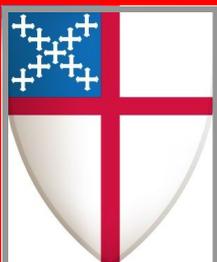


THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S



FEBRUARY 2017



Dear Saint Mary's family,

We are off to a good start for 2017.

As I write this letter we are just three full weeks in to the new year and already so much is happening. We have held our first Annual Meeting together, and the response has been very positive. At that meeting we were able to make amendments to the church's By-Laws that will allow us to go forward with a smaller eight person Vestry, all of whom were elected unanimously by the members present at the meeting.

At our February Vestry meeting we will vote for a Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary. With that accomplished we will begin the process of looking at all of the different aspects of the way we at Saint Mary's currently do things. The end goal of that process is to identify and eliminate any barriers to growth that might not have been considered, and to find ways to improve upon many of the things we are already doing well.

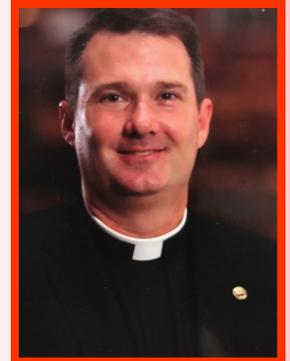
To that end, please begin to pray to see if God may be calling you to participate in any of the ministries that currently exist at Saint Mary's. This is going to be a fun and exciting time for us to bond and grow together as we seek to strengthen the teams and look at the ways they function. Ushers and Greeters, the Flower and Altar Guilds, Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors... Perhaps you have a special talent or hobby that could be used to the Glory of God and you have never considered how. There are so many ways to be involved, and we need you. Please prayerfully consider that and let me know if you feel so called.

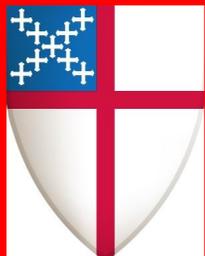
From a social standpoint, February will be a fun time for us as a congregation. There will be at least two great opportunities for us to spend real time together as a church family. We will be having a Valentine's Day dinner on Saturday the 11th of February in Palmer Hall. Also, we will have a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 28th, also in Palmer Hall. That evening will begin with a burning of last year's palms in the Memorial Garden as we prepare for Lent. Details for both events will follow in the weekly bulletins. For all of those interested there will be sign-up sheets at coffee hour, or you can call the church office.

We are going to have a great year together in 2017 as we seek "To know Christ and to serve Him" here at Saint Mary's. I am so blessed to have been called to such a loving church, and I am excited about all that God has in store for us.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Jason





Christian symbols and their Meaning

Christian symbolism invests objects or actions with an inner meaning expressing Christian ideas. Christianity has borrowed from the common stock of significant symbols known to most periods and to all regions of the world. Religious symbolism is effective when it appeals to both the intellect and the emotions.

Elemental symbols were widely used by the early Church. Water has specific symbolic significance for Christians. Outside of baptism, water may represent cleansing or purity. Fire, especially in the form of a candle flame, represents both the Holy Spirit and light. The sources of these symbols derive from the Bible; for example from the tongues of fire that symbolized the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and from Jesus' description of his followers as the light of the world; or God is a consuming fire found in Hebrews 12. The cross, which is today one of the most widely recognized symbols in the world, was used as a symbol from the earliest times.



The **Chi Rho** is one of the earliest cruciform symbols used by Christians. It is formed by superimposing the first two letters of the word "Christ" in Greek, chi = ch and rho = r. Although not technically a cross, the Chi Rho invokes the crucifixion of Jesus as well as symbolizing his status as the Christ. The earliest evidence of the Chi Rho symbol is Constantine's use of it on the labarum, the imperial standard, in the early 4th century CE. Lactantius, a 4th century Christian apologist, reports that on the eve of the Battle of the Milvian Bridge in 312 CE, Constantine had a vision of God in which he was commanded to mark his men's shields with the Chi Rho symbol. After Constantine's success at the Milvian bridge, the Chi Rho became the official imperial insignia. Archaeologists have uncovered evidence demonstrating that the Chi Rho was emblazoned on the helmet and shield of Constantine as well as those of all of his soldiers. Coins and medallions minted during Constantine's reign also bore the Chi Rho. By the year 350 CE, the Chi Rho began to be used on Christian sarcophagi and frescoes. [A.E.M.]



Ichthys (ikh-thoos) or ichthys is the Greek word simply meaning "fish". The Greek spelling for ichthys is -- Iota, Chi, Theta, Upsilon, and Sigma. The English translation is IXOYE. The five Greek letters stand for the words meaning, "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior." The Greek rendering is, "Iesous Christos, Theou Uios, Soter". This symbol was used primarily amongst Christians of the early church years (1st and 2nd century A.D.) The symbol was introduced from Alexandria, Egypt; which at the time, was a very heavily populated seaport. It was the port in which many goods were brought over from the European continent. Because of this, it was first used by the peoples of the sea as a symbol of a familiar deity, in this case, Jesus Christ.



Lamb: symbol of Christ as the Paschal Lamb and also a symbol for Christians (as Christ is our Shepherd and Peter was told to feed His sheep). The lamb is also a symbol for St. Agnes (Feast Day 21 January), virgin martyr of the early Church.



The Latin Cross, also known as the Protestant Cross and Western Cross Latin cross. The Latin cross (crux ordinaria) is a symbol of Christianity even though it was used as a pagan symbol for millennia before the foundation of the Christian Church. It has been found in China and Africa. It appears on Scandinavian Bronze Age stones depicting the hammer of Thor, their god of thunder and war. It was regarded as a magical symbol. It brought good luck and diverted evil. Some people interpret rock carvings of the cross as a solar symbol, or a symbol of Earth with its points representing north, south, east, and west. Others say it represents the human form.



After his commission at the foot of the San Damiano Cross, Saint Francis chose a more ancient symbol of redemption as his standard: **the Tau cross**. In commenting on the scriptures of Israel, the early Christian writers used its Greek translation, the Septuagint, in which the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, the tau, was transcribed as a "T" in Greek. Prefigured in the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, then, the stylized Tau cross came to represent the means by which Christ reversed the disobedience of the old Adam and became our Savior as the "New Adam."

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Dove: symbol of the Holy Ghost and used especially in representations of our Lord's Baptism and the Pentecost. It also symbolizes the release of the soul in death, and is used to recall Noah's dove, a harbinger of hope.



Baptismal Cross: consisting of the Greek Cross with the Greek letter "X", the first initial of the title "Christ," this Cross is a symbol of regeneration, hence, its association with Baptism



Rose: the Holy Faith, Our Lady, martyrdom, the secrecy of penance. Five roses grouped together symbolize the 5 Wounds of Christ.



Jerusalem Cross: also called the "Crusaders' Cross," it is made up of 5 Greek Crosses which are said to symbolize a) the 5 Wounds of Christ; and/or b) the 4 Gospels and the 4 corners of the earth (the 4 smaller crosses) and Christ Himself (the large Cross). This Cross was a common symbol used during the wars against Islamic aggression.



Peter's Cross: because when Peter was to be martyred he chose to be crucified upside-down out of respect for Christ, the upside-down Latin Cross has become his symbol and, thereby, a symbol of the papacy. Sadly, this cross has been co-opted by Satanists whose purpose of "inverting" Christianity (e.g. as in their Black 'Masses') is expressed by taking the Latin Cross of Christ and inverting it.



The **Borrromean Rings** represent the trinity. There are many symbols of the trinity in Christianity. The Borrromean Rings are three interlocking circles that symbolize the Christian trinity. The word "trinity" comes from the Latin noun "trinitas" meaning "three are one." The trinity represents the belief that God is one Being made up of three distinct Persons who exist in co-equal, co-eternal communion as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Palm Branch



The Christian symbol of Palm Branch symbolizes victory and also represents a martyr who sacrifices his/her life for the sake of faith in God. The Palm Branch is often seen in the hands of Jesus Christ and is considered a symbol of resurrection that depicts supreme triumph over death. Palm branches were waved and laid out on the path when Jesus entered Jerusalem.

In early Christianity, the palm tree was even used as the Tree of Life.



9th Annual Flower Seminar

St. Peter the Fisherman Church

Friday, February 24, 2017

Cost: \$35

9:00 a.m. – Brunch

9:30 to 12:00 – Demonstrations

Send checks payable to: St. Peter the Fisherman

4220 Saxon Dr., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169

For more information phone 386.428.7383 or visit www.stpetersnet.net

All profits benefit St. Peter's Flower Guild & Outreach Programs

See Clare Rakestraw, Flower Guild Directress



VALENTINE DINNER

Saturday, February 11, 2017

5:30 pm—Champaign Punch

6:00 pm—Dinner

\$12.50 per person

Sign up sheet in Palmer Hall

Northeast Deanery Ultreya Schedule

Once a person has gone to Cursillo (short lesson on Christianity) the group gets together once a month at different churches in the Deanery for renewing and refreshing the Cursillo experience with all churches in the Deanery gathering for dinner, music and spiritual renewal. The Ultreyas are open to all, especially for those who are interested in learning more about the Cursillo movement. The schedule is as follows:

May 19—Grace, Port Orange

June 16—St. Paul's, New Smyrna

July 21—Holy Child, Ormond Beach

Sept. 15— St. Peter the Fisherman

Nov. 10—St. Mary's, Daytona Beach

If you would like to attend an Ultreya See Danielle Rogers, Kathy Munroe, Rachel Ramsey, Jackie Block, Fran Dunn, Catherine Maher, Joan Rebola, Judy Langston, to name a few who are Cursillo members.

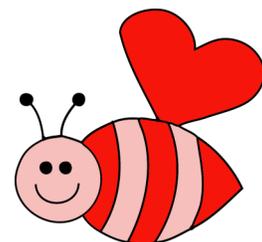
OUTREACH REPORT

We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all who helped make a God felt Merry Christmas to Sean, Jennifer and little Ariel Polson. Their love was felt from St. Mary's. The family has related their appreciation for all that was done for them. Merry Christmas everyone and a joyous and healthy New Year.

We have had a tremendous beginning for 2017 and are looking forward to seeing that continue throughout the year. The best of the news we have so far is that Susan is officially OFF THE STREET. Thank you so much to all of the people that worked, prayed, and assisted through finances and sheltering her during this process. It is a true testament to the love of Christ in the world. Susan is now living at the Restoration House. It is a place that has trained people who work to help advance the betterment of those who are accepted into their facility. Restoration House operates mostly from donations. This being the month of LOVE, we on the Missions and Outreach Team are asking you to reflect on Christ's second commandment in His summary of the law, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Please, the next time you go to the grocery store or pharmacy, consider a love offering on behalf of St. Mary's to Restoration House in the form of a personal hygiene product or a house cleaning supply. They are asking us to help them help others, let us shine our light to the world by showing them that Christ is alive in us. If you are so moved, please drop off your offering in the basket to the Left of the stage in Palmer Hall. It will be there throughout the month of February.

In His Service.

Missions and Outreach Team





Pastoral Care
Music
Prayer Chain

PASTORAL CARE: An important part of the Pastoral Care ministry is the services we have at the nursing homes. We have a service at Indigo Manor on the second Wed. of each month at 10:30 am. This month's service was well attended. Father Jason celebrated the Holy Eucharist. Winnie Hart assisted Fr. Jason and Denise Scott provided the music on the piano and flute.

In February, we will visit Good Samaritan (first Tuesday of every other month) and Indigo Manor. All are welcome to join us at the nursing home services.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors serve by visiting our members who are unable to be at our church services. It is a very satisfying ministry to be able to bring the Blessed Sacrament to our home-bound and they are always very thankful for our visits. We currently have 8 LEV's. I encourage anyone who would like to be a member of our team of our team to let me know.

Tom Farrell

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**MUSIC:** The choir is hard at work under the direction of Richard Wright. Practices are serious though dabbled generously with humor, laughter and good will. At present, we are rehearsing the music for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. We will have a new service this year with the addition of the Easter Vigil during Holy Week. More information will be forthcoming by Fr. Jason about this service. The choir practices Thursday nights from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm and Sunday mornings at 9:15 am between the services. If you would like to join the choristers there is always space for newcomers to join in the merriment.

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PRAYER CHAIN: The Prayer Chain serves as an immediate response for EMERGENCY SITUATIONS Anyone can make a request. The request is called in to the office and Judi Raske, our church secretary, notifies Fr. Jason, Tom Farrell and Catherine Maher, who will start the prayer chain. Volunteers from our congregation are the members on the chain. They will listen to the prayer concern and first pray for the intention, and then pass the request on to the next person on the list. Each member has a complete list of phone numbers for everyone on the chain. All requests are kept confidential.

If you feel called to pray for others, in their time of need, please call the office so you can be part of this powerful ministry. If you have any questions please call Catherine Maher, Prayer Chain Chairperson. 386-7630118

 **LOOKING AHEAD** 



Cursillo
Co-Ed Weekend, March 16-19 @ Canterbury
Women's Weekend, March 23-26 @ Canterbury
Men's Weekend, March 30-April 2 at Canterbury
Two Day Weekend, June 23-25 @ Camp Wingman
Get Applications now

Healing Service
Thursdays—10:00 A.M.



HUM Feeding/Bridge of Hope
Third Tuesdays of each month
As early as 8:30 A.M. as late as 11:30 A.M.

Palmetto House Dinners
First Wednesday, 1 February 2017



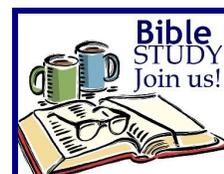
Book Club
Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.
Ormond Library
Books: *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Daughters of the King
Second Tuesday, February 14, 2017 10:00 a.m.



Lunch Bunch
Last Monday of Month January 30, 2017
1:00 P.M.
"Carabbas Restaurant" -2200 W. International Speedway

Bible Study
Thursdays at 11:00 am
Following the Healing service



2017 FEBRUARY SUNDAY SERVANTS FEBRUARY 2017

FEBRUARY	5	12	19	26
8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM
LEM /READER 1	Scott Law	Scott Law	Scott Law	Bob Kunding
READER 2	Gwen Johnson	Kay Bielick	Nell Moore	Mark Skolski
CRUCIFER	Scott Law	Scott Law	Scott Law	Bob Kunding
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Mark Skolski	Kathy Munroe	Rondi Terracino	Nell Moore

USHERS: Jim/Sylvia Richey, Ed Shaw, Gail Wooten

10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
LEM 1/READER1	Jackie Block	Sally Cullen	Carmen Howell	Fran Dunn
LEM 2	Bob Kunding	Frank Gummey	Pete Corliss	Pete corliss
READER2	Shiela McKay-Vaughan	Margaret Tedrick	Danielle Rogers	Rachel Ramsey
CRUCIFER	Bob Kunding	Frank Gummey	Pete Corliss	Pete corliss
TORCHERS	Frank Gummey Jackie Block	Carmen Howell Sally Cullen	Peyton Glugover Sydnee Glugover	Fran Dunn Carmen Howell
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Rachel Ramsey	Catherine Maher	Shiela McKay-Vaughan	Rachel Ramsey
OBLATIONERS	Brenda Jarvis Phyllis Lowry	The Clifton's	The Mays	The whites
ALTAR GUILD	Rachel Ramsey 4 Roger Allen	Pat Hook 1 Chesley Bennett Nita May	Carmen Howell 2 Roger Allen	Susan Gummey 3 Pat Carlin Brenda Jarvis
FLOWER GUILD	Susan Gummey 2 JoAnn Nelsen	Marlene 3 Kellington Clare Rakestraw	Pat Hook 1 Winnie Condon	Susan Gummey 2 JoAnn Nelsen
COUNTERS	Paul Francis Rachel Ramsey Danielle Rogers	Winnie Hart Danielle Rogers	Jackie Block Danielle Rogers	Paul Francis Danielle Rogers

USHERS: Winnie Hart (Capt.), Brenda Jarvis , Victoria Mills, David Withee

FEBRUARY 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:00 PALMETTO HOUSE DINNER	2 10:00 HEALING SERVICE 11:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	3 9:00 ALTAR GUILD 1 10:30 FLOWER GUILD 2	4
5 8:30 HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I 9:15 CHOIR 10:30 HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II COOKIE SUNDAY	6	7 10:00 GOOD SAM'S SERVICE 6:00 VESTRY	8 10:30 INDIGO MANOR SERVICE	9 10:00 HEALING SERVICE 11:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	10 9:00 ALTAR GUILD 2 10:30 FLOWER GUILD 3	11 1:00 BOOK CLUB 5:30 VALENTINE DINNER 
12 8:30 HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I 9:15 CHOIR 10:30 HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II Lincoln's B'Day	13	14 10:00 DOK MTG	15	16 10:00 HEALING SERVICE 11:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	17 9:00 ALTAR GUILD 3 10:30 FLOWER GUILD 1	18
19 8:30 HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I 9:15 CHOIR 10:30 HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II	20	21 8:30- 1:00 HUM FEEDING	22 Washington's B'Day	23 10:00 HEALING SERVICE 11:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	24 9:00 ALTAR GUILD 4 10:30 FLOWER GUILD 2 9:00 9th ANNUAL FLOWER SEMINAR ST. PETER THE FISHERMAN	25
26 8:30 HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I 9:15 CHOIR 10:30 HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II Daytona 500	27 1:00 LUNCH BUNCH	28 SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER AND BURNING OF THE PALMS	ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 1			

FEBRUARY 2017



Happy Birthday

- 1 Kay Bielick*
- 2 Linda Akel*
- 12 Ruth Greenwood*
- 13 Miguel Berrios*
- 20 Tina Mulberger*
- 21 Gail Wooten*
- 22 Ruth Sattich*
- 22 Jacqueline Block*
- 24 Bob Sellers*

No anniversaries on record for February



Happy Valentine Day



Parish Staff

The Rev. Fr. Jason A. Murbarger, Rector
The Rev. Fr. James D. Taylor, Rector Emeritus
The Rev. Fr. Joseph A. Maher, Retired
Richard Wright, Organist/Choir Director
Judi Raske, Parish Administrator
Ed Campbell, Sexton
Miguel Berrios, Security

Vestry

Jacqueline Block
Pete Corliss
Bob Kunding
Dennis Mulberger
Rachel Ramsey
Danielle Rogers
Nick Tedesco
Margaret Tedrick

Our Services

Sunday 8:30 am Rite I
Sunday 10:30 am Rite II

Office Hours

10:00 am to 2:00 pm M-F

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NOTICE MINISTRIES AND LEADERS

Before scheduling meetings, functions or events for your groups, please check the master calendar in the church office to make sure your date does not conflict with any other events that may be scheduled. **Please fill out a Calendar Request Form** which is available in the office. Events will be approved by the Vestry

REMINDER

If you are in the hospital or scheduled to be in the hospital in the near future, please **inform the church office** so that we will know that you are there. Please leave a message if the church office is closed

