

A Blessed
Christmas

DECEMBER 2017

THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S





Dear St. Mary's family,

This month's Bells letter is from my Rector's Report for 2017 for those of you that were not able to attend this year's Annual Meeting. It is included here in its entirety:



I would like to begin this report by thanking you all for calling me here to St. Mary's. This little church on the corner of Orange and Ridgewood is so much more than I could ever have hoped or expected it to be. We have just concluded our first year together, and by all accounts it was a wonderful year. Please take a moment to read the Senior Warden's Report, the Building and Grounds Report, and the Treasurer's Report, which are all included in this document. They paint a picture of all of the positive things happening here.

I am happy to report that year to date our attendance has grown by over 12%. Prior to this year, St. Mary's had the longest declining attendance of any church in the diocese, and now we are beginning to grow with vigor. That is a blessing from God, and an example of Him answering our focused prayer, that He would bring people to St. Mary's to His greater glory. We are going to keep praying that prayer with expectation in our hearts for what He will do next.

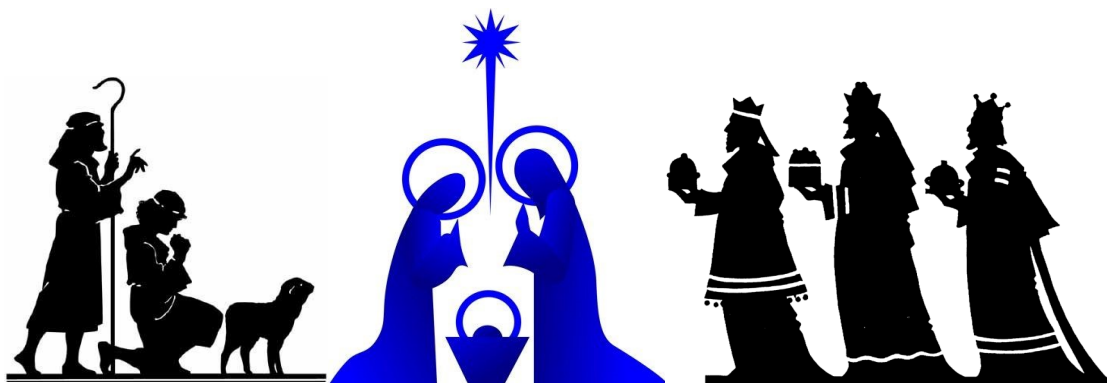
In preparation for God sending us people, we spent 2017 improving the way we look on the outside, and the response from everyone, both members and people around our community has been very positive. Thank you to all who gave of their time, talent, or funds to make all of this year's improvements possible.

We will use 2018 to continue to improve upon the way we present to the outside world via media sources, and to begin to use those outlets to spread the word that we are a church family that is proclaiming the Gospel throughout our community. It will also be a year of training, recruiting, and organizing within the various ministries here at St. Mary's as we seek to incorporate new members into the life of this parish so that they feel involved and so that we can benefit from their gifts. One of the areas that I would like to really focus on this year is fellowship. To that end, we will be working hard to have numerous church family events that we can use to invite others to "Come and See" what community is all about at St. Mary's. This is one of the easiest ways to convince someone to bring a friend to church.

Christianity is relational, and it is through our hospitality, generosity, and love, in the name of Jesus Christ, that others will begin to open their hearts to the truth of the Gospel. Let's make 2018 another great year in the service of our Lord.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Jason



ABC

Christmas ABC Party

Come for a fun time
saturday, **December 9, 2017**
2:00 - 4:00 PM - \$7.00



A = Angel Craft - make an angel to take home

(angels from the past)



B = Baked Goodies - bring a dessert to share



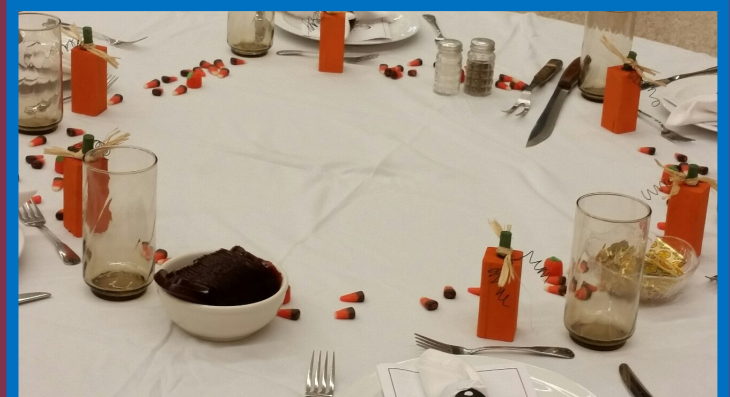
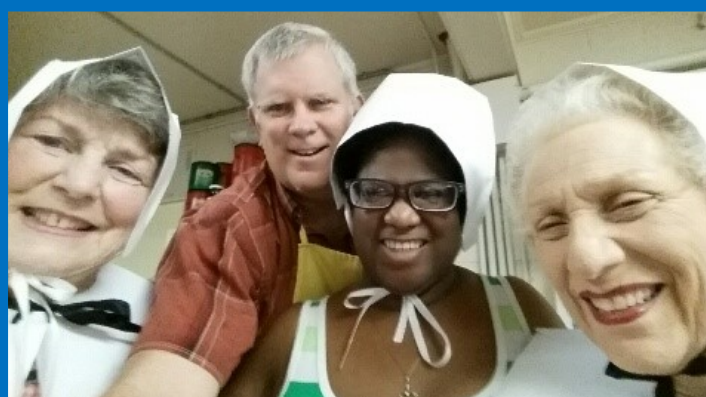
C = Christmas Caroling - caroling around the piano

Sign-up sheet in Palmer Hall or contact Church office

St. Mary's Family Style Thanksgiving Dinner

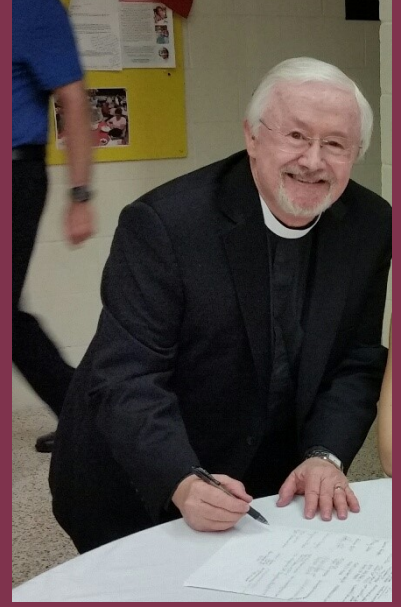
Our dinner was served family style. Each table had their own turkeys and all that goes with it, prepared by the Fellowship Committee which was led by Fran Dunn. And..... all the leftovers were taken home. From the blessing of laughter as the team fellowshiped over making table favors and almost dropping one of our turkeys, to the thanksgiving devotion, serving of the meal to our special guests, and even cleaning-up (?), in gratitude to our Almighty God, we give thanks for a day filled with LOVE ,JOY and COMPANIOSHIP .

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.....Thanksgiving Continued.....

Why we share this special day with our church family A note from Fran Dunn: Dear Team and Helpers, You all are beyond AWESOME...way, way beyond!...What a fantastic job of fellowship, hospitality, slaving in the kitchen, and cleaning up. Unbelievable!!! Everyone seemed to have a great time at our Thanksgiving dinner and that is why we do it. Think about how many of our dear people would not have had a place to go or an opportunity to be with their "loved ones," their St. Mary's family. Thanks to each of you for giving of yourself for this special time. A very special thanks to Pete, our resident angel, for coming to our aid. What a blessing you are, Pete. We love you. And a big thanks to you, Lou and Vicki Kemp, Bruce Kozak, Lynn Bowers and all the other unsung heroes who helped with clean-up. You were much appreciated. Praise God from whom all blessings flow, (you all are a blessing to me).



Thoughts from a Thanksgiving Guest: You girls are great!!!!!! Thank you all so much for a great dinner & overall good time on what could have been a lonely Thanksgiving. YOU ARE ALL APPRECIATED.

Thoughts from a Thanksgiving Guest: Thank you so much for preparing such an elegant Thanksgiving dinner again this year. The tables were so festive and the turkey and fixings - just delicious ! We wish to thank each of you for the love and effort that went into making Thanksgiving special for my family and I. Love and God Bless,



ULTREYA

St. Mary's hosted the November 10 meeting of the Cursillo team members from the N.E. deanery. A good time was had by all as we hosted members from Holy Child, St. Peter the Fisherman and Grace. Kathleen Munroe spoke and Fr. Jason "Echoed" with a response followed by responses from individuals members. The new members were introduced and sharing of our spiritual journeys took place..



Saturday, **9 at 1:00 pm** at the Riviera Golf Club for lunch and discussion of *Big Little Lies* by Lian Moriarty and *Another Brooklyn* by Jacqueline Woodson



ULTREYA—St. Barnabus Cursillo members will be hosting the **January Ultreya.**



DOK Meeting Tuesday, December 12 at 10:00 in the library
Christmas Party—Sat. Dec. 16 at home of Jackie Block—
2-4 pm; Share your favorite holiday recipe



LUNCH BUNCH Monday December 18
at 1:00 pm.



CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY SERVICES

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24

9:30 am Eucharist Rite II Spoken

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist
With Choir

8:00 pm Choral Sing

8:30 pm Eucharist Rite II With Choir

MONDAY DECEMBER 25

10:00 am Eucharist Rite II Spoken

The servants for these services will be sent out as soon as we hear from everyone regarding availability for specific services. We are in need of 1 usher for the 9:30 am Sunday service, the 4 pm Christmas Eve Service and the 10 am Christmas Day Service. Contact Jackie Block



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Daughters of the King (DOK)

If you want what we have, our arms are open to you to join us!!!!

You may have wondered who we are and what it is we do.

Let us enlighten you! As Daughters of the King, we are an organization of women in the Episcopal Church whose mission is to be an extension of Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service and Evangelism.

We pray together!

We are committed to daily prayer and have a list of the congregation that we pray for daily. We have seen awesome miracles happen to those we have prayed for. It is difficult to put into words the joy that we feel when we see our prayers answered! This only strengthens our faith and brings us closer as a group.

We serve together

We have collected hygiene products for various community groups in need, visiting these groups from time to time to grow in knowledge of their continued needs. We have hosted movie night to bring our church family together, sharing pizza together and popcorn for the show,

We study together

We regularly incorporate Bible studies and/or devotions into our meetings for personal nourishment that we might be better prepared to share with others the good news of Jesus Christ.

We receive in return

We experience God's grace in the "thank you's" from the ones we serve and a sense of peace and joy that lives are touched by prayer. As we feel blessed to have made lifelong friendships within our group. We are not a "club" that you can join and drop out of. We are Daughters of the King for life. We wear our silver crosses as an outward and visible sign that we cannot live a day without Christ in our lives. And if we were to travel or relocate anywhere in the world, it is so comforting to know that we would always be recognized and embraced as a Daughter of the King.

Once again, if you want what we have, our arms are open to you! Please contact us for more information. You can reach out to any one of us at church. We are the ones wearing the silver modified Greek Fleury crosses (in the shape of a square) as well as a smile.

DECEMBER 2017		SUNDAY		SERVANTS		DECEMBER 2017	
DECEMBER	3	10	17	24	31		
8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	8:30 AM		
LEM READER 1	Scott Law	Bob Kundinger	Bruce Kozak		Scott Law		
READER 2	Mark Skolski	Judy Langston	Gwen Johnson		Joan Macdonald		
CRUCIFER	Scott Law	Bob Kundinger	Bruce Kozak		Scott Law		
PRAYERS	Kathy Munroe	Mark Skolski	Kathy Munroe		Kathy Munroe		
USHERS	Jim /Sylvia Richey,	Ed Shaw, Gail Wooten					
10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM		
LEM READER 1	Sally Cullen	Jackie Block	Carmen Howell	Scott Law	Fran Dunn		
LEM 2	Frank Gummey	Pete Corliss	Bruce Kozak	Bruce Kozak	Bob Kundinger		
READER 2	Danielle Rogers	Catherine Maher	Shiela McKay-Vaughan	Kathy Munroe	Rachel Ramsey		
CRUCIFER	Frank Gummey	Pete Corliss	Bruce Kozak	Scott Law	Bob Kundinger		
TORCHERS	Sally Cullen Fran Dunn	Jackie Block Frank Gummeyl	Carmen Howell Pete Corliss	Jackie Block Bruce Kozak	Fran Dunn Sally Cullen		
PRAYERS	Shiela McKay-Vaughan	Rachel Ramsey	Catherine Maher	Frank Gummey	Bruce Kozak		
ALTAR GUILD	Susan Gummey 3 Pat Carlin Brenda Jarvis	Kathy Munroe 4 Rachel Ramsey Roger Allen	Pat Hook 1 Chesley Bennett Nita May	Carmen Howell 2 Roger Allen Patricia Langtry	Susan Gummey 3 Pat Carlin Brenda Jarvis		
FLOWER GUILD	Marlene 3 Kellington Clare Rakestraw	Pat Hook 1 Winnie Hart	Susan Gummey 2 JoAnn Nelsen	Marlene 3 Kellington Clare Rakestraw	Pat Hook 1 1 Winnie Hart		
COUNTERS	Paul Francis Rachel Ramsey Danielle Rogers	Jackie Block Winnie Hart Danielle Rogers	Jackie Block Danielle Rogers	Jackie Block Paul Francis Danielle Rogers	Vea Nespor Rachel Ramsey Danielle Rogers		
USHERS	Winnie Hart (Capt),	Ken/ Linda Trader,	Ken Apholz,				



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>31 8:30 <i>Holy Eucharist Rite I</i> 9:15 <i>Choir</i> 10:30 <i>Holy Eucharist</i></p>					<p>1 9 am <i>Altar Guild 3</i> 10:30 am <i>Flower Guild 3</i></p>	<p>2 11 am <i>Holy Eucharist Rite II</i> <i>Annual Mtg.</i> <i>Low Country Boil</i></p>
<p>3 8:30 <i>Holy Eucharist Rite I</i> 9:15 <i>Choir</i> 10:30 <i>Holy Eucharist Rite II</i></p>	<p>4 10 am <i>Counters</i></p>	<p>5 10am <i>Good Sams Service</i></p>	<p>6 5 pm <i>Palmetto House Dinner</i></p>	<p>7 10 am <i>Healing Service</i> 11 am <i>Bible Study</i> 7 pm <i>choir</i></p>	<p>8 9 am <i>Altar Guild 4</i> 10:30 am <i>Flower Guild 1</i></p>	<p>9 1 pm <i>Book Club</i> 2-4 pm</p>
<p>10 8:30 <i>Holy Eucharist Rite I</i> 9:15 <i>Choir</i> 10:30 <i>Holy Eucharist Rite II</i></p>	<p>11 10 am <i>Counters</i></p>	<p>12 10 am <i>DOK</i> 6 pm <i>Vestry</i></p>	<p>13 10:30 <i>Indigo Manor Service</i></p>	<p>14 10 am <i>Healing Service</i> 11 am <i>Bible Study</i> 7 pm <i>Choir</i></p>	<p>15 9 am <i>Altar Guild 1</i> 10:30 am <i>Flower Guild 2</i></p>	<p>16 2-4 pm <i>DOK</i> <i>Christmas Party</i></p>
<p>17 8:30 <i>Holy Eucharist Rite I</i> 9:15 <i>Choir</i> 10:30 <i>Holy Eucharist Rite II</i></p>	<p>18 10 am <i>Counters</i></p>	<p>19 8:30-1:00 pm <i>Bridge of Hope (HUM) Feeding</i></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 10 am <i>Healing Service</i> 11 am <i>Bible Study</i> 7 pm <i>Choir</i></p>	<p>22 9 am <i>Altar Guild 2</i> 10:30 am <i>Flower Guild 3</i></p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 9:30 <i>Holy Eucharist Rite II</i> 4 pm <i>Christmas Eve Service Rite II</i> 8 am <i>Choral Sing</i> 8:30 <i>Christmas Eve Service II</i></p>	<p>25 10 pm <i>Christmas Day Eucharist Rite II</i></p>	<p>26 10 pm <i>Counters</i></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 10 am <i>Healing Service</i> 11 am <i>Bible Study</i> 7 pm <i>Choir</i></p>	<p>29 9 am <i>Altar Guild 3</i> 10:30 am <i>Flower Guild 1</i></p>	<p>30</p>

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- 1 Steve Greenwood
- 9 Jason Murbarger
- 14 Liz Wade
- 22 Robert Campbell
- 27 Larry Clifton
- 27 Sally Cullen
- 27 Wilma Walker
- 30 Nancy J. White
- 31 Sally Cole



- 18 Bob and Sarah Kundinger
- 26 George and Ann Yates



St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Parish Staff

The Rev. Fr. Jason A. Murbarger, Rector

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Our Services

Sunday 8:30 am Rite I

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NOTICE MINISTRIES

LEADERS

Before scheduling meetings, functions or events for your groups, please check the master calendar in the church office to make sure your date does not conflict with any other events that may be scheduled. **Please fill out a Calendar Request Form** which is available in the office. Events will be approved by the Vestry

REMINDER

If you are in the hospital or scheduled to be in the hospital in the near future, please **inform the church office** so that we will know that you are there. Please leave a message if the church office is closed

