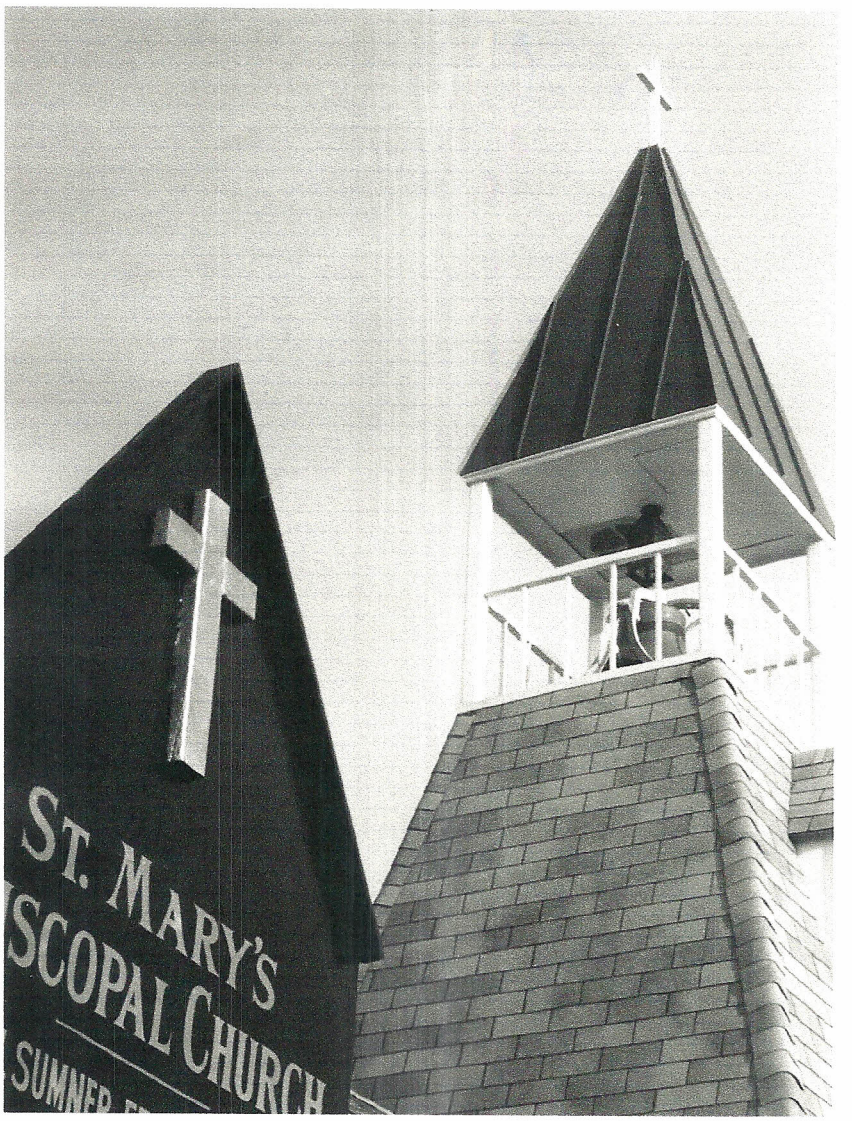
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Daytona Beach, Florida



Parish Profile

2016

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"To Know Christ and to Serve Him"

Dear Prospective Rector:

Please enjoy the pages of this Profile for St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Daytona Beach, Florida. In this profile, we have presented a view of who we are and our need for growth, created from our parish history, congregation meetings, parish surveys, and multiple resources. Central to our parish life are traditional worship, music, caring for a "greying" congregation and serving our community through outreach projects. We hope we have presented a truthful and comprehensive overview of our parish that addresses our strong points as well as our weaknesses.

Perhaps this description of the people and life of this parish will stir your heart to spend prayerful time in discerning if God is leading you toward St. Mary's and this ministry.

May God's peace and grace be yours in abundance,

The Search Committee

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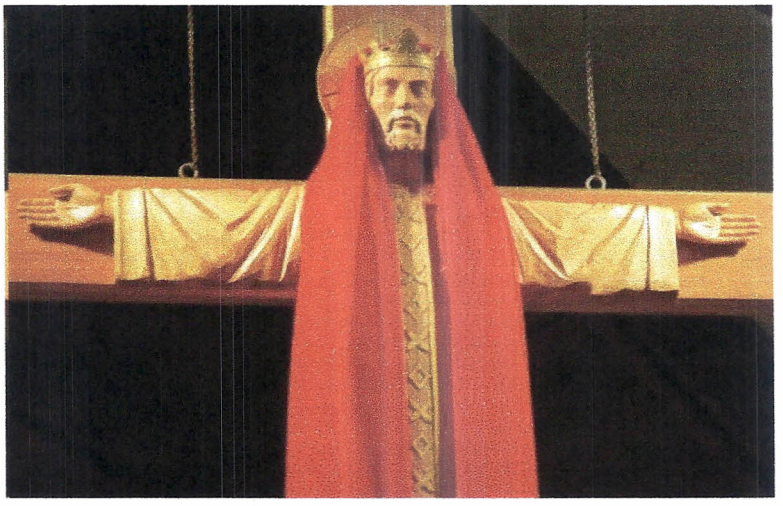
Our Mission Statement

"To Know Christ and to Serve Him"

As a mission statement, this may appear quite simple and at the same time very difficult. How can one begin to "know" Christ? Here at St Mary's, we are aware that this is an ongoing process which, in essence, will take a lifetime. We begin to learn of Christ from the Holy Scriptures, the teachings of the church, and the laughter of children.

The hard part comes in play with the phrase, "to serve Him." To truly serve Christ can only be accomplished with the serving of others, even those from whom we may wish to withdraw. It is easy to serve or help those who are accepted by society, yet the ones that Christ would serve the most are those who often are rejected by society. That is why St. Mary's has been called into existence by our Lord. Once you come to know Him, you are compelled to serve Him.

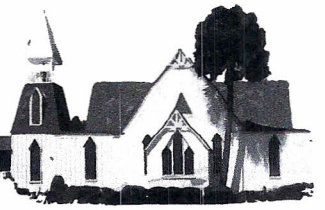


Who Are We?

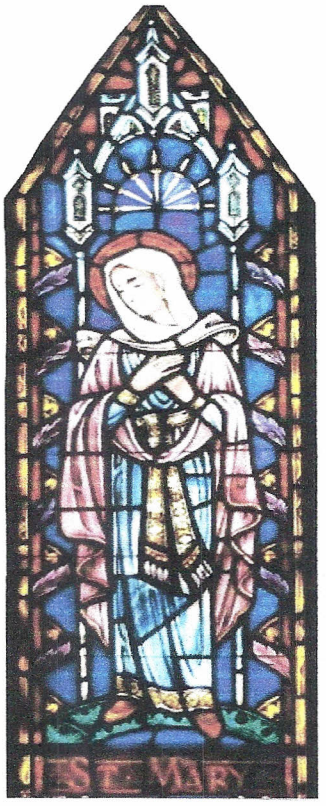
We are mostly known as "The Little White Church on the Corner", but we are so much more. We are a historical Episcopal church steeped in our liturgical traditions, and Biblically grounded. We are a congregation that embraces fellowship with one another. As a more mature congregation with volumes of experience we find it difficult to leave our "comfort zone", but acknowledge that in order to grow our church and God's kingdom it will be necessary for us to widen our horizons to attract younger families and become a stronger presence in our community.

Like all congregations we like to think we are open and welcoming. We know how important it is to strive to be in accord with God's will for us. We work towards uniting our people in ministry and mission as we endeavor to fulfill our mission statement "To Know Christ and to Serve Him". We are a work in progress in many areas.

We, the people of St. Mary's, are blessed to worship in the sanctuary whose cornerstone was placed in 1883. We have come a long way and we have a long way to go with God's grace.



As We Look Forward



St. Mary's has experienced many challenges in the past few years, some of which caused us to lose 25% of our congregation. We are now standing on much firmer ground and our membership has stabilized at 190 members with an ASA of 100+/-. Financially we have been able to complete 2015 in the black after a major deficit in 2014 and our stewardship campaign for 2016 has been very promising. Year to date, we have received 90 pledges for $189,600 to support a budget of $255,000.

Our congregation is made up of 61% females and 39% males. 41% of our congregation are married. Over 80% of our membership is 60-90 years old with a median income of $50,000. 75% of our members are retired. We are what is referred to as a "greying church," which explains our desire for a rector with a loving heart and a gift for pastoral care.

The primary need for St. Mary's, as expressed in the parish survey, is for a rector with skills in growing the church. We hope that our new rector will share our enthusiasm for bringing in younger families with a passion for traditional worship and/or more of the experienced older generation to whom we have been ministering for many years who want to serve God and experience His love through His Word and sacraments. We currently have three children who are active in the life of St. Mary's. The need for more is very obvious.

Over 80% of our members remain at St. Mary's because of our traditional worship and the friendships they have fostered here. The majority of our members are life-long Episcopalians who have been attending St. Mary's for over 15 years and deeply embrace our traditional worship. We are not "smells and bells" every Sunday but do like to express our symbolic need for purification and sanctification during special observances. Our carpenter gothic design church epitomizes who we are as a church and as a people - steeped in the tradition of Episcopal/Anglican worship.

We embrace the diversity of our congregation who come from varied socioeconomic walks of life which embodies our corporate communion with Christ.

The City of Daytona Beach and especially the downtown area, of which we are a part, has a large community of homeless people. The city has been making efforts to address this situation for many years. The complexities of poverty and homelessness and how best to address these issues has created a conflict/divide with the city, the county and those non-profit organizations who struggle with how best to serve. We, too, have not been able to discern how to serve these less fortunate souls who come through our doors seeking a helping hand. We offer food and some monetary assistance, but we know that that, in itself, is not the answer. Do we offer a man a fish so he will eat today, or do we teach a man to fish so he will eat forever?

We are looking for a loving preacher teacher with a warm, friendly, open and gentle personality willing to travel with us on this journey of life and beyond to the loving embrace of Our Lord and Savior.

Daytona Beach - Our Community

Daytona Beach is the greater part of the overall community known as the Halifax Area which encompasses Ponce Inlet, Port Orange, South Daytona, Daytona Beach Shore, Daytona Beach, Holly Hill, Ormond Beach and Ormond by the Sea. We are a multi ethnic community that boasts a population of approximately 200,000.

The Daytona Beach area offers many cultural, entertainment and sports venues and along with Ormond Beach is considered the "Birthplace of Speed." We are the home of the newly expanded Daytona International Speedway of NASCAR racing fame.

We are proud of the many higher education institutions in our area, namely Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona State College, and University of Central Florida, Daytona campus. There are five high schools and numerous elementary and middle schools throughout the area.

We have a multitude of residential communities that offer housing for all economic levels and many shopping complexes from discount stores to retail malls. Our public transportation system, Votran, services our area for a nominal fee. Delta, US Airways and Jet Blue are currently flying from Daytona International Airport to all parts of the continental United States. Connections are easily made in Atlanta and other hubs.

Our primary health care facilities are Halifax Health Medical Center and Florida Hospital Memorial Health Center.

Our coastline has 23 miles of white sand beach and is often referred to as "The World's Most Famous Beach." From Tomoka State Park south to the Ponce Inlet Light House, there are many points of interest for residents and tourists to enjoy. Thanks to the ongoing efforts of the Historical Societies we have many preserved sites open for public viewing.

Thanks to Mathias Day, Jr. for his vision in purchasing property that would eventually become Daytona named in his honor and incorporated in 1876 one year before the beginning of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Worship

The regularly scheduled Eucharistic services at St. Mary's are comprised of two traditional services on Sundays and a healing service on Thursdays. The 8:30 a.m. service uses the liturgy of Rite I, the 10:30 a.m. service uses the liturgy of Rite II and is supported by music from our choir of eight to twelve members. The music of choice is the traditional hymns found in *The Hymnal* 1982. The Music Director shares a dual role as the organist and the choir director. The average attendance on a Sunday is 100 to 120 members/guests. Special services include the traditional Holy Week and Easter, Christ Mass preceded by a Carol Sing, and Christmas Day service, plus baptisms, confirmations, funerals, mid-week Lenten services, vespers and weddings.

The worship team is made up of many volunteers whose purpose is to serve at each mass in a manner honoring to God. All members answer to the authority of the Rector of the church. The Worship Team includes a Worship, Training and Scheduling Leader, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Crucifers, Thurifers, Boatmen, Readers, Acolytes, Torch Bearers, Oblationers, Altar Guild Teams, Flower Guild Teams, Music Director, Greeters and Ushers. There are approximately 60 church members who take part in the Worship Ministry.

Parish Ministries

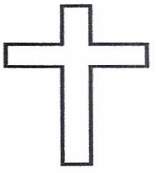
The 20 ministries operating at St. Mary's are a good example of practicing and carrying out the vision of St. Mary's, "To know Christ and to serve Him." The greatest recent growth has been in the area of lay pastoral care and an Outreach Committee.

Pastoral Care: The focus is directed to servicing the homebound by the Lay Eucharistic Visitors at least once a month, regularly visiting two nursing homes, providing the residents with a service with Holy Communion and lively music. Finally, a phone ministry is expanding to touch base with those unable to attend church.

Outreach: The great enthusiasm, energy and organizational skills of the Outreach Committee, with strong backing from the congregation, provides assistance to many local charities, organizations and projects. In the past year, at least 10 projects were selected to receive financial support and donations. This past year alone we gave over $ 5000.00 in money and merchandise to different groups: Halifax Urban Ministries, Palmetto House, Family Renew, Pregnancy Crisis Center, F.A.I.T.H., American Heart Association, Domestic Abuse Council, Turie T. Small School, American Vets, Episcopal Relief and Development Fund, Sao Paolo Mercy Mission, Halifax Humane Society and Toys for Tots. We recently started hosting monthly dinners for the residents of Palmetto House. More hands-on ministry projects, to increase our participation in the needs of our community, is a topic for future planning. To quote Luke and Matthew, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few," so it is with us. Our greying congregation often feels unable to "work the harvest," therefore, we need to find a way to encourage and convince them that they have valuable gifts to offer. We and the community need their involvement in serving our many deserving charitable organizations.

Additional ministries offered:

Christian Education
Adult Bible Classes (two studies a week; 16-20 in attendance at the evening class and 5-10 in attendance at the day class), **Youth Sunday School**



Congregation Ministries

- **Cursillo** - we are once again in the rotation for hosting Ultreyas
- **Daughters of the King** - meet monthly and have a program or presentation
- **Episcopal Church Women** - meet monthly and are restructuring their approach to attract more active members
- **Counters** - five weekly teams; two to four members in each team
- **Vestry** - 12 members; meet monthly on second Tuesday
- **Finance Committee** - three members, all qualified in area of church finance
- **Buildings and Grounds** - Jr. Warden chairs; up-keep of the buildings, inside and out and the grounds around the church
- **Nursery** - sparsely attended but covered by two individuals each Sunday
- **Stewardship** - team of four individuals; testimonials, presentations, displays, offering of pledge commitments at the altar

Fellowship Ministries

Coffee Hour has designated the first Sunday of each month as Cookie Sunday and asks the congregation to bake their specialties to be served at coffee hour; other Sundays donuts and drinks are served and a love offering basket is provided to offset expenses.

Hospitality schedules several events throughout the church year such as dinners and receptions for special occasions: Thanksgiving, Italian Night, St. Patrick's Day, "ABC Christmas Party - Angels, Baked Goods, Carols", Valentine Day, Receptions for funerals, Annual Picnic, Vespers on the beach, etc.

OVERVIEW OF OUR 2015 BUDGET AND OUR 2016 BUDGET

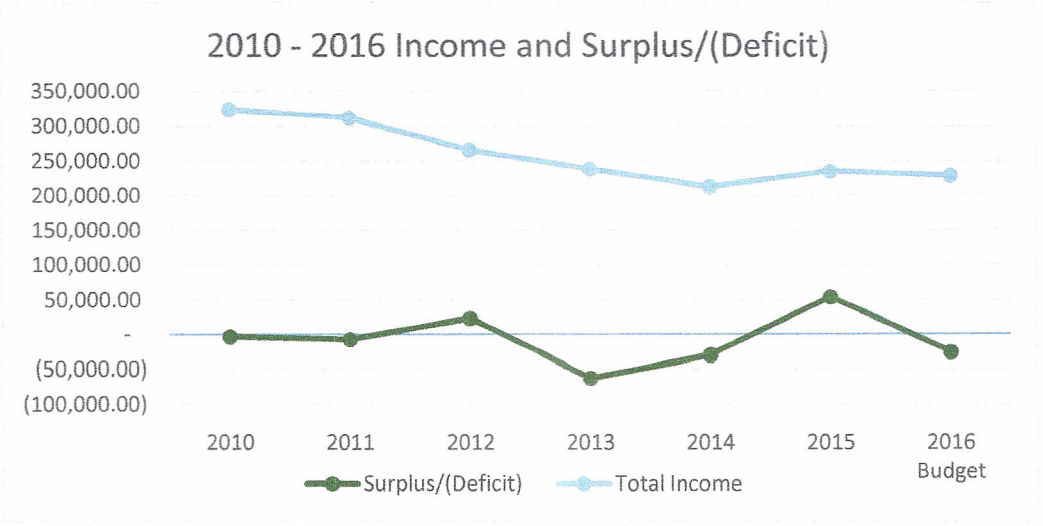
2015 Budget vs. Actual and 2016 Budget

Income:	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Budget
Pledge Income	$ 169,895	$ 138,023	$ 179,433
Other Income	49,200	55,208	49,625
Total Income	$ 219,095	$ 193,231	$ 229,058
Expenses:			
Outreach	$ 28,860	$ 22,849	$ 30,893
Clergy and Staff	118,014	60,850	145,960
Music and Service	4,500	3,050	4,500
Christian Education	1,200	398	700
Other Programs	2,000	2,569	3,000
Church Expenses	3,550	2,750	3,750
Office Expenses	12,600	9,035	11,200
Building and Lawn	56,750	45,380	53,910
Other Expense	1,500	713	1,600
Total Expenses	228,975	147,594	255,513
Annual Surplus/(Deficit)	$ (9,880)	$ 45,638	$ (26,455)

Financial Overview

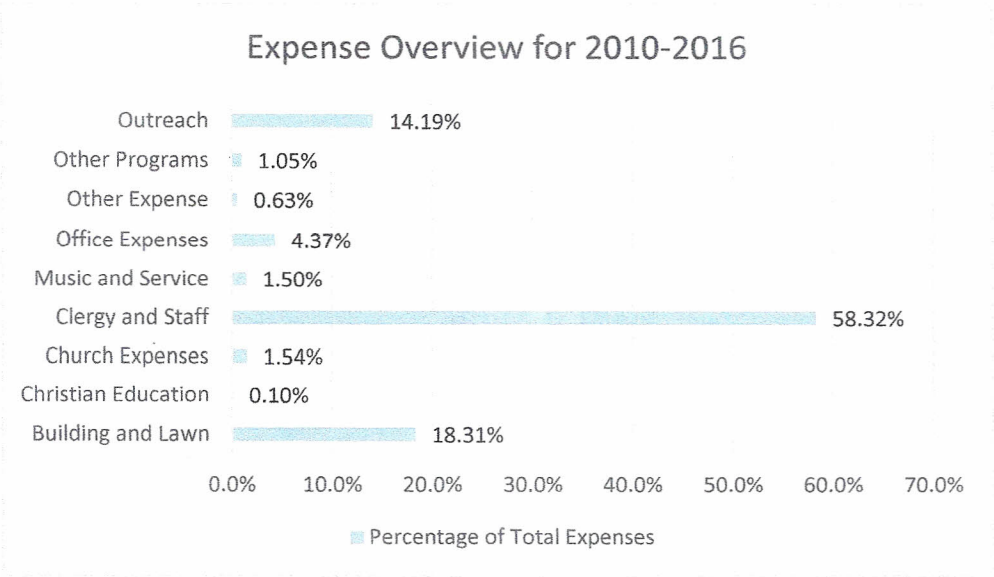
Historically, the budget for St. Mary's has been based on pledges received during our annual stewardship campaign. Due to decline in overall membership, the pledge base has decreased over the past few years. The Finance Committee attributes the decline in the pledge base to several factors – several deaths of long time church members, the general financial position of our congregation, and several members transferring to other local churches. The stewardship campaign for 2016 has resulted in an increase in the prospective pledge income for the year.

As a result, we have experienced budget shortfalls four out of the past six years, and are budgeting for a shortfall in 2016. Despite these shortfalls, our cash reserves have provided the additional funding that we have needed to maintain the operations of the church. Below is a representation of our overall income and our year end surplus or deficit positions:

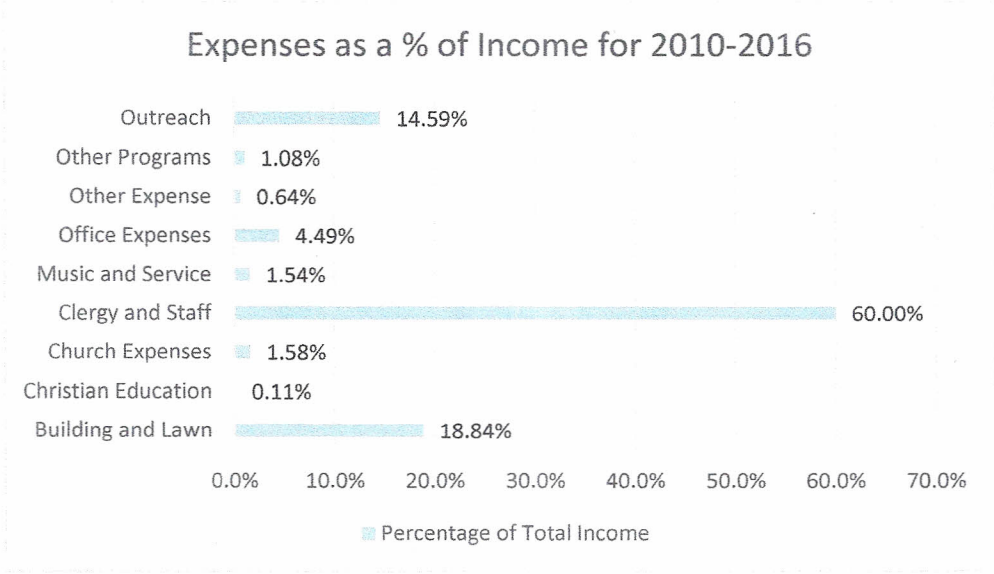


The Finance Committee and the Vestry have done a very good job at controlling expenses to minimize our annual deficits.

Below is an overview of the broad expense categories and their relative percentages to the total expenses on average for the years 2010 through the 2016 budget:

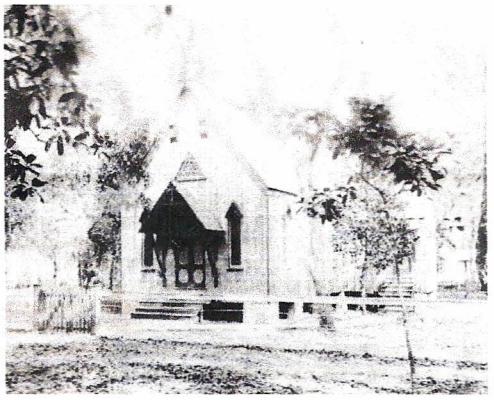


And below you will see the expenses as a percentage of income for the years 2010 through 2015 and the budgeted amounts for 2016:



As you can see, clergy and staff expense represents a significant portion of our expenses. Due to the age of our building, and the various expansions that have taken place over the years, the buildings and grounds expenses are also significant. Outreach consists of our diocesan commitment as well as donations to local community organizations.

How We've Grown



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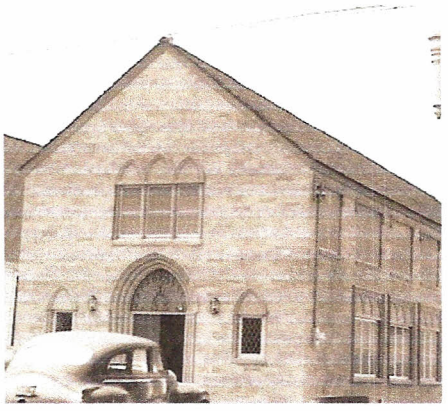
St. Mary's in the beginning..... St. Mary's today



Circa 1950s

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Bishop Wing Education Building.....now known as Palmer Hall

Clergy and Staff

Interim Rector	The Reverend Robert M. Anderson
Organist/Choir Director	Richard Wright
Parish Administrator	Judi Raske
Sexton	Tom Raimondo
Security Guard	Miguel Berrios

Search Committee

Jackie Block
Fran Dunn
Claudia Forrester
Shiela McKay-Vaughan
Jamie Musselwhite
Danielle Rogers

Vestry

Senior Warden	Fran Dunn
Junior Warden	Shiela McKay-Vaughan
Secretary	Jackie Block
Treasurer	Jamie Musselwhite
Vestry members:	Pete Corliss
	Claudia Forrester
	Tom Farrell
	Bob Kundinger
	Kathy Lorenz
	Danielle Rogers

Diocese of Central Florida

Bishop	The Right Reverend Gregory O. Brewer
Canon to the Ordinary	The Reverend Timothy C. Nunez