



St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania

November 3, 2024 7:45 AM- The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Rite I
All Saints Sunday

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



And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." - John 11:40-44

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

A Reading from the the Prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a

A Reading from the book of Revelations.

Isaw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 11:32-44

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

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

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

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. In our parish cycle of prayers this week, we pray for **Chrissy Creamer, Scott Chapin, Peter Busch and Marylu Hill 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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Bishop, Father Conor our Rector and for 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 Joseph 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, Barbara Kidder, Jennifer Lurie, Victoria Coates, JoAnne Vereneck, Jim Cobb, Scott Ziglar, Craig and Ann Marie Erickson, Marylu Hill and her family, Magali Behrmann, Avanya Manasseh, Wilhelm Rebmann, Tom Ferrara, Timothy O'Donovan, Joan McAndrew, Aldys Davis and Guillaume Brunet.** 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; especially remembering Clayton (Tony) Wetzal, Jr., Latona, Katharine and Clayton Wetzal, Sr., Pauline, Glenn, Jr. and Glenn Mains, III, Margaret McCarter and Christopher Glenn Ferrara for whom the flowers on the High Altar are given this morning, Paul Zimmer for whom the flowers on the Lady Chapel Altar are given and we pray for Ann Christian for whom 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, November 3, 2024

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

All Saint's Sunday

7:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

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

11:15 am Coffee Hour

Acolytes

7:45 am Greg Kelleher

10:00 am Brook Hunt

Chalice

7:45 am Greg Kelleher

10:00 am Joyce Randolph

Readers

7:45 am Balana Gullatt

10:00am Ellen Buerklin, Joyce Randolph

Prayers of the People Scott Ziglar

Altar Guild: Team 2

Live Stream: Brian Lanouette

Ushers: Scott Scheidt, Tom Buechle

Parish Cycle of Prayers

In this week's Parish Cycle of Prayers we pray for Chrissy Creamer, Scott Chapin, Peter Busch and Marylu Hill and their families.

The flowers on the High Altar this morning are given by the Wetzel family to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Clayton (Tony) Wetzel, Jr., Latona, Katharine and Clayton Wetzel, Sr., Pauline, Glenn, Jr. and Glenn Mains, III, Margaret McCarter and Christopher Glenn Ferrara.**

The Lady Chapel altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in lasting memory of **Paul Zimmer**, the beloved husband of Barbara and the father of Nicole and Collette.

The Sanctuary Light is given in loving memory of a dear friend, **Ann Christian**, from Sharon, Barbara and the Pecko Family.

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, Avanya Manasseh, Wilhelm Rebmann, Tom Ferrara Timothy O'Donovan, Joan McAndrew, Aldys Davis and Guillaume Brunet.

Also included on the prayer list are our friends John Paul, Peggy Wilson, Emma Cavanaugh-Kerr, Stan Compton, Arlene, Father Hentzi Elek, Carole Beideman, Mike Mattingly, Doug Drumheller, as well as Dana, Fionn, Miriam, Kris, Jill, Kendall, Ferne Knauss and Kevin Dry.

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.*



Choral Evensong at St. Mary's THIS AFTERNOON

at 4 pm. *It is also the end of Daylight Saving Time, so you can turn back your clock for an extra hour of sleep, Saturday night.*

The music of three 'powerhouse' composers from three different nationalities will be heard in our choral Evensong for All Saints: Brahms, Bortniansky, and Stanford. St. Mary's Choir plus 'choral friends' will sing 'Cherubim Hymn' by Russian composer Dimitry Bortniansky, the lyric and moving chorus "How lovely is Thy dwelling place" from Johannes Brahms' 'German Requiem', and early 20th century English composer Charles V. Stanford's setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. These latter two canticles feature soprano and bass solos with the chorus, and an organ accompaniment that Dr. Turk described as a "spinning wheel" accompaniment.

The term "Evensong" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *oefensang*. Before the Reformation, it was the English name for the service of Vespers, which was one of eight daily services sung in monasteries and cathedrals. In 1549, Thomas Cranmer, the Archbishop of Canterbury, consolidated the monastic offices into the first Book of Common Prayer, which combined Vespers and Compline into a single service called Evensong. This new service was conducted in English instead of Latin. Evensong is still observed today in many Anglican churches, including the Church of England, the Church in Wales, the Scottish Episcopal Church, and the Church of Ireland. It's also observed in Episcopal churches and Anglican churches in the US and around the world.

Evensong is a time to observe the passing of the day and to temporarily forget worries; a time for meditation and reflection, and a time to 'unwind'. The service is not long and would provide a good experience to share with family and friends, and perhaps introduce friends to St. Mary's.

Election Hospitality Table Did you know St. Mary's is a polling place? To encourage some goodwill and high spirits for those exercising their right to vote on November 5, St. Mary's will once again be hosting a hospitality table with water, coffee, and light snacks. Can you spare an hour (or more) to help welcome people to our campus and pass out refreshments? Hours will be on November 5 between 7am and 8pm. Sign-up sheet is available today, or email Allyson Radford at radford.allyson@gmail.com with your availability.

Monday Morning Bible Study Online via Zoom

11:00am - 12:00pm As the church moves in new directions, this is an ideal time to commit yourself to closer acquaintance with the Bible. We offer a discussion class in which all can participate, or you can just drop in to listen. Come when you can and always be assured of a warm welcome. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Erlis Wickersham at vze27g53@verizon.net.

Adult Formation On Sunday, November 10th Father Conor will continue discussing the virtue ethics of St. Thomas Aquinas. On November 17 and 24th, we will discuss the Eucharist, how we prepare for it, what it means, and how it fosters our spiritual growth. Everyone is cordially invited to join us in the Navajo Room at 9 AM for lively discussion and fellowship.

If you have questions, please contact Erlis Wickersham.

Fall Outdoor Clean-Up Day Sunday, November 17, 2024. After church until 4:00pm. Spend your Sunday afternoon 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, bring them - but we will have plenty of supplies. Lunch and snacks provided. Questions: contact Allyson Radford.

Fr. Greene Leaded Glass Restoration Work Has Begun

Complete removal and restoration of the rectangular leaded glass windows in the Fr. Greene Room began on Wednesday the 23rd. Temporary wood panels will be in place until the end of November when they are reinstalled. Questions? Contact Tom Kelleher at tommytrain@gmail.com.



St. Mary's Book Club The next meeting of the book club will be on Wednesday, November 12th at 2 PM at Erlis Wickersham's house. We will read *First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray (2019). This is the story of the uplifting friendship between Eleanor Roosevelt and Mary McLeod Bethune, a celebrated African American educator. In December we will read Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*. (1952) Our January selection will be *Flight of the Swan* (2024) by Melissa Pritchard, illuminating little-known aspects of the life of Florence Nightingale. You don't have to read the book. Everyone is welcome to attend for fellowship, delicious refreshments and discussion. If you have questions, please contact Erlis Wickersham.

St. Mary's Fall Food Festival The Women of St. Mary's are hard at work planning wonderful things for the Fall Food Festival to be held on *Saturday, November 23rd from 10:00am - 2:00pm*. We hope that everyone will join together to make it the best one ever!

Canning or Preparing other Baked Goods

Calling all cooks! As we continue through fruits and veggies harvest season, please get out your favorite jam, jelly, pickle, etc. recipes and prepare treats to be sold at our Fall Food Festival! Contact: Jean Wetzel at claywetz@verizon.net

Noah's Ark will be open during the St. Mary's Fall Food Festival Our thrift shop will be open Saturday, November 23, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All proceeds for that day will go to the Festival, and we are eager to welcome new faces to our store. If you would like to volunteer at the front desk for a one-hour shift, please contact Susan Huck at sbmhuck@aol.com or 484-612-2546. If you have time during the festival, feel free to stop by and help sort donations, straighten racks or shop! Tammy Lohmann and Nina Rebmann will be our store captains for the day.

Buildings & Grounds 2025 Budgeting The process for setting the 2025 Buildings & Grounds Budget is underway! If there are projects or priorities you feel need attention in the coming year, please bring them to the attention of Bob Mickel. You may email Bob at robertmickel27@gmail.com.

Fuel the Community: Donate Breakfast Essentials to St. Mary's Little Free Pantry, St. Mary's Church food pantry is dedicated to combating hunger and nurturing our community. Support us by donating peanut butter, jelly, fruit preserves, almond butter, honey, and jam to make the Autumn Season brighter for all! Please place your contributions in the Little Free Pantry basket in the narthex. Together, we make a brighter morning for all!

Deadlines for eChimes and Bulletin 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 reach out to Nicole with questions - you may call her at 610-688-1313 (extension 202) or email her at nicole@stmaryswaynepa.org.

Upcoming Events:

November 3rd THIS AFTERNOON

All Saints Sunday Choral Evensong 4:00pm

November 5th

Election Day

November 12th

St. Mary's Book Club 2:00pm

November 17th

Fall Outdoor Clean-up Day

After Church until 4:00pm

November 23rd

The Fall Food Festival from 10:00 to 2:00pm

How to give to St. Mary's

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**

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

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