parishioner in honor of a family member.



#### *HELP US TO CHANGE THIS...*

*This is the library corner which currently serves 30 New Horizons students grades 1-5 using the Parish Life Center.*

Our dedicated volunteer tutors know firsthand, of the barriers to acquiring reading skills for these students: English may not be their primary language; family education levels may be low; transportation to libraries may not be available; and books are not generally part of the home environment. *Our goal is to encourage reading for pleasure!*

A special section of the Parish library will be set up for these students with interesting age-appropriate books, organized for ease of access. In addition, each student will receive his or her own magazine to enjoy, and share, at home. Paul Scheible, Vestry member and Penny Wise volunteer, has offered his woodworking expertise to set up bookcases in the Church library.

#### *WHAT WE NEED...*

We will be seeking the support of those special volunteers who want to make a difference in a child's life. . . setting up the library section; helping students to select a book; or working on the magazine project. Your payback: opening up a new world of possibilities for an eager, wide-eyed young person.

If these ideas call to your heart and you are interested in learning more, please contact Annette Leahy-Judkins at [Leahy.annette@gmail.com](mailto:Leahy.annette@gmail.com) or leave a message at Church Office (239) 992-4343.

## Coming in November

St. Mary's Church will again be honoring the special birthday celebration of the baby Jesus.....

A Christ Tree in the Church Narthex will be filled with tags giving information about boys and girls in our community who may not get Christmas gifts ... without our generous help.

Please join us again for St. Mary's annual **KINDNESS for KIDS** project - November 13-14.  
*Watch for follow-up announcements in the Bulletin.*



## Youth Ministry

St. Mary's Sunday school children participated in a mini vacation Bible school on August 5th and 6th. The theme was God in Creation and the scripture basis was the parable of the sower and the parable of the mustard seed.

The children enjoyed planting seeds in various types of



soil and acting out the parable of the sower. They also added additional blooming plants to the butterfly garden for a hands-on gardening experience.



A nature walk around the church grounds revealed God in nature.

Craft activities involved making clothes pin and tissue paper butterflies and raised saltwater color paintings of something in creation. We even took over the kitchen for a time to make edible dirt complete with worms!

The two half-day sessions concluded with a pizza party and Back-to-School send off.

Yours in Christ,  
Nancy Vaughn  
*Director of Youth and Family Ministries*





### ECW Gathering

#### Kindness for Kids Kickoff -

Thursday, November 11th, 12:00PM

Join us for fun, food, and fellowship in the Flora Linda Garden. ECW will provide luncheon. Choose a child's name tag, and return gift unwrapped by December 5

Signup sheet will be in the Narthex, or email [renee@midwestsinglesource.com](mailto:renee@midwestsinglesource.com)



### ECW Ladies of St. Mary's

The ECW Board is very grateful for your generous contributions to our Summer Fund Raiser, 'Stay at Home Tea'.

Your monies support our "Reaching Out", and other activities sponsored and/or hosted by ECW. These donations offer us the opportunity to continue the ECW tradition of serving our beloved St. Mary's, our community, and to help and aid those in need.

*Thank you!*

### Foyer Groups

Foyer Groups have been formed for October, November, and December. Watch for updates in the weekly news blast and the bulletin.

Many thanks to Candy Bergquist, Committee Chair, for her organization and management of the Foyer Groups for St. Mary's.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS - ECW Lunch Bunch Dates

#### NOVEMBER: Ristorante Enrico's

Thursday, November 18, 12:00PM  
26831 S Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs



RSVP to [dorisbialowas@comcast.net](mailto:dorisbialowas@comcast.net) by Sunday, November 14.

#### ECW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Pelican's Nest Country Club



Thursday, December 9, 2021, 12:00PM  
Located in Pelican Landing; 4450 Pelicans Nest Drive, Bonita Springs

*More details coming!*

#### DECEMBER: Jimmy P's Charred North

Thursday, December 30, 12:00PM  
25301 S Tamiami Trail, Suite #2, Bonita Springs

RSVP to [dorisbialowas@comcast.net](mailto:dorisbialowas@comcast.net) by Sunday, December 26



## Counters Needed

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](mailto:jjcraun@comcast.net) or 317-225-0855.

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## St. Mary's Church Outreach News

### NOVEMBER

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

### DECEMBER

<b>Meals of Hope - Food Distribution</b>	Every Monday 3-5 PM
<b>New Horizons Student Christmas Party</b>	Thursday, December 9
<b>Kindness for Kids Christmas Project</b>	
Gift and Donation Collection	Ends Sunday December 12
Gift Distribution	Saturday, December 18
<b>Harvest Time Ministries</b>	
Packing and Food Distribution	Twice monthly- Fri/Sat



A reminder for safety for all!





## SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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