



St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania

October 13, 2024 7:45 AM- The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, Rite I

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



"Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

- Matthew 20:16

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

A Reading from the Book of Job.

Job said:

Today also my complaint is bitter;
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.
Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his dwelling!
I would lay my case before him,
and fill my mouth with arguments.
I would learn what he would answer me,
and understand what he would say to me.
Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
No; but he would give heed to me.
There an upright person could reason with him,
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.
If I go forward, he is not there;
or backward, I cannot perceive him;
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.
God has made my heart faint;
the Almighty has terrified me;
If only I could vanish in darkness,
and thick darkness would cover my face!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:17-31

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

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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 **Liz Cunningham, Tim and Karen Culbertson, Katie and Joe Crawford 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 and Timothy O'Donovan.** 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 Dr. St. George Hunt, and Dr. and Mrs. Albert R. Hunt for whom the flowers on the High Altar are given this morning, James Ridgway and other departed members of the Ridgway and Clarke families for whom the Lady Chapel Altar are given and in loving memory of Dr. Terence Gregg O'Donovan and Mrs. Helen Jeanette Robinson-O'Donovan for whom the Sanctuary Light is given; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

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 13, 2024

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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 John Hinchey, Griffin Connor
and Owen Connor

Chalice

7:45 am Greg Kelleher

10:00 am Elizabeth Morrill

Readers

7:45 am Balana Gullatt

10:00 am Edith Helms, Elizabeth Morrill

Prayers of the People Peter Busch

Altar Guild: Team 2

Live Stream: Thomas Sean Kelleher

Usher: David Cutler

Parish Cycle of Prayers

This week in our parish cycle of prayers, we pray for Liz Cunningham, Tim and Karen Culbertson, Katie and Joe Crawford and their families.

Flowers on the High Altar this morning are given by Mrs. St. George Hunt to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Dr. St. George Hunt, and Dr. and Mrs. Albert R. Hunt.**

Lady Chapel flowers are given by Louisa Ridgway to the glory of God and in loving memory of **James Ridgway and other departed members of the Ridgway and Clarke families.**

The Sanctuary Light is given in loving and fond memories and as a tribute to **Dr. Terence Gregg O'Donovan and Mrs. Helen Jeanette Robinson-O'Donovan**, by their faithful son, Mr. Timothy Michael O'Donovan.

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 and Timothy O'Donovan.

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 and Ferne Knauss.

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.*



Sunday Morning Bible Study A 4-week Series: Old Testament Parables and the Parables of Jesus. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have questions, please contact Erlis Wickersham at vze27g53@verizon.net.

NEW, NEW, NEW Monday Morning Bible Study

We will discuss Old Testament LESSER PROPHETS on *Mondays at 11 am* online via Zoom. 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.

St. Mary's Parish Hall Key Log & Key Training

In an attempt to improve general building security, we are kindly requesting all keyholders fill out a key log confirming which keys they hold, affirm they have completed a simple key training on how to unlock/lock the main Parish Door, and affirm that whenever they or their group unlock the Parish Hall for a given time they will ensure all persons have left before locking up or handing over responsibility to another keyholder. We are asking this of all staff, parishioners and other building tenants so that we as a community are confident in our collective stewardship of this resource. Key log will be available at coffee hour after the service in the Navajo Room, please ask any Buildings & Grounds Member for the 5 minute key training on unlock/lock procedure. If you have concerns or questions please contact Allyson Radford.

Pledge Reminder As we head into Autumn, we kindly ask that you please keep current with your 2024 pledges. Pledging helps us responsibly budget and plan for the bills, payroll, and other expenses incurred throughout the year, and keeping current with pledges helps us to then actually pay for them. If you did not make a pledge for 2024, non-pledge gifts or other contributions are always welcome! If you have questions about where you stand with your pledge, please reach out to our Parish Administrator, Nicole Marie.

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!

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, 2024 between 7am and 8pm. Sign-up sheet is available today, or email Allyson Radford at radford.allyson@gmail.com with your availability.

St. Mary's Annual "Extreme Bocce" Tournament!

Get ready for a day of fall fun on *Saturday, October 12 starting at 10:00am*, at St. Mary's annual "Extreme" Bocce Ball Tournament. Never played bocce? No problem! It's an easy and fun lawn game where teams compete by taking turns rolling balls to get as close as possible to a smaller white target ball. David and Kirsten Parsells will host this event at their home in Wayne. Please join us to enjoy the lovely fall weather and spend some time together. No previous bocce experience is necessary; just bring your enthusiasm! **RSVP** to David Parsells at david.parsells@icloud.com and let him know 1) how many are attending, 2) how many are planning to play so he can organize teams, and 3) if you have a preferred teammate (if not, we'll pair you with someone!) If you are playing, please be prompt so the matches can begin timely.

Address: 350 Kathwood Ln, Wayne, PA 19087-2109

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.

Join us for an inspiring Coffee Hour with Aaron Lemma of Water is Life Kenya! We are delighted to invite all St. Mary's parishioners to a special coffee hour event on Sunday, October 20th, in the Navajo Room. Our esteemed guest speaker, Aaron Lemma, Outreach Operations Manager at Water is Life Kenya (WILK), will share the remarkable journey and the incredible work that this organization has accomplished. Water is Life Kenya, a faith-based nonprofit, has dedicated over 15 years to collaborating with indigenous Maasai communities in southern Kenya. Their mission goes beyond clean water wells, encompassing sanitation, hygiene, and holistic community development. WILK empowers local communities to thrive, adhering to customs and culture while promoting personal, economic, and community growth. Don't miss this opportunity to hear inspiring stories about this transformative mission and learn about WILK's vision for a flourishing ecosystem in Kenya.

**Pumpkin Carving & Halloween Party
Sunday, October 27 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm**

Join us in the Fr. Greene Room for this year's Halloween and Pumpkin Carving Party! Everyone is invited. Bring a pumpkin to carve or decorate (we'll have supplies for both options) and come dressed in your Halloween costume - prizes for best dressed! Food and soft drinks provided, but if you'd like to bring something, we would welcome an appetizer or a dessert to share (please consider that some have allergies and list your ingredients or purchase items with labels). If the weather cooperates, we'll have a fire pit outside for s'mores. If you have questions or for more information, contact Allyson Radford.

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

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.



Father Conor hosted a welcome staff lunch at Minella's Diner for our staff. (In this picture: Dr. Gordon Turk, Father Conor Alexander, Toshi and Masako Makihara, Nicole Marie and our volunteer bulletin editor Frank Tatnall)

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.

Directory and Prayer List

We are working on updating our Directory and our prayer list. If you know of those who should be included or removed from our Parish Cycle of prayers and/or the weekly prayer list please let Nicole Marie know. You may call Nicole at the office (extension 202) or email her at nicole@stmaryswaynepea.org

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**

**Livestreamed at St. Mary's Livestream page*

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

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