



# St. Mary's Episcopal Church

*A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania*

September 28, 2025 10:00 AM The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Rite II

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*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



**I**f they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead. – Luke 16:31

**Hymn in Procession 423** Immortal, invisible, God only wise*St. Denio**Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gloria S278**

W. Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,  
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;  
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-  
ceive our prayer. 6. For  
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the  
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of  
God the Fa-ther. A - men.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All may be seated.*

## First Reading

**Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15**

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the <sup>1</sup>Möst <sup>1</sup>High, \*  
abides under the <sup>1</sup>shadow <sup>1</sup>of the Al<sup>1</sup>mighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,  
“You are my <sup>1</sup>refuge and my <sup>1</sup>stronghold, \*  
my God in <sup>1</sup>whom I <sup>1</sup>put my <sup>1</sup>trust.”
- 3 He shall deliver you from the <sup>1</sup>snare of the <sup>1</sup>hunter \*  
and <sup>1</sup>from the <sup>1</sup>deadly <sup>1</sup>pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,  
and you shall find refuge <sup>1</sup>under his <sup>1</sup>wings; \*  
his faithfulness shall <sup>1</sup>be a <sup>1</sup>shield and <sup>1</sup>buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any <sup>1</sup>terror by <sup>1</sup>night, \*  
nor of the <sup>1</sup>arrow that <sup>1</sup>flies by <sup>1</sup>day;
- 6 Of the plague that <sup>1</sup>stalks in the <sup>1</sup>darkness, \*  
nor of the sickness that <sup>1</sup>läys <sup>1</sup>waste at <sup>1</sup>mid-day.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will <sup>1</sup>I de<sup>1</sup>liver him; \*  
I will protect him, be<sup>1</sup>cause he <sup>1</sup>knows my <sup>1</sup>Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and <sup>1</sup>I will <sup>1</sup>answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will <sup>1</sup>rescue him and <sup>1</sup>bring him to <sup>1</sup>honor.
- 16 With long <sup>1</sup>life will I <sup>1</sup>satisfy him, \*  
and <sup>1</sup>show him <sup>1</sup>my sal<sup>1</sup>vation.

## Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

*Those who are able may stand.*

**Gradual Hymn 429**    I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

Old 113th

## **Holy Gospel**

**Luke 16:19-31**

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

*Celebrant*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Conor Alexander**

## Nicene Creed

*Those who are able may 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**

*Those who are able remain standing.*

## Prayers of the People - Form II

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

*Leader*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Daniel; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. In this week's parish cycle of prayers, we pray for *(the congregation reads aloud)* Richard & Shannon Steinhardt, Maria Steinhardt, Stephen Stack and their families.



### *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

### *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. Remembering, *(the congregation reads aloud)* **Irene Steinhardt, Jennifer Lurie, JoAnne Vereneck, Jim Cobb, Scott Ziglar, Craig and Ann Marie Erickson, 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, Shannon Crowley, Barbara, Sophie Bond, Dave, Dave Long, and Owen Donnellann & Family.**  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

### *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed especially Iva May Johnson for whom the Flowers on the High Altar are given this morning, "Pete" Doerr, Susan Rex, Anne and Gilbert Megargee, Lynda Cook, Wayne Conner, Sydney Britton, John Shaw and other departed family members for whom the Flowers on the Lady Chapel Altar are given, and Alice Orton Moon Ritschard for whom the Sanctuary Light is given.

Pray for those who have died.

### *Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present*

I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_.

I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_.

### *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

### *Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### *Silence.*

### *Celebrant 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.**

## The Peace

*Those who are able may stand.*

*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.*

## Announcements

# The Holy Communion

**Offertory Anthem** Behold now, praise the Lord

Everett Titcomb

Behold now, praise the Lord,  
All ye servants of the Lord.

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord,  
Even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.

*Those who are able may stand.*

## Doxology Hymn

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Praise God from whom all blessing flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,  
**Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

*Those who are able remain standing.*

## Eucharistic Prayer B

*The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says:*

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
The Lord be with you.	And al-so with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Lift up your hearts.	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	
	
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
<i>People</i>	
	
It is right to give him thanks and praise.	

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



*The Celebrant inserts proper preface*

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 S128

W. Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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.

*Those who are able stand or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days You sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be

acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever.



And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.**

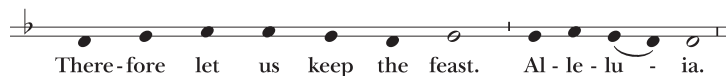
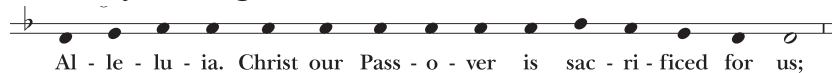
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

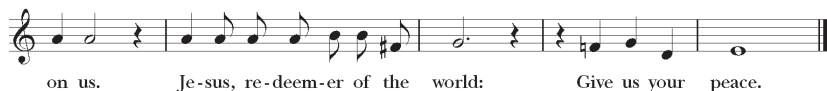
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*



## Agnus Dei S 165

W. Mathias



*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  
10 in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

## **Communion Motet** *Ave Verum*

Sir Edward Elgar

*Ave verum Corpus, natum De Maria Virgine,  
Vere passum, immolatum In cruce pro homine:  
Cuius latus perforatum Unda fluxit et  
sanguine,  
Esto nobis praegustatum In mortis examine.  
O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.*

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
who having truly suffered, was sacrificed  
on the cross for mankind, whose pierced side  
flowed with water and blood: May it be for us a  
foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]  
in the trial of death. O gentle, O merciful, O sweet  
Jesus, son of Mary.

## **Communion Hymn 302** Father, we thank thee

*Rendez à Dieu*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*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.**

*A prayer for those observing birthdays*

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*A prayer for those observing anniversaries*

**O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church. Send your blessing upon these persons who come to renew their promises to each other, and grant them in your grace, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

## **Closing Hymn 594** God of grace and God of glory

*Cwm Rhondda*

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

## **Voluntary** ‘The New Commonwealth’ (From the film ‘The 49th Parallel’)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

## 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, September 28, 2025 The Sixteenth 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** Penny Busch, John Hinchey  
Evangeline Rozells

#### Chalice

**7:45 am** Linda Noll  
**10:00am** Erlis Wickersham

#### Readers

**7:45am** Balana Gullatt  
**10:00am** John Wickersham (1), Erlis Wickersham (2)

**Prayers of the People:** Peter Busch

**Live Stream:** Thomas Sean Kelleher

**Ushers:** Neal Fulton, Frank Tatnall

#### Parish Cycle of Prayers

In this week's parish cycle of prayers we pray for Richard & Shannon Steinhardt, Maria Steinhardt, Stephen Stack and their families.

**Flowers on the High Altar** are given in loving memory of **Iva May Johnson**, by her daughter Eleanor Johnson, deceased long time member of St. Mary's.

**Flowers on the Lady Chapel Altar** this morning are given by Mrs. Herbert Doerr to the glory of God and in loving memory of "**Pete**" **Doerr, Susan Rex, Anne and Gilbert Megargee, Lynda Cook, Wayne Conner, Sydney Britton, John Shaw and other departed family members.**

**The Sanctuary Light** is given in memory of **Alice Orton Moon Ritschard** by her great granddaughter Nicole Marie.

**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, Craig and Ann Marie Erickson, 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, Shannon Crowley, Barbara, Sophie Bond, Dave, Dave Long, and Owen Donnellann & Family.

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.*



# Monday Morning Bible Study

## Online via Zoom at 11:00am

The Monday morning Bible study class is currently reading First and Second Corinthians. This close textual study is open to everyone. There are no assignments, and you are welcome to join at any time. For answers to your questions or to make suggestions for future reading, please contact Erlis Wickersham at [vze27g53@verizon.net](mailto:vze27g53@verizon.net).

**Blessing of the Animals**  
**Sunday, October 5 at 2pm**  
**On the front lawn**



In honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi bring your pets to the front lawn of St. Mary's at 2pm in the afternoon following church services to have them blessed by Fr. Conor Alexander. Dogs, cats, fish, turtles and all pets are welcome but you must hold any reptiles!

**St. Mary's Book Club**  
**October 8th at 2pm**  
**At Jean Wetzel's House**

The next meeting of the book club will take place at 2 PM on Wednesday, October 8 at Jean Wetzel's house. Our title will be *Enchantress of Numbers* by Jennifer Chiaverini, the fascinating story of Lord Byron's only legitimate daughter, Ada. On November 12th we will meet at Erlis Wickersham's to discuss *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. In December, on the 10th, we will read Mark Twain's delightful tale, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*. Everyone is welcome to enjoy delicious refreshments and lively conversation. You do not have to read the book to join us, and we look forward to seeing you there. If you have questions, please contact Erlis Wickersham.

## Annual "Extreme Bocce" Tournament

**Saturday, October 11, 2025**

**Start Time: 10:00am**

**Location:** The home of David & Kirsten Parsells

Get ready for a day of fall fun on Saturday, October 11, at St. Mary's Annual "Extreme Bocce" Ball Tournament. Never played bocce? No problem! It's an easy and fun lawn game where teams compete by taking turns rolling balls to get as close as possible to a smaller white target ball. Spectators and fans are also welcome to enjoy the lovely fall weather and spend some time together!

RSVP to Scott Scheidt at [sms9494@gmail.com](mailto:sms9494@gmail.com) and let him know the following:

1) How many are attending, 2) How many are planning to play so he can organize teams, and 3) If you have a preferred teammate (if not, we'll pair you with someone!)

# Oktoberfest!

## Bavarian Feast Dinner

**Saturday, October 18 at 6pm**

**BYOB, RSVP Required**



Join us for an evening celebrating German culture and food with a hearty 3-course meal lovingly prepared by Parishioners. Festivities will include music by my Monica Ziglar and Gordon Turk, a German grace by Ellen Buerklin, Oktoberfest Trivia and a few communal growlers of Bald Birds Brewing special Marzen batch "Octo-Bird Fest" beer. Contact Jean Wetzal at [claywetz@verizon.net](mailto:claywetz@verizon.net) with any questions or to make a reservation.

## Youth And Adult Formation Classes

### Fall, 2025 Navajo Room at 9am

### Sunday, September 28th

On **September 28th** we consider the nineteenth century, including the Civil War and revival movements, with brief reference to the present day.

In **October** we begin a new series focusing on Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The dates for this series are the **12th, 19th, and 26th**. We hope to have a guest speaker on one of these Sundays, discussing the role of the Christian church in contemporary German and European history.

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](mailto:vze27g53@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](mailto:burkenes@yahoo.com)
- Geoff Aigeltinger – [aigeltgk@yahoo.com](mailto:aigeltgk@yahoo.com)

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

### 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](mailto:nicole@stmaryswaynepa.org) or (610)-688-1313 (ext. 202).





## Parish Staff

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**Joan McAndrew**, *Nursery*

## Vestry

### Term 2026

**Linda Noll**, People's Warden

**Dave Lander**

**Thomas Sean Kelleher**

### Term 2027

**Paul Acton**

**Edith Helms**

**Elizabeth Morrill**

**Janice Radford**

**Andrew Clifford**

### Term 2028

**Pat McKay**, Rector's Warden

**Peter Burke**

**Susan Huck**

**Geoffrey Aigeltinger**

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Simply point your camera at the QR code below  
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

<https://www.stmaryswaynepa.org/livestream>

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