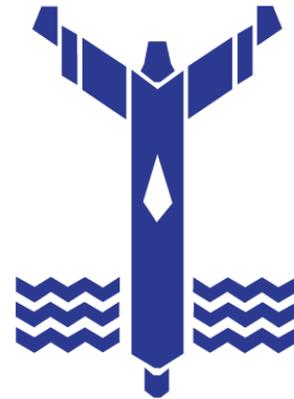


Saint Mary's Episcopal Church

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022



ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2023

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Prayer for the Parish

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Meeting

Almighty and ever living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the annual meeting of St. Mary's Church for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Agenda

2022 Annual Meeting of the Members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Bonita Springs, Inc

Sunday, January 29, 2023

The Annual Meeting will take place after the 10 AM Eucharist in the Parish Hall.

The agenda for the meeting is as follow:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approval of the Minutes for the 2021 Annual Meeting
4. Report of the Nominating Committee
5. Election of new Vestry members
6. Appointment of the Senior Warden
7. Expression of thanks to retiring vestry members
8. Report of the Rector
9. Report of Senior Warden
10. Report of the Treasurer
11. Questions from members and discussion
12. Closing Prayer
13. Adjournment

Please note:

The new Vestry will meet immediately after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting in the Parish Hall, conference room 1.

The Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Southwest Florida

CANON VII

Congregational Governance

Section 1. Annual Meeting. A Congregation shall hold an annual meeting every year. Unless otherwise specified in the Congregation's bylaws, the annual meeting of the Congregation shall be within one hundred twenty (120) days before or on the twenty-eighth (28th) day of February.

Section 3. Electors. a. As used in these Canons, an elector is a lay communicant member of a Congregation who is sixteen (16) years of age or over, whose name is duly enrolled as such in the Register of the Congregation, who is regular in attendance at divine services, and who makes stated contributions of record to the general support of the Congregation. A qualified elector of a Congregation is entitled to vote in all congregational elections and on all matters that come before the Congregation for a vote.

Section 4. Congregational Council. a. Each Congregation shall have a congregational council, which may be called a vestry or board of trustees or similar name, according to the choice of the Congregation. To be qualified to serve on the congregational council, a person must be an elector of the Congregation and eighteen (18) years of age or older.

e. Wardens. The Congregation's bylaws shall provide for the selection of wardens of the Congregation. The Congregation's bylaws shall provide that the term of office for the wardens is one (1) year, and that a person may not serve as a warden for more than three (3) consecutive terms. Unless otherwise provided in the bylaws, the selection of wardens shall take place at the first meeting of the congregational council after a congregation's annual meeting, as follows:

1. The member of the clergy in charge shall appoint one (1) member of the congregational council to serve as the Senior Warden. If the Congregation does not have a member of the clergy in charge, the members of the congregational council shall select the Senior Warden in the same manner as it selects the Junior Warden.
2. The members of the congregational council shall select one (1) member of the congregational council to serve as the Junior Warden. Unless otherwise provided in the bylaws, the selection of the Junior Warden shall be by majority vote of the members of the congregational council.

f. Officers.

1. The congregational council shall annually select a secretary, who need not be a member of the Congregation. The secretary shall ensure that the minutes of congregational council's proceedings are taken and reported, attest to the public acts of the Congregational council, preserve all records and papers belonging to the Congregation, perform such other duties as shall be legally assigned, and faithfully deliver into the hands of a successor all books and documents of the Congregation that may be in the secretary's possession.
2. The congregational council shall annually select a treasurer, who need not be a member of the Congregation, to perform the duties incumbent upon that office. The treasurer shall furnish a bond of suitable amount. The books and accounts shall be audited annually and at any other time the congregational council may direct. The offices of secretary and treasurer may both be held by the same person.

Annual Meeting 2022
The Parish of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Bonita Springs
Diocese of Southwest Florida
Sunday, January 30, 2022

Call to order: Father Wright led us in opening prayer and an additional prayer for the parish.

Approval of minutes for the January 2021 meeting: A motion to approve was made, seconded and adopted by acclamation.

Report of the Nominating Committee and election of new Vestry members: Bob Foltz related the composition of the committee and the four persons they nominate for the Vestry—Sandy Renner, Chris Davies, Joanna Wragg and Kathleen Palaia. There being no other nominations from the floor, the above four members of the parish were elected to the Vestry unanimously.

Report of the Senior Warden: Bob Foltz related his joy at serving and mentioned that despite the pandemic the first half of 2021 under the leadership of Father Faupel was successful and we have a debt of gratitude for his and Mother Gail's support and help, then and now. Bob also remarked that he believes we are on the cusp of a renaissance of spiritual growth under Father Wright's leadership since last July.

Report of the Treasurer: John Craun gave his summary report for the 2021 year, including the following:

- The PPD loan for 2021 was forgiven, as was the PPD loan for 2020
- At year- end there was a \$30 thousand deficit caused by unexpected expenditures, but that was small considering the \$750 thousand operating budget
- An additional \$250 thousand in expenditures was made out of restricted accounts, these included items such as the new organ, outreach programs, new landscaping and signage and facilities maintenance
- Financial assets (e.g., endowment) at year-end amounted to \$1.9 million and there was no debt.
- He explained the as yet incomplete budget setting process for 2022 and how that will be completed after ending the pledge campaign for 2022

John completed his report extending his thanks to the Finance Commission and the Audit Committee as well as to Ian and Maria for all their assistance.

Report of the Rector: Father Wright summarized efforts to enhance the worship experience at St. Mary's, his initial priority, some of which impacts the budget. The new music program under Bill Elliott includes the new organ, a harpsichord, paid choir voices and full music at the Saturday evening and Sunday 10 am services.

Although paid staff and clergy do not necessarily continue under a new rector, Father Wright is grateful he has the experienced lay and clerical staff already at St. Mary's to help him.

Further questions and discussion: There being none, Father Wright adjourned the meeting.

Report of The Vestry Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee for the 2022 Annual Meeting consisted of David Bergquist, Joan Croteau, Bob Foltz and Rick Velde. The Committee is nominating four parishioners to be elected at the Annual Meeting to serve on the Vestry for three year terms. The Vestry was advised of the nominations at its meeting on December 27, 2022.

The four nominees are: Bob Foltz, Gail Goggin, Paul Greene and Renee Osborne

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Foltz, Senior Warden and Chairman of the Nominating Committee

Nominees



BOB FOLTZ and his wife, Elinor, have been members of St. Mary's for eleven years. He was Senior Warden of St. Mary's from 2015 to 2018 and is currently again serving as Senior Warden.

Bob is a lawyer and was a partner in a major Chicago law firm until his retirement from the firm and his permanent move to Bonita Springs in 2002. He has since then been employed part time as house counsel for a large health care company.

Bob and Elinor have been active in the Compass Rose Society, a missionary society which supports the work of the Anglican Communion. Bob served on the Board of Directors of the Society for eleven years.

Both Bob and Elinor have also been active at St. Mary's and at their former parish in Lake Forest, Illinois. They have been married for 48 years and have nine children, 29 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



GAIL GOGGIN was born in New York City and grew up in Brookville, NY. After graduating from Saint Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in NYC, Gail worked as a registered nurse in New Jersey. Gail served on the board of directors of the Visiting Nurses Association of Morris and Somerset Counties, led fundraising efforts for the United Way of Morris County and founded a nursery school still in existence today. She then pursued a career in real estate; ultimately managing two offices, serving as the President of the Morris County Board of Realtors and a board member on the NJ Association of Realtors. In 1992, Gail retired to Naples.

A life-long Episcopalian, Gail served on two vestries at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in Mendham, NJ including one term as Senior Warden. Since joining Saint Mary's Episcopal Church in 1992, Gail has served on four vestries and acted in leadership roles on multiple commissions over the years.

Gail is a competitive duplicate bridge player with national ranking. She has three children and six grandchildren.



RENEE OSBORNE and her husband, John, have been members of St. Mary's for 12 years. Renee was baptized Lutheran, later attended the Methodist Church, and became Episcopalian when she met John. John's father was an Episcopal priest. John and Renee were married at St. James Episcopal Church in Wichita, KS with John's father presiding over the ceremony.

Renee became actively involved with St. Mary's in 2013 when she was asked to Chair the Stewardship Committee. She Chaired again in 2014, ending her tenure with two successful campaigns. This was an exceptional opportunity that began 10 years of being in active roles as a leader at St. Mary's. In 2015, Renee was involved with the revitalization of St. Mary's Episcopal Church Women. Renee has been President of ECW for the past 8 years, serving as Fundraiser Chair from 2014 – 2019. Renee served on the Strategic Planning Committee in 2014. Renee joined the Vestry in 2015 and served two terms. She was Executive Secretary for 4 years. Renee was asked by the Vestry in April 2020 to serve on St. Mary's Rector Search Committee. John and Renee have a great fondness for music and enjoy St. Mary's Choir.

Renee grew up in Hickory, North Carolina. She made a career move to Columbia, SC in 1994. Renee's career was in the printing industry where she met the love of her life, John. John introduced her to the Episcopal Church which she will forever be grateful. Renee moved to Wichita, KS in 2003. John and Renee own Midwest Single Source, Inc. in Wichita. John and Renee retired to SWFL in 2011 and live in Bonita Springs. Renee has one adult daughter, Nichole, son-in-law, Tony, and grandson, Vance, the second love of her life. Renee enjoys traveling, cooking, shopping, and is a collector of spirits. Unfortunately, John was diagnosed with a rare disease in September 2019. Renee devotes most of her time to the caregiving for John. She loves Jesus and she loves St. Mary's Church! The love for this church has been rewarding and fulfilling. She contributes St. Mary's for bringing her to some of the best friends of her life!



Paul Greene was raised a Roman Catholic in South Boston, Massachusetts. I graduated from Boston Latin School, attended St. John's Seminary for two years, graduated from Boston College, and received an MBA from Suffolk University.

My work experience began at John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company in Data Processing, where I introduced a software system for name and address management. Then I worked for Pitney Bowes, helping the US Postal Service develop the nine-digit ZIP code and the National change of address software system. In the last part of my career, I traveled throughout the United States as an ambassador for adopting address management software.

I am a Knight of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem Knights Hospitaller, an international, chivalric, ecumenical, non-denominational Christian organization founded in 1100 A.D. to help God's sick and poor.

I reside in Bonita Springs full-time with my wife, Gayle. Six years ago, I joined St. Mary's Church, where my primary ministry is serving on the altar as a lay leader, acolyte, crucifer, or thurifer at Sunday services and funerals.

Report of The Senior Warden C. Robert Foltz

The year of our Lord 2022 was another significant year for St. Mary's.

The hallmark of that year for me was our spiritual growth as a parish. I believe that I can feel the spiritual improvement at our services; it is almost palpable, and it is certainly beautiful. Think of Easter; think of the *Ave Maria* sung at an Advent service; think of Father Bill reading the Christmas story to the children at the 5:00 P.M. Christmas Eve service; and think of the solo first verse of *Once in David's Royal City* at the 7:00 P.M. Christmas Eve service.

This spiritual growth is what this parish is fundamentally about and I find great joy in commenting on it.

We have also wrestled with finances and have made a good deal of progress in doing so. I frankly am not overly worried about money when we are spiritually sound.

It has also been a great year for me in serving as your Senior Warden. Let me say again how honored I am to serve. I love my faith; I love this parish; and I love my job.

God bless us one and all.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Foltz,

Senior Warden

Report of The Junior Warden Chester A. Phillips III

Annual Report of the Junior Warden

Facilities Commission

Paul Scheible, Paul Croteau, Bruce Rydbeck, Ron Westrom, John Martindale

The Junior Warden is a member of the Vestry who is elected by the Vestry to this position for a one-year term from Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting. Responsibilities include serving as an executive second to the Senior Warden and serving as the Facilities Manager for the church. Duties include repairs, maintenance, and new projects as well as marking many of the church bills for payment.

The major repair or maintenance project for 2022 was a fumigation of the church building because of an airborne termite infestation. Two large air conditioner units that serve the Parish Hall were replaced. Also significant progress was made in improving drainage of storm water from the parking lot and the area between the church building and the Parish Hall building including some new gutters. Part of the interior church illumination was a series of sodium pressure light bulbs which during operation become quite hot and can spontaneously break. These lights have all been either replaced or at least disabled. The vendors for telephone and for internet access for the church were changed to improve service and save significant monthly costs. After Hurricane Ian came through the church had a cleanup of trees and branches. Many other repair or maintenance projects were completed. Buildings and Grounds managed to stay close to budget for 2022.

Recommended for 2023 is a focus on the east side of the church building: the Labyrinth and Flora-Linda Butterfly gardens and the area surrounding them. Drainage is a problem on the east side, storm water simply dumps out on the ground next to the church building and this can lead to structural damage. The goal will be to route this water away from the church building. The gardens and the plantings in the gardens are neglected and very much in need of attention. And there is a long stretch of paver walk which is periodically interrupted with tree root upheavals. The Pavilion is neglected and the teak furniture on it needs to be cleaned and stained. Of course in 2023 there will be the never ending needs for general maintenance and repair – and air conditioning units will fail and need to be replaced at random times. Drainage of the parking lot was improved but needs to be improved further. One of the steps up to the Altar is cracked, and the ceiling lights in the Narthex are shabby and need attention.

The goal is to have church buildings and grounds that function properly and support our goals of worship and fellowship.



Treasurer's Report for 2022 – Kathleen N. Palaia

Finance Commission Report

The Finance Commission serves to assist and advise the Treasurer and the Vestry on church financial matters. The commission members are Kathleen Palaia (treasurer and chair), Wendy Schieble, Chris Davies, Sandra Renner. We experienced two resignations this year, Rick Smith and Joe Daniele. The commission met each month, with the turnover of the Treasurer role three times within the year, it has been a challenge. We focused on:

Developing a balanced budget for 2022, (which was the first three months of the year)

Assessing our need for an external accountant.

Reviewing our financial position monthly.

Reviewing and implementing 2021 audit recommendations.

Developing a plan for banking 10% of all donations for the Diocesan assessment.

Preparing the 2023 budget.

Treasurer's Report for 2022

2022 Results

We finished the year with a large deficit (\$82,000.) which was due to spending and the anticipated bequest error that was budgeted. All expense categories were above budget and income was below budget. Only 92% of pledges were realized.

Looking at the balance sheet, our total financial assets at year-end were \$1.1 million, a decrease of \$244k during the year. Most of this decrease (\$91k) was in the endowment because of poor investment performance as well as increased drawdown for operating funds. We had no debt at any time during the year.

In addition to the roughly \$1 million that runs through the revenue and expense statement, the church had \$553k in revenues and \$451k in expenses in its various restricted accounts. The biggest use of such accounts was for Outreach.

2023 Budget

The Vestry has approved an unbalanced budget for next year, This is a realistic budget This budget includes \$30K from restricted funds, which we anticipate we can realize through added parishioner giving. Payroll has decreased due to a generous donation for Fr Faupel's salary for 2023. Although we added a dental plan to staff benefits, there is no allowance for salary increases and bonuses budgeted. All paid choir members have been eliminated from operating budget we anticipate funding through individual donations. Accounting fees eliminated, with functions to be absorbed internally through staff and volunteers. With all adjustments we still anticipate a deficit of \$27K.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Annual Budget Comparisons

Date Range: Jan 1st 2023 - Dec 31st 2023

Accounts	Budget Jan 01, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023	Budget Jan 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2022	Actual Jan 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2022
Revenues			
Operating Receipts			
400100 Pledge Offerings	475,000.00	509,000.00	495,546.08
400110 Envelope Non-Pledge Offerings	0.00	111,000.00	101,928.88
400120 Plate Offerings	133,000.00	0.00	15,272.88
400130 Special & Initial Offerings	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
400150 Christmas Offerings	0.00	0.00	3,505.00
Total Operating Receipts	608,000.00	620,000.00	626,252.84
Non-Operating Receipts			
400200 Endowment Released Income	37,000.00	37,000.00	37,000.00
400210 Interest Income	0.00	0.00	169.98
400300 Music & Repair Offerings	0.00	0.00	500.00
400305 Christian Formation Offerings	0.00	0.00	1,056.00
400306 Altar Guild Offerings	2,500.00	0.00	2,297.98
400310 Flowers & Candle Offerings	7,000.00	0.00	5,698.00
400315 Pastoral Ministries Offerings	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
400320 Hospitality & Coffee Offerings	0.00	0.00	2,148.00
400325 Funeral & Wedding Income	0.00	0.00	2,940.79
400340 Meeting Room Offerings	3,000.00	0.00	2,868.22
400400 Pennywise Income	30,000.00	30,000.00	25,000.00
400490 Other Released from Restricted Income	30,000.00	60,000.00	33,000.00
410000 Diocesan Assessment Rebate	0.00	0.00	4,366.00
Total Non-Operating Receipts	109,500.00	127,000.00	118,044.97
Total Revenues	\$ 717,500.00	\$ 747,000.00	\$ 744,297.81
Expenses			
Operating Expenses			
Clergy and Laystaff Compensation & Benefits			
Clergy Compensation & Benefits			
500100 Clergy Salary & Housing	150,845.00	178,734.00	173,782.15
500103 Clergy FICA Allowance	6,250.00	0.00	7,344.60
500105 Clergy Retirement	22,370.00	27,779.00	37,779.59
500110 Clergy Health/Life Insurance	12,727.00	14,512.00	13,715.00
500115 Clergy Auto & Travel	4,000.00	1,200.00	10,258.84
500116 Clergy Telephone Allowance	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,632.13
500120 Clergy Continuing Education	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,294.01
500122 Clergy Supply	300.00	250.00	300.00
500124 Deacon Expenses	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
500126 Rector Expenses	0.00	3,600.00	2,096.10
Total Clergy Compensation & Benefits	202,492.00	235,075.00	249,202.42
Laystaff Compensation & Benefits			
500200 Laystaff Salary & Wages	196,000.00	181,525.00	198,253.98
500205 Laystaff Retirement	16,670.00	15,372.00	16,730.75
500210 Laystaff Health/Life Insurance	14,870.00	15,732.00	12,427.25
500215 Laystaff Payroll Taxes	18,900.00	13,084.00	15,669.60
500220 Workers Compensation Insurance	2,000.00	1,930.00	1,751.00
500225 Laystaff Continuing Education	1,500.00	2,250.00	1,638.96
500715 Substitute Organist	1,000.00	1,000.00	3,300.00

Accounts	Budget Jan 01, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023	Budget Jan 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2022	Actual Jan 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2022
Total Laystaff Compensation & Benefits	250,940.00	230,893.00	249,771.54
Total Clergy and Laystaff Compensation & Benefits	453,432.00	465,968.00	498,973.96
Operations Support			
Administrative Expense			
500310 Office Supplies	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,529.50
500320 Postage	1,200.00	2,000.00	1,030.72
500330 Computer Expense	12,000.00	15,000.00	11,066.59
500340 Copier Expense	10,000.00	10,500.00	11,850.92
500350 Telephone & Internet	6,600.00	6,000.00	10,472.32
500360 Meetings	3,000.00	2,900.00	2,682.01
500370 Building & Liability Insurance	50,000.00	42,000.00	43,514.75
500380 Miscellaneous	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Total Administrative Expense	86,800.00	82,400.00	85,146.81
Financial Expense			
500400 Audit Expense	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
500410 Accounting Fees	0.00	17,500.00	17,499.96
500430 Bank & Payroll Service Fees	3,300.00	150.00	519.59
500440 Credit Card & Vanco Fees	2,000.00	1,800.00	2,405.38
500450 Stewardship Expense	2,500.00	2,000.00	3,575.00
Total Financial Expense	9,300.00	21,450.00	23,999.93
Total Operations Support	96,100.00	103,850.00	109,146.74
Building & Grounds Support			
Maintenance			
500500 Building Maintenance	20,000.00	12,000.00	20,455.64
500505 Building Supplies	5,000.00	0.00	587.06
500510 Grounds Maintenance	12,000.00	16,000.00	6,243.19
500515 Small Repairs	3,000.00	0.00	325.00
Total Maintenance	40,000.00	28,000.00	27,610.89
Utilities			
500550 Electric	18,000.00	15,000.00	13,907.91
500560 Water	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,665.93
500570 Other Utilities	4,000.00	5,000.00	3,763.90
Total Utilities	27,000.00	25,000.00	21,337.74
Total Building & Grounds Support	67,000.00	53,000.00	48,948.63
Worship, Music & Newcomer Support			
Worship & Spiritual Growth			
500600 Altar Expense	3,734.00	1,000.00	13,329.12
500620 Christian Formation	0.00	1,500.00	863.47
500630 Flowers & Candles	9,000.00	7,000.00	12,676.36
500640 Pastoral Ministries	0.00	0.00	115.98
500650 Hospitality & Coffee	3,000.00	1,500.00	3,357.47
500660 Library	0.00	500.00	195.98
500670 Funerals & Weddings	0.00	0.00	3,653.31
500680 Youth Program	1,000.00	500.00	731.65
500690 Worship Expenses	0.00	0.00	1,687.90
500720 Streaming Services	4,800.00	4,500.00	3,650.00
Total Worship & Spiritual Growth	21,534.00	16,500.00	40,261.24
Musical Support			
500700 Instrumental/Organ Repair & Maint.	300.00	0.00	197.96
500701 Music & Repair	500.00	500.00	6,002.98
500705 Special Occasion Music	0.00	3,500.00	0.00
500710 Cantors & Section Leaders	0.00	8,000.00	22,058.86

Accounts	Budget Jan 01, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023	Budget Jan 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2022	Actual Jan 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2022
Total Musical Support	800.00	12,000.00	28,259.80
Membership/Newcomer Support			
500790 Membership & Newcomer Expenses	500.00	500.00	338.34
500795 Member Badges	200.00	0.00	588.00
Total Membership/Newcomer Support	700.00	500.00	926.34
Total Worship, Music & Newcomer Support	23,034.00	29,000.00	69,447.38
Communications			
500800 Advertising	1,200.00	1,500.00	559.40
500810 Website	2,500.00	2,300.00	1,186.45
Total Communications	3,700.00	3,800.00	1,745.85
Total Operating Expenses	643,266.00	655,618.00	728,262.56
Non-Operating Expenses			
600100 Diocesan Assessment	101,200.00	76,000.00	63,589.13
Total Non-Operating Expenses	101,200.00	76,000.00	63,589.13
Total Expenses	\$ 744,466.00	\$ 731,618.00	\$ 791,851.69
Net Total	(\$ 26,966.00)	\$ 15,382.00	(\$ 47,553.88)

2022 Year-End Financials Overview of Revenues and Expenses

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues			
Pledges	\$ 468,000	\$ 509,000	\$ (41,000)
Plate	\$ 120,707	\$ 111,000	\$ 9,707
Endowment	\$ 37,000	\$ 37,000	
Pennywise	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,000	\$ (5,000)
Other Income	\$ 33,560		
Restricted Rel	\$ 33,000	\$ 60,000	\$ (27,000)
Total Income	\$ 717,267	\$ 747,000	
Expenses			
Clergy Salary- Benefits	\$ 249,840	\$ 235,075	\$ (14,765)
Lay staff Salary- Benefits	\$ 251,147	\$ 230,893	\$ (20,254)
Insurance	\$ 43,514	\$ 42,000	\$ (1,514)
Building and Grounds	\$ 54,787	\$ 53,000	\$ (1,787)
Admin and Finance	\$ 68,702	\$ 61,850	\$ (6,852)
Spiritual Growth	\$ 32,005	\$ 17,000	\$ (15,005)
Music	\$ 28,260	\$ 12,000	\$ (16,260)

Diocesan Assessment	\$ 69,300	\$ 76,000	\$ 6,700
Communications	\$ 1,746	\$ 3,800	\$ 2,054
Total Expense	\$ 799,301	\$ 731,618	
Net Position	\$ (82,034)		

Notes: Fr Ryan additional retirement funds approved, never budgeted.

Anticipated \$60K bequest budgeted, never realized.

Salary COLA increases voted on after budget was prepared.

Balance Sheet Highlights

	12/31/22	12/31/21
Church Checking Account	\$219,053.	\$239,489
Church Savings Account	150,378	\$150,208
Penny Wise Accounts	\$131,334	\$148,464
ECW Bank Account	\$11,476.	\$11,476.
Total Current Assets	\$512,242	\$550,088
Total General Endowment	\$803,425	\$948,062
NT Felsberg Endowment	\$286,391	\$377,996
Less short term liabilities (Pre Paid)	66,466	122,197
Less long term liabilities	\$0	\$0
TOTAL "FINANCIAL" ASSETS	\$2,047,833	\$2,303,586

Restricted Accounts Highlights

	Beginning	Revenues	Expenses	Ending
Total Outreach Accounts	\$31,770	\$191,441	\$173,929	\$49,282
Total Church Activity Accounts	\$94,172	\$128,900	\$63,390	\$159,682
Facilities Renovation/Repairs Account	\$57,944	\$80,288	\$77,044	\$61,188
TOTAL RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS	\$183,886	\$400,629	\$314,363	\$270,150

Notes:

Outreach includes Hurricane Relief and Ukraine Disaster Fund

Church Activity includes all donations for new sign and some expenses for the sign. Balance \$90K

Facilities repair expenses include new air conditioning units and tenting for extermination.

Report of Endowment Commission.

Hilton Jervey

The Endowment Commission is charged with two responsibilities. First, to oversee the care and management of the Endowment Fund assets and second, to educate our parishioners about the importance of their participation in the growth of the assets by making a provision for St. Mary's in their financial plans. Growth over time is important because it will allow your church to function more effectively through economic cycles or other adverse conditions. For a number of years, the General Fund of the Endowment contributed \$20,000 toward the operating budget. Because of the growth of the assets, the formula used to determine the payout allowed the withdrawal of \$24,000 in 2021. This past year, because of a budgeted revenue shortfall, the Vestry voted to take \$37,000 in 2022 and a similar amount is expected in 2023. The Endowment Fund also has a separate trust that can only be used for the care and maintenance of the grounds immediately surrounding the church. Those expenses have usually been around \$20,000.

As can be seen from the table below, the Fund has shown significant growth over the last few years due to a combination of good investment performance and some significant gifts. Financial markets in 2022 did not allow for a continuation of growth, particularly as fixed income values were almost as badly impacted as equities. Despite our broad diversification across the portfolio and low cost of management, the time weighted rate of return was a negative 20.8%. As of yearend, the assets were distributed as follows: cash equivalents 10%, fixed income 12% and equities 78%.

2015	\$578,403
2016	\$665,011
2017	\$886,431
2018	\$807,977
2019	\$1,024,163
2020	\$1,172,023
2021	\$1,353,025
2022	\$1,048,650

The Commission hopes many more of us will make the decision to join our Legacy Society, composed of those who have either given immediate gifts to the Fund or who have made provision in their financial affairs for a future donation. A healthy Endowment Fund can play a great role in sustaining our ability to serve the needs of both our parish and those beyond. For any of our members who would like to join this kind of support, the steps needed to do so are relatively simple but should probably include legal advice.

The members of the Commission include Joe Daniele, Bob Foltz, Annette Leahy Judkins as well our Rector, Ryan Wright and our Treasurer, Kathleen Palaia, who are Ex officio members, Please thank them for their dedicated service.

Hilton Jervey, Chairman

Stewardship

Dr. Sandra Martin Renner

January 17, 2023

Work on the 2022-23 stewardship campaign began in August, 2022. Pete Stiles and Fran Stiles provided the leadership for the program. Multiple emails and testimonial letters were sent in September and October to members of the congregation who had either completed the "green dot" registration process or were known givers to the church. Due to Hurricane Ian, the campaign schedule was postponed several weeks. Toward the end of October, printed materials were mailed to all that included a letter from Fr. Wright, a pledge card and information about giving methods. Most pledges were received in December. As of this writing, the church has received \$446,932.00 in pledges from 116 families. In addition, the church received 14 pledges for the reserve fund that totaled \$13,800, bringing the grand total for 2023 to \$460,732. The reserve fund is not part of the operating budget. In 2022, the church received \$468,000, from the total pledged amount of \$510,784 from 129 families.

Garnering pledges is essential for the financial health of the church to ensure that all bills can be paid promptly without borrowing money. The Vestry is very thankful to those who have submitted their pledges for 2023 and kindly asks those who have yet to pledge to do so in the coming weeks. As the church has a gap between revenues and expenditures, your gifts are very needed.

The 2023 budget has projected \$475,000.00 in pledged offerings and carries a \$27,000.00 deficit. If the 2023 budget is to balance, St. Mary's will need an additional \$55,068 to close the gap between revenues and expenditures. Also, most expenditures for the music program were eliminated to help reduce the overall deficit. Subsequently, the Choir Angel program was developed to support scholarships for the FGCU singers. Donations in any amount are requested to support this important ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Renner, Vestry Member
Liaison to the Stewardship Campaign

Report of Assistant Priest

The Rev'd. Dr. D. William Faupel

Once again it has been a privilege and joy to be able to minister at St. Mary's during the past year. My major responsibilities have been the oversight of and participation in Pastoral Care; participation in the work of Christian Formation, Assisting Fr. Ryan in the liturgical services and participating in the planning through attending Vestry Meetings, Worship Commission meetings, Christian Formation Meetings and Membership Commission Meetings.

During the Course of the year, I lead a weekly bible study on Zoom, a weekly bible study at Bentley through the first six months and a monthly Eucharist at Bentley. In addition, I made 34 hospital visits and 66 home visits. I conducted seven funerals, one baptism and no weddings this past year.

Respectfully submitted.

D. William Faupel

Report of Assisting Priest

The Rev'd. Gail Tomei

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your path.” Proverbs 3:5-6

This scripture continues to help me remain focused as I minister where needed during a very full ‘Season’ at St. Mary’s, Bonita Springs.

First Wednesdays: **“Prayer and Share”** before **Healing Eucharist**

2022 began with a full agenda for Wednesdays. People were just emerging from Covid so we offered to all interested, “Prayer and Share,” one hour before Wednesday Healing Eucharist. Order of St. Luke also offered lunch on First Wednesdays to cement our sense of community. **During Lent** we offered to all who were interested **Stations of the Cross** every Wednesday before Holy Eucharist.

Order of St. Luke [OSL] schedule was packed with teaching Jan. - Dec. via Zoom. Continuing education is a priority for all OSL members which means we meet twice monthly for spiritual growth and once monthly for a business meeting with Pastoral Ministries and Christian Formation all year. **OSL ‘Growing Deeper’** materials for the year were, “This is Where Your Healing Begins,” Nigel Mumford, “7 Ways to Pray,” Amy Boucher and currently, “Healing Miracles in Acts of the Apostles,” Paul Feider.

The **OSL Seekers** class resumed study that began June 2021 via Zoom. Scattered all over the U.S. we managed to remain a tight community as we studied “Healing Scriptures of Jesus” and joined the main group as we studied “This is Where Your Healing Begins” by Nigel Mumford. By April 2022, our “Seekers” became full members of the Order of St. Luke and became prayer partners during worship services.

As Chaplain of OSL, I was also the leader and mentor as I guided all OSL members through their studies of healing scriptures and prayer. Co-Chairs Cherrill Cregar and Joan Croteau continue to inform and encourage all participants.

OSL members attended a healing conference, January 22, 2022 at St. John’s Naples with speaker Craig Miller to fulfill the OSL annual retreat requirement.

The 2023 healing conference is February 11, at Faith Lutheran, Naples. All are invited.

Wonderful Wednesdays began in February and met on Zoom each week at 7pm.

Fr. Faupel and I shared the teaching as we reviewed “Celebration of Discipline” by Richard Foster. We also led various groups through a list of **Spiritual Gifts** and then shared results of the the Spiritual Gifts questionnaire that would affirm their own Spiritual Gifts. We began with all Vestry members and then offered these sessions to all who were interested. Over 40 people participated. Most were already deeply involved in ministry. This exercise affirmed that each was ministering as they were ‘called.’

Safeguarding God’s Church became a priority at St. Mary’s. The **Vestry members** were the first group to complete the required **5 “Safe Church” modules on-line**. They are “Safe Church” certified for 5 years. All active **OSL members** were also required to complete the “Safe Church” modules. **Clergy and staff** fulfilled this requirement as did **Altar Servers**. St. Mary’s members who work with **New Horizons** were invited to complete these modules even though they completed the required state background check. PennyWise leaders and managers were invited to complete this course, but none have done so. **Over 50 people** at St. Mary’s church are “Safe Church” certified for the next five years.

Preaching schedule: Celebration of Holy Eucharist and preaching each Wednesday was offered for all at St. Mary's. Preaching one full weekend each month was all that was needed to be of service to the other clergy from mid- November through mid-May.

Meetings attended: Christian Formation, OSL/Pastoral Ministries, Worship Commission, Vestry meetings, weekly staff and clergy meetings. During the summer months when I am not physically at St. Mary's Church, I attended these meetings on Zoom. I also led weekly OSL classes via Zoom, June - Oct. I remain actively involved in clergy decisions via zoom or telephone as we meet throughout the summer.

Pastoral/Hospital visits as needed. I live near NCH Baker so am 'on call' for visits seven days a week. I am rarely called to visit in person but make pastoral telephone calls to parishioners as needed.

Deacon report

The Rev'd. William K. Gilmore

2022 has been an interesting and at times trying year. I continued as a board member at LOVE INC and continue in community outreach meeting and working with a few Hispanic Churches that support the local migrant communities. After hurricane Ian I worked with a few different organizations on recovery and reached out to Bonita Assistance to help with a food drive and also delivered clothing donated by Pennywise. It has been a pleasure to watch how well Meals of Hope has partnered with Saint Mary's and seeing New Horizons flourish and grow. I enjoyed being able to pray with the students bless the library and help with pinatas.

We continue to record and broadcast morning and evening prayer and we seem to have a devoted following online. We had a beautiful if somewhat delayed pet blessing. It is a great honor and blessing to be part of the prayer and worship at Saint Mary's. We continue to bring in prayer requests from the prayer request boxes located around the campus. My thanks to all who are ready to pray for those that ask for prayers.

I have completed all the official classes I was attending at the school of ministry and continue to receive guidance and mentorship from Father Ryan and three other priest and am waiting to meet with the standing committee and Bishop Scharf once everything gets settled at the diocese.

In the near future: I have been asked to temporarily conduct services at Saint John's Pine Island a few times a month, as their priest had to depart un expectably to take care of family issues. We will be working on scheduling my time there until a more permanent arrangement can be made. I will still be Saint Mary's for most Sundays and daily offices



Report from the Christian Formation

Rev. Gail Tomei

Clergy oversight: The Rev. Gail Tomei

Vestry Liaison: Rick Velde

Ministries listed in alphabetical order

Bible Study: Led by Fr. Bill Faupel, Wednesdays, 10:30 am. A year-long study of First Corinthians was completed in December via Zoom. A 12-week study of the Letters of Paul, will begin January 18, 2023.

Christian Book Group: Led by Michael with Bobbie Parini, still meets Mondays at 12:00 on Zoom.

Library: Diana Dearth, administrator. Monthly book selection, easy database to retrieve books, huge **Children's Book selection for St. Mary's as well as a special corner for New Horizons students**. These books, donated by a variety of people, are checked out each week. Book displays and offerings for each of the liturgical seasons are offered in the library and church foyer. Library is OPEN during office hours and Sundays

Order of St. Luke [OSL]: Growing Deeper Cont. Ed.: Directors Cherrill Cregar and Joan Croteau. Studies on healing prayer meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 10:00am with a business meeting on 3rd Thursdays, all on Zoom. Those interested in joining OSL are invited to complete the 12 week Healing Ministry course to become OSL members. OSL ministry requirement also involve study and prayer sessions to maintain a viable ministry for Power of Prayer powerofprayer@stmarysbonita.org, Prayer Stations at worship services and Prayers of Hope on selected Mondays. OSL members attended the annual healing conference in February at St. John's Naples led by Craig Miller.

The 2023 Healing Conference, Saturday, February 11, 2023, is at Faith Lutheran, Naples on Goodlette-Frank Road and is sponsored by Faith Lutheran, Saint Mary's Bonita, St. John's, Naples and 1st Presbyterian, Bonita. Open for any and all who choose to attend. \$25 registration fee.

Safe Church: Administered by Mother Gail Tomei. Required for ALL who interface with other people in ministry. Vestry, Worship servers, all OSL members and all who are active in Pastoral Ministries are required to complete 5 on-line modules administered by the diocese and Praesidium ministries. People must complete 5 modules and register with the Diocese of SW Florida and St. Mary's. St. Mary's members who help with New Horizons after school programs must also complete this course. St. Mary's members who work at PennyWise should also take this course.

St. Mary's Youth and Family Ministries goal is to offer our youngest parishioners and their families a meaningful experience that enriches their lives and deepens their relationship with God as well as the church community.

With Sunday School as the core, we look forward to learning, fellowship and growing with God in 2023 as we embrace love for all as Jesus taught in words and actions.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Vaughn, Director of Youth and Family Ministries

NEW Formation opportunities offered in 2023

ALPHA+ administered by Mother Gail Tomei, is a time for ALL to share a meal, receive instruction and share in small groups each week. Food, Fun and Faith are the major components. **ALPHA PLUS** is offered by Fr. Ryan as he shares 15 minutes each session on our Anglican Roots and Rites. Thursdays, January 19 - March 30, with a few breaks. Dinner 5:15 followed by teaching and discussion. **ALPHA** will also be the focus of **LENTEN LEARNING DAY** on Saturday, February 25 - 1:30 - 4:30, followed by Holy Eucharist at 5:00pm. ALL are welcome to join us for this special day even if not participating in the Alpha+ program.

Education For Ministry [EFM] : Led by Fr. Bill Faupel. A 4-yr, seminary quality, program of Christian study with a minimum of six students begins January 18 on Zoom.

Cursillo, a three day week-end at DaySpring, especially suited for all in ministry, affirms our journey in Christ and is offered in February and October 2023.

Report from the Communications Commission

Chair & Vestry Liaison, Joanna Wragg

Members: Annette Leahy-Judkins, Nelson Burr, ex officio Chester Phillips (web site admin)

New Sign:

With drive-by traffic between 10,000 and 15,000 vehicles every day, the new street-side is the top priority project. Bureaucratic technicalities frustrated the effort to complete it by year-end 2022, but prospects for completion in early 2023 are excellent. The sign is designed, approved, contracted and fully funded by donations.

B) Paid advertising:

The new sign is the visual focal point for new advertising and promotions online and in other media. In 2022 we spent little of our budget for paid ads.

C) Livestreaming on Facebook:

The live stream of the principal (usually 10 a.m.) Holy Eucharist drew views throughout the year, ranging from 65 to more than 200 for regular Sundays. Summer viewings ranged above 800. Videos supported by modest (\$10-\$25) FB ads draw several hundred more views. Funeral services are viewed by hundreds, possibly because parishioners “Share” these on their own pages to reach family and friends.

Facebook has no cost to the parish or users and reaches the 800+ people who “follow” our page as well as friends of followers who “Share” specific posts and videos on their own FB page. The committee **STRONGLY** urges all parishioners who use Facebook to Share St. Mary’s material to their own page. This is the most-effective single “advertising” option available as it is a virtual word-of-mouth communication and costs nothing.

The search for a second, back-up video operator to relieve paid operator Fran Stiles continues. This could be a volunteer or an outsider paid \$50 per service used. Chester Phillips sometimes fills in; Joanna Wragg is too often serving on the altar to be reliable as back-up. Training is provided at no charge. See Joanna if you are interested or can suggest a candidate.

D) Other streaming options:

We hope to reactivate the parish YouTube channel this year.

Embedding the videos in our web site is desirable, but the costs (at least \$125 per week) and manpower to accomplish it remains an obstacle (see above). Other media not dependent on Facebook also exist, but technical requirements and costs of at least \$100 per use associated with them so far have been prohibitive.

Because of the large existing Facebook following, any other medium needs to be in addition to, not instead of, Facebook.

E) Tidings:

There was no Fall 2022 edition of Tidings due to the confluence of Hurricane Ian in September, emergence from covid and unexpected delays in the street-side sign. Reestablishing a format and schedule for Tidings remains a goal for 2023. Feedback on the value of Tidings to parishioners is welcome. Was the long-form format missed? Would something else be useful?

F) HELP!

The most urgent need for effective Communications is INFORMATION! We need to know what's going on in every corner of the parish. A note passed to a member on Sunday, an email (wragg.joanna@gmail.com) with the Who-What-When-Where can trigger a wider distribution to the website, Facebook page and weekly email newsletter. Grammar and syntax are this ministry's responsibility: Just get us the info—digital photos are excellent!—and we'll spread the word.

Report of the Worship Commission David Bergquist

The Worship Commission is a committee of clergy, staff, and lay people of St. Mary's Episcopal Church who serve the parish by supporting and promoting the use of established high Episcopal liturgical principles and practices. The Commission ensures that these principles are consistent with the Canons, By-Laws and Regulations of the Episcopal Church of the United States.

As required by the Canons, the de-facto chair of the Worship Commission is the Rector or Priest-in-Charge; indeed the Commission actually functions in an advisory capacity to the Rector or Priest-in-Charge, who are the final determiner of the worship practices of the parish. All other commissions and committees may be chaired by laypersons. Membership on the Commission comprises representation by the Clergy, Music Ministry, Altar Guild, Pastoral Care, and scheduling coordinators for the regular worship services, the weekday services, and special services.

The Commission plans and discusses all the special services for the liturgical seasons such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, etc. In addition, the Commission reviews and discusses changes and protocols for all worship services and special services at St. Mary's throughout the year. This past year has been particularly unique because of the "calling" of a new Rector, Fr. Ryan Wright, the continuing though lessening restrictions necessitated by the COVID-19 virus, and the increased live-streaming of various services.

One key committee within the Worship Commission, the Altar Guild (Sandie Beihl) has filed a separate report for the Annual Report. The Altar Guild provides the support and services needed for meaningful and appropriate worship throughout the year, including all special services.

The Music Ministry, also filing a separate report, provides an expressive articulation of the parts of the worship services provided by our organist, cantors, and choir (though this past year because of the pandemic the choir's contribution was significantly curtailed). In addition, and under normal circumstances, the Music Ministry and the choir have provided special events for the enjoyment of St. Mary's and the community-at-large. Bill Elliott is our new full-time Organist and Choir Master.

Pastoral Caregivers represented by Yolanda Naimoli will also be making a separate report for the Annual Report.

The year ahead will be again challenging due to the continuing presence of the pandemic viruses and their affect on our worship restrictions. However, the new year also brings, with the institution of our new Rector, who is gifted in liturgical theology, tradition, and aesthetics, and the significant technological upgrade and quality of our live-streaming capability, the promise of a dynamic new chapter in our worship experience. However, to fully maximize the potential of these assets we need to significantly increase our human resources of those servicing at Altar at several of our services.

The following persons have served on the Worship Commission this past year.

Clergy:

Fr. Ryan Wright, Rector
Fr. Bill Faupel, Assistant Priest
Mtr. Gail Tomei, Assistant Priest
Deacon Bill Gilmore

Staff:

Bill Elliott, Organist and Choir Master
Nancy Vaughn, Director of Youth and Family Ministries
Ian Mitchell, Parish Administrator

Laypersons:

Sandie Beihl, Altar Guild
Yolanda Naimoli, Pastoral Caregivers
David Bergquist, Co-Chair, Vestry liaison
Gail Goggin, Ex Officio
Paul Greene, weekday and special services coordinator
Hilton Jervej, Choir Representative
Joanna Wragg, 10:00am service Altar party trainer and scheduler

Annual report of the Organist and Music Director

William Elliott

Jesus, to quote in part from hymn 644 the name that “soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear”. St. Augustine said “those who sing pray twice”. I want to bring to our attention what a wonderful opportunity we have to add to our worship by singing the great hymns and service music of our church. What we think of as the “choir” is, in fact, the “lesser choir” a part of the “great choir”, i.e. the entire singing congregation. Admittedly, part of the duties of the “lesser choir” is to sing some of the choral literature from the tradition of our faith, but their primary responsibility is to help lead the “great choir” in the singing of the hymns and

service music. So, let's SING! I believe St. Augustine was "on to something" in saying "those who sing pray twice". This brings to my mind something Einstein said about "standing before the great mystery into which we are born". I am remembering a Shaker hymn which begins "how can I keep from singing" in response to God's great love.

Here at St. Mary's church we are so blest to have such wonderful people in our choir who come week after week on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:45 and an hour early before each service to rehearse. The choir as we experience it would not exist if not for the FGCU vocal music majors we engage to augment it. Not only are they "wildly" talented and musical but add to the life of St. Mary's in a way that words cannot express. Because of budget restraints we do not have the resources to financially reward these needy students but have a separate fund which was conceived by Sandy Renner called "choir angel" for the purpose of raising the money for their scholarship fund. The church must give ten percent of any fund to the diocese meaning the yearly cost for each student is \$4,300. Anyone who has not yet participated in this I strongly encourage to do this. Currently we have four students; however, we really NEED two more. If there is ANYONE in our parish interested in singing in the choir, PLEASE contact me; we could certainly use more parish members.

Next is the subject of the organ. When I came to St. Mary's we had an aging electronic instrument acquired from the First Presbyterian church next door some years ago. On the lowest keyboard only every other note would play, and on the other keyboards the various stops were chronically out of adjustment. In the first month I was here the repair person came I believe four times and finally said he had done all that could be done but it would never do what we expect. None of us would believe a thirty or forty some year old electronic anything--radio, stereo system, toaster or whatever to last indefinitely and be satisfactory. Along these same lines we would never require a concert pianist to play a concert on an electronic piano, and a trained organist needs a musical instrument to make music. A piano has strings and a sensitive key action; an organ has PIPES and wind and a sensitive, or "tracker" action. We found a small used organ conceived as a home practice organ for sale to accompany the congregational singing. It was not meant to accompany a choir or play the bulk of organ literature, but it was a fraction of the cost of a new and larger organ and could serve our immediate needs until the time can come when God will provide the ideal organ for St. Mary's church.

In closing I want to thank God and this parish for the opportunity to worship and make music with the "great choir" at St. Mary's and am wanting and striving to do that to the best of my ability.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bill Elliott

Altar Guild Report

Sandie Biehl

Despite a pandemic, a hurricane named Ian and the arrival of a new rector, Altar Guild has weathered many changes with a servant's heart, obliging hands, and a proper sense of humor (an essential).

When Fr. Ryan Wright came to St. Mary's, he brought a new vision, not only for the church, but also for Altar Guild. The Guild, for several years, had upheld its time-honored routines in preparing three weekend services and, before Covid, three weekday services. But, since we are now streaming the 10:00 Sunday service, it only made sense to re-think a sanctuary layout that would better accommodate not only the Guild but clergy and acolytes, as well. For example, the two small credence tables with holy elements were moved further to the back and side from the altar allowing a wider view for the camera. Another new addition to the layout includes a large, brass bell, that when struck, issues its own reverent tone. These and other changes are working

better for all, and have greatly enhanced the sound, visibility and precision filming for those watching at home.

Altar Guild is eternally grateful to those whose generosity enabled the purchase of two new altar candles and six much-needed candlesticks for the back table behind the priest's chair. We were also gifted with funds for some new fair linens for the altar. Interestingly, one of the most unique additions to the eucharistic ceremony is a large priest host that, when lifted high, allows all to view the breaking of the bread into two pieces, whether in-house or on camera. The symbolic presentation is quite inspiring.

Many thanks to Pam Stamper for " Keeping the Oil Lamps Lit" week after week and a huge welcome to our newest members: Candy Bergquist, Laura Bonanni, Coleen Sabol, and Cheryle Schlee. Should you be interested in learning more about Altar Guild, please call me at 239-498-9867.

Sandie Beihl

Directress

Report of the Outreach Commission Annette Leahy Judkins

Mission

This Commission directs St Mary's Church Outreach programs/projects, prudently managing restricted accounts, enlisting volunteers to follow Christ's teachings *to help those in need* and providing relief in times of unexpected crises. Our work is coupled with local non-profit organizations focused in North Naples and Lee County, including FT Myers and Cape Coral.

Focus

Efforts are primarily focused on: disadvantaged neighbors (children and families); literacy and education; food assistance; recovery rehabilitation; and, child development and family stability. This is mostly done through community grants awarded annually to action-oriented non-profit organizations that successfully provide these services. With the generous help of volunteers, St. Mary's also manages a number of its own direct outreach projects: Fall and Spring food drives and weekly food distributions; Kindness for Kids Advent/Christmas programs that benefit four of our partner organizations; and, a tutoring program for local academically at-risk elementary school children.

Grant Funded Projects/Programs

A total of \$55,000 was distributed in community and international grants:

After the Rain	Recovery rehabilitation and family stability
Café of Life	Food assistance
Harvest Time Ministries	Food assistance and family support
Life Giving Water Int'l	Water systems for remote indigenous villages
Literacy Council SWFL	Adult and child literacy programs
LOVE, Inc.	Family support, food and emergency assistance
Meals of Hope	Food assistance
New Horizons	Academic assistance and faith-based life skills
Our Mother's Home	Child development and family stability (11--17)
The New Beginning	Child development and family stability (17-- 21)

Special Church Appeals and Funding

In 2022, two significant appeals were held to respond to the Ukraine Invasion (Spring) and then to the local disaster caused by Hurricane Ian (Fall).

Food drives were held for Harvest Time Ministries (Fall) and Café of Life (Spring).

After the hurricane impacted SWFL, extra donations were made to Café of Life and Meals of Hope.

St Mary's Direct Outreach Programs

New Horizons Super Kids Club (SKC) has about 30 students who attend tutoring classes at St. Mary's where volunteers work one-on-one to help improve language and math skills and New Horizons staff focus on faith-based enrichment subjects. This assistance is offered Monday through Thursday during the academic school year which is followed by an intense reading camp held in June. A new Lending Library was opened in November which offers materials specially selected to develop "reading for pleasure." Parents are also invited several times during the school year for updates and celebrations (parents reception for Thanksgiving and graduation of 5th graders in May).

Comparative metric scores for the St. Mary's site reflect major improvements in academic progress 2021/2022:

	20/21	21/22	New Horizons
Overall			
Students without a documented disability who maintained a C or higher	61%	82%	79%
80% of students making at least a 30% gain or more in reading skills	59%	161%	82%
Students who stated that they work harder to get homework done and to do better	95%	100%	90%

Kindness for Kids Program is an Advent/Christmas project that engages members of the congregation to get involved in purchasing holiday gifts for children in four of our partner organizations. In 2022, nearly 70 gifts and books were distributed to children, ages 2 – 13, who live with their families in a migrant camp or at 2 other locations where children are in a protected environment and, lastly, for the nearly 30 children in the New Horizons program at St. Mary's Church.

OUTREACH MISSION: SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

<u>SOURCES</u>		<u>USES</u>	
PennyWise Thrift Shop	44%	Community/Int'l Grants	51%
Hurricane Ian Relief Fund	29%	Ukraine Appeal	22%
Episcopal Relief	56%	Hurricane Ian Relief Fund	21%
Samaritan's Purse	44%	Lending Library New Horizons	3%
Ukraine Disaster Appeal	16%	Food Interruption – Ian	3%
Kindness for Kids Donations	5%		
New Horizons Donations	3%		
Lending Library – Super Kids Club	3%		

Closing Comments

St. Mary's Outreach Commission members and Vestry are truly grateful for all its parishioners and their friends who "answer the call" for donations and volunteer support. We encourage everyone to become familiar with our programs and to see if there might be a volunteer opportunity that appeals to them.

Pastoral Ministries Commission 2022 Report **Chair: Yolanda Naimoli**

Vestry Liaison: Joan Croteau

Pastoral Ministries involve outreach to others through a variety of ministries.

Trained leaders provide care for one another, care for self and care for those in need of a pastoral visit. Qualifications for each are varied. All have completed seventeen weeks of *Healing Scriptures of Jesus* and maintain an annual membership in the International Order of St. Luke [OSL]. Each OSL member has made a commitment to continue their spiritual growth through "Growing Deeper" classes offered two Thursdays each month. OSL members are also invited to the Healing Eucharist the first Wednesday of each month. The current OSL team consists of 26 members.

Power of Prayer [PoP] team: Prayer requests are sent to: powerofprayer@stmarysbonita.org throughout the year. The Pastoral Ministries Chair, Yolanda Naimoli, receives these prayers and sends the request to one of two pastoral ministries. Prayer requests for St. Mary's parishioners are sent to the Pastoral Care team. Prayer requests, for friends and loved ones, are sent to the Power of Prayer [PoP] team members for 30 days of prayer. If a request needs further prayer, another prayer request may be submitted. The PoP team is OSL certified.

Prayers are kept confidential.

Pastoral Care: For parishioners who are unable to attend weekly church services due to illness or physical challenge. The Pastoral Caregiver contacts their assigned person for prayer, encouragement and Holy Communion. Each Caregiver is vetted by Clergy before being placed on the Pastoral Care [PC] team. Communication skills, sensitivity, deep spirituality and confidentiality are primary. Pastoral Caregivers must be OSL Certified, licensed by the diocese as Lay Eucharistic Visitors and trained for home/hospital visits. They must also maintain the Diocesan requirement of completing five [5] units of "*Safeguarding*" classes every three years.

Prayer at Worship Services: Prayer teams pray with people at the close of each worship service. At least two OSL trained prayer partners are present for those attending each worship service who desire prayer. **All prayers are kept confidential.**

Healing Eucharist: First Wednesday of each month. Healing litany, the sermon and anointing with prayer are offered as we focus on healing both body and soul. Holy Eucharist is also offered every Wednesday at Noon, January to May.

Prayer Request Cards are **no longer** needed. Personal prayer is offered at all services and the Power of Prayer email continues to be offered at any time of day or night all year. Prayer offered 24/7/365 at the following email address: powerofprayer@stmarysbonita.org

Centering Prayer: Offered in the church sanctuary Thursdays at 8:30am and led by Richard Norris. This is a time to center the soul in prayer as we listen in silence.

Prayers of Hope: Offered 2nd Monday of each month. Prayers offered to all who pick up food through “Meals of Hope” in St. Mary’s parking lot. We receive about 50-60 prayer requests each time and many are in Spanish. Some on the OSL certified prayer team can translate requests as they pray. Prayer cards are destroyed after prayer. All prayer is kept confidential.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Meets every Tuesday at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall and is led by Barbara Williams. Volunteers may create specific shawl patterns at home and join the group at St. Mary’s to stitch, share and pray at various times throughout the year. For those knitting or crocheting shawls, each stitch is a prayer for the person who will soon receive it. The shawls provide warmth and comfort for body and soul to those in need, sickness or adversity. Each prayer shawl is packaged with care in a labeled drawer in the storage room according to size. Anyone can take a shawl if they sign the sheet with their name, shawl size and shawl receiver. All shawls are blessed by clergy at a worship service as needed. Prayer shawls are also placed in a basket in the church narthex for those who need a ‘warm hug’ while worshipping in the cooler air.

Future Ministry Opportunities

Prayer in the Square: Trained OSL prayer leaders stand near Penny Wise Thrift Shop the 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:30 am and pray. Many people seek prayer before or after they shop. Amazing stories unfold as we pray but all is kept confidential. God has used this team mightily with surprising results when we have been able to meet. We plan to begin again in 2023.

Walking the Mourner’s Path: An eight-week, small group workshop that is grounded in prayer and led by trained facilitators. This Christ-centered program is a great source to help in the management of the grieving process. The facilitators are well trained parishioners who have a heart for those dealing with grief. An OSL trained prayer team prays off-site for each individual throughout the course. This course will be offered when a new team of volunteers is found and trained.

ECW Annual Report

Renee Osborne

✚ Annual Report St. Mary’s Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Women of the Episcopal Church are joined together to serve and do God’s work. All women who are members of an Episcopal Church are considered members of Episcopal Church Women. Through ECW there are a host of opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership, volunteerism and development of lasting friendships with fellow St. Mary’s women as well as ECW members from other parishes.

Since reorganizing and rebuilding in 2015, St. Mary’s has continued a rejuvenated ECW organization. There are exciting opportunities for leadership on the Executive Board working in partnership with the current leaders. There continues to be positive and increased participation in ECW events. In addition, there is also expanded representation in the Diocese of SW Florida and Naples Deanery, including the hosting of Deanery and Diocesan events. We are developing the scope of ECW’s Ministry at St. Mary’s to include personal and spiritual development.

As a Christian women’s organization that nurtures and serves our church family and our community, ECW’s work includes adding new organizations to our “Reaching Out” donations. Some of these are Pennywise (for items on their wish list), Kids Minds Matter, Tunnel to Towers Foundation, Suwyn Early Learning Center, ECHO Farms, and Empty Bowls of Naples. Other non-profits on the ECW giving list are Life Giving Waters, After the Rain, St. Mary’s Organ Fund, and St. Mary’s Hurricane Relief Fund. Annually, we contribute to the Diocese of SWFL

Diocesan ECW Fund. We continue to support the “Kindness for Kids” project volunteering to spread the love of Jesus Christ through gift-giving for children living in local migrant communities. The Stay at Home Tea is a tradition that dates back many years and provides a substantial portion of our budget for ECW “Reaching Out”. The Executive Board appreciates the support and contributions of this annual fundraiser.

In 2022, St. Mary’s ECW held seven monthly “Gatherings”, eleven Lunch Bunches, nine Executive Board Meetings, and one Funeral Reception. There were 44 participants in the Foyer Groups. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow-parishioners in a casual and relaxed atmosphere. The Annual Christmas Luncheon was held at Bonita National Country Club with 52 ladies in attendance. The most ever! It was a festive luncheon filled with joy and love.

The tradition of UTO collection continues showing God’s work at St. Mary’s. ECW lovingly gave \$500. to the matching fund for Ukraine. The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole Church. Through UTO, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily offerings and thanks to God. These UTO monies are used to support mission and ministry in The Episcopal Church and the invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world. The Diocese of SWFL ECW Diocesan Board is the center for our local UTO ministry.

Since 1871, the National Episcopal Church Women, ECW, have embraced the Christian foundation of God and family. They are a ministry of the Episcopal Church and celebrate that Episcopalians believe in a loving, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are a volunteer organization that creates a legacy for Episcopal Church Women to lead future generations with stewardship in Christ. St. Mary’s Episcopal Church Women Executive Board would like to thank all parishioners that support us in our beloved ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Osborne, Chair

PennyWise Annual Report

Paul Scheible

In 2022, PennyWise had another service-filled and profitable year thanks to our generous donors, and to our dedicated volunteer staff numbering almost 5 dozen blessed souls. This year’s sales somewhat exceeded \$150,000 despite closing a week for Hurricane Ian and having drastically reduced sales for the week following the storm. After expenses and a reserve allowance, we are happy to contribute \$120,000 to St. Mary’s. This contribution comprises \$60,000 designated for outreach, \$54,000 for other St. Mary’s expenditures and \$6,000 towards St. Mary’s tithe to the Diocese.

PennyWise contributes to outreach in other ways. Again this year we shipped (fifty) cartons of winter clothing to the Dearborn County Clearing House for Emergency Aid. Pennywise also contributed many bags of clothing to a local charity after Hurricane Ian and to Goodwill Industries throughout the year. We also gave direct clothing and other merchandise gifts to our local populace in need. Lastly, PennyWise transferred some goods we cannot sell to other charitable organizations such as Habitat and Goodwill Industries.

Our focus on improving the store this year included many cosmetic repairs, new display cases, a new roadside sign, and exterior lights. It is very common for our customers to compliment us on the look and ambience of the store.

Pennywise has always tried to enhance the fellowship at St. Mary’s with camaraderie amongst our strong volunteer team and sharing our ministry’s purpose with the congregation at St. Mary’s. Although it has been several years since the last St. Mary’s Ministry Fair, during which

Pennywise held an open house for the congregation, we look forward to having that opportunity again. PennyWise is also one of several ministries hosting the coffee hour after the 10 am Sunday service.

Pennywise is very appreciative of the very generous donors from St. Mary's and the local community. Our best-selling items include gently used clothing, household goods such as kitchen ware, linens, small appliances, tools and smaller pieces of furniture, as well as jewelry and other accessories. We also sell a variety of other types of goods

We welcome everyone to visit us in the store for good deals and a good time. Pennywise is open 10 am to 3 pm, Tuesday through Saturday (November-May) and Wednesday through Saturday (June-October).

Submitted by Paul Scheible

PennyWise Board Chairperson



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