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# St. Mary's Episcopal Church

*A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania*

March 24, 2024, 10:00 AM The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday Rite II

*Our Mission:* God is calling the people of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Wayne, Pennsylvania to follow Jesus' teaching to love God with all our hearts, souls and minds; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Therefore we love and embrace each other, friend and stranger alike in worship, service and prayer as we seek to live in and share God's Word.

– Adopted by the St. Mary's Vestry, May 2015



Mark 11:1-11

# The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## Liturgy of the Palms

*The people gather in the Navajo Room of the parish hall for the Blessing of the Palms, so that all may process into the church together.*

*Celebrant* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Mark II:1-11

**W**hen they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant says*

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* **Hosanna in the highest.**

## Procession

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.  
*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The first verse of the following hymn is sung in place and then the people process into the church while singing.*

*With solemnity*

1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho -  
2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride  
3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel ar - mies

san - na cry; Thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road  
on to die: O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin  
of the sky Look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes

With palms and scat - ter'd gar - ments strowed.  
O'er cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.  
To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice. A - men.

4 Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
Expects his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign. Amen.

*All pause as the hymn ends while the following collect is said.*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The procession then continues into the church. The congregation follows the crucifer down the center aisle toward the altar, then around to the right to the side aisle and back up the center aisle where they then may take their places in their pews.*

**Processional Hymn 154** All glory, laud and honor

*Valet will ich dir geben*

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**A**lmighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

**T**he Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated.*

**Psalm 31:9-16 - Antiphon sung by all**

*Antiphon*



**In - cline your ear to me, O LORD; make haste to de - liv - er me.**

- 9 Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  
When they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; \*  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \*  
I have said, “You are my God.”
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
Rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant; \*  
And in your loving-kindness save me.”

## The Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

**L**et the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

**Gradual Hymn 170**   To mock your reign, O dearest Lord

*The Third Tune*

**Passion Gospel** - *See bulletin insert*

**Mark 15:1-39, 40-47**

*All may be seated for the reading of the Passion Gospel. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.*

Homily

The Rev. Lucy Ann Dure

## Nicene Creed

*All stand.*

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

Brothers and sisters, are we not wholly reliant on God's tender love and mercy? So let us cry out to our Lord, saying, "Look upon us in mercy; *and with compassion remember us.*"

Have mercy on your Church, O Lord, for the times we have denied you. We have not been humble as you are humble. We are too often quick to speak and slow to love. This week in our parish cycle of prayers we pray for  
(*Congregation reads names out loud*) **Timothy Westerman and Wayne Walters and their families.**

*Silence*

Look upon us in mercy:

**And with compassion remember us.**

Have mercy on those who hold authority in the nations of the world, O Lord, especially where people live in fear of violence, terror, and war. Forgive us for our silence and complicity. *Silence*

Look upon us in mercy:

**And with compassion remember us.**

Have mercy on us who are called to be stewards of all your gifts, O Lord. We have exploited and mistreated your creation. Teach us to love what you have called good. *Silence*

Look upon us in mercy:

**And with compassion remember us.**

Have mercy on our enemies, O Lord, and on those who persecute us. Teach us the love of Jesus, who from the cross prayed, "Father, forgive them." *Silence*

Look upon us in mercy:

**And with compassion remember us.**

Have mercy on all who are sick and suffering, O Lord. Strengthen the afflicted. Comfort and care for those wasted with grief. Make your face to shine upon your servants. Remembering (**congregation reads the name aloud**) **Jennifer Lurie, Irene Steinhardt, Lisa Hart, Victoria Coates, JoAnne Vereneck, Jim Cobb, David Seavey, Scott Ziglar, Craig and Ann Marie Erickson, Marylu Hill and her family, Diana Hoogstraten, Magali Behrmann, and Avanya Manasseh.** *Silence*

Look upon us in mercy:

**And with compassion remember us.**

Merciful Lord, you became obedient to death, even death upon a cross. Even as you have shared our mortality, mercifully grant us to share in your resurrection. Remembering Mary Kelleher who died a year ago today.

*Silence*

Look upon us in mercy:

**And with compassion remember us.**

We also pray for other special intentions which may be added at this time either silently or aloud.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

*The Priest then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Priest and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*All stand.*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

# **The Holy Communion**

## **Eucharistic Prayer A**

*The Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence*

**Offertory Anthem** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Words: Isaac Watts

Folk tune: *O waly, waly* Arranged by Guy Eldridge

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.




*The people stand*

*Celebrant* All things come of Thee, O Lord;

*People* **And of Thine own, have we given Thee.**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

*Celebrant* *People*




The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*




Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.


*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus - S129**

R. Powell



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and



might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*The people stand or kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

## Agnus Dei - S163

R. Powell

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*If you would like to receive a prayer for healing, for yourself and/or another, a healing minister will pray for you in the Lady Chapel.*

**Communion Motet** *When Jesus Wept*

Music: William Billings, 1746-1800

Words: *The New England New Psalm Singer, 1770*

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound:  
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

**Communion Hymn 479** Glory be to Jesus

*Wem in Leidenstaegen*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant and people*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Solemn Prayer over the People**

*Celebrant* Let us bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 158** Ah, holy Jesus

*Herzliebster Jesu*

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY WEEK AT ST. MARY'S 2024**  
**March 24 - March 31**

**Sunday March 24 -- 7:45 am & 10:00 am**  
**PALM SUNDAY SERVICES**

**Thursday March 28 -- 6:00 pm**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**  
**Followed by Vigil at The Altar of Repose**  
**In one hour prayer sessions**

**Friday March 29 -- 12:00 pm**  
**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

**Friday March 29 -- 3:00 pm**  
**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
**Passion Music - The Crucifixion (by Stainer)**

**Saturday, March 30 -- 7:30 pm**  
**THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**

**Sunday, March 31 -- 7:45 am & 10:00 am**  
**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES**  
**with Easter Egg Hunt Following**



**SERVICES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S**  
**(Please see Holy Week Schedule)**

Sunday in the Church  
7:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II\*  
Monday-Wednesday in the Lady Chapel\*  
9am Morning Prayer Rite II  
5pm Evening Prayer Rite II  
Thursday in the Lady Chapel\*  
9am Morning Prayer Rite II  
12 noon Holy Eucharist with Healing\*  
Friday in the Lady Chapel  
9am Morning Prayer Rite II\*

\*Livestream at St. Mary's Facebook page

**Good Friday Liturgy March 29 at 3:00 p.m.  
Music of the Passion**

“The Crucifixion” by Sir John Stainer is described by the composer as “A Meditation of the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer.” This cantata presents the Passion with drama and power, yet with sensitivity and warmth. The music reflects the style of nineteenth century English choral music, both in its sweeping grandeur and emotional sensitivity.

The prominent solo roles in this cantata are those of the Narrator (tenor) and the part of Jesus (bass), We are privileged to have two fine guest soloists singing with our choir, for this performance. Ronald Naldi, internationally acclaimed tenor, has sung with the NYC Metropolitan Opera for many years, in many roles, including TV broadcasts from the Met. He has also toured with Met productions in Europe and Asia. Michael Kreuger, bass, is well-known to Philadelphia audiences for his many oratorio performances.

St. Mary’s Choir, plus additional singers will provide a powerful and versatile chorus, bringing dramatic sonority and emotional sensitivity to this music. The accompaniment was composed specifically for organ, and it requires the full resources of a substantial instrument. I will be playing this dramatic organ accompaniment and also conducting.

Everyone is invited to attend this performance of “The Crucifixion,” which begins at 3 pm.

- Dr. Gordon Turk, Organist and Choirmaster





## Invitation & Announcements

To all who are lonely and need friendship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, this church opens wide its doors and bids you WELCOME!

We welcome all visitors to St. Mary's this morning. Please sign our guest book by the front door of the Church.



**Today is Sunday, March 24, 2024**

**The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

**7:45 am** Holy Eucharist Rite I

**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist Rite II

(livestreamed and recorded)

**10:15 Christian Formation** Edith Helms

**11:15 am** Coffee Hour

**Acolytes:**

**7:45 am** Linda Noll

**10:00 am** Greg Kelleher

**Chalice:**

**7:45am** Linda Noll

**10:00am** Erlis Wickersham

**Readers:**

**7:45 am** Balana Gullatt

**10:00 am**

Liturgy of the Palms

1st Lesson

2nd Lesson

John Wickersham

Toni Hoffacker

Bridget Lanouette

**Prayers of the People:** Greg Kelleher

**Altar Guild:** Team 4

**Live Stream:** TBA

**Ushers:** Neal Fulton, Frank Tatnall

**Parish Cycle of Prayers**

This week in our parish cycle of prayers, we pray for Timothy Westerman and Wayne Walters and their families.

**The Sanctuary light** is given in loving memory of Mary Elizabeth Kelleher who left us this day one year ago, yet her spirit remains with us always.

**Please pray for those in ongoing need of our prayers and all on our parish intercession list at St. Mary's:**

Jennifer Lurie, Irene Steinhardt, Lisa Hart, Victoria Coates, JoAnne Vereneck, Jim Cobb, David Seavey, Scott Ziglar, and Craig and Ann Marie Erickson, Marylu Hill and her family, Diana Hoogstraten, Magali Behrmann and Avanya Manasseh.

Also included on the prayer list are our friends John Paul, Peggy Wilson, Emma Cavanaugh-Kerr, Nancy Melanson, Stan Compton, Arlene, Dan Bailey, Joe Stellabotte, Father Hentzi Elek, Carole Beideman, Mike Mattingly, Dana Lips, Miriam, Kris, and Marilyn Miller.

The names read aloud today include St. Mary's parishioners and family members of parishioners. Please say aloud the names of your loved ones during the Prayers of the People when the lector pauses for the congregation to add their own petitions.

Please note: *Kindly let our Parish Administrator Nicole Marie know if you would like yourself or another prayed for at our services. It is our practice to take individuals off the Intercession list after four weeks unless more time is requested. our web site at [stmaryswaynepa.org](http://stmaryswaynepa.org).*

### **Our Transition Prayer for this week:**

Pray for the Vestry and the Search Committee.

*Let us pray that our church will wholeheartedly trust the Lord as we seek a new priest. Let us pray that our search committee will find inspiration and strength in the guidance of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Maundy Thursday Vigil at the Altar of Repose**

*“And Jesus came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you do not enter into temptation.” - Mark 14:37-38*

All are invited to sign up to pray for one hour during the all night Vigil in the Lady Chapel. If you would like to keep Watch at the Altar of Repose in the Lady Chapel on Thursday, March 28, please sign up for the hour you will pray on the Sign Up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Speak with Mother Lucy Ann if you have any questions.

### **Party After the Easter Vigil!**

There will be Cake and Champagne served after the Great Vigil of Easter to properly celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection (and the end of Lent)! Please join us in the Navajo Room at 9:15pm or so. All are welcome!

### **Workday at the Rectory**

We are making excellent progress in painting the Rectory interior. The third floor is completed. The entire staircase is completed and we are within striking distance of completing the four bedrooms and two bathrooms on the second floor. The 1st floor hallway and ceiling are also completed. It's been a great way to interact and prepare our rectory for our new rector. There will be more work opportunities available, please stay tuned! If you have questions, kindly contact Jim Anderson at [jsanderson569@gmail.com](mailto:jsanderson569@gmail.com) or Allyson Radford at [Radford.allyson@gmail.com](mailto:Radford.allyson@gmail.com)

**Easter Flower Memorials** Envelopes are in the pews for Easter flower memorials. Please place your memorial request and donation in the collection plate **TODAY** or you may email Susan Huck or call her at 484-612-2546 *by the end of the day tomorrow* to get in your Easter Flower Memorial dedications. The deadline is here. Thank you for understanding.

**St. Mary's Book Club** The next meeting of the Book Club will take place on April 10th at 2 PM at Ellen Buerklin's house. We will read *Once There Were Wolves* by Charlotte McConaghy. On May 8th our selection is *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevsky and on June 12th we read *Alfie and Me: What Owls Know, What Humans Believe* (2023) by Carl Safina. Everyone is cordially invited to join us, whether you have read the book or not. We do hope to see you there. If you have questions, please contact Erlis Wickersham at [vze27g53@verizon.net](mailto:vze27g53@verizon.net)

### **Join St. Mary's and Liberti Church for 'Small Things Philly Meal Packing' After Palm Sunday Service!**

*“We can do no great things, only small things with great love.”— Mother Teresa*

Join us after the service today, as St. Mary's partners with Liberti Church for the 'Small Things Philly Meal Packing' event. Folks from St. Mary's and Liberti will work together to pack non-perishable items into boxes for families in need. Liberti is organizing the event, which is simple: Non-perishable items will be dropped off in the St. Mary's driveway on pallets and people from St. Mary's and Liberti will form an assembly line to pack the non-perishables into boxes to be delivered to families in need of food. St. Mary's does not need to deliver anything. We just need to pack the boxes. This activity will only take an hour or two. Let's unite in this meaningful endeavor to make a positive impact in our community!

### **African Asylum Seekers: How You Can Help Today**

Over 1,000 African asylum seekers have recently relocated to Philadelphia, straining local community resources. St. Mary's Refugee Committee has been called upon to assist, so we are asking for volunteers for financial support, food and toiletry donations, tutoring English as a Second Language (ESL) and transporting the collected items into Philadelphia. For inquiries or to volunteer, please contact Rena Counsellor at 610-547-5065.

**Housekeeping** Please note that the office will be closed the week after Easter Sunday. You may find bulletins and links for all services, including morning and evening prayer, as well as the first Sunday after Easter on our web site at [stmaryswaynepa.org](http://stmaryswaynepa.org).

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