

Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS

We are delighted that you chose to worship with us. We hope to be in an on-going and holy relationship with you in the days and years to come. Let us know how we can be of service to you. May God bless you and all whom you love.

Please fill out a welcome card and put it in the offering plate, or give it to one of the ushers or clergy.

We are happy to add you to our email list so you can keep up with the programs, activities, and news of St. Mary's.

MUSIC FOR THIS MORNING

Today we welcome **Mark Winges** who is filling in for Eric Choate while he is attending the American Choral Director's Association National Conference in Minneapolis. The choir will sing the iconic movement from John Stainer's *The Crucifixion*, "God So Loved the World." This echoes the passage from today's Gospel reading. Last Good Friday, the Parish Choir performed this work in its entirety.

-Eric Choate, Interim Director of Music

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Feeding of the 5000; The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes--those are two names for the story of Jesus feeding a vast multitude with just 2 small fish and 5 loaves of bread. This story of feeding the multitudes is fitting as we consider how small acts of kindness and small amounts of money can help to change the lives of needy people around the world. Parents, to that end we encourage you to spend a few minutes each day doing the Heifer calendar's daily activity with your children, thereby raising awareness about the needs of others and also being mindful of the blessings in our own lives. Meanwhile in the Great Room, the 5th and 6th graders are continuing to work on a Lenten Table complete with a countdown sheet, seedlings, prayer rocks and a loose change collection jar. Stop by for a viewing and consider contributing your own extra dimes and nickels to the Heifer Collection Jar.

-Nancy Clark, Sunday School Director

WHERE THERE IS SMOKE....

...there is a thurible! A new class of thurifers will be trained before Easter and the Worship Ministries welcome anyone, adult or youth, 6th grade or older, to join the ministry of thurifer. Thurifers are members of the altar party and carry the censer containing incense during special feasts and liturgical celebrations. You do not have to be an acolyte or a chalice bearer to be trained as thurifer. If you are interested, please contact Natalie Hala at natalie@smvsf.org

THE GIFTS OF LENT:

PRAYER, SELF-EXAMINATION AND REPENTANCE

What particular meaning does this Lenten season of fasting and penitence have for us? What work must we do to ready ourselves for the Holy Week that is to come that this Lenten season prepares us for? The Episcopal Public Policy Network recommends three ways, the first is public witness. Here is what the Public Policy Network wrote in a recent newsletter: "First, we must recognize that the seemingly outward-facing work of public witness is not separate from the inward work of prayer, self-examination, and repentance. In repentance, we examine our hearts and our consciences in the hopes that we can move forward transformed and renewed. From that place of ongoing repentance, forgiveness, and renewal, we turn to the work we are called to do: to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to welcome the stranger, to care for the sick, and to visit those in prison. Our advocacy aims to help our society meet the needs of the hungry, the sick, and the prisoners, and yet the work is made meaningful in and through our repentance. Ephesians 6:2 tells us that "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

-Natalie Hala, Verger & Liturgist

2017 LENTEN SERIES.

LIVING THE WAY OF THE CROSS FROM THE HISTORICAL JESUS TO THE COSMIC CHRIST

Join **Fr. Don Brown and Jeremy Clark-King** as the **Lenten series continues on March 15 at 6:00 pm in the Great Room** The five-week series is designed for all parishioners who would like to know more about Lent, the meanings inherent in the Stations of the Cross, and the traditions that surround our observances and religious practices during Holy Week. The series is designed to challenge us to develop new practices based on ancient teachings and lean into new cosmology, the stations of the cosmic cross. The series includes a light soup supper. If you have friends who want to know more about faith practices in the Episcopal Church, please invite them to attend with you.

-Natalie Hala, Verger & Liturgist

HAND BELL RINGERS WANTED!

The hand bell choir of St. Mary the Virgin is preparing for Easter services and needs a few more ringers. Please consider lending your hands to a bell or two to join in this ministry, ringing with a small, fun, and dedicated group of people. No experience necessary, we will teach you. If you can count to four, swing your arm, or read a newspaper, then you can ring. We welcome adults and young people ages 12 and up. Consider joining as a family activity. Our **regular rehearsal time is Wednesday 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. however for the Wednesday Lenten series we will adapt to the group's schedule, probably 5:30-6:30, or move to Thursdays for a few weeks if necessary.** We will accommodate schedules as much as possible. **Rehearsal this week, on March 15.** Please contact **Marla Perkins**, Interim Hand Bell Choir Director with questions or to join us at marla@smvsf.org.

STEPHEN MINISTER COMMISSIONING

Seven new Stephen Ministers will be commissioned at the **11:00 a.m. service, March 26th.** Stephen Ministry is an international ministry of parish based lay pastoral care, which has been serving St. Mary's since 2015. After 50 hours of rigorous training, Stephen Ministers walk with people in Christ during times of personal crisis. The Rev. Dr. Don Brown, Nan Slavin, and David Crosson served as this year's training leaders. There are currently eight congregations offering Stephen Ministry within the Diocese of California. The Episcopal parishes of St. Mary the Virgin and Holy Innocents are the only two Stephen Ministry churches of any denomination within the city of San Francisco. The following seven people will be commissioned Stephen Ministers on the 26th: Alli Bunker, Megan Burrows, Joannie Ericson, Kory Li, Laurie Lenore Martin, Alexandra Pearson, and Jacob (James) Shepherd. They will join current Stephen Ministers Lee Walsh, Nan Slavin, Arthur Perkins, Josie McGann, and David Crosson. We invite the congregation to be present in the commissioning on March 26th and provide a warm welcome to these dedicated people who have responded to the call to serve Christ in this special way.

-David Crosson

YOUTH GROUP GAMES NIGHT!

All 6th to 12th graders are welcome to come to Youth Group tonight for a Games Night. All kinds of games will be played; bring your favorite board game or card game and share in the fun! **Dinner will be provided, 5:30-7:30.**

-Mike Stafford, Youth Minister

MISSION TRIP

Signups for the Mission Trip to Arkansas have begun! Follow the link below to register for the trip, and feel free to pass it on to others who might not be on our email list. **Registration ends March 15**, and is open to all graduating 8th graders through graduating seniors. Any questions about the trip can be directed to Mike Stafford. Here is the link to register:

<https://goo.gl/forms/WKRpBQWRUn1ZJmcm2>

-Mike Stafford, Youth Minister

SF NIGHT MINISTRY BENEFIT CONCERT

Vocalists including some members of the San Francisco Opera Chorus will invoke "A Touch of the Irish," raising their voices to benefit the work of the San Francisco Night Ministry in an afternoon concert followed by a champagne and chocolate reception. One of St. Mary's Outreach Grant recipients, the Night Ministry has been offering aid and comfort to people on the streets and by telephone, in the middle of the night, for over 50 years. Join the fun at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 111 O'Farrell Street, on **Sunday, March 12th at 3:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$25 at the door; \$20 for seniors and students. For more information, go to www.sfnightministry.org.

- Sandra Gary and Marian Brischle

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JIM ANDERSON

A memorial service for Jim Anderson will be held **today at 2:00 p.m.** here at St. Mary's. Jim was a longtime member of the congregation and was actively involved as a chalice bearer, belonged to the Cursillo community, and served as liaison to AA meetings held on our church campus. Reception will follow after the service.

2017 ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT

Please mark your calendar for **Friday, May 19th through Sunday, May 21th** for our Annual Parish Retreat at the Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg. This much loved tradition is a time for parishioners of all ages, from all services, to come together and enjoy fun and fellowship. We can engage in hiking, eating, swimming in the saltwater pool, tasting cheese and wines, worshiping in the Ranch's lovely historic chapel, dropping into quiet contemplation, exploring the town of Healdsburg, doing crafts, playing games, eating s'mores by the campfire, and yes, enjoying some fellowship and community! Do it all or just enjoy sitting with a book, basking in the beauty of the wine country. The registration costs include comfortable lodging, all meals, crafts and other supervised activities for the kids, and entertainment for all. Registration forms

will be available at www.smvsf.org and in future bulletins. Look for more details in coming announcements. The **deadline to sign up** is **May 12th at noon**. We also need volunteers to help at the Ranch; please contact **Amy Cebrian** at amycebrian@gmail.com if you can help. We have loved going for years and hope to see you at the Ranch!
-Amy Cebrian

LAY MINISTRY

Altar Guild: *Kim Regan, Nancy Clothier,
Gloria Powell, Gretchen Lintner*
Eucharistic Visitors: *Steve White, Anna Sylvester,
David Gibson*

Flowers:

8:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearer: *Stephanie Lehman*

Usher: *Leslie Hughes*

9:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *Sandy Briggs, Jeff Landry, Fran Hegeler*

Lector: *Lisa Reynolds*

Prayer Leader: *Betty Hood-Gibson*

Children's Homily: *Todd Reynolds*

Ushers: *Dan Herling, David Sullivan, Anne Williams*

Acolytes:

First Crucifer: *Ainsley Ball*

First Torch Bearers: *Isabelle Landry, Will Reed*

Second Crucifer: *Frances Sutton*

Second Torch Bearer: *Henry Magher, Hunter Magher*

Servers: *Kitt Bachmann, Philip de Castro*

11:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *Linda Sharp, Will Long, Alisa Fisher*

Lector: *Anne Young*

Prayer Leader: *Sheila Santangelo*

Ushers: *John Walsham, Guy Kornblum*

We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

George Dietrich
Paula Driscoll
Alexa Frechette
Carol Hughes
Canon Stefani Schatz
Robin Bryan
Ron Larson
Cammy Bryan
Emily
Randy Kwock
Kathleen Connery

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Roy Brichard
Mason Brown
Mitch Graham
Bob Mittelstadt
Pat Okimoto
Kerry Reed
Matt Sowick
Joan Toto
Lisa Vance
Rebecca Wardell
The Community at the
Heritage
The Community of St.
Francis
The Presidio Gate residents
The CASA foster children
Nick
Dolores Cook

DISCERNMENT OF MINISTRY

Kathleen Bean
Nan Slavin
Stephanie Lehman
Stephen Ministry
Class of 2017

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jim Anderson
Ed Weir
Eleanor Dickinson
Grant Carey
Anna Kwock

GLOBAL CONCERNS

For those suffering from
famine, especially in Nigeria,
Somalia, Yemen and South
Sudan.

For the protection of human
rights and the preservation
of dignity for all people.

THANKSGIVING

For those who packaged
food during the recent Stop
Hunger Now event.

TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS

Names may be submitted to
our prayer request email at
prayfor@smvsf.org or by
filling out a **YELLOW** prayer
card and placing it in the
offering plate. Names will
remain on the prayer list for
two weeks and may be re-
submitted.

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There is always a clergy person on call. To reach him or
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