

# THE BELLS OF SAINT MARY'S



JANUARY 2017

## Mission Statement

**“Celebrating God’s Love Found in The Word, People and Creation”**



# Annual Meeting

**Our annual meeting will be held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> following the service. Cannon Ryan will once again officiate the service and will join us for the meeting. Brotherhood will be serving breakfast tacos. At this meeting, we will present an update on the 2016 year at Saint Mary's, the budget report for 2016, the proposed budget for 2017, and a report from the diocese by Cannon Ryan. The vestry has nominated, with Bishop Doyle's approval, Dani Mikel to serve an additional year on the vestry. If you are interested in serving on the vestry, please notify any vestry member. New vestry positions can be created at the annual meeting. To serve on the vestry, you must be confirmed and in good standing with the church. Please plan on attending this very important meeting. Your input is needed and appreciated.**



## Update on Peter

Peter continues to improve and has been able to attend church, so many of you know how much better he is doing. He has completed his Physical Therapy. Although he is still sleeping a lot and having some difficulty reading, the more active he is physically and mentally, the more he will continue to recover. Please continue to keep him and Susan in your prayers.



## Donations for the Military

In our parish hall there is a container by the door for donations to the West of the Brazos Military Support Group. Rees Sweeny, a member of our congregation, is involved in this organization. This organization supports all military branches and sends packages throughout the year to our service personnel overseas. Please consider picking up a few extra items in your weekly shopping to donate to this worthy cause. You can leave the items in the container at church and Rees will pick them up. Let's make this an ongoing outreach program for our church. There is a list of items on the bulletin board above the container. Please take one. Cash donations are also accepted.

### A FEW SUGGESTED ITEMS

writing tablets, pens, disposable razors, hand lotion, small packages of Q-tips, wash cloths, chap stick with sun block, toilet paper, magazines, soap bars, crossword puzzles, white socks



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Our Christmas Eve service was glorious as we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. There were over 60 people in attendance which added to the magic of the evening. Thank you to all the children, teens, and adults who helped to make the service such a blessing for so many. Thank you also to the vestry and Lou Crutcher for setting up and providing the food for the fellowship after the service.



## **The History of Saint Mary's Stained Glass Windows (Part 2)**

This information is taken from **A Sermon In Glass** given during the dedication of the windows on Sunday, December 16, 1973.

The Clerestory windows in the chancel above the organ form a colorful pattern symbolizing the changing colors of the liturgical year. They form a harmonizing link to the rest of the church by admitting light from their bright and warm symmetrical patterns.

### **The Nave Windows – West Side**

#### **Second Window – The Fall of Man**

The tree of the forbidden fruit and the Tower of Babel are symbols of the attempts of men as individuals and societies to assert themselves and revolt against God in their desire for greatness and power. These symbols of man's sinfulness point to man's failure to find the fullness of life – in communion with God and in community with his fellow man.

#### **Third Window – The Burning Bush**

And the Angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in the flame of fire out of the midst of the bush; and he looked, and lo the bush was burning yet it was not consumed. Exodus 3:2.

And now behold the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people . . . out of Egypt. Exodus 3:9-10

This window, showing the burning bush, symbolizes God's call to Moses to lead His people out of Egypt, of the freeing of the Hebrew slaves and leading them to the promise land.



## **Community Assistance**

During the month of December, the community assistance committee provided aid to a woman whose husband died suddenly in a tragic accident. If you know of anyone in need, please contact Karen or Tracy.

**Luke Davidson won a medal for completing his gymnastics program.**

**Haley Cantrell won first place in Show Twirl at the MA Regional Championship.**

**Aaron Mikel was named All District Honorably Mention in Football.**

**Reesie Cantrell plays basketball for the Fever.**

**Brayze won the Saddle Bronc Riding at the Praying for 8 Roughstock Series at Living for the Brand Cowboy Church.**



## *DATES TO REMEMBER*

January 1 – Brotherhood (7:30 am)  
January 3 – DOK (9:30)  
January 8 - EYC (5:00)  
January 15 – Brotherhood (7:30 am)  
January 15 - EYC (5:00)  
January 22 – Annual Meeting  
January 22 – EYC (5:00)  
January 29 – Brotherhood (7:30 am)

## *JANUARY BIRTHDAYS*

*Megan Hussey – Jan. 1*

*Abigail Roddy – Jan. 6*

*Ray Ledlie – Jan. 22*

*Luke Davidson – Jan. 28*



<b>Rector</b>	<b>Peter Conaty</b>
<b>Sr. Warden</b>	<b>Karen Logue</b> ( <a href="mailto:kklogue@msn.com">kklogue@msn.com</a> )
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<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Dani Mikel</b> ( <a href="mailto:danimikel87@yahoo.com">danimikel87@yahoo.com</a> )
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Kathy Molnar</b>

## **JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Charlotte and Mike Blount – Jan. 1

Dan and Donna Roddy – Jan. 3

Rick and Jennifer Wallace – Jan. 16