



The Bells of Saint Mary's

November 2015



Photos of the altar by Our Senior Warden, Sheryl Murray. Thanksgiving for creation and redemption 10/25

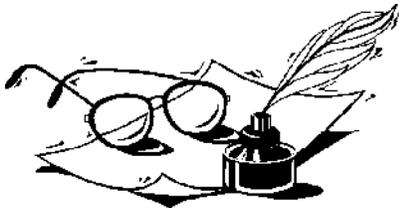
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October 4, A Eucharist of Joyous Praise



With my term on the Vestry coming to an end I found the need to reflect upon the past few years. I was asked to be a part of Vestry numerous years ago and always found an excuse to say “No”. (I have a full-time job, I’m super busy at work, the kids, the hubby, etc.) Now at the end of my term, I realize that I have rarely regretted saying “Yes” to being on the Vestry. I think part of the problems I faced when asked to join the Vestry were: I was unsure as to exactly what I was committing to, I don’t feel very much like a leader at church, I wasn’t raised in the Episcopal Church, the thought of “another” meeting where I wasn’t sure what the heck was happening was overwhelming and lots of self-doubt about my own abilities. What I discovered was that most of my fears were unfounded and I could have and should have said “Yes” a long time ago!

Far from being an expert in anything financial, one of my biggest concerns coming into the Vestry was dealing with the budget and Stewardship. How in the world can I give intelligent answers about something that I have no clue about? Thank heavens that we have in our group, people who ask the questions, and others who know the answers (or at least are willing to find them out). There is none of the “We always do it this way” nonsense going on. New, fresh ideas come from those willing to speak up and give an opinion while being respectful and honest.

The Ministry of the Vestry is not a big, scary group of people who all came with the first brick. They are a group of committed adults who gave in to the calling from God to be more than a pew sitter. They are a diverse mix of people who have taken on the job of bringing forward new ideas, along with many lifelong experiences from both in and outside of St. Mary’s. Some of us are retired, heading towards retirement or not even close to retirement! We are teachers, mechanics, office workers, nurses, students, seamstress experts, artists, gardeners, world travelers and stay-at-home folks. We are all people who love God and aren’t afraid to put in a little time to try and help out our church.

Here’s what I have learned after serving on the Vestry at St. Mary’s:

Responsibility does not mean doing it by yourself

Being on a Ministry Team that you find rewarding, is exactly that,
REWARDING!

Father Michael is a real person who is willing to have a conversation and listen.

Communication with the congregation is important.

Let people know what’s going on and give them the opportunity to help.

There’s **NEVER** too much food on Sundays!

A few hours a month is not too much time to give to your church.

Don’t be afraid to say “YES” when someone asks you to be on the next Vestry, and we will be asking soon 😊

Thank you for trusting me to represent you in our Vestry.

Your Senior Warden,

Sheryl Murray

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All Souls service will be held at 6 PM

from Christian Formation



Dear parents of St. Mary's:

Our 2015 Noah's Ark VBS was a great success. During our time together this summer, the youth determined to raise \$150 to buy an irrigation pump from Heifer International. This organization works to lift struggling communities worldwide out of poverty by training them in sustainable agriculture practices, providing seed stock and livestock, and digging wells and setting up irrigation pumps. To this end, we intend to hold a bake sale in Fitch Hall over the weekends of November 8th and 15th between the 8:00 and 10:00 services and after the 10:00 service. You are invited to offer baked goods or monies to cover costs of set up and packaging.

Bakers: we request that you limit your offerings to cookies, bars, and cupcakes. Suggestions are Chocolate Chip, Snickerdoodle, Oatmeal, Trail Mix, Brownies, Blondies, Lemon or other Fruit Bars, Sweet breads, and Red Velvet and Spice Cupcakes. Please provide a basic list of ingredients so shoppers can make an informed choice regarding potential allergens. Please do not cut servings yourself. We have a team that will assemble the packages.

Pricing: We intend to keep everything under \$2.00.

3 small cookies-\$1. 1 (5 inch cookie)\$1.

Cupcakes-\$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Brownies/Blondies-\$1.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Pittenger (missioner for Christian Formation) at 805-944-2944 or at the church office (805-733-4400). Thank you for your time.

*In his Peace,
Michelle*

Stewardship Campaign for 2016.

A big thank you to all the people of St. Mary's for a successful annual giving campaign.



Over the course of four weeks from October 4th to 25th we enjoyed a series of displays and activities designed to highlight some of the ministries and interests of the Parish. This culminated in a well attended and convivial Stewardship Coffee and Luncheon sponsored by the members of the Vestry. (Photographs will soon be posted on the rolling notice board!)

If you have not yet done so, there is still time to turn in an Annual Giving Card to either the Parish Office or the Sunday collection plate. Cards can be found in the wall rack in the narthex. (to the left of the front door)

Thank you also to Bp. Hughes whose unfailing support and regular exhortations contributed to a 'painless' campaign!

Thank you all,

The 2016 stewardship committee:

Bill Brennan, Jeanne Johnston, Glen Newcomb,
Patrick Roell, Nancy Straight, Courtney Tan

Financial Summary As of September 30, 2015

	<u>As of 09/30/2015</u>
Undesignated checking & savings	\$96,411
Designated Checking	\$25,627

	Actual Sept '15	Actual Jan - Sept '15	Budget Jan - Sept '15
Income	\$19,842	\$223,650	\$233,056
Expenses	\$22,324	\$224,834	\$230,285
Net income/(loss)	(\$2,482)	(\$1,184)	\$2,771

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Dana Manchester	11/05
Donna Vordale	11/07
John Daley	11/10
DeLores [Dodie] Ellis	11/10
Sheila Holley	11/10
Carol Shuemaker	11/12
Frances Aranguren	11/14
George Bowman	11/15
Natalie Ricci	11/16
Harris Broderick	11/17
Robert B. Glasgow	11/18
Glenna Baker	11/19
Peter Drus	11/19
Nancy Straight	11/20
Mary Bliss	11/22
Anne Gusland	11/22
Henry Culmer	11/25
Kathleen Gonzales	11/27
Malcolm Anderson	11/28

**Many Hands Make
 Light Work**

**Please join us for a
 Work Party on Saturday,
 November 14th, at 8:30^{am}.**

You can help with the
 gardening, vacuuming the
 sanctuary, changing light
 bulbs, or many other things
 that help keep the church
 going!

Prayers of the People

We ask that you hold these persons in your Daily Prayers.

Lord, open our hearts to your perfect will, that we may faithfully intercede on behalf of those we bring to you now in prayer:

**Irene Cunningham, Ruth Hicks, Isla Hill,
Sheila Holley, Shelie Jackson,
Stan Sheldon, Richard Newcomb, Gerry Pittenger,**

And those serving in the armed forces remembered by our parishioners:

**Alana, Allan, Bill, Carl, Carlos, Ericka, James, Jason,
John, Josh, Kevin, Kimberly, Matthew, Michael, Nicholas, Paige,
Patrick, Robert, Ryan, Virginia, and Whitney.**

AMEN.

Please Note:

Prayers of the People will be updated monthly. If you would like to add or continue a name to the POP, please fill out a Prayer Request slip or Pew card, submit via our website www.stmaryslompoc.org call any of our Prayer Ring members, or email Courtney Tan at urquhart_tan@hotmail.com. Thank you!

*“Whenever two of you on earth agree in prayer,
it will be done by My Father in Heaven.”*
Matthew 18:19

**Thanks to Ann Glasgow, African Team Ministry,
items will be available for sale:**



Just around the corner. . . we will once again host African Team Ministries annual sale of craft and gift items. After the first service, before and after the second service the return of items will be available for sale.

Gem stones, animal print scarves, soap stone carvings, the African Team Ministries' jewelry and crafts sale will be held on two consecutive Sundays, November 1st and 8th. Once again your purchases enable:

Make your checks payable to African Team Ministries for gifts and novelties for others and for yourself.