



St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania

February 16, 2025 7:45 AM- The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany 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



“**B**lessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.” – Luke 6:20

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, give us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord:
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.
Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.
The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse--
who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The 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 and the world. In our parish cycle of prayers this week, David Phillips and Rena Counsellor, David and Kirsten Parsells, Timothy O'Donovan 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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Bishop, Father Conor our Rector 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 Donald 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, 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, Aldys Davis, Guillaume Brunet, Enid Ball and Bob Buckley** 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; to the Glory of God and especially remembering Sylvia Terry, Phoebe Petley, Peter and Mary Westerman, and other departed family members for whom the flowers on the High Altar are given. We also give Glory to God and give thanks this morning for St. Mary's congregation for whom the flowers on the Lady Chapel Altar are given, and to the Glory of God and in loving memory of MaryAnn and Johnny Jones 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, February 16, 2025

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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 Barb Zimmer

10:00 am Ruth Lanouette, Penny Busch
Allyson Radford

Chalice

7:45 am Barb Zimmer

10:00 am Erlis Wickersham

Readers

7:45 am Balana Gullatt

10:00am John Wickersham, Bob Mickel

Prayers of the People: Bridget Lanouette

Live Stream: Owen Cutler

Ushers: Brian Lanouette, Pat McKay,
David Parsells

Parish Cycle of Prayers

In this week's Parish Cycle of Prayers we pray for David Phillips and Rena Counsellor, David and Kirsten Parsells, Timothy O'Donovan and their families.

The Flowers on the High Altar are given by Nicole Marie to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her father **Raymond Scott Drumheller**.

Flowers on the Lady Chapel Altar are given by Barbara Zimmer, to the glory of God and in **thankfulness for family**.

The Sanctuary Light is given is given by Maria, Emily, Richard and Shannon to the glory of God and in thanksgiving and celebration of **Irene Steinhardt's 94th birthday**.

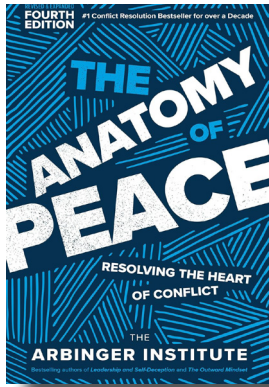
Please pray for those in ongoing need of our prayers and all on our parish intercession list at St. Mary's: Irene Steinhardt, Jennifer Lurie, Victoria Coates, JoAnne Vereneck, Jim Cobb, Scott Ziglar, Craig and Ann Marie Erickson, MaryLu Hill and her family, Magali Behrmann, Avanya Manasseh, Wilhelm Rebmann, Tom Ferrara Timothy O'Donovan, Aldys Davis Guillaume Brunet Enid Ball and Bob Buckley.

Also included on the prayer list are our friends John Paul, Peggy Wilson, Emma Cavanaugh-Kerr, Stan Compton, Arlene, Carole Beideman, Dana, Grace, Fionn Reid, Rev. Paul Reid, Doug Drumheller, Lois, Ellie and Karen Lacobucci.

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.*

Join us for our Annual Meeting after Church on **February 23rd**. We will be electing new Vestry Members, delegates to Diocesan Convention, and a new People's Warden. If you are interested in running for any of these positions please contact Nicole Marie in the Church office at nicole@stmaryswayenpa.org.

Christian Formation
Sunday Mornings at 9am
Navajo Room



The Anatomy of Peace

What if conflicts at home, work, and the world stem from the same root cause? What if we systematically misunderstand that root cause? And what if, as a result, we unwittingly perpetuate the very problems we're trying to solve.

Join us in the Adult Forum to discuss *The Anatomy of Peace* by the Arbinger Institute. In it you will learn how cultivating peace begins with your own mindset, and how to shift that mindset towards one of peace. All participants will need a copy of *The Anatomy of Peace* by the Arbinger Institute, available on Amazon. Please join us! If you have questions, please contact Erlis Wickersham.

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Monday Morning Bible Study Online via Zoom 11:00am - 12:00pm The lively and dedicated group that meets on Mondays is completing a consideration of the last twelve books of the Old Testament. At the end of January, we embarked on a new study: the book of Jeremiah. We invite each of you to join us for deeper insights into Scripture and for fellowship together. All are welcome to attend some or all of our meetings. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Erlis Wickersham at vze27g53@verizon.net.

St. Mary's Book Club The next meeting of the St. Mary's Book Club will take place on Wednesday, March 12th at 2 PM at Erlis Wickersham's house. We will discuss *Fruit of the Dead* by Rachel Lyon and on April 9th we will read Matthew Pearl's *Dante Chamber*. All are welcome to join us for fellowship and delicious refreshments, whether you read the book or not. We hope to see you all. If you have questions, please contact Erlis Wickersham.

DEADLINES for eCHIMES & 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 (ext. 202) or email her at nicole@stmaryswaynepa.org.

Parish Hall Access Control System Installation UPDATE!



The Access Control system by 1 Touch AVS is in the process of being installed and configured on the front door of the Parish Hall. Please bear with us as we complete the installation process, WiFi upgrade, conduit reconfiguration, PIN distribution and training for using the system. You may continue to use physical keys until notified to return them.

Automatically generated Personal PIN codes are being distributed by Tom Kelleher to everyone that previously had a key and reported it for the key log. If you would like to customize your PIN code you can contact Tom Kelleher.

All parishioners are eligible to get a personal PIN code to access the Parish Hall, please contact Tom Kelleher to set one up for you.

The Access Control System is programmable to have unlocked time periods, currently set for Sundays 7:45 am until 1pm. It also has "community group" unlock time windows for the Support Groups which meet in the mornings and are triggered by the "first 1 in" of the Support Group leadership with codes.

If you have any questions about using the system, please contact Tom Kelleher at tommytrain@gmail.com or Bob Mickel at robertmickel27@gmail.com.

For more updates please visit:
www.stmaryswaynepa.org/post/parish-hall-access-control-announcement

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.stmaryswayne.org/livestream>

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