

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania

May 5, 2024 10:00 AM- The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Artwork by Lindsay Smith

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



John 15:9-17

Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

Hymn in Procession 400 All creatures of our God and King (vv. 1,4,5,7)

Lasst uns erfreuen

R. Powell

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

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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.**



Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

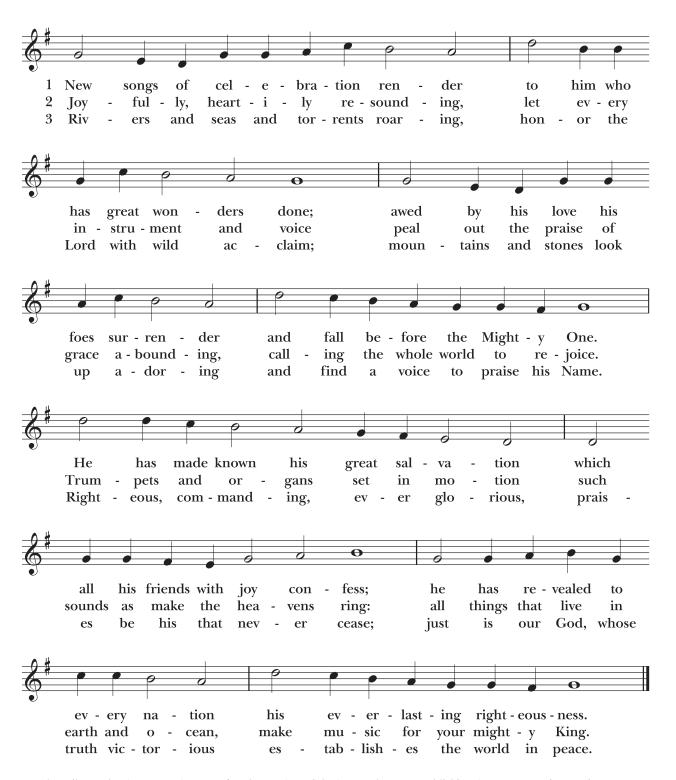
All sit.

First Reading Acts 10:44-48

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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



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Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All who are able may stand.

Gradual Hymn 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

Holy Gospel John 15:9-17

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

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 - Form IV

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for (the congregation reads aloud) **Louisa Ridgway,**

David and Joyce Randolph, and their families. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Remembering, (the congregation reads aloud) Irene Steinhardt,
Barbara Kidder, Jennifer Lurie, Victoria Coates, JoAnne Vereneck, Jim Cobb, Scott Ziglar,
Craig and Ann Marie Erickson, Marylu Hill and her family, Magali Behrmann, and Avanya Manasseh.
That they may be delivered from their distress. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Remembering, Margaret Blair and Eugene Morgan for whom the Flowers on the High Altar are given this morning, Christopher Glenn, Tony Wetzel, and Mary Ann and Alphonso Ferrara for whom the Center Altar Flowers are given, and Barbara and Rodger Blackwell for whom the Sanctuary Light is given. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Those who are able may stand.

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

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem How Lovely Are the Messengers

F. Mendelssohn

(From the oratorio St. Paul)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,

Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Doxology Hymn 380 Praise God from whom all blessings flow (v.3)

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Those who are able remain standing

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

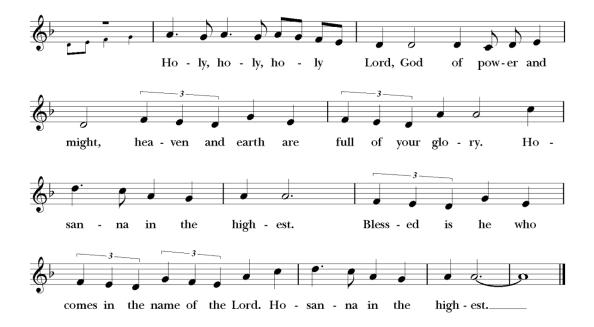
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

Sanctus R. Powell

The people may stand or kneel as they are able



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 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 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

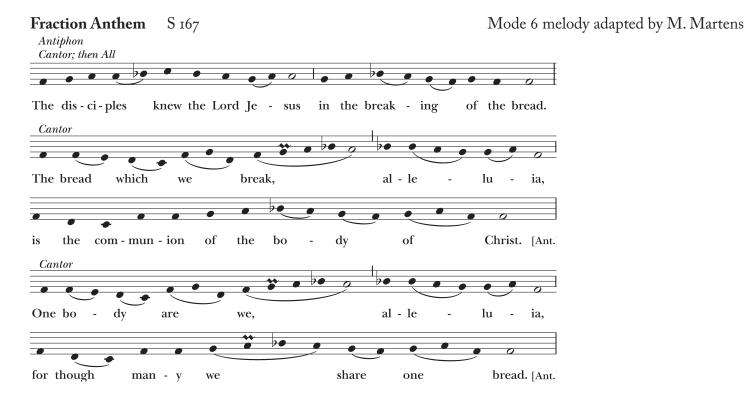
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Then may be sung or said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

A period of silence is kept.



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 or another, there is a healing minister who will pray with you in the Lady Chapel.

Communion Motet Cast t

Cast thy burden upon the Lord (From the oratorio Elijah)

F. Mendelssohn

Cast thy burden upon the Lord; and He shall sustain thee:

He will never suffer the righteous to fall: He is at thy right hand.

Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens.

Let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee!

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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 for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Closing Hymn 705 As those of old their first fruits brought

Forest Green

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary Al Post Comunio (Sonate d'Intavolatura per Organo e Cimbalo)

Domenico Zipoli

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, May 5, 2024 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
(livestreamed and recorded)

10:15 am Christian Formation Edith Helms 11:15 am Coffee Hour

Acolytes:

7:45 am Greg Kelleher **10:00 am** John Hinchey

Chalice:

7:45am Greg Kelleher
10:00am Joyce Randolph
Readers:

7:45 am Balana Gullatt

10:00 am John Wickersham, Joyce Randolph

Prayers of the People: Bob Mickel

Altar Guild: Team 1

Live Stream: Brian Lanouette

Ushers: Scott Scheidt, Tom Buechle

Parish Cycle of Prayers

This week in our parish cycle of prayers, we pray for Louisa Ridgway, David and Joyce Randolph, and their families.

Flowers on the High Altar this morning are given by the Huck family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret Blair and Eugene Morgan.

Flowers on the Lady Chapel altar are given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ferrara to the glory of God and in loving memory of Christopher Glenn, Tony Wetzel, and Mary Ann and Alphonso Ferrara.

The Sanctuary Light is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara and Rodger Blackwell.

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

Irene Steinhardt, Barbara Kidder, Jennifer Lurie, Victoria Coates, JoAnne Vereneck, Jim Cobb, Scott Ziglar, Craig and Ann Marie Erickson, Marylu Hill and her family, Magali Behrmann, and Avanya Manasseh.

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

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*

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 Transition Prayer for this week:

Pray for the Vestry and the Search Committee.

Faithful Father, source of patient love, we pray that you will help our church to navigate the change to a new rector. Help the search committee to discern your will. In the midst of uncertainty, give us confidence in your abiding presence. Help those who seek to lead our congregation and help us all to pray for our common good, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please note: On Thursday May 9 Mtr. Lucy Ann will be away and there will be no noon Healing Service, and the Ascension Day Service will be transferred to Sunday May 12.

Search Committee Update

The Search Committee has been working over the past month first to organize itself and set up the process, and we met last week with Canon Jane from the diocese. The meeting was very productive discussing the

applications and the format of their submissions. As Canon Jane said to the Committee, she feels confident that our next Rector is among the applicants.

After the meeting last Thursday, Canon Jane e-mailed us the application packages which include a cover letter, resume, and the formal application used by the

Episcopal Church. The applicants come from across the country with varying backgrounds and skill sets.

This will take more time over the next couple of months, with online research, calls, zoom meetings, and interviews before the Committee comes to a consensus with a recommended candidate to the Vestry. Our expectation is that will happen in late Summer or early Autumn. The Canon said this fits within the "normal " 18 - 24 month time frame.

We ask that the Parish continues to pray for the Committee. Please reach out to a member of the Search Committee if you have any questions or input. Please do not ask any specific questions about applicants as we move forward respecting their confidentiality. - St Mary's Search Committee

Help St. Mary's Restore Homes for Those in Need on May 17th! "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 Embrace the spirit of helping others by joining St. Mary's volunteers to repair homes and restore hope for low-income families on Saturday, May 17th. The event is organized by Good Works, a Christian nonprofit organization located in Phoenixville, PA. Any skill level is welcome. To sign up, contact Scott Scheidt at sms9494@gmail.com. Let's make this year unforgettable by creating positive change together for families in need!



Transition & Transformation Funding

As our search for a new rector progresses, we are seeking financial support for specific work items critical to a successful and welcoming transition and transformation we are currently undergoing. Contributions to our Transition and Transformation Projects go directly to fund items on the work list for the Rectory, Parish Hall, and Church.

The focus now is the Rectory where we have eight additional work items to complete, and the roof and support structure for the Fr. Greene emergency exit. Examples are the Rectory kitchen cabinets, floor, countertop, and sink/faucet and, the broken underground drainpipe. Rectory estimates are still developing. Estimates in hand so far put Rectory work at about \$40,000. The Fr. Greene exit estimates put that work at \$21,000 due to the severity of the damage the roof and support structure.

The B&G Committee wishes to thank all those who have contributed to date including two anonymous gifts for the Rectory roof repair and the repairs to the Fr. Greene room south windows. Every donation matters and is greatly appreciated.

There are two ways to donate. You can find a link for donating to the fund under the Stewardship tab on our website. You can also send a check to the Finance Administrator made to St. Mary's Church. On the memo line put T&T Fund. Donors may also specify a work item such as Rectory Kitchen, Rectory Pipe, Rectory Doorbell etc. by adding the item to the memo on the check, or by sending an email to

Nicole Marie at nicole@stmaryswaynepa.org. Your donation will be reserved for that item of work.

Join Us for a Special Mother's Day Breakfast!



The Merry Men are sponsoring a special Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 12th, at 8:15am in the Navajo Room, which is located in the parish hall just across from church. Please join us to celebrate the wonderful women that we have been blessed to have in our lives. All are welcome! Please note: The Mother's Day breakfast will replace the regularly scheduled breakfast on the first Sunday on the first Sunday in May.

Adult Formation With the guidance of Erlis Wickersham, we are studying the Resurrection Appearances of Jesus with close attention to each passage in the Bible which emphasizes a different aspect of this Mystery. There are two more Sunday morning meetings at 9 am in the Navajo Room. These are today May 5th and May 19th. There is no Adult Formation on May 12th because of the Merry Men breakfast. Please see the Chimes for our discussion topics. Come and see for yourself, what wonderful works the Lord has done!

- Psalm 46:8. All are welcome!

(https://www.stmaryswaynepa.org/echimes)

The Bible Study that meets on Zoom has resumed on Mondays from 11am - 12pm. Now we are reading The Book of Psalms together. After reading from the Scripture, we discuss the passage to discover its relevance for lives today. All are always welcome to join us as we "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" the meaning. Just click on the link on the homepage of the St. Mary's website under the heading "Weekly Activities." If you have any questions, feel free to speak with Twila, Erlis or Mother Lucy Ann.

Thursday Afternoons at 1:30pm in the Navajo Room. Please join us for our Book Study on C.S. Lewis's *Screwtape Letters*. Led by Mother Lucy Ann. Join us as we read and study together! Come anytime. The book is easy to read with lots to discuss.

Please note: There will be no Bookstudy on Thursday 5/9.

New defibrillator and First Aid Equipment donated to St.

Mary's! This donation to St. Mary's is given by an Anonymous Donor! Stay tuned to learn more how you may be trained to use one of these devices at Coffee Hour.



It was a lovely Evening with Artist David Phillips on 4/25



St. Mary's Book Club The May meeting of the St. Mary's Book Club will take place on Wednesday, May 8th at 2 p.m. on Erlis Wickersham's porch, weather permitting. We will read *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevsky. At our June 12th meeting we will read *Alfie and Me; What Owls Know, What Humans Believe (2023)* by Carl Safina. At our July 10th meeting our selection will be *Bel Canto (2001)* by Ann Patchett. There will be no book club in August. Please give the book club a try! You don't even have to read the book. The conversation is always lively (no lectures, ever!) and there are always delicious refreshments. If you have questions please contact Erlis Wickersham at vze27g53@verizon.net

Housekeeping Due to our administrative office hours, all announcements for the Sunday Bulletin and weekly Chimes Newsletter need to be submitted to our Parish Administrator, Nicole Marie, by the end of the day on Tuesdays. Also please note that Nicole plans to be out of the office for summer vacations June 6th through June 12th and July 9th through July 17th. For Nicole's travels in June announcements will need to be submitted by *Tuesday June* 4th and for Nicole's travels in July announcements will need to be submitted by *Tuesday July 2nd*. We appreciate your understanding.

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SERVICES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sunday in the Church
7:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II*
Monday-Friday in the Lady Chapel*
9am Morning Prayer Rite II
5pm Evening Prayer Rite II

Please note: There will be no Healing Service on 5/9

*Livestreamed at St. Mary's Facebook page

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