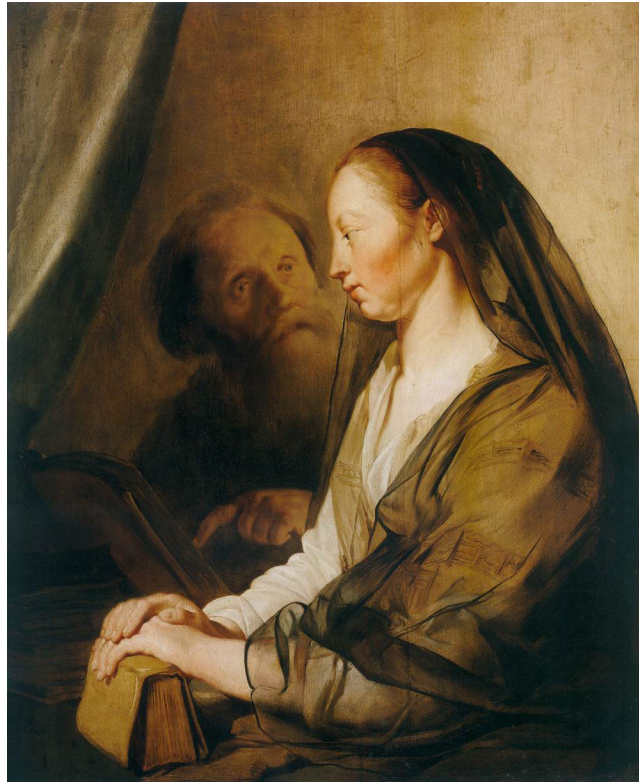




St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania

October 19, 2025 7:45am The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Rite I



The Parable of the Unjust Judge. Painting by Pieter de Grebber (1600-1652)

Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? - Luke 18:6-8

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 Jeremiah 31:27-34

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

“The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.”

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Oh, how I love your law! *
all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *
and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, *
for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, *
because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, *
that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, *
because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! *
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; *
therefore I hate every lying way.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 A

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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 **Louisa Ridgway, David & Joyce Randolph, Janice Radford, Allyson Radford 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, Fionn Reid, 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 Phyllis-Ray and Thomas Cobb in whose memory the Altar Flowers and the Lady Chapel Altar flowers are given, and we also pray for Lyons Hamblen 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 19, 2025 The Nineteenth 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 Gregory Kelleher
10:00am Penny Busch, John Hinchey

Chalice

7:45 am Gregory Kelleher
10:00am Brook Hunt

Readers

7:45am Balana Gullatt
10:00am Ellen Buerklin (1), Frank Tatnall (2)

Prayers of the People: Peter Busch

Live Stream: Owen Cutler

Ushers: Brian Lanouette, Pat McKay, David Parsells

Parish Cycle of Prayers

In this week's parish cycle of prayers we pray for Louisa Ridgway, David & Joyce Randolph, Janice Radford, Allyson Radford and their families.

Flowers on the High Altar and the Lady Chapel Altar this morning are given by the Cobb family to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Phyllis-Ray and Thomas Cobb.**

The Sanctuary Light is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Lyons Hamblen** by Carole Fowler.

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, Fionn Reid, 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.*

Spiritual Formation

TODAY October 19th 2025

Special Guests Christian and Viola Terwiesch

Christian and Viola Terwiesch were born and raised in Germany, have lived in France, been in the United States for many years, and speak all three languages fluently. Christian is a professor of business systems, analytics, and economics at Penn's Wharton School prestigious Executive MBA program. Viola, while equally intellectual, spends most of her time helping and supporting others, through the church and in other ways, especially German scholars and immigrants in the US.

Christian and Viola have been committed Christians all their lives and are members of the Ardmore Presbyterian Church, where they have, and are, serving on Session and as Deacon. Their three sons were raised in the church and in Gary Garlett's choir programs. But they do have an Episcopalian connection - Christian teaches each Jan. - March in San Francisco, and they attend an Episcopal church while there. Their knowledge of the German church and its history, including Dietrich Bonhoeffer and his times, is vast. We at St. Mary's are grateful they are spending time with us today after the 10am service.

Youth And Adult Formation Classes

Fall, 2025 Navajo Room, Sundays at 9am

On Sunday, October 26th We will continue studying excerpts from Lutheran theologian and Hitler antagonist Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Letters And Papers From Prison. Everyone is welcome to attend, as we learn how Bonhoeffer's message of love and compassion transcends his own century to illuminate our own.

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.

"A Time for Growth"



"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

-1 Peter 4:10

St. Mary's is blessed that so many things remain constant for the church...the Love of God, St. Mary's ministry to parishioners and the community, and the support of our church family. Everything we have is a gift from God. In gratitude, we dedicate some of these God-given gifts of Stewardship...our Time, Talent, and Treasure...to further God's Kingdom. Your Stewardship makes it all possible.

For 2026, we need to plan our budget for the church's many expenses, including payroll, insurance, utility costs, repairs to our three buildings, as well as other operating expenses. We hope each family can make a 2026 pledge so we can continue to be good stewards in the year ahead. You will receive a pledge card in the mail soon. You can also go to St. Mary's website and click the **Stewardship tab** and scroll down to the **Annual Pledge 2026 tab**.

Andrew Clifford will share his heartfelt thoughts about what St. Mary's has meant to him and his family at the St. Mary's October 19th 10:00am service.

St. Mary's is grateful for your generosity!

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 at: vze27g53@verizon.net.

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!

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.

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.

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).



**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

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Nicole Marie, MFA, *Parish Administrator* (nicole@stmaryswaynepa.org)
Toshi and Masako Makihara, *Property Caretakers*
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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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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