



St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania

October 26, 2025 7:45am The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Rite I



All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted. - Luke 18:9-14

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Joel 2:23-32

A Reading from the Prophet Joel.

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again
be put to shame.
Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.
I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- Y**ou are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Conor Alexander

Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

The Deacon or other person appointed says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world. In our parish cycle of prayers this week, we pray for **Rena Counsellor & David Phillips, David & Kirsten Parsells, Timothy O'Donovan and their families.**

After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Bishop, Father Conor our Rector that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald our President, and Josh our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor *(Congregation reads the names aloud)* **Irene Steinhardt, Jennifer Lurie, JoAnne Vereneck, Jim Cobb, Scott Ziglar, Wilhelm Rebmann, Timothy O'Donovan, Aldys Davis, Guillaume Brunet, Enid Ball, Bob Buckley, Connie, John Paul, Peggy Wilson, Emma Cavanaugh-Kerr, Stan Compton, Arlene, Grace Carter and her family, Karen Iacobucci, Rebecca, Lilly, Megan Ripperger, Edith, Chrissy Creamer, Louisa Ridgway, Shannon Crowley, Sophie Bond, Dave Long, The Donnellann Family and Sandy** that they may be delivered from their distress, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service. Grant us grace so to follow the good example of St. Mary and of all thy saints, that we may be partakers with them of thy heavenly kingdom. We pray especially for Lyons Hamblen in whose memory the Altar Flowers are given, we pray for Dr. James Mackey, son, James T. Mackey and parents, Elizabeth and Theodore A. Rosensteel in whose memory the Lady Chapel Flowers are given, and we also pray for Theodore Allen Huck in whose memory the Sanctuary Light is given.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

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, October 26, 2025 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

7:45am Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II
(livestreamed and recorded)

11:15am Coffee Hour

Acolytes

7:45 am Linda Noll

10:00am John Hinchey, Penny Busch

Chalice

7:45 am Linda Noll

10:00 am Joyce Randolph

Readers

7:45am Balana Gullatt

10:00am John Wickersham (1), Erlis Wickersham (2)

Prayers of the People: Brook Hunt

Live Stream: Scott Scheidt

Ushers: Neal Fulton, Janice Radford

Parish Cycle of Prayers

In this week's parish cycle of prayers we pray for Rena Counsellor & David Phillips, David & Kirsten Parsells, Timothy O'Donovan and their families.

The Flowers on the High Altar this morning are given by Carole Fowler to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father, **Lyons Hamblen**.

The Lady Chapel Flowers are given by Mrs. James Mackey to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, **Dr. James Mackey, son, James T. Mackey and parents, Elizabeth and Theodore A. Rosensteel**.

The Sanctuary Light is given by the Huck family to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Theodore Allen Huck**.

Please pray for those in ongoing need of our prayers and all on our parish intercession list at St. Mary's: Irene Steinhardt, Jennifer Lurie, JoAnne Vereneck, Jim Cobb, Scott Ziglar, Magali Behrmann, Wilhelm Rebmann, Timothy O'Donovan, Aldys Davis, Guillaume Brunet, Enid Ball, Bob Buckley, Connie, John Paul, Peggy Wilson, Emma Cavanaugh-Kerr, Stan Compton, Arlene, Grace Carter and her family, Karen Iacobucci, Rebecca, Lilly, Megan Ripperger, Edith, Chrissy Creamer, Louisa Ridgway, Dave, Shannon Crowley, Sophie Bond, Dave Long, The Donnellann Family and Sandy.

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.*

**Fall Outdoor Clean-up
Day, this year will be on
Saturday, November 1st
10:00am- 2:00pm**

Spend a few hours helping to tidy and beautify our campus. Calling all volunteers to help rake leaves, prune bushes, remove branches, etc. If you have tools you prefer to use, bring them - but we will have plenty of tools on hand. We will also have a dumpster in the driveway for any yard waste, and any old, unnecessary items stored in the basement of the church. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Questions? Contact Laurie Buechle at: lbuechle@verizon.net.

**Join St. Mary's for Our Fall 2025
Good Works Volunteer Day
November 8th**

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
- Ephesians 2:10

St. Mary's is excited to return for our second Good Works volunteer day of 2025! On Saturday, November 8th, join us in embracing the spirit of service as we help repair homes and restore hope for low-income families. This effort is organized by Good Works, a Christian nonprofit based in Phoenixville, PA. Volunteers of all skill levels are welcome — there's a place for everyone to contribute!

To sign up and for more details, please contact:

- Peter Burke – burkenes@yahoo.com
- Geoff Aigeltinger – aigeltgk@yahoo.com

Let's come together once again to create lasting change for families in need!

**Monday Morning Bible Study
Online via Zoom at 11:00am**

The Bible study group is finishing its consideration of First Corinthians. We expect to begin Second Corinthians on Monday, October 20th. This close textual study is open to everyone. There are no assignments, and you are welcome to join at any time. October 20th would be an especially good time to add the devotion of weekly Scripture reading and discussion to your schedule. For answers to your questions or to make suggestions for future reading, please contact Erlis Wickersham at: vze27g53@verizon.net.

"A Time for Growth"



"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom no variableness, neither shadow of turning." - 15 James 1:17

Thank you to Caroline and Andrew Clifford for speaking this past Sunday about their love for St. Mary's and what it means to them. Tom Buechle will speak at the 10:00 service on Sunday October 26th. Please also "Save the Date" for November 2nd when the Cutler family will speak and Lori Daniels from the Pennsylvania Diocese will share insight at Coffee Hour on how we can possibly give tax free dollars to St. Mary's.

For 2026, we need to plan our budget for the church's expenses. Your Stewardship makes it all possible. We hope each family can make a 2026 pledge. You can pledge by sending your pledge card to St. Mary's or go to St. Mary's website and click the Stewardship tab at www.stmaryswayne.org/stewardship and scroll down to the Annual Pledge 2026 link.

Thank you for your generosity to St. Mary's!

Congratulations to Christopher Hart



At the Pennsylvania Episcopal Diocese Convention on October 18th, Bishop Gutierrez awarded Christopher Hart the Bishop's Award which is an outstanding honor! Bishop Gutierrez expressed how grateful he is for all the hard work and contributions Christopher has given to the Diocese over so many years. Great job Christopher and congratulations!

Youth And Adult Formation Classes

Fall, 2025 Navajo Room, Sundays at 9am

On **November 2nd**, during coffee hour, we will welcome another guest speaker, someone who will address the subject of stewardship.

On **November 9th, 16th and 23rd**, we will study the book of Acts, including a consideration of how early Christians lived. We will read with a view to understanding how each of these readings inform our lives today.

There is no class on November 30th because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Finally, this year's Advent Quiet Day will take place on **Saturday, December 6th**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend any or all of these interesting classes. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Erlis Wickersham at vze27g53@verizon.net.

St. Mary's Book Club November 12 at 2pm At Ellen Buerklin's House

The next meeting of the book club will take place on Wednesday, November 12 at Ellen's Buerklin's house. We will discuss Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous novel, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. In December at Erlis Wickersham's house we will consider *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* by Mark Twain. Our January reading is John Milton's, *Hymn on the Morning of Christ's Nativity (1645)*. Everyone is cordially invited to join the group for fellowship and a lively exchange of ideas, whether you have read the book or not. If you have questions, please contact Erlis Wickersham.

Administration Deadline

The weekly liturgy bulletins are available online on Fridays and in print on Sundays. The eChimes is distributed on Fridays. To help us meet these deadlines, all announcements, photographs, and notices must be submitted to our Parish Administrator, Nicole Marie, by the **End of the day on Tuesdays**. We appreciate your understanding. **Please note:** If you miss the deadline, do not worry the announcement can be published the following week. You may reach out to our Parish Administrator, Nicole Marie with questions at nicole@stmaryswaynepa.org or (610)-688-1313 (ext. 202).

All Saint's Day

If you would like a loved one prayed for during All Saints Celebration on Sunday November 2, please contact Nicole Marie in the office.

Thank you to all who contributed to another successful St. Mary's Oktoberfest including planning, set up, cooking and participating as guests.

A great time was had by all !

Lucky Ducky 50/50 Raffle is back for this year's Fall Food Festival!



Starting **THIS** Sunday, October 26th, after the 10:00am service at Coffee Hour, Beth Tyson will be set up in the Navajo Room to help you adopt a ducky! She will also have a booth in the Fr. Greene Room throughout the festival. Every ducky has a number on the bottom, you pick your Duck(s) then Beth will take your name, \$5 for each ducky or \$20 for 5 duckies, and a phone number - so you do not need to be present at the drawing. On the day of the Festival, the Rector will blindly select a single Lucky Ducky at 1:30 pm, and the adoptive parent of this Lucky Ducky will win half of the raffle pot!

Calling all cooks!

Calling all cooks! Have you decided what you will bring to the Fall Food Festival on Saturday, November 15? The casserole you always bring to pot luck suppers? The cookies you are famous for? Have you signed up on the volunteer sheet? Food containers and recipe cards are available in the Navajo Room. Fresh or frozen casseroles are needed in a variety of sizes. We need your help! Can't cook? No problem----sign up to monitor the bouncy house or help with clean up. This is the WOSM's yearly fundraiser. Your contributions are so important! Call Linda Noll (610) 331-7935 or Beth Tyson (610) 952-0878 to share your time and talents.



**Save the date! November 15th
Get ready to Feast!**

St. Mary's Annual Fall Food Festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This year will feature many of our favorite familiar foods as well as fun new activities and food options! Consider signing up to Volunteer for a few hours that day, or contribute by baking goodies or preparing a frozen casserole. The sign-up poster can be found in the Narthex before and after 10 am services, or in the Navajo room during Coffee Hour.

Parish Staff

Fr. Conor Alexander, *Rector* (frconor@stmaryswaynepa.org)
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Joan McAndrew, *Nursery*

Vestry

Term 2026	Term 2027	Term 2028
Linda Noll, People's Warden	Paul Acton	Pat McKay, Rector's Warden
Dave Lander	Edith Helms	Peter Burke
Thomas Sean Kelleher	Janice Radford	Susan Huck
	Andrew Clifford	Geoffrey Aigeltinger

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and follow the instructions, or, to make a donation
via text, simply text worship 1887, to the number 73256.



WEEKLY SERVICES AT ST. MARY'S

Sunday in the Church
7:45 am Eucharist Rite I
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II*

Daily Office: 9:30am and 5pm

Thursday Healing Service: 12 noon

*Livestreamed at St. Mary's Livestream page

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