



St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania

January 19, 2025 7:45 AM- The Second 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



When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” - John 2:9-10

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,*
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;*
you save both man and beast, O Lord.

7 How priceless is your love, O God!*
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house;*
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life,*
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,*
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

Second Reading

I Corinthians 12:1-11

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

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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, we pray for Gordon Turk, Frank Tatnall, Bob & Sydney Stevens, June Stack 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 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, Guillaume Brunet and Enid Ball**, 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 Dick and Patty Lander, and Fritz Lander for whom the flowers on the High Altar are given. We also give Glory to God and remember this morning Dr. James Mackey, James T. Mackey, Elizabeth Rosensteel, Col. and Mrs. James G. Mackey for whom the flowers on the Lady Chapel Altar are given, and to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Frank and Betty Rippel 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, January 19, 2025
The Second 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 Greg Kelleher
10:00 am Kim Scheidt

Chalice

7:45 am Greg Kelleher
10:00 am Erlis Wickersham

Readers

7:45 am Balana Gullatt
10:00am Twila Garletts, John Wickersham

Prayers of the People Erlis Wickersham

Altar Guild: Team 3

Live Stream: Scott Scheidt

Ushers: Pat McKay, David Parsells Brian Lanouette

Parish Cycle of Prayers

In this week's Parish Cycle of Prayers we pray for Gordon Turk, Frank Tatnall, Bob & Sydney Stevens, June Stack and their families.

The Flowers on the High Altar this morning are given by Tim Lander and Nina Lander Milton to the Glory of God and in loving memory **Dick and Patty Lander, and Fritz Lander.**

Flowers on the Lady Chapel Altar are given by Mrs. James Mackey to the glory of God and in loving memory of her **husband, Dr. James Mackey, son, James T. Mackey, mother, Elizabeth Rosensteel, and Col. and Mrs. James G. Mackey.**

The Sanctuary Light is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Frank and Betty Rippel** by their family.

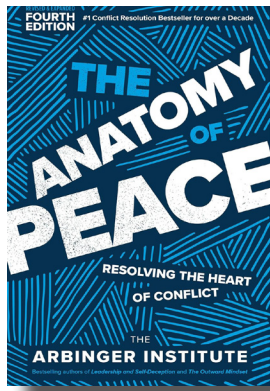
Please pray for those in ongoing need of our prayers and all on our parish intercession list at St. Mary's: Irene Steinhardt, Barbara Kidder, Jennifer Lurie, Victoria Coates, JoAnne Vereneck, Jim Cobb, Scott Ziglar, Craig and Ann Marie Erickson, MaryLu Hill and her family, Magali Behrmann, Avanya Manasseh,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

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

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.*

**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 in January 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.

Children's Chapel Update Penny read the Gospel for us which led to a quick discussion of Mary's family: Her cousin Elizabeth who also was visited by an Angel with good news of a baby and that baby who was Jesus's Cousin, John (the Baptist). We talked about their baptisms which they knew about even though, with the exception of Evangeline, they were too young to remember. Lastly when asked about other appearance of doves in the Bible, they knew several. If you have questions about Children's Chapel please contact Edith Helms at edithclover@hotmail.com.

Buildings & Grounds Work Day (Inside! Brrrr) TOMORROW Monday, January 20, 2024, 9:00am-3:00pm Join us tomorrow for an INDOORS work day focused on areas in the church building. Primarily painting, we will start with the two sacristies and, depending on people and time, will move to the Bride's Room and lower level choir/dressing rooms. Dress for a mess. We'll have supplies, lunch, snacks. RSVP to Allyson Radford at radford.allyson@gmail.com today for supplies planning and a headcount for lunch.

Parish Hall Access Control System Installation Vestry has voted to accept a proposal by i Touch AVS Systems to install an Alarm.com access control system and doorbell cam to the main door of the Parish Hall. This system will add an electronic door strike to the latch, which will allow the main Parish Hall to be unlocked remotely, with keypad codes, mobile credentials and also within scheduled time windows. The goal is to increase access to the Parish Hall for the community while improving security when it is empty or understaffed. All keyholders can continue to use their keys until the new system is fully implemented and we get accustomed to using it. You may contact Bob Mickel at robertmickel27@gmail.com with questions.



Artist Rendering of Proposed Installation & Signage

Please note: Parish Hall Access Control System Installation was completed on January 9th, stand by for updates from Building and Grounds on upcoming adoption and transition instructions from physical keys to mobile credentials and PIN codes.

Stewardship and Giving

2025 Pledge Campaign



Thank You for Your Time, Talent, and Treasure!

Thank you to all, for the generous pledges that support St. Mary's and further God's Kingdom. We are truly blessed to have such a loving church family. It is your donations that allow St. Mary's to continue to thrive and to extend good works to the community.

If you haven't had the opportunity to pledge yet, there is still time to fill out a pledge card and put it in the offering plate, send it in the mail, or go to the Stewardship Page and fill out a pledge form online, or go directly to The Annual Pledge Card online.

If you have questions about pledging, please reach out to our Parish Administrator, Nicole Marie.

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 will embark 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.

Support Healing and Hope: Donate to

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By Mail: **Episcopal Relief & Development**

P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058

St. Mary's Book Club The next meeting of the St. Mary's Book Club will take place on Wednesday, February 12th at 2 PM at Erlis Wickersham's house. We will discuss *The Moonstone* by Wilkie Collins. On March 12th our selection will be *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.

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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